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Abstract: This study endeavors to complement the theory of anthropogenesis worked out by Michael Tomasello and his colleagues with a theory of cultural development, entitled CCCD (communicative and cognitive cultural development) theory. In the paper both the structure of this theory and its theoretical underpinnings and empirical evidence are outlined. Four levels of cognitive development in CCCD are marked out: cognitive skills on the level A are distinctive features of the great apes, the level B characterizes cognitive skills of primitive cultures, the level C is an attribute of early theoretical cultures, the level D is a characteristic of modern industrial cultures.