

“Human” Awareness

Is self-awareness the cause of our awareness of time?

If we were not self-aware, we'd have no ability to conceive of a *before* or a *after*. Our lives would be a succession of timeless moments where each one would be "understood" as the only one, without despairing regrets or anticipatory joys or fears?

Could we conceive of *I* or *me* or *mine* or *you*?

Could we be aware of our own mortality?

It's difficult to imagine what we'd like with awareness only. Would we still be meaningfully human? This status would seem to require self-awareness, a qualitative leap in our evolutionary development?