

I. Origins: Where do we come from? Where am I from?

The boy is the father of the man!

Broad options:

1. All is nature & nature is all

Naturalistic evolution is obvious in the west.

Evolution is highly varied and frankly confusing.

Most (almost all) of evolution is merely a way of kicking the can down the road.

Focusing on the evolution of many specifics including man...but not the real origins of life⁺⁺⁺.

Macro – evolution: change from species to species

Micro – “evolution:” change within species

Evolution has so many issues:

- **Something comes from nothing / nothing produce something**
- **The person / the individual cannot really be explained**
- **Can we live with this view of humanity?**

2. All is “god” & “god” is all

This is most common in Hinduisms & Buddisms

Thoughts:

- **“god” is not personal &/ cannot be known → so “god” is used as a mere cipher but without much meaning.**
- **Creation is “part of” / an “extension of” / a “manifestation of” god**
- **Creation can also be an illusion and not reality**
- **The goal of life is to get back to God / be one with God**

3. God created the world but God is not the world and the world is not God!