

## RE: Fw: Edward O. Wilson's "bombshell" on the reality of group

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"Robert Karl Stonjek" rstonjek@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:—

The idea that group selection (or multilevel selection) could have any validity is sometimes dismissed in rather derogatory terms on this list. It may therefore come as a surprise that one of the main "fathers" of ev psych, Edward O. Wilson, now theorizes that kin selection is NOT the why of the evolution of eusocial insects, as widely accepted, but rather group selection — and the same seems to hold true for humans.

JE:—

For well over three years now I have consistently provided mathematically detailed arguments which can demonstrate why W. D. Hamilton's popular inclusive fitness concept has always been organism group centric (group selective). To my knowledge not a single sbe poster, including the professionals who post here, have accepted these arguments. It can easily be shown that Hamilton was only providing yet another classically group selective argument and NOT an organism centric, gene centric or revolutionary poly-centric argument for the evolution of "altruism" (organism fitness altruism) within nature. It should be noted in light of Wilson's about face that Hamilton's rule was originally but incorrectly argued to have replaced discredited group selection allowing for the evolution of "altruism" in nature via organism selection. Today, Hamilton's argument is argued to be gene centric. This supposed gene level of selection, which entirely dominates evolutionary theory today, was and remains, a misused model of mono-centric Darwinian fertile organism fitness within which the TOTAL fitness of Hamilton's single proactive actor was deleted as a massive modeling oversimplification.

The error Hamilton et al keep on making is to allow Hamilton's model to contest and finally replace its own parent theory (the theory the model was oversimplified from): fertile organism centric Darwinism. Deleting the total fitness of Hamilton's actor within Hamilton's Model has allowed Hamilton's

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Rule to remain 100% relative to just nothing stated by anybody. To my knowledge not a single sbe poster disagrees that Hamilton's rule was and remains, a simplified/oversimplified model. I have requested for over 3 years now for anybody here to define what Hamilton's Rule was simplified/oversimplified from. Nobody will provide answer. Thus Hamilton's error has become a proven act of evasion which in turn, is