

## **Are We Just Naked Apes?** **Apologetic Arguments from the Uniqueness of *Homo Sapiens***

Human beings have placed ourselves alongside chimps as just one of the many animal species on this planet. This workshop will consider the unique features of our species and suggest lines of apologetic argument for the truth of the gospel from human nature and experience.

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- I. *Homo sapiens* among other species
  - A. Lines of enquiry
  - B. Darwin's assertion and its consequences
    1. Self-understanding – our value?
    2. Morality – our duties?
- II. Uniquely human?
  - A. Physiological
  - B. Sociological
  - C. Theory of Mind

III. Pointers beyond – indicators of transcendence in human experience

A. Blushing

B. Fainting

C. Weeping

IV. Where next? Moving the conversation on

A. Which story fits best? The gospel on human nature

1. God rules

2. We rebelled

3. God rescues

4. We respond

5. God restores

B. The person of Christ (incarnation)

***Suggested Readings:***

Coulter, Paul B. (2015) 'Are we just naked apes?', Available:  
<https://www.paulcoulter.net/apologetics>