

THE HUMAN STORY

As it Really Happened

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to my grandmother Seethai Ammal who influenced me the most in my early impressionable years

PREFACE

A human being telling his own story tends to have a strong winners' bias. The very fact that I am here today is used to assume that all my forebears did the right things always. This also somehow seems to imply that we were always the same and will always be the same. The theory of human evolution as it stands today is not a complete picture that can explain every step of the way. I always felt that the very fact that we were studying ourselves denied the endeavor total objectivity. This was more so if we found that there was a lot hidden in our past that would not make us proud. But true curiosity never waits for the niceties. When I dig into our past all the skeletons are objects of great interest. Even when these are only of the cupboard variety!

The anthropologists and archaeologists who study human evolution tend to focus more on primitive tribes and remote burials to piece together the story of humans. I wanted to slightly differ and watch closely our own society to try and infer the past. I would never for a moment dream of even slightly underestimating the enormous back breaking work these wonderful ladies and gentlemen put in the field. They are continuously bringing together the pieces of the jigsaw that would one day tell the whole truth. But in the meantime I have done my own studies and formulated a story that is highly provocative indeed.

My ultimate aim is not to assert that my story is the truth, but to serve to stimulate a million minds that are right now distracted. Once these minds turn around in the right direction the true story will be told in no time. It will make me proud if that story resembles the yarn I am going to spin in this book.

This book is for everyone who ever asked the simple question “Where did I come from?” The issues described in this book will give them a lot of interesting ideas. There may also be many ideas which you may not be able to agree with or accept. I suggest that you use them to formulate better ones of your own. Probably the most provocative idea here could be my complete assumption that *Homo sapiens* is no different in any manner whatsoever from any other ape, primate or mammal. That we were always animals and will always be animals. Wearing clothes and communicating with words notwithstanding. If you heartily agree with me on this point then most certainly you will enjoy this book. If this does not feel right then this book may not be appropriate for you.

After reading this book, do share with the world your views. Tell your version of what happened. Work with everyone to unearth the truth – however agreeable or disagreeable it may ultimately turn out to be.

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Disclaimer

This is not a scientific treatise. The ideas expressed in this book have not been strictly validated according to the scientific method. There is no bibliography in this book as no current works on the subject have been referred. This is mainly to keep away all kinds of biases associated with the current knowledge available in this area. The purpose of this book is only to provoke further ideas and the work of validating them scientifically is left to those competent to undertake it.

There are many allusions in this book to special interest groups like women, youth, older men, homosexuals and commercial sex workers. I have made a conscious attempt to avoid passing value judgments or making any statement that could hurt anybody. Words like gangs, savage hordes and slaves have been used only for stating the qualities and conditions of the respective groups with clarity. These words are not meant to hurt anyone's feelings or to make anyone superior or inferior. If any reader feels hurt by something written herein, it is purely unintentional and I express my sincere apologies to the reader.

Caution

Contains graphic descriptions. Reader discretion is advised. Not suitable for children below 12 years of age

The Context

The subject of human origins has been long debated. Almost every culture has its own story about where they came from. Most of these are based in mythology. But these have always been unquestioningly accepted. When Charles Darwin in his theory of evolution proposed that humans shared ancestors with apes a sensitive part was touched. However when further research works confirmed this, the story of actual evolution had to be discovered. This became a daunting task naturally because one has to be politically correct to be accepted. If one did propose any inconvenient truths then these have to be proved without the slightest doubt. This is a huge burden to place on a pioneering science. Science can only be furthered if a lot of varied theories are put forward and then synthesized together based on available facts and evidences to arrive at the probable correct one. But if all the new theories have to depict man as Godly and make only the good triumph over evil then creativity is seriously curtailed. This single problem explains why we can measure the temperature of materials inside a distant supernova but are not clear about our own origins today.

To study the evolution of birds the discovery of feathered dinosaurs were a great help. But to study the evolution of the human mind we will not find any

intermediate stages in the fossil records. The only way the human mind can be studied is through its various creations in existence today. The study of the biggest creation of them all – the modern human society- is one that is capable of telling us a lot about the evolution of the human mind. Let me enumerate some aspects that I have found to be strange for hominids and hence must have evolved with humans on this earth.

