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Abstract text up to 20 lines in English:

This presentation will first examine the basis of group formation in hominids - the evolutionary precursors of homo sapiens. As hominids evolved over millions of years, the composition and complexity of the hominid group remained quite stable. Indeed, with the appearance of homo sapiens, about 200,000 years ago, this stability remained. But then about 50,000 years ago, there was a radical change – not a change in the fossil record, but a change in the DNA of homo sapiens – a mutation that enabled a reformation in group size, complexity, and structure. This paper will present a theory as to the nature of that mutation and why it led to monumental change not only in the nature of the groups in which we live, but a change in evolution itself.