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From trees to ground: To explain how the ancestor of man changed from a tree-dweller to a ground-dweller, it seems plausible to assume that the change was brought about by a change in climate. Millions of years ago there was a change in Asia in elevation of the land surface from lower to higher levels, making for more arid conditions which diminished the forests. Those that survived this change had to meet competition with ground animals: they learned to fight, using new weapons such as sticks and stones, instead of taking flight into the trees; to eat grains growing on the ground instead of the fruits of trees; and finally, with the coming of more severe winters, to clothe themselves with the skins of beasts and to seek shelter in caves.

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