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Human evolution between Darwin and Blavatsky

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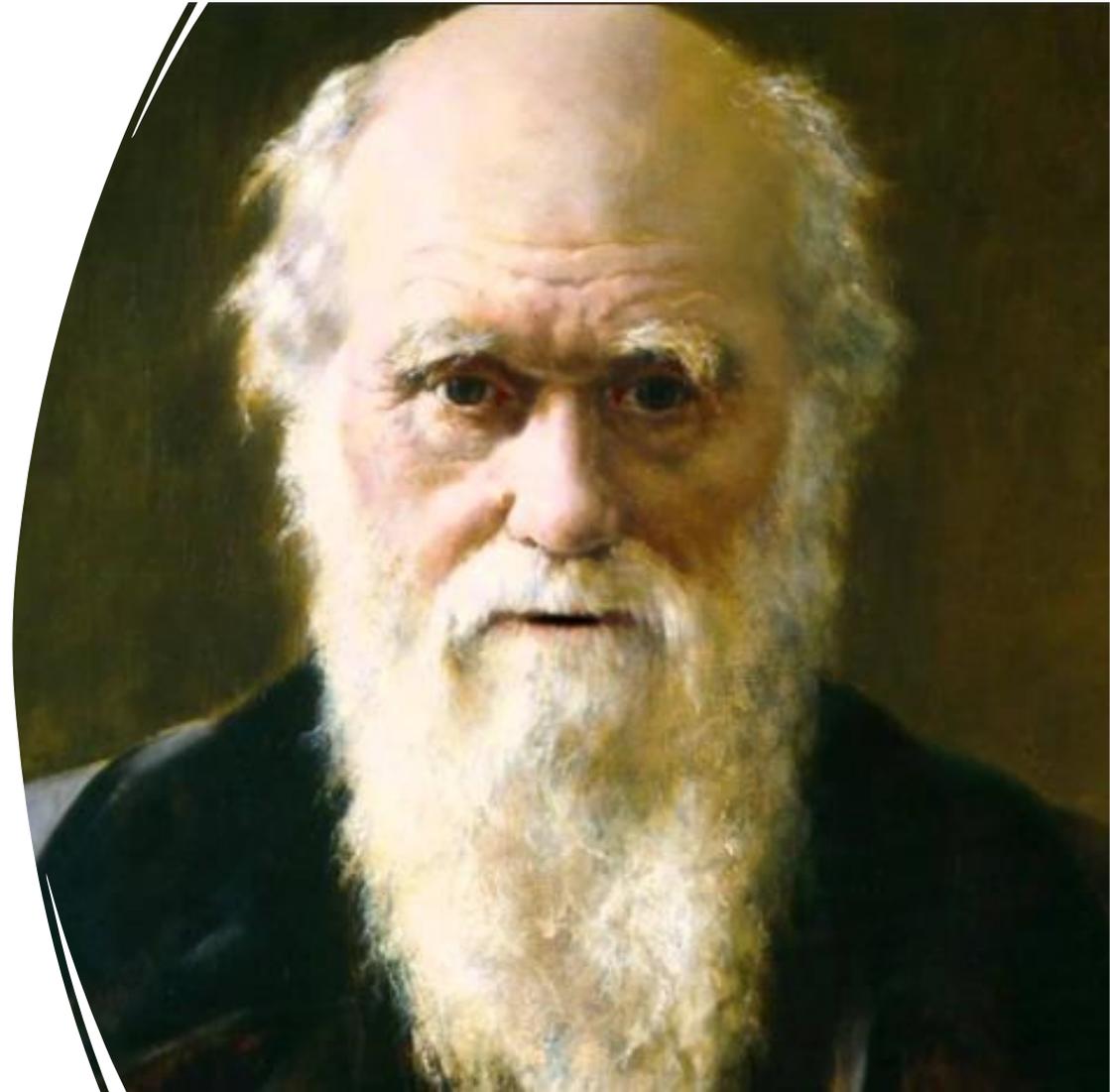
Evolution - what else

- Today much is known about man, his origin and development.
- However, not everything is known yet, and the most popular theory of human evolution - Charles Darwin's - is regularly criticized and even denied.
- In this regard, the Theosophical understanding of the origin and evolution of man is revealing, different and highly debatable from the point of view of modern understandings.
- It is presented in the main work of Helena Blavatsky "The Secret Doctrine".



