

Re: Homo & molluscs

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Marc Verhaegen wrote:

> "deowl" <deowl@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> [news:4RkSe.7105\\$e47.6641@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:4RkSe.7105$e47.6641@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
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>> "Jim McGinn" <jimmcginn@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>> news:1125731530.718164.185070@xx
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>> Marc Verhaegen wrote:
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>>> So? Any reason why you think these animals could not have lived next to
>>> "The sediments, numerous molluscan shells (Gyraulus chihliensis and
>>> Planorbis youngi), and leaves and fruits of aquatic plants (for example
>>> Trapa sp.) in MJG-III indicate a low-energy lakeshore or marsh
> environment
>>> rich in organic materials."?
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>> No reason at all Marc. Any reason that these highly
>> mobile creatures might have lived at considerable
>> distance from, "The sediments, numerous molluscan
>> shells (Gyraulus chihliensis and Planorbis youngi),
>> and leaves and fruits of aquatic plants."?
>> Any reason at all?
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>>>> "Shallow water" the Nature report says. Yes, modern
>>>> Hadza set up their hunting blinds near shallow water,
>>>> but NEVER where they live. Their base camps are
>>>> found 1-2 km away (O'Connell et al. 2002:850).
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>>>> Fine. And? Your point? We all know how modern Hadza live, but we're
>>>> talking
>>>> here about our ancestors 1, 2, 3... Ma. Anything in the Hadza's
> lifestyle
>>>> that contradicts our scenario?
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>>>> Uh, Yes, as Lee stated above, modern Hadza set up
>>>> their hunting blinds near shallow water, but NEVER
>>>> where they live. Their base camps are found 1-2 km
>>>> away (O'Connell et al. 2002:850).
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> So? Your point??

No swimming allowed.

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>> And, as if that's not damning enough:

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>> "At Olduvai the Acheulean sites tend to lie along

>> the former stream channels away from the playa

>> lakes." Hay 1967a, 1976.

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> Old stuff. Again: if they had to write it again today, they had probably

> stressed the probability that the fossils were found near some lake... :-D

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> Etc.

Actually no, same O, same O. Nothing has changed, The 1976 paper was good as gold. Even if a lake were nearby, it wouldn't change the fact that the sites are alongside the small runnels, so they are still NEARER the small (no swimming) bodies of water than lakeside. Ever see anyone dive in 50 cm of water? :-)

R. L. Hay and Kyser, T. K., 2003

Chemical sedimentology and paleoenvironmental history of Lake Olduvai, a Pliocene lake in northern Tanzania. Geological Society of America Bulletin: Vol. 113, No. 12, pp. 1505–1521.

(PS: Marc, you have read this paper have you not?)

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