

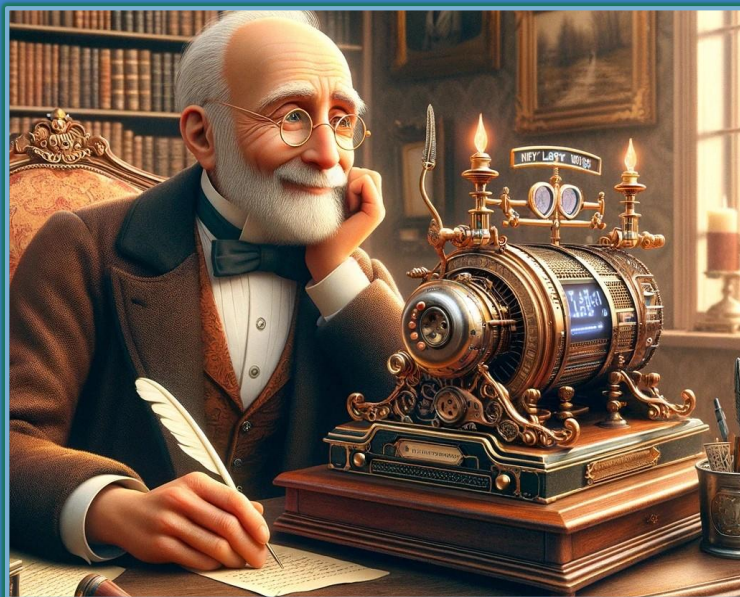
Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
Because their works had forked no lightning they
Do not go gentle into that good night

—Dylan Thomas (1947)



MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH LADY CHAT



The Rise
of
AUTHORITARIANISM
in
Homo sapiens

Dense Philosophical Prose



Statistically
most effective
communication of
ideas

data-driven
language
expert

aka: **HIVE MIND**



Edmund Burke

(1729-1797)

“**Manners** are of more importance than **laws**.”

“The law touches us but here and there, and now and then. Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us They give their whole form and color to our lives. According to their quality, they aid morals, they supply them, or they totally destroy them.”



first generation of psychiatrists to witness rapid shifts from pathological to normal emotions-and-motivations via **new drug treatments**



All **psychiatric treatments** modulate
pathologically hyperactive
emotions-and-motivations



Psychiatric conditions **amplify and reflect** key evolutionary adaptations by our motivations

