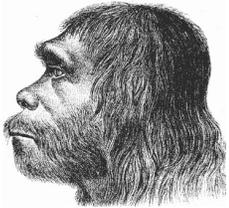


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Today there are several schools of thought about Neanderthal man. While some hate to lose what they consider to be evidence of human evolution, others are saying that new evidence is making Neanderthal more human than ever.

In 1997, German researchers found three aerodynamic wooden spears that are credited to the Neanderthals. Other researchers in France and Portugal have discovered what they call rather sophisticated ornaments and tools in a cave where Neanderthals lived. Those who want to hold to the older view about Neanderthals say that Neanderthals simply imitated humans who made jewelry. But the French and Portuguese ornaments are unique in style. Pendants have also been found at Neanderthal sites, which, researchers say, indicate that Neanderthals understood symbolism as well as we do. Older views of Neanderthals as scavengers are now challenged by evidence that they hunted and butchered their own food.

Sure, Neanderthals lived in caves, but so have other humans. Researchers are concluding that Neanderthals were just as human as we are, as we would expect from the biblical account of creation.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for a place to live. I ask you to protect the homes of your people. Amen.

Notes: Jeffrey Brainard, "Giving Neanderthals Their Due," *Science News*, v.154, August 1, 1998, p.72. Photo: First reconstruction of a male Neanderthal.

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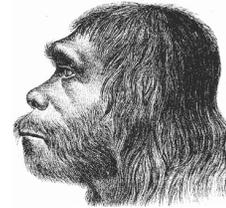
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