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Living in a Selfish World?

Vom Sinn des Gebens

For decades economists have portrayed mankind as a species that seeks only its own advantage and profit in a coolly calculating manner. «Struggling for Life»- many economists view the global markets and their mechanisms in accordance with this image to the present day. People chase individual success with all their might - even at the expense of their neighbours. Yet recently scientists from various different disciplines have begun to question this view of things. The financial crisis gave a special urgency to their work, and in the meantime, neuroscientists, evolutionary researchers and economists have turned the old, pseudo-Darwinist picture of mankind on its head. They are coming to the conclusion that through his tribal history, mankind is characterised by mutual support, readiness to help and teamwork.

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