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Modern Indian Thinkers: Aurobindo, Evolution and the Concept of Mind and Super Mind

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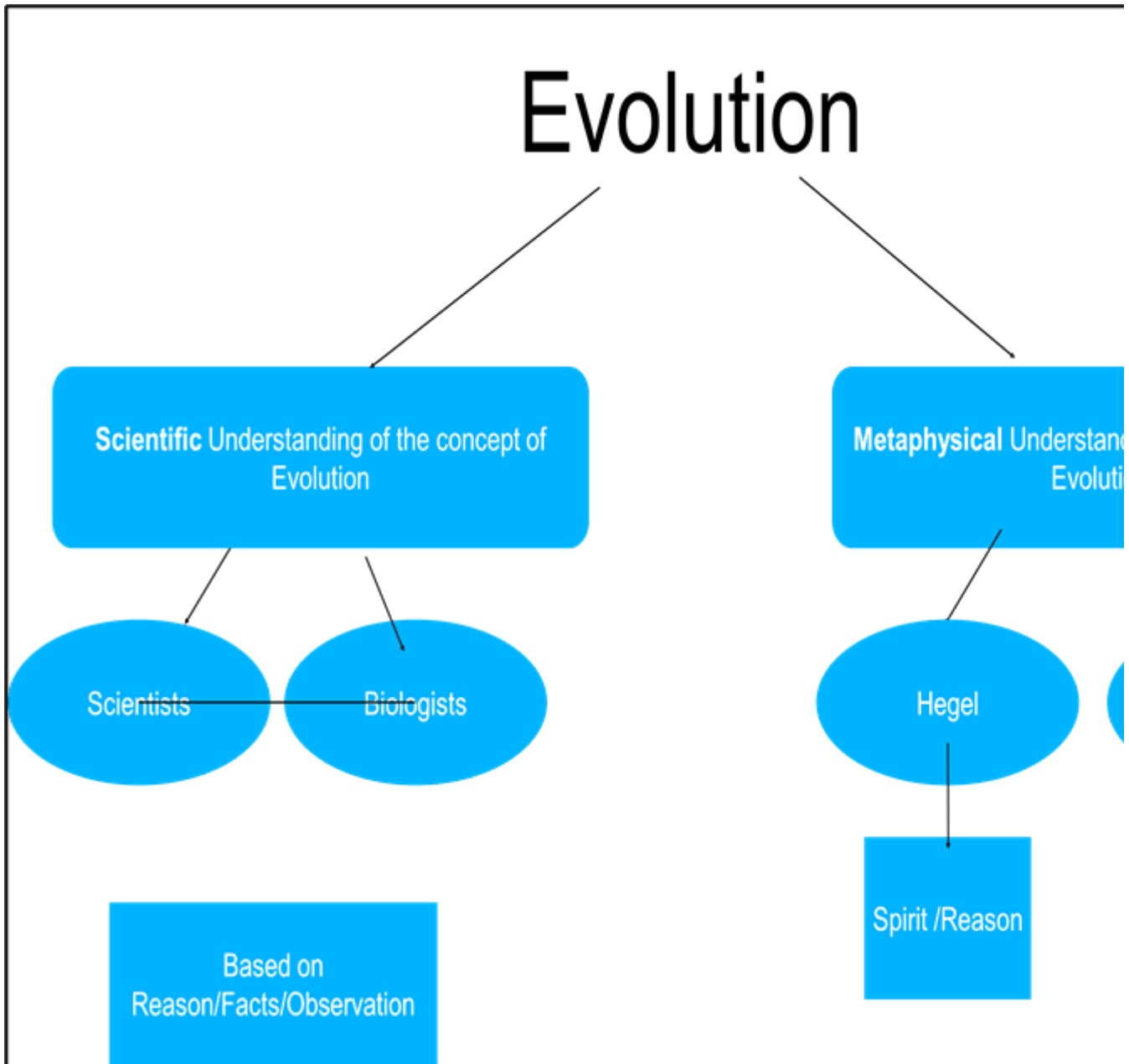
Main Concepts

- The concept of Evolution
- The concept of Mind and Super Mind
- The concept of Integral Yoga

Aurobindo

Aurobindo was an Indian philosopher, Yogi, Teacher, Poet, etc. He was also a nationalist too. Some of his main literary works are The Divine Life, Synthesis of Yoga, Savitri, The Human Cycle, The Mother, Hymns of Mystic Fire, etc. He also wrote commentaries on Bhagavad Gita, Vedas and the Upanishads.

