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On Thu, 14 Feb 2008 17:35:15 -0800 (PST), in sci.archaeology, J.LyonLayden wrote:

On Feb 13, 1:01 pm, Doug Weller <dwel...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I think the relevant citations are:

Bahn, P.G. 1978. "The 'unacceptable' face of the West European Upper Paleolithic." *Antiquity* LII: 183-192.

Bahn, P.B. 1980. "Crib-biting: tethered horses in the Paleolithic?" *World Archeology* 12: 212-217.

(1980): Crib-biting: tethered horses in the Paleolithic?. *World Archaeology*, 12(2): 212-217. by Paul Bahn

Cook, J. 1980. "A re-examination of methods of study applicable to the British Lower Paleolithic". *World Archeology* 12:218-226.

GAUTIER, A. (1998). The "unacceptable face" of the Western European Palaeolithic revisited: the evidence for the presumed domestication of the horse during that period. In: *Proceedings of the XIII Congress. Workshop 3: The horse: its domestication, diffusion and role in past communities (Forli, Italia, 8-14 September 1996)*, Vol. 6(1), 45-50. Forli: A.B.A.C.O. Edizioni.

I don't know how Joe gets 'utterly silenced' out of this.

Oops:

* *Journey through the Ice Age* by Paul G. Bahn

Author(s) of Review: Lawrence G. Straus
American Antiquity, Vol. 63, No. 4 (Oct., 1998), pp. 718-719
doi:10.2307/2694130

See this article:

<http://www.donsmaps.com/tools.html>

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Early Animal Domestication and Its Cultural Context
By Pam J. Crabtree, Douglas V. Campana, Kathleen Ryan 1989
examined 4 Upper Paleolithic horse teeth for bit wear but the teeth were
not in good enough shape to be useful.

Doug

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I may have been being overdramatic but I recall a correspondence letter from Bahn where he said he used to theorize that crib bit in the paleolithic indicated domestication, but his colleagues had convinced him to shut up. It might have been in a letter to that Mammoth Rider guy.

Are you sure you didn't see a claim about such a letter? I saw such a claim from someone saying he'd recanted (which is not the same as shutting up) and asked on Jacques Cinqs-Mars Prehistory forum, here is the correspondence:

"Quote from: DougWeller on February 13, 2008, 10:45:18 AM

At one point Paul Bahn was arguing I believe for evidence of crib biting in Paleolithic horses and of bridles.

Here: <http://www.auefans.ca/discus/messages/4/3995.html>

someone is claiming that he's recanted these claims due to peer pressure?

Does anyone know:

1. Did he recant
2. Anything more about his or any other such claims?

Thanks

Doug

Dear Doug,

Quite a few years ago, I read pretty much everything that had ever been written by Bahn and by earlier French prehistorians regarding putative LUP horse domestication. A number of authors disagreed with Bahn's interpretations and he responded accordingly. But he certainly did not "recant" (a pretty strong word, by the way) because of "peer pressure" (also a pretty hyped up way of describing normal scientific disagreements). He just chose to put an end to the argument and went on to do other things. By the way, if I had been a participant in this exchange, I would have had to disagree with a number of Bahn' claims.

Regards,

Jacques."

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It wouldn't be surprising if he decided he had nothing new to say so there was no point in repeating himself endlessly.

Or even that he started to have some self-doubt, but not enough to change his mind, just enough so that he wasn't going to push it any more.

I'd think that given your interests, the email you are thinking of is the one claimed on the auelfans site.

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