

IRRATIONALITY OF *HOMO SAPIENS*

Summary

The article tries to show that human intellectual abilities are quite different from the ones promoted by schools, universities, and... common sense. The name of our species, *Homo sapiens*, is given in a little bit of advance. Our thinking is imperfect (to say the least), our language – clumsy, our memory – selective, and our decision-making – automatic.

We are not as wonderful as we have thought so far, even when we spend our money. Several examples are provided to illustrate this point. The article concludes with a possible explanations why irrationality of humans may serve an adaptive role in our everyday life.