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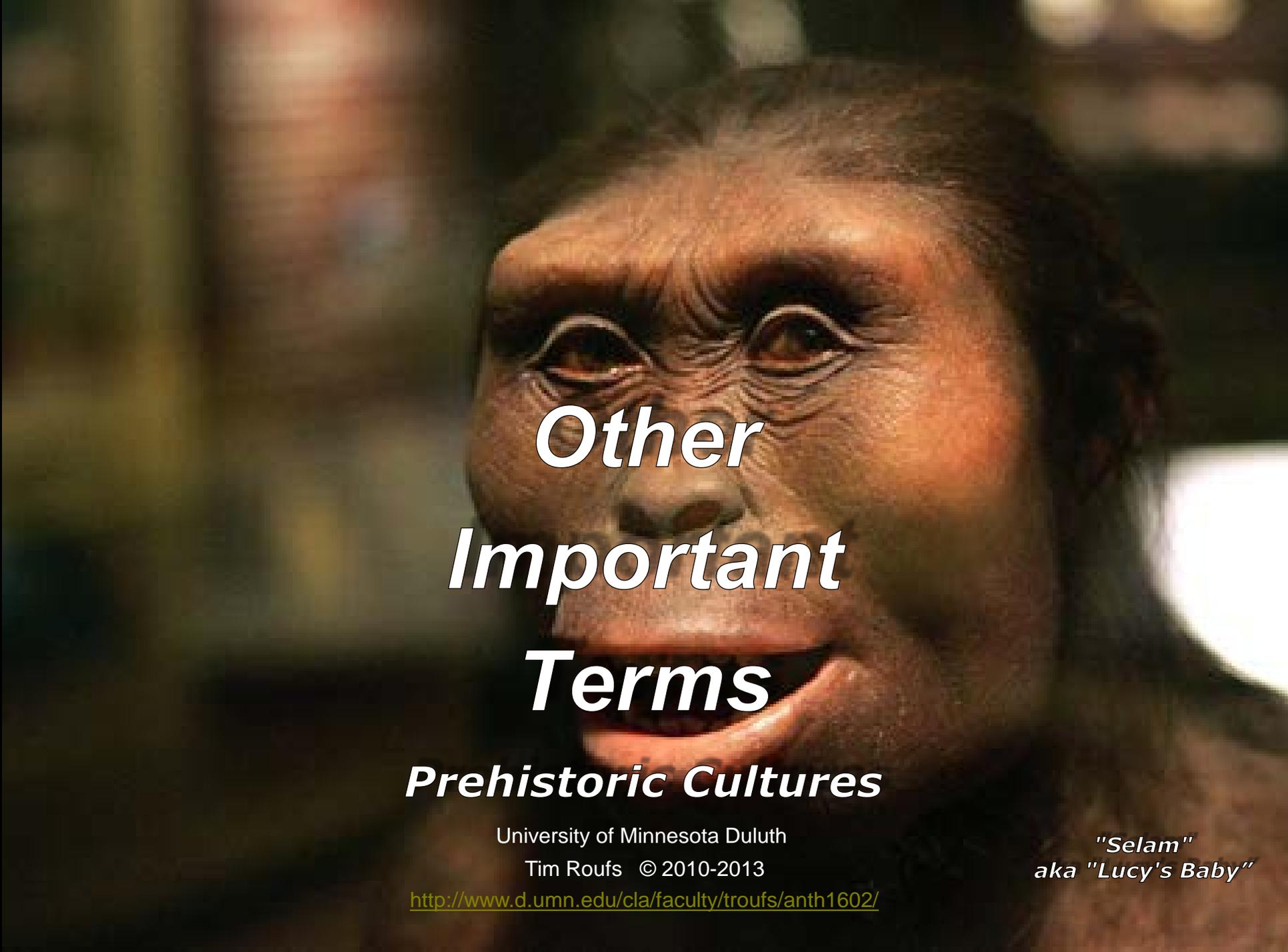
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**this is the same chart as in the  
“Main Characteristics of Anthropology”  
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<sup>1</sup>After E. Adamson Hoebel, *Anthropology: The Study of Man*, 4th Ed. (NY: McGraw-Hill, 1972), p. 14.

- **ethnography**

- **scientific *description* of cultures**

- (“a portrait of a people”)

- **ethno – graphy**

- *graph* from the Greek, meaning something “written” or “drawn”

- **ethno – graphy**

- **ethnography** looks at “who,”  
“what,” “where” and “when”

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- **comparative *study* of cultures**

- **ethn – ology**

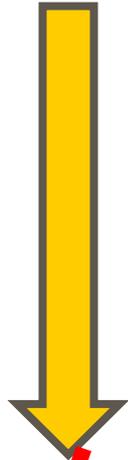
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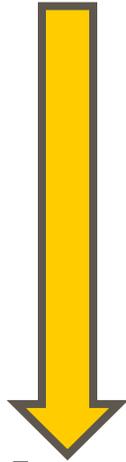
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- **ethnology**

take out the *n* and that yields an entirely different word . . .



