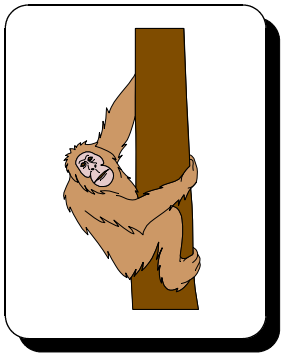

LUCY GOES TO COLLEGE*[1]

DONALD JOHANSON BRINGS "LUCY" AND HIS UNIQUE BRAND OF "SCIENCE" TO UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, KC

On November 20, 1986 several CSA members had the rather dubious pleasure of joining 800 other folks at UMKC to learn why LUCY, a "3,000,000 year old" chimpanzee, was really our ancestor; rather than the assorted apes exhumed by the Leakey family. Donald Johanson, of Stanford University, opened with a few persuasive remarks about how all science is very tentative and "paleoanthropology" is even more tentative than most (All he has to work with are pieces of rock and lots of imagination).

Johanson reviewed the major fossil finds purported to be ancestors of Lucy (some folks call her Australopithecus, but I knew her personally). Then he showed pictures which supposedly supported his claim that Lucy (rather than Richard Leakey's assorted chimps) was our ancestor. His "evidence" was:

1. Lucy's femur and pelvis, he claims, were more robust than most chimps indicating she "could have walked upright." Come now, I "could have been" president of IBM, but I wasn't. Chickens walk upright, but this does not seem to help them sire humans. And there is enormous variation in skeletal robustness due to genetic and dietary differences. Skeletal robustness is absolutely no proof an animal can walk upright, or of its intelligence or likelihood of begetting a human.

If you really need evidence of this, consider that the Budweiser Clydesdale horses have considerably more robust skeletons than do Arabians. But, no one argues that this improves the odds of Clydesdales giving birth to elephants!

2. After the composite shot of Lucy's fossil bones, Johanson showed a slide with three unlabeled knees (technically they were the lower end of three femurs or "femoral condyles," see illustration). Johanson explained that the left was a chimpanzee, the right a human. Then he argued that the one in the center (which he did not identify, but certainly implied was Lucy's) had an angle from the condyle between that of the chimpanzee and that of the human (Remember the knee ... it's a biggie).

Johanson concluded his carefully worded presentation with not one, but two state-of-the-art Humanist altar calls, paraphrased: "There is a common ancestor for man and apes, and a common destiny ... We can now control the destiny not only of ourselves, but of our planet."

He then opened for questions. There was an embarrassing lack of questions from the audience of 800 (mostly students who were required to attend), so we generously decided to help him out.

Roy Holt asked "How far away from Lucy did you find the knee?" It was very difficult, but Johanson did manage to remember that it was found "60 to 70 meters [over 200 feet] lower in the strata and two to three kilometers [1.24-1.86 miles] away." "Then, why are you so sure it belonged to Lucy?" Answer: "Anatomical similarity." If that is "science" to Johanson, there should be little wonder why he says it is so tentative.

Really folks, even if the knee was Lucy's, it would hardly constitute evidence she was becoming human. No one seriously suggests large dogs are becoming bears. Remember, this creature was 3'6" tall, weighed about 50 pounds, had long arms, short legs and is believed by many paleontologists to have been a knuckle-walker. Its skeletal features are virtually indistinguishable from a chimpanzee! Furthermore, like dogs, there is enormous skeletal variety among apes. Even if someone does discover an ape with an angled femur, we would still know nothing of an ape's ability to have human progeny.

I asked, "It is really quite easy to line up any artifacts in a purported evolutionary sequence (even utensils from my wife's kitchen can be arranged to prove forks evolved from spoons, yet all were created). If I come to you with a chimpanzee with slightly more "human like features" than your chimpanzee, what evidence would you offer to falsify my claim that my chimpanzee sired humans, not yours." I asked this to discover the evidence he really looks for to convince himself that some rocks (fossils) gave birth to humans. Bear in mind no one has ever seen any kind of animal give birth to any other kind (fruit flies becoming crippled and mosquitoes with resistance to DDT are illustrations of variety within created kinds). Incredible as it may seem, Johanson's answer was "Well, I suppose if I found human bones lower in the strata." In other words, all dead apes with "human like features" sired humans ... unless human bones can be found lower in the strata. For some reason dead apes have no problem doing what living apes have never done! Paleoanthropology is truly a fascinating science.

