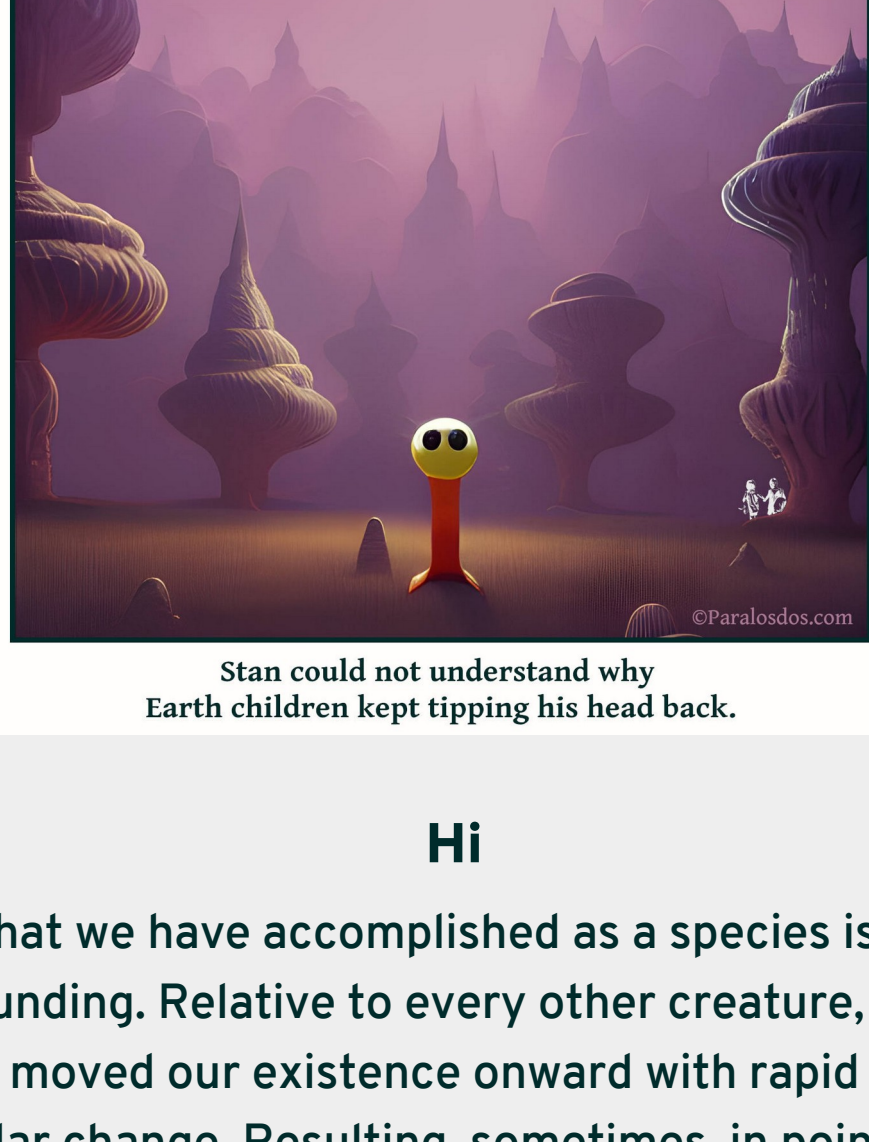


Change Happens

Have a great day,
find your way

The Alien Life



Stan could not understand why
Earth children kept tipping his head back.

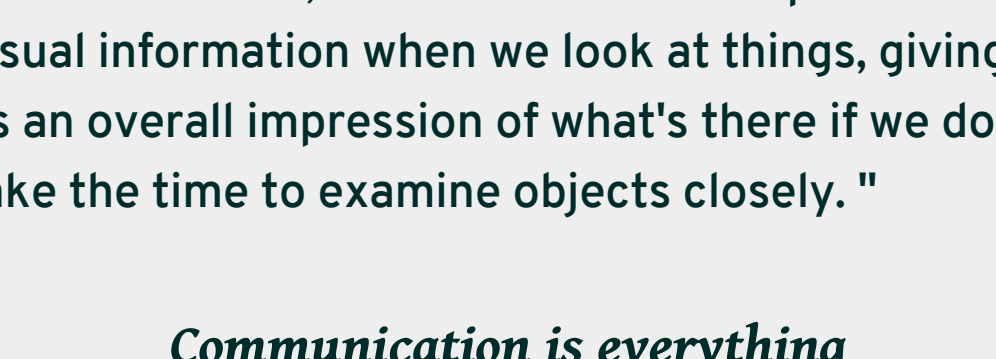
Hi

What we have accomplished as a species is astounding. Relative to every other creature, we have moved our existence onward with rapid and regular change. Resulting, sometimes, in pointless attempts to regulate and manipulate our environment. Magic and mayhem.