- **ethology**

- **scientific *study of the social behavior of animals*, especially in their natural environments**

- **primatology**

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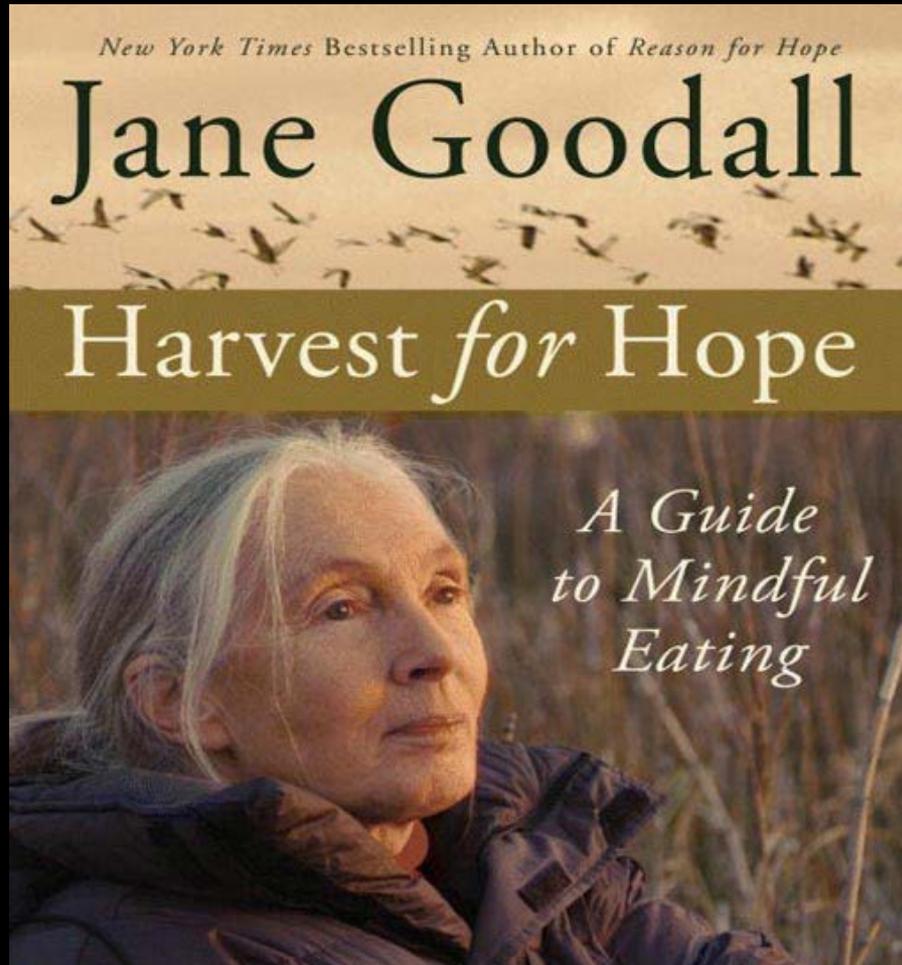
**we'll see this in  
Ch. 6, "An Overview of the Primates"  
Ch. 7, "Primate Behavior"**

- **“primatologist”**

- usually refers to one who studies the behavior and social lives of chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans, monkeys, etc.

- e.g., Jane Goodall, Diane Fossey

- Birute Galdikas-Brindamour



**Jane Goodall is the most famous primatologist of all time . . .**

Grand Central Publishing, 2006

- **“primates” include**
  - **prosimians (“pre-monkeys”)**
  - **monkeys**
  - **apes**
  - ***and also humans***

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Macaques

Baboons

Apes

"Lesser Apes"

Gibbons

Great Apes

Orangutans

Gorillas

Chimpanzees

Common Chimps

Bonobos

Humans

- **“non-human primates” are**
  - **prosimians (“pre-monkeys”)**
  - **monkeys**
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## “non-human primates”

**with regard to primates, note one major recent change . . .**

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**this reflects a relatively recent  
change in the classification of the  
Great Apes and prehistoric forms  
like “Lucy”**

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**other important terms include . . .**

# **ethnocentrism**

- judging other cultures by the standards of one's own culture rather than by the standards of that particular culture**

two fundamental concepts in  
anthropology are . . .

**ethnocentrism**

**cultural relativism**

# **ethnocentrism**

- is the mindset of judging other cultures by the standards of one's own culture rather than by the standards of that particular culture**

# **cultural relativism**

- refers to the perspective that each culture must be understood in terms of the values and ideas of that culture and should not be judged by the standards of another**

**in recent times two types  
of cultural relativism have  
emerged . . .**

- absolute cultural relativism**
- critical cultural relativism**

**the term as originally  
proposed came to be  
referred to as . . .**

- **absolute cultural relativism**
- **critical cultural relativism**

# **absolute cultural relativism**

- the perspective that says a person from one culture should not question the rightness or wrongness of behavior or ideas in other cultures because that would be ethnocentric**

# **absolute cultural relativism**

- was quickly criticized as unacceptable as, taken literally, [absolute] cultural relativism suggested we should accept *anything* and everything that was thought to be OK by the people under consideration**

# **absolute cultural relativism**

- critics quickly pointed to Hitler and the World War II Holocaust and (rightfully) said that no one should accept behaviors that resulted in The [WW II] Holocaust; that such behavior was unacceptable under any circumstances**

# **absolute cultural relativism**

- and the critics added enough other examples so that the original concept of cultural relativism was modified and resulted in today's concept of**

**critical cultural relativism**

# **critical cultural relativism**

- offers an alternative view that poses questions about cultural practices and ideas in terms of who accepts them and why, and who they might be harming or helping**

