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BIOLOGY

LESSON 3: PANTHEISTIC BELIEFS

HOW DOES PANTHEISM ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS?

- What is life?
- It is a continual cycle of birth and death with a goal of spiritual evolution toward nirvana

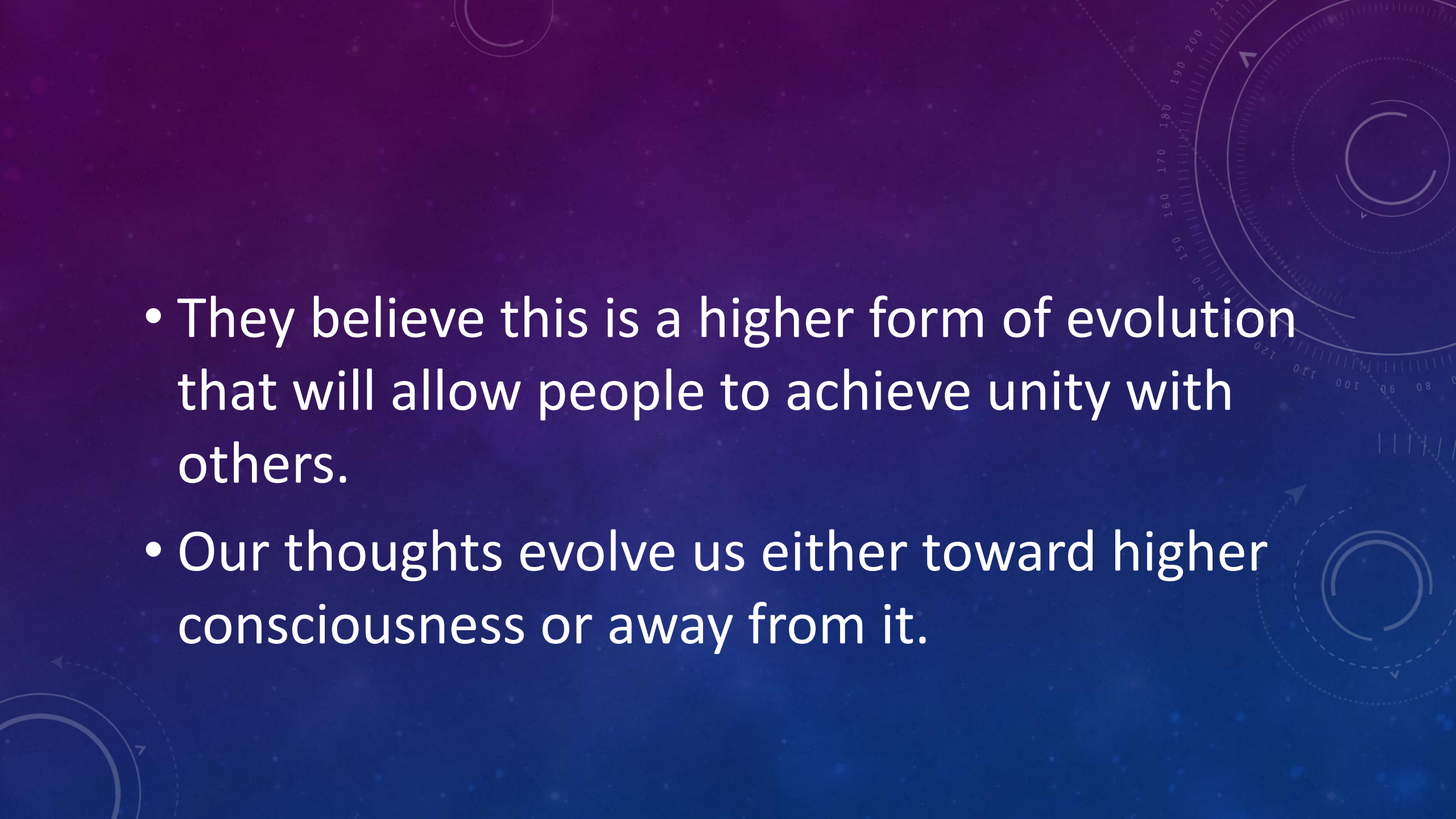
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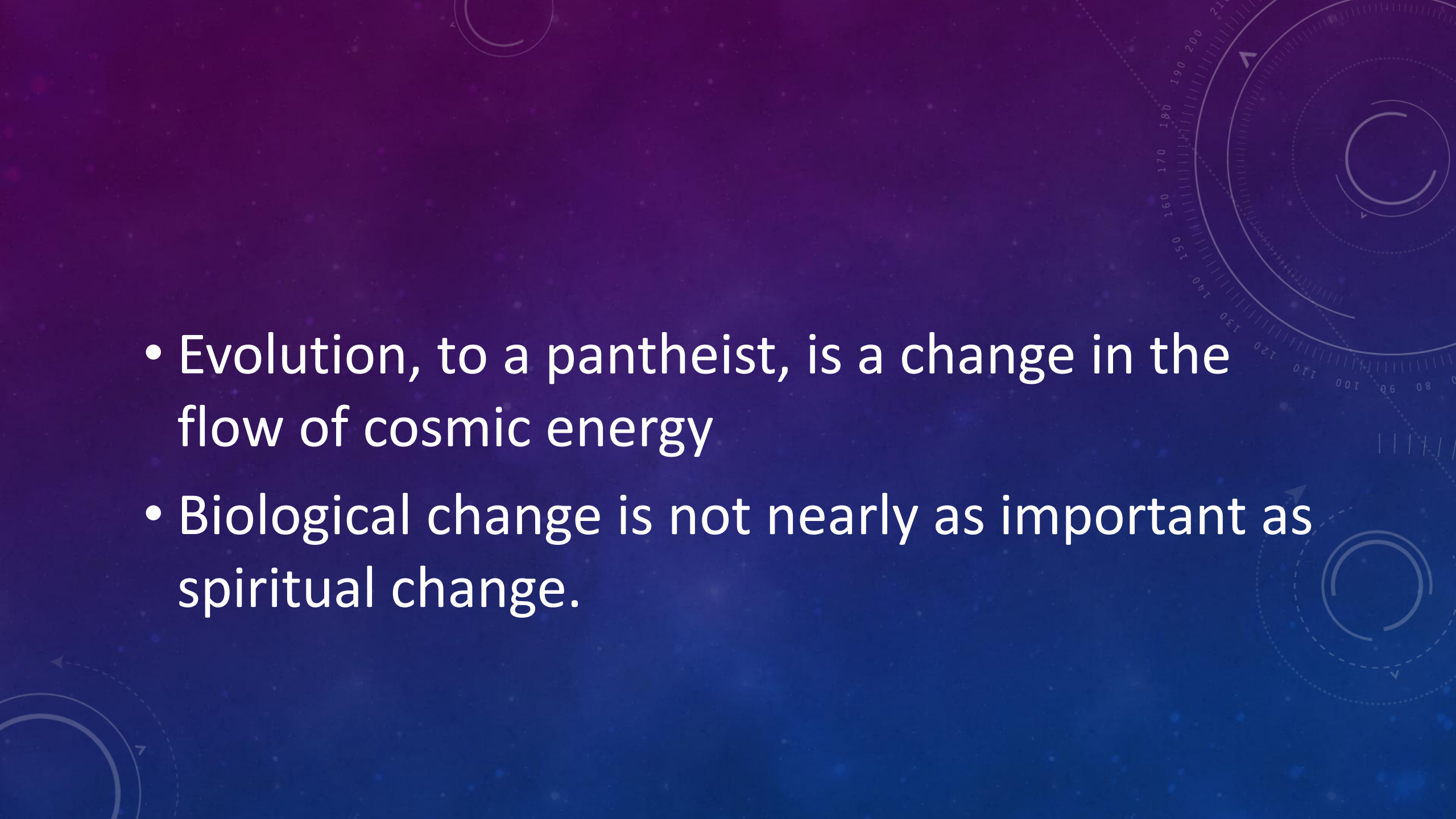
- How did life begin?
- We have always been; our physical life is not important. Spirit has always existed

HOW DOES PANTHEISM ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS?

- What happens when we die?
- We go on to our next life in our journey of suffering and moving toward consciousness

- Pantheists believe in spiritual evolution. This does not focus on biological change as much as it focuses on humanity's upward move toward consciousness.

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- They believe this is a higher form of evolution that will allow people to achieve unity with others.
 - Our thoughts evolve us either toward higher consciousness or away from it.

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- Evolution, to a pantheist, is a change in the flow of cosmic energy
 - Biological change is not nearly as important as spiritual change.