

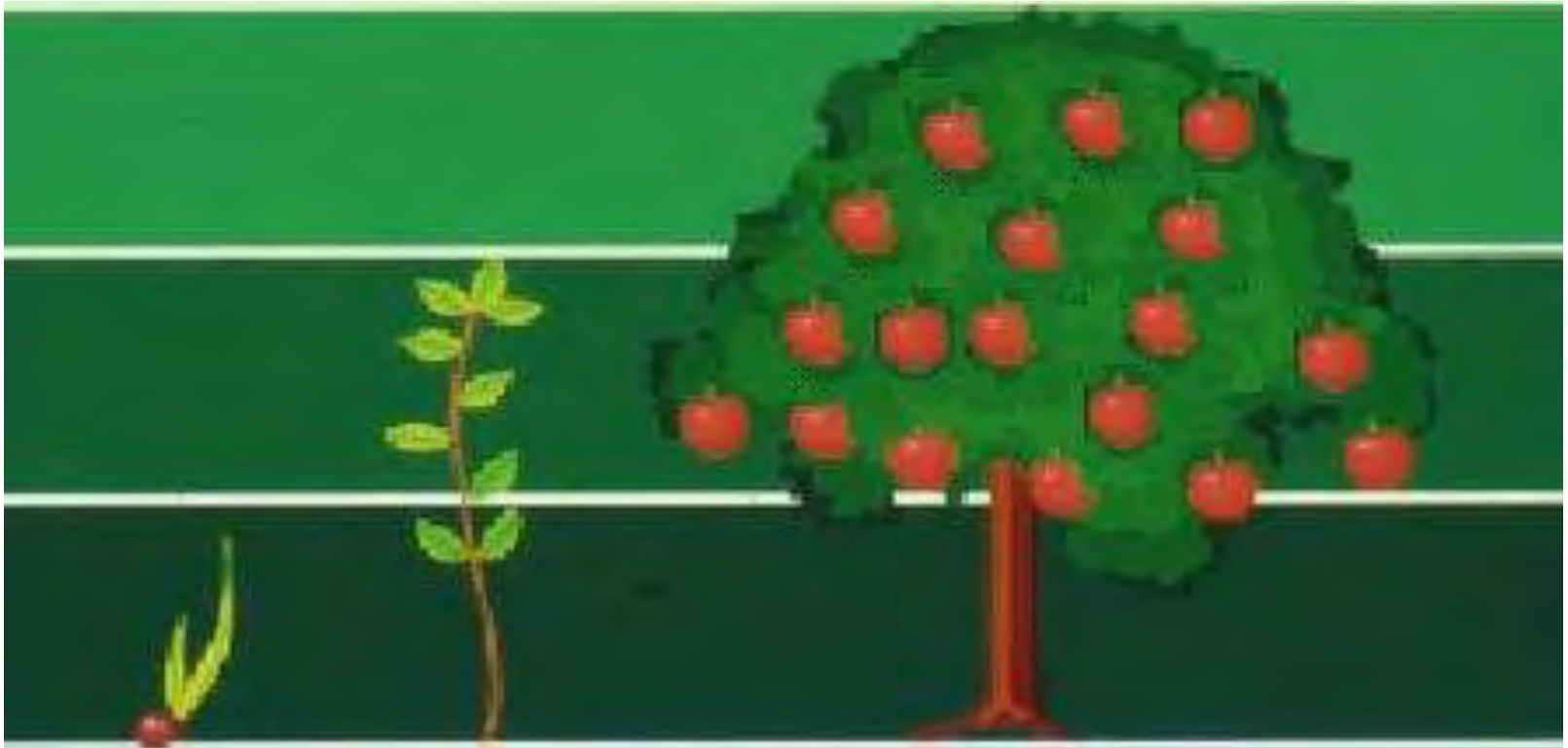
# Human Responsibility and The Existence of the Spiritual World

# Human Responsibility

- *We participate in our maturation or perfection.*
- *Time is needed to reach perfection; not instantaneous.*

