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Spiral Dynamics

The order of the world views is *chronological* and maps both our own individual life development as well as the development of human culture as a whole. As individuals, we are born into the bottom of the spiral and move up the spiral as we progress through life. No one jumps a level or comes in at a higher level to start with. We also have access to all of the levels we have experienced. It is important to understand that Spiral Dynamics is chronological and NOT hierarchical.

Memes (a meme is a self-propagating unit of cultural evolution) are not free-floating entities. RED is not better than PURPLE. It's different. So you have to ask, first and foremost, what are the Life Conditions? If the Life Conditions require you to be strong and self-assertive, or to fight your way out of a horrible situation, then the RED meme is the way to be. RED is not an aberration, but a normal part of the human meme repertoire.



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This perspective is fundamental to Spiral Dynamics: you accept that the memes do not represent a hierarchy of 'better', but rather that each can be expressed in a positive and negative way, and that the whole spiral with its assortment of meme codes is inside the person and may be called upon in response to the demands of their changing Life Conditions.

Human society, as a whole, has journeyed up the spiral with some cultures reaching higher than others. A society that was predominantly in the second tier would be sustainable.



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Second Tier Levels based in Love
(8th and 9th wave consciousness)

First Tier levels based in Fear
(5th - 7th waves of consciousness)



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What people in each world seek out in life . . .
(Goals of "Successful" Living)

- 1 BEIGE** survival; biogenic needs satisfaction; reproduction
- 2 PURPLE** safety/security; protection from harm; family bonds
- 3 RED** power/action; asserting self to dominate others; control
- 4 BLUE** stability/order; obedience to earn later reward; meaning
- 5 ORANGE** opportunity/success; competing to achieve results; influence
- 6 GREEN** harmony/love; joining together for mutual growth;
awareness
- 7 YELLOW** independence/self-worth; fitting a living system; knowing
- 8 TURQUOISE** global community/life force; survival of Earth;
consciousness

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BEIGE (World1).....**Survival/meeting biological needs/instinctive drives & urges**

BEIGE / PURPLE *Awakening of a sense of dependent self in a mysterious and frightening world where being with others means safety*

PURPLE (World2).....**Safety/tribal needs/adherence to ritual/obeying chief(s)/harmony/reciprocity**

PURPLE / RED *Awakening of an egocentric self determined to break the shackles of the family or tribe and become a powerful individual*

RED (World3).....**Power/action/excitement/proving individual prowess/shame/cunning dominance**

RED / BLUE *Awakening of a purposeful self with guilt in search of meaning in a purposeful existence and reasons why we live and die*

BLUE (World4).....**Purpose/obedience to authority/stability/rules/meaning/guilt/duty**

BLUE / ORANGE *Awakening of a pragmatic, independence-seeking self who challenges higher authority and scientifically tests possibilities*

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ORANGE **Competition/success/making things better/autonomy/adroit control/growth**

ORANGE / GREEN Awakening of a sociocentric self who strives for belonging and acceptance and needs to discover spirit, inner harmony, peace

GREEN **Affiliation/sustainability/collaboration/consciousness/fulfillment/sharing/connections**

GREEN / YELLOW Awakening of an inquiring, interdependent self who no longer needs approval yet can collaborate when appropriate with diminishing compulsions or fears

YELLOW **Being/functionality/discovery/integralism/responsibilities of living/connections**

YELLOW / TURQUOISE Awakening of experiential self who seeks ways of being that use knowledge to restore natural harmony and balance

TURQUOISE ... **Experience of holism/accept existential realities/integration of life energies**
TURQUOISE / CORAL . . . the open-ended Graves theory continues as new thinking systems awaken and coping with life's existential dichotomies activates new neuronal systems

