

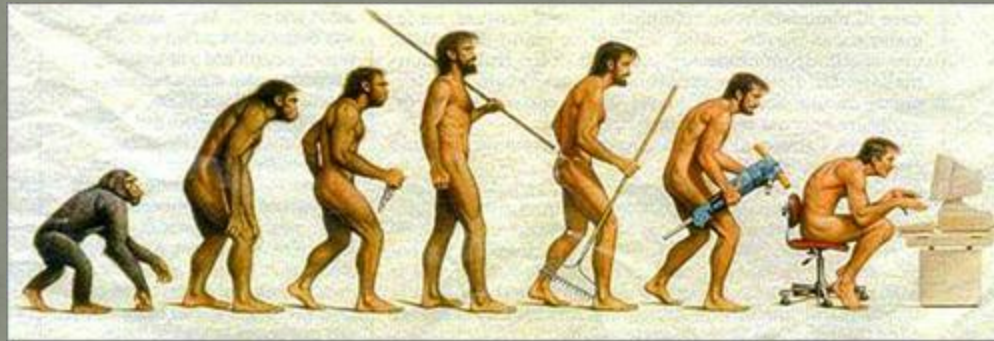


Divine Primates:

A Look At Human Nature and the World Around Us

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Divine = “of, or pertaining to God”

Primate = “the most highly developed order of mammals, including man, the apes, lemurs, monkeys, etc.”



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I viewed my fellow man
not as a fallen angel,
but as a risen ape.

-- Desmond Morris



Implications of Species Awareness

- Culture and Society
- Health and Wellness
- Education and Values
- Politics and Ideology
- Religion and Philosophy
- Economic Systems
- Environmental Sustainability
- Science and Technology



Systems Approaches

Systems thinking is a rational way of defining reality.

How we define the reality of human nature is very important in setting up our expectations about how we should act and what we expect from life.

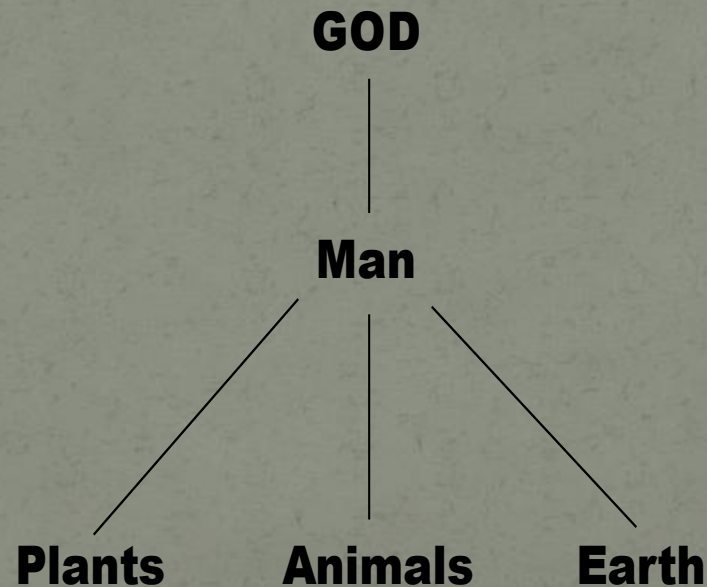
Relevant systems approaches include:

- Traditional Religious System
 - Scientific System
 - Global Ecosystem



Traditional Religious System

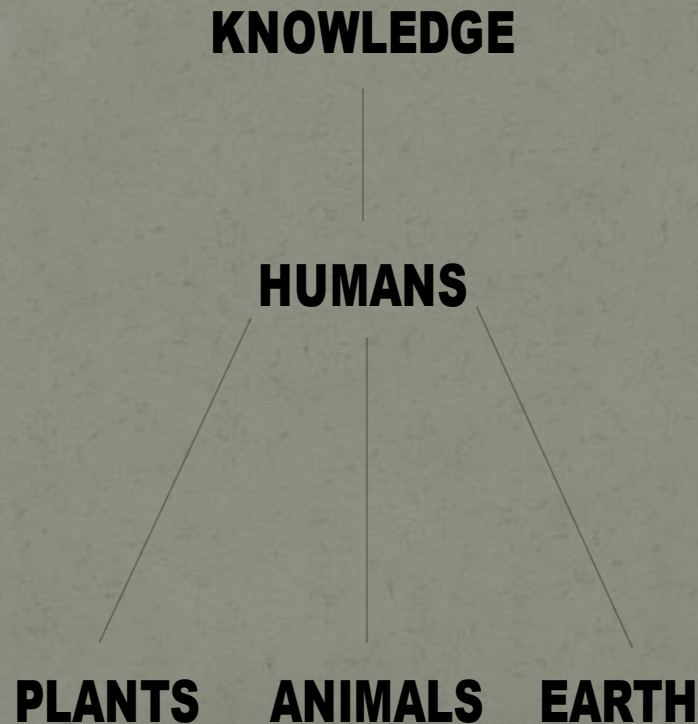
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Scientific Earth System

