

# The Stages of Intellect – An Evolutionary Progression

## **Archaic**

the level of basic survival

## **Magic**

spirits swarm the earth and determine events

## **Power Gods**

the first emergence of a self distinct from the tribe

## **Mythic**

unyieldingly rigid law and order

## **Rational**

the world is a machine governed by natural laws

## **Pluralist**

the rise of sensitivity and empathy

## **Integral**

the first stage to recognize the validity of the others and to rank the value systems of all

“Intellect on Earth is at its greatest disparity ever. But mind you, this is a disparity reached purely by natural forces. And it is these natural forces that remain poised to take intellect even further along the path. The question is, can the forces succeed? There’s no guarantee against a long-term or permanent setback. The good news is that we humans are among the natural forces controlling the outcome. We can attempt to speed intellectual development around the world.”

— *Sunrise Over Disney*, p. 395



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