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Why do people see evolutionary theory as a matter of personal belief?

The human race has come a long way since the first primitive human life form emerged on earth. Today, we are more technologically strong, genetically better and mentally progressive than our ancestors but despite ~~the~~ ~~our~~ countless hours of research, ~~how we became~~ our origins and how we became the humans we are today, still remains a matter of controversy.

Evolutionary ^{theory} is one of the many ~~theories~~ point-of-view that claim to narrate our background. Although the theory is strongly supported by evidences and facts testifying its authenticity, people still deny ~~accepting~~ this theory. A vast majority consider ~~the~~ theory as a matter of personal belief, rather than a solid fact.

"The evidence is convincing, but they're still not convinced" [1]

There are many factors that contribute to this point-of-view.

Firstly, ~~for~~ many humans find relieve in acknowledging that an entity, much ~~larger~~ ~~the~~ powerful than they ~~can~~ comprehend, exists to control the universe and their lives. Hence, they follow a religion. Many religions clearly deny the evolution theory, enforcing the idea that humanity is not an outcome of natural selection, but a production of God. Having followed a religion all along and having firm belief in their God, many humans fail to accept the fact that evolutionary theory is ~~not~~ a fact and consider it a mere opinion of some people which is false.

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Moving on, it is a common perception among many people that they're in control of their lives ~~themselves~~ and that they're the ones deciding what the future of our race will be like.

Evolutionary denies this idea, shifting the control of their lives and that of their offsprings into the hands of environment/nature

which causes these people to deny the theory as it challenges their personal beliefs.

Lastly, this widely-accepted evolutionary theory is still not completely proved. Although the general idea is a well proven fact, there still are some crucial questions about the origins of humanity that still remain unanswered. Question like, what caused the "Cambrian" explosion of life? and how does natural selection exactly work? are considered as loopholes in the theory by people unwilling to let this theory challenge their personal belief. As hysterical as it may sound, this evidence is enough for many to deny considering this theory a fact and making this theory as other's opinion only which need not be accepted.

Conclusively, Although there are countless reasons that result in this ~~the~~ well-proven theory being considered a matter of personal belief, I consider this approach as irrational and against the spirit of exploration and open mindedness which has allowed humanity to untap the marvels of technology and have allowed us to progress so much.

references:-

[1] Evolution Redux, Allan Border