

## Stages in the Tyranny of the Pfc over Human Consciousness

Pfc Stage	Name of Pfc Stage	Primary Characteristic	Region	Predominant Time Frame	Major Innovations	Characteristic Values	Predominant metaphor of Nature
Pfc <sub>0</sub>		Hominins (pre- <i>homo sapiens</i> )	Africa, Eurasia	~4 million years ago - ~200 kya <sup>1</sup>	Tools (stone +) Fire (?) Proto-language (?)	Kinship and tribal bonds (?)	Not known
Pfc <sub>1</sub>	<a href="#">Stirrings of Power</a>	Hunter-gatherers	Worldwide	~200 kya – 19 <sup>th</sup> . century	Language, Art, Symbolic communication, Myth	Parochial altruism, Fairness, Reciprocal generosity	Nature as generous parent
Pfc <sub>2</sub>	<a href="#">Ascendancy to Power</a>	Agriculture	Worldwide	10 kya – present	Animal & plant domestication, Sedentism, Irrigation, Writing, Ownership, Patriarchy, Cities, Empires	Ownership, Social hierarchies, Monogamy (?), Gender inequality, Ancestral worship, Regional identification	Nature as ancestor/divinity to be propitiated
Pfc <sub>3</sub>	<a href="#">The Coup</a>	<a href="#">Monotheism</a>	Christian & Islamic regions	2 kya – present	Body-soul dualism, Universalizing cosmology, Separation from Nature	Immortal soul separate from body, God as infinite, universal law-giver	Man's God-given dominion over Nature
Pfc <sub>4</sub>	<a href="#">The Tyranny</a>	Scientific age	Europe, then worldwide	17 <sup>th</sup> . century - present	Scientific & Industrial Revolutions, <a href="#">Exponential technological change</a> , Globalization	Multiple intellectually-derived universally applicable values: liberty, reason, democracy, fascism, communism, capitalism	Nature as a material resource

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<sup>1</sup> kya: "thousand years ago"