Pre-social evolutionist views of human change

Websites-great Chain of Being:

http://www.stanford.edu/class/engl174b/chain.html

http://www.kheper.net/topics/greatchainofbeing/

degenerationism: humans created in a high state of morality and civilization. The primitive savages were outcasts of the human race; degenerates who had fallen from a state of grace.

polygenism: different races of humankind arose as a consequence of separate acts of creation and each rae belonged to a separate species

monogenism–all humans arose from a common stock (psychic unity of mankind)