

YouTube

Evolved
Self

Search for the “evolved self” channel, then select “videos.”

“Think Like a Dummy”

Video, 30 minutes

A dazzling display of ventriloquism in the form of a panel discussion in which the ventriloquist vainly struggles to keep order as his two dummies bicker about the nature of free will and creativity. Well, they should know, shouldn't they!

“The Red Queen Theory of Everything”

Video, 15 minutes

A new account of everything, presented in the form of six impossible things you may believe before breakfast, to become as wise as the Red Queen.

“Darwin vs Galileo”

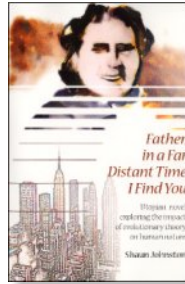
Video, 8 minutes

Two titans pit their wits against one another to see whose ideas about evolution will win out over the other. This is an acted-out extract from a 90 minute podcast version also available on the channel.

“The Chuck Darwin Show”

Podcast, 60 minutes

Darwin returns to Earth to warn us against thinking about ourselves as machinery. He presents an alternative account of everything that he thinks makes more sense than the theory of evolution we usually associate with him.

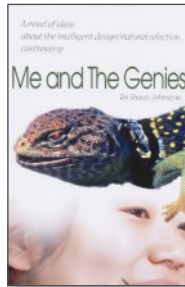


NOVELS

on the theme of evolution

Father, In a Far Distant Time I Find You

A utopian novel/science fiction in the classic H. G. Wells style explores the impact of evolutionary theory on human nature, as a wide variety of civilizations succeed one another over the next 4000 years.



Me and The Genies

This humorous romantic fiction is an easy-read introduction to the controversy over how evolution should be taught in the science classroom.

WEB SITE/BLOG

Evolutionforthehumanities.com

Resources to help those in the humanities get up to speed in thinking about how we evolved.

ARTICLES

Through a Gnome's Cap

NewEnglishReview.org, May 2021.

Rethinking What it Means We Evolved

Kirkus review, at kirkus.com.

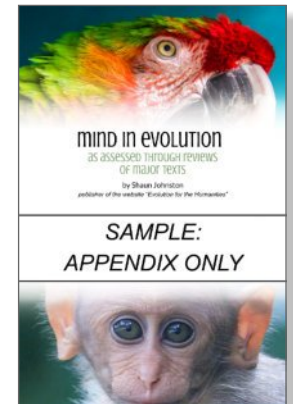
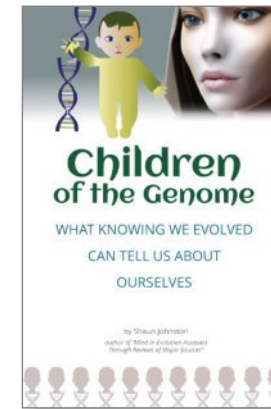
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Life, creativity and consciousness: LATEST

Children of the Genome

Eventually our descendents will learn how human nature comes written along our genome. But like us, they'll still experience being creative and conscious. What will they conclude about how they evolved? “Children...” takes a stab at figuring that out. Challenge: have we been suffering from a mass delusion for the past half-century? 35 pages.



Mind in Evolution... appendix

Are writers of our textbooks about evolution trying to turn us into copies of themselves? Yes, says “Mind...” Let's have a theory of evolution for the rest of us. One is proposed. 35 pages.

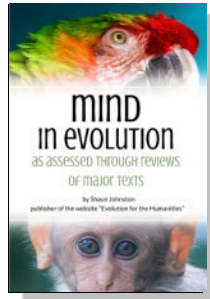
ALL BOOKS AVAILABLE AT AMAZON



MIND IN EVOLUTION

as assessed through
reviews of major texts

How thinking about the role of mind in evolution progressed over the past three lifetimes.



