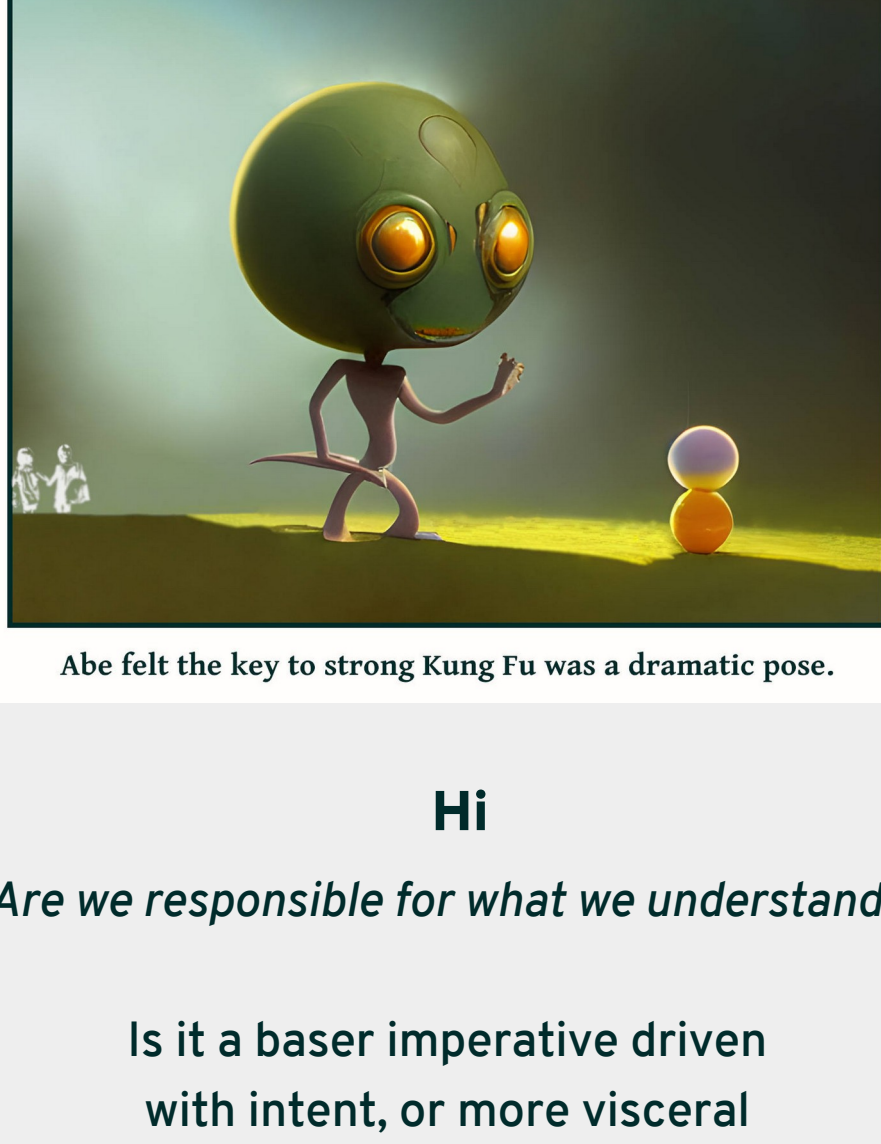


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## The Alien Life



Abe felt the key to strong Kung Fu was a dramatic pose.

**Hi**

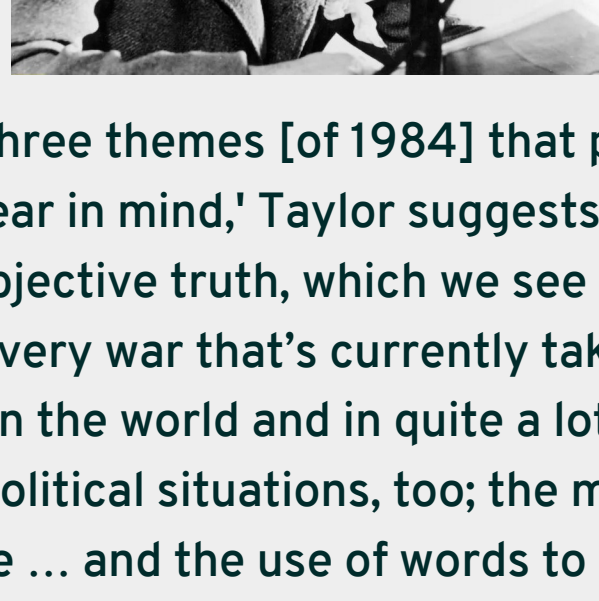
*Are we responsible for what we understand?*

