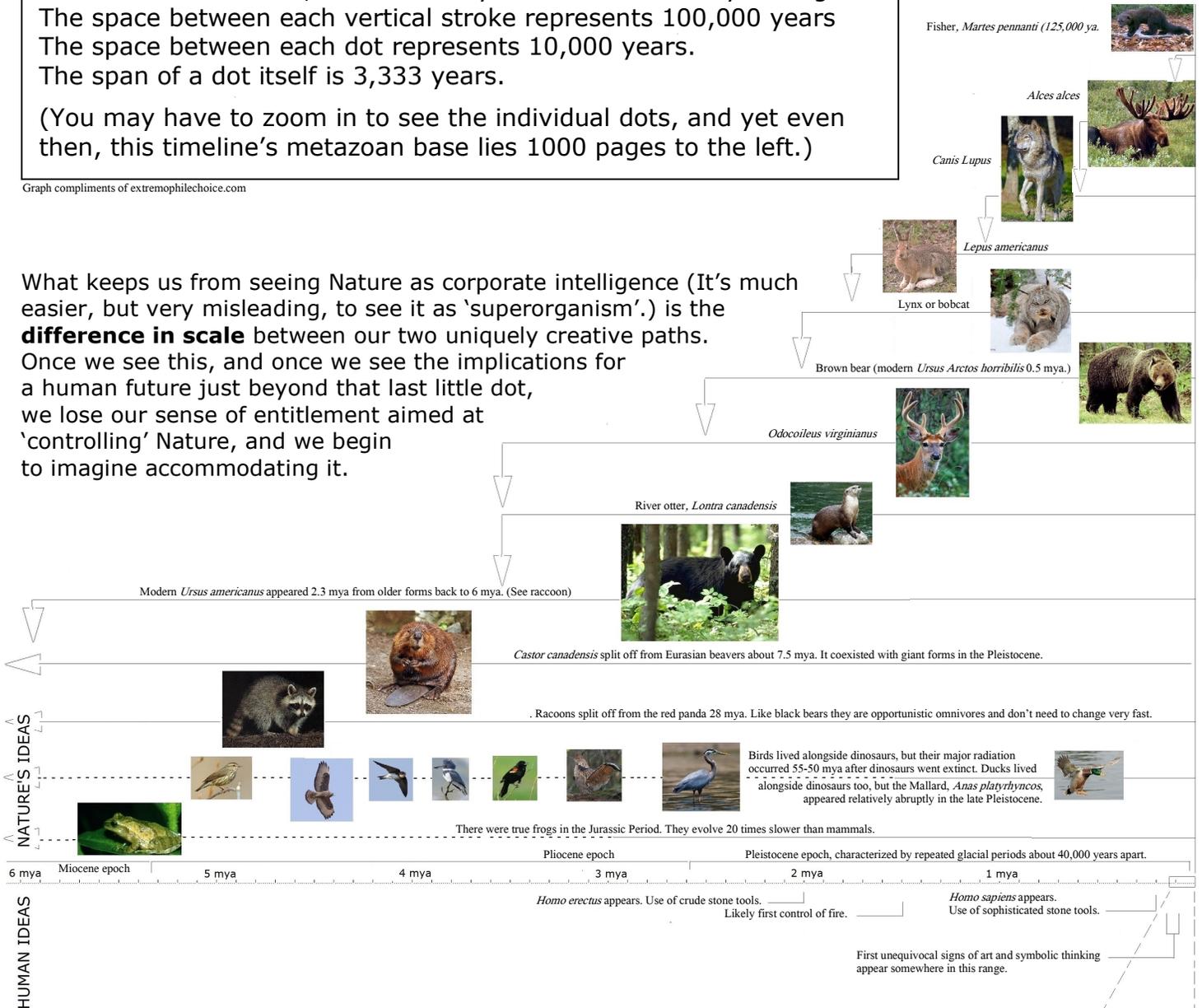


On the timeline below, the letters mya stand for 'million years ago'.  
 The space between each vertical stroke represents 100,000 years  
 The space between each dot represents 10,000 years.  
 The span of a dot itself is 3,333 years.

(You may have to zoom in to see the individual dots, and yet even then, this timeline's metazoan base lies 1000 pages to the left.)

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What keeps us from seeing Nature as corporate intelligence (It's much easier, but very misleading, to see it as 'superorganism'.) is the **difference in scale** between our two uniquely creative paths. Once we see this, and once we see the implications for a human future just beyond that last little dot, we lose our sense of entitlement aimed at 'controlling' Nature, and we begin to imagine accommodating it.



The span of these last two dots covers the whole of civilization beyond hunting and gathering. The width of the last dot itself includes the time of Homer when all of human knowledge was contained in oral tradition and non-word-forming pictorial representation. Galileo began mathematizing our ideas of force and motion in the last quarter of the last quarter of the width of that dot. The industrial revolution really got under way only in the last 10<sup>th</sup> of that dot.