# **critical cultural relativism . . .**

**answered many of the early critics**

**but—even accepting the modified concept—it is oftentimes not easy to figure out what “. . . in terms of who accepts them and why, and who they might be harming or helping” means**

# **critical cultural relativism . . .**

**let's look at a few examples of where  
“it is oftentimes not easy to figure out  
what ‘. . . in terms of who accepts them  
and why, and who they might be harming  
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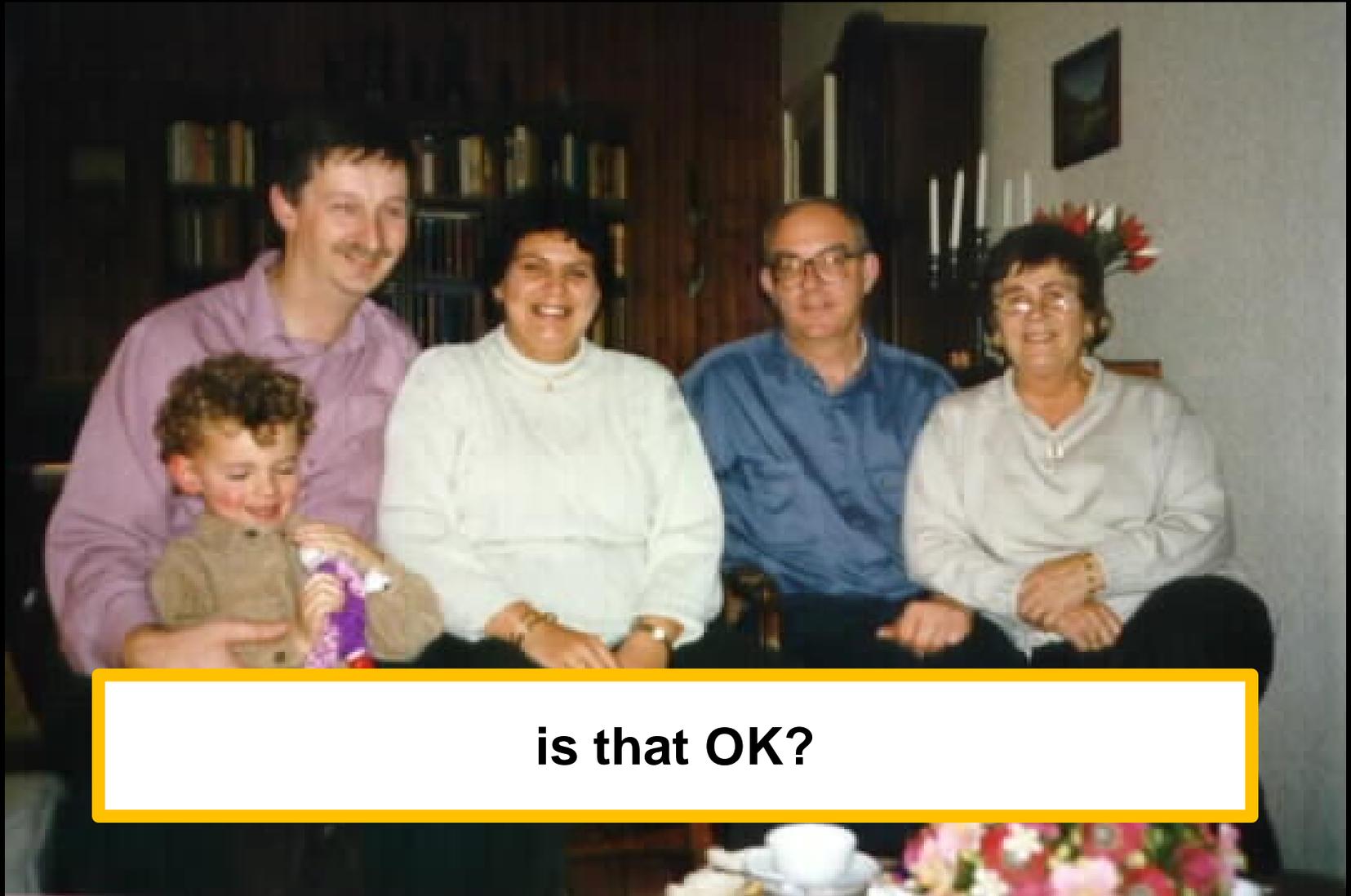
# absolute cultural relativism

## how about?

- **doctor assisted suicide**
- arranged “underage” marriage
- female genital mutilations
- withholding of medical treatment of children for religious reasons
- polygyny . . .



**in many places doctor assisted suicide is legal, perfectly acceptable to many if not most, of the members of a culture**



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## Voluntary euthanasia

**people living in the states of Oregon and Washington, and the countries of Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Switzerland think so** (for e.g.)

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As of 2009, some forms of voluntary euthanasia are legal in [Belgium](#),<sup>[1]</sup> [Luxembourg](#),<sup>[2]</sup> [The Netherlands](#),<sup>[1]</sup> [Switzerland](#),<sup>[1]</sup> and the U.S. states of [Oregon](#)<sup>[3]</sup> and [Washington](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

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## Child marriage and divorce in Yemen

By Jenny Cuffe  
BBC World Service, Assignment

**A narrow path leads up from the mountain town of Jibla, through century-old houses, and turns into a mud track before reaching the door of Arwa's home.**

The nine year old child lives with her parents and six brothers and sisters in a humble, two-roomed house overlooking the mosque built by her namesake, Queen Arwa, who ruled Yemen 900 years ago.

