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Photo of a 1.77-million-year-old complete adult skull (braincase
volume: 546 cubic centimeters) of early Homo from the site
of Dmanisi, Georgia. Together with the fossilized bones of four
additional individuals discovered in close proximity, the skull
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