

**OBSERVATION****IS A HIGHLY DEVELOPED BRAIN REALLY AN ASSET ?**

It appears that man strives for at least one third of his life in order to attain knowledge, and then, having equipped himself better than any other life form on this planet, he uses his knowledge for really intelligent things, like developing weapons of war to destroy man, to poisoning great rivers and small streams with his excrement, and excrement, derived from his manufacture.

He fouls the air that he breathes by inhaling carcinogenic smoke and then exhaling the smoke, thus inflicting the habit (and the cancer) on other men and animals.

He contaminates the very sea from where his life began, and tries to deplete it of its life forms.

His very essence, in coming into contact with the animals and other life forms in the sea, has the effect of the eventual death of those who stay too close to man for too long a period of time.

Man employs the science of deforestation in order to denude huge tracks of land of flora and fauna.

Stately trees, having withstood the ravages of nature for many a decade, having grown and spawned over centuries of peaceful growth, die within a few short weeks, thanks to the introduction of deadly chemicals, which are sprayed by man in order to make way for man.

By so doing, he threatens the entire environment with his unique poisons -- while animals and birds, with far less developed brains than man's, look on in wonderment, awaiting their deaths at the hand of gentle man.

No other living creature on earth has to learn as much as man in order to enable him to survive within his deadly environment, an environment, created by him, one which must appear to be alien to any and all other life forms on this earth, or any other planet.

Would another life form in some other world want to be associated with earth's dominant animal life form?

The average bird spends less than 6 months in learning sufficiently about life in order to enable it to build a nest, forage for food, and to procreate.

Of course, birds do not have the very developed brains of man. One may add: It is for the best that they have only simple brains.

But one must ponder: Is man's highly developed brain an asset or a deficit?

Having appendages permits man locomotion and the ability to manufacture tools.

It, also, permits man to create weapons in order to kill other animals and, more often than not, to kill his own kind.

It is said that man likes to kill for the sake of killing: He derives joy in the act of murder.

He is the only animal on earth that possesses this wonderful and special attribute.

It is fact that no other living creature in the history of the earth has managed to kill his own kind to the extent that man has extended his knowledge ... in the killing field.

Homo Sapiens has only been on earth for about 125,000 years. This is not very long, considering that the age of the earth is estimated to be about 4.65 billion years.

But within those 125,000 years, man has successfully developed his brain to the point that, today, he has the ability to destroy his home, completely: The earth.

This is, really, quite an accomplishment, unparalleled in the history of this planet.

One must wonder whether or not man would have been better off if his brain had never developed to its low present level.

Certainly, he would be happier in ignorance than in erudition -- because, definitely, he would be more secure in the knowledge that the world would not be blown up by somebody, making a tragic mistake.

Proof of this assertion may be easily ascertained by asking the 1945 survivors of Hiroshima, those who still have a brain and are able to talk, of course.

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