

# ***Eros and the struggle for reason: Our mind as the vehicle of the Universal Mind's enfolding meaning***

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## **Abstract**

In this paper I will attempt to unfold the journey taken by the human mind in its evolving maturity and progressive complexity. This journey has taken mankind and the cosmos from a primordial undifferentiated consciousness through to a dualistic alienation and back towards a redemptive synthesis and reunification of the individuated self within the universe. Philosophy and science, these valuable pursuits of the human mind, emerged with the primary objective to attempt to understand the universe as a whole. Through centuries of evolution, the compiled mass of complementary as well as contradictory theories moved beyond the object of the physical world and its scientific explanation encompassing the our moral, aesthetic and spiritual consciousness. Mankind, through its development of philosophical and scientific thought, initiated the struggle to apply reason to existence. Our philosophical and scientific thinking developed hand in hand, with each area provoking adaptation within the other. Our advanced consciousness of self is thus bound in a continuous cycle of reference, examination and attempts of independence with the otherness. Finally, this creative force is revealed as the archetypal *Eros*. The universal mind and mankind are thus seen as constituting a living totality, a reality unfolded in our consciousness. We are unconsciously aware of it as a creative boundary that invites us to engage with it in a perpetual dialectic.

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