



Café Sci2 Thursday 27 January 2011

at Brooklyn's

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901 Auraria Parkway, Denver, across Auraria Parkway from the Auraria campus

The evolution of consciousness: from invertebrates to dinosaurs and humankind

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At some point in life most of us ponder our origins and that of our species, life and the universe in general. Paleontologists traditionally study aspects of the "history of life." Some focus on the origins of unicellular life, others on invertebrate animals, yet others on vertebrates, including mammals and our primate ancestors. There is no firm dividing line between these deep-time ruminations and more 'recent' anthropological explorations of the origins of Homo sapiens, language and culture. In fact, it is we humans who have created modern scientific disciplines of Astronomy/Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Evolution and psychology/consciousness studies. Not by coincidence the emergence of these disciplines follows an intellectual 'history of science' sequence that mirrors our scientific explanation of the evolution of the universe, from Physiosphere to Biosphere to Noosphere (matter > life > mind). What role, we may ask, does our evolving consciousness (self-awareness) play in fundamentally affecting the way we view the universe and our place in it?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The discussion starts at 6:30 in upstairs lounge area. Come before 6 PM to leave yourself time to get something to eat.. We end around 8 PM.

There's no charge. Brooklyn's is generously providing the facility; we buy our own food & drinks. It is first come, first seated, and **seating is limited** so that everyone can take part in the discussion. Parking cheap or free in Pepsi Center lot SW of Brooklyn's. Mention the Café !

We welcome your input, including ideas for speakers and topics. Bring them with you to the next Café, or e-mail them and any questions to ericM@iqwired.net

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