Evolving from being a Human Being into becoming a Human Spirit.

The notion is often expressed, especially by those who are in control, that what others describe as evil is simply the playing out of the biological law of survival of the fittest. To support this claim they point to the animal kingdom for evidence, in which the stronger prey upon the weaker. The scientifically minded suggest that this nature is imbedded in our DNA, which has evolved from that of the animals.

By contrast, many entertain the notion of the innate goodness of man. A goodness which suggests that we are designed/created, by nature, to be "our brothers' keeper".
The very religious types pray, hope and expect help will come from "above" to stem the tide of evil.

Ironically, all three notions, though appearing contradictory, provide a piece of the answer to the puzzle.

Knowing how they interact holds the answer to the riddle, and therefore the pathway for the individual who is struggling to understand this phenomenon.

Perhaps the following will serve as food for thought, for those who seriously concern themselves with this puzzle.

First, we start with our DNA. Encoded in the human DNA is the history of man's evolutionary process. Part of that history includes the instinct for survival of the species, which expresses itself in the external aggressive behavior that we readily witness in the animal kingdom. The expression of this instinct Is most highly developed in human beings, who stand at the apex of this "food chain", which, if uncontrolled, can wreak the kind of havoc that manifest today in all manner of exploitation of our fellow human beings, other creatures, and the resources of our world.

Next, let's look at the notion of our innate goodness. A human being has an inner essence, which many intuit (or sense), and call the soul, the mind or the Spirit.

This essence also has its own evolutionary track of which many are not aware. By contrast, its evolution is directed at "aggressive self-conquest", (the true meaning of Jihad). When successfully developed the inner self conquest should balance the external aggressiveness encoded in the DNA.

Finally, looking for help from outside or above. The good LORD has given us all the tools that we need to develop the capabilities with which we are endowed. Our intellect, to use in controlling the forces of nature, which in its proper use will be a benevolent adaptation of the DNA encoded external aggressiveness. Then, there are all of the various Spiritual teachings that have been given to help us develop the abilities of the Soul/Spirit for our self-conquest.

Perhaps a crude analogy should be given to illustrate the point. You give your child a bicycle. You go outside to explain to them how to maintain their balance, and pedal at the same time. You even give them a hand by holding on to the bike as they learn to balance and ride. But eventually you have to let go, and watch them do it for themselves.

The prophets and spiritual messengers of old were sent to give us that helping hand. Even unto this day, helpers are being sent, and many are on standby. But WE have to listen, and imbibe correctly the instructions being given, and use them to learn how to develop our soul/spirit by OURSELVES.

From the foregoing, we should arrive at the answer to the puzzle. The choice of how we develop and use our endowments is entirely up to us, and the onus is entirely left to EACH person whether he or she will evolve their Spirit further to enable them control the external aggressive instinct for survival, or remain at the level of a Homo-sapiens, exercising destructive external aggressiveness.

Another fact, a person who cannot sense his or her inner essence of Spirit, can only operate under the aegis of the DNA, and can only see or be guided by the aggressiveness of the wild.

One who is highly in tune with, and has developed their Spiritual essence operates under the guidance of the Spirit, which manifests in their nobility of character towards self and others. Those who are seeking divine intervention are also correct, but are looking for it in the wrong way or place. The intervention is contained in all of the messages and teachings that have been and are still being sent.

Finally, the foregoing tells us that just being human, or being endowed with a spiritual essence does not automatically transform a person into a Spiritually guided person. Evidently, each person has to evolve further from being a Human Being into becoming a Human Spirit.