

the family elicited help from the police and private investigators, no one could find Lowell and they eventually gave up. Rose also describes how Fern was suddenly removed from the home, how she woke up in a new and strange house and how the graduate students assisting with study were never a part of her life ever again.

Part way through this section, Lowell mysteriously turns up in Davis and brother and sister spend a night at a café catching up. We learn that Lowell has spent the last several years both in search of Fern and fighting for animal rights. He describes the facility that he broke into, in which Fern was being kept. When he finally found her, Fern fiercely protected him from another alpha male chimp that was in her cage. Employees quickly found Lowell and threw him out and we are left with the fact that he never saw her again.

Tuesday 4/5/16 Lecture Notes

Of Men and Monkeys

“We must contemplate the shared ground of our common biological being before emphasizing the differences” –Gary Snyder

I. The Human-Animal Spectrum (Discontinuism vs. Continuism)

A. Plato

1. Man is defined by reason, which is allied with his immaterial soul rather than his material body (the human is absolutely different from the animal), discontinuist thinking

a. Led to religious thinking in the same way

B. Aristotle

1. man is defined by reason but this is a function of his biological being and not by something otherworldly, continuist thinking

a. Inspired scientists

II. Charles Darwin: The Descent of Man

A. Stated that humans share evolutionary history and are in fact descendents of animals, “man still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin”, was mocked by some

III. Language and the Self

A. Jacques Lacan: “the unconscious is structured like a language”

a. Structure is very mathematical