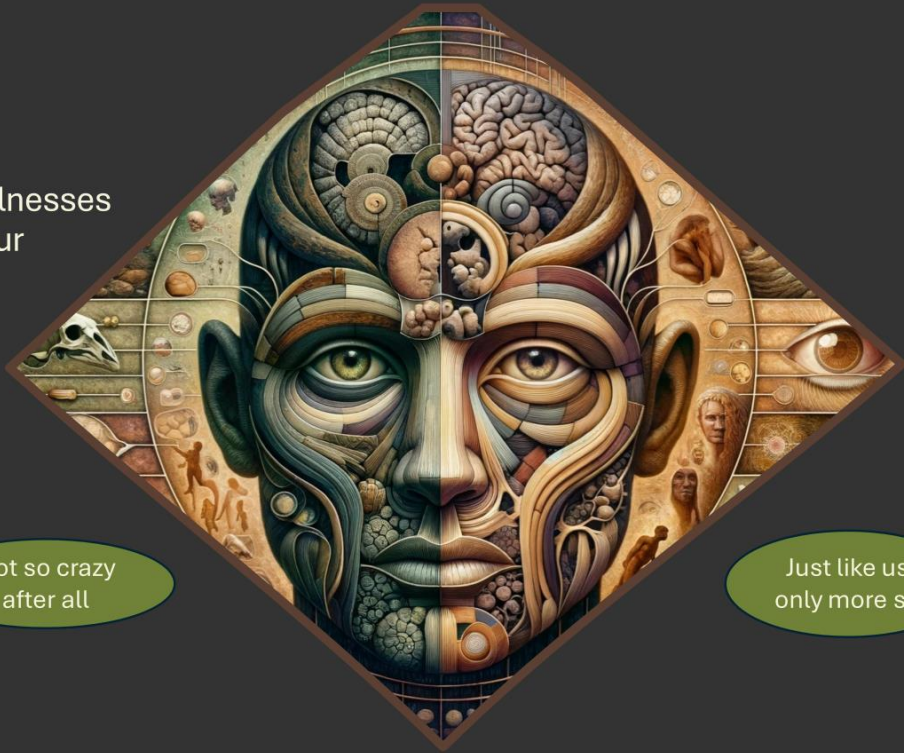


Recognizing Mental Illnesses
as Echoes of Our
Evolutionary
Journey

Humanizes
Them

Not so crazy
after all

Just like us
only more so



mental illnesses are
Emotional Fossils
of
our subjective
evolutionary experience



Romantic



Classical



Rousseau

“Man is naturally good . . .”

vs.

Hobbes

“Bellum omnium contra omnes”

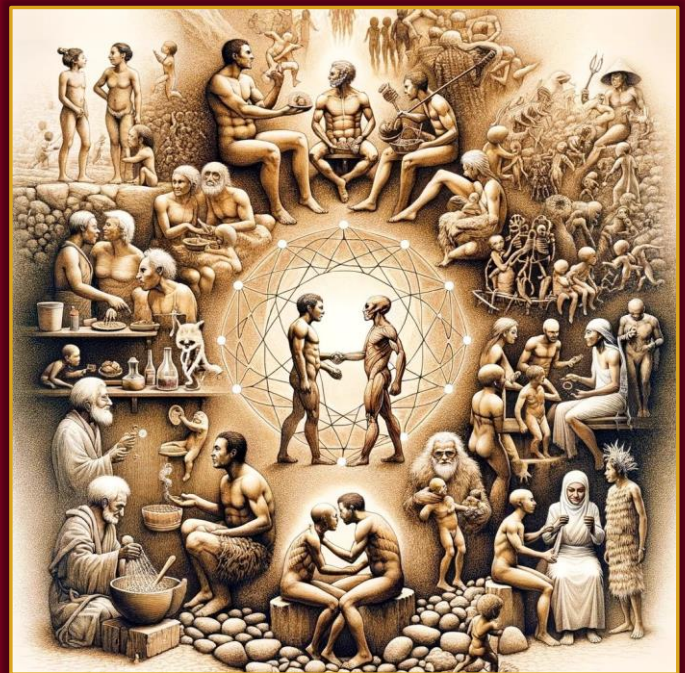
(War of all against all)



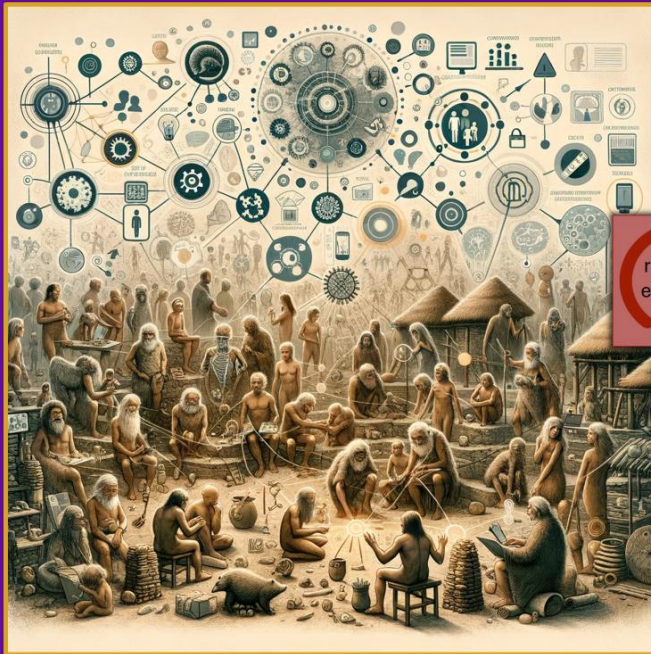
THE INSIDE STORY: *Homo sapiens* evolved **desire** for benefits of cohering populations



Runaway **desires** for and from sexual display . . . expanding to **desires** for and from social display



Payoff are the benefits of cultural evolution.



