Learning our letters

Those people who say you spend too much time on the computer and not enough outside can just go fish, because a new study study suggests that the very letters on your keyboard are *communing with Nature*. Mark Changizi, a theoretical neurobiologist at Caltech, *has a theory going* that human writing systems -- all of the 97 (!) that have been developed throughout human history -- are based on natural forms that we're particularly well-adapted to perceive. Which makes sense to me for some writing systems but not others. Kanji, sure. Arabic, not so much. The Ambigram Magic generator... well, that one might depend on what passes for 'natural' on your home planet.

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