Evolution



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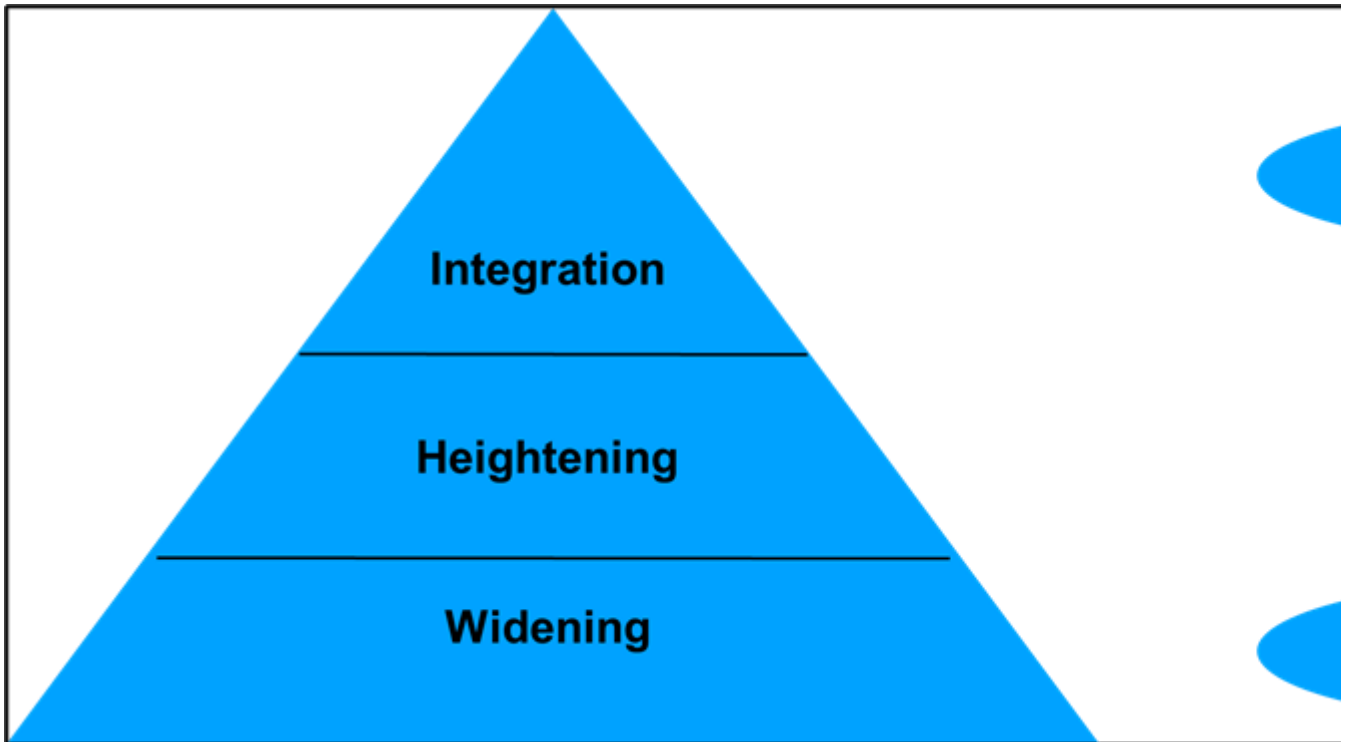
Similarity with the Upanishads

- Creation according to Aurobindo is nothing but an expression of joy or ananda.
- According to the Upanishads, “From ananda, all existents are born, by ananda they remain in life and increase, to ananda they depart.”
- According to Aurobindo, this joyful process or game is also called, lila.