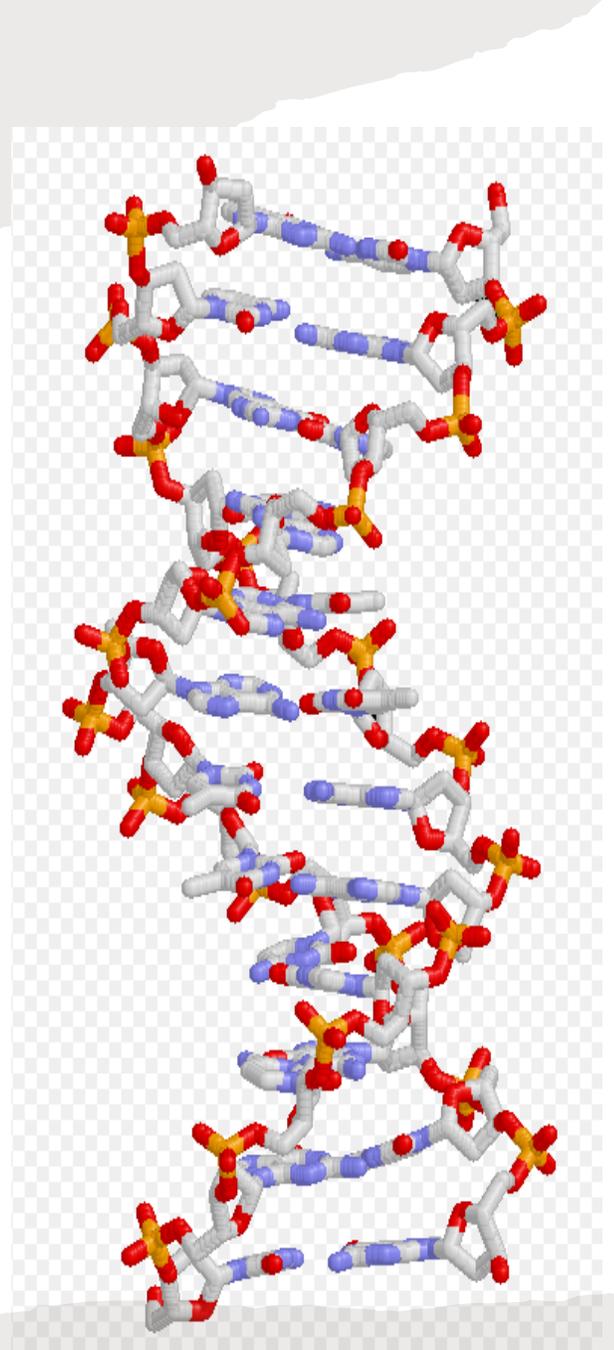
- Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, known as the theory of natural selection, explains how species, including humans, evolve and adapt over time.
- According to Darwin, organisms possess variations in their traits that can affect their ability to survive and reproduce. Those who have favorable traits are more likely to survive and pass those traits on to subsequent generations.
- The process of natural selection leads to an accumulation of changes, which eventually leads to the development of new species.
- Darwin postulated that modern man, *Homo sapiens*, was the result of a long evolutionary process in which man's ancestors—for example, the great apes—adapted to a changing environment.
- His theory laid the foundation for modern biology and continues to be a fundamental principle for understanding Earth's biodiversity.