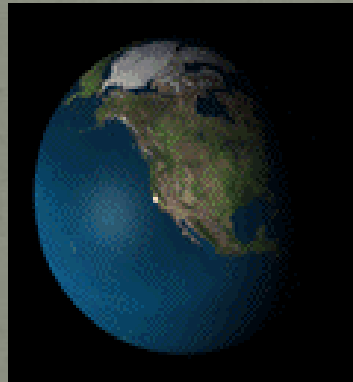
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ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM

ECO-SYSTEM



One Planet – One People



SPECIES

HUMANS ARE ONE SPECIES OUT OF
2-10 MILLION SPECIES ON EARTH

PRIMATES.....	400
FLOWERS.....	270,000
BEETLES.....	300,000
SPONGES.....	5,000
FISHES.....	28,000
GRASSES.....	10,000



Creation Myths of “Science”

- A. SCIENCE IS BASED UPON OBSERVATION AND HUMANS ARE THE OBSERVERS
- B. OBSERVERS ARE BIASED TOWARDS THEIR OWN SUBJECTIVE PERCEPTIONS
- C. HUMANS TEND TO SEE THE WORLD AS CENTERED AROUND OUR NEEDS AND OUR DESIRES



DIVINE PRIMATES ARE WE ANIMALS OR GODS?

ANIMALS NEED FOOD AND WATER

ANIMALS ENJOY HAVING SEX

ANIMALS COMPETE TO SURVIVE



Human Progress?

- HUMANS, LIKE OTHER PRIMATES, ARE GOOD AT UNDERSTANDING THE SHORT-TERM CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIONS.
- WE LEARN TO PREDICT THE OUTCOMES OF MANY SITUATIONS.
- WE HAVE THUS EXTENDED OUR HABITAT AND FLOURISHED, BUT NOT WITHOUT A HIGH PRICE TO OTHER SPECIES AND OUR ECOSYSTEMS.
- BAD PRIMATES! SHAME ON US!



SPECIES AWARENESS--A

What do we know?

THE ANCIENT TRADITIONS OF NATIVE PEOPLES
AROUND OUR PLANET DO NOT WISH TO DOMINATE
NATURE, BUT TO UNDERSTAND AND FLOURISH
REASONABLY WITHIN OUR ECOSYSTEMS.



SPECIES AWARENESS--B

What do we THINK we know?

Virtually Everything!

AS PRIMATES, WE NATURALLY FEEL THAT WE OWN AND CONTROL ALL THAT WE “DISCOVER” THROUGH “SCIENCE.”

BECAUSE WE THINK WE GRASP THE CONCEPT OF THE “WEB OF LIFE” WE FEEL THAT WE ARE PROPER STEWARDS OF THIS PLANET.



SPECIES AWARENESS--C

How do we keep our ignorance from
destroying us?

WHEN WE APPRECIATE OUR PRIMATE NATURE, WE CAN
LEARN TO PROTECT OUR EARTH AND OURSELVES FROM
OUR POOR JUDGMENT.

WE CAN COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT IDEOLOGIES AND
THEOLOGIES ARE ADDICTIVE AND ULTIMATELY
DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES THAT IT IS IN HUMAN NATURE TO
CREATE, DEVELOP AND FIGHT OVER LIKE WARRING TRIBES
OF CHIMPANZEES.



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The answer is self-awareness, wisdom and the cultivation of balanced human values:

- Allowing time for reflection and self-care;
- Responsibility without perfection;
- Love without obedience,
- Being works-in-progress our entire lives, always seeking and giving balance, compassion and forgiveness.



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In my upcoming book, I explore ways we can come to understand human nature such that we honor and respect our wonderful abilities and help create a culture of sustainability so that we can take care of ourselves, our neighbors and our planet.

This is not about technological breakthroughs in energy production, but about consciousness breakthroughs in our own self-knowledge as human beings. It will not eliminate the need for police forces and military power, but may help limit the need to use them.



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In Conclusion:

Humans can have a sustainable future
if we create cultures that reflect our
highest selves rather than our lowest.



