

ARC = the developmental arc of a civilization.

It's the shift from:

- fear → safety
- hierarchy → equality
- dominance → stewardship
- coercion → cooperation
- punishment → repair
- scarcity → sufficiency
- fragmentation → continuity

It's the *trajectory* a society moves through as its conditions improve.

Why ARC works so well as a term

Because:

- It's intuitive.
- It's narrative.
- It's developmental.
- It's non-technical.
- It's emotionally resonant.
- It mirrors human growth.
- It mirrors story structure.
- It mirrors the Fellowship's worldview.

It also avoids the trap of becoming a rigid acronym that developers try to “fit” meaning into. It keeps it about **organic developmental logic**, not bureaucratic labeling.

If ARC were to be an acronym (optional, poetic)

A few that match the concept without replacing the real meaning:

- **A**lignment
- **R**estoration
- **C**ontinuity

or

- **A**wareness
- **R**elationship
- **C**hange

or

- **A**scending
- **R**egenerative
- **C**ivilization

But these are *interpretations*, not definitions.

The official Fellowship stance

ARC is a word, not an acronym. It names the developmental arc of a human-centered civilization.