

## Re: Savanna nonsense

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Paul Crowley wrote:

> "Jim McGinn" <[jimmcginn@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:jimmcginn@xxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
> [news:1130166057.428013.293620@xx](mailto:news:1130166057.428013.293620@xx)  
>  
>>> One of the few things we can say  
>>> about hominid evolutions is that it did not  
>>> occur in a habitat where either the severity  
>>> or the extent of the dry-season was marked.  
>>  
>> All the evidence indicates otherwise.  
>  
> Human sweating? The water content of  
> our faeces? The inefficiency of our  
> kidneys -- in having to output a lot of  
> water in our urine?

I think this is explained by the fact that hominids tended to colonize locations close to fresh water.

>  
> What evidence do you have in mind?  
>  
>>> Humans are very badly adapted for such  
>>> conditions.  
>>  
>> Humans are very well adapted for such conditions.  
>  
> What evidence do you have in mind?

Human resource management abilities are better than those of any other species.

>  
>>>>> Btw, what EXACTLY happened 8 mya?  
>>>>> Why did those monsoonal winds begin  
>>>>> abruptly at that time?  
>>>>  
>>>> These are very, very good questions, Paul. And I have some very, very

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>>>> good answers (which, BTW, I've already provided in previous posts).  
>>>  
>>> The usual vague empty garbage.  
>>>  
>>>> But, unfortunately Paul, to understand my answers you have to have a  
>>>> more sophisticated understanding of climate and changes thereof than  
>>>> you've indicated up to this point.  
>>>  
>>> Climatology is one of those fields where  
>>> a lot goes on, but there is minimal  
>>> understanding.  
>>  
>> Speak for yourself.  
>>  
>>> No one can tell us even  
>>> the most basic information — for which  
>>> we'd be prepared to pay billions of  
>>> dollars. If you knew that this winter was  
>>> going to be either severe or mild, you  
>>> could make a fortune on oil and gas  
>>> futures. But no one does. No one can  
>>> even accurately predict the path of a  
>>> hurricane over the next few days.  
>>> They are all guessing.  
>>  
>> These comments underscore your ignorance. You're  
>> making a bald-faced comparison between paleoclimatology  
>> and weather. This is a nonsense comparison.  
>  
> Climate does involve weather.  
>  
>>> Such a field is therefore wide open to  
>>> pompous pretentious (but totally  
>>> ignorant) bullshitters, of which you are  
>>> a prime example. You cannot tell us  
>>> anything about the weather in the next  
>>> few weeks. But you know all that there  
>>> is to know about it 8 mya.  
>>>  
>>> Give us a break.  
>>  
>> Not only could you not answer my questions but you  
>> snipped them you evasive twit.  
>  
> I answered them. But I'm not  
> playing your stupid game.

You're a clueless idiot.

Jim

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