Then, occasionally, we are reminded how great a role chance plays in life. So much of life is luck. Good or bad.

Tricking the brain

This Photo Is Black And White

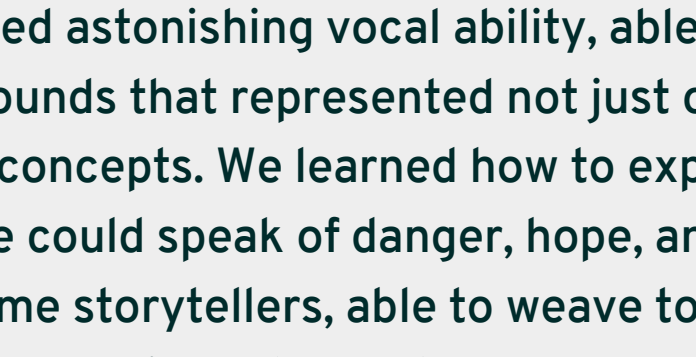


" A bizarre and brilliantly effective optical illusion going viral on the internet tricks your brain into seeing a colour image... but if you look closer, you'll notice the photo you're staring at is only black and white. "

" In other words, our brain kind of compresses visual information when we look at things, giving us an overall impression of what's there if we don't take the time to examine objects closely. "

Communication is everything

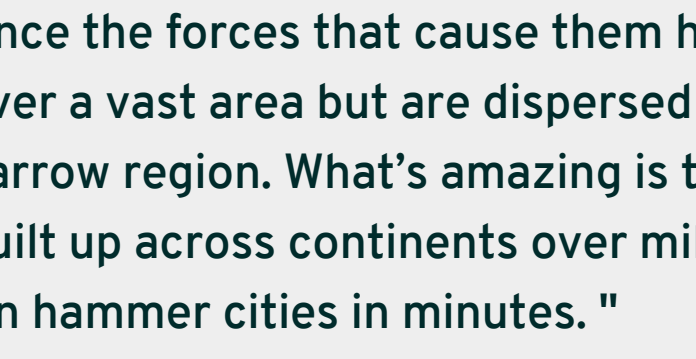
What does it mean to be human?



" We might have continued our short life of hunting, savagery, and brutishness right through to today, but for one important development - language. Other animals could communicate, but we evolved astonishing vocal ability, able to create sounds that represented not just objects, but also concepts. We learned how to express ideas. We could speak of danger, hope, and love. We became storytellers, able to weave together common narratives about who we are and how we should live. From this point on the pace of change was electrifying. "

Some things remain beyond knowing

We know where the next big earthquakes will happen – but not when



" It's difficult to figure out when an earthquake will occur, since the forces that cause them happen slowly over a vast area but are dispersed rapidly over a narrow region. What's amazing is that forces built up across continents over millions of years can hammer cities in minutes. "

" Forecasting earthquakes would require high-resolution measurements deep underground over the course of decades, if not longer, coupled with sophisticated simulations. And even then, it's unlikely to yield an hour's worth of lead time. So there are ultimately too many variables at play and too few tools to analyze them in a meaningful way. "

February 10, 1996

Deep Blue defeats Garry Kasparov

Machine beats man

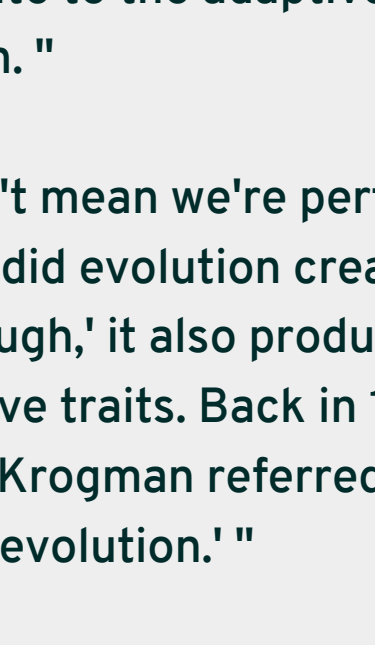


Wiki Rabbit Hole

On this day IBM computer Deep Blue beat world champion Garry Kasparov in a regulation match. This was our first public, global, introduction to the possibilities of artificial intelligence. Within a year the AI that powered Deep Blue would be able to defeat any player regularly. Today you can get a chess engine on your laptop that would defeat Deep Blue easily.

