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On Wed, 28 Nov 2007 16:20:35 -0800 (PST), in sci.archaeology, Melodious Thunk wrote:

On Nov 28, 1:25 pm, David <pchristain...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Nov 28, 3:54 pm, Melodious Thunk <thunk.melodi...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Nov 28, 12:44 pm, David <pchristain...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Nov 28, 2:55 pm, Melodious Thunk <thunk.melodi...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Nov 27, 8:13 pm, David <pchristain...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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I had
something
NEW to say
about them
INDIRECTLY
via the
quality of

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my
references.

LOL!

Non-LOL!

I laughed out loud, nothing can change that. Your response
doesn't
bring a laugh at all, though.

That's because I, unlike you, am serious.

Okay, that brought a chuckle. Not quite an LOL. You *can't* be
serious? Or, !!!

I learned about the "Bradshaw" paintings (which is derogatory in the
sense that the descendants of the painters are *still there* and were
back in 1891) long before I ever learned about newsgroups. The
Bradshaw foundation, your *quality references,* has been around quite
some time, and the website isn't all that new; and their work is an
ongoing process, and they've published extensively.

So what is your "quality" contribution? You're taking credit for their
work?

When I get back from my vacation, I will take a crack at it.

I like to style myself as an "independent scholar" when I'm feeling
fancy; literally I'm a freelance writer who for years has specialized
in what U.S. publishers call "prehistory," especially the non-recorded-
by-European history of Native Americans and Polynesians. There's no
evidence, as far as I know, of connections between Australian natives
and subsequent Polynesians beyond about 50,000 years before present.
The "Bradshaw" paintings aren't that old, per your "quality"
references.

I still get the impression that I had at the outset of your postings,
and that T. McDonald has articulated: you've alluded to some
background in psychology before,

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So far as I can tell from what he has written, this consists of having had a father who was a psychiatrist and the fact that while an undergraduate he used mathematical skills to make a useful contribution to some psychological research. When challenged, he's never made any claims to anything else, just blustered a bit.

and you're developing some associate—

level paper about the malleability of scientists to peer pressure, performing all your research via newsgroups. It's a possibility, though not as strong as simple neurological dysfunction, in which case I might invite my wife to peruse your writings, as that's what she specializes in.

But, have a happy vacation. While you're in the VI, take a few days and leisurely photograph the impressive submarine facilities there; and be sure to share your connection with the Quaker slave trade circa 1700s New England with the local residents. I guarantee, they'll be astounded!

I apologize to the newsgroup, I know my place as a non-qualified somewhat-tolerated occasional poster. The reason to engage apparently mentally ill individuals on the usenet is that, if these folks get the feedback they crave via text, they'll hopefully not act out their impulses in the real world. I hope you accept my rationale; I know at least one person in "real life" who acts out her "needs" through usenet interaction, and this frees her from taking medications that make it impossible for her to hold a job. An odd sort of therapy, but if P/David/Carl is one of those folks like my friend, *this* is his *therapy* and, odd as it seems, has great value to him.

I agree with this. It's better to have this sort of behaviour here than in the 'real world'.

Doug

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