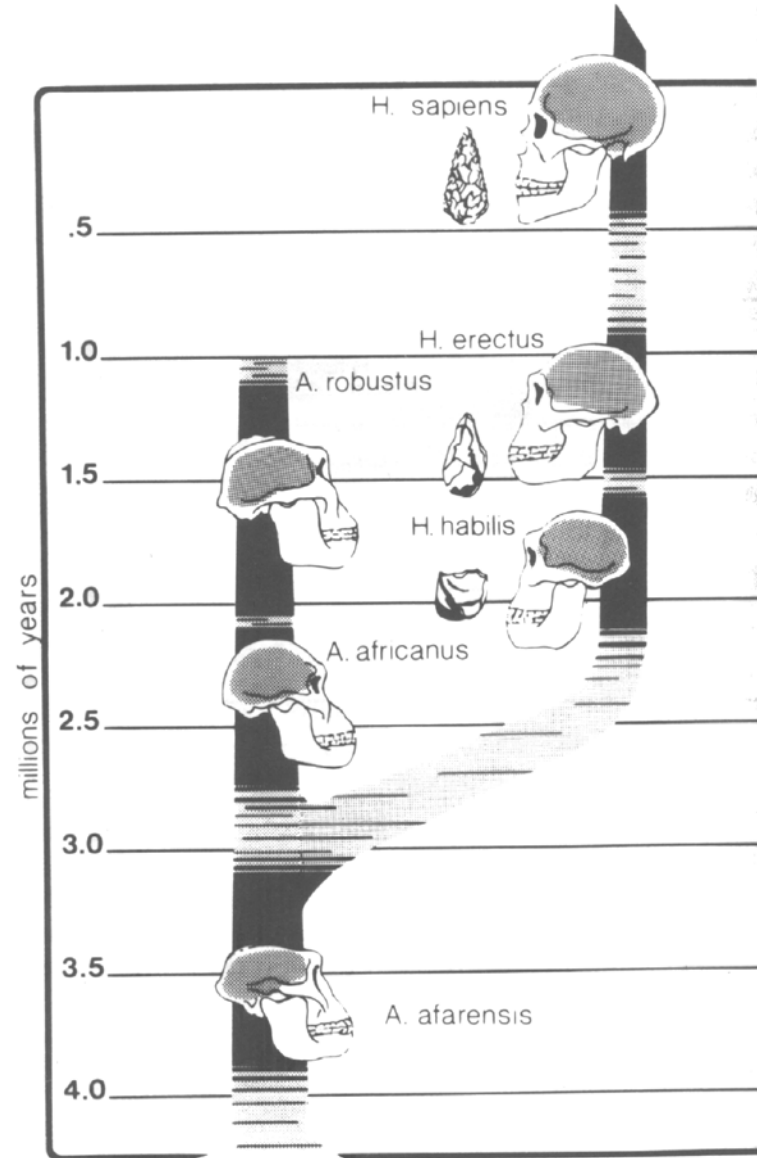


# The Evolutionary Tree and the Fossil Record

According to the evolutionary theory men have descended from ape like ancestors and the primates are our cousin. This is based on the evolutionary fossil record. This is typified by the drawing on the right (Johanson 1981). According to evolution australopithecines gave rise to *Homo erectus*, *Homo erectus* then gave rise to the Neanderthals and/or modern humans (*Homo sapiens*). If this is correct the fossil record should show a gradual blending of fossils.

If humanity is the product of creation by a supreme being then we should have evidence in the fossil record. This evidence would include the following:

- All the fossil men should be contemporaries.
- Fossil men should have similar morphology with the exception of slight variations.
- The slight differences in morphology/variation should be explained by environmental differences, in other words non-evolutionary factors account for the skeletal differences.
- The fossil men appear in early history in the same general morphology and do not change with time.



**When the evolutionary tree (right) and the fossil chart (large panel on the left) are compared the answer is obvious—The fossil record supports creation!**