

The first archetype propagated its kind. This offspring consisted of individuals which, for some reason or other, were not entirely alike. They were all individuals, differing more or less, just as the children of some parents differ among human beings, just as the offspring of plants differ, and just as a brood of rabbits have different colors. These variations represented either an advance or a retreat compared to the characters of the archetype. Some of the offspring were superior to their parents, others were average individuals, and still others were inferior. Now these individuals entered into competition with one another for the means of life and into a struggle against the conditions surrounding them. In other words, they entered into the "struggle for existence." The result of this struggle was different for different individuals. The superior type, which were best adapted or adaptable to their environments, succeeded best in propagating their kind and in surviving in the greatest number, while the average type and those inferior to it succumbed. In this way, only the superior breed survived and propagated its kind. The offspring of this superior type were in their turn subjected to the struggle for existence. A selection of the fittest operated on them as it did on their predecessors. This continued uninterruptedly. In the course of the various generations, continuous improvement, an up-breeding of the type and a more and more perfect adaption as well as fitness to survive, naturally resulted. Furthermore, there was another possibility which must be considered. A change took place in the external conditions, suddenly requiring of the living beings an entirely new adaption. In that case, it was not the superior type developing along the line of the