

# Domesticated Evolution: The Hidden Forces Shaping Our Lives



## Domesticated: Evolution in a Man-Made World

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In the past 10,000 years, humans have domesticated not only animals and plants, but also ourselves. We have shaped our genome through our relationship with technology, food, and even our own bodies. In *Domesticated Evolution*, Dr. Kirkpatrick investigates the ways in which these forces have shaped our evolution, and what it means for our future.

## The Impact of Technology

Technology has had a profound impact on human evolution. The development of tools and weapons has allowed us to survive in new environments and to exploit new resources. The invention of agriculture has led to a dramatic increase in population size and to the emergence of new social structures. The development of antibiotics has allowed us to treat diseases that were once неизлечимый. And the development of

computers and other information technologies is transforming the way we live and work.

All of these technological advances have had a significant impact on our genome. For example, the development of tools and weapons has led to a decrease in the size of our teeth and jaws. The invention of agriculture has led to a decrease in the size of our digestive system. And the development of antibiotics has led to a decrease in the frequency of certain genetic diseases.

### **The Impact of Food**

Food has also had a major impact on human evolution. The development of agriculture led to a dramatic increase in the amount of food that was available to humans. This increase in food availability led to a decrease in the amount of time that humans had to spend foraging for food. This, in turn, led to a decrease in the amount of physical activity that humans engaged in. As a result, humans began to lose muscle mass and to gain weight.

The change in diet that occurred with the development of agriculture also had a significant impact on our genome. The increased consumption of carbohydrates led to an increase in the frequency of certain genetic diseases, such as diabetes and obesity.

### **The Impact of Our Own Bodies**

Our own bodies have also played a role in shaping our evolution. The development of bipedalism (walking upright) led to a change in the shape of our pelvis and legs. The development of language led to a change in the

shape of our mouths and vocal cords. And the development of culture led to a change in the way that we interact with each other.

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## The Future of Human Evolution

The forces that have shaped human evolution in the past are still at work today. Technology, food, and our own bodies will continue to shape our evolution in the future. It is impossible to say exactly what the future of human evolution holds, but it is clear that we are still evolving. And it is up to us to decide what kind of future we want to create.

In *Domesticated Evolution*, Dr. Kirkpatrick provides a fascinating and thought-provoking look at the ways in which our relationship with technology, food, and our own bodies has shaped our evolution. This book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the future of human evolution.



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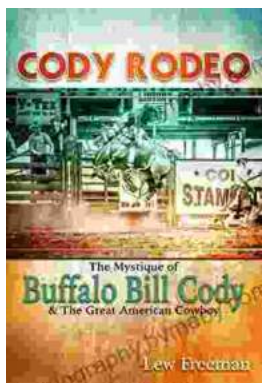
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