Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve
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This all goes back to "logos": http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logos

Essentially, rationality and logic can be derived from language (and thus culture and bias). How can you "know" anything in reality without LABELING it anything? Personally, I think people could not say god's name JHVH because no HUMAN WORD could ever label that which cannot have a label (thus beyond rationality!)

Objectivity is impossible -- only through exposure, experience, and an open mind can anyone really get close to that -- ya know.. kinda like OMNIPOTENT... I guess true objectivity could be obtained when you "know" everything... but lemme tell ya... the ratio of stuff I think I know to the stuff I don't know is pretty sharp.

Plus, I fully expect my beliefs, personality, and rationality to change as I grow older and get ever closer to my death bed and really wonder what this life was about anyways, then I'll really wonder just what happens to me post death... which of course is another topic of contentious debate which has plagued our ancestors from the beginning of consciousness and us to this very day.

EDIT: A situation to think about: my grandfather had Alzheimers for like 10 years before he died. He made absolutely no sense in almost anything he was talking about, but to him it was obvious he made sense to himself. To us, he was irrational and incomprehensible.

This reminds me of that time right after you regain consciousness from a deep dream in which everything makes sense, but as you wake you recall most everything what was happening and you think --> that made NO SENSE like people you "knew" in your dream, but on waking you realized you didn't know who the hell they were, etc