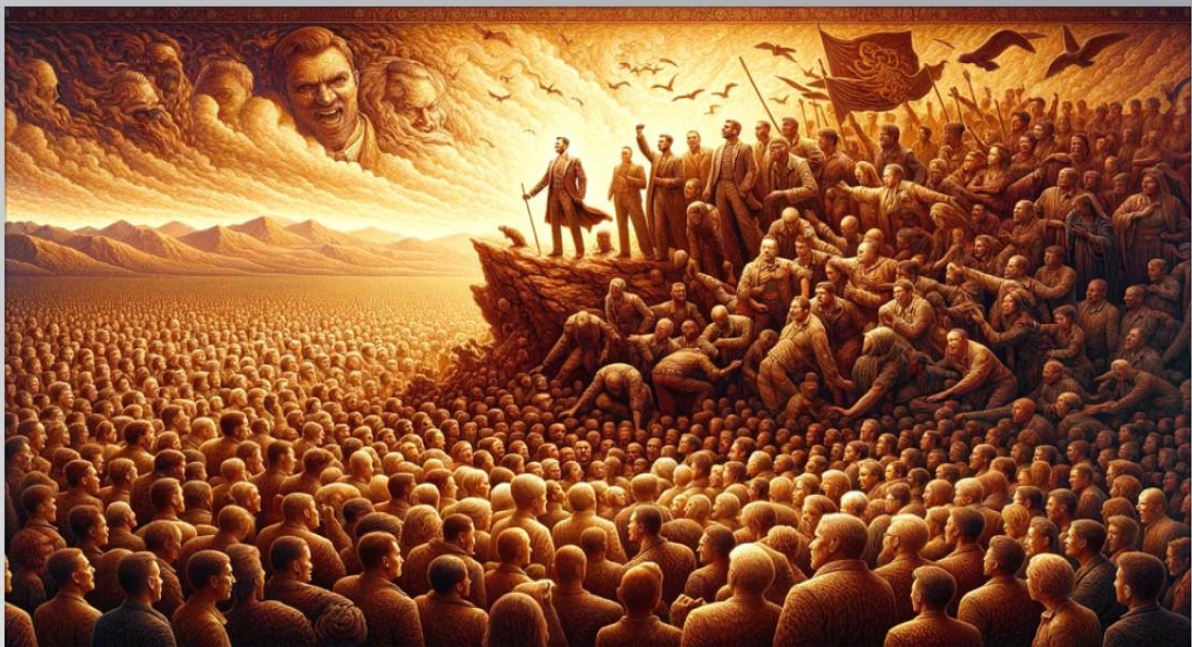
Side-effect is the desire for charisma & adulation . . .



runaway
evolution

...fueled group selection (chronic war) for authoritarianism in large populations . . .





from charisma to tyranny



SLAIN SACRED COWS

Evolution

1. **Humans and Apes:** Differences are gradual, not fundamental.
2. **Emotional Evolution:** Emotions support cognitive development, and intentionality is overlooked.
3. **Group Dynamics:** Evolution affects individuals and genes and not relationships or groups.
4. **Predominance of Game Theory:** Selfish individuals (or genes) compete for scarce resources, even in sexual, social, and relational evolution.

Psychiatry

5. **Mental Illness:** Pathology occurs solely at the brain-biological level (like neurological disorders), and symptoms are effects, not causes.

Growth of world population very slow during onset of chronic war

