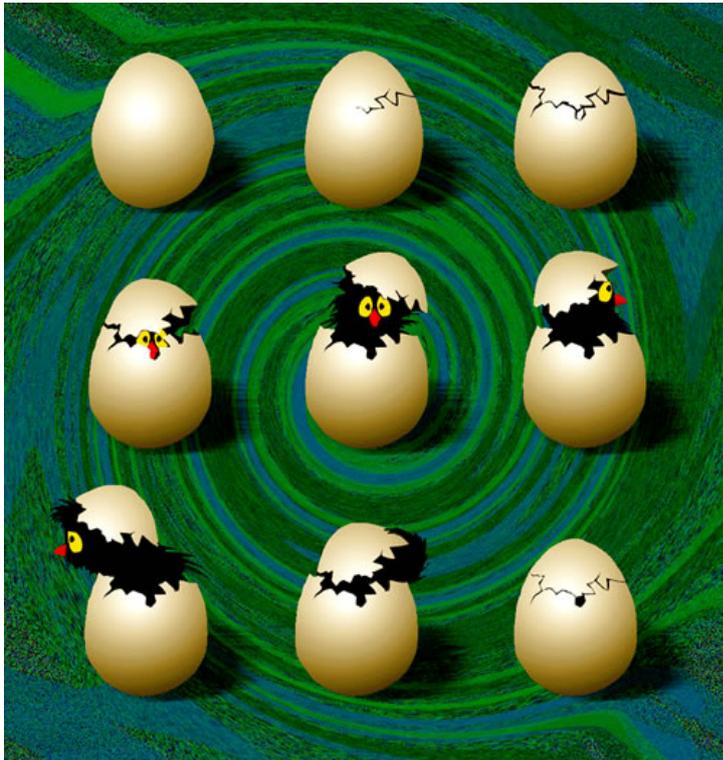


The Principle of Adaptation

“To go against the evolution of things is to against yourself”



This **Principle** emphasizes that when we know clearly beforehand the outcome of a situation, the correct attitude is to accept it as completely as possible, trying find opportunities even in this unfavorable situation. What we are saying is that we should not oppose things that are inevitable. However, if the human being had believed, for example, that illnesses were something unavoidable, then medical science would have never advanced.

Humanity progresses thanks to the need to solve problems and to the possibility of doing so. If a person becomes stranded in the desert, is it inevitable that they will die? This person will do everything they can

to get out of the predicament. And it will be more likely that they will find an oasis or be rescued if they use all possible resources to make themselves visible at a distance. Thus, to be applied correctly this Principle is used only in situations that are truly inevitable.

There is a fable that illustrates this Principle that we can tell in the following way:

In a lake lived a turtle named Turtleneck, who had two wild geese as friends. There came a drought which lasted twelve years. It made the geese think that the lake was going to dry up. “Let us look for another waterhole,” they said. “Unfortunately, we will have to say goodbye to our friend Turtleneck.”

When they did this, the turtle replied, “I am a native of these parts and I can always find water, but you may not have enough, so I understand your departure. Nevertheless, life would be boring without you. So we should all leave together.”

“We are not able to bring you with us since you are a creature without wings.”

“But,” said the turtle, “There is a way to make it possible. Bring me a wooden stick.”

The geese did this, and the turtle held herself with her teeth in the middle of the stick and said, "Now hold it firmly with your beaks, one on each side. Take off and fly evenly through the heights until we find another desirable place where the three of us can live."

"But," they replied, "There are two obstacles in this nice plan. First, you do not need to go to another place, and for us it is a question of life or death. The stick and your weight could endanger our flight as well as yourself. Besides, if you followed your habits and started to talk you could lose your life."

"Oh!" said the turtle, "You need water and I need company. So we are all in the same situation. As for my conversation, from this moment on I take an oath of silence, and I will stay this way as long as we are in the air."

The friends then put the plan to action. But while they laboriously carried the turtle above a nearby city, the people below noticed them and a confused murmuring arose.

They asked, "What is that object similar to a chariot which two birds are carrying through space? It might be some Maharajah or some other powerful being."

The turtle, remembering the stones that the children had thrown at her in the lake, wanted to show the people that she could fly. She cried out proudly, "It is I, Turtleneck!"

She had scarcely spoken when the poor thing lost her hold and fell to the ground. And the people, who liked her meat, cut her up and ate her.