

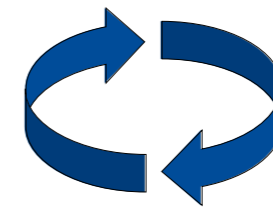
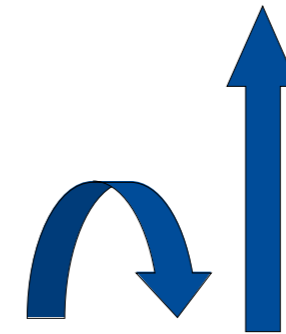
evolution of consciousness and why it matters

the biological evolution

- Matter
 - solids, fluids, gasses
- Life
 - plants
 - primitive animals
- Mind
 - higher animals
 - man

the evolution of consciousness

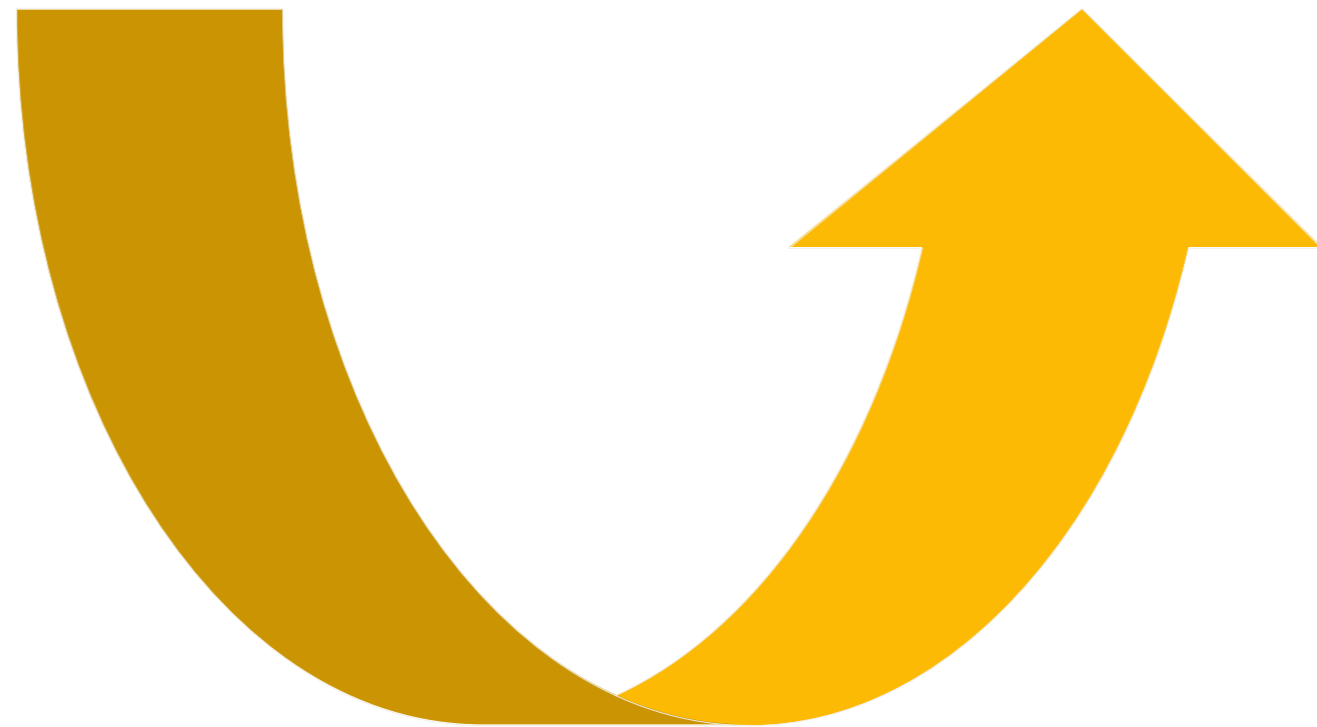
- Consciousness in Mind
 - thought, objectivity, transcendence
- Consciousness in Life
 - feeling, mutuality, interaction
- Consciousness in Matter
 - locked into itself, the habit of form



