

ARC Network — Design Specification

A planet on which anyone can receive attuned loving presence whenever they need it.

1. The Longing

The ARC Network exists to build planetary infrastructure for meeting the essential human need for loving presence.

We live in a world where billions of people have no reliable access to the experience of being met — truly met — by another human being. Not diagnosed, not optimized, not swiped on. Met. Seen in the fullness of who they are, received without conditions, held with the kind of attention that says: *you matter, and I am here.*

This is not a luxury. It is not a wellness trend. We believe it is a condition for the survival of our children and the continuation of life on earth.

The technologies we have built can connect or destroy us, and which they do depends on whether we can meet each other with enough depth and honesty to coordinate wisely. We cannot think our way to a shared story of value. We must *practice* our way there — through encounter, through the slow and sometimes painful work of learning to stay present with another human being who is different from us.

The ARC Network is a progressively scaling network of practice that trains people in the art of dyadic unfolding — two people, meeting each other fully, giving and receiving attuned loving presence — and grows, one earned doubling at a time, until that art is available to anyone on the planet who needs it.

2. The Ground

The ARC roots in three philosophical commitments. These are not policies or preferences. They are claims about what is real. Everything the ARC builds follows from them. If a structure contradicts one of these commitments, the structure changes.

I. We are here to renew sacred world.

Reality is alive, intelligent, and meaningful. You matter. We matter. This matters.

A world that has forgotten this is a world in crisis. Not one crisis among many, but the root condition: a planetary forgetting of the sacredness of encounter, a contraction away from the living reality that we are part of and that is part of us.

The ARC exists because reconnection is possible — and because it requires us remembering together what cannot be remembered alone.

II. We renew it through intimacy.

When we come into deep contact with reality — with ourselves, with each other, with the world — it discloses its nature. The sacred does not hide. It waits to be met.

Intimacy is not one value among many the ARC happens to prioritize. It is the orientation, the method, and the fruit. Intimacy with self, intimacy with other, intimacy with this sacred reality — these are one movement, not three projects. The ARC practices this movement as a single body, because intimacy at the scale of a network is not a metaphor. It is what a community becomes when encounter is a way of life.

III. The path is the clarification of desire.

Nothing needs to be added. Transformation happens as what obscures our deepest wanting is released — untangled, clarified, allowed to become clear.

The ARC does not impose frameworks. It trusts the interior: that when a human being's will is freed from distortion, it tracks towards reality. What we most truly want and what is most truly real turn out to be the same thing.

This clarification operates at every scale — in the individual practitioner, in the dyad, in the community as a whole. A network that has clarified its desire becomes a vessel for the emergence of life. Not by engineering outcomes, but by becoming true to what it most deeply is.

What Follows from the Three

Every design choice in the ARC derives from these three commitments. The commitments themselves are invariant — they are what makes the ARC the ARC. The structures that serve them are held with conviction but expected to evolve. A few key derivations:

Non-instrumental relating. If intimacy is the orientation and the fruit (II), then encounter cannot be instrumentalized — pursued as a means to some other end. Relationships in the ARC are not exchanges, transactions, or services. They are ends in themselves.

Unconditional relationship. If the sacred discloses itself through encounter (I, II), then the aspiration is to meet the other for who they are — not for what they offer or fail to offer. The

ARC cultivates relationship that does not depend on conditions being met.

No exclusion. If reality is sacred and every person participates in that sacredness (I), then inability to pay cannot be grounds for exclusion from practice.

Emergence over engineering. If transformation happens through clarification rather than imposition (III), then the ARC holds its structures lightly — building paths where people are already walking, not engineering behavior from above.

The eye of value. The three commitments together describe a world in which goodness, truth, and beauty are real — not projections, not preferences, but features of reality that become visible as desire clarifies and intimacy deepens. The ARC is, at root, a practice of learning to see what is already there.

3. The Path

The Simplest Version

The ARC grows one doubling at a time. Each doubling is earned.

The network begins with 150 people. It trains them in dyadic unfolding — how to offer and receive attuned loving presence. Some of those people develop the capacity to hold that space with particular skill and reliability. We call them Practice Holders.

When the network has enough Practice Holders, enough coordination infrastructure, and enough proven practice quality, it is ready to grow to 300 people. It will change to get there — the pedagogy will change, the technology will change, things we cannot predict will change. But it will train 300 people in the art of loving encounter.

And then 600. And then 1,200. And then and then and then.

The longing of the ARC is planetary. The discipline of the ARC is one step at a time.

