



Spiritual Development

The Path of the Modern Mysteries

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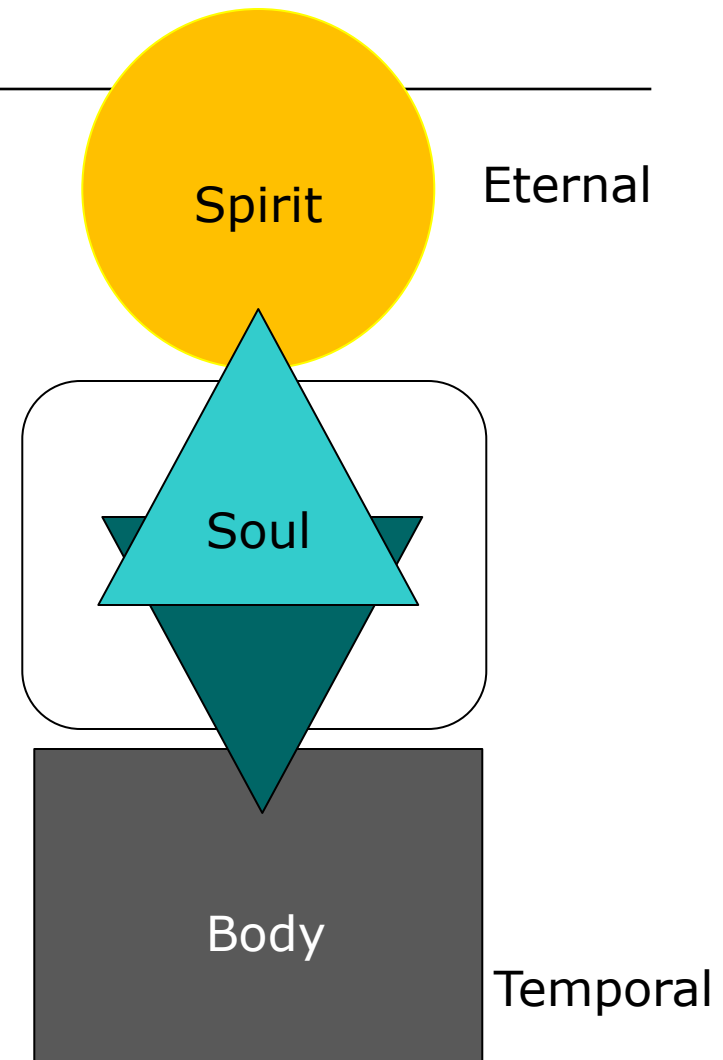
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Soul As Mediator

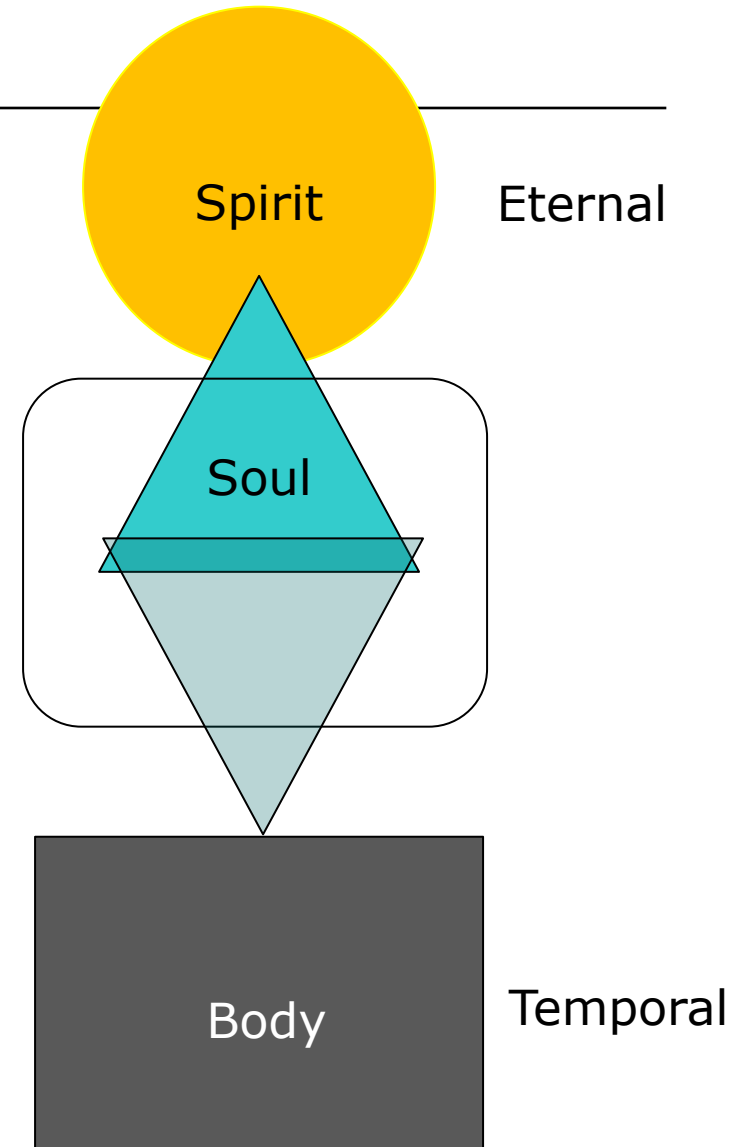
Aristotle:

- Two parts of the soul
 1. One is the spiritual part, "Active Reason" intellection in the spiritual life
 - This "nous" is immaterial and immortal
 2. Other tied to physical body: apprehends sense-perceptions
 - Arises as a necessary by-product of man's parental inheritance