Among the texts reviewed:

- Zoonomia, by Erasmus Darwin
- Natural Theology, by William Paley
- Philosophie zoologique, by Jean-Baptiste Lamarck
- Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation, by Richard Chambers
- System of Synthetic Philosophy, by Herbert Spencer
- Darwin and the Darwinians, by Gertrude Himmelfarb
- Origin of Species, 6th edition, by Charles Darwin
- Social Environment and Moral Progress, by Alfred Wallace
- Life and Habit, by Samuel Butler
- Science and Philosophy of the Organism, by Hans Driesch
- What is Life? by Erwin Schrödinger
- Mind and Nature, by Gregory Bateson
- Creative Evolution, by Henri Bergson
- The Phenomenon of Man, by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
- Biological Principles, by J H Woodger
- Genetical Theory of Natural Selection, by Ronald A. Fisher
- The Selfish Gene, by Richard Dawkins
- The Big Picture, by Sean Carroll
- Return of the God Hypothesis, by Stephen C Meyer
- Who's in Charge? by Michael Gazzaniga
- Evolution and the Humanities, by David Holbrook
- Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge, by Edward O Wilson
- Evolution: A View from the 21st Century, by James Shapiro
- The Music of Life, by Denis Noble
- Mind and Cosmos, by Thomas Nagel
- The Great Evolution Mystery, by Gordon Rattray Taylor
- Limitations of Evolutionary Theory, by John Maynard Smith



In 40 quick takes,
new wisdom on what
it means we evolved.

Are You Wonderful? GOOD SCIENCE SAYS YES.

Extracts:

Meaning in Life

Are you wonderful? Not just, do other people think you're wonderful but do you feel wonderful, inside? Do you feel as wonderful as you could? What could help you feel more wonderful?

Call that "meaning in life." Then the more meaning in life you have, the more wonderful you'll feel. You just need to know where to find that kind of meaning.

I've two big ideas to offer you. First, what matters most in life is conscious experience. Second, we can make our future conscious experiences richer by what we choose to be conscious of today.

CONSCIOUSNESS, BY COMPARISON, SO PRIMITIVE

Compared to our wonderful bodies, which took hundreds of millions of years to evolve, our consciousness is still very primitive. Some authorities say it couldn't begin evolving until humans developed language perhaps only 50,000 years ago.

WHERE REAL PROGRESS LIES

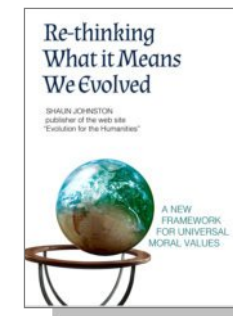
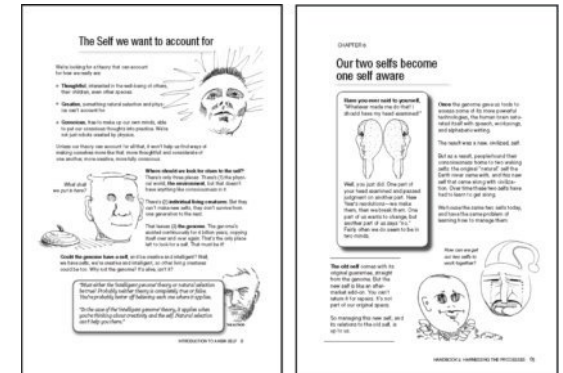
Turns out, economies depend on something being of value. And values are basically meanings. Gold can only support an economy if we define it as having value. So we could simply come up with new values. Here's one—wanting our surroundings to be beautiful.

A FUTURE MODERN SCIENCE

I'm a writer. I don't have to wait until a revolution happens, I can take us there right now. I flag down a passing time machine promising "Evolution Revolution Tours." It glides to a halt, the doors open, we step in.

Self Improvement THROUGH A NEW APPROACH TO EVOLUTION

In a fun, cartoony format, learn how to apply to your own self the ideas behind a new way of looking at how we evolved.



Re-THINKING WHAT IT Means We Evolved

A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR UNIVERSAL MORAL VALUES

In which universe could creativity and consciousness evolve? Purely physical? Physical plus mind? Those, plus the supernatural? This engaging alternation of essays and stories shows there's no need of the supernatural, but yes for mind. Can this need for mind provide us with a new key to human nature?