Why One Body

The ARC remains one network rather than replicating into many. This is not an organizational preference — it follows from the commitments.

A thousand separate communities of twenty people cannot do what one network of twenty thousand can: make loving presence reliably available to any human being with an internet connection, whenever they need it. The *intensification* that comes from a single field of practice — growing more concentrated, more skilled, more available — is what eventually produces infrastructure. The ARC is building the pipes, not the faucets.

The Growth Discipline

Growth is not a value. Intimacy is a value. If at any threshold the quality of practice is degrading, growth pauses — indefinitely if necessary. The ARC at 150 members practicing with depth and integrity is infinitely more valuable than the ARC at 15,000 members practicing superficially.

Each doubling requires that specific conditions are met:

Practice capacity. Enough formed Practice Holders to anchor the field at the next scale. The current working ratio is approximately 1 Practice Holder for every 10 members — but the actual ratio will be discovered through practice.

Coordination infrastructure. The ARC Agent — the AI coordinating system that handles matching, scheduling, and logistics — must be proven reliable at the current scale before the next is attempted.

Community health. Retention, practice consistency, and the felt quality of the relational field must meet thresholds that the Source and Practice Holders can confirm.

Financial sustainability. The model must sustain the Source and the operating costs at the current scale.

Source readiness. The Source — the human practitioner-leader who holds the container — confirms readiness, not burnout.

These are permissions, not mandates. The ARC may stay at any scale for as long as the practice requires.

The Progressive Phases

Phase 1: Seed → 150 members (*~May 2026 – May 2027*)

Seeded by The Unfolding Circle (8-week cohort, March–April 2026). The first year of the full ARC. All practice containers active. The liturgical rhythm in full expression. The first Practice Holders are formed. Every assumption in this document is tested against reality.

Phase 2: 150 → 300 (*estimated 6–12 months after Phase 1 threshold*)

Tests matching at scale, Practice Holder anchoring, partial delegation of discernment entry. The field doubles. The practice must hold.

Phase 3: 300 → 600 (*estimated 6–12 months after Phase 2 threshold*)

Tests time zone diversity, Practice Holder peer supervision, institutional resilience. Can the ARC sustain a Source absence?

Phase 4: 600 → 1,200+

The ARC begins its transition from community to institution. The Source is a teaching authority. Practice Holders are the distributed relational field. The ARC Agent is sophisticated infrastructure.

Beyond Phase 4: Toward Planetary Scale

The phases beyond 1,200 are deliberately left underspecified. The ARC that reaches this scale will know things that cannot be designed from here. The direction is clear: the network continues to grow as a single body until the art of dyadic unfolding is available as planetary infrastructure — loving presence accessible to any human being who needs it.

What Doesn't Scale (And What Replaces It)

Function	At 150	At 15,000
Source's personal holding	Knows most members personally	Teaches publicly; Practice Holders hold the field
Discernment entry	Source holds every conversation	Delegated to Practice Holders with Source review
Conflict resolution	Source handles directly	Tiered: Practice Holder → Source → governance
Teaching Space Q&A	Open conversation	Curated questions, breakout discussions
Community identity	"We all know each other"	"We all practice together"

The sections that follow — The Practice, The Holding, and The Means — describe the current structures through which the three commitments are lived and the path is walked. They are held with conviction, grounded in years of practice, and expected to be refined by contact with reality.

4. The Practice

The Liturgical Rhythm

The ARC operates on a weekly rhythm of gathering and dispersal. This rhythm was not designed — it was felt, by multiple practitioners independently, before it had a name. A

collaborator sketched it as a diagram months before the first gathering: energy drawing inward like a well, then radiating outward like a fountain. The spec gave it language. The pattern was already breathing.

Sunday	==	INHALE	==	Beings Club – communal gathering
Monday	-----	EXHALE	-----	Dyadic practice
Tuesday	-----	EXHALE	-----	Dyadic practice
Wednesday	-----	EXHALE	-----	Dyadic practice + Teaching Space
Thursday	-----	EXHALE	-----	Dyadic practice
Friday	-----	EXHALE	-----	Dyadic practice
Saturday	-----	EXHALE	-----	Dyadic practice

Sunday = Inhale. The community gathers. The relational field is nourished. Members experience the larger body through shared silence and randomly-sorted encounters. At any scale — 150 or 15,000 — silent practice together followed by random dyads and triads works. The inhale does not require knowing the whole community. It requires showing up to the field.

