

But they're very advanced. For instance their artwork is superior to that of the first few centuries after writing was developed. But how long these existed before writing, nobody can say. They must have been prior to around 3000 B. C. - but do they go back 3000 years behind that or do they go back only 1000 years? Without writing all you can do is to guess. But before - I would say at the very most 3000 years before writing - we have no proof at present of anything we would call civilization; that is, people living together in groups with established habitations and well-worked out forms of communal life. We have no evidence of anything like that that could be placed with any certainty more than 3000 years before writing began. However, there are fossil men which are found which are found in strata which seem to the geologist to be a long, long time before that. And there are some geologists who place some of these ~~XX~~ as early as 900,000 B.C. I don't think most would place them any earlier than 600,000 B. C. but some do put them pretty far back. Now the only way these can be dated is according to strata and as Dr. Willetts pointed out there's a great deal of conjecture in that. And yet you can't cram it together in too short a space. So if I were to make a guess about the time of Adam's creation, I would say it might ~~XXX~~ be as late as 40,000 B.C., it might be 100,000. I think it's rather unlikely it's 900,000 but if science comes up with some proof it is, it doesn't affect my faith in the Bible at all because the Bible doesn't say when he was created.

If I might add to the question, I think the discussion planned itself this afternoon and Dr. Speck and Dr. Willetts might have a comment to make as to establish

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The origin of man? Well I think that the zoologist and the anthropologist consider anywhere between 300,000 and 500,000 years as man's original occurrence. Or I shouldn't say - I take that back - it's not necessarily that. But the fossil remains - and as Dr. MacRae has pointed out, the geologist has provided the anthropologist with the approximate age by strata, and figures that some of these early forms or these early remains will date back in the hundreds of thousands of years. Neanderthal Man is believed to have been somewhere around 100,000 and Java Man, which we believe now to be about the oldest remains that are available, is approximately 500,000. Of course those are plus or minus - 100,000 or 200,000 wouldn't mean