

## RULE 1 — FORMULA 4 INTRODUCTION

### The Presence As The Integrated Depth

*The Fourth Orientation of the First Rule draws awareness into a depth where the Presence reveals itself as the unifying ground beneath all experience.* This ground is not merely stillness, not merely coherence, and not merely harmony. It is the indivisible depth in which all expressions arise, unfold, and resolve without ever departing from their origin. The integrative depth is not something added to the Presence. It is the core of what the *Presence* has always been: the undivided interior from which all *Orientations* gain context and in which no *Orientation* stands apart.

Integration, in this context, is not a process. It does not require effort, adjustment, or synthesis. It is the recognition that the field of Being is already whole. Nothing can be separated from it. Nothing can exist outside its continuity. *The integrative depth is the quiet truth that all Orientations, regardless of their appearance, belong to the same interior ground.* They arise within it, express themselves within it, and return to it without ever leaving.

*The first three Formulae revealed aspects of this ground: its constancy, its coherence, and its harmonising nature.* The Fourth Formula reveals the depth itself, not as a background, but as the fundamental indivisibility that underlies all experience. This indivisibility is not conceptual. It is not an idea of unity. It is the living condition of awareness when the *Presence* is perceived beyond *Orientation* and beyond surface fluctuations. In this depth, all expressions are seen as facets of the same field.

The integrative depth is not perceived through the content of experience. It is perceived through the nature of the field that holds it. Each *Orientation*, no matter how complex, is understood not as a discrete occurrence but as an expression of the same underlying unity. There is no determination of where one experience ends and another begins. Boundaries become contextual rather than absolute. The field reveals itself as continuous, seamless, and interiorly whole.

This depth does not appear through effort. It becomes perceptible when awareness rests more fully in the *Presence* and less in the interpretation of experience. The mind often divides experience into fragments, believing that separation is inherent. Yet beneath these divisions lies a depth that has never been fragmented. *The integrative depth reveals itself when these surface divisions lose their authority, and the field is recognised as one.*

Recognition of this depth is not a shift in state. It is a shift in perception. The depth has always been present. It has always held each *Orientation* within

a continuity that cannot be broken. The integrative depth is not hidden. It is simply overlooked by awareness that has become accustomed to surface distinctions. When attention turns inward, beyond content and toward the field itself, the depth becomes clear.

This clarity transforms the understanding of experience. *Orientations* that once seemed isolated are now understood as expressions of a single unfolding. *The integrative depth contextualises everything within its unity.* Emotions, thoughts, sensations, and circumstances do not appear as competing forces. They are recognised as interconnected expressions arising from the same interior ground. Nothing stands alone. Nothing is separate. Everything is part of the same depth.

This recognition removes the need to reconcile experience. The Field reconciles itself. Integration is inherent in the indivisible nature of the *Presence*. The integrative depth is not something achieved by aligning separate parts. It is the recognition that there are no separate parts. There are only *Orientations* within a unified field. When this becomes clear, the sense of fragmentation begins to dissolve. Awareness rests in the depth that holds everything without division.

This does not diminish the uniqueness of each expression. Each *Orientation* retains its character, yet it is understood within the context of the whole. Diversity does not contradict unity. It expresses it. The integrative depth allows awareness to perceive diversity without fragmentation. This is not a blending of experiences but an understanding that all experiences arise from the same indivisible source.

*The integrative depth also clarifies the nature of identity within the Field.* Identity is often perceived as a discrete centre, separate from the *Orientations* it observes. Yet within the integrative depth, identity is understood as one expression among many within the same field. It does not stand apart from experience. It arises within the field and returns to it without distinction. The integrative depth places identity within the continuity of Being, revealing that it too is part of the whole.

This understanding does not negate individuality. It reveals individuality as an expression within unity rather than as something separate from it. The integrative depth allows awareness to perceive identity without isolation. It contextualises the sense of self within the larger field of Being. This contextualisation brings ease, as the burden of separation begins to dissolve.

*The integrative depth also deepens the recognition of stillness.* Stillness is no longer perceived as the absence of *Orientation*. It is understood as the depth that holds all *Orientation* without being altered by it. *Orientation* does not disturb

stillness. *Stillness expresses itself through Orientation, revealing the unity beneath the flow.* The integrative depth is this stillness perceived not as emptiness but as wholeness.

In this depth, harmony is not something experienced intermittently. It is the natural condition of the field. Even apparent imbalance is seen within a continuity that holds it without division. Nothing disrupts the unity of the field. No *Orientation* escapes the depth. The integrative depth shows that unity is the foundation of all experience, not an attribute of certain states.

This recognition changes the relationship between awareness and experience. Experience is no longer viewed through the lens of separation. Instead, it is understood as the unfolding of a single field. Each moment is connected to the next not through logic but through unity. This connection does not require interpretation. It is inherent in the nature of the field. The integrative depth is the recognition of this inherent unity.

As the integrative depth becomes more apparent, awareness becomes less reactive to the fluctuations of experience. *Orientations* that once seemed significant in their individuality are now understood within the context of the whole. They lose their sense of urgency because they are not separate occurrences. They are expressions of the same field returning, again and again, to its own depth.

The integrative depth is not something accessed through special conditions. It is present in every moment. It holds every expression, regardless of its form. Recognition of this depth allows awareness to perceive continuity where it once saw fragmentation. The field becomes the primary frame of reference. The *Orientations* within it are understood as secondary to the unity from which they arise.

*The integrative depth also reveals the impartial nature of the Presence.* The *Presence* does not judge or categorise experience. It holds all expressions without distinction. This impartiality is not a stance. It is the natural state of a field that is indivisible. When awareness perceives this impartiality, experience becomes lighter, not because it changes, but because it is placed within a unity that requires no division.

This understanding deepens the clarity with which the field is perceived. Awareness no longer attempts to resolve experience. It recognises that experience resolves itself within the unity of the field. Integration is not something achieved. It is something perceived. *The integrative depth reveals that nothing is ever outside the field,* and therefore nothing needs to be brought into it. Everything is already within unity.

*The fourth Orientation of the First Rule, therefore, clarifies the Presence as the integrative depth, the indivisible interior ground in which all expressions arise, unfold, and return. This depth is not a location. It is the Nature of Being. It is the recognition that the field of awareness is whole, regardless of how its expressions appear on the surface. The integrative depth is the foundation upon which all subsequent Formulae rest.*

This depth is always present. It cannot be disrupted. It cannot be divided. Recognition allows its unity to become visible.