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ROOT

CAUSE

SURVIVAL INSTINCTS
Calvinism doctrine of “Total Inability or Total Depravity”
John Calvin (1509 – 1564) – French theologian

As a consequence of the fall of man into sin, every person born into the world is enslaved to the service of sin. People are not by nature inclined to love God with their whole heart, mind, or strength, but rather all are inclined to serve their own interests over those of their neighbour and to reject the rule of God. Thus, all people by their own faculties are morally unable to choose to follow God and be saved because they are unwilling to do so out of the necessity of their own natures. (The term "total" in this context refers to sin affecting every part of a person, not that every person is as evil as possible.)
Calvinism doctrine of “Total Inability or Total Depravity”

“every person born into the world is enslaved to the service of sin.”
All beings by nature desire to survive – sin – suffering
“I was born to survive.”

“all are inclined to serve their own interests over those of their neighbour” Self-centered – competition for survival

“morally unable” Do not care for siblings or others

“necessity of their own natures” People by nature are evil.
Ego = evil = bad

Concept of sin = sense faculties – thought process – duality view (good/bad) – suffering – original sin
### Evolution of Self/I/Ego

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<td>▪ Three cardinal sins (3 poisons): Greed, hostility and ignorance</td>
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<td>▪ 6 sensory faculties lead to faulty perception, which create suffering.</td>
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Basic evolution with bacteria

Penicillium mold killing bacteria
Basic evolution with microbes

Amoeba ingesting diatoms, bacteria, algae
Survival Instincts

Life and death
Suffering in the life of Self/I
Formation of “Self/I/Ego”

• Since beyond antiquity, some basic conditions are required for the evolution of microbes into higher life form:
  • First and foremost is the “desire” for “Self/I/Ego” to survive.
  • Second, for “Self/I/Ego” to take “shape/structure/form”, some basic survival needs must be met. These needs are air, water, food, excretion, health, shelter, reproduction. This basic survival needs are common to all living creatures (Survival Instinct). It has not developed into Human Instinct yet.
  • Third, through interaction and integration with its environment, “Self/I/Ego” thoughts are created. These thoughts must nurture its Structure, while Structure further nurtures its Thought. A “cause and result” vicious circle is created.
The Formation of Self/I/Ego

Since beyond antiquity, in the evolution of microbes to human, the desire and survival of Self, has been the number 1 priority of all life form.

From this desire of survival, through the interaction with its environment, shape and thought are created. Through mutual nurturing, a vicious circle is formed.

From this vicious circle, greed, hostility, ignorance are created. Greed is created by the survival necessity of Self. Even single-celled organisms including virus wants to survive: afraid of death, hunger, etc.

Hostility is created by the survival necessity of Self. Hence, survival of the fittest: incessant competition.

Ignorance is created by the survival necessity of Self. Hence, when Self fails to understand the instinct of Self, “Unenlightened” results.
Evolution of animal Instincts

Survival instinct – animal instinct

I/Ego - eat eat eat sin greed
I/Ego - kill kill kill sin hostility
I/Ego - unaware unaware unaware unaware sin ignorance

“The service of sin” suffering
Food Chain

A terrestrial food chain

A marine food chain

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Evolution of Human Instincts

Survival Instinct → Human Instinct → Spiritual Instinct → True Consciousness
Self/I/Ego

THE END

Thank You
Transfer of merit

By this effort, may all sentient beings be free of suffering.

May their minds be filled with the nectar of virtue.

In this way may all causes resulting in suffering be extinguished, And only the light of compassion shine throughout all realms.