Charles Darwin



Theories are many and varied

- Besides Charles Darwin's theory, there are other important theories of human evolution.
- The theory of "multiregional evolution", proposed by Richard Leakey and others, posits that modern man arose independently in different regions of the world, with interbreeding between different hominid species.
- Another theory, known as the "Africa of origin," supports the idea that modern humans originated in Africa and then spread to the rest of the world, replacing native hominid populations.
- The "explosive evolution" hypothesis recommended by Christopher Strachan emphasizes the rapid changes in the genetic code and adaptive features that led to the emergence of modern humans.
- Some modern research also emphasizes the importance of epigenetics and the influence of the environment on the evolution of humans.



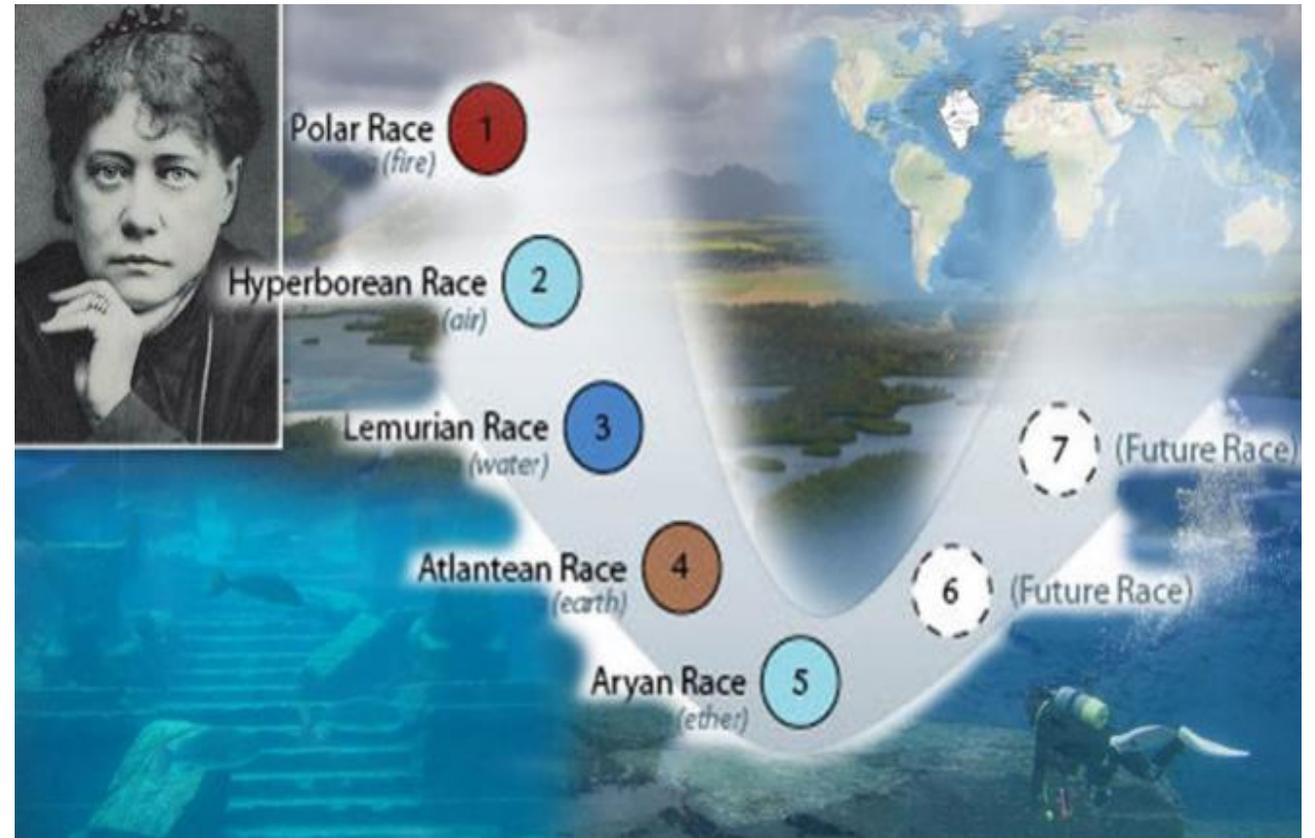
- The theory of evolution presented in The Secret Doctrine is the most controversial and at first glance fantastical element of Helena Blavatsky's theosophy.
- “It recognizes the evolutionary line outlined by Charles Darwin in The Origin of Species, but only up to the origin of mammalian species. From there the division in the positions of Darwinists and Theosophists begins.
- In The Secret Doctrine the evolution of life on Earth is seen as a totality of natural selection as a result of the action of natural forces, combined with the movement of monads in various forms and states, and inextricably connected with the development of reason, with psychic evolution.
- Blavatsky claimed that man as he appears today in terms of external features appeared **18 million years ago**, that he was the result of a triple evolutionary process - spiritual, mental and physical, that man gave rise to the apes and that he appeared on Earth before mammals.