# All Things: A Growing Period

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# The Growing Process

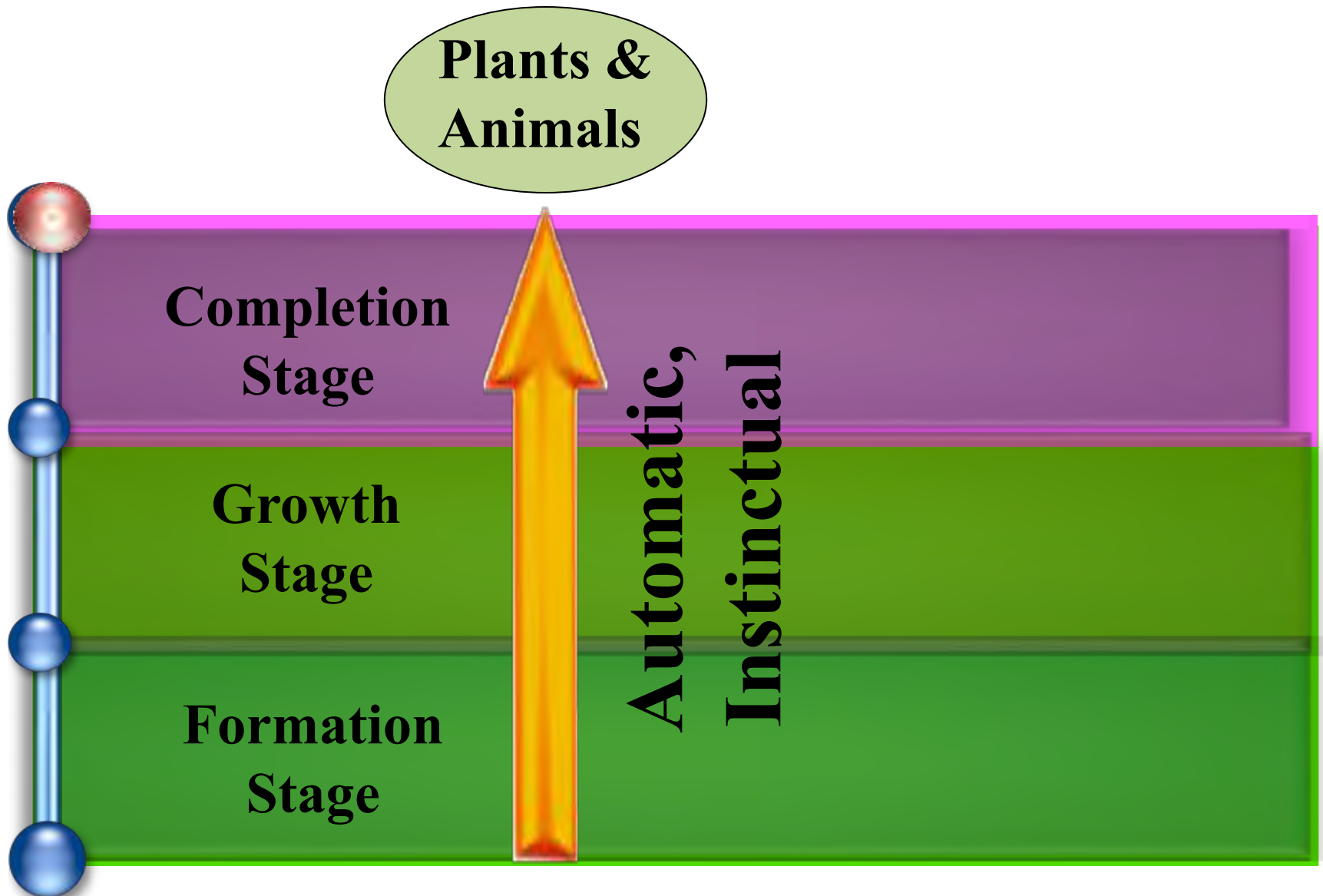


# The Number Three

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- ▶ Kinds of Things = Animal, plant, mineral
- ▶ Prime Colors = Red, Yellow, Blue
- ▶ Nutrients = Fats, Proteins, Carbohydrates
- ▶ Mind = Intellect, Emotion, Will
- ▶ Three Dimensions = Point, Line, Plane
- ▶ Three Great Blessing / Responsibilities

# The Growing Process

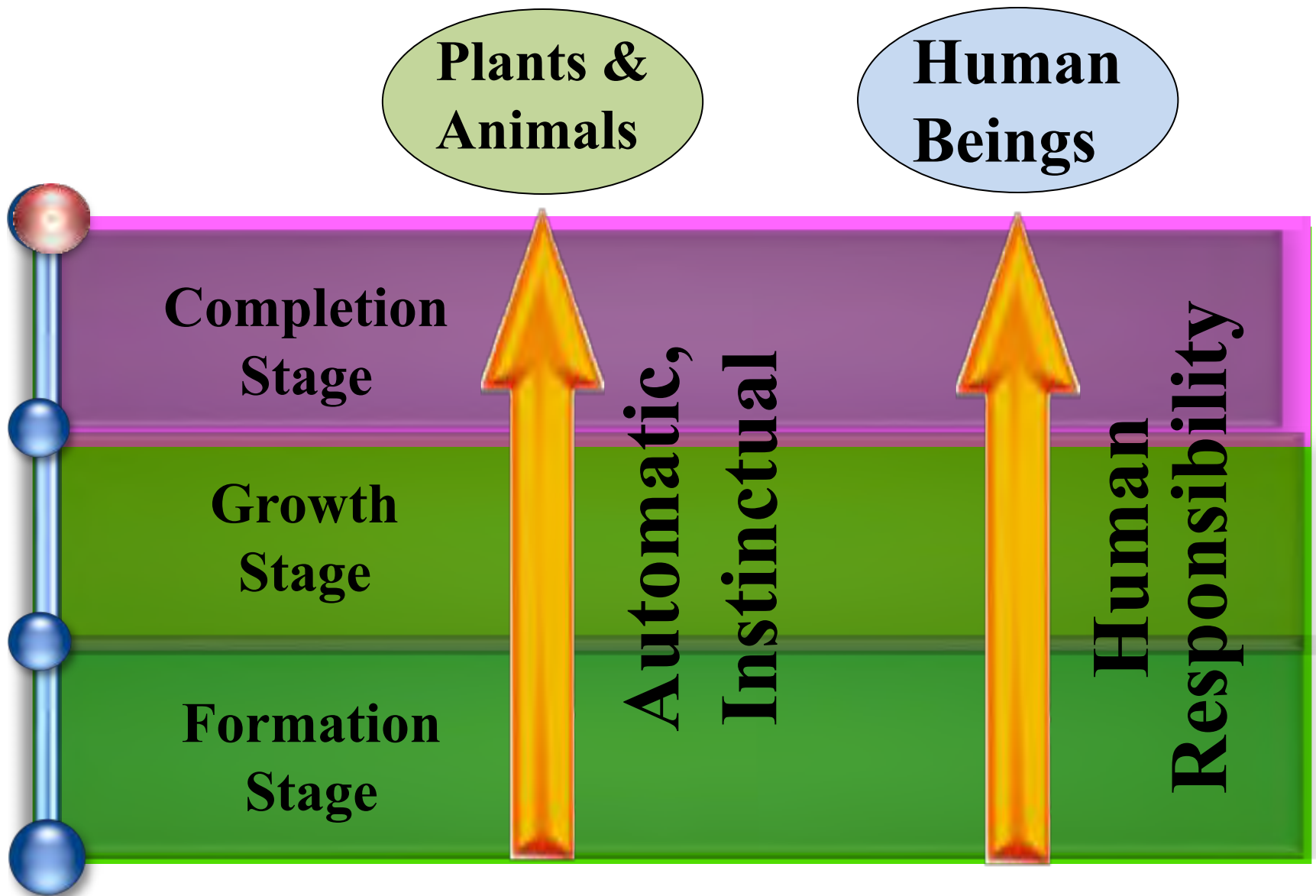


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# The Growing Process





# Uniqueness of Humans Beings?

Human  
Beings

**VS.**

Animals

Social Networks

Social Networks

Language

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Use of tools

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**Responsibility**

# Dhammapada 3:34

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It is you who must make  
the effort.  
Great people of the past  
only show the way.

# Qur'an 2:256

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There is no compulsion  
in religion...

# Bhagavad Gita 6:6

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... the mind is the best of friends; ... [or] the mind will remain the greatest enemy.

