

In the Image of God

The Three States of Mankind

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Mankind made in God's likeness, (God talks to Himself don't you?):

Genesis 1:26-27

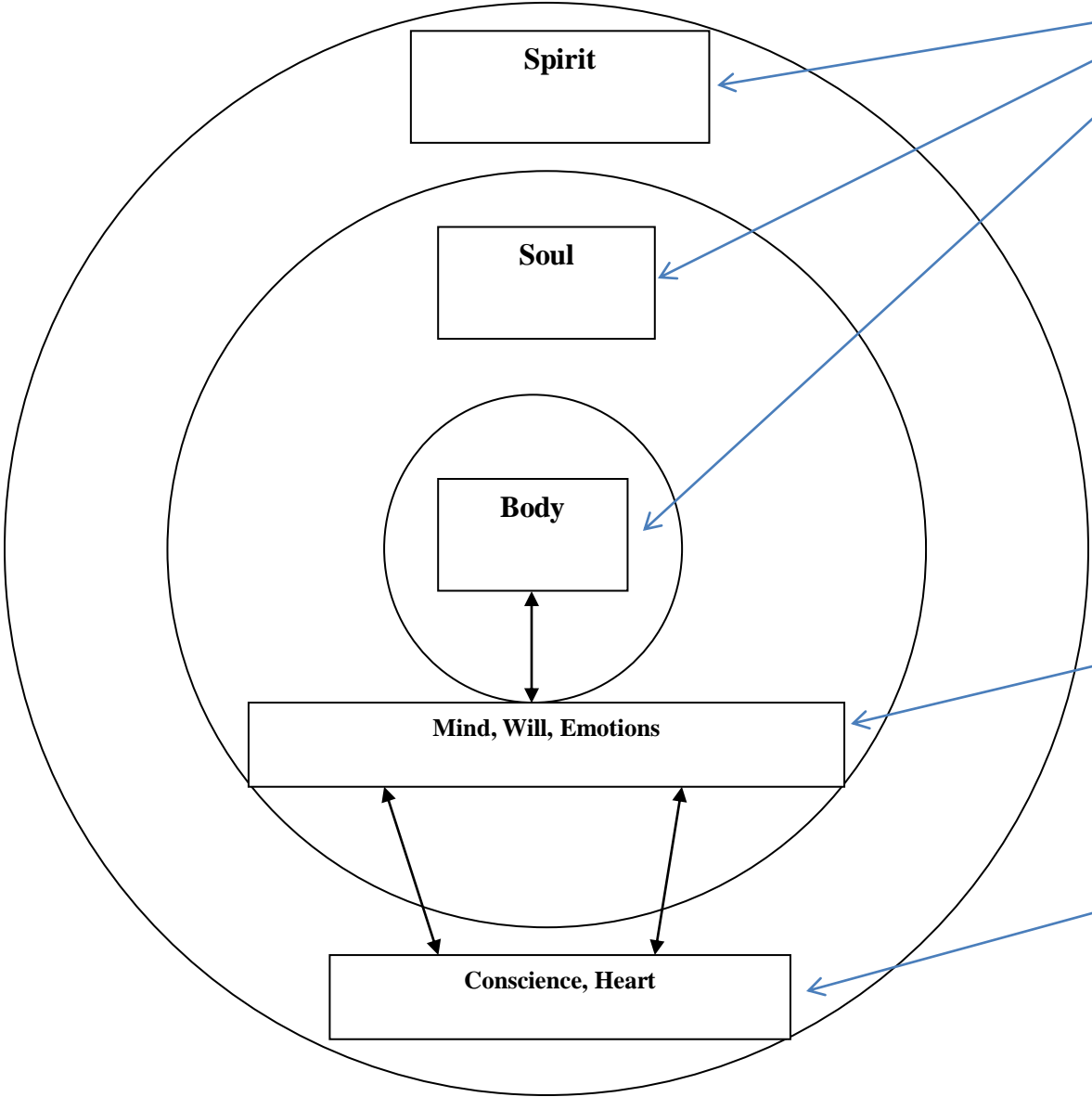
Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Mankind in God's Image

Genesis 1:26-27

Like God we are a trinity



Our soul is yet another trinity

Our conscience, or heart meant to communicate between soul and spirit

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Paul's prayer, *1 Thessalonians 5:23*

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In general: the condition of our soul greatly affects our Body (Stress, Depression, Joy, etc.)