We are interesting and funny

The Most Unfortunate Design Flaws in the Human Body



" The human body is, in many respects, a resounding tribute to the adaptive powers of natural selection. "

" But that doesn't mean we're perfect. Far from it, in fact. Not only did evolution create a species that's 'good enough,' it also produced some distinctly negative traits. Back in 1951, the biologist Wilton Krogman referred to these as the 'scars of human evolution.' "

This works if you need to remember volume information

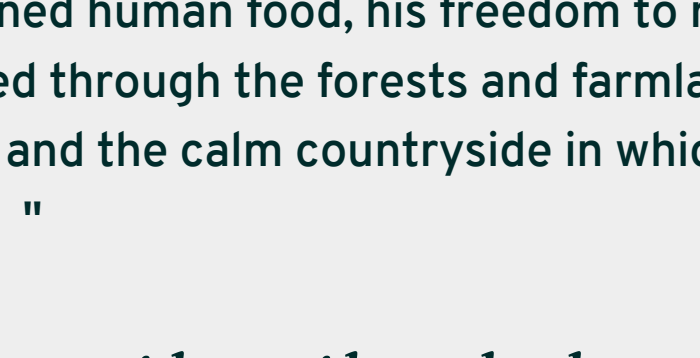
Train Your Brain to Remember Anything You Learn



" Ebbinghaus's formula calls for you to spend 10 minutes reviewing the material within 24 hours of having received it (that will raise the curve back up to almost 100 percent retained again). Seven days later, spend five minutes to "reactivate" the same material and raise the curve up again. By day 30, your brain needs only two to four minutes to completely "reactivate" the same material, again raising the curve back up. "

Almost 31 years old

Meet Bobi, the World's Oldest Dog

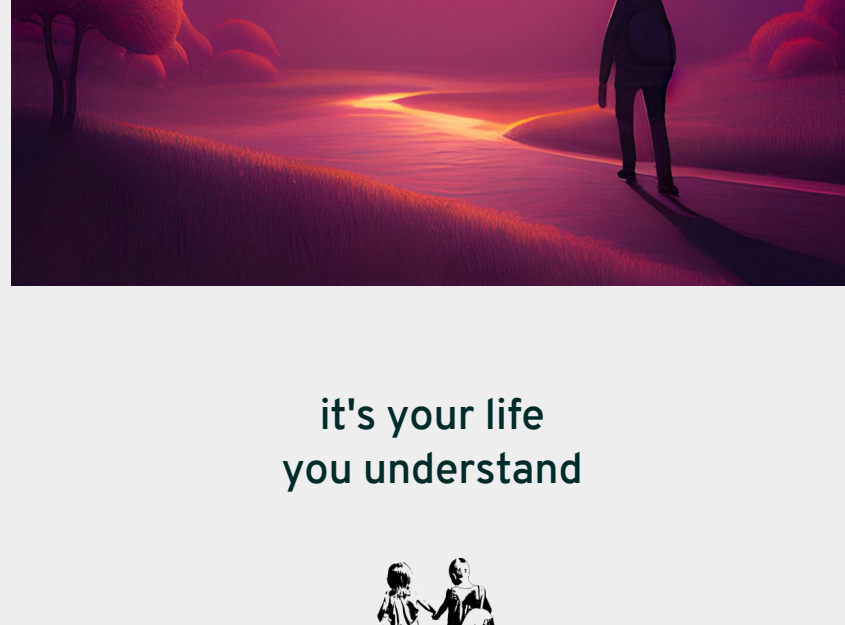


" At 30 years and 266 days old, a Portuguese dog named Bobi was crowned the world's oldest dog ever on February 1, breaking an almost century-old record, per Guinness World Records (GWR). The previous titleholder, an Australian cattle dog named Bluey, was born in 1910 and lived for 29 years and 5 months. "

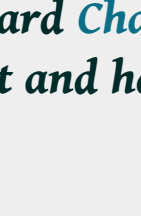
" Costa attributes Bobi's long life to his diet of unseasoned human food, his freedom to roam unleashed through the forests and farmland close to home and the calm countryside in which he grew up. "

"Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience."

Mark Twain



it's your life
you understand



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