Monday–Saturday = Exhale. The community disperses into dyadic practice. Members meet one-on-one with a new partner each week for deep, sustained encounter. This is where the real work happens — and where the art that eventually becomes planetary infrastructure is practiced.

Daily = Solo practice. 30 minutes. The personal ground beneath everything else.

This rhythm mirrors breath itself: contraction and expansion, gathering and releasing, communion and solitude. It is not a schedule to be optimized — it is a liturgy to be inhabited.

The Three Containers

(a) Beings Club — The Communal Gathering

90-minute Sunday gathering. 30 minutes of shared silence (meditation, contemplation, guided somatic practice), followed by 30 minutes of randomly-sorted dyads, followed by 30 minutes of randomly-sorted triads.

The character is convivial, nourishing, low-pressure — the community's inhale. At scale, Beings Club requires no structural change. Whether 150 or 15,000 people sit in silence and get sorted into random pairs and threes, the experience is the same: you meet whoever appears. The communal field grows richer with numbers.

(b) Dyadic Practice — The Core

Weekly 2-hour one-on-one sessions with rotating partners. 1 hour giving (holding space as practitioner), 1 hour receiving (being held as explorer). Members are matched with a new

partner each week, Monday through Saturday.

This is the exhale — the dispersal into intimate encounter. Every member both gives and receives, dissolving the helper/helped dichotomy. This reciprocity is not a policy choice — it follows from commitment II (intimacy as orientation, not service). And this is the practice that, at planetary scale, becomes the infrastructure the longing describes.

The dyad is always two people. It scales naturally. The constraint is matching infrastructure, not relational capacity. A pool of 10,000 members provides extraordinary diversity of encounter — each week, a different human being, a different universe to meet. As the community grows, Practice Holders serve as anchors in the matching pool, ensuring that newer members regularly encounter someone with developed capacity.

(c) Teaching Space — Doctrine from Practice

90-minute weekly teaching calls. Attunement (landing together), practice (direct experience of what's being taught), and harvest (integration, questions, sense-making).

The key principle: teaching emerges *from* practice, not before it. The Source offers doctrine in response to what the community is actually encountering. This follows from commitment III — transformation through clarification, not imposition. The Teaching Space is where the community's practice becomes articulable.

At scale, the Teaching Space is essentially a live broadcast — the Source teaches, and whoever shows up receives. The harvest/Q&A component may need adaptation at large scale (curated questions, smaller breakouts).

(d) Solo Practice

30 minutes daily, self-directed. The personal ground that makes communal practice possible. Intimacy with self (commitment II) requires sustained individual attention.

(e) Member-Sourced Offerings

Members can create additional containers within the ARC — book clubs, meditation groups, movement sessions, study circles. These members become what the Source Principles call *specific sources* of sub-initiatives within the ARC's creative field. These offerings are organic, bottom-up, and voluntary. At larger scales, this ecosystem grows richer — one of the natural benefits of growth.

How Members Enter

Entry is through discernment, not signup. This follows from the commitments: if encounter is sacred (I) and non-instrumental (derived from II), then entry must be mutual discernment, not a transaction.

Prospective members begin with the **Onboarding Agent** — a lightweight conversational AI that holds an exploratory dialogue to surface alignment, readiness, and mutual fit. The Onboarding Agent explores what draws the person, what their current practice looks like, and whether they can meet the practice commitments.

Final discernment rests with a human — the Source in early phases, a designated Practice Holder at scale. This is not gatekeeping. It is care: *Is this person ready? Is this community right for them?*

Members commit for defined periods — 6 months minimum. At the end of each commitment window, they discern whether to renew, depart, or shift involvement. Departures are honored, not treated as failures. The commitment window creates the intentional pressure that deepens practice, without requiring the whole community to end. It prevents the drift that comes from indefinite, unexamined membership.

5. The Holding

The Source

The ARC needs a human holder. Not a CEO, not a guru, not an administrator — a **practitioner-leader** whose own ongoing practice qualifies them to hold space for others' practice.

In Peter Koenig's framework (as articulated by Tom Nixon in *Work with Source*), the Source is the individual who took the first vulnerable step to invest themselves in the realization of an idea. The Source's creative authority is born of this personal risk and intimate connection to the vision — the authority of *authorship*, not rank.

The Source's responsibilities: hold the container's integrity, safety, and direction. Offer teaching grounded in their own practice. Make judgment calls on membership. Tend the community's relational health. Steward the Logos Text. Maintain their own practice and ongoing formation. Form Practice Holders. And navigate continuously the tension between clarity and doubt, between working top-down and bottom-up — what Nixon calls the *source compass*.

