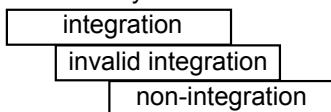
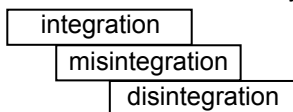


The Central Fork in the Road in *The DIM Hypothesis*

On pages 19-21 of *The DIM Hypothesis*, Dr. Leonard Peikoff discusses a trichotomy of



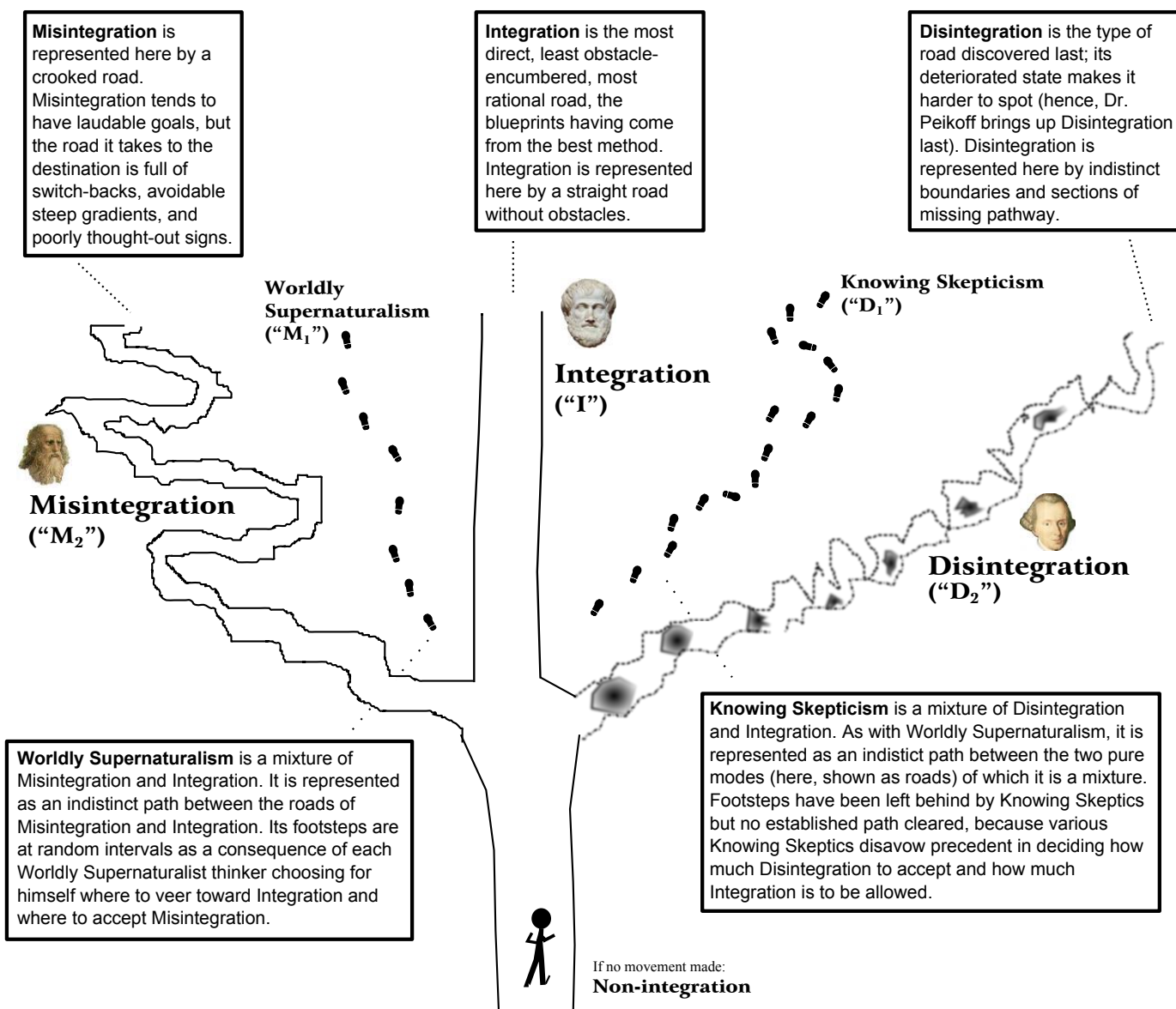
Yet, while introducing the term "misintegration" into *The DIM Hypothesis* (pgs. 64-65), Dr. Peikoff has a new trichotomy:



In between, Dr. Peikoff introduces much new material, and lays the groundwork for terminology he doesn't begin using until after the earliest chapters. You might want an easy way of keeping track of them all. This "map" can be used to differentiate the many "avenues" (avenues of thought) which become part of the "landscape" of Dr. Peikoff's thesis.

There are six concepts here: five modes and one default state of consciousness.

The five modes are: **Disintegration** ("D₂"), **Knowing Skepticism** ("D₁"), **Integration** ("I"), **Worldly Supernaturalism** ("M₁"), and **Misintegration** (also called Invalid Integration) ("M₂"). The default state of consciousness is **Non-Integration**.



Non-Integration is the term most applicable to those who "perform no conceptual processes" when facing decision, someone who is unwilling to evaluate, "so he shrugs." (quotes: *DIM Hypothesis*, pages 20-21.) On this map, this is represented by the intersection itself, to what is colloquially called the fork in the road. It is appropriate to represent the non-integrator as someone who never sets foot on any of the three branch-off roads or two paths, as this is in keeping with Dr. Peikoff's point of there being people "with no interest in ideas or in knowing intellectually what they are doing; these people fall outside of any DIM category." (*ibid*, pgs. 68-69)