After the meeting, he recognized me in a small group. Obviously uneasy with his answer he said, "You're the one who asked that question." I confessed, and added that he had really given no answer, since his only proof of ancestry was homology (similarity) which is not proof of ancestry. He argued that homology was a very good proof, claiming that DNA homology between apes and humans had proven our close relationship. I responded that "similar structures nearly always have similar plans (DNA in this case). Similar bridges have similar blueprints. This hardly constitutes evidence that one sired the other, or that they were erected by tornados. Furthermore, eminent researchers such as Colin Patterson of the British Museum have stated categorically that molecular homology is proving that evolution is anti-science, because every attempt to come up with an evolutionary tree using molecular homology has resulted in a different tree." [According to "molecular homology science," everything evolved from everything ... but slowly, of course ... or quickly, if you're from Harvard.]

Here is his scientific reply: "If you don't believe homology proves ancestry, then you don't believe evolution ... and evolution is a fact!"

Please refer to the last sentence in the first paragraph above. Note how easily an evolutionist can convert a very "tentative science" into a fact! It takes about an hour, and requires no additional evidence at all!

Let's really reflect on what transpired here:

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1. Johanson offered "proof" that Lucy sired humans consisting of a robust femur and pelvis; and a knee with "human like" characteristics.

2. Only under questioning did he admit that the knee was found over a mile from Lucy. To the best of our knowledge this admission has not appeared in print! Roy did not ask the question because he already knew the answer, but because of the suspicions of M. Bowden, a British scientist. Many articles and drawings of the discovery site make no mention of the distance whatsoever and absolutely lead the reader to the wrong conclusion about their relative positions!!! Java-man revisited.

3. Confronted with the assertion that skeletal homology (similarity) between animals does not prove ancestral relationship, he changed the subject to molecular homology (in this case, DNA similarities).

4. Faced with Dr. Patterson's contention that molecular homology was proof that evolution was anti-science and anti-knowledge, Johanson simply resorted to dogma ... "If you don't believe in homology, you don't believe in evolution ...", which means to him that you do not believe in facts. Presumably Dr. Patterson does not believe in facts either, because he certainly does not have any kind words for molecular homology.

The more I study the thought processes of evolutionists, the more obvious it becomes "Why Johnny Can't Read." These are the people who teach Johnny's teachers!! We should be thankful Johnny can find his way home from school!

What transpired here then is that Johanson gave a clear demonstration of our assertion that evolution has nothing whatsoever to do with science. Belief in evolution has to do with a humanist religious viewpoint (Humanism is the religion of all who have chosen to believe man rather than God). Johanson not only (deceptively) used bones scattered over a mile apart, he presented an argument he should know to be false. As an anthropologist Johanson should be fully aware that a large hip joint does not prove upright posture, much less does it prove higher intelligence or the ability to sire a human. Remember, he gets paid for this stuff. By any reasonable standard Johanson misrepresented the evidence ... and he did so for money! A businessman who made claims like this to sell his products would be charged with fraud rather than paid an honorarium!

When confronted with an informed challenge Johanson did not resort to evidence or reason, but to dogma (evolution is a fact). He closed the meeting with the standard humanistic altar call: "Join us scientists in controlling our destiny and in bringing about world peace."

Therefore, Johanson also vividly demonstrated my view that evolution is merely a popular pagan religion! A religion because it requires faith that the "Gods" of time, chance and the environment worked the miracles necessary to build the universe, create living things, and help Apes sire humans. Then they suggest faith in men (former apes) to determine their own destiny. The religion is pagan because these objects of faith are false gods that manifestly do not have the ability to accomplish what evolutionists claim for them.

