

Readings: Day 1 = Chap 1 p.11-12; Additional reading = Intro p. 1-9
How did humanity begin?

- From China:
 - P'an Ku
 - Nü-Gua

Scientific view:

- Humanity = blip on global timeline
- First *hominids* = 3-4 million yrs ago
 - *Australopithecus* in E. & S. Africa
 - 1st to walk erect; use tools
- Succeeded by *Homo Erectus* “handy man”
 - *Erectus* = “Java Man” & “Beijing Man”

- *Erectus* changed history

- Succeeded by *Homo Neanderthalis*

- Succeeded by *Homo Sapiens*
 - Stopped adapting to environment

 - Only humans:

 - Created **culture**