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The Beringia was blocked by ice between 110-12kya. Yet archaeological evidence indicates that amh were living in South America between 30-15kya.

The Amerindian haplogroups (hg) are descendant from the L3(M,N, & X) macrohaplogroup): ABCDN and X. The L3 (M,N,X) macrohaplogroup converge at np 16223.

Hellenthal et al mention the fact that Bantu mtDNA has been found among the Maya due to the slave trade. Although this is their view the molecular evidence indicates that researchers have found L1, L2 & L3 clusters among many Mexicans including the Cora, Mixtec & Zapotecs 1-3. Underhill et al found African y-chromosomes among Mayan Indians 4. Many of these Native Americans were isolated from African slaves 2.

Amerindians also carry the X hg. Amerindians and Europeans hg X are different⁵. Haplogroup X has been found throughout Africa⁶. Shimada et al believes that X(hX) is of African origin⁶. Although Amerindian X is different from European hg X, skeletons from Brazil dating between 400-7000 BP have the transition np 16223⁷⁻⁸. This suggest that Africans may have taken this hg to the Americas in ancient times.

Gutherie found that the Vantigen of the Rhesus system, considered to be an indication of African ancestry, among Indians in Belize and Mexico centers of Mayan civilization⁹. Dr. Gutherie also noted that A*28 common among Africans has high frequencies among Eastern Maya⁹. In addition, six Mayan groups show the B Allele of the ABO system that is considered to be of African origin⁹.

The Dafuna canoe found in Nigeria dating before 12kya indicates that Africans had the naval technology that would have allowed them to make a long-distance sea voyage. In addition, there are 1) negro skeletons found throughout the Americas dating before Columbus¹⁰⁻¹³; 2) Amerind tribes like the Cora were never in contact with Africans¹⁴, and 3) a Mandekan substratum in the Mayan and Otomi languages¹⁵. In conclusion, the molecular evidence (including the np transition 16223 in hg X), linguistic evidence and naval technology of Africans 12-20kya is congruent with the idea the first amh in the Americas may have come from Africa.

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