

Matt Ridley

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This idea holds out hope that the human race will prosper mightily in the years ahead-because ideas are having sex with each other as never before.

~Matt Ridley

Futurology always ends up telling you more about your own time than about the future.

~Matt Ridley

Society works not because we have consciously invented it, but because it is an ancient product of our evolved predispositions. It is literally in our nature.

~Matt Ridley

The interaction of genetic and external influences makes my behaviour unpredictable, but not undetermined. In the gap between those words lies freedom.

~Matt Ridley

It is not a zero sum game. The simple idea of the gains from trade lies at the heart of the modern and the ancient economy, not the power of capital. There is nothing else to it.

~Matt Ridley

Intelligence will become more and more collective; innovation and order will become more and more bottom-up.

~Matt Ridley

Prosperity has brought complications. Our lives are busier, faster, more stressful. They're nostalgic for a simpler, slower time.

~Matt Ridley

A true scientist is bored by knowledge; it is the assault on ignorance that motivates him - the mysteries that previous discoveries have

revealed.

~Matt Ridley

The genome is a book that wrote itself, continually adding, deleting and amending over four billion years.

~Matt Ridley

Our minds have been built by selfish genes, but they have been built to be social, trustworthy and cooperative.

~Matt Ridley

Trade is 10 times as old as farming.

~Matt Ridley

At some point, human intelligence became collective and cumulative in a way that happened to no other animal.

~Matt Ridley

The body is merely an evolutionary vehicle for the gene

~Matt Ridley

Ecology, like genetics, is not about equilibrium states. It is about change, change and change. Nothing stays the same forever.

~Matt Ridley

Every minute, every second, the pattern of genes being expressed in your brain changes, often in direct or indirect response to events outside the body. Genes are the mechanisms of experience.

~Matt Ridley

Life is a Sisyphean race, run ever faster toward a finish line that is merely the start of the next race

~Matt Ridley

The evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in 1976 coined the term 'meme' for a unit of cultural imitation.

~Matt Ridley

Uniqueness is the commodity of glut.

~Matt Ridley

Genes are biochemical recipes written in a four-letter alphabet called DNA.

~Matt Ridley

Considering the way evolution works, it should not be surprising if every man has got a Don Giovanni somewhere inside him.

~Matt Ridley

We consciously decide whether to consider people; we fall in love despite ourselves; we entirely fail to fall in love with people who fall in love with us. It is a mightily complicated business.

~Matt Ridley

Simple determinism, whether of the genetic or environmental kind, is a depressing prospect for those with a fondness for free will.

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