

Human Evolution - Seeing Everything in a New Way
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PART ONE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN?

January 29: What is the mind? What is consciousness? Attention!
February 5: A new view of rationality: Brain, gut and heart : Use them together, learn to listen with the heart and let it lead
February 12: Emotions – body and mind’s means of communication

PART TWO: EVOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSE

February 19: Relationships and emerging space-time
February 26: The evolution of elements (Professor Al Crumbliss)
March 4: Flow: As a physical and social law of structure and design
As a highly rewarding immersive state of being
“The human analogy to the physical forces is desire”
March 11: Human evolution

- The Context: The science of tracing the human family tree
- The Content: Rich variety and the similarities “Dreams from endangered cultures”
- Plato’s “The Apology” – the challenges
- Gerald Güther’s guide for dynamic and on-going development
- Implicit implications of distinguishing between bushes and ladders and danger of squarely arguing one over the other
- “Natural Selection and the Problem of Evil” – the arrow of time moves towards increasing order. If the human analogy to the physical forces is desire (safety, beauty, love, meaning, variety, curiosity, friendship...) what might this mean?

PART THREE: EXAMPLES OF SUSTAINABLE COOPERATION

March 18: Civilizations – rise and fall: Where are we today?
March 25: Putting it all together