She knows nothing of wealth and power but, in her own way, she has helped make history.

Arwa is the youngest of three Yemeni girls who recently went to court complaining they were married against their will and asking for divorce - an astonishing display of defiance that has prompted the government to review its law on early marriage.

The child's dark eyes shine from a pale face framed by her black headscarf. Her expression is eloquent yet she struggles to find words for what she's suffered.



**a 9-year-old requests a divorce in Yemen**

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## Child marriage alert in India

Indian authorities have stepped up efforts to prevent child marriages on an auspicious Hindu day on Wednesday.



Child marriages still take in parts of Rajasthan

Officials in western Rajasthan state said that local authorities were trying their best to stop such marriages.

But there have been reports of child marriages taking place in the state before the auspicious day of Akha Teej.

Though the practice was outlawed in 1929, boys and girls are still married off forcibly in some parts of India.

Marriages of girls under the age of 18 and boys under 21 are illegal in India.

The authorities claim that they are vigilant this time.

**“ Efforts have also been made to generate public awareness against child marriages through street plays and corner meetings ”**

Pawan Surana, Rajasthan Women's Commission

conducting the ceremony could be arrested if a case was detected.

But a local activist Rakesh Singh told the newspaper that villagers had organised marriages before Akha Teej to escape the law.

Officials intervened to stop a wedding of a 12-year-old boy to a 14-year-old girl in Bassi area on Tuesday, the newspaper reported.

Elsewhere, in Madhya Pradesh state, there were unconfirmed reports of an attack on a social worker who tried to stop such illegal weddings.

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**we'll see *The Hunters and N!ai!* (as a little girl)**  
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## Female genital cutting

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**Female genital cutting** (FGC), also known as **female genital mutilation** (FGM), **female circumcision**, or **female genital mutilation/cutting** (FGM/C), is any

Part of a series on

**Violence against women**

[Amnesty International](#) estimates that over 130 million women worldwide have been affected by some form of FGM, with over 3 million girls at risk of undergoing FGM every year. FGM is mainly practised in 28 different African countries.<sup>[36]</sup> It is common in a band that stretches from [Senegal](#) in West

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# Judge: Parents can't refuse chemo for son on religious grounds

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By Kyndell Harkness, AP

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minnesota judge has ruled that a 13-year-old boy with a highly treatable form of cancer must seek conventional medical treatment despite his parents' objections on religious grounds.

In a 58-page ruling Friday, Brown County District Judge John Rodenberg found that Daniel Hauser has been "medically neglected" and is in need of child protection services.

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**■ PEDIATRIC CANCER**

The judge wrote that Daniel has only a "rudimentary understanding at best of the risks and benefits of chemotherapy. ... he does not believe he is ill currently. The fact is that he is very ill currently."

■ Children who survive are likely to get sick later

# Father renews call to dismiss homicide charge

Sep 2, 2008 6:34 PM (14 hrs ago) By ROBERT IMRIE, AP

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**this is in Wisconsin, not Minnesota**



**WAUSAU, Wis.** ([Map](#), [News](#)) - If a couple accused of killing their 11-year-old daughter by praying instead of seeking medical care goes to trial, the courts will wrongly become entangled in constitutionally protected religious matters, an attorney argued Tuesday.

A 19-page brief filed in

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## Homicide Charges for Prayer Death are First in Wisconsin

By WUWM News Staff

May 21, 2008 | WUWM | Milwaukee, WI

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A national group that monitors faith-based neglect of children says the parents charged with reckless homicide for praying as their 11-year-old daughter died of diabetes are the first in Wisconsin accused of such a crime. The executive director of Child Incorporated says at least 309 children have died in the United States in the past 25 years after medical care was withheld on religious grounds.

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## ***Yanomamö: A Multidisciplinary Study***

(45 min., 1970, VC 1290)

**"A film study showing a multi-disciplinary research team doing field work in human population genetics among the Yanomamo Indians in Southern Venezuela. One half of the film is purely ethnographic; the other half of the film records the scientific research undertaking."** -- DER



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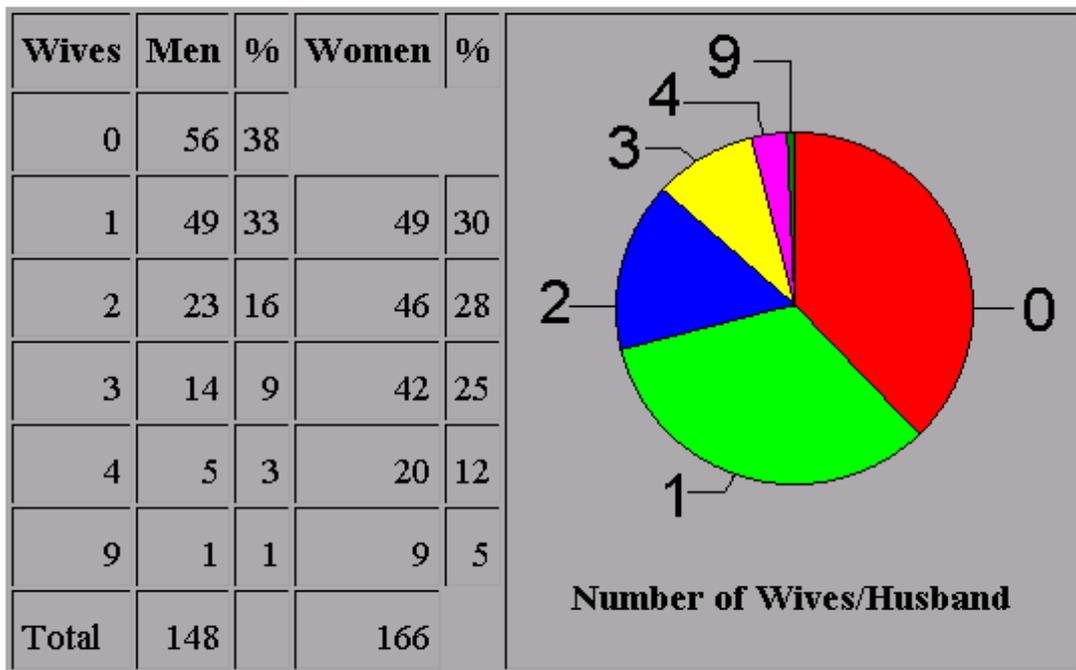
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## Polygyny

