

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

After Death, Then What?

Matthew 22:23–33

Three Consecutive Parables (Matt. 21:28–22:22)

- 1. Each develops a more subtle answer to the question of Jesus' authority.**
- 2. Each involves a father, son(s), and the rejection of the father's authority.**
- 3. Each parable is addressed to the unsaved, non-believing religious leaders, not the multitude.**
- 4. Each builds the case for God's rejection of the religious leaders of Israel, even as they are rejecting His Son.**

Three Questions (Matt. 22:15–40):

1. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?

Matt. 22:15–22

2. In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? Matt. 22:23–33

3. Teacher, which is the great commandment of the Law? Matt. 22:34–40

Jesus' Counter Question:

4. Whose Son is the Messiah? Matt. 22:41–46

Matt. 22:28, “Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her.”

Matt. 22:29, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.’ ”

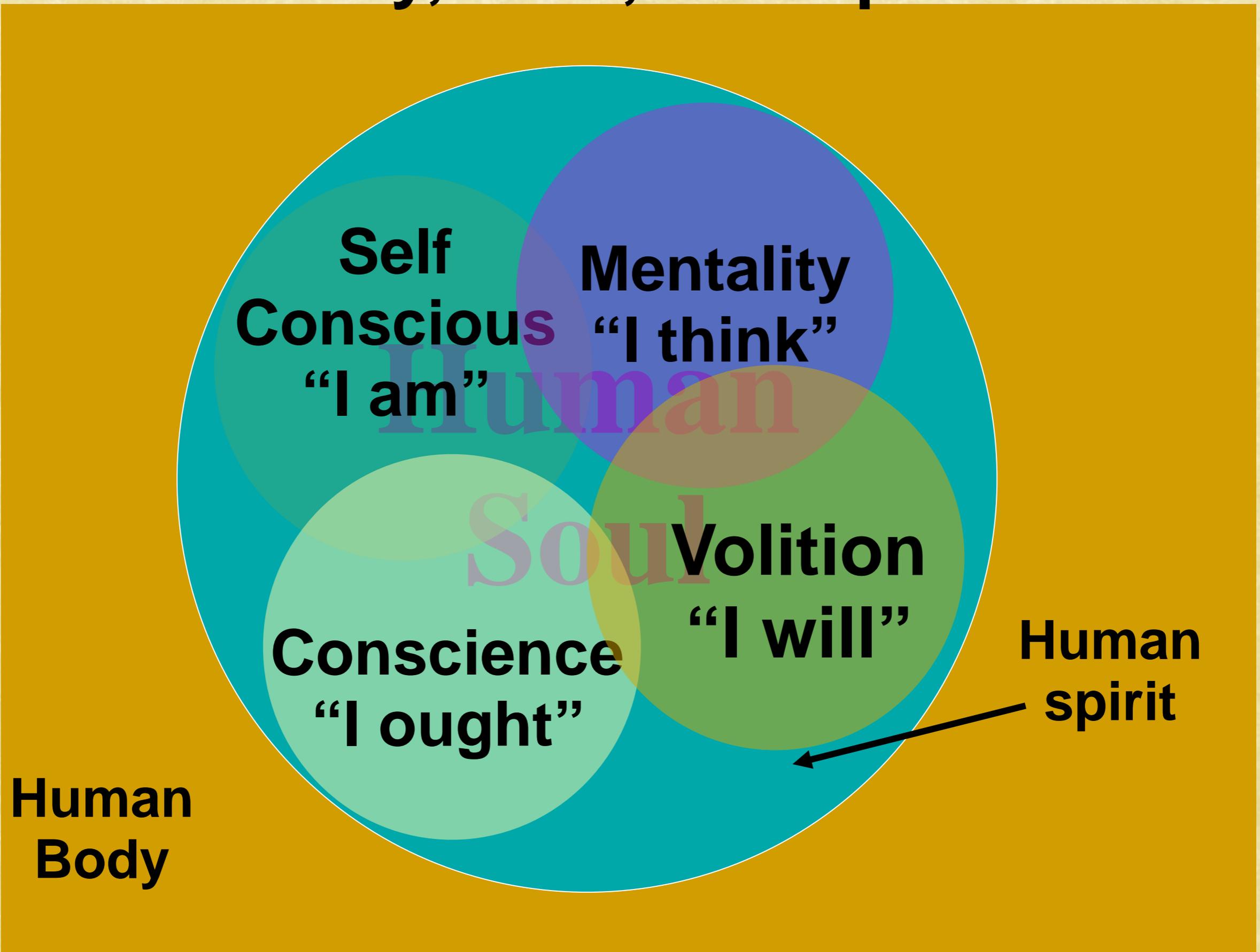
Matt. 22:30, “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.”

