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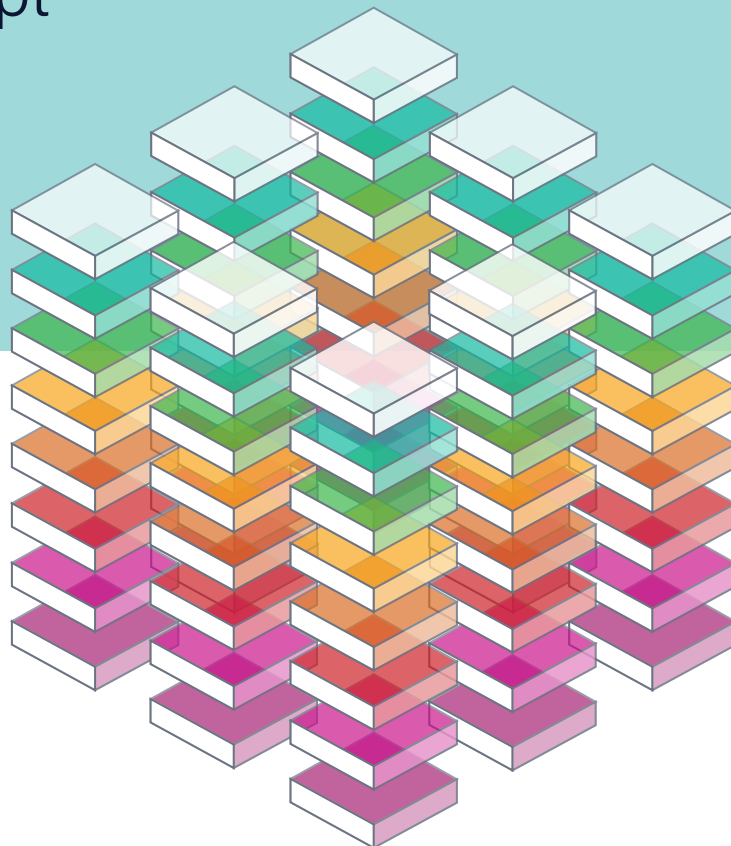
Lesson II

Lines of Development

Module

Introduction

Transcript



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Evolution has given us specific problem-solving intelligences for most of the problems that life can throw at us. And simply being aware of the existence of these intelligences is psychoactive; just being aware of them will begin to activate and engage and awaken them in you.

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The dilemmas that humans have faced over the millenia have demanded specific and effective solutions. “Lines of development”, sometimes called “multiple intelligences”, represent the unique capacities that evolved to answer these urgent questions. Perhaps the most essential of these questions are ...

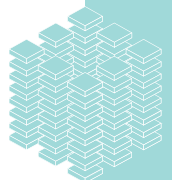
- What am I aware of? — The study of **cognitive intelligence** helps us answer this.
- Who am I? — The study of the **self** or “**ego line**” helps us answer this.
- What is significant to me? — The study of **values** gives us answers.
- What should I do? — Answering this requires **moral intelligence**.
- How should we interact? — The **interpersonal** line of development addresses this question.
- What is of ultimate concern? — Our **spiritual intelligence** helps us answer this question.
- What do I need? — The study of **needs** helps us understand this.
- How do I feel about this? — **emotional intelligence** helps us answer.


- What is beautiful or attractive to me? — The **aesthetic** line of development determines our answers.

Ideally, each of us would draw on very specific intelligences that have evolved to deal with their corresponding issues, yet most of us utilize just 1 or 2 types of intelligence to deal with *all* life’s problems, which both curtails our growth and often results in an imbalanced personality.

To lead an authentic, genuine, fulfilling life, we need to draw on as many of our intelligences as we can; there are between 6 and two dozen, depending on how broadly they are defined. Simple awareness of the existence of each of these intelligences is in a very real sense *psychoactive*, awakening them in your own consciousness.

The major developmental lines that we’ll consider in upcoming sessions include: cognitive intelligence, emotional intelligence, somatic (or kinesthetic) intelligence, interpersonal intelligence, moral intelligence, spiritual intelligence, musical intelligence, mathematical intelligence, and willpower intelligence.





These intelligences might range from being very familiar to you to being totally new, but by the end of this course you'll have practices for each of these lines of development, and will be able to choose among them to help optimize your life.

Since consciousness is the neutral, empty *space* in which our intelligences and experiences arise, we use the metaphor of **altitude** as a kind of scale for tracking the level of development of each of the lines of development that we'll be studying.

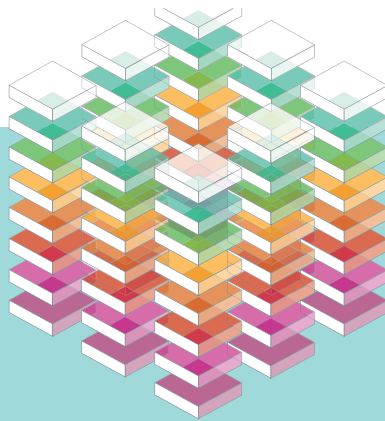
Each intelligence will have its own names for its particular stages, but by aligning them in an *integral psychograph*, we can see how their various stages match up with our general "altitude" or level of development.

For example: the green level of altitude includes Loevinger's "individualistic" stage of ego development, Spiral Dynamics' "human bond" stage in the values line of development, and Fowler's "conjunctive" stage in the spiritual intelligence line. All of these stages share the same (green) level of consciousness.

In actual human beings, however, these lines may exist relatively independent of one another, as in the example of Nazi doctors — people who possessed very high cognitive

intelligence but extremely low moral intelligence. Given this variability, it behooves us to remember that each individual's growth trajectory is unique, with a two-pronged center of gravity: a **structural center of gravity** that aligns with a person's *average structure or level of consciousness* (i.e., green) and speaks to what we call "growing up", and a **state center of gravity** that aligns with our basic *state of consciousness*, and aligns with what we call "waking up."

Only with all our multiple intelligences in good working order can we take a truly unified approach to life's challenges. These intelligences are already inside you—you just need to become aware of them to start discerning how to engage with them.



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