



We are establishing the position of Chancellor for Ubiquity University as an annual honor that we will bestow to individuals we consider eminent and worthy of public recognition. We will provide them with a stipend, they will teach a class that we will widely disseminate, and we will promote the issues that made them the eminent people we are honoring. We see the Chancellorship as in some ways our own “Nobel Prize,” as a way to celebrate publicly the beacons of hope in our time.



We are honored that Ken Wilber is our inaugural Chancellor. He is one of the most widely read and cited philosophers in the world whose singular achievement has been the development of integral theory. Ken has taught us all the meaning of integral, perhaps the most seminal concept for humanity to assimilate as we face the future. In so doing, he has cracked a very important code – how to most effectively categorize knowledge and experience in a way that enables multi-dimensional thinking and expanded moral judgment. Nothing could be more crucial in designing the full spectrum transformational learning that Ubiquity seeks to make available to learners of all ages around the world. Indeed, Ken’s integral theory informs all of Ubiquity’s curricular design. In this sense, Ken Wilber is a foundational figure for the university and for this reason we asked him to be our inaugural chancellor.

We will interact with each Chancellor in the same spirit. By interacting in this way with the great individuals of our day, Ubiquity will always be renewing itself and staying abreast with emerging expressions of creativity, while honoring individuals of great merit and establishing partnerships with them for the greater good of our young.

Ken Wilber is the most widely translated academic writer in the U.S, with 25 books translated into some 30 foreign languages. He currently lives in Denver, Colorado, and is still active as a philosopher, author, and teacher, with all of his major publications still in print.

In commenting on the scope and impact of Ken’s philosophy Mitchell Kapor, founder of Lotus Development and the co-founder of Electronic Frontier Foundation, writes that “*After reading Wilber, it is impossible to imagine looking at the world the same way again*”.

What makes Ken especially relevant in today’s world is that he is the originator of arguably the first truly comprehensive or integrative philosophy, aptly named “Integral Theory”. As Wilber himself puts it: “I’d like to think of it as one of the first believable world philosophies.” Incorporating cultural studies, anthropology, systems theory, developmental psychology, biology, and spirituality, it has been applied in fields as diverse as ecology, sustainability, psychotherapy, psychiatry, education, business, medicine, politics, sports, and art.

Ken explains the need for an Integral Approach in the following way: “In our current post-modern world, we possess an abundance of methodologies and practices belonging to a multitude of fields and knowledge traditions. What is utterly lacking however, is a coherent organization, and coordination, of all these various practices, as well as their respective data-sets. What is needed is an approach that moves beyond this indiscriminate eclectic-pluralism, to an “*Integral Methodological Pluralism*”—driving toward a genuine “theory of everything” that helps to enrich and deepen every field through an understanding of exactly how and where each one fits in relation to all the others. Through the Integral approach, we reveal the previously unseen possibilities for a better, more compassionate, and more sustainable future for all of us.”

In short, the Integral Approach is the coherent organization, coordination, and harmonization of all of the relevant practices, methodologies, and experiences, available to human beings. Ken states: “You can’t realistically honor various methods and fields, without showing how they fit together. That is how to make a genuine world philosophy.”

Ken is also the founder of the Integral Institute which is the first organization fully dedicated to advancement and application of the Integral Approach in relation to contemporary global issues. It was formed in collaboration with over

200 scholars and experts, specializing in education, politics, business, medicine, psychology, spirituality, as well as, law and criminal justice.

BOOKS AND RESOURCES:

Virtually all of Wilber's published works are available through Amazon.com and Shambhala Publications. Shambhala provides an *Integral Theory Primer* intended as series of recommendations for those who are new to Wilber's work (<http://www.shambhala.com/expert-picks/picks-integral.html>).

A variety of video and audio content featuring dialogues, interviews, and discussions of Integral Theory is available through the individual websites of Integral Life, Sounds True, and Core Integral.

With regards to his body of writing, Wilber states, "I have, for convenience, divided my overall work into four general phases" with the fourth phase being the first truly or "comprehensively integral." Some of the most exemplary books from this period are *Sex, Ecology, Spirituality* and *The Eye of Spirit*. In addition, *A Brief History of Everything* and *A Theory of Everything* are both excellent condensed presentations to Wilber's fourth, or "truly integrative", phase. Both *The Eye of Spirit*, and *A Theory of Everything* include examples of pragmatic and field-specific applications of the Integral Approach.

By far the most accessible and recent introductory summary of Wilber's Integral Approach is presented in *The Integral Vision*. And *Kosmic Consciousness* by Sounds True is the most commonly referenced audio introduction to the Integral Approach, covering all of its essentials.

Some critics have tentatively added a fifth and latest phase, referred to as the "Post-Metaphysical turn" in Wilber's work, even though the origins of this turn are evident in Wilber's earlier writings. The most notable book exemplifying Wilber's Post-Metaphysics and the implementation of his Integral Methodological Pluralism is *Integral Spirituality*. Noteworthy works from earlier phases of Wilber's writings include, *A Sociable God*, *The Atman Project*, *Up From Eden*, *Eye to Eye*, and *Transformations of Consciousness*. Wilber himself notes that the essential components of these works are all taken up in his later phases and that his works "form a fairly coherent sequence, each building on and incorporating its predecessor(s)."

It ultimately does not matter where one begins, so long as one can resonate with the drive and impetus underlying Wilber's integral vision. The body of his work can be summarized as, progressively more complex and more inclusive elucidations of how all the important knowledge traditions, practices, and experiences available to human beings fit together into a fully comprehensive understanding of the world that does not leave out any of the essentials. In his works, Wilber repeatedly demonstrates how different truth-claims, different verification methods, and different experiences are all actually reconcilable, mutually enriching, and already all present in a world spacious enough to house them all.