Dani men are allowed to marry more than one wife but women are restricted to a single husband. Heider's 1963 census figures indicated a significant amount of polygyny, as 30% of adult males had two or more wives. From the women's perspective, however, the rate was much higher, as 70% of wives were involved in polygynous marriages. Most multiple marriages involve two or three wives, but one man was recorded as married to nine women.



Polygyny among the Dani is based on an unequal age of marriage between the sexes. Almost all

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Yanomamö Youth

- cultural practices related to the population structure
  - female infanticide
  - the amount of cousin marriage
  - male warfare
    - *nomohoni* [raids/warfare to capture women]
  - . . .

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## Our male ancestors had harems of females

By Roger Highfield, Science Editor

Last Updated: 7:01pm GMT 29/11/2007

Our male ancestors had harems of females that they would jealously guard from the attention of love rivals, according to a study published today.

### ◆ Men age faster 'because of Stone Age sex'

This is one implication of the discovery that one of our recent relatives was surprisingly like gorillas in that males took much longer to mature than females.

These findings could help researchers understand how these early human ancestors lived and socialised together, since gorillas live in harems controlled by a "dominant" silverback male.

Charles Lockwood of University College London and his colleagues shed new light on the lifestyle of *Paranthropus robustus* by analysing a large number of skulls.

They looked at how worn down the teeth



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# More raids on Texas polygamy sect

**Texas authorities have continued raids on a ranch belonging to a breakaway Mormon sect, removing a total of almost 200 women and children since Thursday.**



Sect members believe men must have at least three wives to get to heaven.

Police officers first raided the ranch after reports that a 16-year-old girl was physically and sexually abused.

Detectives are looking for evidence of a marriage between the girl and a 50-year-old man. She is thought to have had a child when she was 15.

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## Grandma's Marathon: Remembering a fallen champion

[Kevin Pates](#) Duluth News Tribune  
Published Sunday, June 15, 2008

There will be a moment of silence before the start of Saturday's 32nd Grandma's Marathon. Standing on North Shore Drive, just south of Two Harbors, Stephen Muturi will gather his thoughts and emotions before the day's task of running 26.2 miles.

He'll remember close friend and countryman Wesley Ngetich, last year's champion, who was killed Jan. 21 at Emarti village in Kenya's Trans Mara district. Ngetich was caught in the middle of an incident that turned violent. He was 31 and had two wives and three children, ages 8, 6 and 1. "Wesley was a peacemaker. . . ."



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## Bedouin Father of 67 Seeks 9th Wife

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

By DIAA HADID, Associated Press Writer

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**EMEK HEFER, Israel — With eight wives and 67 children, Shahadeh Abu Arrar has given new meaning to the term "family man."**

Abu Arrar, 58, is a member of Israel's impoverished Bedouin Arab community. But even in a traditional nomadic society where men commonly have several wives and many children, Abu Arrar is exceptional.

"I'm thinking about a new wife, No. 9," he told the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot in a recent interview. "There are many women who wish to marry me and there is no lack of women. I never had a problem with such things."

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# Davos 2010: South Africa's Zuma defends polygamy

**South Africa's President Jacob Zuma has defended polygamy during a question and answer session at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.**



Jacob Zuma took a third wife earlier this month

Mr Zuma, who married his third wife earlier this month, said it was part of his Zulu culture and did not detract from his belief in women's equality.

Asked if he loved all his wives equally, he replied: "Absolutely".

Correspondents say Mr Zuma's belief in the traditional practice of polygamy has divided South Africans. Some support him but many younger people believe it should have no place in a modern society.

