

Re: Kris Hirst's page on Why Don't We Call Them Cro-Magnon Anymore? updated

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I believe you. I know Kris and I knew that if she looked at the article again she would update it. So, yes, I wrote to her explaining that her post was being used to support the idea of giants (right?).

How fair. You have her email and can frame the "reasons" for your insistence any way you like, whereas I do not have the opportunity to present my case. She probably doesn't really care one way or the other. After all, it's POSSIBLE that cro-magnon wasn't as tall as it looks like he was from the evidence before 26,000 BC. It is CONCEIVABLE that all those tall skeletons we found were not the norm and due to lack of enough bones we cannot safely make the assertion that they were any taller than we are now...

But c'mon Doug you know it is most probable that cro-magnon was taller and more robust than us. You also know that we are taller and more robust than we have been in perhaps 1000 years due to modern medicine finally compensating for the malnutrition resultant of agriculture and civilization.

Certainly you acknowledge some difference in stature between the first malnourished agriculturalists and the last of the robust huntergatherers, long before the hunter gatherers were pushed into the less fertile lands and hence suffered from malnutrition as well?

It really isn't a conspiracy. I was unhappy with the way she had a title that said Why we don't call them Cro-Magnon any more and yet continued to refer to Cro-Magnon, and pointed out that she needed to check on more current information about height.

Which she proly didn't do and instead took your "It takes a Village" policing for granted and did the ol' delete/copy/paste.

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She certainly didn't go out and remeasure specimens in a days time.

Sorry if you weren't clear, that's why it says 'updated' in the subject line, the article was updated.

As you have probably guessed, it is rare to find a complete skeleton and over time, for a species in a given time period, you will find different figures for something like height which has to be estimated from the material that is available.

So now you want the estimate to be over a WHOPPING 40,000 years instead of even the first 10,000 so that no one will be able to use the word giant anymore and you'll be finally, utterly vindicated for your suppositions.

I think the idea of giants comes from a variety of sources, some being confusing fossils such as leg bones of other mammals with human fossils, some being the fact that there are 'sports', extremely tall people, etc, plus an explanation for giant ruins, etc.

That's what YOU think. Could we please be allowed to think as well without having the information sifted to us through a grate so that we won't get any ideas of our own?

>But Nephilim? Nah, they aren't

any more real than those giants with double rows of teeth.

How do you have any idea? You don't even know what a nephelim IS, or what the word meant to those ancient people.

I hope to find time to report more on what Adrienne Mayor has to say about giants at some point.

And I hope to one day find a scientist with balls. pretty hard when you get canned for reporting early tool making sites in america, utterly silenced for finding crib-bit on horses in the paleolithic, and harassed for giving seperate heights for two different ages of cro-

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from K. Kris Hirst

Doug Weller, moderator of Skeptical Views of Fringe Archaeology and one of my favorite archaeology webmasters, told me last week that my article Why Don't We Call Them Cro-Magnons Any More? was being used to support some wild notion of there having been giants in prehistory--I suppose based partly on the story in the book of Genesis in the Judeo-Christian religious text known as the bible. I thought that was interesting, so I did so more poking around, and updated my page accordingly.

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Doug Weller --

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