1. Humans appear to have transcended the level of a species. Every other individual organism fits perfectly into its own niche in the ecosystem. But humans straddle across several niches and dominate multiple ecosystems.

2. Homicide and genocide are way too common for a species that is intelligent.

3. Marriage and monogamy seem to be forced and unlike any other monogamous species on earth, the partnerships are largely dysfunctional. Many ancient cultures have put a huge support system in place to force the couple to stay together.

4. Human interactions with other humans, animals and even inanimate objects such as the earth appear to have a compulsive aspect of control in it. This is usually carefully hidden in everyday language to deny it. For example every child learns that “the cow gives us milk”. I always thought the truth was we keep the cow in our control and take milk from it.

5. Another aspect of this is slavery. Slavery and control of other human beings has totally pervaded every culture including the modern one. To cite a

large corporate as an example almost every staff there reports to someone right up to the CEO who reports to the board. Of course report is a euphemism for control again hidden in nice language. The unpaid slaves of the previous centuries have been replaced with paid ones today. But still, even in the most advanced societies they are made to do dangerous and disagreeable things such as work in radiation prone areas, fight in wars or confront dangerous criminals in the city.

6. Incessant mind chatter is a unique characteristic of humans. Our closest relatives, the apes, or any other mammals do not seem to exhibit this activity as compulsively as humans. This is more of an unconscious burden that greatly diminishes the effectiveness of human thinking. But many humans are not even aware of this chatter. The chatter appears to be rooted in fear and points to a deep seated paranoia in the collective human psyche which could be due to prolonged periods of unmitigated terror in the course of intellectual evolution.

7. Sex appears to have been largely dissociated from breeding and has gained a strong association with exploitation and control. This has resulted in the rather high prevalence of aberrant sexual behaviors like homosexuality, pedophilia and bestiality. In these the purpose of sex is definitely not breeding but an attempt to control and exploit the submissive partner by the dominant partner.

8. The control and exploitation facet of the human sexual behavior is very much apparent in the

prostitution and pornography industries which together constitute the largest commercial venture on the face of earth.

9. The woman's role appears to be ambiguous. She is today treated as a child bearing male. Feminism and other women's emancipation movements try to make women more like men in the name of equality. Unlike in other apes and all of life on earth the role of the modern human female is unclear and she is called the weaker sex. Women have also been made to take disproportionate responsibilities in the household.

10. Exposure of genitals draws a totally irrelevant response of aggression. This is not found in any other ape or mammal. This aggression is carefully hidden in displacement activities like laughter, ridicule or anger.

11. The sexual act is taboo and is usually performed behind closed doors. There also appears to be a strong association of aggression with copulation. Here also displacement activities are used to cover up the aggression.

12. There is a total lack of empathy towards individuals who are somehow different. If he is not a citizen he has no rights in my country. A lunatic can be tortured if his actions are dangerous or indecent. Killing an enemy soldier is called bravery and raping enemy women in the warfield is not a crime.

13. The number of languages that have evolved run into thousands. With the entire human race having a brain that is remarkably similar in every

individual the number of languages developed seem extraordinarily superfluous.

14. There is a uniformity that is surprising in the human race. There is no sub species of *Homo sapiens* and any individual from any corner of the earth can mate and successfully reproduce with any other individual. This kind of homogeneity is unprecedented for an animal with the body and population size of humans. All other species quickly develop sub species as they begin to colonize the earth. Soon sub species isolate into new species locally thus creating variation and furthering evolution.

15. Humans have a unique characteristic of uniting strongly under external threat. A threat to a society tightly knits the society together. This is not seen in any other ape or mammal extant today.

16. There are distinct fighting outfits like terrorists, criminals, policemen and armies that indulge in serious violence. The majority of the population is peace loving but is periodically subjected to unnecessary violence by them. These outfits are male dominated and always operate under civilian leaders who are uncharacteristically weaker than the men they control.

A close watch at how the society is organized today and the thoughts and beliefs associated has had a profound effect on me which I have used to construct the story of the human being from the hominid stage. This story attempts to take the

idiosyncrasies of our existence today and work backwards to their origin. When you read this I am sure that your mind will work out even more details and begin a quest that will finally narrate the whole story for all of mankind.