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Dr. Donald Johanson is among the most renowned and accomplished paleoanthropologists of our time. He is best known for his discovery of the most widely known and thoroughly studied fossil find of the 20th century—the 1974 discovery of a 3.2-million-year-old hominid fossil in Ethiopia, Lucy. The discovery of Lucy prompted ongoing debate and major revisions in our knowledge and understanding of the human evolutionary past. Johanson believes that, “Understanding who we are is not just a matter of idle curiosity. It is a matter of survival for our own species as well as for the millions of other species with whom we share Earth. For without a clearer understanding of who we are, we will fall far short of the kind of future we would want for ourselves and for our children.”

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