***How Long Have We Humans Been On the Earth?***

**Human beings are actually just an eye blink in the grand time line of our planet:**

**Earth in born - 4.54 billion years ago
Earth surface hardens - 4 billion years ago
Life emerges on the planet - 3.8 billion years ago
Hominid species differentiate from apes - 6 to 8 million years ago
Homo Erectus stands up - 1.7 million years ago
Neanderthal Man appears - 300,000 years ago
Homo Sapiens (us) appears - 100,000 years ago
Homo Sapiens (along with much of the other life on earth) becomes extinct due to human caused environment destruction and global warming - 75 to 100 years from now?**

**An excellent graphic to put the Geologic Time Scale in perspective is** [**here**](http://www.tfl.net/A4geolog.jpg)