

# Change Happens

Have a great day,  
find your way

## The Alien Life



"This is why I hate going to the beach, these things are everywhere. And they bite."

**Hi**

*Don't we all draw a line in the sand?*

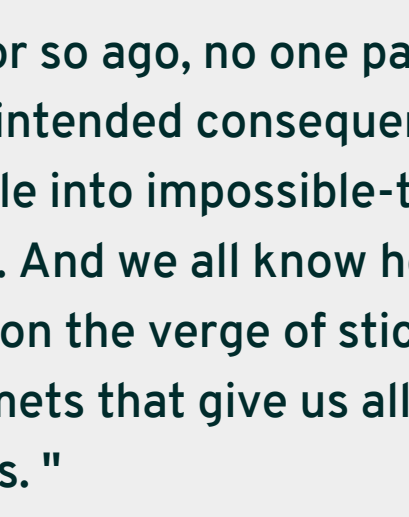
Don't kill. I'm completely on board, this is a tremendous precept, simple to understand and implement. You would think.

A mosquito lands on your arm, you, being full of love and compassion, beg it leave, brush it off to elsewhere, the bug, being of limited directives, returns, endlessly.

There is but one ending to this encounter, speed and accuracy the only delay. This counts towards a consideration of a skill set native to us all. The differences would be in where we draw the line.

*Reality has value*

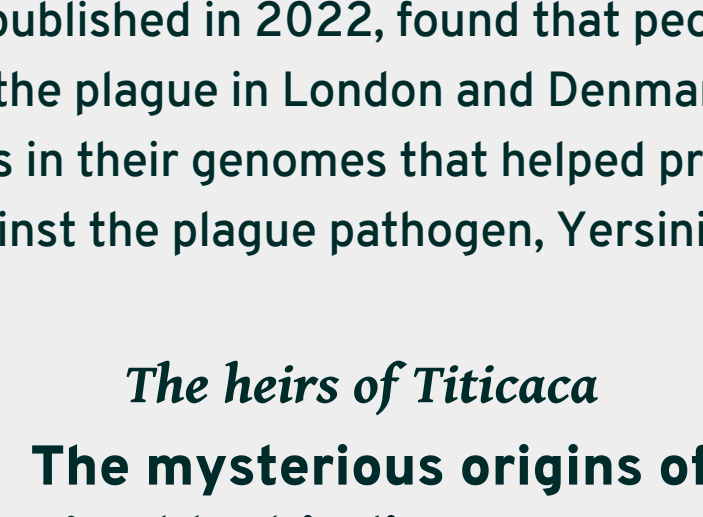
## The Apple Vision Pro may rewire our brains in unexpected ways



" We've been here before – and very recently, at that. A decade or so ago, no one paused to consider the unintended consequences of thrusting millions of people into impossible-to-moderate social networks. And we all know how that turned out. Now, we're on the verge of sticking millions of people into helmets that give us all our own editable realities. "

## The GOAT of known viruses

### So you think you know all about the plague?

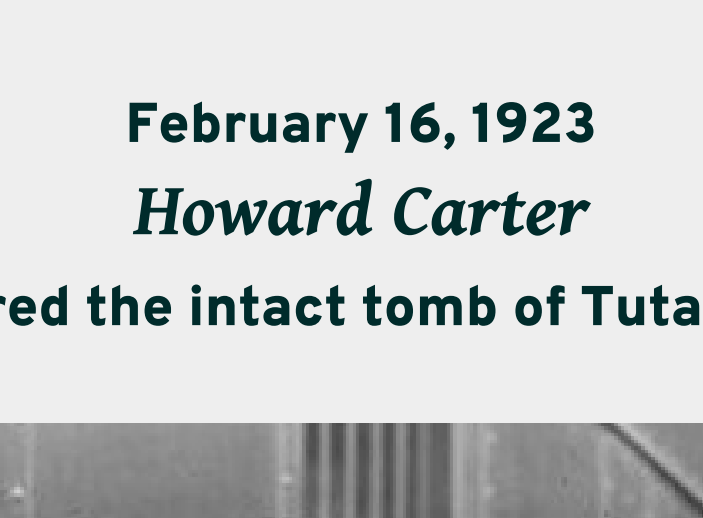


" When the Black Death spread through Europe and the United Kingdom back in the 1300s, the disease changed more than society: It also likely altered the evolution of people's genome. "

A study, published in 2022, found that people who survived the plague in London and Denmark had mutations in their genomes that helped protect them against the plague pathogen, Yersinia pestis. "

