

THE DOLPHIN QUESTION



They are not as intelligent as they're made out to be. Their intelligence level ranks below the intelligence level of chimpanzees. They are preferable to chimps because they're not as violent, although they're not as benevolent as they're made out to be. They're sensual creatures who delight in their bodies and the bodies of the people who swim

beside them. They are not possessed of extraterrestrial consciousness. They should not be confined in dolphinariums. Their chatter grates on one's nerves after a time and is similar in some respects to the strident self-affirmation of magpies. They don't have much of interest to say, unlike their larger whale brethren.