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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

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Quote:Take this into consideration as well. Whether or not the views you (and I mean the "you" who is reading this, and not a specific person) currently have. Are they (or at least one of them) rational?

Well, considering rationality is a subjective and relative thing. I say this since we have to LEARN logic through school, family, culture, etc. I think I'm rational enough (this phrase is quite ironic since I'm using THINK to describe a function of thought process which is being rational lolz). A basic element of rationality is causality (all things have a cause since all things are effects of something else in the passage of time). I found this post because I was looking through this forum, which was traced back to looking at information on the weird arrow thing that everyone is talking about which I was looking for because... etc, the list goes on... essentially this line of causality naturally goes all the way back to our universal origins which everyone likes to debate (as seen here). I'm going to go with the safe bet and say that since I wasn't there to EXPERIENCE (and thus PROVE TO MYSELF THROUGH THE MIND OF SCIENCE) I cannot truly understand or fathom wtf happened. I guess many people already came to this conclusion and went with a "leap of faith" to try to take a stab at our physical/spiritual origins.

Quote:Now, think back to a time when you thought differently than you do now. Were your thoughts at the time you had them rational? Do they still seem rational now?

My personality has changed over time and thus my skillz at rationality has changed as well. What I thought use to make sense now no longer is the case. Also, I'm reminded of talking to women -- irrationality galore =D (the point is still the subjectivity of and observance of this skill in myself and others based on my biased position).

Quote:If you thought your past thoughts were not rational (you believed in Santa, you thought you could trust a friend that now betrayed you, you changed your mind on a political stance, etc.) because you think differently now, what is to say the thoughts you currently have are rational if you know that at some point in the future, you may look back and think they are not as rational as you "once thought"?

All things go back to how truth can be derived -- and this is all a personal journey. The problem is that truth is also subjective to people as it is based on their past experiences. We believed in Santa because culture and the family taught us these things. We believed because we did not know better. It went back to someone telling us what the "truth" was and we went happily along with it -- just like in school, TV, friends, random internet people, etc. Yet, when you eat the apple from the tree and you become aware that you are naked you now have the burden of knowing.

Here's an example -- it is easy to hate your enemies until you know more about them, their families, their story, you learn their motivations for disliking you "why THEY hate us" etc... as you learn more about them you learn more about the "truth" of that specific situation. I'll go so far to use September 11th as an example. When the planes hit the buildings, the overwhelming response from people around me was "why do they hate us". When I tried to explain to people, it's not too difficult to see why they are angry at us I got labeled a traitor, unpatriotic, idiot, etc. It came back to this -> it is much easier to hate your enemies when you know little about them.

This actually seemingly is tied back to god and "not doing anything"... if you could take your self-centered egotistical view to outside of yourself and "zoom out" to see the "whole picture" of ALL REALITY (I mean, you're god, you made this place ya?) would the picture not be a very hazy gray color? In a weird sense, it is in balance as it is (imo). As there is death, there is life, what rises from the earth returns to the earth... and so on and so forth.

Then again, trying to find possibly an illogical answer in a logical world might be fruitless too -- maybe we're just here to enjoy what we have and experience things as they are AT THIS MOMENT.

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