

The Roots of Rationality and The Tyranny of the Tribe

an evolutionary history

Four Major Stages

- The Genetic-Evolution of Homo sapiens (3.5 Billion years)
 - Social bacteria -> multicellular **sexual selection** (2Ba)
 - -> Mammals -> primates—> genus Homo (1Ba)
 - Language -> oral culture -> **social selection**
- Cultural-Evolution of Enlightenment
 - To the **written word** (200ka)
 - Classical Greece -> Dark Ages -> **Guttenburg** -> Renaissance -> Enlightenment (2ka)
- A great divide?:
 - Counter-Enlightenment/Romanticism -> Hegel -> Critical Theory -> ...
 - Liberal democracy, Industrial Revolution, Global Capitalism, **www**
- Evolution by design - **synthetic biology**

Threads