Life cycle of a transformative idea

All idealisms are a reaction to an abuse of Power

Generation one	Reacts to perceived imbalance of power	Sees the problem and Names the issues and Ideas. But still thinks in old categories.
Generation two	Revolution or reformation	Activist who implement the revolution Begin to think in new categories
Generation three	Children of the Revolution	Zealous Implementation but use a mix of pre and post revolutionary categories
Generation four	Grandchildren of the Revolution	Indifferent implementation / cynicism But have absorbed the new categories
Generation five	Reacts to new imbalance of power by move to opposite	Has limited or no personal memory of original abuse of power but uses the logic and new categories of the new ideology. Aware of new abuses of power

Changing the Foundations

Christianity Naturalism

Generation one

Generation two

Generation three

Generation four

Generation five

Socio - Political

From Communal to individual

Mobility vs location – loss of belonging

Hyper-individualism

- Reference points are internal not external
- Sexuality My body my rights
 Flattening of Authority feminism
 Distribution of power
 Rise of the welfare State vs extended
 family Anonymity vs being known
 From left vs right to Cosmopolitan vs
 provincial

Technology – new magic

Industrialisation
Computerization
Information industry

Robotics Big Data

Artificial intelligence

Virtual Reality

Relationship to time, space

and location

the polarizing vortex of transition to the new consciousness



Psychological issues

Loss of Subject – Object relationship

Hyper-subjectivity

Sentimental / emotive

Identity loss - I am a machine

Loss of Telos – No meaningful future

Embodiment / location / belonging / loyalty

Loss of meaning and significance

Transitions in philosophy

Naturalism

Loss of transcendence God is dead

Loss of direction

Post-modernism deconstruction

Hyper relativity

Feeling as the new knowing

Pleasure and pain replace good and evil

Economic - Consumerism

Image = Identity

Shaping of desire and expectation

Short term value (one generation)

Accumulation of products or experiences

Cultural transformers

Cultural translation:

From education to training

Binging on Box sets

Film

Music,

Social media

- POWER: how is power restrained?
- REALITY: How do we know what is real?
- TRUST: How do we know who we can trust?
- MEANING: Is there any meaning, or beauty?
- FREEDOM: When are we most free?
- HOPE: What can we expect of the future?