# Development of Heart

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**Parental  
Love  
Giving**



**Mutual  
Love  
Sharing**



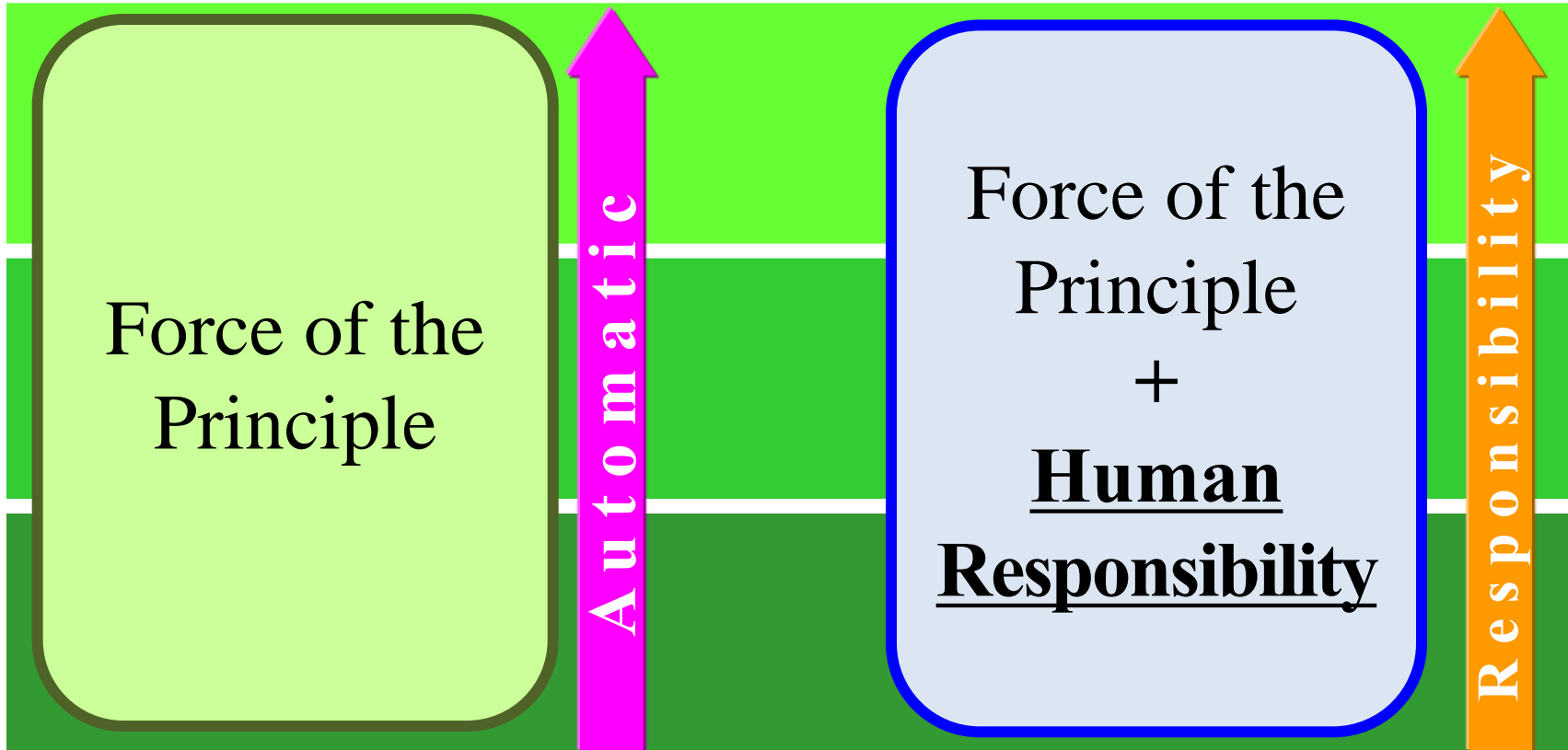
**Children's  
Love  
Responding**



# Spiritual Growth: Not Automatic

Perfection

Perfection



Force of the  
Principle

Automatic

Force of the  
Principle  
+  
Human  
Responsibility

Responsibility

Plants, Animals &  
Physical Body

Growth of  
the Spirit

# **Spiritual Growth – Maturity of Our Capacity to Love**

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- **Know and Live the Principles**
- **Development of a conscience:  
“as clear as crystal” (good & evil)**
- **Grow your sensitivity towards  
God and others**

