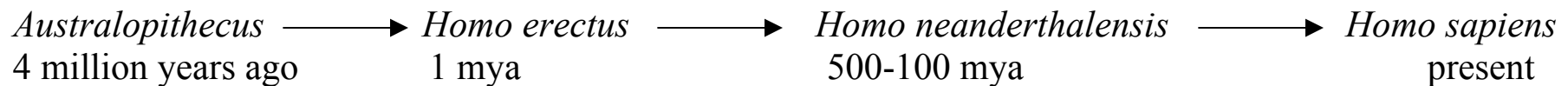


# Does the Fossil Record Show that Man Is Evolving?

If the evolutionary record is correct then human are evolving from more primitive forms to more complex forms. Most evolutionist believe that human evolution has taken the following route:



If all of these fossil men have existed at the same time this would invalidate the theory of mans evolution. In reality **all of these fossil men are contemporaries of each other** and did not give rise to the succeeding form.

- *Australopithecus afarensis* and *affricanus* are all extinct apes and their present day ancestors called pygmy chimpanzees (*Pan paniscus*) are alive and well in Africa (Herbert 1983).
- *Homo erectus* fossils have been dated from millions of years ago to almost modern times.
  - Dated to 1.6 mya (Brown 1985), 10,000 ya (Throne 1972), 27,000 ya (Swisher 1996), 6,500 ya (Freedman 1979).
- *Homo neanderthalensis* fossils have also been dated to million of years ago to almost modern times.
  - Neanderthals and modern men have lived in the same place at the same time. (Tattersal 1999)
  - They have even been found buried together.

In reality when the scientific literature is examined it is easy to prove that *H. erectus*, Neanderthal man, and modern man are all variations of humans. One did not give rise to the other since they were all contemporaries.

**All four of these supposed fossil men have existed at the same time in the same place for long periods of time.**