

Archetypes of the Spiritual Journey



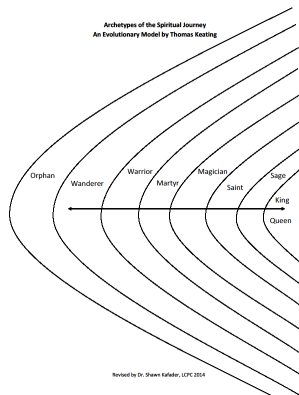
An Evolutionary Model
Rev. Dr. Shawn Kafader, D. Min., LCPC

Archetypes of the Spiritual Journey
An Evolutionary Model by Thomas Keating

Evolutionary Stages of Consciousness	Archetypes of the Spiritual Journey
Unity Complete union with God. Unitive Transforming union in Christ.	(Unitive Archetypes) King/Queen Sage
Intuitive Contemplative dimension engaged. Many nights of senses/spirit. Seeks silence and solitude. Mental Epic: Something larger than self. Open to freedom and self-transcendence. Faith comes alive.	(Intuitive Archetype) Saint
Mythic Membership Group over identification. Never loyalty to rules and values. Rules determine who is "in." Typical: Personality emerges. Demand for affection/esteem. Faith comes alive.	(Reflective Archetype) Magician Martyr Warrior Wanderer
Neotlam Most basic existence. Fight or flight instincts. Demand for security/survival.	Orphan

Prepared by Dr. Shawn Kafader, LCPC 2014

Archetypes of the Spiritual Journey
An Evolutionary Model by Thomas Keating



**PRE-RATIONAL
ARCHETYPES**

THE ORPHAN

Manifests the emotional program for security/survival needs.
Depends on others.
Helplessness expressed in subtle pleas.
Paralyzing inertia; passive dependent personality.
Leads to feeling unwanted, rejected, not loved, worthless, low self-image.

THE WANDERER

Neither wealth/poverty brings happiness.

One who has not found happiness as the Orphan, Warrior or Martyr.

Some pursue endless travel, self-help groups, various meditation techniques or religious groups.

Appeals to an adventurous personality; may involved sexual promiscuity for a time.

THE WARRIOR

Manifests the emotional program of power/control.
Aggressive temperaments;
notable in men in patriarchal times.

Strong egos; love to compete, gain status.
Enjoy winning, take pleasure in domination of others.
Despise weakness, hate defeat, failure.

Emulates models in athletics, academic setting.

Anger is the energy that enables them to pursue the "difficult good" to overcome cowardice, defend special causes.

MYTHIC MEMBERSHIP ARCHETYPES

THE MARTYR

The Martyr as victim - *suffers for the group.*
Serves others or cause beyond their real strength.
Strives to please everyone.
Ready to sacrifice themselves - *"carry the world on their shoulders."*
Loyalty to over-group identity such as
patriotism, religion, family, culture.
Reluctant to admit mistakes;
difficulty with saying "no."

THE MAGICIAN

Has experienced early Archetypes and is ready to move beyond them to rational level of consciousness.

Movement beyond adolescence.
Does not reject previous Archetypes.

Open to further development of spiritual faculties of the human organism.

Now ready to commit to long range goals and service of others.

THE MAGICIAN

Occasional signs of Fruits & Gifts of the Spirit may occur.

One recognizes and accepts what is true about oneself and others.

MAGICIAN NO LONGER REACTS

**INTUITIVE
LEVEL
ARCHETYPES**

THE SAINT

Divine action powerful in these persons.
Encouragement to others; empowers, inspires.
Forgetful of false self;
aware that they are one with God.
Seeks no reward; loving God is its own reward.
Often aware of being in union with God
and feels a oneness with all creation.
Capable of teaching transformation,
not yet able to transmit it.
Introduction to full Christian life.
Saints moved by Fruits/Gifts of the Spirit.

THE SAINT

Non-possessive of their experience of God.
God pours Holy Spirit into them.
In the deepest sense, Christ is them.
All other Archetypes, except Sage and King/
Queen, are integrated.
Contributes to the transformation of the world.
Characteristics of the True Self
are well developed through Beatitudes.
Accepts weaknesses; absolute trust in God.

**UNITIVE
LEVEL
ARCHETYPES**

THE SAGE

Emerges as further development of Saint.
 Gift of Wisdom; shares inspirations with both intellect and will; unifies body, soul and spirit.
 Unified with God, human family and all creation.
 Leaves behind cultural aspects of religion. No longer over-dependent on ritual; prefers silence to words.
 Has become one with the Oneness to which all religions point.

THE KING OR QUEEN

Highest of the Archetypes.
 Returns to the world and transmits the teaching.
 Do not rule;
 their very being bears authority.
 Perfect examples of servant-leadership.
 Lead without leading;
 no sense of self as fixed point.
 The King and Queen are rooted in tradition but poised always for constructive change.

In conclusion...

All archetypes are integrated and build upon each other.
 We may find ourselves returning to a lower archetype at any time on the journey.
 All archetypes are present within us throughout the spiritual journey.
 If we miss one archetype, divine therapy will take us back to complete it.
