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To: jeffrey E.
Subject: Re:

good question

in science: to be able to reduce something to its simplest most fundamental elements, themselves then linked together by simple (apparently incontrovertible) logic <=r> Richard Feynman was a master at explaining this for physics

Feynman on why magnets work:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO0r930Sn_8 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO0r930Sn_8>

how does a mirror work:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tuxLY94LXw> <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D6tuxLY94LXw>>

all of my original work was extremely simple, natural selection (differential reproductive success) being extremely simple (while selection for species advantage was both complex and wrong)

and the phenomena I applied it to e.g. (parent-offspring conflict) follows at once from r's being 1/2 in nuclear family, reciprocal altruism with a cheater being the obvious basis for friendship and coordinate benefit between individuals of low r, etc etc

later work more complex but not much and everything built up slowly and solidly from the simple foundation

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daily life:
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here I tend to be (at best) an acute observer of the behavior of those around me—WITHOUT letting them know this fact; here in Jamaica, they can lie and cheat until their tongues fall out, I am just writing it down in my brain without their knowledge, hence they keep it up

all best

On Sat, Aug 20, 2016 at 8:50 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> > wrote:

in your view, what does it mean to understand something/?

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