

Becoming.

All things become something other than what they started as. If we research it, we'll find that water did not originate on Earth, nor did iron, gold, or many other minerals. The soil here became what it is because millions of enormous comets and asteroids, containing vast deposits of ice and millions of myriad minerals collected in space from exploding stars, crashed into Earth, enriching and allowing it to sustain life. Over millions of years, the ice turned to water, and the minerals broke down, creating soil where microbes could grow, eventually producing plants and trees. As those microbes, plants, and trees died and broke down, more soil was made, and more life grew. These are examples of things becoming what they can become.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. A pinecone grows on a branch in a tree, gets fertilized by pollen, falls, and a sapling grows into a majestic tree. Majestic trees formed into multi-billion-acre forests that covered vast portions of the earth. Over hundreds of thousands of years and more, vast forests grew, and the atmosphere changed, which could then sustain all forms of life. These are more examples of things becoming what they can become.

Fish, monkeys, birds, and trillions of life forms evolved from other life forms to live and to become what they could be. Science discovered that humans evolved from other forms of life.

Was the evolution from fish or monkeys or something else?

When humans and certain other life forms reproduce, sperm finds an ovum and enters, fertilizing that egg, producing a zygote, and initiating embryonic development. For humans, fetuses become babies, babies become toddlers, toddlers become children, and so on. Children become who they are because of their biologics, sphere of influence, and other social entanglements. Education and educators play a huge role in a child's development. Eventually, the teenager

becomes their inner motivation, and they set out to become their idea of who and what they want to be.

As adults, they begin living their lives. They make their own decisions and become independently responsible. They become better by learning from their mistakes and trying to do the best they can. They are pulled by the most biological need, which is to reproduce, and many honor that need for many years of their existence. Most also strive to become an essential member of society, within a sphere of influence they agree with, while being the best person they can be.

As they grow, they pass on the experience and experiences they have gained to those younger than them or those needing their wisdom. For many humans, aging is a form of richness that becomes more than they need, so they try to give some of it away.

We're always becoming until our end, our final breath, but even then, we remain memories for those we leave. Our legacy is becoming what we became during all the years we lived and until we pass.

Scientists believe that ninety-nine percent of all life forms that have ever existed are extinct.

They also estimate that there are currently over one trillion species of life forms, from microscopic to blue whales.

Becoming seems like it is as much a part of our DNA as our need to reproduce and to do everything we can to survive. But can becoming become extinct? Can becoming become so hum to humans that they believe it is unnecessary? Can differing spheres of influence abdicate our responsibility to become all we can and should become?

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