

Evolution

Evolution is our ladder to the stars,
our means of traversing the universe,
our starship to eternity!!!

If you can loose your mind to imaginations of eternity, you cannot help but conclude that evolution, as the process that it is, or, at least, has been so far, seems to hold no end to itself nor its possibilities.

It has always been regarded as a slow process taking generations upon generations of gene structures within living organisms to develop as best suited to survive in their ever-changing environments. These untold generations of organisms lived and died without any awareness of the effects of evolution. After all, no giraffe was ever cognizant that she got to be so tall in order to corner the market, thereby enhancing the chances of survival of the species, on food that other herbivores could not reach.

But as primates developed, their growing sapience led them to understand their symbiotic relationship with their environment. Adaptation of the creature to the physical environment was seen as the first order of business of the evolutionary process. Soon enough, however, homo sapiens recognized that this did not have to be so --- the environment itself could be altered to suit the needs of the creature. For an interesting overview of how this may have developed, a critical reading of the likes of Diamond, Hariri and their contemporaries is instructive.

Fast forward to right now. We already have the technology for the human mind to be integrated into and sustained in algorithms crafted by our computers. This speaks, scarily but truthfully, to a complete reversal of the concept that our minds cannot survive without the physicality of our bodies.

So there goes the need, in due course, for any further adaptation to and of our environment to sustain our bodies. This includes the need for food, shelter, space and mobility. Imagine what that does to the geopolitical structures and economic engines of the world as we now know them!

I'll let you take it from there as to where this may go.