**What is the relationship  
between  
Human Responsibility  
and an  
Almighty God?**



**God's  
Responsibility**

**+**

**Human  
Responsibility**

**Portion**

**100%**

**+**

**Portion**

**0%**



**Responsibility...**

**We are just animals.**

**God's  
Responsibility**

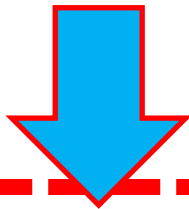
**+**

**Human  
Responsibility**

**Portion  
95%**

**+**

**Portion  
5%**



**100%  
Responsible**



**100%  
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**God's  
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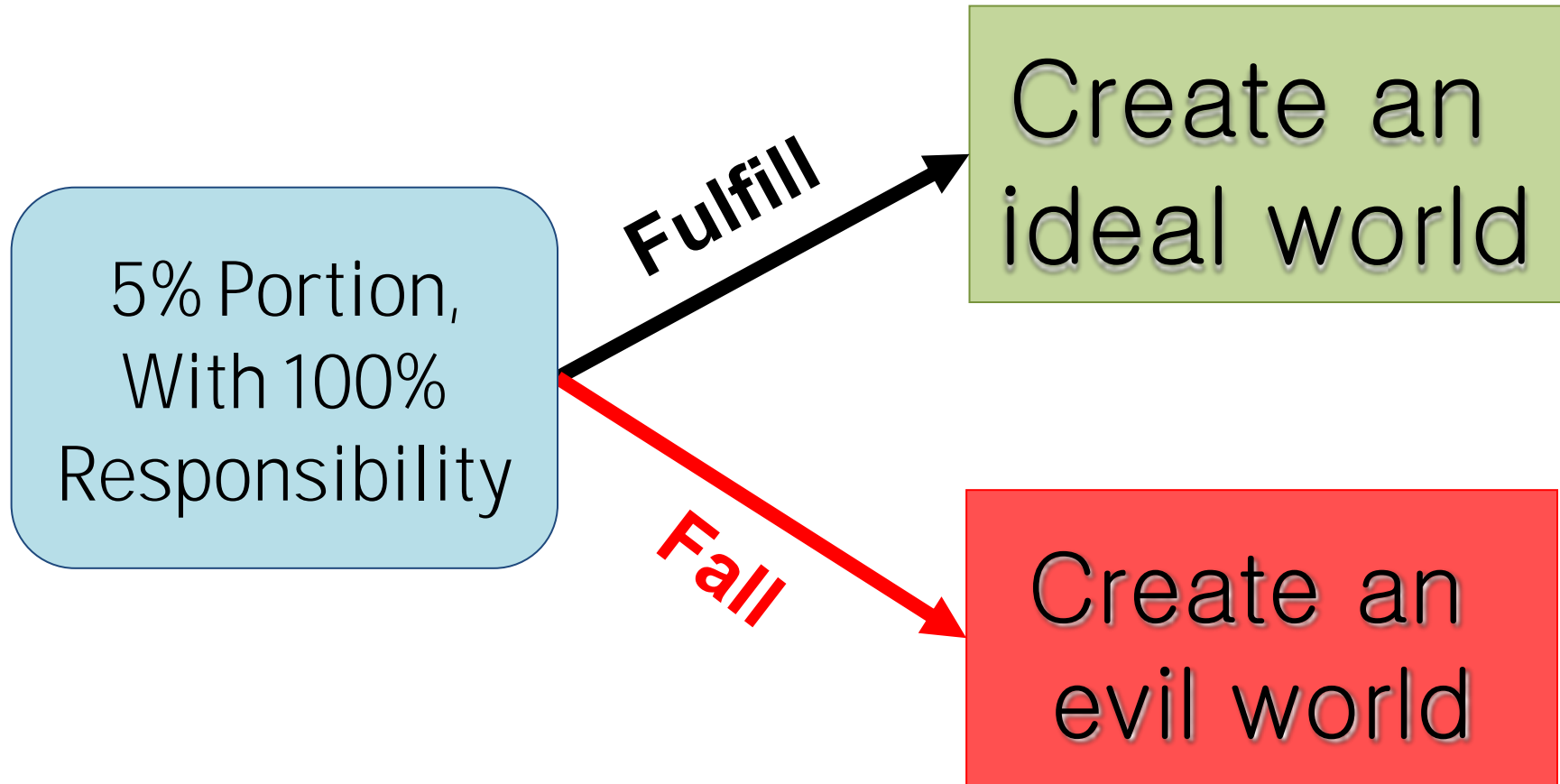
**+**

**Portion  
5%**

**We Are Partners  
in Fulfilling God's Will**

# Human Responsibility

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# Why were we given responsibility?

1. Ownership
2. Freedom

# Ownership

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## **True Ownership → Creatorship**

- A painter signs a finished painting
- Inventor takes out a patent
- Writers, poets, singers and composers get copyrights

# Problem of Ownership

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Since we did not create ourselves, we are not qualified to have ownership over ourselves.

# Solution to Non-Ownership

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We were given responsibility.

Although our portion is small,

5% or less, we are

**100% responsible.**

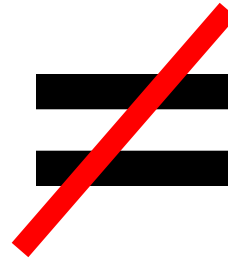


# **The Relationship between Responsibility and Freedom?**

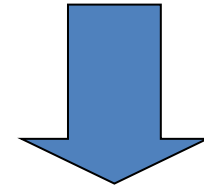
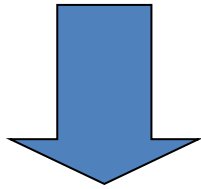
# True Freedom

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**Freedom to  
Choose**



**Being  
Free**



**Many options;  
Many choices**

**Making right  
choices!**

# True Freedom & Right Choices

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Freedom depends on making  
the right choices  
because, although we are  
free to choose...

**we are not free to  
choose the consequences.**

# It's Your Choice...

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The **more** responsibility you take,  
the freer, happier and  
more valued you will be.

# Responsibilities and Choices

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Free to  
Choose

Not Free  
to Choose

1. Steak or Fish;  
Vanilla or Chocolate

Not Free to  
Pay the Bill or not

2. Drive a car and  
go anywhere  
you choose.

Not Free to  
choose the rules  
of the road.

# Responsibility Before Freedom

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Freedom is based on fulfilling  
our social obligations,  
**our responsibilities...**  
things we do not choose!

**Fulfilling Responsibility  
Gives us Freedom**

# **What is our Responsibility?**

# Universal Principles of Peace

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“Dual Purpose”  
Principle



Principle of  
Goodness

“Pair System”  
Principle



Principle of  
True Love



Freedom = “Principles” inside of me



# Our Responsibility

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To take these two principles and make them part of our character and our culture.

**"Our" = Everybody:**

*Parents, children, teachers, CEOs, mayors, lawyers, media, presidents, prime ministers, MPs, garbage collector, religious leaders, etc.*

