

# Re: The Knight of Common Sense Vs. the Pope of Vagueness

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On Feb 26, 12:45 pm, claudiusd...@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On Feb 26, 11:46 am, Gerrit Hanenburg

<[G.Hanenb...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:G.Hanenb...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

claudiusd...@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Claudius Denk:

Another thing that is really obvious from the evidence is the fact that the stone tools are not found distributed over the greater savanna. Instead they tend to be found at localities that were well treed and well watered when these tools/weapons were first deposited there.

Gerrit:

But who maintains that early hominids like *Homo erectus* settled down in the treeless plains? Get rid of the strawman. Indeed, an early archeological site such as FxJj 50 at Koobi Fora (1.6 mya) was located among the trees in the bend of a paleochannel. This location would have given the hominids cover and access to fresh water and raw materials for stone tools. An ideal homebase. Pretty clever.

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Claudius Denk:

Not only that but this locality may well have had their main food staple, fruit trees and other vegetable foods. And protecting these resources from food competitors (which would have been especially crucial as a strategy to survive the general scarcity and predatory complications of the dry season) does a much better job of explaining the stone tools/weapons than does the notion that they ventured from such a location travelling miles in predator invested habitat to compete with dedicated hunters/scavengers. Moreover, the the dental evidence that does indicated that they consumed grass eating prey species can be better explained as as aspect of ambushing hunting of immigrating grass eating species that would have been especially desperate to find sources of food and water during the dry season.

And you have deduced all this from real data, on the basis of the FxJj 50 site report by Bunn et al. (1997)?

In part, yes.

Bunn, H.T. et al. 1997. FxJj 50. In: Isaac, G.Ll and Isaac, B. Koobi Fora Research Project Vol. 5: Plio–Pleistocene Archaeology. Oxford University Press. pp. 192–211.

So, Gerrit. How do you explain the distribution of HE stone tool/ weapon artifacts? Why are they only found at localities that, at that time, were well watered and treed? Why are they not found in the greater savanna?

Did some fairy come along and take them from the greater savanna and put them all at these localities?

Dear Jim,

What happened is some fairy apparently took away what little reading comprehension you had left, assuming you had any in the first place.

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You don't read or understand anything well enough or know enough about the past to be asking advanced questions.

Here is an example of your reading comp skills from days past:

Subject: Re: Computer simulation proves Stonethrowing preceded and caused bipedalism, not the reverse

Date: 10 May 2004 04:29:50

Message-ID: <ac6a5059.0405100329.75dd54aa@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Archimedes Plutonium said:

If a baboon some 8 or 10 million years ago had started to earnestly use throwing to gain food plus females then a baboon species would have become biped and eventually create a modern civilization.

Jim McGinn said: "Complete nonsense."

Lee said: "Really? Why don't you read that again for comp?"

Jim McGinn said: "Neither chimps or baboons are anywhere near proficient enough with throwing stones to gain food or females."

Lee: "He didn't say they were "near proficient", he said just the opposite. "If" they "had started" they would have been, but since they didn't, they aren't.

Admit it, you didn't get past the 4th grade in school did you?"

While you are at the library trying to patch up your complete anthro-illiteracy problem, check out a book on the English language also.

Sincerely,

Lee

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