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Why do humans differ from other primates?

The aquatic ape theory suggests that early human ancestors lived in water at least part of the time.

This aquatic lifestyle may account for our hairless bodies, which made us more streamlined for swimming and diving; our upright, two-legged walking, which made wading easier; and our layers of subcutaneous fat, which made us better insulated in water.

The theory even links an aquatic existence to the evolution of human speech.

Elaine Morgan was a Welsh author of several books on evolutionary anthropology, especially the aquatic ape hypothesis, which proposes that human evolution had an “aquatic phase” in the Miocene or Pliocene epoch.

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