# The Existence of the Spiriutal World

# Three Basic Questions?

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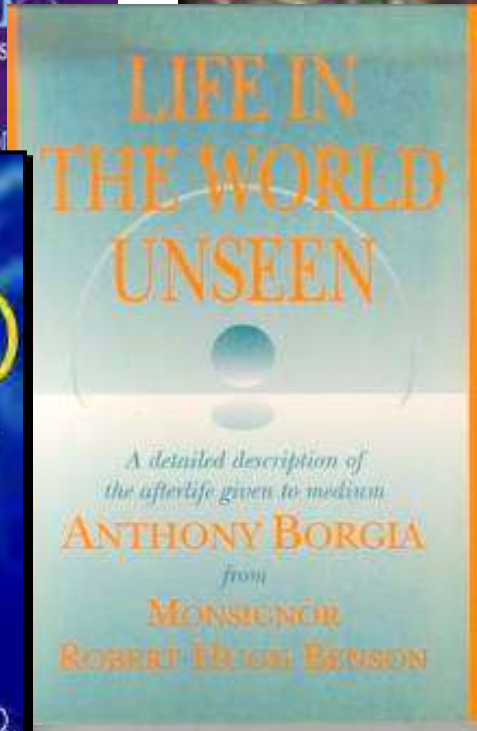
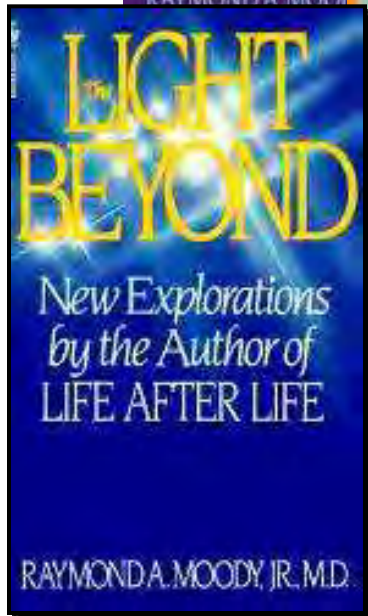
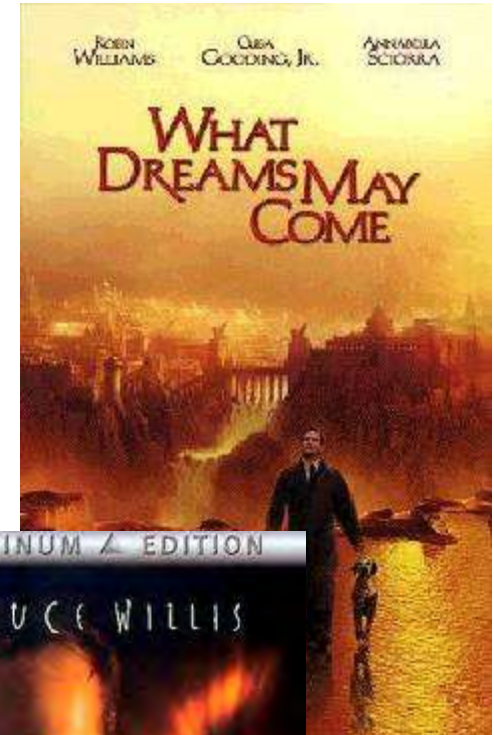
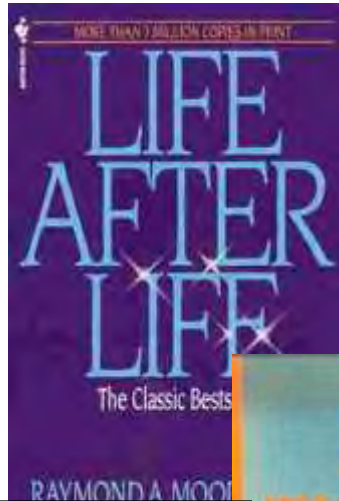
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# Three Basic Questions?

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1. Does the Spiritual World exist?

# Interest in the Spiritual Realm



# Examples of Spiritual Phenomena

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1. ESP – Extra-sensory-perception
2. Auras
3. Telepathy
4. Clairvoyance
5. Psychic healing
6. Mind over matter
7. Mediums and channeling



# Near Death Experiences

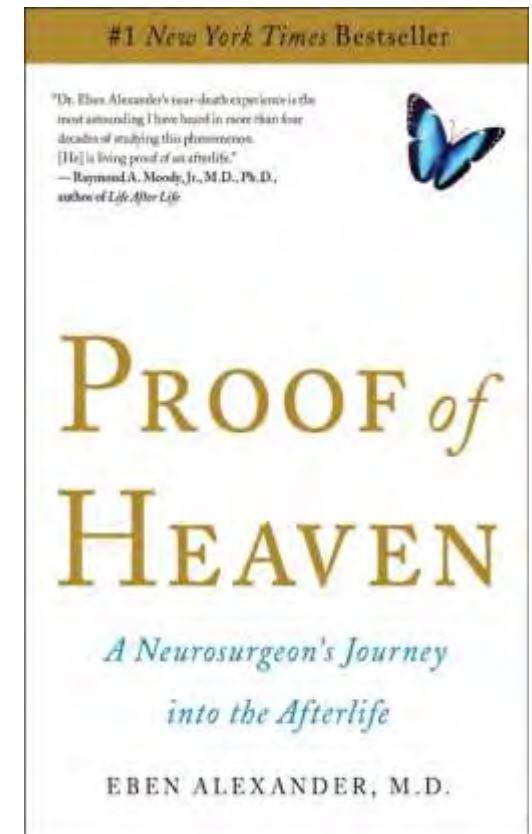
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A highly trained neurosurgeon  
Dr. Eben Alexander “knew” ...  
Near Death Experiences were  
produced by brains under stress.