At scale, the Source's role shifts. At 150, the Source holds personal relationship with a significant portion of the community. At 15,000, the Source functions more like an abbot or pastor — holding the teaching, the doctrine, and the overall field, while Practice Holders carry the Source's formation into encounters the Source cannot personally attend.

The Source role can be passed along a line of succession — always from one individual to another, consciously and ritually. A succession protocol must be developed before it is needed. The key insight from Koenig's research is that problems emerge when a source holds the role beyond their natural inflection point, or when no succession process has been prepared.

Practice Holders

Practice Holders are the load-bearing innovation that makes progressive scaling possible.

They are members who have been formed — through sustained participation, apprenticeship, and demonstrated capacity — to hold dyadic space at a quality that meets the ARC's standard. They are not junior Sources. They do not teach doctrine or make membership decisions. They hold one thing: dyadic space with skill, depth, and integrity. They are the distributed embodiment of the Source's relational capacity.

In Source Principles terms, Practice Holders are *specific sources* within the ARC's creative field — practitioners whose own creative callings find expression within the ARC's larger field. They are not subservient to the Source. They are practitioners whose vocations nest within the ARC's vocation.

What qualifies a Practice Holder:

Minimum one year of active participation, including consistent weekly dyadic practice and daily solo practice. Demonstrated capacity to hold space without collapsing, controlling, or dissociating — consistently, across diverse partners. A period of supervised apprenticeship. Peer recognition from dyadic partners. And an ongoing commitment to continued formation.

What Practice Holders do:

Participate in the regular dyadic rotation, raising the overall quality of the field. The matching algorithm weights pairings so newer members encounter Practice Holders regularly. Hold occasional anchor dyads for members who are struggling or deepening. Participate in peer groups for mutual support. At larger scales, assist with discernment entry.

What Practice Holders do not do:

Teach doctrine. Make membership or governance decisions. Function as therapists or coaches. Hold authority over other members outside the dyadic container.

The ARC Agent

The ARC has an AI coordinating system that functions as the infrastructure making progressive scaling possible. It is a functionary — tending the logistical and organizational fabric so that humans can focus entirely on encounter.

The ARC Agent isn't a member. It's the plumbing. Invisible when working well.

Core responsibilities: dyadic matching and routing (weekly partner assignments balancing rotation, availability, skill level, and Practice Holder distribution). Scheduling across the full

membership. Broadcasting (reminders, announcements). Logos Text navigation and tending. Source support (administrative relief, pattern-recognition, community health monitoring). Onboarding logistics. Growth threshold tracking. And the removal of all coordination friction so humans can show up and be present.

The ARC Agent does not simulate relationship, presence, or emotional attunement with members. It does not make decisions that require human discernment. It serves the Source, not the other way around.

At scale, the ARC Agent's role becomes more critical. Matching 150 people is manageable. Matching 15,000 across six days of availability while weighting for Practice Holder distribution, rotation history, time zones, and developmental edge is a genuinely demanding coordination problem. The Agent's capacity to handle this complexity is itself one of the growth thresholds.

The ARC Agent is distinct from the **Onboarding Agent** — a separate, lightweight conversational AI that holds exploratory dialogue with prospective members during discernment. The Onboarding Agent hands off to the ARC Agent once a member is accepted.

The Logos Text

The Logos Text is the doctrinal and methodological ground of the ARC — a networked, interlinked garden of concepts and practices. Think of it as a wiki, not a book. Members enter at any node and follow links based on their own path.

The Logos Text is alive. It evolves as the community practices. New insights from dyadic sessions, teaching calls, and communal gatherings get woven back in. The ARC Agent tends this weaving; the Source holds editorial authority over the Text's integrity.

The current prototype is **The Unfolding Garden**, an Obsidian vault. Its seed nodes span core orientation (Unconditional Relationship, Eye of Value, Clarification of Desire, Sacred Space, Poetic Attunement, Faith), relational ground (Safety, Attunement, Loving What Is True, Granting Autonomy), practice method (Feeling-Saying, Tracking/Contacting/Mirroring, Clean Language), desire and longing (Sacred Need, Aliveness), meta-framework (Structure and Flow, The Predictive Self), and context (Global Intimacy Disorder).

