

Abstract:

The goal of this work is to present attitudes of two contemporary authors who are in the center of the evolutionary-origin-of morality debate, that is theories of Richard Dawkins and Frans de Waal. The critical reflection of their works on this topic will center around the building blocks of morality and the supposed „moral sense“, which according to the dutch primatologist humans to some extent share with some of their living evolutionary relatives. In case of Richard Dawkins we are about to review his meme theory and parasitical character of some elements of culture. Moreover there will be presented accounts of the dual inheritance theorists, which in authors opinion can reunite both presented authors and thier attitudes, i.e. put the parasitic/independent character of memes in accordance with the building blocks of morality approach. This approach in turn can explain many phenomena of human contemporary morals and their limits.

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