

Re: Why Humans are Conscious

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claudiusdenk@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On Feb 6, 10:51 am, Guy A Hoelzer <hoel...@xxxxxxx> wrote:

claudiusd...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote on 2/4/07 12:19 PM:

On Feb 3, 12:00 am, dkomo <dkomo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Tim Tyler wrote:

claudiusd...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Sure. To
some
degree. But
human
consciousness
is orders of

magnitude

higher than
that of any
other
species,
most
notably our
closest
relatives,
chimps.

You have access to a
consciousnessometer?
Are you sure it's calibrated
right?

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Humans seem to be
extremely similar to chimps
in this
respect – as far as I can see.

Really? Can chimps work calculus problems
too? And Sudoku puzzles?
[moderator's note: How would we know?
–HAG]

How is it not obvious?

If you raised a human with the exact same environment
and set of experiences as a chimp, do you think we
could observe their ability to do calculus or Sudoku?

Irrelevant.

I think the answer to the question above is not so obvious.

The question that matters is what would happen if a chimps
was raised in a human family.

Most likely the chimp would get screwed up – much like
any individual ripped from its natural parents and
adopted by members of a different species would be.

Note that ability at calculus and Sudoku doesn't seem to
have much to do with what it says on:

<http://dictionary.reference.com/search?q=consciousness>

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