

"PLANET OF THE Apes, CONTINUED"

By PAT/SALTY

EVER GO TO THE BEACH IN SUMMER?
EVER HAPPEN TO SEE ONE OF THOSE
TYPE OF GUYS - AND THEY ARE RARE -
WHO IS ABSOLUTELY COVERED IN HAIR?
AND I MEAN COVERED, VIRTUALLY FROM
HEAD TO TOE, IN HAIR SO THICK IT LOOKS
MORE LIKE FUR? EVEN ON THEIR BACKS
AND SHOULDERS? WITH FUR - OH, I MEAN
HAIR - THAT IS SO EASILY VISABLE YOU
CAN SEE IT FROM FEET, OR YARDS, AWAY?
EVER HAPPEN TO RUN INTO ONE OF THOSE
RARE TYPE OF GUYS THAT COULD BE
MISTAKEN FOR DARWIN'S "MISSING LINK"?
I HAVE.

MORE THAN ONCE, TOO, OVER THE YEARS.
WHAT IS "PROFESSOR SALTYS" THEORY
ON THIS (AND - YES - I HAVE ONE)
MY THEORY IS THIS;

THOSE FELLOWS ARE HUMANITY'S "MISSING LINKS"!
(AND TO THINK THAT SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT
THAT I - PAT/SALTY - WAS, OR AM.)

NO; I AM NOT HAIRY. NOT EVEN CLOSE.
NEVER WAS - HELL, I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE
TO SHAVE DAILY TO I WAS ABOUT 30.

SO - NO - I AM NOT THE MISSING LINK,
OR A MISSING LINK; BUT THOSE GUYS ARE!

MY THEORY IS EXPLAINED THUSLY;

IF DARWIN'S THEORY OF EVOLUTION IS
INDEED CORRECT (WHICH IS OUR PREMISE)
- AND HIS THEORY SURMISED NOT THAT MODERN
HUMANS DESCENDED FROM THE APES BUT
THAT MODERN APES AND MODERN →

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HUMANS MUST HAVE LONG AGO SHARED
THE SAME ANSESTER BEFORE "BRANCHING
OFF IN SEPERATE DIRECTIONS -

WELL, IF DARWINS THEORY IS CORRECT,
I BELIEV THAT THESE MODERN DAY

SUPER HAIRY BEACH MEN OF WHICH
WE SPEAK ~~OF~~ ARE GENETIC THROWBACKS

(MUTANTS) TO EARLY MANKIND; AT LEAST AS FAR
AS THEIR "HAIRYNESS GENES" ARE CONCERNED,

JAST AS MODERN DAY MONGOLOIDS MAY
BE - GENETICALLY SPEAKING - LIVING
"RELICS" FROM MANKINDS MONGOL PAST.

EVER SEE A HAIRY MONGOLOID?

I DIDN'T THINK SO.

BECAUSE - IF YOU EVER DO - YOU WILL
BE LOOKING AT A RARE LIVING

HUMAN SPECIMEN MORE EXOTIC AND
MORE RARE THEN EVEN THE NOW
EXTINCT DO-DO BIRD EVER WAS.

BUT LET US TURN OUR ~~ATTEN~~ ATTENTION BACK
TO OUR HAIRY BEACH DWELLERS; ~~BEHOLD~~
THICK LONG HAIR ON A MANS BACK AND
ON THE UPPER BACK SHOULDERS REMINDS
YOU OF AN APE AND OF DARWINS THEORY, NO?

("GOD, LOOK AT THAT GUY - DARWIN MUST HAVE
BEEN RIGHT!")

YOU SECRETLY THOUGHT THIS TO YOURSELF
WHEN YOU SAW ONE AND I - PAT/SALTY -
KNOW ~~IT~~ IT, TOO. YOU DIDN'T - OBVIOUSLY -

GO "CHARLTON HESTON" AND START SCREAMING
AT THE BEACH THAT DAY "STAY AWAY FROM
ME YOU BLOODY BABOON!" - NO, NOT AT ALL -
BUT YOU NOTICED, ALRIGHT - BOY OH BOY DID
YOU EVER NOTICE THE DAY YOU SAW... THE MISSING LINK!
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