Is it a baser imperative driven with intent, or more visceral a thing that rears itself from deep inside the gut and insists on being heard when we see the need of others go unheeded as we watch and clench into the body of a fist that won't be thrown

is it not so much more than just desire that drives the outrage that needs to breathe outside the moment that it was born into when we are moved to act only now the threat ignored is at our door and it's too late to wonder why the clenched body of a fist that once was willed to act but didn't is now being watched unheeded.

*Getting closer*

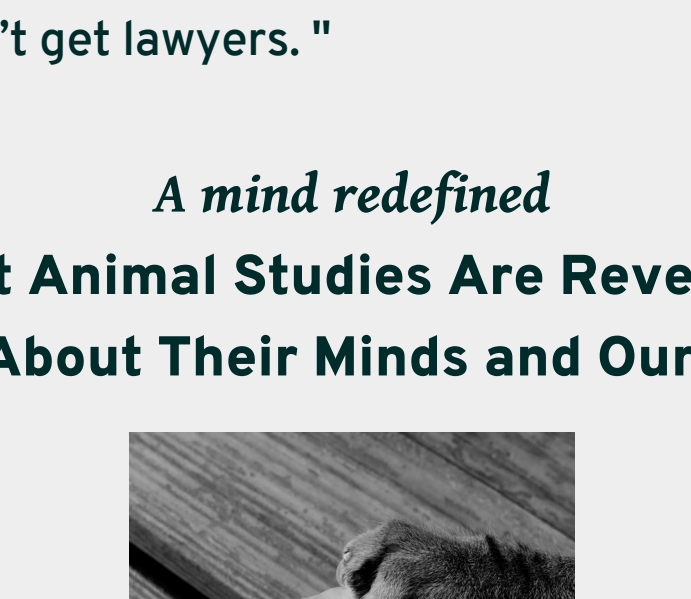
## What Does George Orwell's '1984' Mean in 2024?



"The big three themes [of 1984] that people ought to bear in mind,' Taylor suggests, 'are the denial of objective truth, which we see everywhere about us, every war that's currently taking place anywhere in the world and in quite a lot of domestic political situations, too; the manipulation of language ... and the use of words to bamboozle people; and the rise of the surveillance society. ... That to me, is the definition of the adjective 'Orwellian' in the 21st century.' "

*Who you calling an animal?*

## Elephants have names – and they use them with each other



" Demonstrating that an animal engages in complex forms of communication isn't necessarily enough to make people care about them. Ants use a highly sophisticated chemical language to coordinate some of the most impressive collective actions in the animal kingdom, but we still kill about a gazillion (rough estimate) ants per day. Ants don't get lawyers. "

