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Chapter 1 : Books | Dean Falk – Evolutionary Anthropologist, Writer, and Educator

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Some hominids, such as Falk. Other hominids and engagingly about three issues of jntpr- had, and modern humans have. These complex mally stressful savanna and to utilize its issues are challenging to explain and tie to- varied resources. This distinction is important scientific one. I learned from this book it to her conclusions and requires better sup- even motivated me to track down some pri- port than Falk gives it here. Once the radi- mary sources cited in its pages , and suspect ator system of cooling was in place among other readers of this journal would as well. She makes a convincing case, based longed selection for better information pro- partly on her own research on hominid en- cessing that included a hefty dose of speech docasts housed worldwide, that in fact aus- p. For Falk, language has a long evo- tralopithecine cerebral cortices are apelike. These elaborations were sub- Discovery of two different systems of tle in that no new structures evolved; rather, brain cooling led Falk to two conclusions just as in dance, subtle shifts in timing and about hominid phylogeny. First, gracile and emphasis were the key t o major changes. Second, Australopithecus afaren- her other important conclusions back to it. These sugges- gracile australopithecines kicked off the tions, and the way that Falk interprets train of events that would eventually lead to KNM-WT the Black Skull and OH even more advanced brains. Bipedalism is 62 termed Homo habilis by Donald Johan- the key to understanding human brain evo- son , are likely to be the most controversial lution. Falk the data that she reviews relating to brain makes it sound as if scientists have only to evolution, although her conclusions are try and they will achieve objectivity, and somewhat difficult to evaluate without ex- seems to link certain conclusions with objec- tive knowledge of brain anatomy. Falk, tivity and others with bias. This is some- however, covers so many topics-including what simplistic. At some get short shrift. She considers it piausi- violence and killing occurs frequently in ble, for example, that Paleolithic artists chimpanzees. They do not stop and interestingly about brain anatomy and until the victim is completely incapacitated evolution that Braindance should be consid- or dead. She seems to say nected pieces of research actually fit together, p. In a few other informative comes upon glancing at the back zyxwv places where Falk deviates from discussing cover, where can be found neither the tradi- brain evolution, she is on similarly shaky tional blurbs of praise nor a picture of the ground. It is labelled as the right side, ob- style.

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Chapter 2 : University Press of Florida: Braindance, Revised and Expanded Edition

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Today, we get a radiator for our brains. She offers new means for dealing with the old issue of how modern humans finally emerged, some 30, years ago. Falk begins four and a half million years ago with the species Australopithecus, first discovered in South Africa in In those days, paleontologists shied away from controversy with anti-evolutionists by classifying anything that might be our ancestor as human. Australopithecus did walk on its hind legs. But there its humanity ends. Falk believed the brain of that not-so-missing link was the key to the puzzle. Here was a creature who walked upright with hands free for two million years, yet it was endowed with the brain of an ape. The famous Lucy skeleton was one of these. It took on the folds and creases of your brain or mine. A species called Homo habilis had a forty percent larger brain. Falk struggled to understand what had happened. Then, something emerged from her subconscious. The brain is terribly sensitive to changes in temperature. It absolutely must be cooled in summer and heated in winter. But where is its radiator? Falk began studying the blood supply to ancient brains. When Lucy took to her hind legs, her head had to bear the brunt of the African sun. She began changing, very slowly. More holes appeared within humanoid skulls to provide access for more blood to cool the brain. The radiator of a Model-T evolved into the radiator of your Rolls-Royce brain. It was , years ago that our brains reached their full modern size in, of all people, the Neanderthals. They began creating art, building huts, burying their dead, and worshipping deities. But now we had our radiator and now the real fun was about to begin. Henry Holt and Company,

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Chapter 3 : Taung Child - Wikipedia

