

Re: Bipedalism in different substrates

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"J Moore" <anthrosciguy@yahoo.com> wrote in message news:rx8_c.312276\$J06.287752@pd7tw2no...

> *Paul Crowley* <slkwoiutiuytciuyik@slkjlksjoioue.com> wrote in message

> news:jD7_c.26518\$Z14.8633@news.indigo.ie...

>> *"Algis Kuliukas"* <algis@RiverApes.com> wrote in message

>> news:77a70442.0409030349.4b11e937@posting.google.com...

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>>> *Can I just say how pleasantly refreshing it is to be on the same side*

>>> *as both NAS and Jim Moore. I've never understood how Paul can argue*

>>> *against the idea that as environments change so populations of*

>>> *organisms are 'forced' to adapt or die out.*

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>> *I can see why this mistake is made -- it is a*

>> *crude, simple form of 'thought' which draws*

>> *a parallel between species and other forms*

>> *of life, even that of the individual organism.*

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>> *Yet, I am at a loss to understand why all*

>> *reasonably intelligent people cannot see the*

>> *stupidity of this parallel.*

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>> *Individuals and populations DO 'adapt or*

>> *die' when circumstances change -- and*

>> *circumstances are changing all the time.*

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>> *But SPECIES cannot 'adapt or die'. They can*

>> *change only by means of evolution, and by*

>> *processes of natural selection, involving*

>> *genetic modification. That is FAR too slow*

>> *for adaptation to any form of environmental*

>> *change. Environmental change takes place*

>> *rapidly; it is clearly visible within human*

>> *lifetimes.*

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>> *Is any of that difficult to follow?*

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>> *There's much more, of course, but that is*

>> *probably as much as the simple-minded*

> > *can handle at any one time.*

> *Well, I for one am rather happy that that much was all you could handle at*

> *one time, Paul. I do admit to being surprised at your admission of the*

> *quality of your intellect -- I wouldn't have thought you that perceptive.*

> --

> *JMoore*

Note the absence of content from this post, and how Jim automatically turns ad hominem when he can't answer. Regulars around here would have expected nothing else.

Of course, there's no response from anyone else either. What a surprise!

Paul.