Newsweek International's editor Fareed Zakaria was chairing the

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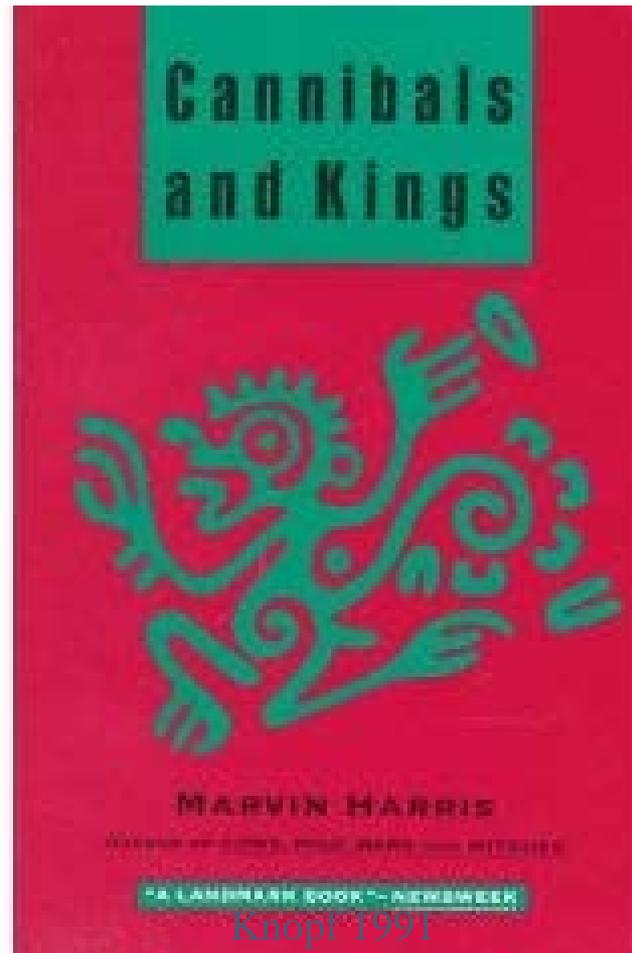
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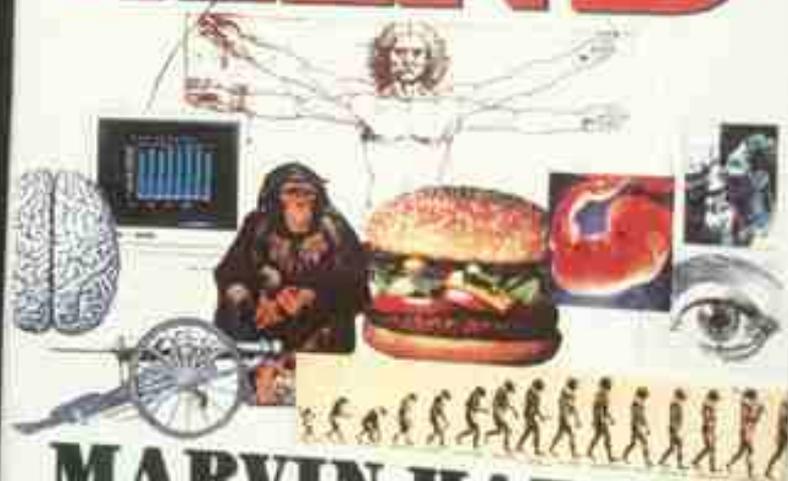
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**MARVIN HARRIS**

**AUTHOR OF COWS, PIGS, WARS AND WITCHES**

cannibalism

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“Bones Offer Evidence of a Neanderthal - Eat - Neanderthal World”

78 fragments from 6 skeletons

*ca.* 100,000 ybp

30 September 1999





**Fragment of a Neandertal thigh bone**

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## Cannibalism May Have Wiped Out Neanderthals

Jennifer Viegas, Discovery News

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Feb. 27, 2008 -- A Neanderthal-eat-Neanderthal world may have spread a **mad cow-like disease** that weakened and reduced populations of the large Eurasian human, thereby contributing to its extinction, according to a new theory based on cannibalism that took place in more recent history.

Aside from illustrating that consumption of one's own species isn't exactly a healthy way to eat, the new theoretical model could resolve the longstanding mystery as to what caused Neanderthals, which emerged around 250,000 years ago, to disappear off the face of the Earth about 30,000 years ago.

"The story of Neanderthal extinction is one of the most intriguing in all of human evolution," author Simon Underdown told Discovery News. "Why did a large-brained, intelligent hominid that shared so many traits with us disappear?"

To resolve that question, Underdown, a lecturer in the Department of Anthropology at Oxford Brookes University, studied a well-documented tribal group, the Fore of Papua New Guinea, who practiced ritualistic cannibalism.



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## Our ancestors had brains - for dinner

Spread of disease-protection genes points to cannibalistic past.

11 April 2003

JOHN WHITFIELD



Funeral feasts used to put the Fore people at risk of contracting Kuru.

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Our ancestors may have eaten each other's brains.

A new study has found genes that offer protection from prion diseases, such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), in populations on four continents. This spread might be an evolutionary response to the dangers of cannibalism.

The safeguarding DNA is most

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# Unpalatable but true: cannibalism was routine

By Tim Taylor  
*(Filed: 15/10/2003)*

The science of cannibalism has just become respectable, as irrefutable bio-molecular evidence that we have eaten each other for millennia spurs renewed efforts by archaeologists, geneticists and anthropologists to find out when we started to do it, and why.

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## Prehistoric cannibalism triggered human evolution

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### Human sacrifice was a widespread practice in ancient times

Archeologists, who excavated a settlement of ancient people in Central Russia, found many bones on the site. There was nothing unusual about the finding at all: the bones were the remains of animals that people of the Stone Age ate. Specialists, however, were surprised to find human bones among animal bones too. Scientists did not make any special conclusions about it; they simply mentioned the strange fact in their reports.

