

Re: When did human races split?

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<lauriecurtis@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

According to *The Human Species* (2003) and *Physical Anthropology*, humanity can be divided into two major braches: the African branch and the non-African branch.

As far as I know that isn't fully correct. And I don't criticize the concept of a /non-African/ branch.

But a single fylogenitic /African/ branch doesn't exist. The Nilotes are closer related to the non-African branch than are other African branches, and less related to these other branches than they are to the non-African branch.

This doesn't mean that the species can't be said to constitute of two branches. But the two branches are the khoi-san branch [Hottentots and Bushmen] and the remainder of humankind. Simply put, Africa is the origin of *Homo sapiens* and as such, the kinds of humans living in Africa are more diversified than they are in other parts of the planet.

And of course, this in no way implies the biological inferiority of any branch [or race] of humankind. Although, of course, we are adapted to different biotopes or habitats. There's a reason why people in Equatorial Africa have a very dark skin and why we Scandinavians have fair skin, hair and eyes ...

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