

Episode Thirty-Four - The Atoms Do Not Possess A Faculty of Sensation

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My sense is that this "monkey theory" in all its forms is an illustration of "just because something can be shown to have a mathematical probability of happening doesn't mean it has a corresponding possibility in reality." Those monkey probabilities are so infinitesimal as to be practically impossible in our cosmos. And whether you accept an infinite universe or a "practically infinite from a human perspective" universe, the chances of monkeys typing Shakespeare is not going to happen by random chance. That's born out by natural selection and evolution. Evolution is not random. Mutations are random but nature "selects" out those that provide an advantage.

Same for the monkeys. If something selects for keeping two and three "correct" letters together from Hamlet and builds in them, maybe it'll happen.

And there's little reason to think there are monkeys identical to our monkeys in an alternate cosmos.

Plus, getting all those monkeys in one place and keeping them at their typewriters for infinity is one grant project I doubt would ever be funded.

All this is to say that micro-applications of this randomness cannot be helpful in theory.

But if you want a copy of Shakespeare's works, visit your local library.