types of consciousness



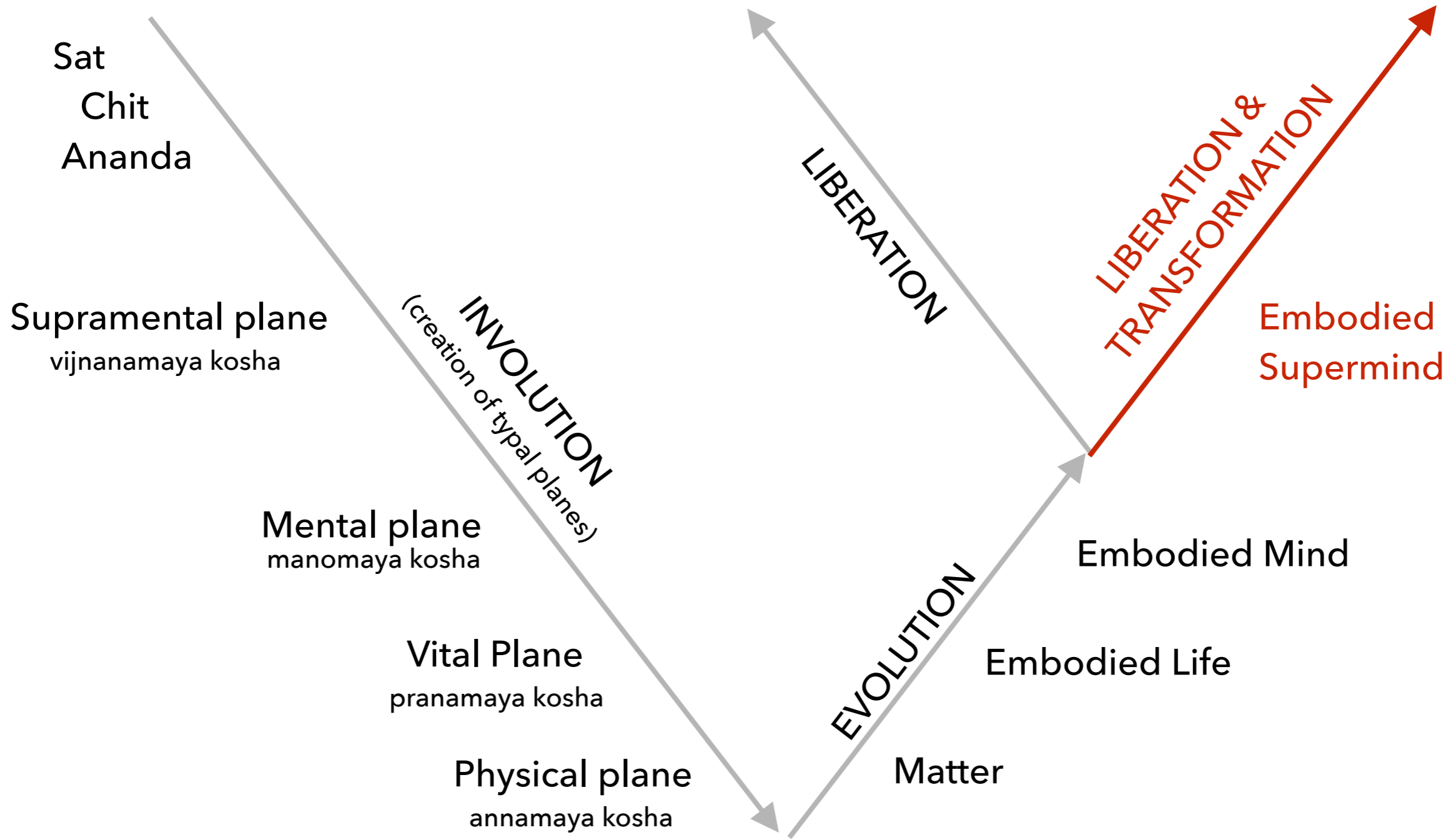
evolution of consciousness *in short*



INVOLUTION
(DESCENT)

EVOLUTION
(ASCENT & INTEGRATION)

Involution & Evolution



aim of life

	physicalist	pure	integral
purpose of manifestation	- <i>(no consciousness: no meaning)</i>	- <i>(Maya)</i>	manifestation of the Divine
ultimate values	-	transcendence, emptiness	truth, love, beauty; love and oneness
ultimate aim of individual life	-	return to transcendence, emptiness	participation in divine manifestation
practical values	pragmatic	conventional	intrinsic