




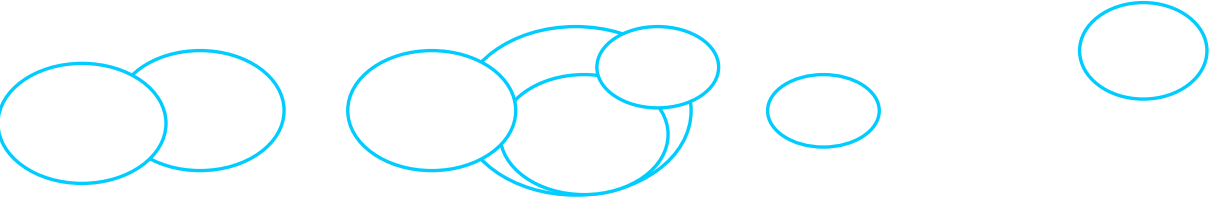


Gravesian Levels of Existence Theory: An Energy Matrix

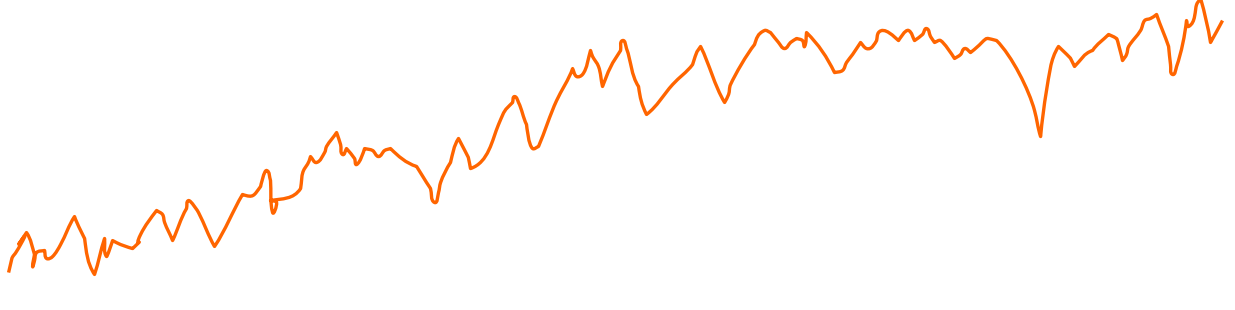
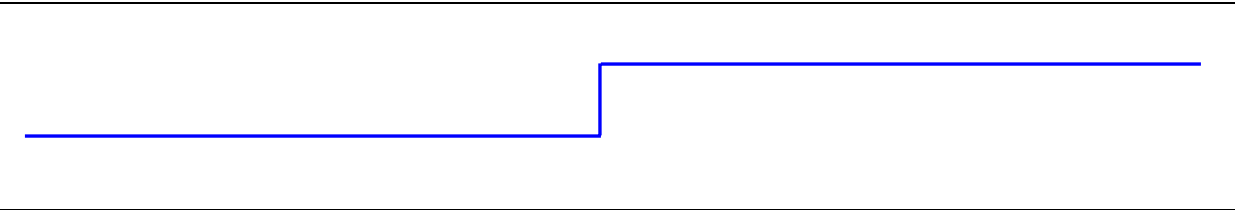
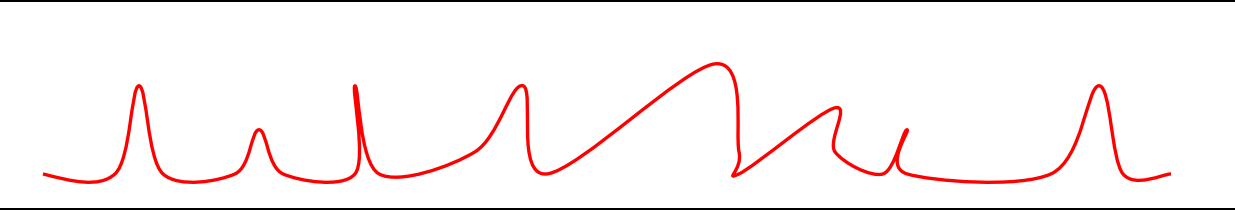
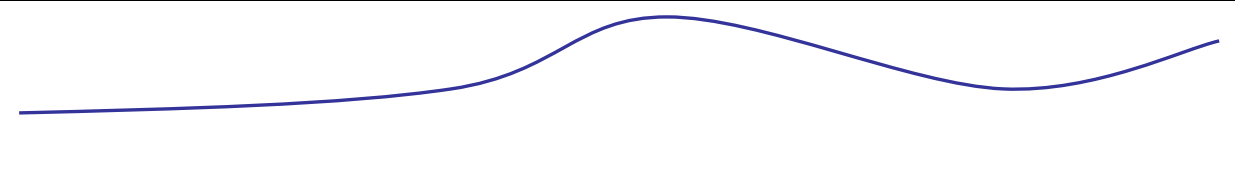
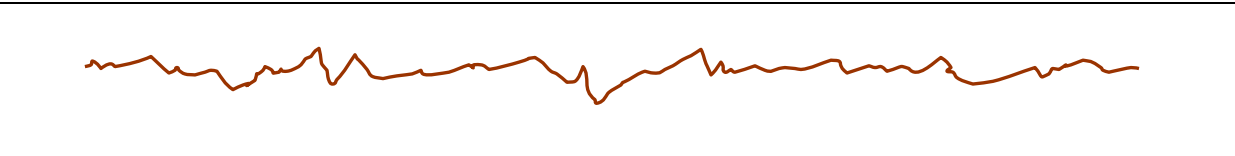
<i>Level</i> ^{NB.}	<i>Code</i> ^{1.}	<i>Colour</i> ^{2.}	<i>Energy Expression</i>	<i>Energy Pattern</i>	<i>Energy Assumption</i>	<i>Energy Intention</i>
Level 9*	C'-P' (I-V)	Coral	Focused	Flare/Fade	Distilled	Effect
Level 8	B'-O' (H-U)	Turquoise	Passive	Flux/Flow	Fluxing	Allow
Level 7	A'-B' (G-T)	Yellow	Constructive	Constructed/Creating	Synergistic	Enable
Level 6	F-S	Green	Responsive	Distributive/Balancing	Contributive	Contribute
Level 5	E-R	Orange	Proactive	Incremental/Peaking	Unlimited	Expend
Level 4	D-Q	Blue	Consistent	Stable/Stepped	Finite	Preserve
Level 3	C-P	Red	Expressive	Peak/Recovery	Consumptive	Act
Level 2	B-O	Purple	Submissive	Replicable/Seasonal	Gifted	Repeat
Level 1	A-N	Beige	Sporadic	No Pattern	No Assumption	No Intention