Helena Blavatsky and Evolution



What is a race?

- By "race" in the "Secret Doctrine" is meant not skin color and other physical marks, but the belonging of a person to a certain period of development on Earth, to a mode of reproduction, a set of physical, mental and spiritual abilities.



The First Race

- **The beginning** is set in the first race, when the lunar rulers - the monads of the subtle world of the Moon or Pitris, in their own image and likeness gave the first forms to the most developed earthly beings.
- These are not the forms of man today, but his forerunners, consisting of lunar monads.
- These forms are "bodies" of finer and less dense matter than present matter, without mind and physical body.

The Second Race

- In the **second** race or the race of the Afterborn, in which the first race "disappears", the construction of a denser body begins.
- But it is not the dense physical body of today's man either, but only a denser ethereal body, or even more precisely, an astral body.
- Again, so-called "human beings" are not affected by climate.
- For the second race, Blavatsky already speaks of gender, but only to point out that the second race is made up of hermaphrodites.

The Third Race

- If the **first** and **second** races are created from "drops of sweat", then in the third race reproduction begins through eggs.
- "The drops of sweat became "large drops which grew, expanded and became globular bodies - huge eggs. In these eggs, the human fetus grew over the course of several years," writes Blavatsky.
- The human being "hatches" from the egg and immediately begins to walk, much like birds do today.
- Almost until the end of the third race, beings are hermaphrodites, androgynous.
- People's bodies are getting denser.
- At the end of the third race, the sexes separated, and reproduction began to take place as it does today - through birth. **This happens 18 million years ago.** The still greater "event" in the third race is the endowment of human beings with intelligence. It is performed by Seven Sons of Fire and Wisdom, known in the East as Kumaris.

The Third and Fourth Races

- The sons of wisdom choose to bestow part of their higher rational essence on the people of the **third** race with the readiest principles.
- Thus, they begin to guide and train humanity of the late third race. In some of the human beings only a spark is sent, and others are neglected as most unprepared.
- They become "low-spirited," without reason, though they speak, and it is they who initiate sexual intercourse with animals to give birth to the human-like apes - the true original sin, or the first fall of man according to Theosophical doctrine.
- It is only when the other Sons of Wisdom incarnate or endow men in the **fourth** race with intelligence that human beings understand the sin of intercourse with animals and cease it.

The Fourth Race

- The other great crime against humanity, or great sin, was created during the fourth race, when the then developed spiritual senses, the third eye, were used for harm, murder, and all kinds of evil influences, called today black magic.
- The fourth human race began about 5 million years ago. The height of people decreases from 7-8 to 3-4 meters, and at the end of the race to 2.5-2 meters.

Our Fifth Race, follow Sixth and Seventh Race

- The beginning of the **fifth** human race, to which today's humanity belongs, according to theosophical doctrine, was established by the Divine Egyptian dynasties about 80 thousand years ago and continues to the present day.
- In this **fourth round** of earthly evolution, the development will continue in two more races - **the sixth and seventh**, before humanity, the entire animal, vegetable, mineral world will pass to a higher spiritual, mental and physical plane.

Answers are sought

- And although Blavatsky's theory was created in the 19th century, it still awaits its researchers.
- The goal is clear - what is the origin and essence of man on planet Earth, why does humanity exist and what is its place in the infinite universe.



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Thanks for your attention!

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