

Discover the Primary Drivers of Wars

An article I read in a science magazine stated that for the last 191,700 years, humans like us have lived on the earth. DNA samples and archaeological discoveries played key roles in the research behind the statement. Living creatures have DNA codes. The code determined that each of us is a human instead of a chicken, a cat, an earthworm or a tomato ([click here for more information](#)). The DNA from people who lived 200,000 years are found in people who are alive today ([click here](#)). This is important because it means our bodies and organ systems are genetically identical.

There is a 171,700-year gap in which all we know about humans comes from archeological discoveries that include DNA samples, tools, graves, dwelling places, etc. We can see and feel things they saw and felt, but we cannot think what they thought.

Approximately 20,000 years ago, some Ice Age individuals adorned an assortment of surfaces across France and Spain with representations of regional prey animals, from bison to birds to fish. Scientists have been able to match these representations to evidence that these lived during those time periods, and some are still alive today.

However, caves, such as Lascaux, Chauvet and Altamira have similar representations augmented with stunning sequences of abstract symbols. These abstract symbols still stump anthropologists, archaeologists, and linguists today. The representations reveal a major evolutionary milestone – **the first-time humans communicated with other humans without being physically present. The representations are also the first examples of human memories being stored on something outside the brain.**

The meanings of the abstract symbols remain unknown.

14,500 years after the representations in the caves were made, the earliest confirmed form of writing was made. It is recorded on a limestone tablet, known as **the Kish tablet**, which dates to around **3,500 BCE** ([click here](#)). The tablet was found on the site of an ancient **Sumerian city** called **Kish**, which is located in **modern-day Iraq**. *These symbols represent a mid-point between cave representations and cuneiform script. This tablet probably pre-dates Egyptian hieroglyphs by several centuries.* Powerful computers today are in the beginning stages of using artificial intelligence to translate cuneiform script, *Egyptian hieroglyphs*, and other ancient languages. We are getting glimpses of the thoughts of people who died before the most ancient pyramids in Egypt were built, *and 3,000 years before the Second Temple in Jerusalem was built.*

Thinking about the things above as I read the article, triggered memories I have made over the past 40+ years of my journey and that caused the thoughts below to bubble up in my brain. They are facts that most people never consider as they witness human behaviors like we see in the news all of the time. Please read them slowly and think about how they relate to your life.

Fact #1: *All humans are dependent on others from conception to death.*

- Every person is created from ½ of the DNA codes of two people he or she did not choose.
- Every person is born into a time and place he or she did not choose.
- Most of the people a person depends on to survive will not be chosen by him or her.

Fact #2: *The brain of a baby born 191,700 years ago, and the brain of anyone alive today, are genetically identical. The facts above apply to both.*

- Both were cared for by people who are genetically identical, *but they have very different memories of life experiences stored in the neural networks of their brains.*
- The reproductive systems of both were genetically activated at about the same age. *This played an important role in being viewed as adult members of their societies.*
- Between birth and adulthood, *both learned how to function as members of their societies.*

This brought me back to October 7, 2023, and the War in Israel. The facts above apply to everyone on both sides of the war. They are where they are because of factors that they did not choose – *beginning with parents, caretakers, mentors, and teachers.* Now consider what their lives would have been like if the parents of those fighting were switched. Their DNA would still be 99.9% identical, but **their memories and belief models would polar opposites. In short, they would probably still be fighting a war, but they would be on the other side.**

- *DNA codes are not drivers of wars.*
- *Belief models created from memories are the primary drivers of wars.*
- *Memories and belief models are not part of discussions about wars.*

After considering the above facts, and memories I acquired from a 40+ year journey, I concluded this:

*If people were aware of the facts above
they would be actively involved in all decisions
that risked the lives of their children and grandchildren.*

Today, a growing number of people around the Earth are aware of the facts above and the power and opportunities that knowledge gives them.

- *We are now the inhabitants of the Earth; it is our turn to welcome, care, mentor, and teach new humans.*
- *We are the genetic link to DNA in their bodies, which we received from thousands of ancestors.*
- *We are the information link to time-tested wisdom stories that shaped the lives of our ancestors – plus facts discovered by scientists.*

I invite you to **Explore the Bible and Biblical Heritages** with us. You will learn the **Guidelines and Models** that have been shared with people around the world – *and transformed many lives.*

*We will not end wars, but **we will increase Shalom.***

 <p>שָׁלוֹם T</p> <p><u>Transliteration</u></p> <p>SHALOM</p> <p><u>Translation</u></p> <p>peace</p>	<p><u>Ancient Meaning</u></p> <p><i>A social environment where peoples' lives are complete, healthy, wholesome; relationships are harmonious and mutually beneficial; homes are safe; places are secure and restful; members are loyal and committed to each other and the community.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Biblical Heritage Center. Inc.</p>
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Shalom,
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