

Text, Context and The Soul
The Divine Conspiracy #7

**BEING A REALLY GOOD PERSON:
Beyond The Righteousness Of
The Scribes And Pharisees**

THE GOODNESS OF THE SCRIBE AND PHARISEE

- It is the righteousness/goodness of the deed.
- Mostly, of what one did not do.
- Look at the cases of Matthew 5.
- Why the leaven of the Pharisees is hypocrisy. (Luke 12:1)
- The awesome indictment of Matthew 23 and the lament over “Jerusalem.”(vs 37-39)

COMPARE THIS TO KINGDOM GOODNESS

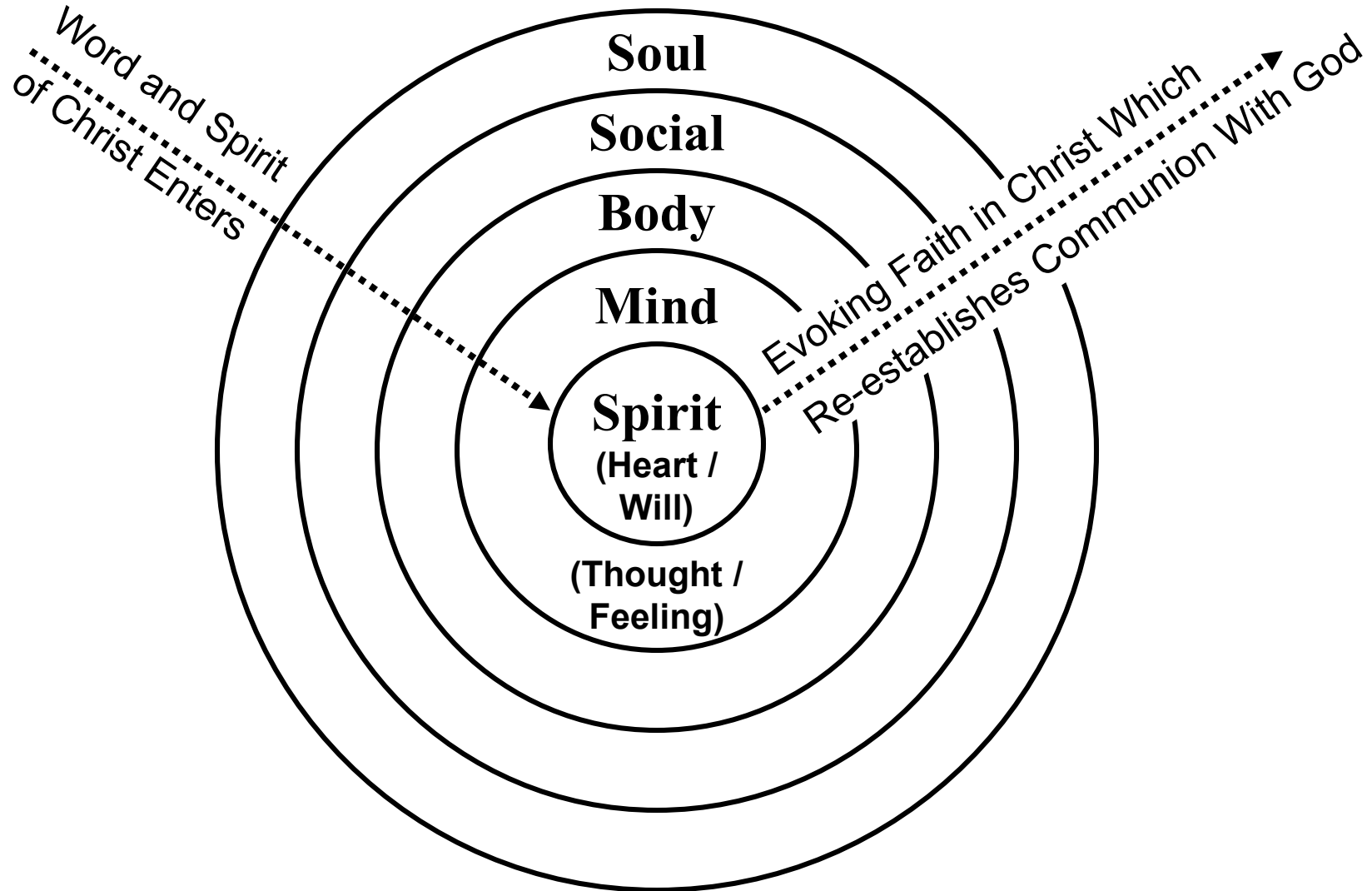
- **Loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.**
- **Kingdom goodness is goodness in your every part, it is being permeated with agape love. (1 Cor. 13)**

