

Some thoughts about the nature of a human being and the relation to the animals

It is a common attitude of evolutionists today to think that man is ~~not~~ simply a somewhat better organized member of the animal kingdom. There is much that can be advanced in favor of this idea. Yet every man knows ^{in his heart this} that it is not the case.

What can be mentioned in favor of this idea? The animal is produced. personality of the animal is ~~not~~ produced by two distinct sets of causes. First there is the influence of heredity. If one knows the type of body, physical characteristics and general attitudes of the ancestors of a horse or a dog he can tell a great deal about what the individual will be. A wide range of qualities are inherited. The same is true of human beings. One could easily mention one hundred different characteristics of an individual human being. The probabilities are that most of these could be pointed out as having been possessed by parents or grandparents or at the very least by great-grandparents. Often children are so very similar to their extremely similar to their parents. Much Our attention was called about a year ago to a case of two of a pair of twins who that had been adopted by different families at birth. Twenty years later they according to the account, they found each other and it gave a remarkable list of similarities between, many of them in most incidental matters. The influence of heredity over human beings and over animals is very great, as is also that of animals.

There is another factor that will At this point we might mention instincts. Many animals perform very intricate procedures in their lives that in some way are passed on in ~~their~~ their genes. Most Many types of animals show tremendous care for their offspring. In fact, in many of them the offspring would never have a chance an opportunity to grow up if it were not were it not for the very great care given to them by the parent. There is a tremendous emotion obvious in many animals if the offspring is ~~with~~ injured or lost or dies. Among ~~the~~ even the most vicious of human beings one generally finds a tremendous interest in the offspring and desires to help it. Parental feelings toward their children are a