

solved and thrown back again to "Chaos," if the answer be not self-evident, that Intelligent Personality is the only explanation.

In order to comprehend this question aright, we must discuss the different "theories" propounded, from the earliest ages, down to the present time, and not till then can we form an unbiassed judgment, whether Materialism can account for the "Origin of Existence," of the Universe and of "Moral Being," or "No."

Material : Matter, that of which all existing things are composed, that which determines their coming into being, and into which they pass on ceasing to be. Can this really be the "Origin of Existence?" or Originative Principle of all things," as the early thinkers formulated, or no?

The Fundamental Position of the Materialistic or Development Theory is that all our most complex states of consciousness are merely developments under natural law from our simplest states. The mind as known in present consciousness is the general resultant of all previous experience. The Development Theory is First a Theory of Mind; second, a Theory of Morals." We have it not in our power to ascertain by any direct process, what consciousness told us at the time, when its revelations were in their pristine purity. It only offers itself to our inspection as it exists now when those original revelations are overlaid and buried under a mountainous heap of acquired "Notions and Perceptions."

The "Problem" has always been the Dualism (i.e., that there are "Two Principles" in Nature, one Active and the other Passive), in Thought and Existence and how we come by our knowledge.