Matt. 22:31, “But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,

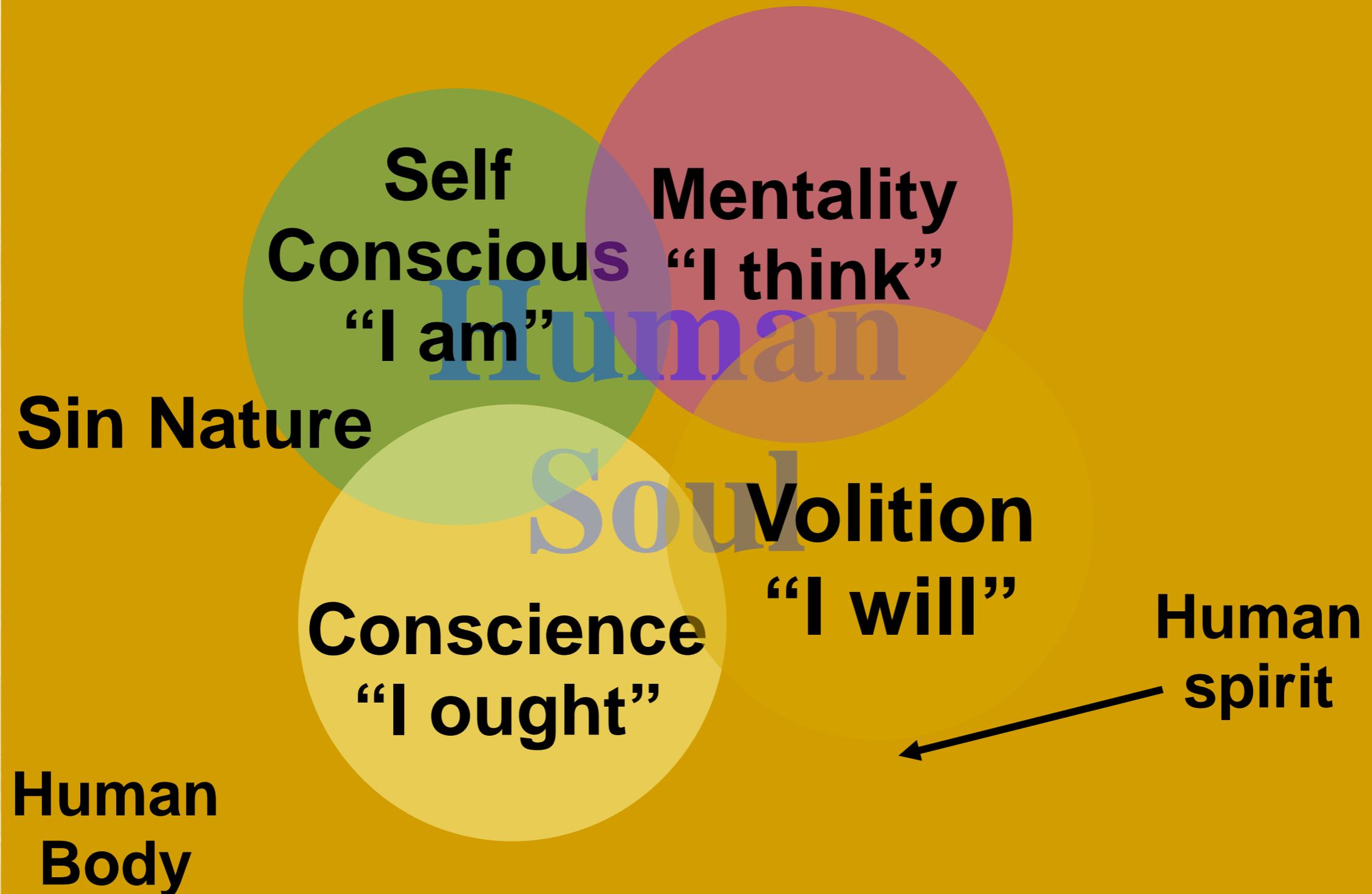
Matt. 22:32, “ ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”

1. The human being is comprised of three components: a physical body made from the chemicals of the soil, a soul, and a human spirit.