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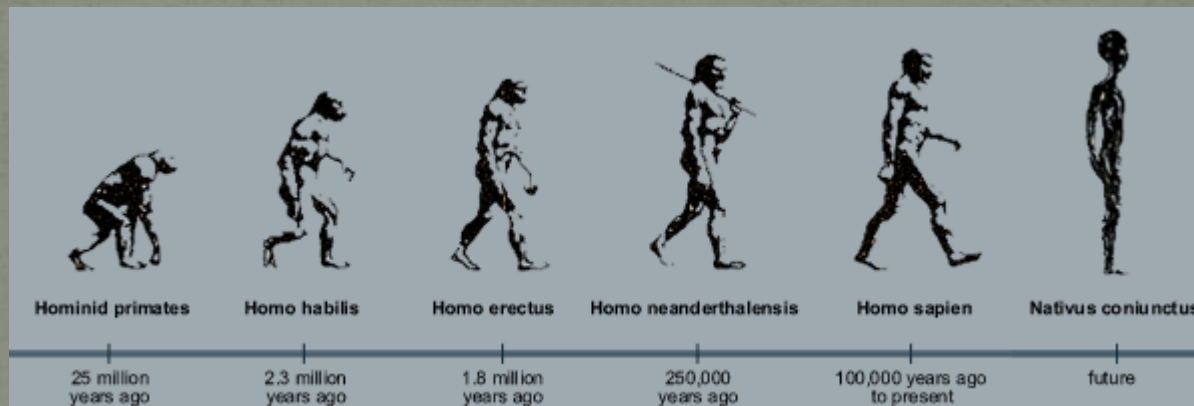
“Man is a strange animal -
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handwriting on the wall
until his back is up against it.”

-- Adlai Stevenson



Homo Extra-Terrestialis

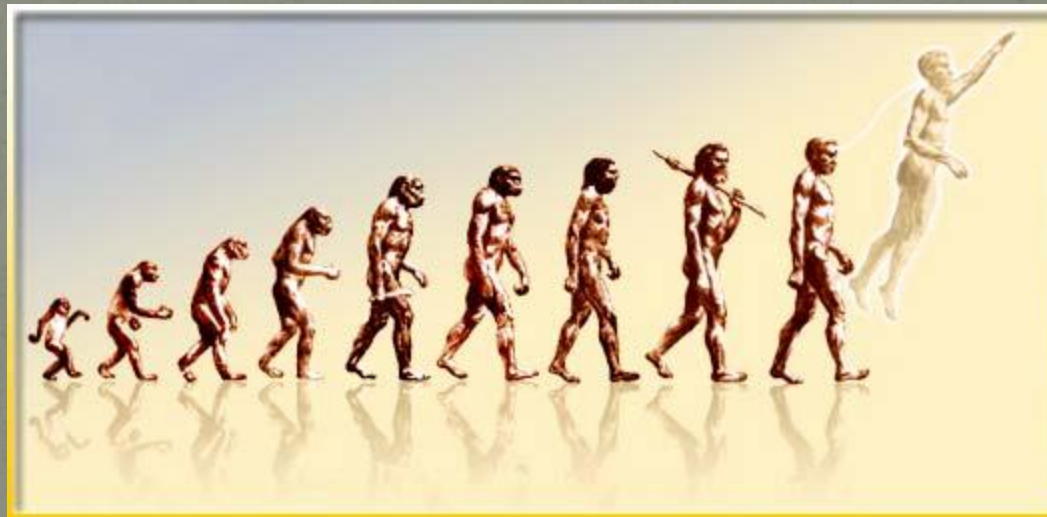
Are Humans Evolving Into Aliens?





Homo Angelica

Are Humans Destined to Become Angels?





Nobody Here But Us Primates!



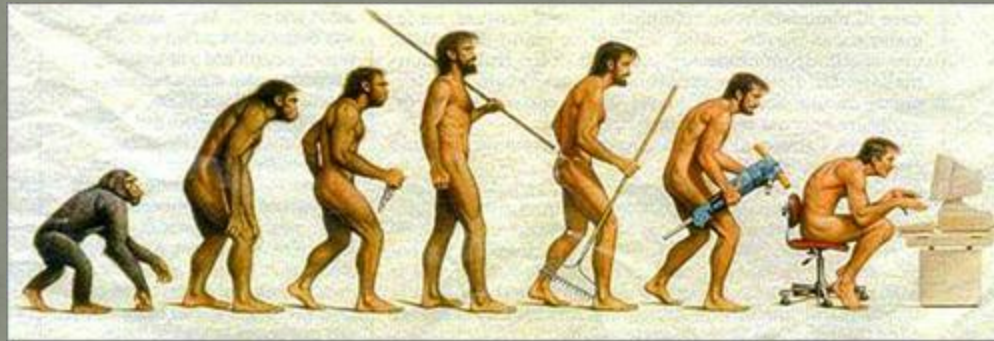


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