

Re: Homo floresiensis

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"Tom McDonald" <tmcDonald2672@nohormelcharter.net> wrote in message
news:10o364ifdr77174@corp.supernews.com...

> *I.E. Johansson wrote:*

>> *"Per Rønne" <spam@husumtoften.invalid> skrev i meddelandet*

>> *news:1gmdteo.3q5e6n1qs0biaN%spam@husumtoften.invalid...*

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>>> *Martyn Harrison <nospam@spammers.of.the.world.unite> wrote:*

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>>>> *Two items of significance, for me, the fact that there could still be*

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>> *another*

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>>>> *intelligent species sharing the planet, obviously.*

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>>> *Well, it is said that they descend from Homo erectus, a species without*

>>> *the ability to speak and without the ability to think in any abstract*

>>> *manner – burials of the dead is only found in species H.*

>>> *neanderthalensis and H. sapiens.*

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>>> *Furthermore, these newly found H. floresiensis specimens [the word*

>>> *"hobbit" seem to be the every-day name given to the species] had a brain*

>>> *at only 1/3 of H. sapiens. I wouldn't call such a species sentient or*

>>> *intelligent.*

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>>> *Per Erik Rønne*

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>> *Your assumption can be correct. No doubts about that. But I guess we have*

>> *to*

>> *realise that we H. sapiens aren't believed to use 1/3 of our brain's*

>> *capacity.... thus it's difficult to say which size of brain is needed for*

>> *intelligence to be possible to exist....*

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> *Inger,*

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- > *That business about our using only some fraction of our brain capacity is*
- > *not true or useful. It's an urban myth, and is debunked here:*
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- > <http://www.csicop.org/si/9903/ten-percent-myth.html>
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- > *In modern humans, brain size among geniuses varies between about 1000cc*
- > *and 1800cc. The same applies among the other end of the intelligence*
- > *curve. Brain size is not all that diagnostic of intelligence among us.*
- > *It may not be among H.f. either. Let's wait to see what their material*
- > *culture (you know, archaeology, like what we're supposed to be discussing*
- > *on this ng, not that you could tell) looks like.*

we had some discussion around the department today about this. the item of interest to our paleo/geoarch guy is how they arrived at their dates; the chair wants to see more about the assemblage; and our cultural guy is just happy to have something else to discuss besides the AAA meeting move.

i for one am happy to see a topic arise here that has nothing to do with... well, lets just say i'm happy to have a new topic. ;-)

tedd.

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A man said to the universe:
"Sir, I exist!"
"However," replied the universe,
"The fact has not created in me
A sense of obligation."