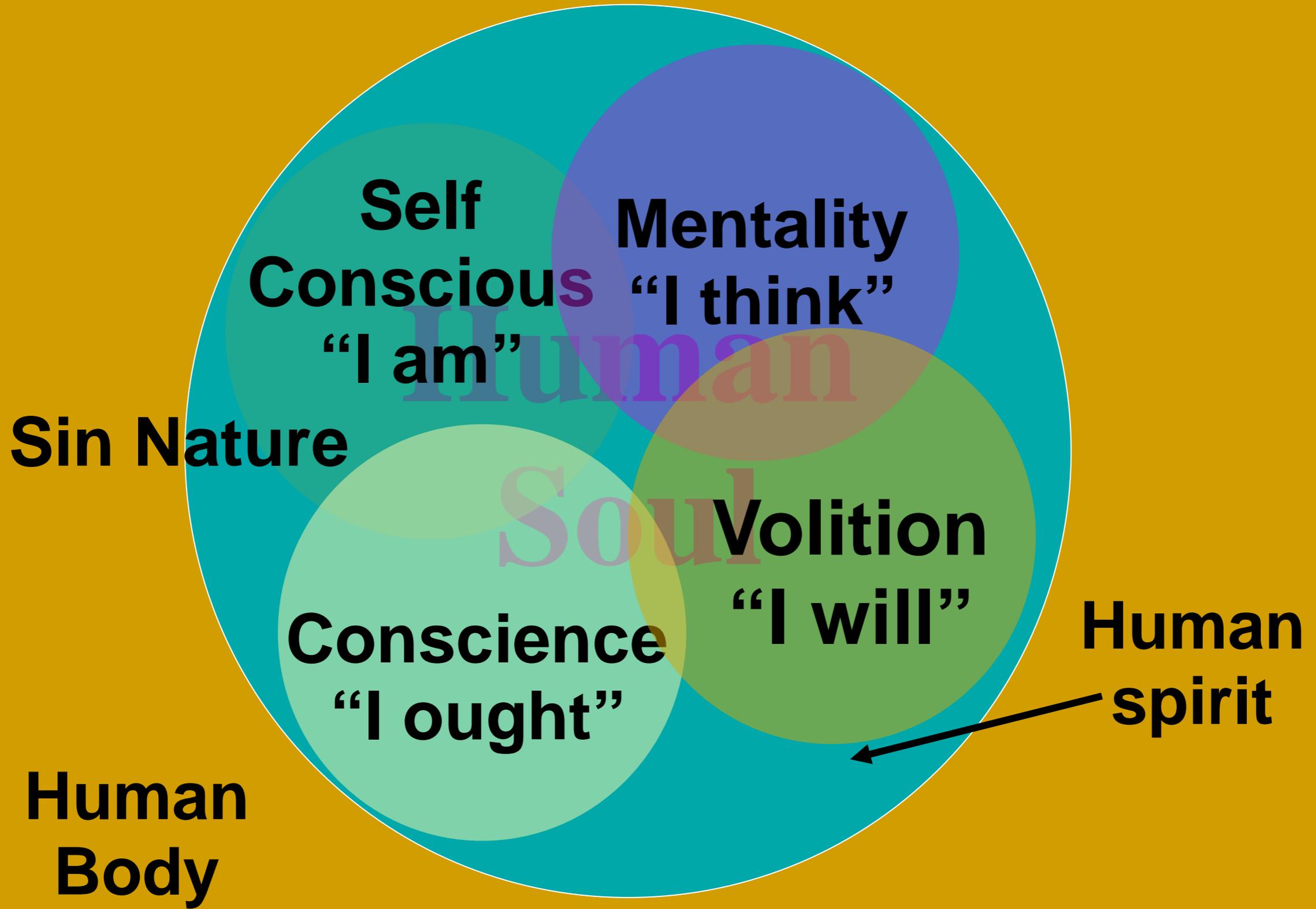
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2. The physical human body is vitally important and significant as the home for the soul, but also as necessary to the soul and part of the *imago dei*.

Genesis 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ”

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

3. As the triune God created (and the pre-incarnate Christ is probably the primary Agent here [Col. 1:16]) Adam from the soil, He was also thinking about the future body in which He would be incarnated.

Hebrews 10:5, “Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, ‘*SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;*’ ”

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The question of the immortality of the human soul.

At physical death, the immaterial part of man survives and continues into the next phase of existence.

5. After death there is some sort of interim body, temporary, and with some similarities to the resurrection body. But it is not yet a resurrection body.

**Luke 16:19–31, “eyes,” “finger,”
“tongue”**

SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM

“PARADISE”

Old Testament
Believers

To third heaven
2 Cor. 12:1–4

Impassable
Barrier
“great gulf
fixed”

TORMENTS

Unbelievers
From all
dispensations

TARTARUS

2 Pet. 2:4

“Chains of darkness”

Matt. 22:30, “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.”

HADES/SHEOL

PARADISE

**Moved to Heaven
2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7**

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Luke 16:31, “But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

6. At the Rapture of the Church all Church Age believers receive their resurrection bodies.

7. The “ranks” or resurrections of the body.

1 Corinthians 15:23, “But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming,”

8. At physical death all believers are immediately absent from the body and face to face with the Lord in an interim body.

2 Cor. 5:6, “So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

2 Cor. 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Cor. 5:8, “We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with [*pros = face to face*] the Lord.”

9. Unbelievers get an interim body and go to Torments.

10. At the Great White Throne judgment unbelievers are judged and sent to the Lake of Fire.

Rev. 20:15, “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Dan. 12:2, “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

**עוֹלָם *‘ôlām* forever, ever, everlasting,
evermore**

Matt. 25:41, “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matt. 25:46, “ ‘And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’ ”

αἰώνιος *aiōnios* acc fem sing eternal