

must have thought that the mountain above the city was Ararat and the Ark landed there. This supposed landing place of the ark appears to be based entirely on local tradition and it is not surprising that Julius Africanus had doubts about it.

I would go for Ararat in Parthia, because Julius Africanus quite reasonably identifies the Parthian Empire with Ararat, and it's much more in line with the other historical sources that were discussed by Bill Crouse in his original article.⁴

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Fun World amusement?

Thank you for the most recent copy of the *TJ*. I've renewed my subscription after a few years of not getting it, and it's great to be getting this kind of info again. My children

also enjoy the *Creation* magazine.

In Volume 16(3) Dr Bergman, in his article on Darwin's apemen and the exploitation of deformed humans concludes that,

'No doubt if someone attempted a similar show today, public outrage would rapidly shut the show down as racist and fraudulent. Unfortunately, the harm is now done, and cannot easily be undone.'

I would agree with Bergman's conclusion, and I wanted to bring to your attention that such shows, in fact, are still going on today.

While living in the United Arab Emirates, I subscribed to the local paper, *The Gulf Today*. I was surprised to see a photo last year which featured supposed throwbacks to our 'hominid ancestors'. Figure 1 is a copy of the photo which appeared in *The Gulf Today* on Sunday, 3 June 2001 (with an Agence-France byline).

The caption reads,

'THIS IS NO ENTERTAINMENT:

Murugeswari, a housewife and mother of two, looks over her brothers-in-law Armugam (left), Vinayaka Murthy (centre) and Elumalai (right) aged 52, 48 and 46 respectively; at the Fun World amusement park in Bangalore on Saturday. These three brothers, unable to speak any modern language and bearing the physical resemblance to our hominid ancestors, are being exhibited at the amusement park in a specially-built enclosure and can be seen for Rs10.'

Sadly, the exploitation of deformed humans as supposed 'proof' for evolution continues even today.

Does anyone at *AiG* know what sort of affliction/deformation has afflicted these brothers? A rare genetic disorder perhaps? They do look a lot like the photos of Neanderthals/Cromagnon man which are featured in evolutionist publications. Thanks for any insights you can give here.

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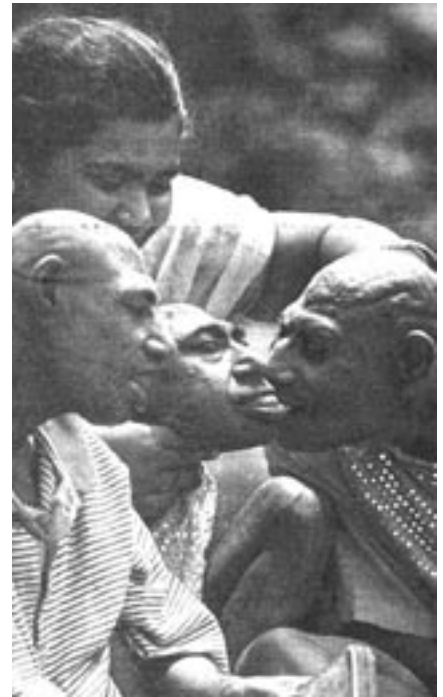


Figure 1. Murugeswari and her three brothers-in-law.

Jerry Bergman replies:

Judging from the photo (not an ideal way of diagnosis) it appears to be microcephaly, a general term for a condition caused by abnormally slow growth of the brain. Microcephaly often results from brain damage during development such as by teratogens (compounds that cause malformations of the foetus), genetic factors, or unknown factors said to be primary.

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Willard Libby and carbon dating Egyptian artifacts

In reference to David Down's correspondence concerned with carbon dating and Egyptian chronology in *TJ* 17(2):70, 2003, I think most readers would be delighted to read what Wil-