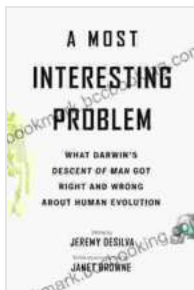


What Darwin Got Right and Wrong About Human Evolution

Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection is one of the most important scientific discoveries in history. It has revolutionized our understanding of the natural world and our place in it. But did Darwin get everything right?

A new book by University of California, Berkeley, anthropologist Agustín Fuentes argues that Darwin's theory of evolution is incomplete when it comes to humans. Fuentes argues that Darwin's focus on natural selection as the primary driver of evolution ignores the role of other factors, such as sexual selection and culture.



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Natural Selection

Natural selection is the process by which organisms with traits that are better suited to their environment are more likely to survive and reproduce. Over time, this can lead to significant changes in a population.

Darwin's theory of natural selection is well-supported by evidence from the fossil record and from studies of living organisms. However, Fuentes argues that natural selection alone cannot explain the evolution of all human traits.

Sexual Selection

Sexual selection is the process by which organisms with traits that are more attractive to the opposite sex are more likely to mate and reproduce. This can lead to the evolution of traits that are not necessarily beneficial for survival, but that make an organism more attractive to potential mates.

Fuentes argues that sexual selection has played a significant role in the evolution of human traits such as intelligence, creativity, and altruism. These traits are not necessarily beneficial for survival, but they can make an individual more attractive to potential mates.

Culture

Culture is the sum total of learned behavior, beliefs, values, and customs that are shared by a group of people. Culture can have a significant impact on human evolution, as it can influence the way that people interact with their environment and with each other.

Fuentes argues that culture is a powerful force that can shape human evolution. He points out that humans are the only species that has the ability to learn from and teach others, and that this ability has allowed us to

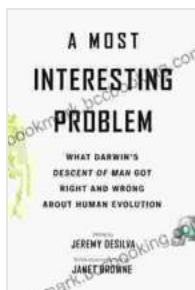
develop complex cultures that have had a profound impact on our evolution.

Fuentes's book is a timely and important contribution to the debate about human evolution. He argues that Darwin's theory of evolution is incomplete when it comes to humans, and that other factors, such as sexual selection and culture, have played a significant role in our evolution.

Fuentes's book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in human evolution. It is a challenging and thought-provoking work that will change the way you think about human evolution.

About the Author

Agustín Fuentes is a professor of anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of several books on human evolution, including *The Creative Spark: How Imagination Made Humans Exceptional* and *Why We Believe: Evolution and the Origins of Religious Faith*.



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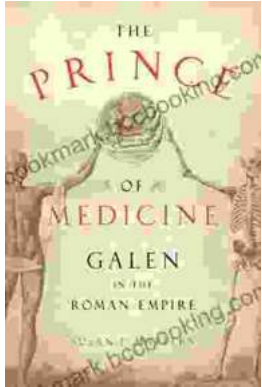
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