

Religions Evolve

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- Religion is copied from brain to brain with variations.
- This is descent with change.
- Some variations are better at getting copied into additional brains.
- There are a finite number of brains so religions compete for this limited resource.
- These conditions are the essence of evolution.
- Thus the inescapable conclusion that the diversity of religions observed today is the result of an evolution-like process.
- The most significant difference is that in the case of religion, “intelligent designers” often act as the source of variation upon which natural selection acts.
- It is not coincidental that religions may be mapped onto a branching structure similar to those seen in biology textbooks.
- The implications are profound.

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Religions Act as a Significant “Selection Pressure” on the Human Gene Pool

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- Religion has acted as a selection pressure each time it encouraged extra offspring. The modern day “Quiverfull Movement” is an extreme example.
- Religion has acted as a selection pressure each time it protected a human from sexually-transmitted or food-borne disease.
- Religion has acted as a selection pressure each time religion caused a non-compliant “infidel”, “adulteress”, “heretic” or “blasphemer” to be removed from the gene pool.
- As with Global Warming it is reasonable to debate the extent of the effect, but it is not reasonable to deny the existence of the effect.
- On average an individual’s number of offspring continues to vary directly with the degree of control which religion exerts over his or her brain.
- This means over generations the gene pool is increasingly dominated by genes for brains which are better controlled by religion.

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