

Re: Evolutionary ethics (Re: What does an evolutionist actually believe?)

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>>> All that, however, is rather moot, since we are all aware that
>>>> Saddam & Sons had used chemical weapons repeatedly against his
>>>> neighboring
>>>> countries as well as his own people (and I say "his own people" in the
>>>> loosest possible manner).
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>>> I thought the facilities to produce chemical weapons had largely been
>>> destroyed in Gulf War I.
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>> Some of the facilities had been destroyed. However, it doesn't take that
>> long to rebuild facilities, and he had about ten years to get it done.
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> In spite of all the UN inspectors checking the facilities? Hmmmm...

Please do not forget that there were many, many places where the inspectors were not permitted to go. Several times they were "escorted" at gun point away from some facilities. Also do not forget that the inspectors were working from "evidence" that had been given them by the Iraqi regime. Trustworthy? maybe, maybe not.

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>> Very true. Humans are loathe to change and will resist rapid change with
>> violence.
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> Then again it is amazing that the Evolution theory is well accepted in
> Europe, and I didn't hear about any kind of protest against it to be a
> normal part of the textbooks in Germany. The concept of Intelligent Design
> never got popular in Germany, and anyone who promotes it here is
> considered
> as a weirdo or as VERY naive at best case.

For the most part, Europeans tend to accept higher authority's word. There has been some debate in European circles about evolution, but it has been

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rather muted since the mid–twentieth century. Americans, on the other hand, tend NOT to accept the word of a higher authority, preferring their intuition first. Rather a sad state, but that's how it is these days.

Finally, do not forget that the predominant culture of the US is based upon rather strict forms of Calvinism, far stricter even than one might find in European countries today. Therefore, the fundamentalist religious seed is deeply embedded in American culture. And so it is not surprising that we see this "debate" about creationism and "intelligent design."

- > I bet your German is just in a dormant mode, you could probably revive it
- > in
- > no time if only you had a necessity to do it – which you have actually
- > NOT.
- > I think German is too complicated for a world language anyway. With a
- > language like this, how could the nazis ever DREAM about being top of the
- > world? LOL

Actually, German was far easier for me to learn than either French or Spanish. French yet remains an enigma.

- > Now that I checked Niemitz's book again I eventually found some hints for
- > the "where and when": he suspects the time between 8 and 6 million years
- > before now, and the Red Sea as the location. There are geological hints
- > that
- > near the Afar triangle there was a bigger island in the Red Sea (which had
- > been part of the Mediterranean Sea before, but later it opened to the
- > Indian
- > Ocean). This so–called "Danakil Island" had about 2 third the size of Sri
- > Lanka – big enough to be a habitat for a bigger group of hominids, and it
- > must have been a rich tropical environment with several types of edible
- > plants and animals, and – more important – it was isolated long enough to
- > permit a group of hominids to have their own rapid evolution – with biped
- > semi–aquatic social beings as a result. When the Danakil Island got
- > connected with the mainland again, the hominids could no longer interbreed
- > with their "relatives" in Africa – the human species was born.

I have GOT to read that book. Thanks for the information.

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