

## Natural Selection

*“Whoever is lead to believe that species are mutable, will do good service by conscientiously expressing his conviction, for only thus can the load of prejudice by which this subject is overwhelmed, be removed.”*

Charles Darwin, *Origin of Species*

So what-ch-you know about Natural Selection? Go ahead  
 And ask a question and see where the answer gets you  
 Try bein’ passive aggressive or try smashin’ heads in  
 And see which tactic brings your plans to fruition  
 And if you have an explanation in mind, then you’re  
 Wastin’ your time, ‘cause the best watchmaker is blind  
 It takes a certain base kind of impatient mind  
 To explain away nature with “intelligent design”  
 But the truth shall set you free  
 From those useless superstitious beliefs  
 In a literal Adam and Eve, and that Edenic myth  
 ‘Cause their family tree is showin’ some genetic drift  
 Take it from this bald-headed non-celibate monk  
 With the lyrical equivalent of an elephant’s trunk  
 It’s time to elevate your mind-state  
 And celebrate your kinship with the primates

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 We lived in the dark for so long  
 The weak and the strong, Darwin got it goin’ on  
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*“The view which most naturalists entertain...namely that each species has been independently created, is erroneous.”*

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Okay, it’s time to reveal my identity  
 I’m the manifestation of tens of millions  
 Of centuries of sexual selection, best believe  
 I’m the best of the best of the best of the best  
 Of generations of competitive pressure genetically  
 But don’t get upset, ‘cause we’ve got the same pedigree  
 You and I will find a common ancestor eventually  
 If we rewind geological time regressively  
 And I could say the same for this hibiscus tree  
 And this lizard and this flea and this sesame seed  
 And if you still disbelieve in what your senses perceive  
 Then I could even use this rhyme as a remedy  
 ‘Cause there’s so much *variation* in the styles in this industry

And *differential survival* when the people listening  
 Decide what they're into and what really isn't interesting  
 You could thrive like Timberlake on a Timberland beat  
 Or go extinct like Vanilla Ice and N'Sync  
 It's survival of the fittest, but fitness is a tricky thing  
 It changes from place to place and from winter to spring  
 But the real question in this social-scientific simile  
 Is *heredity*, whether we inherit our techniques  
 From our predecessors, or invent them independently  
 But then we're talkin' memes and that's a different thing  
 Richard Dawkins can I get a proper definition please?

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 Whoever leaves the most spawn  
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 Creationism is *erroneous*

I hear some people complain, like "I don't wanna be an ape!  
 I never came from monkey DNA!  
 I believe God made me in a day – Jesus saves!"  
 Yeah, he's great, but stop bein' afraid  
 To use the reason "he" gave you to let science solve  
 Some giant problems and find some final results  
 I think it's time for y'all to let your minds evolve  
 And listen to a different kind of silent call  
 The kind that comes from pine trees and not Pinesol  
 I'm talkin' about the mystical vision that Einstein saw  
 Wondering at the infinite depth of divine thought  
 And realizing that scripture can never define God  
 'Cause if there is a personal God, then he's been jerkin' off  
 So why would he bother designing an albatross  
 Especially when natural selection does such an excellent job  
 Just by balancing benefits and costs?  
 I say banish God into the gaps  
 If he can't help us understand the simplest facts  
 I want a relaxed God of infinite naps  
 We'll be all right without him, just give us a chance

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