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A DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES IN THE HOMO GENUS

A treatise on the characteristics of the so-called Moleman, or *Homo Troglodytes Talpidae*, as discovered and described by Prof. Digbert Brown Ph.D., N.S.S., L.S.D.

In this paper I will give incontrovertible proof of the existence of a species of near-human cave-dwelling creatures, distinct from *Homo Sapiens Sapiens*.

I. HABITAT AND POPULATION

Homo Troglodytes Talpidae is in all likelihood residing in subterranean pockets in many locations around the globe – and possibly on other planets, though that remains to be proven – but has as of now only been observed in a cave some 50,000 feet below the former limestone quarry on the land belonging to Mr Puddley of Akersbury, Wiltshire. Mr Puddley claims to have no knowledge of the creatures described here, and is suspiciously reticent to even enter into conversation on the matter.

The population studied was approximated to consist of somewhere between twenty and several thousand individuals, depending on which witness to trust. The author of this paper is of the latter opinion, based on extrapolation of the genetic variation among the observed members of the tribe, and intuition. The factual number of observed individuals is closer to twenty, but counting of heads was made difficult by the dimness of the light in the cave.

II. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The male *Homo Troglodytes Talpidae* is comparable to modern humans in stature, though of more robust build. There was only one female studied, and she was almost indistinguishable from regular *Homo Sapiens Sapiens*. She also clearly spoke modern English, albeit of a rural and unsophisticated variety. The males were mostly silent, but responded to speech by nodding, and intermittently uttered short phrases in an unarticulated tongue. Their skin appeared to be light, though partly covered with a sooty substance, and, strangely enough, seemed to be clearly weathered by an over-exposure to sunlight.

III. BEHAVIOURAL TRAITS

Many of the behaviours commonly observed among modern humans – such as reading, playing pool, smoking, trading stocks and scientific exploration, has not been observed among the Molemen. Instead they prefer to stand in groups and watch as more interesting activities take place, for instance a visit by a group of celebrated scientists from the world above ground.

They dress in rustic, unsophisticated clothes, clearly produced by tailors not updated on the current styles and materials. Clothing shows signs of excessive wear and even mending. Colours are dull and fail to catch the eye of passers-by. Shoes are nearly non-existent, perhaps the most striking proof that *Homo Troglodytes Talpidae* is still stuck in a more primitive evolutionary stage.

IV. LANGUAGE AND TRADITIONS, ETC.

As mentioned above, the evolution of speech in the *Homo Troglodytes Talpidae* is unevenly spread as regards to gender. While the females have evolved their speech to the level of modern English, the males are mostly non-verbal, monosyllabic at best. On approaching their habitat, and before the expedition was detected by the group, there was a more varied pattern of language-like sounds in the cave, but they quickly subsided as we entered their midst. There remains much work yet to categorise and record the language-like vocalisations used by these Molemen.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In the detailed account above, I have provided substance to the theory that a previously unknown species in the *Homo* genus is alive today and living in biotopes where modern humans would quickly perish. I propose to call this species *Homo Troglodytes Talpidae*, or cave-dwelling Moleman in plain English. It is my firm belief that these creatures lack the sophistication to pose any real threat to human society should they venture above ground.

But more research is needed, and I will end on a note of caution: Already within minutes of exposure to human culture, a development towards the forming of trade unions seems to have taken place. Who knows, on our next exposure they may have devolved into full-fledged revolutionary communists?



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