Metamorphoses

MIRACULOUS TRANSFORMATIONS

1. MATERIAL → NON-MATERIAL
   Can anything exists if it’s not made of matter and/or energy? How can we understand the moment, if one exists, that matter/energy transforms into an idea?

2. NON-LIVING → LIVING
   At what point does non-living material become living, able to detect and respond to environmental change, grow and develop, and reproduce? How can we understand such a transformation?

3. UNAWARE → AWARE → SELF-AWARE
   At what point does an organism become not only aware of the world but aware of itself? At what point does an aware organism become aware that it’s aware? How can we understand the mystery of self-consciousness?

4. IS → OUGHT
   Can we logically move from a statement of fact, what is, to a statement of moral value, what ought to be, or must we rely on fallible human judgment?