

Mutant Foxes

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LINKS TO 2024 ISSUES



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01 Mutant Foxes
"We often see the primacy of Story reasserted. The legendary split-brain research pioneer Michael S. Gazzaniga talked about 'your storytelling brain,' and how the human is a 'storytelling animal.'"

02 The Hoax Principle
"The Hoax Principle asserts that fictional ideas, like placebos, can attain an astounding level of reality through sheer persuasive force."

03 Two Darwins
"Although, like his grandson Charles, Erasmus Darwin understood that evolution was spurred by a ruthless struggle for survival, he believed that this struggle was ultimately aimed at 'organic happiness' or 'the Bliss of Being.'"

04 Stories and Myths
"All stories are creation myths … or at least it might be good to think of them that way. It would focus our attention on how stories—in the form of myths, legends, novels, poetry, movies, instruction manuals, songs, history books, biographies, jokes, fables, algebraic equations, or TV commercials—shape our lives."

05 Collaboration
"According to the Maya, the world came into being during a conversation between two gods. Our reality was the result of a creative collaboration, not a demonstration of authority or an act of loneliness."

06 Gutenberg-Punk
"For the religious and political powers-that-were in the 15th century, the introduction of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg was one of history's greatest catastrophes, comparable to poetry slams, back-of-the-book indexes, the death of Robin Williams, the Internet, and writing itself."

07 AI
"The supposed threat of A.I. has stirred a culture-wide near-panic oddly reminiscent of the alarm caused by Orson Welles's *The War of the Worlds* radio broadcast in 1938. Fears of an upcoming singularity in which technology exceeds human control run rampant."

08 Why do artists … ?
"The heart of any creative work is a state of discovery. Writing is a way of finding out about characters and ideas, rather than merely a means of self expression. Creativity means writing what you don't know."

09 The Song of the Hole in the Sky
"Ask me no questions, I'll tell you no truths:
That's a motto I've tried to live by.
But up yonder there's a hole in the sky;
And you want to hear how it got there."

10 The Gift of Story
"What's required is the courage to risk change without knowing what it will bring about. What's needed are adventurers willing to go into whatever is ahead without even knowing what they, themselves, will become—because no one transformation will suffice for all."

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