*A mind redefined*

## What Animal Studies Are Revealing About Their Minds and Ours

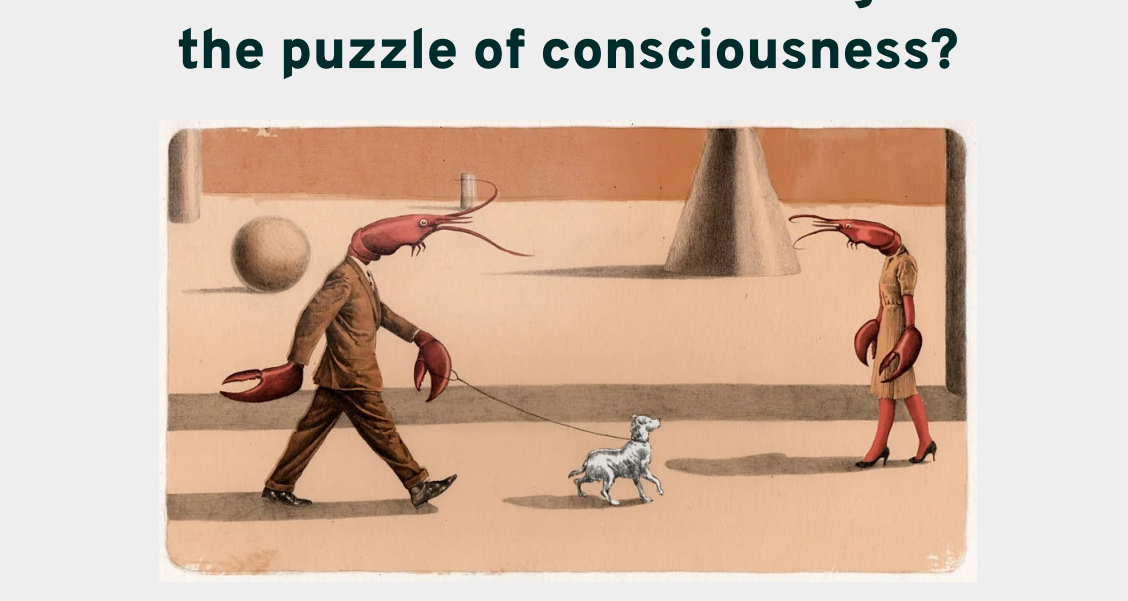


" Never underestimate the mind of a crow. Members of a family of birds that includes ravens, rooks, magpies, and jays, crows have been known to bend wire into hooks to retrieve food; drop nuts in a road so passing cars will crack them open; and recognize humans who have posed a threat, harassing them on-sight even months after their first encounter. "

**June 15, 1752**

## The Kite Flyer

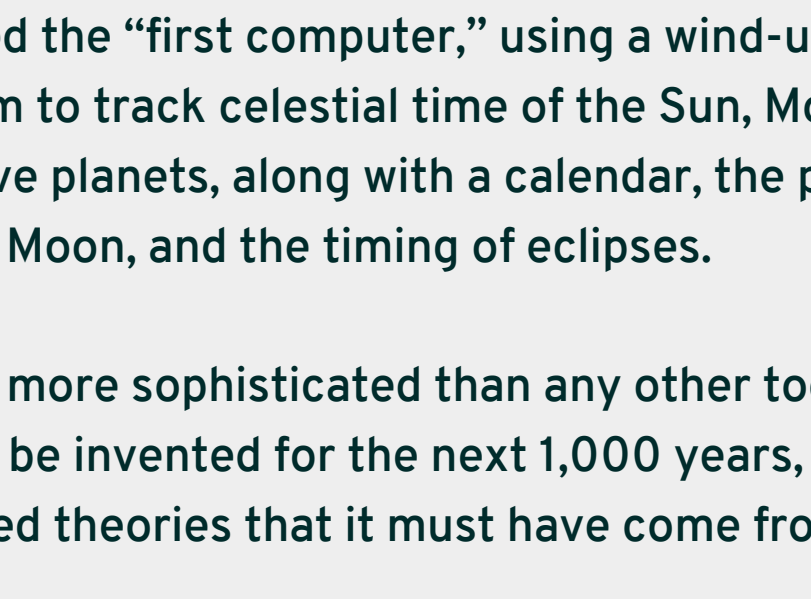
**One among many exploits**



## Wiki Rabbit Hole

" In his writings, Franklin indicates that he was aware of the dangers and offered alternative ways to demonstrate that lightning was electrical, as shown by his use of the concept of electrical ground. He did not perform this experiment in the way that is often pictured in popular literature, flying the kite and waiting to be struck by lightning, as it would have been dangerous. Instead he used the kite to collect some electric charge from a storm cloud, showing that lightning was electrical."

