

The Curious Case of *Homo naledi*: What our newest extinct cousin can tell us about our origins, and why it matters



Summary: The extraordinary discovery of *Homo naledi* deep in a South African cave system has forced scientists to think again about many aspects of the human evolutionary story. In this talk, Dr. William Harcourt-Smith, a member of the team who helped describe and announce the material, will discuss the discovery, daring recovery, and scientific interpretations of *Homo naledi*, and why they matter to our broader understanding of human origins.

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