

EL IMPERATIVO ESPIRITUAL

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Praise for **THE SPIRITUAL IMPERATIVE**

"The book provides a way of relating to historical events that makes it easier to understand what seems ... beyond understanding, and a way of re-evaluating the past in order to shed light on the future."

—Rhoda Curtis, Author of *Rhoda, Her First 90 Years*

Is humanity making any progress? Not according to postmodernists ... "The human race isn't going anywhere except round in circles or downhill," many say today. But, as we will see later, this attitude can be explained by the fact that we live deep in the Worker Age, the least religious and spiritual of the five ages, and therefore the one with the least hope—either of joy in this life or in a future one after death. No hope and no faith in progress are two very compatible sentiments.

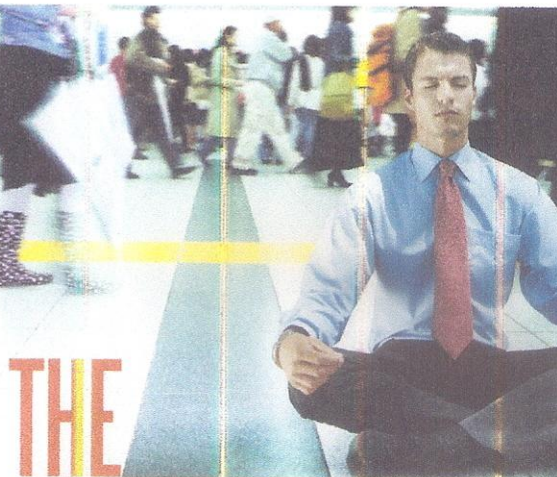
Be that as it may, the Caste Model gives a clear "yes" in answer to the question, "Is humanity making progress?" The human race steadily evolves and progresses. True, the three non-spiritual/religious ages get increasingly out of touch with reality. Yet each, at the same time, is an improvement over the one before.

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Sex, Age, and Caste
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Copernicus and Galileo's sun-centered model of the solar system gave us our view of space. Newton and Einstein's mechanical and electromagnetic models of the universe gave us our view of nature. Can the human condition be captured with a similarly universal model? Author Lawrence H. Taub believes so, and he develops three of them—age, sex, and caste—to reveal the deeper currents of history.

The models presented in *The Spiritual Imperative* clarify the past, explain the present, and help anticipate the future. Taub uses these models to make insightful forecasts of future discontinuities that answer the major questions facing us today. Some of his predictions include:

- a regional political-economic block formed in the Far East and what this will mean to the world
- an alliance between the U.S. and Russia and how this will develop
- Israeli-Palestinian peace leading to a Pan-Semitic Union that will make the Middle East one of two main world centers of economic, political, and spiritual power in the mid-twenty-first century
- the replacement of technology with religion and spirituality as the main growth market in the twenty-first century

The Spiritual Imperative provides insight into where human civilization has been and where it's going.

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The Age Model: Stages

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- No Center Yet
- Self is the Center
- Mother is the Center
- Father is the Center
- Rejection of Parental Centers
- Centered Self: The Future
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- **Present Age of the Human Race, in Terms of Maturity: 19**

Likely to Happen in the Future:

- Good odds for human survival, despite possibility of human self destruction: **99 % or more.**
- The nature of future religion/spirituality: **God Within the Individual, or just Within, without God.**

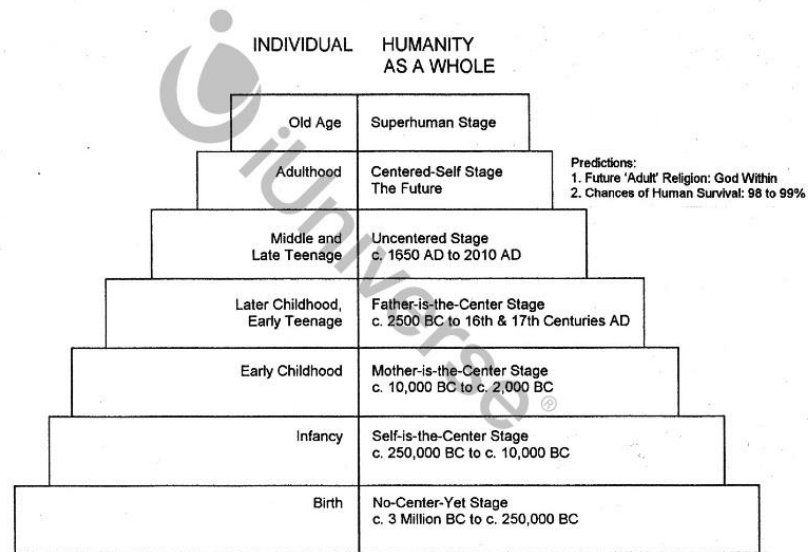
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THE AGE MODEL

FIG. 7

(The Life of Humanity Evolves Parallel to the Life of a Single Person)



The Sex Model: Stages

- Yin Age - Oriented to the Female Principle
- Yang Age - Oriented to the Male Principle
- Androgynous Age - Balance of the Female and Male Principles: The Future

Likely to Happen in the Future:

- Various, related to the Environment, Animal Rights, Acceptance of Homosexuality, Merger of Eastern and Western Culture, Other.
- Rise of More and More Women to Top Positions in Politics, Business, Religion, Society.
- Increasing Similarities in Sexual Styles of Men and Women

The Sex Model

The Androgynous Adult

- "Conversely, the less evolved and intelligent a person is the more he or she displays stereotypical male or female characteristics defined by the animal body from which the self has not yet differentiated. Most developed personalities display a balance and integration of both masculine and feminine principles, and are thus mentally androgynous, whereas less developed individuals tend to display the stereotypical attitudes of their particular sex."

Ken Wilber, *Up From Eden*

The Caste Model

The Castes:

- Religious/Spiritual Caste-----Brahman
- Warrior Caste-----Kshatriya
- Merchant Caste-----Vaishya
- Worker Caste-----Shudra

The Caste Ages:

- Animal
- Spiritual-Religious Age No. 1-----Satyayuga 1
- Warrior Age-----Tretayuga
- Merchant Age-----Dvaparayuga
- Worker Age-----Kaliyuga
- Spiritual-Religious Age No. 2-----Satyayuga 2
- Superhuman

The Caste Model

Stages in a Caste's Rise to Power

- Pioneering Stage
 - Revolutionary-Evolutionary Stage
 - Peak Stage
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- In the Revolutionary-Evolutionary Stage, Violent Revolutions Occur in Parts of the World Removed From the Main Centers of World Power. They usually start out as popular uprisings, but the revolutions and the governments they lead to are sooner or later taken over by the fundamentalists of that particular caste.

The Caste Model

The Great Powers of the Near Future -- The Peak Stage of the Worker Age

- **Confucio**: consisting of Japan, The Chinas (China and Taiwan), the Koreas (North and South Korea Reunified)
- **Europa**: The Grand European Union
- **Polario**: consisting of the countries that neighbor each other around the North Pole, plus others, i.e., United States, Russia, Canada, Scandinavia, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine, and Armenia.

The Great Powers of the Distant Future -- The Revolutionary-Evolutionary Stage of Spiritual-Religious Age No. 2

- South Asian Union
- Central Asian Islamic Union
- Pan-Semitic Union
- Maghreb Union

- **The "Great Powers" of the More Distant Future -- The Peak Stage of the Spiritual-Religious Age No. 2**

- The Indigenous Peoples and Sub-Saharan Africa

The Caste Model

The Spiritualization of the World

Economic System

- 1. The Rise of the Religion Market
- 2. The End of Work As We Know It