Similarity with Advaita Vedanta Philosophy

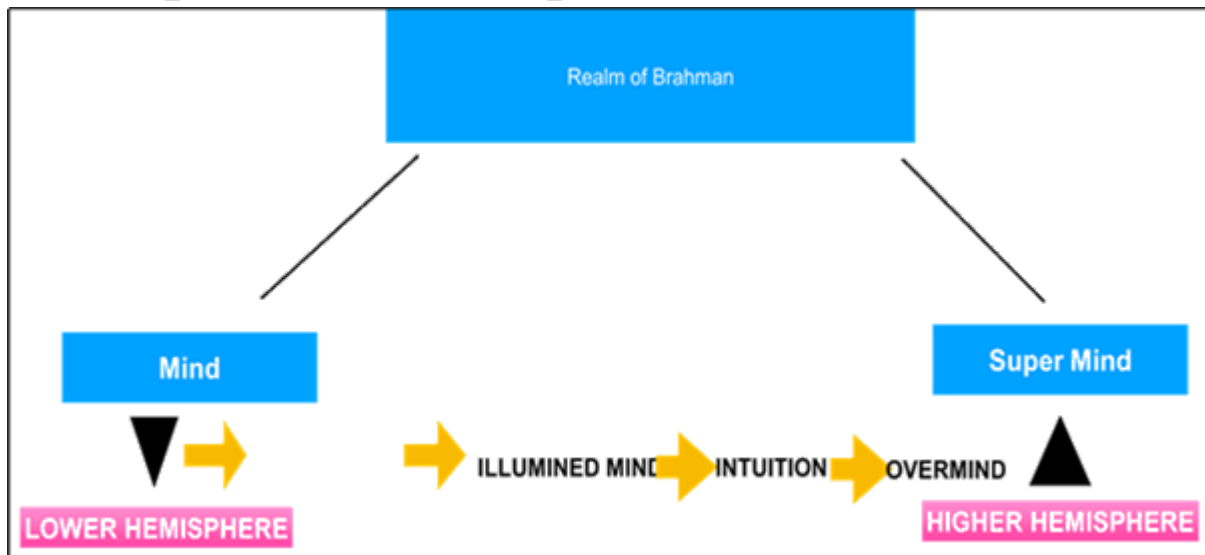
- Aurobindo, the delight of world-process in relation to Sat-chit-ananda or Brahman is called lila.”
- So, creation is a manifestation of Brahman.
- According to Aurobindo, evolution presupposes involution.

- He says evolution is possible because involution has already taken place before.
- Evolution is a triple process.
- It includes the processes of widening, heightening and integration.



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The Concept of Mind and Super Mind



