

Evolution

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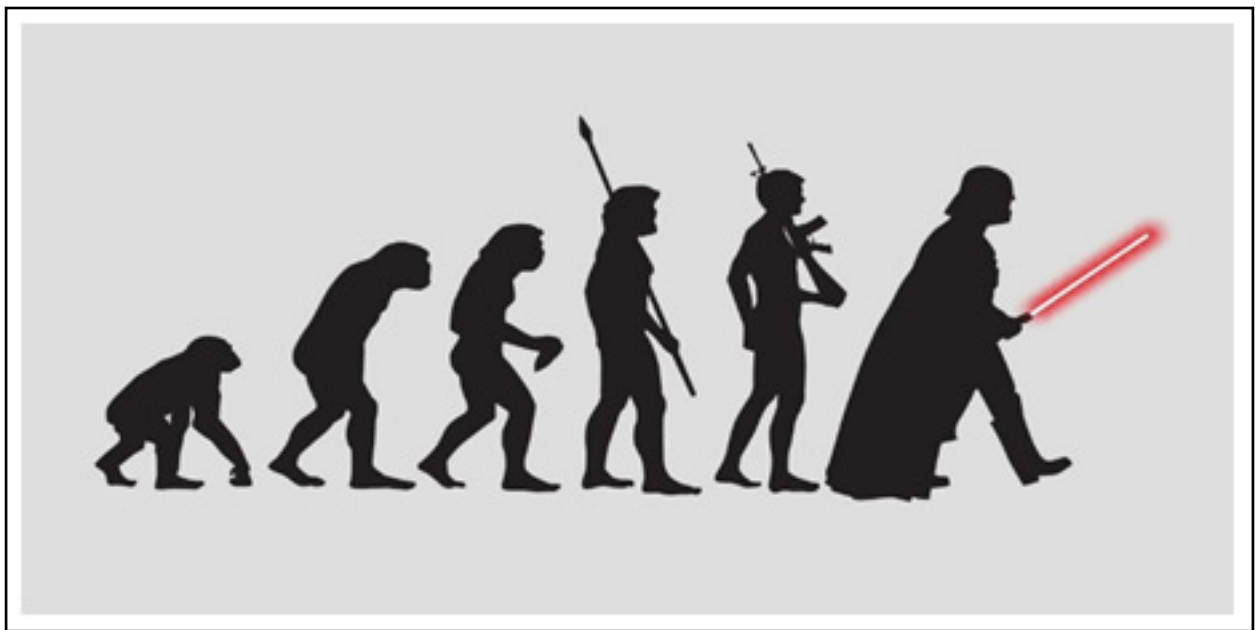
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Usually things have a clear cycle. The process starts, goes on, it ends, it begins again, etc. But with evolution the “Normal” thinking process doesn’t seem to apply. By evolution I don’t refer to Charles Darwin or his theories. According to him, species ADAPT to environments, in other words they alter certain details in their genetic blueprints to enhance their capacity for life. Evolution is defined as altering the meaning and essence of one’s existence. Therefore, organisms are subjected to adaptation not evolution.

My concern is a thing of great importance to us humans. It is physical in that it has a predefined shape and size, we understand its structure and function and yet it creates what we cannot comprehend. It derives inspiration from its surroundings and yet it is able to create the unobservable. It is limited by its accessories and yet sees what an eye cannot, hears what an ear cannot, and feels what fingers cannot.

Many would say I speak of the human brain, but they are mistaken. The brain, by definition controls the physical aspects of our bodies and therefore can be thought of as a mere organ. I speak of something far more intricate in its workings. I speak of the mind. No one knows of the true workings of the mind, where it resides, whether it dies etc.

But one thing is certain: it has driven man to greatness (and madness). As all things in nature the mind evolves to empower its host. For example, take Legos. These most ingenious toys output physical representations of mental development within children who have only just begun to learn of the world and its workings. At first the child would build a small simple house with a door and a window. With time, he adds rooms, and gives the house dimensions quite similar to those in his own home. Then he will tear down the house to build a castle. Your creation now acts as a mind outlet, in which your mind will test the limits that physics applies on your blocks. And so, you will learn of your surroundings and alter your designs to accommodate them. At a young age, the world has already begun to impose its limitations upon your ability to wonder.

