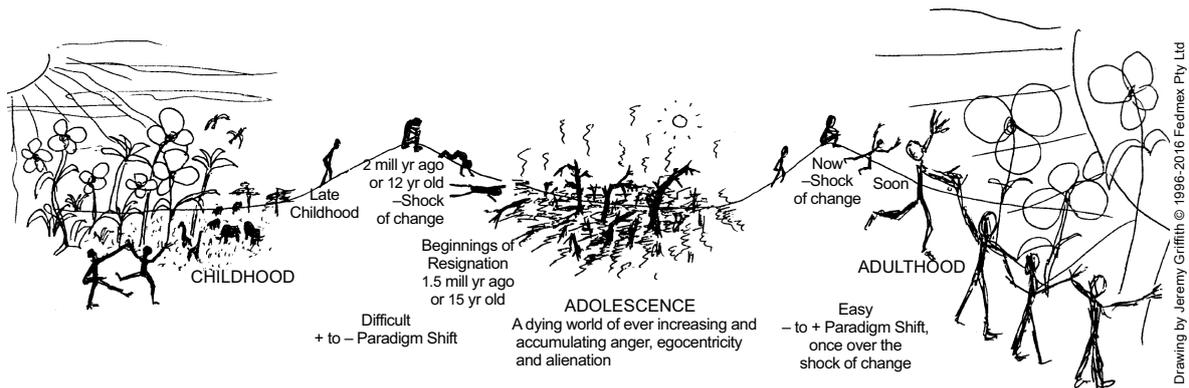


Chapter 8

The Greatest, Most Heroic Story Ever Told: Humanity's Journey from Ignorance to Enlightenment



Chapter 8:1 Summary

⁷⁰² With the desperately needed answers to the great outstanding mysteries facing the human race of the human condition, of the meaning of our existence, and of the origins of our unconditionally selfless moral instincts and conscious mind, now presented in this book, the full story of life on Earth can at last be told. In particular, we can finally explain where all species appear on the 'ladder' of integration of matter, and why, thus far, it is only the human race that has managed to progress to the 'rung' of integrating the members of our species into the Specie Individual. Indeed, it was that unique achievement that led to the emergence of our conscious mind that then had to search for knowledge, ultimately self-knowledge—the result of which was the breakdown of the integrated Specie Individual into the divisive, human-condition-afflicted state. But with the human condition now understood, humanity is finally in a position to return to the fully integrated Specie Individual situation once more, but *this time* in a knowing or understanding position—as the exceptionally denial-free, effective-thinking prophet Moses predicted, we can finally become '*like God* [the integrated state], *knowing*' (Bible, Gen. 3:5).

⁷⁰³ What remains to be presented in this book is a description of the actual stages that our conscious mind progressed through from ignorance to enlightenment of our human condition, and with that understanding now found, to the transformation of the human race into the '*knowing*' or enlightened form of the integrated Specie Individual. Yes, we can now explain and describe the *entire psychological journey* our species has been on—and since that psychological journey is the *real* journey we fully conscious, human-condition-afflicted humans have been on, and since it has never before been able to be presented, this chapter provides the first ever true

description of our species’ development. While there have been libraries of books written about human origins, this is the first denial-free, truthful description of our species’ emergence from our ape ancestors. And, since the main dishonest denial that has been maintained by mechanistic science was that our distant ancestors were controlled by competitive, selfish, brutish instincts that our conscious mind had to try to restrain, when, in fact, the true story is the absolute opposite of this account—that our ape ancestors were actually loving and gentle and that it was with the emergence of our conscious mind that we *became* competitive and selfish brutes—what is going to be presented is the completely new, never before told story of the human race!

⁷⁰⁴ Yes, what follows is the most amazing and epic journey of any species to have existed on Earth—and it’s our own story, the story of the incredibly, phenomenally brave and heroic human race!

Chapter 8:2 The stages of humanity’s maturation from ignorance to enlightenment

⁷⁰⁵ We begin this most amazing story of humanity’s journey from ignorance to enlightenment by meeting with our ancestors through the wonderfully fortuitous fossilised remains we have of them.



Photographs by David L. Brill

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| <i>Australopithecus afarensis</i> | <i>Australopithecus africanus</i> | <i>Australopithecus boisei</i> | <i>Homo habilis</i> | <i>Homo erectus</i> | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | <i>Homo sapiens sapiens</i> |
| Fossil evidence from 3.9 to 3 million years ago | 3.3 to 2.1 m y a | 2.3 to 1.2 m y a | 2.4 to 1.4 m y a | 1.9 to 0.1 m y a | 0.5 to 0.1 m y a | 0.2 m y a to now |
| Brain Volume 400 cc average | 450 cc | 530 cc | 650 cc | 900-1100 cc | 1350 cc | 1400 cc |
| Early Happy Childman | Middle Demonstrative Childman | Late Naughty Childman | Distressed Adolescentman | Adventurous Adolescentman | Angry Adolescentman | Pseudo idealistic and Hollow Adolescentman |

⁷⁰⁶ The above photo sequence of fossil hominin (human ancestor) skulls, dating back to the beginning of the australopithecines, appeared in the November 1985 edition of *National Geographic* magazine. Of course, as explained in chapter 2, mechanistic science hasn’t recognised—indeed, has determinedly avoided—the psychological nature of our human condition, so the psychological descriptions for each of the stages of our development given above of ‘Early Happy Childman’, then ‘Middle Demonstrative Childman’, and so on, are my additions. Further, anthropologists no longer consider the robustly built *Australopithecus boisei* to be one of our direct ancestors but part of a now extinct branch line of development. However, as I will explain in pars 733-737, I disagree that there was any branching in the progression from the ape state to humans