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On Feb 13, 1:12 pm, Doug Weller <dwel...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

On Wed, 13 Feb 2008 07:56:00 -0800 (PST), in sci.archaeology, J.LyonLayden
wrote:

On Feb 13, 1:45 am, Doug Weller <dwel...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

On Tue, 12 Feb 2008 16:50:33 -0800 (PST), in
sci.archaeology, J.LyonLayden
wrote:

snip

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

insistance 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...

You've just used the word skeleton -- a skeleton is a more or less complete collection of bones. What do you think we have for the handful of Cro-Magnon specimens we have.

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.

But are the figures you want to stick for accurate? 5' 10" would still be tall.

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 would definitely not surprise me but I would like to know the specifics.

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 anymore and yet continued to refer to Cro-Magnon, and pointed out that she needed to check on more current information about height.

Which she prolly didn't do and instead took your "It takes a Village" policing for granted and did the ol' delete/copy/paste. She certainly didn't go out and remeasure specimens in a days time.

No, she didn't do that or just cut and paste, it is clear that she did some more research, I only mentioned Loring Brace and she doesn't mention him.

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.

No, I want it for different time periods.

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 you won't be specific, you go hundreds of thousands of
years back for
instance, why?

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Because my case is to show that it is entirely POSSIBLE and in fact even PROBABLE that a population of cro-magnons averaging above 6' roamed the world sometime between 40,000 and 15,000, when agriculture was just beginning and there were still cool monsters, hobbits, and soloensis goblins around.

Again, we are talking about HSS who was evolving at this time and was not the same all over the world. Is this worldwide roaming an integral part of your story?

Yes. The scene I wrote above would be set somewhere in the middle east- where you have cro-magnons to the north and proto-Natufians in the south.

But I believe that distance travelling was much more common than most conservativer scientists like to admit during that age. There were people apparently going back and forth between Australia and Sundaland and between Asia and the Americas, maybe some of them even homo erectus. I haven't decided whether the "galleys" should be skin or reed yet, though.

Anyway, it might be a little more far fetched and I am going to have to depend on storms and exoduses and such in order to get people where I want them, but it is necessary to my protagonists roam in order to paint a picture that reads like fantasy instead of boring Jean Aule. Unfortunately, all the monsters and goblins weren't on the same continent.

Doug

>But Nephilim? Nah, they aren't

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

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

Nor you.

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-magnon!!

That is an idiotic and ignorant statement. You don't get canned for reporting early tool making sites in America, name one archaeologist or anyone else who was (and look at all the reports in the last decade or 2, they are growing in number and according to you there shouldn't be any)..

Doug

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