

# Re: Yet Another Roswell Thread

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Ian Parker wrote:

On 13 Jul, 17:39, eina...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

You are raising some very deep questions here. At one level memes certainly exist and a very good example is natural language. I have told you my background. Looking at French and Spanish you can enormous similarities. The grammar is virtually identical and so is a lot of vocabulary and phrases like "todo el mundo" – "tout le monde". Now evolutionary biologists say that branches occurred at particular times, purely because of genetic markers. The main mammalian groups were divergent in the mid Cretaceous. We can say that in an "Eocene" period the West Franks adopted the language of the Visigoths. The memetic markers having identical maths to the genetic ones.

Mind you, after a consideration at a greater depth, I don't see it that way that memes clearly exist. As far as I can see just about everything memetics claims to explain can be explained just as well or even better by classical sociology.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memes>

If memes function as a virus, how come that they spread so slow in ancient times? I mean far slower than humans do travel, even in those times. Often societies in ancient times coexisted side by side for thousands of years, without changing the ways they functioned. To name an example the oldest agricultural people of Europe coexisted for thousands of years beside people who persisted with their hunting/gathering lifestyle, gradually expanding their territories, while the territories of the hunting/gathering groups