

# MYSTERY OF EVOLUTION

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Everyone is talking about evolution – how life is in constant development through the struggle of individuals for existence and the survival of the fittest, by gradual adaptation and natural selection – but is there any one who talks about the cause and driving force of evolution?

Charles Darwin only revealed and theorized one of nature's many facts which, in principle, through selective breeding of domestic animals, especially the dog, humans themselves had already dealt with directly for several thousand years. As a product of the then 1500 years old established Western belief based on mythological-religious ideas from the Semitic cultural tradition, he didn't know that the gradual evolution of nature had been always a known and accepted phenomenon in the East. And as in the East they maintain not a linear conception of development as we do here in the West, but a rhythmic or cyclic one, the understanding of the mechanisms of evolution is much more extensive and deeper there than here.

How can we understand the innermost being of evolution? Why is life in evolution and the whole universe in expansion? To receive an answer to this seemingly impossible question we can just ask ourselves about what it is that drives us in our lives! Why are we always in activity? Why are we always on a quest? Why do we always wish for something that can satisfy us? Why is there always a forward thrust in everything and in all that happens? Why do we always like to improve and perfect everything? Why do we feel that life has to be meaningful to us for living? And why are we always busy making a better future for our children? It is because all life, conscious or unconscious, wishes to unfold its potential and to fulfil its purpose. This is implicit in life as such and is the driving force behind every development. This is something everybody really knows in themselves, or feels or can see in their life and their nearest surroundings. All know a tiny seed may contain the potential for a gigantic tree. And that which initiates this process is no incidental or blind force but a well organized and intelligent unfolding of energy that has a purpose and that actively seeks its fulfilment.

So it is, on the individual level as well as on the collective level. And behind all – in the depths of the universal consciousness – lies the wish for perfect manifestation. It is this wish which is the cause of creation, and it is the very act of that unfolding which leads to the realization of the wish that is the process we call 'evolution'.