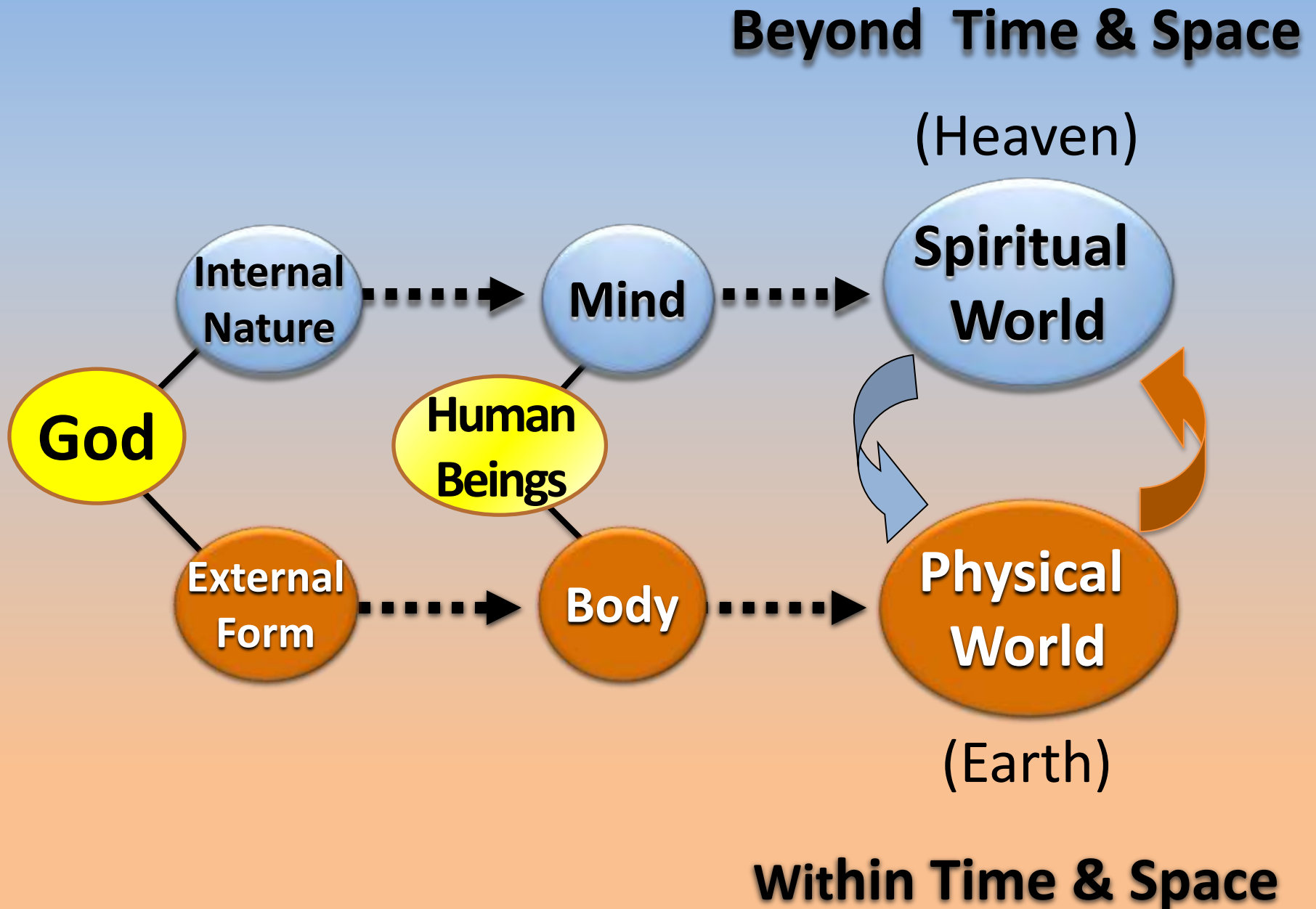
*comatose for six days...*

... death is not the end of personal  
existence but only a transition.





# Structure of the Cosmos



# Bhagavad Gita 2:17- 20

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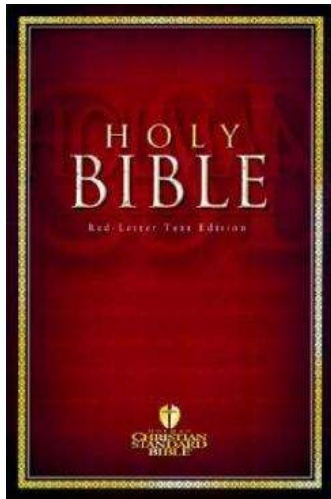


“No one can bring to an end the spirit which is everlasting.

...the eternal in man cannot die...he does not die when the body dies.”

# Ecclesiastes 12:7

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... and the dust (physical body) returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

# Quran 87:16-19

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Behold, you prefer the life  
of this world;  
but the Hereafter is better  
and more enduring.

# Three Basic Questions?

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1. Does the Spiritual World exist?

2. What is the nature of the  
Spiritual World?

# Man's Position in the Two Worlds

- ① Microcosm
- ② Owner / Stewart
- ③ Mediator

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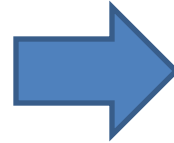
# Microcosm = Small Cosmos

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**PLANNING**

Decreasing Complexity

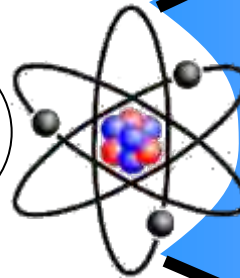
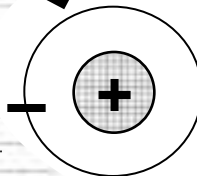
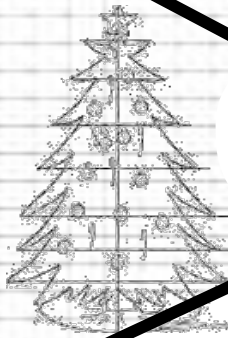
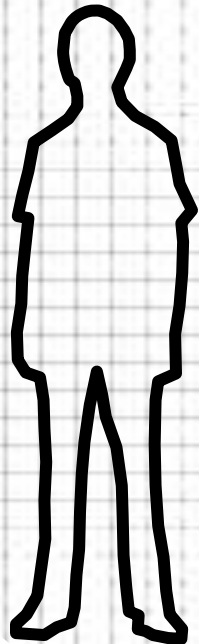


**CREATING**

Increasing Complexity

Original Pattern

Last Creation





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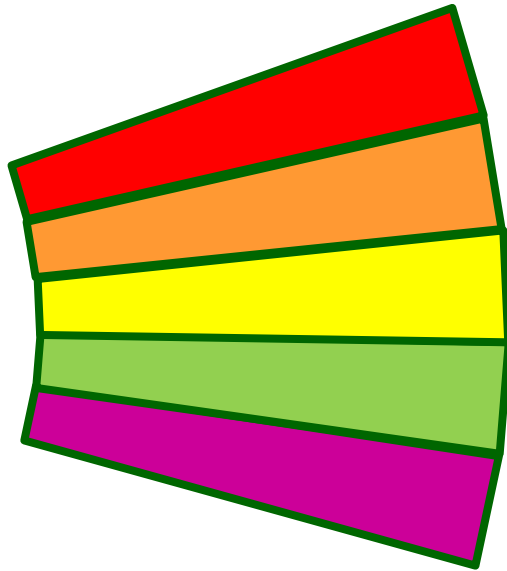
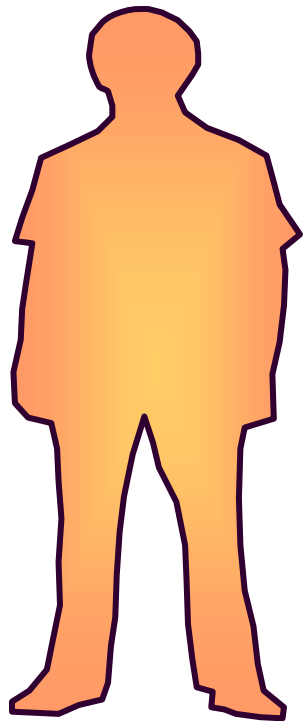
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# Owner of Physical World

**Physical  
Self**



**Physical  
World**



**Five Physical Senses**

# Owner of Spiritual World

**Spiritual  
World**



**Spiritual  
Self**



**Five Spiritual Senses**

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# Mediator (Responsible)

**Spiritual  
World**

**Physical  
World**



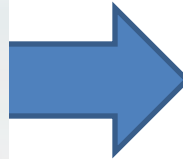
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# Begin with the End in Mind

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What happens after I die?