Modern people prefer not to think about cannibalism. They simply refer to it as a vestige of ancient history, or a horrible tribal ritual. It is a rather uncivilized point of view indeed. The majority of animals do not eat their own species, although humans used to practice cannibalism commonly.



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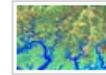
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# Ancient "Human Sacrifices" Found in Peru, Expert Says

Kelly Hearn  
for [National Geographic News](#)  
June 4, 2008

Three possible human sacrifice victims have been found at a 4,000-year-old archaeological site in [Peru](#), an archaeologist says.

The apparently mutilated, partial skeletons ([see photos](#)) could overturn the peaceful reputation of the Pre-Ceramic period (3000 B.C. to 1800 B.C.) in the Andes mountains—a time generally seen as free of ritualized killing and warfare.



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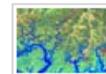
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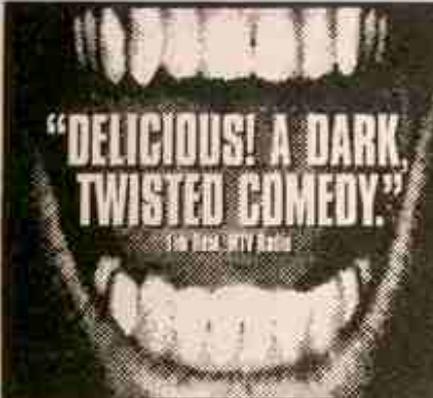
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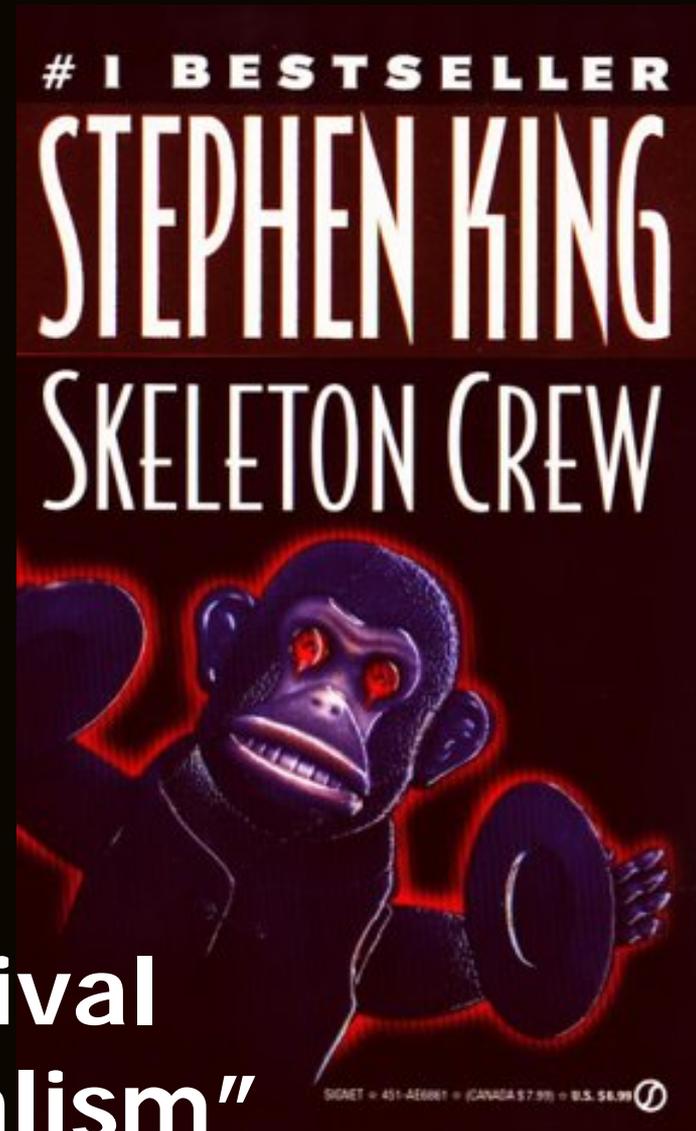
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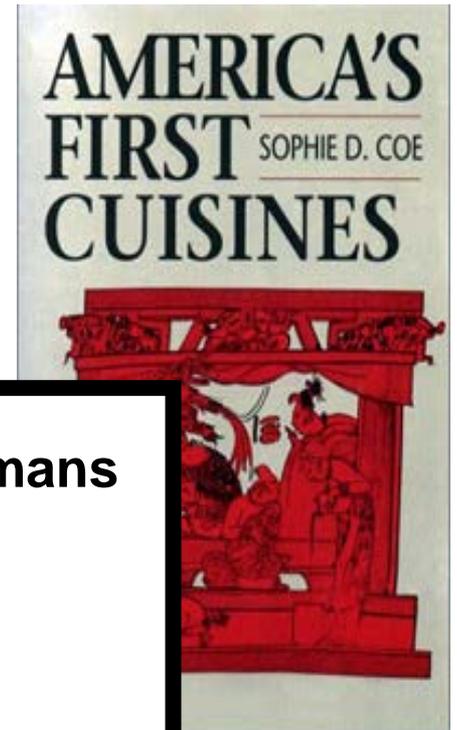


**“ritual cannibalism”**

# cultural relativism?

- stealing peoples' land and property
- infant cranial deformation
- Aztec human heart sacrifice
- **“ritual cannibalism”**

