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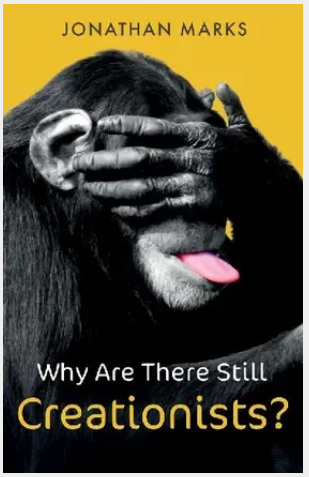
Why Are There Still Creationists?

Human Evolution and the Ancestors



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