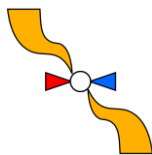


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	<p>of life upon our planet, then we can begin to see how enigmas such as apparent geographical inheritance can be understood. And how, as the continents and oceans shift and slide, so too are creaturely minds and instincts automatically adapted, for they are all linked to that same sea of shifting Mind. So could there be, in the Mind itself, an autumn when old habits are shed and a springtime when old growth is renewed and new shoots flourish? Just as we have the ebb and flow of seasons, each with its own appointed purpose; just as the rest of night follows the activity of day, so too could there be vast seasons of the Mind, spanning aeons, which hold the world in balance, removing dead wood, and vitalizing and renewing harmony between all forms? This is an interesting subject, tackled more fully in Natural Creation ... Or Natural Selection?, but is introduced in the next short chapter where we take a brief diversion to present something of the vast integrated cycles by which life is maintained upon our planet. CYCLES AND SEASONS NATURAL CYCLES Time is a window through which we spy the world, And being engrossed in our present moments, we fail to grasp the significance of the time behind and the time ahead. We live in the moment and the greater cycles of nature span periods too vast for us to contemplate. Yet they are as important to life here as night and day, as winter and summer, as birth and death. But how do we get some feel for spans of time stretching into millions of years? It is difficult enough to envisage our own advent and demise. If time were as a looped conveyor belt, endlessly revolving, with past, present and future all existing simultaneously, our constrained human view would be of just one thin sliver across this belt. How then could we</p>
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