You see, time, chance and the environment have never created anything, much less anything as complex as a living animal. And the idea that man can control his own destiny is so demented it hardly requires refuting. Johanson cannot even control whether it rains tomorrow, and his destiny is that he will be dead. To those who think we are progressing toward goodness, I remind them that, in the last 80 years the Soviets have killed some 10 million [60 million is more accurate, tw] of their own countrymen, the Germans - 6 million Jews and blacks [and gypsies], the Chinese - 20 million, the Cambodians - 3 million, and the Americans ... well 15 million children have been killed by their own mothers!

If it can be argued that man is evolving, he is doing so by the creation model of history. Man is "devolving," by choice, from a perfect beginning!

Evolution, you see, is not Johanson's science. It is his religion... and his profession. Because his religion is pagan (false) it has made a fool of him. His twisted presentation of the data indicates that greed (for prestige, as well as money) has apparently also made a prostitute of him. How tragic that we parents pay for children to sit at his feet to acquire knowledge and wisdom. I wonder which of us is the greater fool?... God knows!

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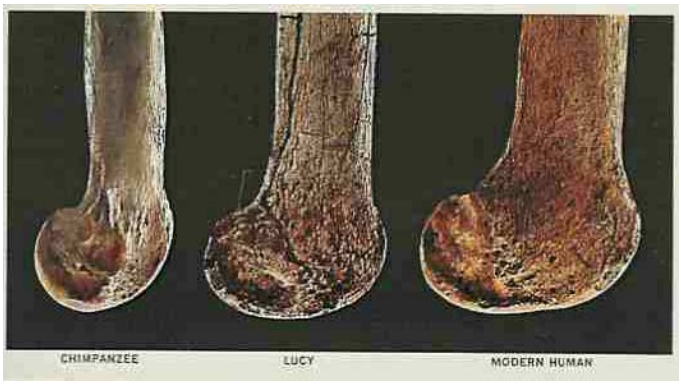

"Lucy's Knee" per National Geographic

This picture and caption, amid many claims, appeared in National Geographic, Nov. 1985, pg 593. The text referred to it as "Lucy's femoral condyle." No mention was made of the 1.5 miles or 200 vertical feet between Lucy and "her" femur. Notice the National Geographic text below the picture labels the femurs as "Chimpanzee, Lucy, and Modern Human."

What follows are notes that did not appear in the original article.

See follow-up notes on next page and **Lucy2 "Lucy Remains at College"** on the web site below.

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What follows are notes that did not appear in the original article. Many were originally my personal notes and should have been removed. But, they contain much relevant material. So, I added more explanatory material and included them here. Some of the same material appears in:

Lucy2 - "Lucy Remains at College."

12/91 notes on First Lucy Article

1. Many reprint requests, cussed and discussed.

2. Several requests to reprint and to translate into foreign languages, etc.

3. Insistence from a philosophy student (Jim Lippard?) that I repent of calling Johanson a liar. In fact, I felt he would avoid a lie, because of the financial ruin, and told others, including Dr. Frair (see below) to base his questions on the fact that Johanson would obfuscate, but would not lie in writing. Johanson proved both claims.

4. Articles appeared debating my article.

5. In general I stayed out of it all, except to respond to direct requests. Initially, there is no real reason I stayed out, I merely did not enter unless I was requested to do so.

6. But, one interesting inquiry and a couple inputs made this an even more interesting journey which I felt was more valuable to pursue.

a. Dr. Wayne Frair correspondence. Wayne and some friends attended a similar performance by Johanson, but asked the wrong question, so they received a deceptive answer, leaving totally confused. They asked "Over how large an area did you find Lucy's bones," to which Johanson replied, "Oh an area no larger than this room." This in itself was a very interesting revelation which, as far as I know, no one has followed up on. Bones found over the area of even an average classroom can hardly be assumed to be all from the same species, much less the same individual. They replied, to Johanson, that they had been told it was over a much larger area, to which Johanson said, "That is a lie." Prompting their "were are confused" letter to me. Roy Holt and I advised DR Frair exactly the question(s) to ask, by mail. "You must, we advised, ask a totally unambiguous question, to which any answer but the truth can only be interpreted as a lie. We suggested Johanson will not lie in writing. Frair sent us copies of his letter and Johanson's reply. Johanson's letter affirms exactly what we said about the distance of the knee from Lucy.

