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THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION OF SRI AUROBINDO AND ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH SCIENTIFIC EVOLUTION

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<u>Abstract</u>

The world is the collection of various kinds of things. There are mysteries everywhere in this world. From cosmic matter to land, water and underground places, various things are happening continuously, some parts of which have been discovered by humans but many of them still remain elusive to man. But everything that happens in the world and beyond the world does not happen in vein or randomly. Everything in the world is governed by eternal laws. These rules are explained in science, philosophy also explains these rules in its own way. One such mundane phenomenon is the evolution of the living being. This evolutionary process has been explained by Charles Darwin and many other scientists. In Indian philosophy, Sri Aurobindo explained this evolutionary process. He explained the evolution of men, other animals and also human's spiritual consciousness through a well-ordered doctrine. So, this paper is an attempt to show how compatible Sri Aurobindo's theory of evolution is in the context of scientific evolution. This paper is an attempt to show how scientific evolutionism and Sri Aurobindo's theory of evolution are compatible. Along with it, following Sri Aurobindo, a glimpse of how man can attain divinity by bringing about the overall improvement of human being is also given here.

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