Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve Posted by warranto on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 20:30:34 GMT

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Heh, actually that is exactly the point I got from it.

Quote:What I was saying was that all the sacrifices that being a Christian requires (and as well as other religions) wasn't really worth the "guarantee" of Heaven when it comes from a book with a questionable background. Plus, I don't see some of these "immoral" pleasures being immoral in the least.

Right. And I'm not questioning your decision on that (hence my use of the idea regarding knowing the Rolex was real but still not getting it). All I'm suggesting is that (to make the analogy a little more direct) even if you don't like the price you have to pay for admission, it does not mean what you are getting in to does not exist. If you think a movie is not worth the price for admission, that is up to you... however not agreeing with the price of admission does not deal with the existence of the movie.

Quote: Then there's the whole problem with how history went from polytheism to monotheism. It's hard to think that everybody thinking that every object has a soul is somehow wrong, but then suddenly a belief in one God is somehow correct.

It's not so hard to understand (Whether or not you agree is a different subject). Basically humanity gained a very strong ego and thought itself special from everything else because (as far as we knew back then) we were the only things with rationality and high-level cognitive abilities. The existence of a soul didn't change, but rather restricted itself to the "group of special people".

Quote:Plus, the whole writing of the Bible. Everybody shows verses of the Bible speaking of people disbelieving and such, but human nature is so easy to understand. If you speak vaguely of how people will react to religion, you entrance so many... like the whole obsession with Nostradamus predictions.

Too true. Unfortunately this is why the "truth" (and by this I mean the objective truth of the matter-whatever it may be) will never be known as it is far too easy to veer people away from it. It doesn't mean any one specific example is automatically wrong because of it, but it does mean that the lines that show why it is a truth or falsehood are blurred almost to the point of no longer existing.