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> I would make this point as it appears to me. Prior to 18,000 years ago in the east, and 35,000 years ago in the west, people appear to have facultatively and opportunistically traveled along the coastal regions and island hopping, even as far as 100–200 miles, the focus was on coastal exploitation, with a limited ability to impact those environments or manipulate the environments.

With continental climates being what they are, it is highly probable that man stuck to the regions with less severe maritime climates.

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> During these periods mammoths may have been able to roam out of the highlands into the valleys at will. So this is another explanation as to why some instances of megafauna could survive.

What would mammoths want in the highlands? They are animals of the cold steppe.

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> This cleared away I searched for instances of shell mounds elsewhere, except the United States, and the only comparable evidence I have seen is from eastern Indonesia.

In Europe they are numerous too, called kjoekkenmoedinger.

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> Therefore it seems likely to me that the megafauna extinction that we see is the result of the nascent admixture of a technologically advanced African culture merging with a technologically advanced West Asia culture toward the LGM and this culture then expands in the less culturally advanced regions of the Mediterranean and in NE Asia, the New World and down the and through China and Eastern Asia. Even so far as PNG. Since this culture is an inland hunting culture, it leaves far more evidence than the coastal culture, whose archaeology is at the mercy of sea levels.

This is certainly not true for the Old World, palaeolithic settlements have been excavated (Dolni Vestonice), hunting camps from people from very different times. And it has been noted, that hunting patterns changed, as I have indicated a number of times, that technologically advanced people turned sedentary, hunting a great number of different species from a smaller territory, while the older folks had specialised in hunting one or two species and had had to follow them through a very large area.

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- > I've painted there the broad side of a barn for those who want to
- > shoot, start shooting.

You seem to have missed out the mammoth, or the extinction of the megafauna to put it more general. Even if those japanese people had hunted mammoth, even if they had succeeded in driving them away from their territories, they would not even touch the heartland of the mammoth species. How could this clarify mammoth extinction?

Sorry, I'am not convinced.

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