

A Review of Walking with Cavemen

I really enjoyed the movie Walking with Cavemen. It is in the Walking With... line of movies (Walking with Dinosaurs etc), and it is very well done. Basically it follows our ancestors from the time when they stepped out of the trees to the arrival of Homo Sapiens. But there's a lot more than that.

It starts with Lucy, a member of one of the first tribes of upright walking ancestors. She's a mother with a baby who manages to get mixed up in a turf war between two tribes with fatal results. It's her body that archaeologists will find and dig up all these years later, and they will name her Lucy after the song Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.

It zooms into future with a tribe of herbivorous, slow-witted ape-like creatures and a tribe of quick-witted, tool making ape-like creatures. Although the herbivorous ones are very good at what they do, when conditions change (as they always will) they are on their way out. The tool makers are our ancestors!

It goes on with Homo Habilis, Neanderthals, and finally Homo Sapiens. While the other two ancestors, Homo Habilis and Neanderthals, may seem human in their speech and family care, they lack imagination. While they remain the same as they always were, Homo Sapiens must develop an imagination to survive. Homo Sapiens comes out the best, and we know that because we are Homo Sapiens.

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