

Planes of Development

First Plane: 0—6

This is a period of transformation, divided into two parts:

0—3 years: At this stage the child's mind is like a sponge, we call it the absorbent mind. The child soaks in everything without being conscious of the fact.

3—6 years: At this stage the child's mind is still absorbing everything, but he/she is aware of doing so.

Second Plane: 6—12 years

This is a period of uniform growth, an intermediate period, or the second stage of childhood. This is a period for acquisition of culture. During this period the child has a powerful imagination, and develops the ability to comprehend and work with abstract terms. We also observe some physical changes. This period can also be subdivided into two parts.

6 through 9 years: During this time the child is getting to know himself, he creates a code of ethics for himself. It is also a very curious stage. The child begins to question everything, and we see the development of justice and fair play.

9 through 12 years: This is a time to create a code of ethics in relationship with his group. The child creates a code of ethics with his peers. Hero worship is a significant part of this phase of development. The child has the ability to undertake "big" work, and enjoys longer periods of work. At this age the child's inner sense of order begins to emerge, and appears to do so at the cost of external order! The child's room and work space becomes untidy. As internal order is being created the child appears oblivious for the need to keep the space around him/her neat and tidy.

Third Plane: 12—18 years

This is a period of transformation, subdivided as in stage one into:

12—15 years Puberty

15—18 years Adolescence

Fourth Plane: 18-24

The last period, 18-24 years and beyond, is the integration of the total personality.