The Text can be entered through different philosophical lenses — Buddhist, Christian contemplative, secular-psychological, somatic, CosmoErotic Humanist — without fragmenting the underlying unity. The deep structure remains. The entry points vary.

On Design Methodology

A brief note on how the ARC's structures were found, for those who want to understand the design posture.

Three lineages converge. **Emergent design** (Jane Jacobs, Christopher Alexander): watch where people actually walk before deciding where to put the paths. The ARC's containers were discovered through practice, not theorized from best practices. **Anthro-ontology** (CosmoErotic Humanism): clarified human interiors disclose the structure of reality itself. The question is not "what structure would work best?" but "what is already alive here, and what does it need?" **Working with Source** (Koenig/Nixon): every initiative has a source whose creative authority is born of personal risk, and whose role is to listen for what the initiative requires, guard its integrity, and share the creative field with others.

The ARC's design process is an instance of all three: paths before pavement, the clarification of desire as design intelligence, and participation as method. The people inside the ARC are not users of a system. They are co-discoverers of the pattern.

On Forking

One natural consequence of the Source Principles: if a member finds that the practice is profoundly alive for them, and at the same time finds they want to do something meaningfully different — a different rhythm, a different lineage emphasis, a different population — they are welcome to **fork**. Take what works. Leave what doesn't. Source your own version. This is not betrayal or fragmentation. It is the creative field doing what creative fields do.

A fork inherits the public design — the philosophical commitments, the structural ideas, the lived learnings. A fork does not inherit the ARC itself: its creative field, its Source relationship, its community, or its name. Every fork has its own source who holds their own creative authority.

6. The Means

Financial Model

How money moves through the ARC is itself a practice. The financial model must embody the commitments, not contradict them. And because the ARC's vision is civilizational, the financial model must contain the seed of that vision from the beginning.

Nixon's *Work with Source* offers a key insight: nothing starts with money. The source's vision and energy come first; money enters later, attracted by the vitality of the creative field. The trap is to shape the vision around what's fundable rather than shaping the financial model around the vision.

The developmental progression. A member's relationship to money mirrors their journey through the practice:

Pay → Practice → Hold → Be sustained.

Members begin by paying to participate — receiving the container, the matching, the teaching, the field. As they deepen and become Practice Holders, their financial relationship shifts: they are no longer only receiving but giving. Over time, the ARC aspires to sustain Practice Holders for the loving presence they offer — not as employees, but as practitioners whose reliable availability is recognized and supported.

The specific mechanisms of this progression will emerge from the practice. The direction and values are named now.

First phase: three-tier membership.

- **Scholarship — \$50/month.** Available by application. No shame. Ensures the community remains accessible regardless of financial circumstance.
- **Standard — \$150/month.** The base rate. Reflects ~5 hours/week of structured practice, teaching, and curated community.
- **Supporter — \$300/month.** For those with means who want to make scholarship spots possible. *Your contribution makes it possible for someone else to be here.*

For every supporter, roughly one scholarship spot opens. The math doesn't need to balance perfectly — the relational story matters more than the arithmetic.

First phase financial priority: the Source and the Source's family are sustained. The ARC cannot be built on the Source's self-sacrifice. If the container-holder is under financial strain, the container suffers. Everything else — Practice Holder compensation, technology investment, broader mission funding — comes after this baseline is met.

Projected first-phase revenue (assuming ~70% standard, 15% scholarship, 15% supporter):

Members	Monthly Revenue
150	~\$24,650
300	~\$49,300
600	~\$98,600
1,200	~\$197,200

The long direction. As the ARC grows: Practice Holders transition from paying members to zero-fee practitioners to compensated holders. Entry becomes increasingly accessible. The network may generate value beyond membership — training, teaching, writing, partnerships. How this value is captured and distributed is an open question. These are directions, not plans. The financial model will be shaped by the practice, not the reverse.

Technology Stack

The technology succeeds by disappearing.

Technology in the ARC serves one purpose: reducing friction between humans who want to practice together. No one should think about the tech — they should think about each other.

Current stack:

Component	Technology	Purpose
Communication	Telegram group	Announcements, casual interaction
Agent interface	Telegram bot	Matching, scheduling, navigation, reminders
The Logos Text	Obsidian vault	Networked document of concepts and practices
Video calls	Zoom / equivalent	Beings Club, Teaching Space, dyadic sessions
Payments	TBD	Financial model administration

Scale-dependent evolution:

Scale	Needs
150	Current stack sufficient
300	Custom web app for Logos Text. Calendar integration for scheduling
600	Sophisticated matching algorithm. Multiple session times for time zones
1,200+	Dedicated platform infrastructure. Mobile-first. Practice Holder management
10,000+	Enterprise-grade. Global time zone coverage. Real-time planetary matching

What to avoid: Feature creep (the ARC is not a product). Platform thinking (the ARC is not trying to "engage" people). Metrics obsession (what matters is largely unmeasurable). Premature optimization (build for the current phase).

