

Susan Blackmore

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All other species on this planet are gene machines only. They don't imitate at all well; we alone are gene machines and meme machines as well.

~Susan Blackmore

Free will and consciousness is an illusion, and the self is a complex of memes.

~Susan Blackmore

If everyone understood evolution, then the tyranny of religious memes would be weakened, and we little humans might find a better way to live in this pointless universe.

~Susan Blackmore

Imagine a world full of brains, and far more memes than can possibly find homes. Which memes are more likely to find a safe home and get passed on again?

~Susan Blackmore

Science has, after all, made some colossal blunders in the past... Our current materialism and its rejection of the idea of a spirit or soul might be just another great falsity.

~Susan Blackmore

One of the biggest mistakes that people make when they think about memes is they try to extend on the analogy with genes. That's not how it works. It works by realizing the concept of a replicator.

~Susan Blackmore

Parapsychology seems to be growing further away from the progress and excitement of the rest of consciousness studies.

~Susan Blackmore

For the planet's sake, I hope we have bird flu or some other thing that

will reduce the population, because otherwise we're doomed.

~Susan Blackmore

Just as the design of our bodies can be understood only in terms of natural selection, so the design of our minds can be understood only in terms of memetic selection.

~Susan Blackmore

Consciousness is an illusion constructed by the memes.

~Susan Blackmore

If you found a mammal with feathers, then you'd know that Darwin was wrong. Well, it's rather the same with memes.

~Susan Blackmore

The sale of sex in modern societies is not about spreading genes. Sex has been taken over by the memes.

~Susan Blackmore

Take male strategies for success in the world. If you've got all the advantages, if you're attractive and clever and all of that, you will generally go for very high quality females.

~Susan Blackmore

I have not come up with anything original. It needs a better brain than mine! I have done what I can do in taking Dawkins' idea and extending it.

~Susan Blackmore

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