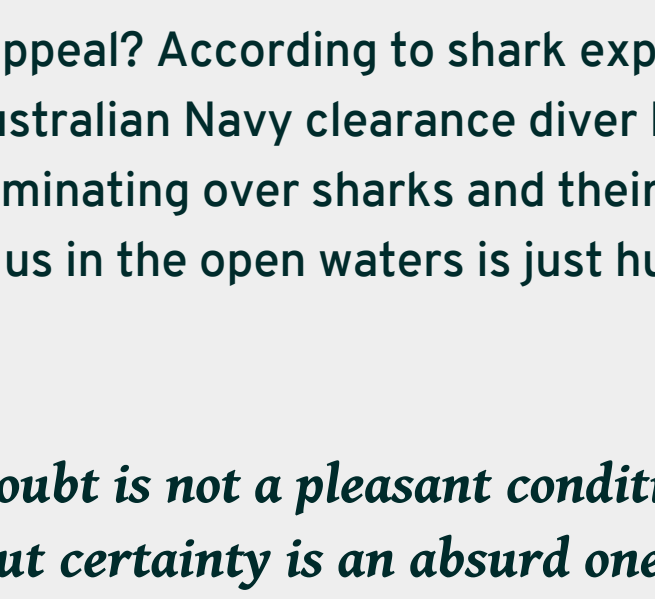
## Is there anybody in here? Are we close to solving the puzzle of consciousness?



" The question of whether other brains – quite alien to our own – are capable of awareness, is just one of the many conundrums that arise when scientists start thinking about consciousness. When does an awareness of our own being first emerge in the brain? Why does it feel the way it does? And will computers ever be able to achieve the same internal life? "

*How?*

## Ancient mysteries researchers still can't explain

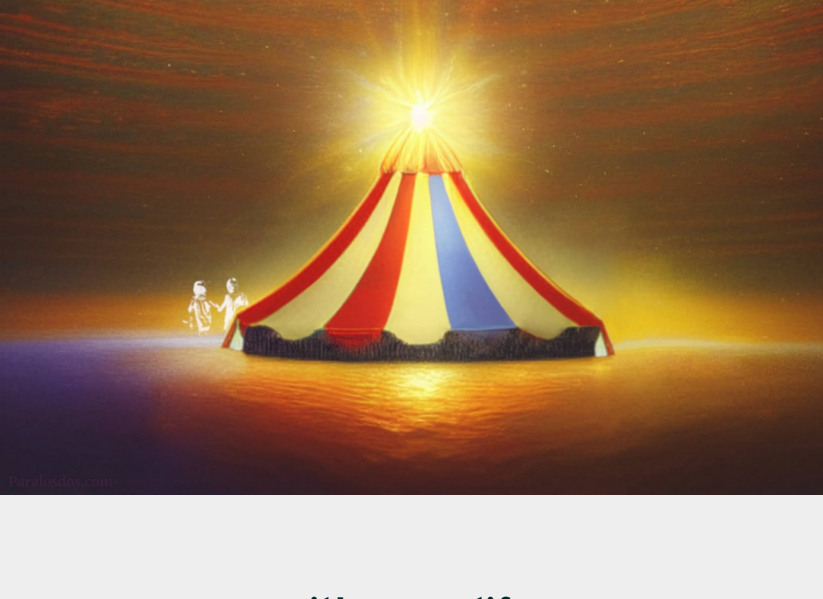


" The 2,000-year-old Antikythera mechanism found in an ancient Greek shipwreck has been dubbed the "first computer," using a wind-up dial system to track celestial time of the Sun, Moon, and five planets, along with a calendar, the phase of the Moon, and the timing of eclipses.

It was more sophisticated than any other tool that would be invented for the next 1,000 years, which sparked theories that it must have come from aliens.

While most researchers don't stand behind that theory, they still aren't sure how the Greeks managed to create a tool so much more advanced than anything we've seen of that era. "

## Cross your toes if it bites off your fingers Expert Tips for Surviving a Shark Attack



" When the Discovery Channel rolls out its annual Shark Week programming, we're once again reminded of our fascination with sharks, the apex predators who possess the destructive power of a table saw.

Why the appeal? According to shark expert and former Australian Navy clearance diver Paul de Gelder, ruminating over sharks and their ability to dominate us in the open waters is just human nature. "

**"Doubt is not a pleasant condition, but certainty is an absurd one."**

**Voltaire**



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