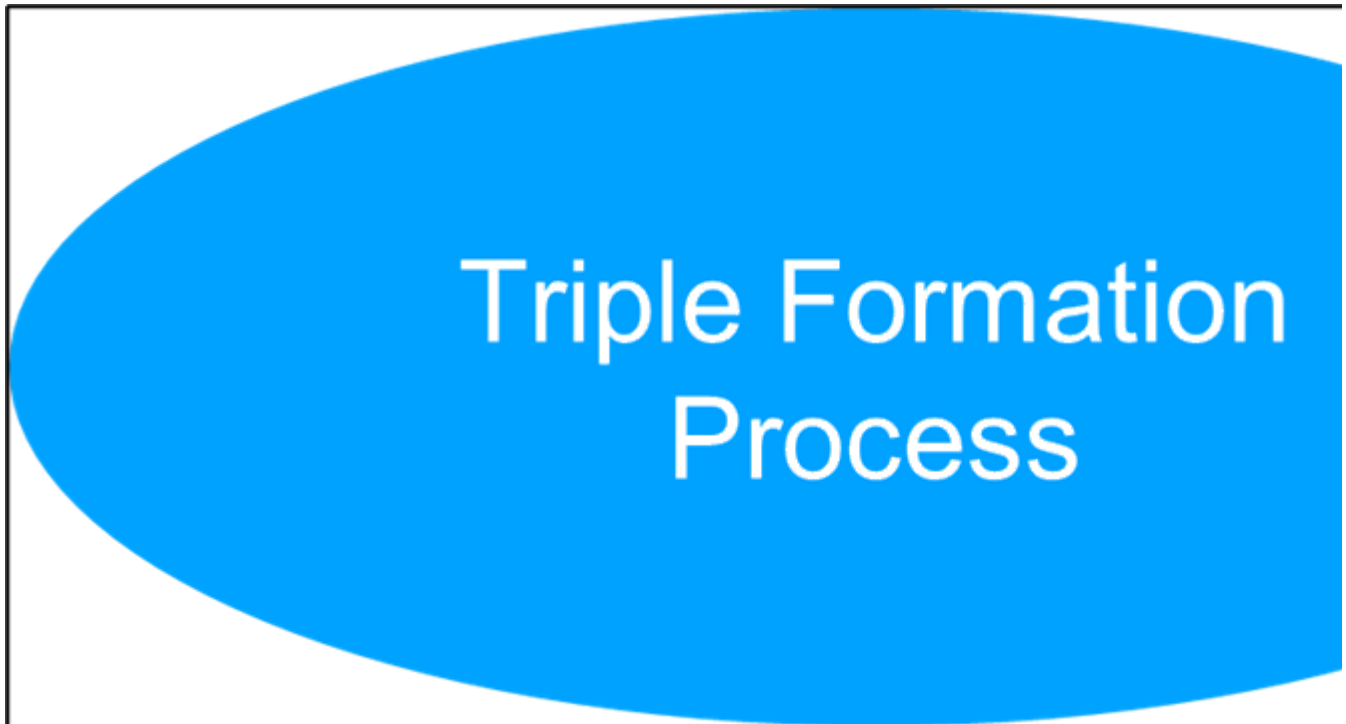
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The Concept of Integral Yoga

- The divine life, can be accomplished through Yoga.
- Yoga is a double process of ascend and descend

According to him, integral yoga or also known as purna-yoga or inner-yoga consists of three-fold processes.

- a process of psychicisation
- a process of spiritualisation
- a process of supramentalisation



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MCQs

1. Aurobindo's theory of Evolution is

- A. Empirical in nature
- B. Metaphysical in nature
- C. Scientific in nature
- D. All of these

Answer: B

Explanation: Sri Aurobindo's theory of evolution is a metaphysical view. It is so because he accepts consciousness to be absolute being in order to account for a meaningful explanation of evolution.

2. Hymns of Mystic Fire is the work of

- A. Tagore

- B. Gandhi
- C. Aurobindo
- D. Vivekananda

Answer: C

Explanation: Aurobindo's main literary works are The Divine Life, Synthesis of Yoga, Savitri, The Human Cycle, The Mother, Hymns of Mystic Fire, etc. He also wrote commentaries on Bhagavad Gita, Vedas and the Upanishads.

3. Aurobindo's theory of Evolution has similarities with

- A. Upanishadic theory of Evolution
- B. Samkhya's theory of Evolution
- C. Advaita Vedanta's theory of Evolution
- D. Both A and C

Answer: D

Explanation: Aurobindo's theory of Evolution has similarities with both; Upanishadic theory of Evolution and Advaita Vedanta's theory of Evolution.

4. The concept of Integral Yoga deals with

- A. Four-fold process
- B. Three-fold process
- C. Two-fold Process
- D. Fivefold process

Answer: B

Explanation: Integral yoga consists of three-fold processes.

- a process of psychicisation
- a process of spiritualisation
- a process of supramentalisation

5. Choose the incorrect statement

- A. Integral yoga is also known as purna yoga
- B. Evolution deals with the processes of widening, heightening and integration.
- C. Evolution presupposes involution

D. None of these

Answer: D

Explanation: A. Integral yoga is also known as purna yoga

B. Evolution deals with the processes of widening, heightening and integration.

C. Evolution presupposes involution

All these three statements are correct.

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