

RELIGIONS & PERSONALITY VARIABLE OF ALTRUISM

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ABSTRACT

The processes like adaptation and co-evolution mentioned by the evolutionary theories are also important. The adaptation is a process making the organism better suited to the current situation. Co-evolution is a process where a group of organism try to survive through different mechanism such as conflict or cooperation.

According to the biological theories of altruism it may be considered as part of the pre-programmed genetics. Newer studies demonstrated a strong evidence to support the genetic influence on prosocial behaviors. Studies examined the commonly occurring variation in the serotonin transporter gene, specifically the 5-HTTLPR. The genetic variation of the 5-HTTLPR triallelic genotype was found to be associated with prosocial tendencies through effects on anxiety in social situations. It suggests that genetic variation influences one's decision about helping others significantly (Hu et al., 2006; Wendland et al 2006; Ratner & Way, 2013).

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