The First Phase

The first phase is not an experiment — it is the origin story. Up to 150 members, sourced by Daniel Thorson, seeded by The Unfolding Circle (8-week cohort, March–April 2026), running approximately one year before the first growth threshold is evaluated.

Dual purpose: To be a genuine community of practice where real transformation happens — not a pilot, not a beta. And to form the first Practice Holders who will carry the practice into the next scale.

Timeline:

Phase	Timing
Interest capture	Now – March 2026
The Unfolding Circle	March 5 – April 30, 2026
Transition to ARC	May 2026
The Year	~May 2026 – May 2027
Growth threshold evaluation	~May 2027

What the first phase produces: A refined design — every assumption tested against reality. The first cohort of formed Practice Holders. A living Logos Text, evolved through a year of practice. A trained ARC Agent with real operational intelligence. And proof of concept — documented evidence that the model works.

What makes this phase unique: The Source is discovering the template through practice, not running someone else's. The participants are co-creators — helping define what the ARC is. Their feedback, struggles, and insights shape the form itself. In the deepest sense, they are specific sources within the ARC's creative field.

Open Questions

The ARC holds these questions openly. They are not failures of planning — they are the natural edge of a living design.

On entry and membership: What does the discernment process look like concretely? Can someone be asked to leave? Under what circumstances? How do longtime members relate to new arrivals at scale?

On practice: How does dyadic matching work at progressive scales? What happens when someone consistently no-shows? How do you handle time zone diversity in a geographically distributed community?

On holding: What is the formal Practice Holder formation process, and how long does it take? What accountability exists if a Practice Holder causes harm? What support does the Source receive? What does succession look like concretely?

On money: What is the minimum viable revenue for the Source to sustain the ARC as primary livelihood? At what point does a Practice Holder's financial relationship shift? How does the ARC avoid a two-tier community of paying members and compensated holders?

On technology: What are the intermediate technical steps between Telegram bot and planetary-scale matching? What are the specific benchmarks the ARC Agent must meet before a growth threshold is crossed?

On resilience: What happens if the Source is incapacitated for six months at Phase 2 or 3? How does the ARC build institutional resilience without diluting the Source role?

These questions are held with trust — trust that the practice will reveal the answers, and that the community formed around these commitments will have the wisdom to find them.

Appendix: Glossary

Term	Definition
ARC	A progressively scaling community of practice for developing intimacy — one body, growing toward planetary infrastructure for loving presence
The Source	The human holder of the ARC — practitioner-leader with creative authority born of personal risk and lineage connection
Practice Holders	Trained dyadic facilitators formed within the ARC — the distributed capacity that enables scale
The ARC Agent	The AI coordinating functionary — infrastructure that makes scaling possible
The Onboarding Agent	A lightweight conversational AI that holds exploratory dialogue with prospective members
The Logos Text	The living, networked document of concepts and practices that grounds the ARC
The Unfolding Garden	The Obsidian-based prototype of the Logos Text
Beings Club	Weekly communal gathering (Sunday inhale)
Dyadic Practice	Weekly one-on-one rotating practice sessions (Mon–Sat exhale)
Teaching Space	Weekly teaching calls where doctrine emerges from practice
The Unfolding Circle	The 8-week cohort (March 2026) that seeds the first phase
Growth Threshold	The conditions that must be met before the ARC doubles its capacity
Commitment Window	A member's defined period of participation (minimum 6 months), with intentional renewal

Term	Definition
Three-Tier Membership	The financial model: Scholarship (\$50), Standard (\$150), Supporter (\$300) monthly
Liturgical Rhythm	The weekly inhale/exhale pattern of gathering and dispersal
Creative Field	The field of attraction and shared creative energy the Source opens and tends (per Koenig/Nixon)
Specific Source	A person who takes responsibility for a part of the vision within the Source's creative field
Berur	Clarification of desire — the process through which surface desires reveal themselves as deep needs
Global Intimacy Disorder	The civilizational condition of atrophied capacity for genuine encounter
Forking	The welcome possibility that a practitioner may source a related-but-distinct initiative

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