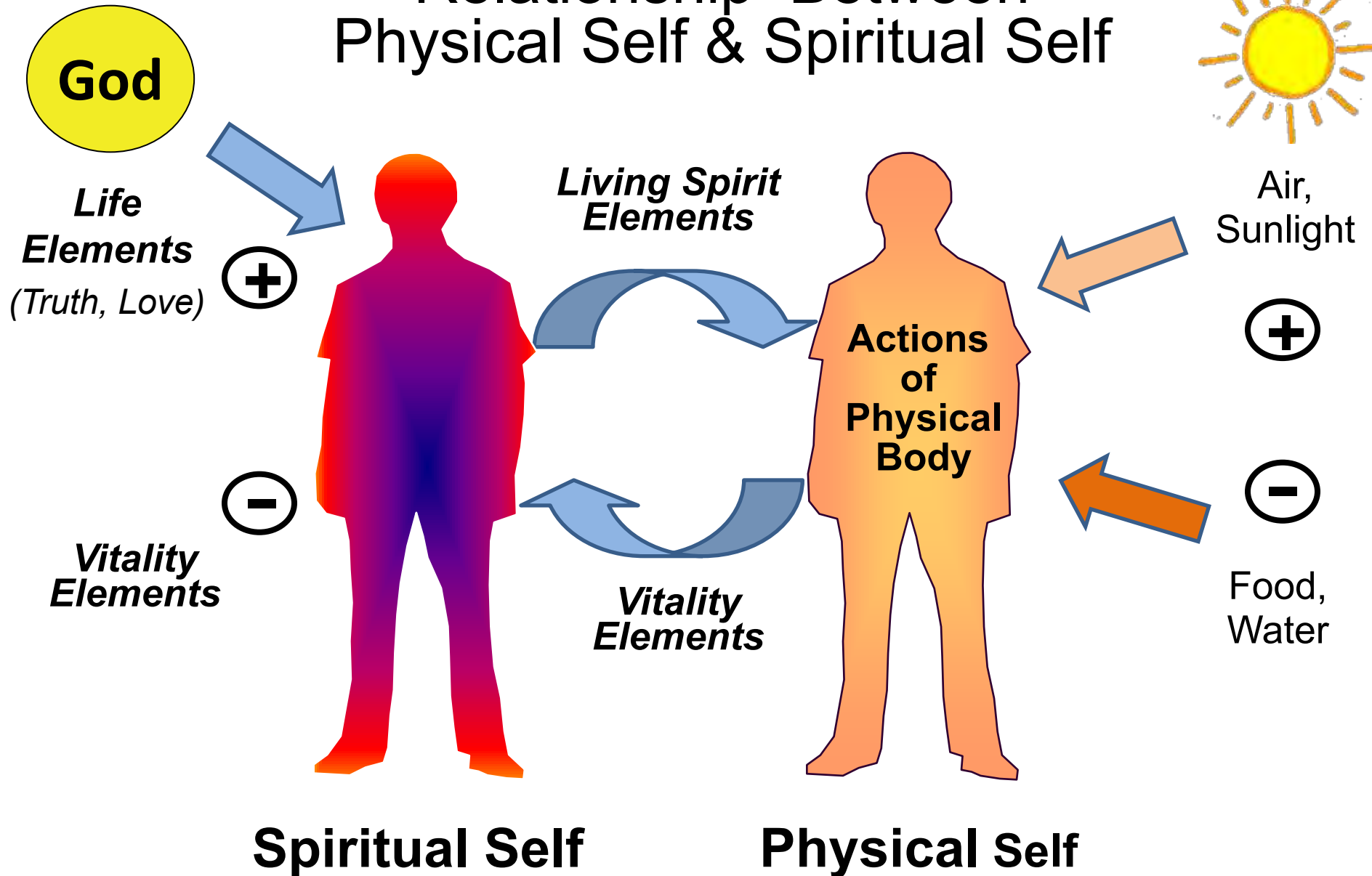
**The final destination of life is death.  
Everyone dies !**

