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"Nowhere have I stated, either in print or on a public platform, or on the media, that I support the AAH!"
With best wishes, Yours sincerely,
(Professor Emeritus) Phillip V. Tobias
"But adapting to coastal living is, of course, not the same as living IN the water." Stringer --09/14/2001

:-) > nice to see open-minded people

some biased fool:

Are you unhinged Marco? These two folks have just said (above) that they ~don't support~ wet ape stuff.

They 2 people say also:

Stringer 2001 ³In the past I have agreed that we lack plausible models for the origins of bipedalism and have agreed that wading in water can facilitate bipedal locomotion (as observed in other normally quadrupedal primates). I have never said that this must have been the forcing mechanism in hominids, but I do consider it plausible. As for coastal colonisation, I argued in my Nature News & Views last year that this was an event in the late Pleistocene that may have facilitated the spread of modern humans.²
Tobias 1995 ³We were all profoundly and unutterably wrong! ? All the former savannah supporters (including myself) must now swallow our earlier words ?²
Stringer 1997 ³One of the strong points about the aquatic theory is in explaining the origin of bipedality. If our ancestors did go into the water, that would forced them to walk upright ?²
Tobias 1998 ³Bamford identified fossil vines or lianas of Dichapetalum

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in the same Member 4: such vines hang from forest trees and would not be expected in open savannah. The team at Makapansgat found floral and faunal evidence that the layers containing Australopithecus reflected forest or forest margin conditions. From Hadar, in Ethiopia, where ?Lucy¹ was found, and from Aramis in Ethiopia, where Tim White's team found Ardipithecus ramidus ? well-wooded and even forested conditions were inferred from the fauna accompanying the hominid fossils. All the fossil evidence adds up to the small-brained, bipedal hominids of four to 2.5 Ma having lived in a woodland or forest niche, not savannah.^{2 3?} if ever our earliest ancestors were savannah dwellers, we must have been the worst, the most profligate urinators there²

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