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in order that the gods allow  
the sun to rise each day,  
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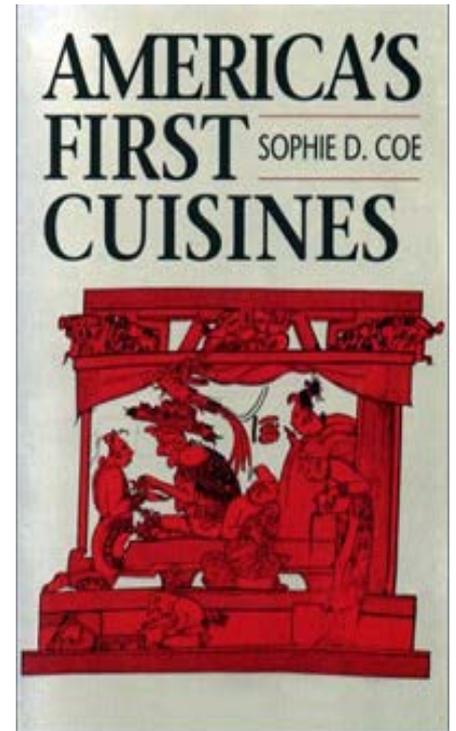
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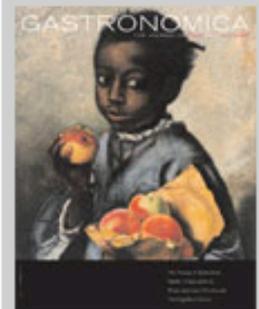
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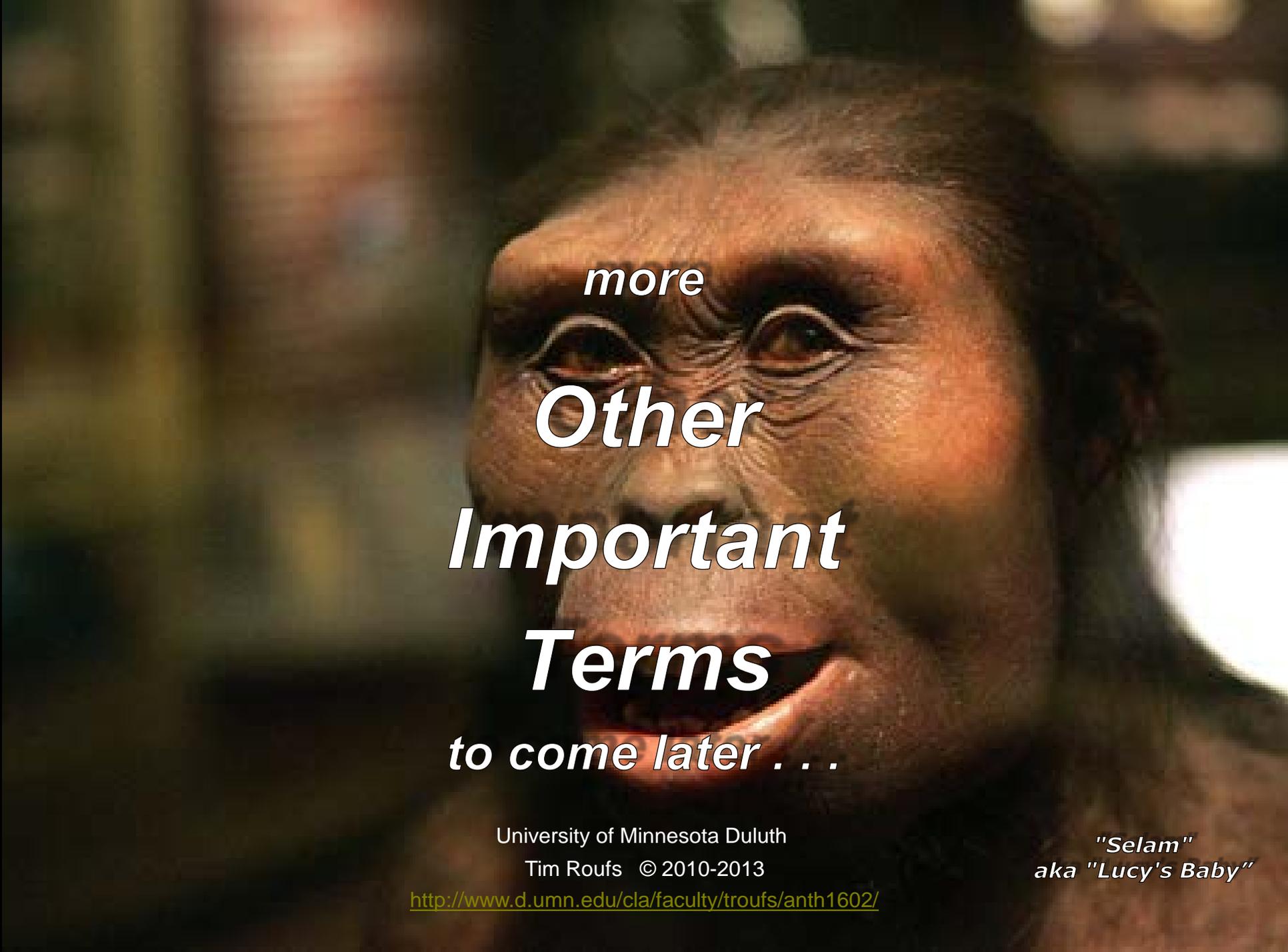
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