**What happens after I die?**

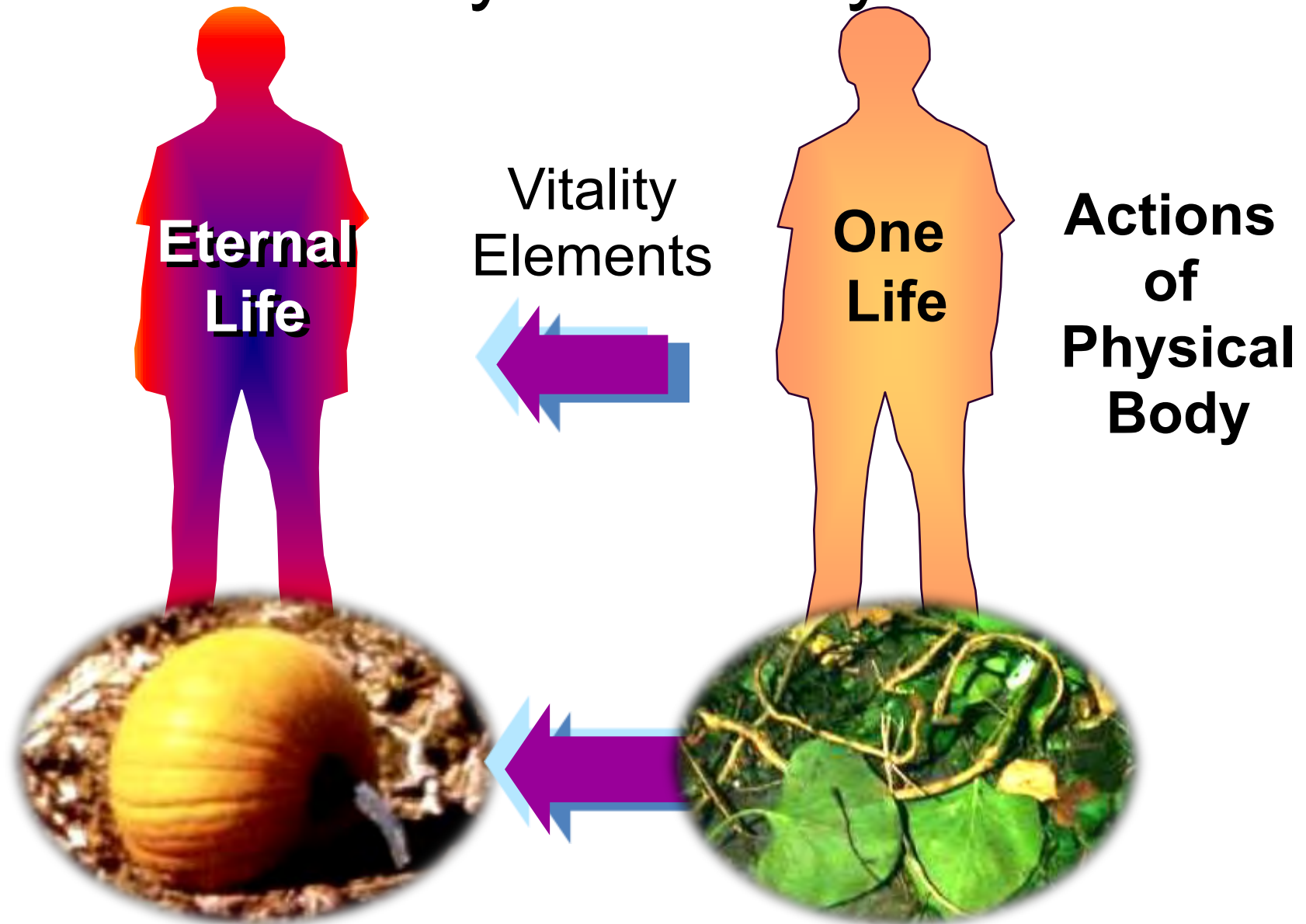




# Relationship Between Physical Self & Spiritual Self



# Spiritual Growth Requires a Physical Body



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The Spirit Self needs the  
Physical Body to grow.

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# Srimaladevisimhanada Sutra

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“His body is nourished  
by food: his spirit is  
nourished by teaching  
and experience.”

(TB, pg. 41)

# Qur'an 6:164

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Each soul is responsible for its own actions; no soul will bear the burden of another.

# Life → Two Wombs

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1<sup>st</sup> Womb

Liquid

9 months



Preparation for  
physical life



Earth = 2<sup>nd</sup> Womb

Air

± 90 yrs.



Preparation for  
the spirit world



Spiritual World

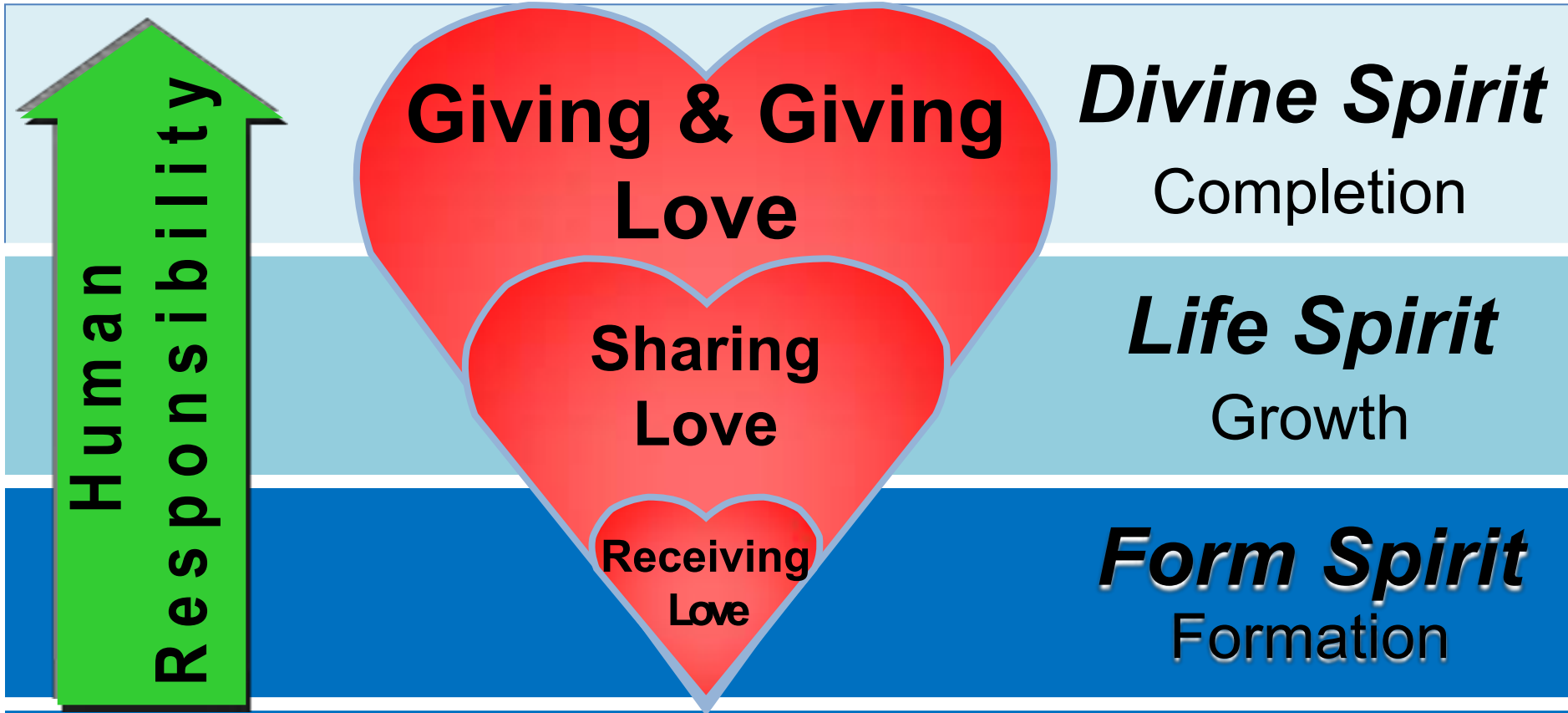
Love

Eternity



Eternal happiness  
attending God

# Growth of Human Heart



**Environment for Spiritual Growth  
is in the Family of True Love**

# Spiritual Growth – Takes Place in the Family

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*Without believing in or knowing  
the spiritual world it is easy  
to become selfish.*

*We can easily think...*

***“Eat, drink and be marry,  
tomorrow I die.”***

## ***Suicidal Thinking:***

***‘If I end my life, then my problems will be solved.’***

*If I do not believe in the spiritual world it is easy to think this way.*

## Conclusion:

***We need to live lives of goodness and true love, rooted in families, because we are preparing to live in the spirit world forever.***

# Spirit World Exists

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The spirit world does actually exist. It is not a world that has been fantasized or imagined into existence. We do not have the right to choose; it is not a world we can go to if we please or refuse to go to if we would rather not.

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*Thank you !*

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