As is natural, before we delve into any subject we must specify the premises upon which we will base our assumptions. In his writings Henry Kissinger provides a brilliant definition of evolution applied to the masses as a whole:

Evolution proceeds not in a straight line but through a series of complicated variations. At every step of the road there are turns and forks, which have to be taken for better or for worse. The conditions governing the decision may be of the most delicate shading. The choice may appear

in retrospect nearly random or else to be the only option possible under the prevailing circumstances. In either case, it is the result of the interaction of the whole sum of previous turnings--reflecting history or traditional values--plus the immediate pressures of the need for survival.

To understand how we have evolved during the past few millennia, first we must understand the Principle that governs man's behaviour. Secondly, we must look at the timeline. We must look to our past and understand why we exist as we do, and why the times have led us to the state we reside in.

Mankind sees itself as the force that governs nature. We believe that science and knowledge have made us kings over the very land that feeds and nurtures us, but the fact that man could even consider himself above nature is proof of his inferiority.

Nature is kind to us, for it supports us and asks for nothing in return, and yet man belittles this great service and refuses to offer decency and kindness to that which has kept us warm and fed for many millennia. Nature is not embodied by trees, by meadows, or by organisms. Nature is the equilibrium. It is the sum of fire and water. It is the force that breeds life from death. It is the Immortal beauty men will never see, for the age of men will pass and it will endure with or without men. And yet man assumes himself king over a force he will not even outlive. The teachings of the Native Americans speak of harmony with nature, and of returning the kindness presented to us with our own. Those are the men and women we now consider to be illiterates and naïve, and yet we find that the knowledge they possess far eclipses that of the "learned". For the minds of these people are not limited by text books or by the laws of physics, and the other fancy laws we have fabricated. They are limited only by nature, and nature extends even beyond the universe.

The extent of man's evolution/degradation, becomes quite evident when we observe the process by which we now handle crises. Take Global Warming, and observe how men have dealt with the problem. We have spent the last 20 years trying to stop what can only be reversed. When an army invades your territory, you cannot hide behind your walls, and simply spread word of imminent doom. You must rally your men and hold your ground and strike back where it is necessary. This was how the men of old dealt with problems: they fought back. Now we need to refer to the law, and to governments to tell us what to do and when to do it. Well by the time these men decide to save the planet, there will not be one left to save. Global Warming can be solved in weeks, but governments and businesses will not commit their resources simply because this does not generate revenue. This is how we have evolved. From men and women of iron, steel, and conviction, are born the cowards that we call our leaders.

Men are weak, and strength will only come from our acceptance of this inevitable reality.

All around the world in Paris, Rome, London, Athens, Damascus, Jerusalem, Madrid, you will find the remnants of our Golden Age. Many would assume the 21st century is the golden age, but I say to those people, look around you. No one is happy, no one lives with purpose, no one holds true power, justice is now a foreign concept, and the masses simply do not care anymore. The average American, citizen of the "greatest county in the world", spends his entire life sealing his debts, and so instead of being a productive entity, the man is now a simple number to be added to the yearly statistics. Every man, woman, and child is owned by some distant power, slaves to that power's bidding. In a few words George Orwell describes the "Golden Age".

War is Peace
Freedom is Slavery
Ignorance is Strength

This is how man has evolved. From civilizations that could build the pyramids, to generations that struggle with thought. Instead of increasing his capacity for wonder all man has done is drive himself to a time in which nothing matters. As we acquired more and more knowledge our minds became subject to more and more restrictions. Many historians point out the fact that the pyramids could not have been built by such a primitive capacity for tools. Here, Ignorance of limits turned to strength. Evolution and knowledge lead to greatness when we as a race take right decisions, and when we are prepared to accept the consequences of our decisions. Our actions must be directed toward certain objectives, for the greatest strategic blunder is to move simply for the sake of moving. Life was bestowed upon the human race not so that it may squander it, but so that it may use it to unleash the power bestowed upon the human mind.

"If at first the idea is not absurd, then there will be no hope for it." A. Einstein.

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