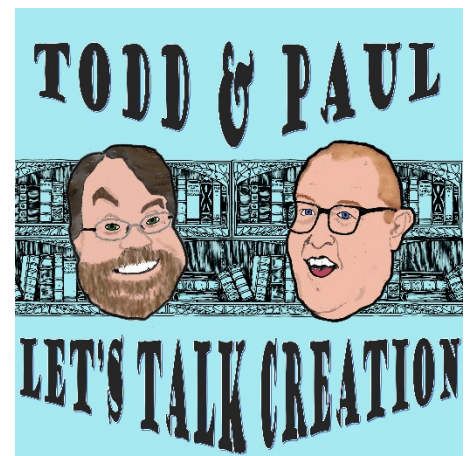


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Ep. 9 Transitional Forms, Hominin Edition







SUMMARY:



In this episode of *Let's Talk Creation*, Paul and Todd continue last episode's discussion of transitional forms. This time around they're focusing in on a specific category of these forms, hominins. Paul plays interviewer as he asks a variety of questions surrounding these "ape-men" for Todd to dig his way through. There are a variety of visuals in this week's episode so maybe check out the YouTube video if you get the chance. Take some time and listen to the science podcast that is just for you!

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- 0:23 Introduction
- 1:15 Let's talk about the "ape-men"
- 3:03 What are the differences between modern humans and modern apes?
- 12:02 What about post-cranial differences?
- 13:45 Do we see a clear distinction between apes and humans when considering the fossil record?
 - 15:40 Specific example: [The Old Man of La Chapelle](#)

- [Fossil Focus: La Chapelle-aux-Saints](#)
- 23:55 What's so interesting about Neanderthals?
- 28:48 Let's talk about australopithecines
 - 30:25 Specific example: [Misses Ples](#)
- 33:42 Why are australopithecines so celebrated within the fossil human/fossil ape discussion?
- 35:55 [Little Foot](#)
- 36:46 How do we group Neanderthals and australopithecines?
- 42:13 What about the fossils that are harder to characterize into one group or the other?
 - 42:42 Specific example: [KMN-ER-1470 \(*Homo rudolfensis*\)](#)
 - [Fossil Focus: *Homo rudolfensis*](#)
- 51:22 Looking into the future how do we know we've made a mistake in categorizing these fossils?
- 52:48 Are Neanderthals descendants of Adam and Eve?
- 55:53 The psychology behind Neanderthals are humans
- 1:00:52 Neanderthals contributed to our own genome
- 1:01:24 Why were humans more diverse in the past?
- 1:06:33 Concluding thoughts

Other Fossil Focuses to Check Out:

- [The Taung Child](#)
- [Nariokotome Boy](#)
- [Kabwe](#)

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