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Have you heard all those sports champs talking about their feats? How proud they are of their victories over their contenders and over themselves! Still, if you compare them to the Neanderthal Man they are a worthless lot.

Paleoanthropologists (if you can't read this word you are a real *homo numericus*) have assessed the capabilities of prehistoric people through the combined study of fossil traces and ethnographical data.

The outcome is glaring: Usain Bolt, who runs 100 m at a speed of 26 mph, is a straggler compared to an Aboriginal hunter from 20,000 years back. The hunter could chase his game at a speed of 23 mph over much longer distances and on more rugged ground than those of smooth stadium tracks! If he ran against Bolt he would shake him off in no time at a speed of 28 mph!

Same thing with primitive Africans who could jump as high as 8.26 ft and with Aborigines who could hit a target 120 yds away with their spears.

Roman soldiers could yomp in the country, covering 40 mi/day with 88 lbs of weaponry on their backs. And ancient Greek oarsmen would have humiliated present day rowers.

At arm-wrestling a Neanderthal woman would crush a steroid-fed body-builder. Better not antagonize the wife... And the *homo heidelbergensis*, the Neanderthal Man's ancestor, would scare the shit out of our brawny hulks: 265 lbs.

Well, as far as brain is concerned, don't we overpower them?
Nope. Not a chance.

Recent scientific data clearly state that we have reached our limit. IQ scores have come to a standstill. For the first time in 70 years our brain doesn't show any breakthrough. Overall performance stagnates. Strangely enough, the invention of artificial intelligence (AI) hasn't served us. The machine beats us. Oh yes, we are still the masterminds of evolution since we *think* - though I have doubts about 75% of mankind - but when it comes to pure brains we are stuck. The paradox is to figure out if the AI we create will keep developing while our mental powers are jammed. In which case computers will take over. Otherwise, AI will even out with us - whew! In a scientific magazine I have read "*There is no established evidence that modern mankind is intellectually superior to their prehistoric ancestors.*" In addition to that, Internet undermines our neuronal aptitudes...

In short, in airports and shopping malls we use the escalators to *go down*! And for meals, we don't actually walk through the store or to the restaurant. We keep our fat asses in our cars and go to the drive-in. Pooh! As for intelligence, increasingly left to computers, you just have to look at a teenage geek slumped in front of his screen, with his mop of hair hanging before his dull expression, to understand that he will never reach the wit of a *homo erectus*.

Let me summarize it: the Cro-Magnon was physically more powerful than, and intellectually as capable as, we are. I dare not imagine their sexual capacities.

I take a bow.

