

## Re: oldest American skull found!

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Erik A. Mattila *emattila@oco.net* wrote:

>*pwilson* wrote:

>> Erik A. Mattila *emattila@oco.net* wrote:

[...]

>> *Well, I suppose you have a reason to prefer your ancestors be buried*

>> *forever. Others are not as ashamed of their lineage as you appear to*

>>*be.*

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>*But that's not true at all, wilson.*

What part of it isn't true?

>*Do a little research on cemetary laws in western civilization. The*

>*entire concept of "desecration of graves" is a grand cultural tradition.*

I am not challenging the concept of "desecration of graves". But if one of my ancestors is Charlemagne, I will have no problem having his grave opened in the interest of scientific research.

>*Don't believe me.*

OK, I won't.

>*Well, then, just go do some forensic anthropology in your local cemetary*

>*and see where it gets you.*

If you need to do forensic anthropology research in your local cemetery, you can get permission from the courts to do so (assuming you can articulate a valid reason). Exhumation is not impossible.

>> *Trigger was a horse, you dummy, not his great aunt.*

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>*Oh, pardon me. I thought Trigger was Roy's aunt. Silly me.*

Yes, you are. But recognition is a great step forward.

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[...]

>> *I would feel very fortunate and privileged to have an ancestor  
>> deemed important enough to have his/hers bones displayed in a  
>> museum. I think it would be great to take your date to a museum and  
>> say "Look, there is the shinbone of my great-great uncle – he used it  
>> to kick the living shit out of Custer at the Little Big Horn". I  
>> would guarantee that alone would mean you'd score that night. And  
>> that's pretty much all that really matters, no?*  
>  
>*Probably not, but some seem obsessed with such things.*

What ... scoring? You say it like it's a bad thing.

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