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History[edit] Taung-1 front In the early 20th century, the workers at limestone quarries in Southern Africa routinely uncovered fossils from the tufa formations that they mined. The tufa did not form consistently, and over time cavities were left open and they became beneficial areas for animals to take shelter in. As a result, many bones began to build up in these areas. These areas were mostly sandstone, and they stood in the way of successful mining. So, miners would use explosives to clear these areas, and discard all the debris. Many were of extinct fauna, which included baboons and other primates, and the more complete or somehow more interesting fossils were kept as curiosities by the Europeans who managed operations. Izod , the visiting director of the Northern Lime Company, the managing company of the quarry. The director gave it to his son, Pat Izod, who displayed it on the mantle over the fireplace. Salmons was permitted to take the fossilized skull and presented it to Dart, who also recognized it as a significant find. Dart asked the company to send any more interesting fossilized skulls that were unearthed. When a consulting geologist, Robert Young, paid a visit to the quarry office, the director, A. Speirs, presented him with a collection of fossilised primate skulls that had been gathered by a miner, Mr. Speirs was using a particular fossil as a paperweight, and Young asked him for this as well. Young sent some of the skulls back to Dart. He quickly searched through the rest of the fossils in the crates, and matched it to a fossilized skull of a juvenile primate, which had a shallow face and fairly small teeth. Tobias and the Taung Child. Scientists were initially reluctant to accept that the Taung Child and the new genus Australopithecus were ancestral to modern humans. However, Dart still had the hesitant support of W. L. Duckworth, but he still asked for more information on the brain to support this claim. Grafton Elliot Smith stated that he needed more evidence and a larger picture of the skull before he could judge the significance of the new fossil. Arthur Smith Woodward dismissed the Taung Child as having "little bearing" on the issue of "whether the direct ancestors of man are to be sought in Asia or Africa". Elliot Smith concluded that the Taung fossil was "essentially identical" to the skull of "the infant gorilla and chimpanzee". The skull is that of a young anthropoid ape First, the British scientific establishment had been fooled by the hoax of the Piltdown Man , which had a large brain and ape -like teeth. When Taung was first announced in February , many anti-evolutionists began to rise up in protest of this fossil. Dart began receiving many threats from members of various religious communities that threatened his imminent damnation. Some were able to reconcile the science with the religious theology through the lens of "creation science", but there was still significant opposition. However, by this time many other fossils such as Java Man , Piltdown Man, Neanderthal Man , and Rhodesian Man were being discovered, and the theory of evolution was becoming more difficult to refute. Using a "metrical and statistical approach" that he thought was superior to purely descriptive methods, [16] he decided that the creatures had not walked on two legs and so were not an intermediate form between humans and apes. Robert Broom , a Scottish doctor who worked in South Africa, was one of the few scientists to believe Dart. After he became a paleontologist in , Broom found adult fossils of Australopithecus africanus and discovered more robust fossils, which were eventually renamed Australopithecus robustus AKA Paranthropus Robustus. In , Broom and his colleague Gerrit Schepers published a volume consolidating all the information they had found about Australopithecus africanus in a volume titled The South African Fossil Men: He admitted "the evidence submitted by Dr. Robert Broom and Professor Dart was right and I was wrong. I am now convinced Dart was right and that I was wrong. The Australopithecinae are in or near the line which culminated in the human form". The idea that the skull belonged to a new genus was identified by comparison with skulls of chimpanzees. Its foramen magnum , a void in the cranium, where the spinal cord is continuous with the brain, is beneath the cranium so the creature must have stood upright. Dean Falk , a specialist in neuroanatomy, noted that Dart had not fully considered

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certain apelike attributes for Taung. As it turned out, he was wrong about that He believed that the sulcus would be in the area of the lambdoid structure. Falk however, believed the sulcus was placed higher on the skull, in a more ape-like manner. However, studies surrounding this have been controversial, as there is no concrete place on the brain where they can place these features. Paleoneurologists have been tasked with looking at various depressions in the brain and attempting to determine what they are. These scientists are often met with skepticism, just as Falk in her continued support of and ape-like placement of the lunate sulcus. However, now many professionals believe that the sulcus is not visible in Taung and many other Australopithecus africanus specimens. It remains unpublished in these archives where very few are able to appreciate it. In this writing Falk discovered that she and Dart had come to similar conclusions surrounding the evolutionary process of the brain that Taung indicates. Whereas Dart had identified only two potential sulci on the Taung endocast in , he identified and illustrated 14 additional sulci in this still-unpublished monograph. It is estimated to be 2. Originally thought to have belonged to a monkey or ape, the skull, as Dart realized, must have been positioned directly above the spine, indicating an upright posture. That is a trait seen in humans but unknown in other primates. There was some debate over the age of this creature initially because it was unclear if it grew at the speed of a human, or of an ape. Compared to an ape, it would have been aged about 4 years, and compared to a human, it would have been aged around 5â€”7 years old. There are talon marks in the eyes as well as a depression along the skull that is common in creatures that have been preyed upon by eagles.

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