

Philosophy 3334 Fall 2023
Reading questions #6
Due Tues, Sept 26th

Read Chapter 9.

1) It turns out that in a great many species (not all) there are roughly equal numbers of males and females born every generation. What is the basic explanation for why this is true? (HINT: The answer is not “that is just how meiosis works” or anything like that).

2) At the end of the chapter, Dawkins says of humans, “a biologist would be forced to suspect that he was looking at a society in which females compete for males rather than vice versa.” Explain why he says this. What do you think the explanation might be?

3) After reading the chapters, come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed. This could be something that the chapters forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing in the chapters.