In general: the communication paths between our Spirit and our Soul are Conscience and Heart

It is mainly with our spirit that we seek God, connect with God, and live towards God

We are going to explore the three states of mankind (yep there it is again 3)

Created, Separated, Reconciled

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Created: Group discussion, what do we perceive that Adam and Eve were like based on their original creation in the image of God and in His likeness?

Mankind in God's Image

What was man created
In God's image like?

Spirit

A living spirit

Soul

A healthy soul:
Clean Mind, no evil
thoughts

Body

A properly submitted
will

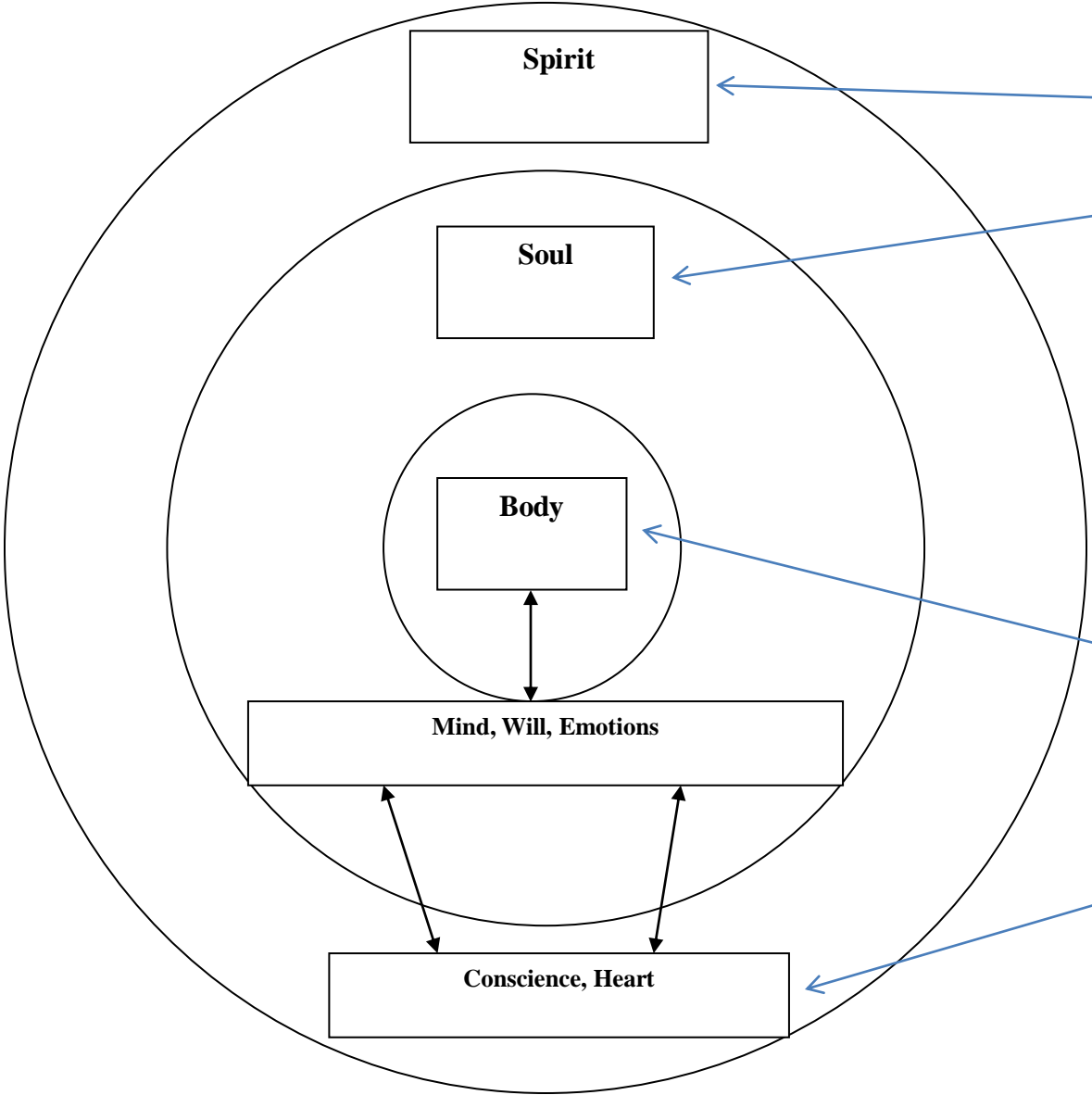
Mind, Will, Emotions

Unconfused emotions

Conscience, Heart

A perfect Body

Clean conscience, pure
heart
Proper communication
Between their
soul and spirit



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Created: *Genesis 2:15-17, 21-22, 25*

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

GOD



Man



Man and Mankind in Sync with God

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Separated:

Genesis 3:1-13

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

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Separated:

Genesis 3:1-13 (continued)

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

*Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"
So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."*

And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

*And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

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Separated:

Genesis 3:22-24

Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Separated:

Group discussion, what do we perceive the effects of the fall of mankind to be, what was added to or marred regarding the image of God now that mankind was separated from Him by sin?

Lost Mankind, separated from God

What is lost
Mankind like?

Spirit

The spirit is dead

Soul

An un-healthy soul:
Mind filled with lies
and evil thoughts

Body

A selfish, self-serving
will

Mind, Will, Emotions

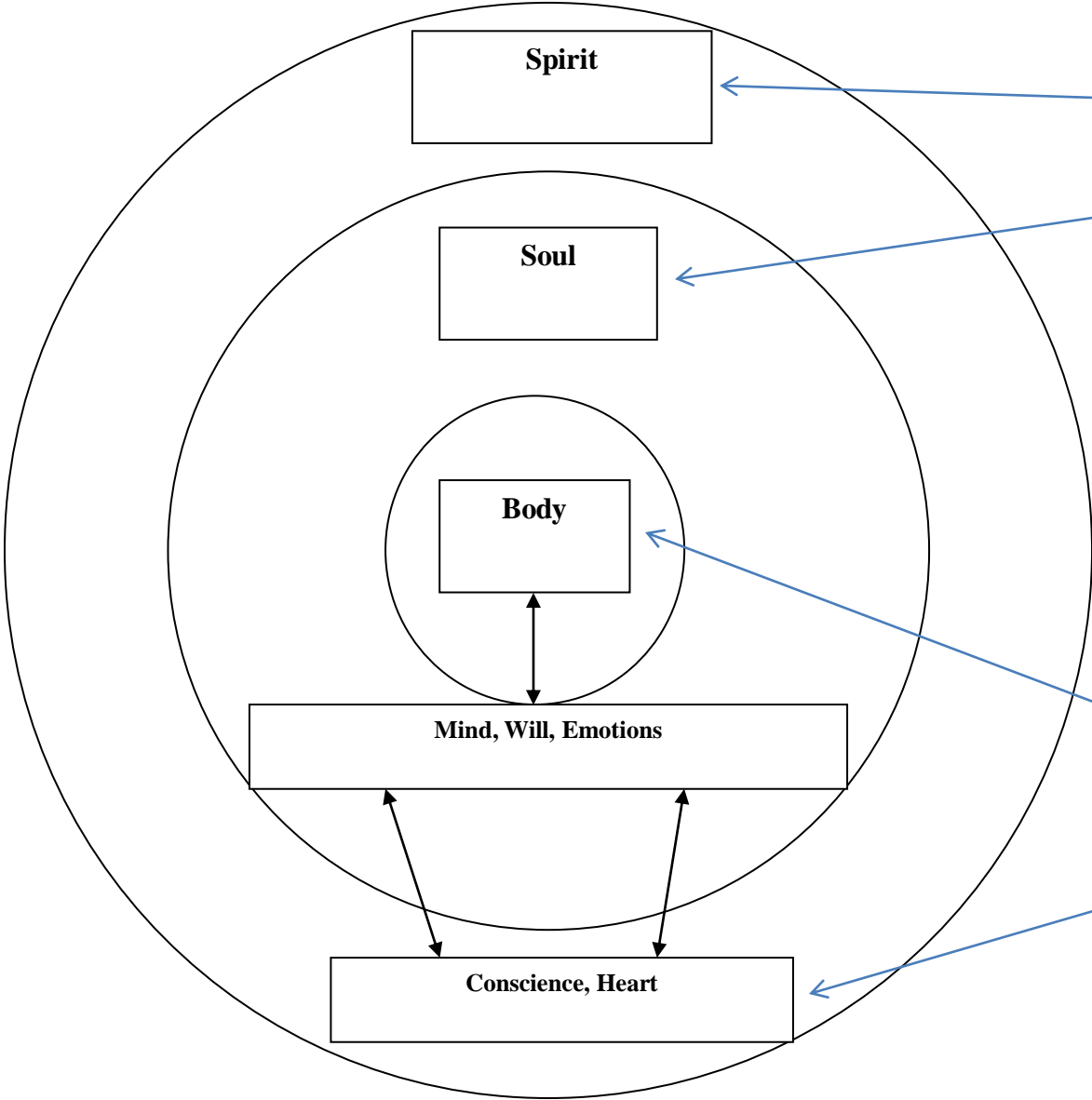
Confused emotions
(hatred, envy,
jealousy)

