

relationship to science, people think it has immutable truths, without noticing that every culture has a psychology. Imagine the difference of how the aboriginal mind may understand the psyche compared to the Ayatollahs! Psychology is a part of nature, not an isolated mental construct, and should be considered in the cultural context of living, but not just a social science. The psyche evolves because of its connection to life and existence. It isn't separate from other living organisms. The unconscious is an underlying psychic structure, like the molecular structure in biology. There may be similarities between cells, but there is a big difference between dinosaurs and frogs. We need to understand that consciousness is the basis of life and existence, and psychology is a way of understanding the karmic context of life's categories. Otherwise it is like studying frogs and thinking you know all about biology. The point is that psychology is to be understood in relationship to anthropology, paleontology, sociology, culture, physiology, natural science, medicine, neurology and psychiatry, philosophy, spirituality and politics, as well as biology.<sup>9</sup> The study of any subject is in the context of all subjects. This kind of thinking moves societies to a more humane evolution, because it

if you defined Karma earlier, then you probably don't need to do it here. But this phrase feels somewhat abstract + unclear

<sup>9</sup> This is a Hua-yen Buddhist concept discussed later on page 395.