

ELEVEN
EVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL SCIENCE

Swiftly now, by the 1930s—as shown by Hitler’s self-justifying references to survival of the fittest Darwinism—the evolution of our species was caught up within the transvaluation of concept from Innovators, to Followers, to the mind space of the predatory manipulators of the mind space of the World at Large.

Thereby what among the Neo-Darwinians began as a scholarly discourse about eugenics explodes into the mass experiment of Hitler and the Nazis.

Now the flow of the relevant stream of mind moving from the past, through the present, into the future can be seen in the following configuration.

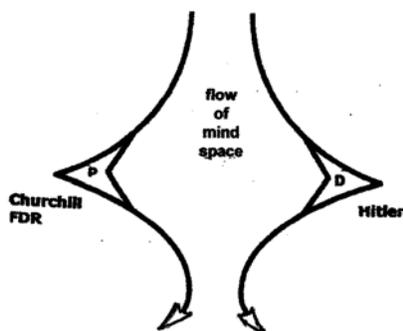


Figure 11.1
P-attractor versus *D-attractor* in
 Political, Economic, Cultural, and Moral Evolution

No doubt this configuration looks strange. But so at first does all advance in thought.

In chapter nine we introduced the case developed by cultural evolution theorist Riane Eisler for two models at work in shaping the evolution of our species. On one hand is the impact of a “partnership” model, systems, and ethos driven by the ideals of “power *with* others”—freedom, equality of gender and race, peace, sharing, caring, the valuing of linking more than ranking. On the other is the impact of a “domination” model, systems, and

ethos driven by the ideals of “power *over* others”—top down control, inequality of gender and race, exploitation of others, violence as well as war on the grand scale to gain ends, the valuing of ranking more than linking.

In chapter ten we added the useful new concept of the *attractor* for chaos theory to sharpen the edge of the thrust for partnership versus domination system attractors. We have the new picture for *P-attractors* versus *D-attractors*.

Now can be seen the path for both a new visual language and a powerfully liberating action plan for human evolution. For here, in the simple configuration of Figure 11.1, we’ve exposed the most disastrous gap in prevailing evolution theory. We are looking at the gap between the hothouse world of prevailing theory and the raw outdoor reality of world politics and economics. We are looking at what the bloody history of thousands of years daily, even hourly, shows us primarily determines whether we advance, are checked in place, or driven backward in human evolution.

In this simple figure we are looking at the need for a new field of evolutionary political science; the new but increasingly well established field of evolutionary economics; above all, the need to integrate politics and economics within prevailing evolution theory. Here, most fundamentally in this age of escalating environmental, political, and economic crises, can be seen the ground and rallying cry in the battle for human survival.

In Figure 11.1., note how rather than being the steady flow we tend to assume for evolution, we may begin to visualize how evolution actually moves forward in terms of the degree to which the “pavement” narrows or swells for the “highway” of mind moving into the future.

Let’s see how closely this visual thought experiment in evolutionary political science and economics mirrors the central experience of the 20th century.

In the swelling of the flow of global mind space into the years of World War II—advancing the threat in one direction, responding to it in the other—we see how the mind space for the world at large was in effect pulled out on either side by the armies, economies, allies, and all else symbolized by the names of Hitler in one direction, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt in the other.

Expressed in this new visual language in short hand for complexities that take volumes to write out and illustrate in full, we can see how what happened was a cataclysmic expansion of what first found voice in the argument over eugenics pro and con.

Behind the visual rightward political thrust of the Hitlerian and fascist ethos more generally was the *D-attractor* mindset driven by a vision of the perfection of our species through enslavement, suppression, sterilizing, or slaughtering all who fell short of or opposed this vision. Or for evolutionary economics, the ethos of as little as possible for

the powerless many and as much as possible for the powerful few.

Now throughout Europe, America, and Asia all that was struggling to become something more than political, economic, and religious lip service to *P-attractor* ideals suddenly becomes horribly and vividly meaningful.

To counter the expanding thrust of the Hitlerian *D-attractor* all that over thousands of years has in truth mainly driven the evolution of our species became mobilized behind the expanding thrust of the *P-attractor*.

Back to Figure 11.1. Behind the leftward visual thrust of the Rooseveltian, Churchillian, and democratic ethos more generally was the countering vision: of the perfection of our species, and life on earth, through the child-raising, family dynamics, schooling, and enlightened political and economic public policies of freedom conditioned by equality— or, in terms of basic morality, doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

The result was what in chaos theory is called a *bifurcation*—or more concretely—as seen here—a swelling of mind to become a *split* into different directions, in this case one thrust driving us forward, the other bent on driving us backward in evolution.

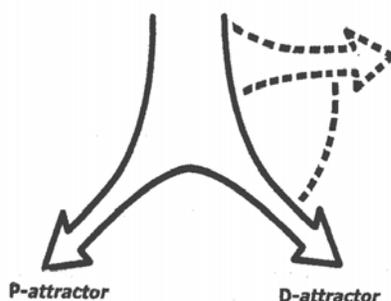


Figure 11.2
Mid-20th Century Bifurcation

In 1945 Germany, Italy, and Japan were defeated; Hitler and Mussolini killed; for a time much was made of the great evolutionary lesson embedded in World War II.

