

A DEBATE OVER HUMAN EVOLUTION

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There is a meeting of the American Society of Anthropologists in your hometown. Because of your excellent training in evolutionary biology, the editor of your local paper has sent you to cover the proceedings. During the meeting, several heated arguments have occurred between scientists who believe that modern humans radiated out of Africa as recently as 200,000 years ago (the "Noah's Ark" model) and scientists who believe that human groups arose where they are found today (the multiregional model). Your editor has asked you to write an article that will accomplish the following two goals:

1. Inform the general public of the exciting progress that anthropologists have made in understanding human evolution.
2. Highlight the essential differences between the Noah's Ark and multiregional models.

As with all newspaper articles, space is limited (maximum of 1.5 pages, single-spaced). Avoid the use of technical language and define those terms you must use.

The following literature will be useful:

Thome A, Wolpoff M (1992) The multiregional evolution of humans. *Sci. Am.* 266(4):76-83.

Wilson A, Cann R (1992) The recent African genesis of humans. *Sci. Am.* 266(4):68-73.