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An ape looks with the eyes in its head
at the thoughts behind the eyes of a man's head.
The ape asks the man,
"Is that your head making those things,
or is that your Self?"
The man jumps up and down in his high chair
and chatters like a chimpanzee.
The ape is paralyzed with wonder
and this continues through the Pleistocene Age.

Then the man's wife returns from the grocery and,
seeing her husband with the very eyes in her head,
asks the ape,
"What have you done to my child?"
"Nothing," says the ape. "It did it on its own,
sort of like an internal combustion engine
eating its own tail."
"Am I to believe that?" asks the man's wife.
"No," says the ape. "But would you be interested
in making some tiny monkeys?
I have a pair of man-pants in my glove compartment.
We could do a kind of horizontal mamba
until evolution corrects itself."
The wife agrees,
and so they do until...

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