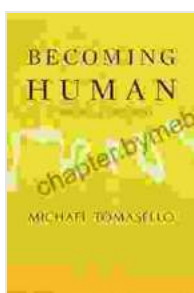


# Becoming Human: The Theory of Ontogeny

In his groundbreaking new book, *Becoming Human: The Theory of Ontogeny*, world-renowned evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins argues that humans are not simply the products of their genes or their environment, but rather that we are shaped by a unique process of development that he calls ontogeny.



## **Becoming Human: A Theory of Ontogeny** by Michael Tomasello

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Dawkins builds on his previous work on evolution and the selfish gene to develop a comprehensive theory of how humans came to be the most intelligent and self-aware species on the planet. He argues that ontogeny is a process that begins in the womb and continues throughout our lives. During this process, we learn from our experiences and interactions with the world around us, and we develop our own unique personalities and identities.

Dawkins' theory of ontogeny has implications for our understanding of human nature, education, and even the future of our species. He argues

that we are not born with a fixed set of traits, but rather that we are constantly evolving and changing. This means that we have the potential to learn from our mistakes and to improve ourselves and our world.

Becoming Human is a fascinating and thought-provoking book that will challenge your assumptions about human nature. Dawkins' writing is clear and engaging, and he provides a wealth of evidence to support his theory. If you are interested in understanding the origins of human consciousness and behavior, then this book is a must-read.

### **The Importance of Ontogeny**

Dawkins argues that ontogeny is the key to understanding human nature. He points out that humans are the only species that has the ability to learn from our experiences and to change our behavior accordingly. This ability is what allows us to adapt to new environments and to solve complex problems.

Dawkins also argues that ontogeny is essential for the development of human consciousness. He believes that our ability to think and reason is a product of our unique developmental process. Without ontogeny, we would be nothing more than instinctual beings, driven by our genes and our environment.

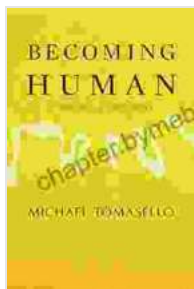
### **The Implications of Ontogeny**

Dawkins' theory of ontogeny has implications for a wide range of fields, including education, psychology, and even the future of our species. He argues that we need to rethink the way we educate our children, and that we need to focus more on helping them to learn how to learn and how to solve problems. He also believes that we need to take a more proactive

approach to preventing violence and other social problems, by investing in early childhood education and other programs that can help to promote healthy development.

Dawkins is optimistic about the future of our species. He believes that if we can understand and harness the power of ontogeny, then we can create a better world for ourselves and for our children.

Becoming Human is a groundbreaking book that will change the way we think about human nature. Dawkins' theory of ontogeny is a powerful tool for understanding the origins of human consciousness and behavior. It is also a source of hope for the future, as it shows us that we have the potential to create a better world for ourselves and for our children.



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