## The heirs of Titicaca

### The mysterious origins of Peru's oldest indigenous people

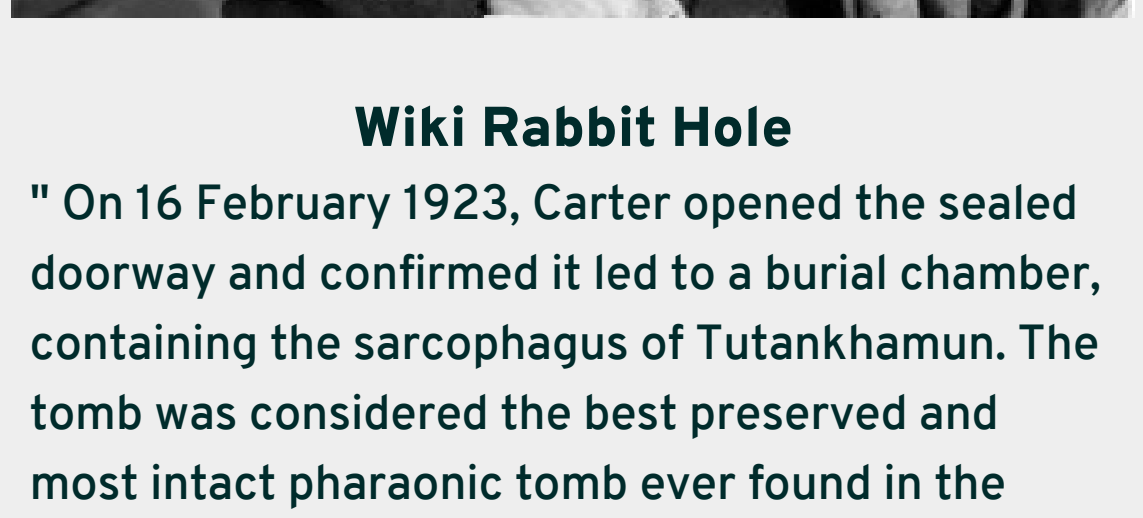


" The Uros are an indigenous people living on floating reed islands on Lake Titicaca in Peru, whose origins and identity have been subject to doubt by neighboring communities and authorities. Genetic findings have helped to substantiate their unique lineage. The findings also helped the Uros achieve long-awaited recognition from the Peruvian government as Lake Titicaca's original and rightful inhabitants. "

## February 16, 1923

### Howard Carter

## Discovered the intact tomb of Tutankhamun

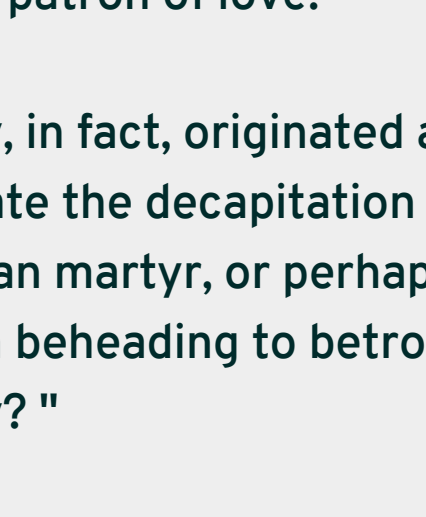


## Wiki Rabbit Hole

" On 16 February 1923, Carter opened the sealed doorway and confirmed it led to a burial chamber, containing the sarcophagus of Tutankhamun. The tomb was considered the best preserved and most intact pharaonic tomb ever found in the Valley of the Kings, and the discovery was eagerly covered by the world's press. "

## Blood and chocolates

### The 'real' St. Valentine was no patron of love

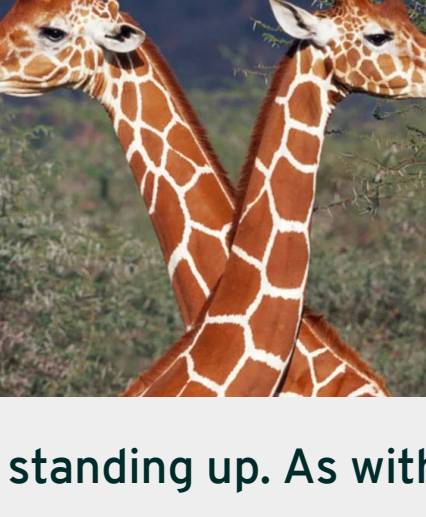


" On Feb. 14, sweethearts of all ages will exchange cards, flowers, candy, and more lavish gifts in the name of St. Valentine. But as a historian of Christianity, I can tell you that at the root of our modern holiday is a beautiful fiction. St. Valentine was no lover or patron of love. "

Valentine's Day, in fact, originated as a liturgical feast to celebrate the decapitation of a third-century Christian martyr, or perhaps two. So, how did we get from beheading to betrothing on Valentine's Day? "

## Not all stings are created equal

### The bees learning to fight off invasive hornets



" Asian hornets are a top predator of honeybees, with just one Asian hornet able to kill and eat up to 50 honeybees a day. However, they also prey on native pollinators such as bumblebees, and can have a serious impact on the pollination services these creatures provide "

## Elegantly goofy

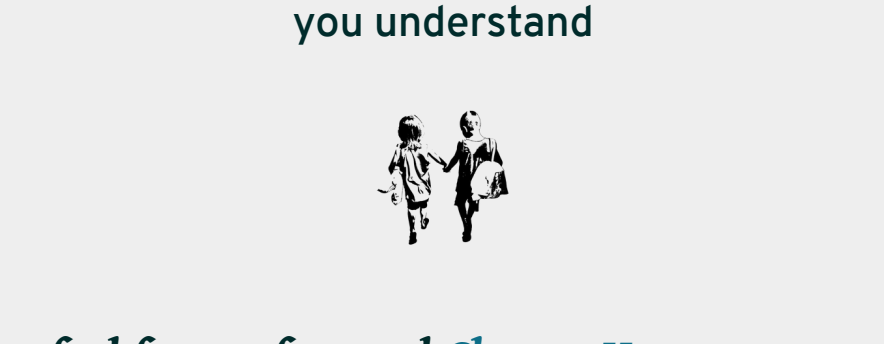
### Things You Might Not Know About Giraffes



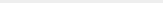
" Giraffes sleep standing up. As with leaning down for a drink of water, lying down to sleep is difficult for giraffes and makes them easy targets for predators. Giraffes usually stay upright while sleeping, and if they do settle into a vulnerable position on the ground, it's just for a quick six-minute nap. "

*"Let us think the unthinkable, let us do the undoable, let us prepare to grapple with the ineffable itself, and see if we may not eff it after all."*

## Douglas Adams



it's your life  
you understand



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