

Re: Homo Erectus Traits in Hss

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On Sun, 19 Aug 2007 23:40:07 -0000, in sci.archaeology, J.LyonLayden wrote:

On Aug 19, 6:59 pm, Tom McDonald <kilt...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

J.LyonLayden wrote:

To what community are you referring? No one on s.a., to my knowledge, has written that they believe He didn't have wooden implements.

Everything has to be cited. No one can just agree on the obvious so that the discussion can continue. I feel I can scarcely say "A cockroach is a bug" without providing references to a peer reviewed journal.

Sure, specific claims have to be cited, like your IQ claims. Otherwise we might think you've misremembered something, etc. But that has nothing to do with what you wrote, which was:

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Yes that's true. But I'm also reacting to the general air of this community. For instance, believing that homo erectus only had hand-axes because we don't have any of their wooden implements is nonsensical to me. Wood disintegrates, and common sense dictates that they had them en masse."

No one here believes that. No archaeologist I've ever read has said that, one reason being that we have homo erectus wooden implements.

Very famous spears!

<http://discovermagazine.com/1997/jun/stoneagewood1159>

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prehistoric/past/past26.html#Sch%F6ningen>

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And 'common sense' is not synonymous with 'common knowledge'.

Likewise, if every aussie I meet tells me the same thing about aboriginals, I tend to think it must have some basis in reality.

There are scads of urban legends that many folks will tell you are true. Does that mean every urban legend that many folks repeat as true **must** have some basis in reality?

Most of the time they have **SOME** basis in reality.

That's what I meant. Why do you think I am inferior to an Aboriginal?

I don't. I think you have an inferior skull for fighting as compared to an aboriginal.

To consider an entire group superior, when they are currently under fairly intense evolutionary pressure, is difficult for me to understand.

True. I didn't mean to state it that way.

That's a pretty impossible task.

Why? I think it is a pretty easy proposition to test.

To prove it's not endemic to other populations besides aboriginals, wouldn't you have to test every single person in the world for a thicker skull?

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Remember that it was once politically correct to hunt Aboriginals like wild animals. It was once politically correct to think that black Africans were a separate species from white folks. It was once politically correct to imagine that the Sons of Ham were by nature and God's judgment fit only to be slaves.

And remember why we no longer think those things are correct, politically or otherwise. It is because of those in the dark, as you would have it, those scientists who formulated the questions, set up the tests, conducted the trials and found out the facts.

Was it the scientists who stopped it? Or was it those brave souls who had compassion and common sense, who knew from the get-go that these people weren't animals? I think it just took a little time for the slow process of law to catch up with the opportunistic ventures of evil men.

I'd think that, as a writer, you'd be intensely interested in finding things out by using, among other tools, the methods of science.

Well that's what I have research books and you guys for. But there will be no footnotes in my writing. A lot of it has to be speculation because we know so little. I just don't want to make speculations that have a high percentage chance of later being proved wrong.

You might then ignore the findings for the purposes of your story, as many excellent writers do. But you would at least know when you were doing so, and not make egregious errors by inadvertence that your readers would take as ignorance or carelessness on your part.

That's why I run these things by you guys, so that you can burn me at the stake before I publish.

For instance: thanks to you guys there will be no true bows in my model before 13,000 BC.

I just wouldn't be able to get away with it.

I write, too. I am very conscious of needing to know when I'm

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going beyond the facts, or ignoring them, for effect. I assume from your early postings here that you are the same. God send you are.

I guess what i'm saying is that I am damn sure that neither the multi-regional nor the "out-of-africa" theory are wholly correct, and that I strongly suspect that in the future we will find that the truth lies somewhere in between. And I'm just getting a little frustrated with all the PC misinformation that is keeping us from that future.

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