A decaying Body

Conscience, Heart

Compromised or closed
conscience, impure
heart

No communication
with God via spirit
Existing from soul alone



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Separated:

Mankind out of sync with God (the current state of most)

- Adam and Eve: hiding and blaming, excluded from the garden, death, murder, walls
- The Devil: an ever-present factor, sowing lies and mistrust, Mystery
- Lost: alone and without God in this world, not members of His family (these things are natural but not normal)
- Eternal separation from God

GOD



Man



Mankind out of Sync with God-

Isaiah 53:6

We have turned, every one, to his own way

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Reconciled:

The first act of salvation (innocent sacrificed to save/preserve the guilty)

Genesis 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Born Again, right to become children of God

John 1:1-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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Reconciled:

John 3:3, 16-17

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Ephesians 2:1-5

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

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Reconciled:

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Group discussion, what does being 'born again' bring back into our lives and how does this help us to move back towards being people who are in the image and likeness of God?

Mankind restored through Jesus Christ

What does being born Again through Jesus restore?

Spirit

Jesus makes our spirit alive with His Spirit

Soul

Renewed soul:

+Capable of godly thought and renewal
+Capable of choosing God's will over our own

Body

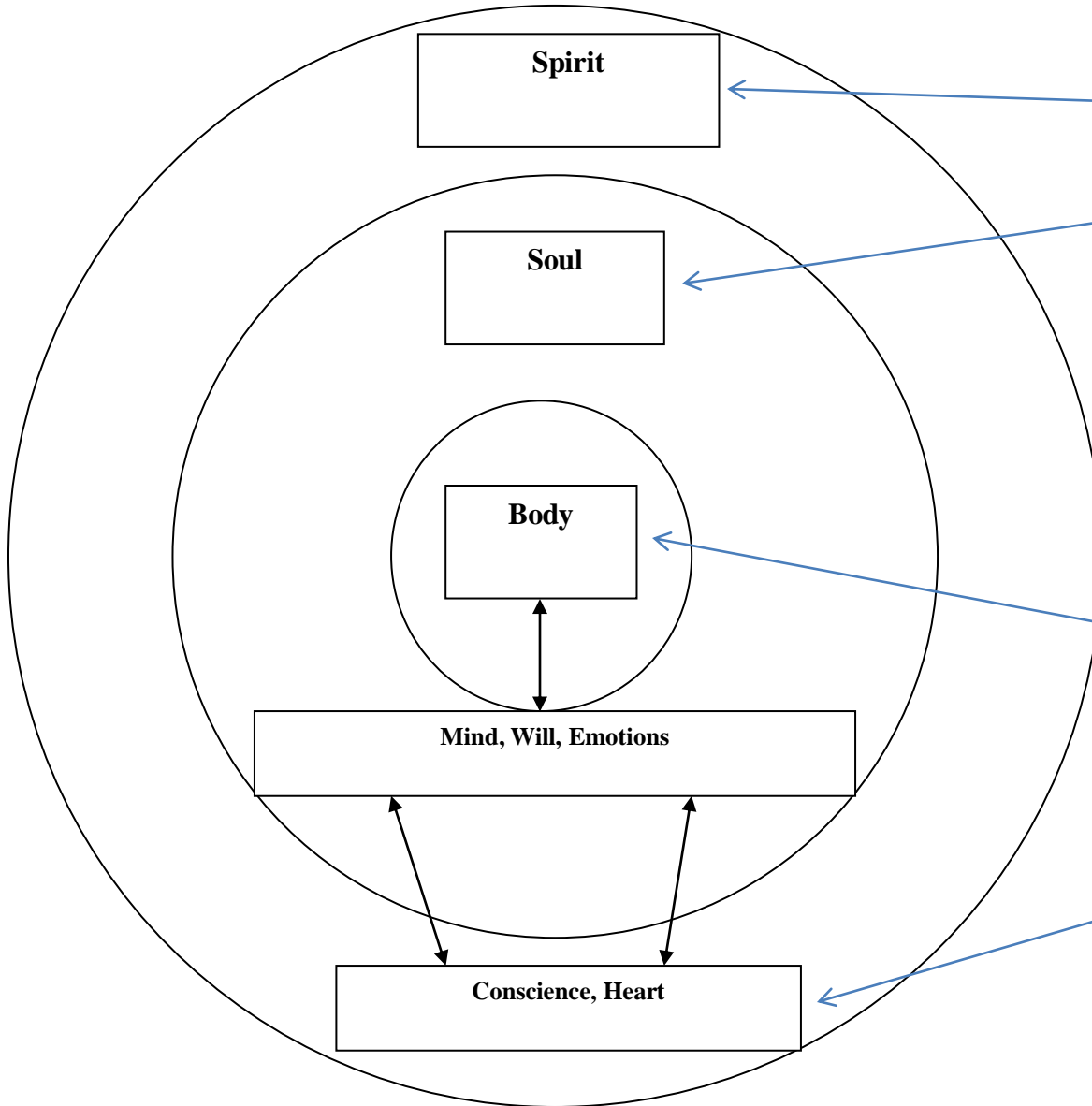
+Healthy emotional
spiritual fruit can grow
+My body temple of the Holy Spirit

Mind, Will, Emotions

Clean conscience,
purified heart

Conscience, Heart

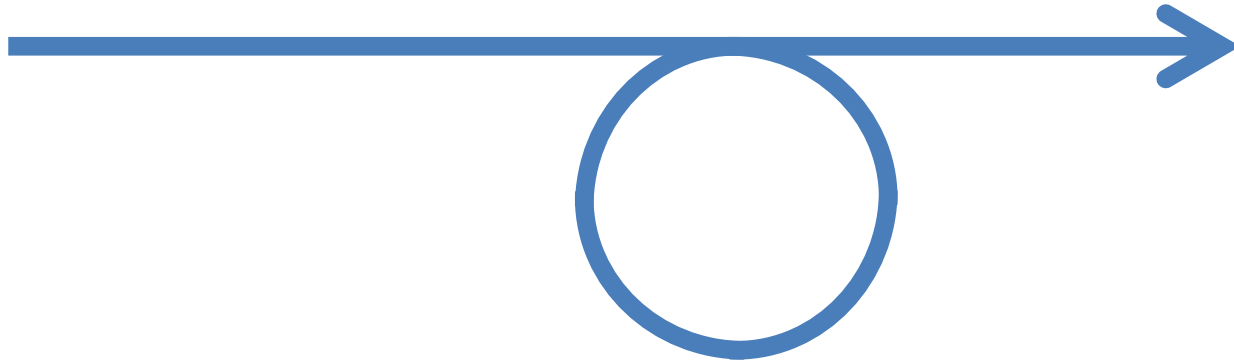
Restored
communication
between soul and spirit



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Repent-ance – Greek ‘Metanoëo’ ‘Metanoia’ –
to think differently, reconsider, compunction
with reformation, reversal of decision