Autobiography:

The life divides itself into a life of eighty years into four grand cycles. Nothing more interesting about it than the cyclical character. Cycles repeat themselves. In a sense they are always the same, whatever the outward differences. Panics and depressions in each one. For the same reasons mainly. Great women in each one - great statesmen in each one - great humanitarians and economic teachers. And each of these creatures grow so logically out of what has gone before.

There is Mrs. Burnett of high literary qualities and Mrs. Stowe. Mrs. Wharton beyond them both. And Willa Cather. Each of her time. These are women of popular of a quality product - not cheap - though the cheap ones of vast popularity have appeared in every period. Always the same, yet always different, and always leaving us with a query.

Do these cycles make a spiral?

Note the dictionary under cyclical. Cyclic is also recognized.

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