

Response to Commentary

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I wish to thank McCard (2010) for his additional references that seem to give support to my major thesis: that the crossing of the symbolic threshold into language, myth, and complex culture changed us in a way that evolution could never have managed alone. Emergent self-consciousness created a new being that basically lives in a symbolic reality not entirely dependent on natural processes with aims that occasionally teeter into the decidedly unnatural. For good or ill, we are that being, the one who witnesses natural unfolding and our questionable effect upon it.

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