

Gorilla or Human?

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By now everyone has heard about the four-year-old at the Cincinnati Zoo who fell into a pit with a gorilla. Zoo keepers regrettably had to kill the gorilla in order to assure the child's life was spared. Facebook lit up with arguments pro and con, as well as many comments being directed toward the possible negligence of the parents.

It was refreshing to me to see that the vast majority of people still know the difference between a human being and an ape. Humans are more valuable because we are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27). If this were not the case, then there would be a huge argument about which life was more valuable. But then again, if this were not the case, we wouldn't have the intelligence to discuss the subject. You don't see the gorillas in the Cincinnati Zoo picketing, complaining, or staging a protest, now do you?

I say it is refreshing to me because millions, if not billions, of our tax dollars have been spent on the Doctrine of Evolution as it has been taught in our public schools. Yet, people still believe in God, in creation, and in man being made in God's image. It's just reasonable and plain common sense. It is obvious to even the casual observer, that there is a tremendous gap between man and animal!

Solomon proclaimed long ago: *"Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?"* (Ecclesiastes 3:21). Our spirits, made in God's image, will return to God and give an account of our lives (2 Corinthians 5:10). *"Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it"* (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Man is indeed an intelligent being — able to reason, think, foresee, plan, design, and form detailed thought.

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