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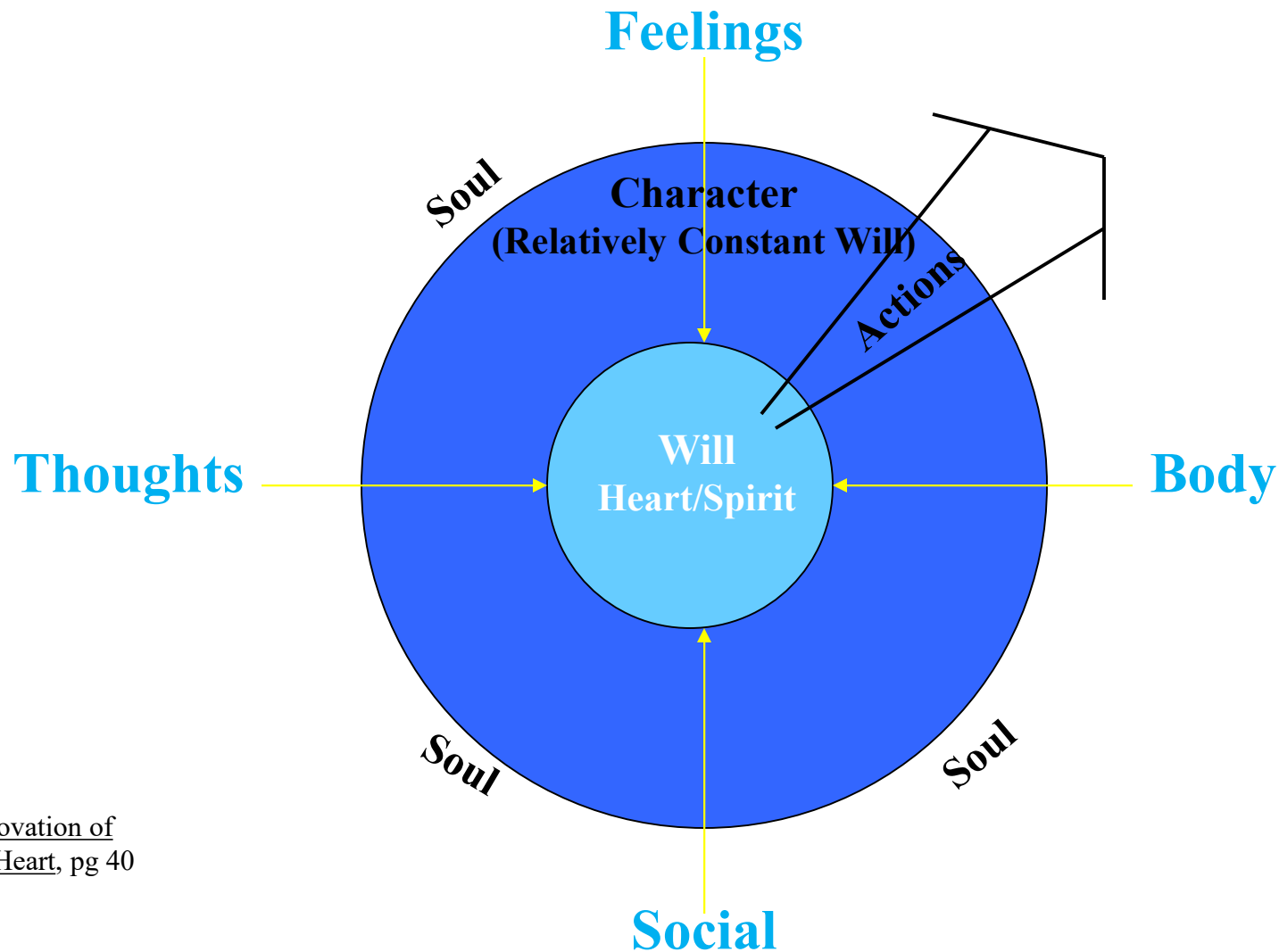
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Infinite Environment



Where Action Comes From



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the Heart, pg 40

- 1. The will is the executive center of the self.**
- 2. The power to initiate or terminate a course of events.**
- 3. The inner tilt, click or ‘yes’ to a more or less extensive course of events involving oneself.**

In **God's plan the function of the will is to trust God, and thus to organize one's future around him.**

In **Satan's plan the function of the will is to be absorbed in itself and in getting its own way. We go astray like sheep (Isa. 53:6), "Each of us has turned to his own way."**

TWO FORMS THE WILL TAKES—OPPOSITE POLES ON A CONTINUUM:

- 1. Vital/impulsive will, totally governed by desire. Typical of a child.**
- 2. Rational/moral will, normative for adults, but NOT typical of adults who never grow up.**

Character is the Will Settled Into Habitual Patterns of Action, Largely “Out-Sourced” to Our Body and Our Social Context.

- **It is to a large degree what you do without thinking, but to some degree what you do after you think.**
- **Peter’s denials as illustrations.**

HOW SUCH LOVE WOULD BE IN THE WHOLE PERSON

- **The will (spirit, heart) completely devoted to God and His purposes.**
- **The thoughts, beliefs and images turned to God and His kingdom**
- **The feelings responding to the will and thoughts/beliefs thus oriented.**

HOW SUCH LOVE WOULD BE IN THE WHOLE PERSON

- **The body poised to do the good without thinking and expressing goodness in its “language.”**
- **Relations to others purged of attack and withdrawal**
- **The soul running smoothly in the tracks of the kingdom and God’s law.**