Driven by the P-attractor ethos, the United Nations, the World Bank, and the World Court were formed. In 1947, accelerating the liberation of colonies, Gandhi and Nehru gained independence for India. In 1948, with formation of Israel, the Jews Hitler set out to eliminate finally gained a patch of earth they could defend and call their own. But already implacably underway was the resurgence for the D-attractor thrust with Stalin and the expansion of a new split for the global mind space into the nuclear-arming opponents of

the Cold War.

Here, beyond evasion, the thinkers and leaders for our species were forced to realize we are not sweet peas or fruit flies. Nor are we cowed and dutiful humanoids with fate dependent either on the will of God or blind chance for Natural Selection and Random Variation. The threat of subjugation or death in the gas chamber or the gulags made it beyond question evident we are organisms with minds capable of a *choice* of positive or negative direction.

As W.E. Henley caught the ideal in *Invictus*, “I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul.”

But here was the heart-rending tragedy and grim moral for the reality beyond the story. So firmly stuck within the Darwinian first half and the clutch of the D-attractor paradigm was most of the mind space for both natural and social science that the political and economic implications bounced like rubber bullets off the armor plate of the prevailing mindset. Evolution theory was something clean and lofty unto itself; politics and economics were the dirty concern for other fields. And so for lack of a wide ranging integrated or integral *progressive* theory and story of evolution—including Darwin’s pioneering “higher order” completion for his theory—once again part of our world shot backward and the rest of our world suffered an incalculably great loss.

Thousands of studies in social as well as natural science both corroborated and advanced the buried rest of Darwin. But without knowing it, lacking what given the name of Darwin could have grounded and reinforced their impact on the mind space of the world at large, our history became the further devastation of Europe, the slaughter of more millions of our species, and the development of the atom and hydrogen bomb as “peace-makers.”

Does this seem too extreme a charge, too big a leap in speculation?

Yes, of course, much else was involved. But in terms of this new language for evolution, let’s take the next step and see what happens.

How closely does the configuration on the next page roughly approximate the political, economic, social, moral, and spiritual course of post-WWII real world evolution up through the last years of the 20th century into the 21st century?

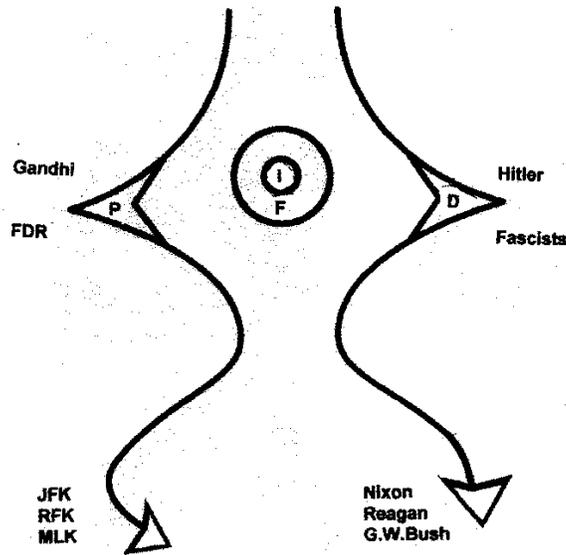


Figure 10.3
The Political, Economic, Social, Moral, and Spiritual Course
of Post-WWII Real World Evolution

What does this swelling and shrinking of mind space driven by D-attractors and P-attractors suggest not just for 20th century but also for 21st century evolution?

Here, in terms of the vital language still prevailing in the raw outdoor world, can be seen the dynamics of liberal vs. conservative, right vs. left, progressive vs. regressive.

Here, transcending the hot house world of an isolated evolution theory, can be glimpsed how science and society was and still is manipulated by D-attractor leaders and D-attractor followers to serve D-attractor ends.

We see how through the process of reduction and distortion of information from scientific Innovators (**I**), to Followers (**F**), to the world at large, the two-way link was and is forged between what was and is said and done in the lofty or “clean” mind space of science and what was and is said and done in the “down and dirty” mind space of regressive politics, regressive economics, and regressive religion.

Now can be seen what lies behind what otherwise has seemed to be the dark magic of some giant invisible hand whereby, as in a puppet show, the engineering of the “proper” human and the “proper” shaping of human evolution is advanced.

Surely now it is beyond question evident that we will continue to limp and

stagger into the future as long as we lack the wider comprehension and warning of Darwin's lost but now completed theory and all the progressive *social* as well as natural science that both corroborates and advances it.

We shall fall short, and invite oblivion, until we build the fully human, moral action-oriented theory and story now seeking form within the vision of Darwin's second revolution.

This was and is the task to which science—like, I'm tempted to say, a dinosaur awaking to the possibility of becoming a bird or a human being—slowly turned during the final decades of the 20th century.