b. Johanson's firm denial (about the size of the area over which the bones were found). Strictly speaking Johnson told them the truth, but mightily confused them because they thought he was talking about Lucy AND "the knee" for the simple reason, as I reported it, that is the way Johanson's talks came across. There was, in his talks, no apparent difference in the Lucy find and the knee find.

c. Johanson's book, Lucy, beginnings of humankind, which completely obfuscates the relative location of these two fossils. Actually there were two *groups* of fossils, since we now know Lucy's bones were found over a fairly large area, thus may well not be all from the same species, much less one individual.

d. National Geographic article and picture, which flatly lies about the knee fossil. We also advised Frair to ask about the "three knee" picture in his presentation and in National Geographic. "Which knee is labeled Lucy by NG, the bad one found with Lucy or the one found 1.5 miles away?" Johanson would only say he thought the knee labeled "Lucy" in the NG picture was the "Hadar knee," which is another obfuscation for the knee found 1.5 miles (or so) from the Lucy site. The only way you would know that title for the knee would be a careful reading of his travelog book in which the chapter on the knee discovery is titled "The 2nd Hadar Season..." Johanson is not consistent in labeling this knee. In the vertical diagram of the finds, he calls it "The knee." We think Johanson is most fond of calling the knee "The Hadar Knee" because Lucy was also found in the "Hadar" region, over a mile away. But, by using the same word, "Hadar," he manages to obfuscate over the distance.

e. Creation Research Quarterly: Johanson classifying bones found 1000 miles, with all human characteristics, as "Australo-pithecine." Note that now Johanson has "classified" everything from the totally Chimp bones of Lucy to completely Human bones as "Australopithecine." Think about it. Johanson has done evolution by classification. Not a trick, by the way, that he alone practices.

f. Hypothesis: Willful Deception: When I was in business, working for a mean 'ole capitalist firm doing a talk called "Spotlite/370," I was required to submit every claim to IBM Product Test!!! - Every Claim had to be certified by product test before they would even film the talk. If my presentation had been as poorly supported by the evidence as Johanson's it would have precipitated so many law suits, IBM would have been bankrupted in a few years. But Johanson has been paid honoraria all over the world to present this willfully deceptive, nonsensical gibberish.

g. 3rd Hypothesis: What does it all mean? Answer: Lucy is today's Piltdown, Java, Nebraska man. The presentation of this "evidence for human evolution" is as much a fraud as these earlier frauds. After being caught so red-handed in these former frauds, for years they tried to sell evolution with smoke and mirrors, and tried to hold down the fraud. But, that has changed. The public, in droves, is now wise to the total scientific absurdity of evolution, and they simply are not buying it. Evolutionists control the schools, the news media, and the government, but far less than 50% of Americans believe the evolutionist religion.

This is what Lucy means. Read their internal literature. They are losing!!! They, of course, blame "fundamentalists" (which to them is anyone who actually believes his religion is true), but that is all propaganda. In fact, like the Communists realized when dealing with Ronald Reagan, the Humanists know they are losing and they cannot win. They are terrified of losing their control of the schools, if for no other reason, it would mean they would be among the unemployed, because, beyond brainwashing adolescents, as a group, they are totally incompetent. Therefore, they know Lucy is all humanists have left to sell their claim of human evolution to the public (well effectively *all*, because "Lucy" offers a good assortment of bones compared to other fragmentary "discoveries" consisting of assorted scraps the size of a quarter dollar, down). They seem to realize that they must cling to Lucy because they have little else to offer in defense of their irrational, anti-science faith. Therefore, the meaning of Lucy is much the same as all other "evolution science." The sell the product they have. When they get found out, they stick with

it anyway, hoping against hope, to find a replacement "evidence." Their problem: even with school, government and press control, they can no longer control the news entirely.

Mark my words, the antichrist will establish a totalitarian state with the support of the communists, humanists and all other brands of evolutionists, because they hate Jesus more than they love freedom. In fact, they even hate freedom, for the simple reasons that

1. most of them could not earn a living under a system of freedom.

2. Their religion ultimately requires monopoly control to force its acceptance. Only fools accept it freely... and a few who are temporarily deceived.