Explanatory Notes: There is a proposition that consciousness in the human form utilizes the same psychological energy at all levels, only in completely different ways³. The premise is that the psychological energy expression and consumption at each level of consciousness has the same meta-pattern within that level⁴.

Conversely, the generation and consumption of external energy forms is not equal at levels, reflecting the differences in psychological energy and how it is applied at each level. The patterns at levels also differ alternately, so that systems of agentic expression may have more peaks and troughs and systems of communal expression a more consistent and averaged energy expression⁵.

Similarly, the way energy is generally consumed is suggested to be completely different at levels, with lower systems requiring a direct stimulus-response effect and higher systems using a delayed expression and consumption pattern where potential may build/degrade over time reflecting development of depth complexity⁶. The artifacts of energy expression provide clues to the psychological dynamics of different levels of existence. The pictorial representation of fictional energy patterns that follow are of the combined psychological energy pattern of expression-consumption over periods of psychological time (i.e. but not external energy generation or utilization over chronological time) which are phenomenological, being only indicated by artifacts reflecting the pattern mapped, and not externally observable as dynamics of consciousness.

<i>Level</i>	<i>Pictorial Representation</i>	<i>Description</i> ⁶
Level 9		[No Description]
Level 8		Non-linear psychological patterns, periods of intensity without outputs and non-intensity with outputs, macro-environmentally responsive. Seen in meta-patterns such as numbers of articles in global media on topics, mass philanthropy patterns, societal optimism statistics, depression incidence, psychological and physiological health statistics, non-economic dependent expenditure patterns.
Level 7		High output, low input, periods of apparent inactivity and high productivity disproportionate to time and materials availability. Seen in independent project management within organisations, period and volume of publications in learning organisations, extent of research breakthroughs in medical facilities.
Level 6		Peturbations in a balanced system of inputs and outputs, pluralistic causes and effects averaged out, with periods of disruption and equilibrium return. Seen in membership figures of community organisations, energy needs of energy-independent communities, staff levels in not-for-profit sociocentric organisations.

Level 5		<p>Incremental, at variance with external conditions, reflective of reactive and proactive decision making, with remote cause and effects. Seen in economic indicators of developed countries, stock-exchange reports of mature dynamic markets, non-natural climate change effects in global warming patterns, population growth figures in urbanised centers and income levels of emerging businesses.</p>
Level 4		<p>Consistent, status-quo with system jumps as infrastructure changes are introduced after delay lag of supply and demand matching. Seen in graphs of construction of supply capacity of water resources, volumes of legislation enacted to reflect social change, pricing shifts in energy costs of established systems.</p>
Level 3		<p>High peak energy, immediate rise followed by decline to pre-levels. Seen in statistical numbers of deaths in feudal wars, car accident mortalities in youth age groups, arrest statistics for violent crimes, repeat offender incidents in criminology, global oil production statistics.</p>
Level 2		<p>Harmonic pattern with environment, slow ascendancy and cyclic decendency. Seen in population figures of hunter gatherer groups, volumes of indigenous rock art over periods of climatic change, primary food source abundancy changes over-time.</p>
Level 1		<p>Sporadic, internally referential, disconnected patterns. Seen in self-injury statistics of psychiatric patients, expenditure of savings in manic depression, self-control in existence regressions.</p>

Footnotes and References:

1. Alternative classifications in levels 7, 8 and 9 of G-T, H-U and I-V are accepted as part of Graves' model but reflect indeterminate data and conclusions on second tier repetition patterns.
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7. This detail is partially extract from a larger schematic of 60 lines of integrated development and should be read in the context of the larger whole.

NB: Referenced descriptions are derived from Graves' research which figuratively depicted neurological dynamics over psychological time but did not examine psychological energy expression. The matrix descriptions not reference are merely speculative for discussion and are not necessarily representative of Graves' research. * Higher levels are included to reflect that a system of descriptive levels is part only of an emergent holarchy open in depth and span. Any attempted descriptions in levels 8 and 9 are pure speculation as these are only potentialities of emergent systems not yet formed in response to nodal conditions in prior systems. They are provided as contrasts for modeling purposes only and as descriptors of levels should be distinguished from consciousness states or stages.

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