Evolutionary Prejudice in the Interpretation of Fossils

Are evolutionist biased? Consider the case of just one fossil—the Laetoli Footprints. According to evolutionists these fossils are 3.5 - 4.5 million years old and were found in Africa. Obviously no one know who made them <u>but evolutionist state that they could not be made by modern man since they are so old</u>. They therefore have assigned them to *Australopithecus*.

- "Make no mistake about it, say Tim. They are like modern human footprint. If one were left in the sand of a California beach today, and a four-year were asked what it was, he would instantly say that somebody had walked there. He wouldn't be able to tell it from a hundred other prints on the beach nor would you. The external morphology is the same. There is a well-shaped modern heel with a strong arch and a good ball of the foot in front of it. The big toe is straight in line. It doesn't stick out to the side like an ape toe, or like the big toe in so many drawing you see of australopithecines in books." (Johanson 1981)
- The previous quote was from Time White a leading evolutionist that teaches at a major university.
- The picture on the left is a picture of one of the footprints. The captions reads: "They look so human, so modern, to be found in tuff so old," says footprint expert Dr Louise Robbins." (Leakey 1979)

Purely because of evolutionary dogma the Laetoli footprints have been assigned to *Australopithecus* and not *Homo sapiens*.