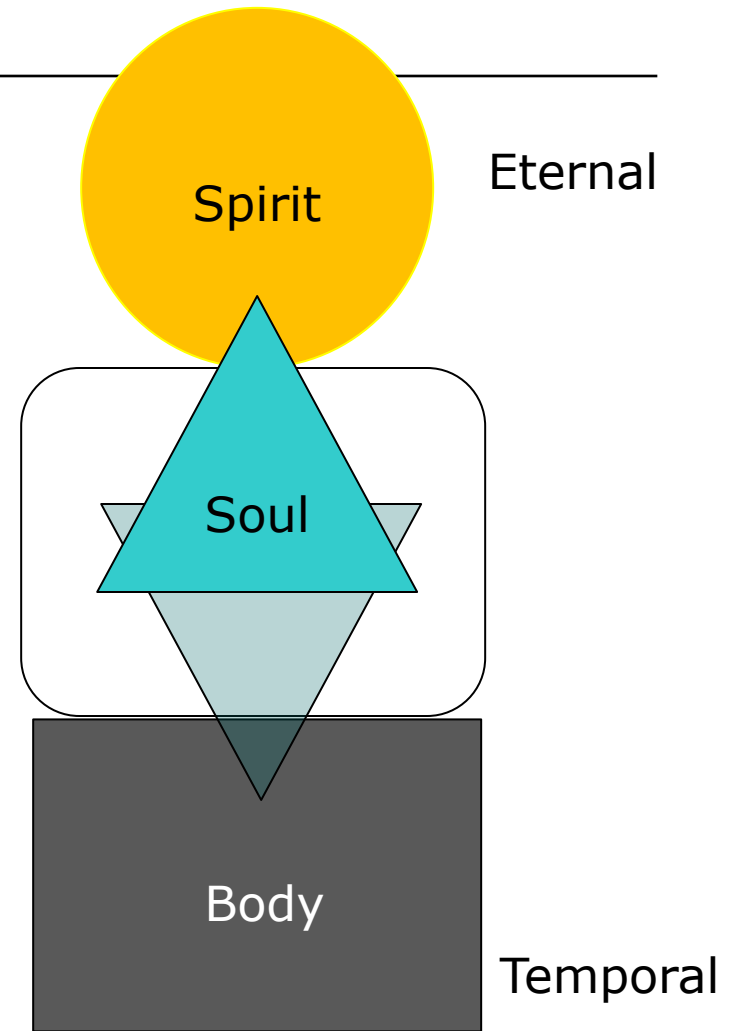
Soul In Dream

- Dream caused by the impact of the soul with the body
- Sensory inputs from body 'accepted' by soul made into symbols in the story
- Pictures of the transitory only
- Tension – relaxation within the soul's domain
- Neither logic nor moral judgment enter dreams
- *Essential: inner dramatic action* (not symbolism)



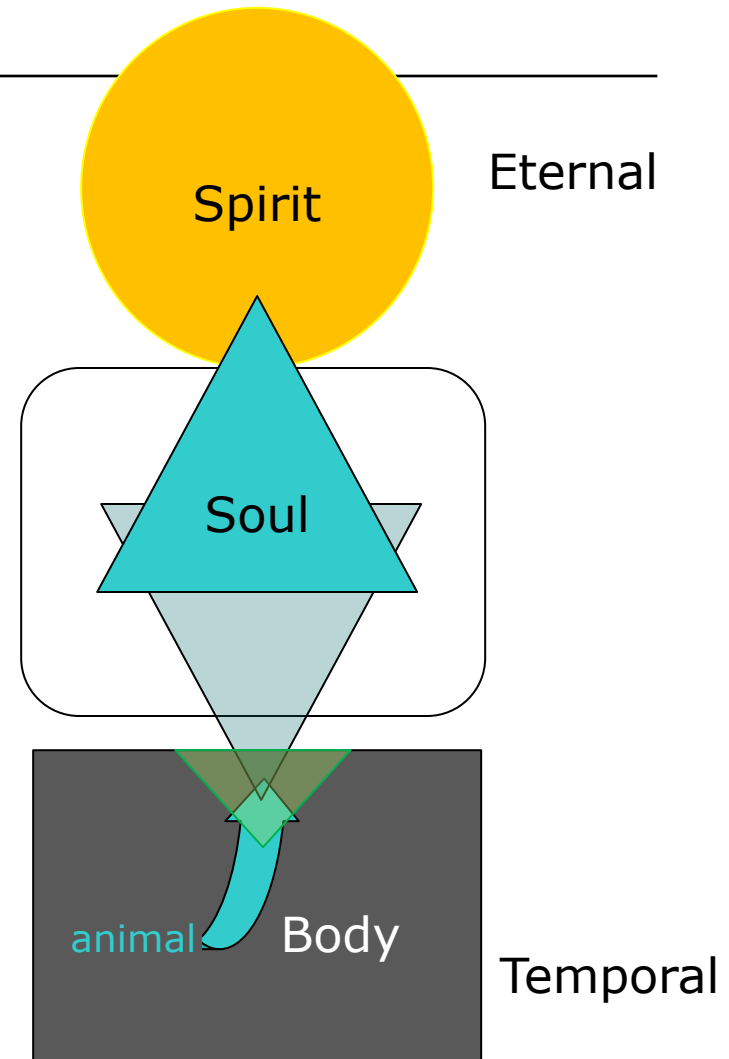
Soul In Meditation

- Focus should be on spirit
- Body's inputs should be silenced
- Thoughts, consciousness that arise from soul-body interaction must be set aside
- Pictures of the eternal
- No 'place' to write memory of spiritual experiences
- Images shaped according to the true laws revealed by the spiritual world
- Dreams become meaningful



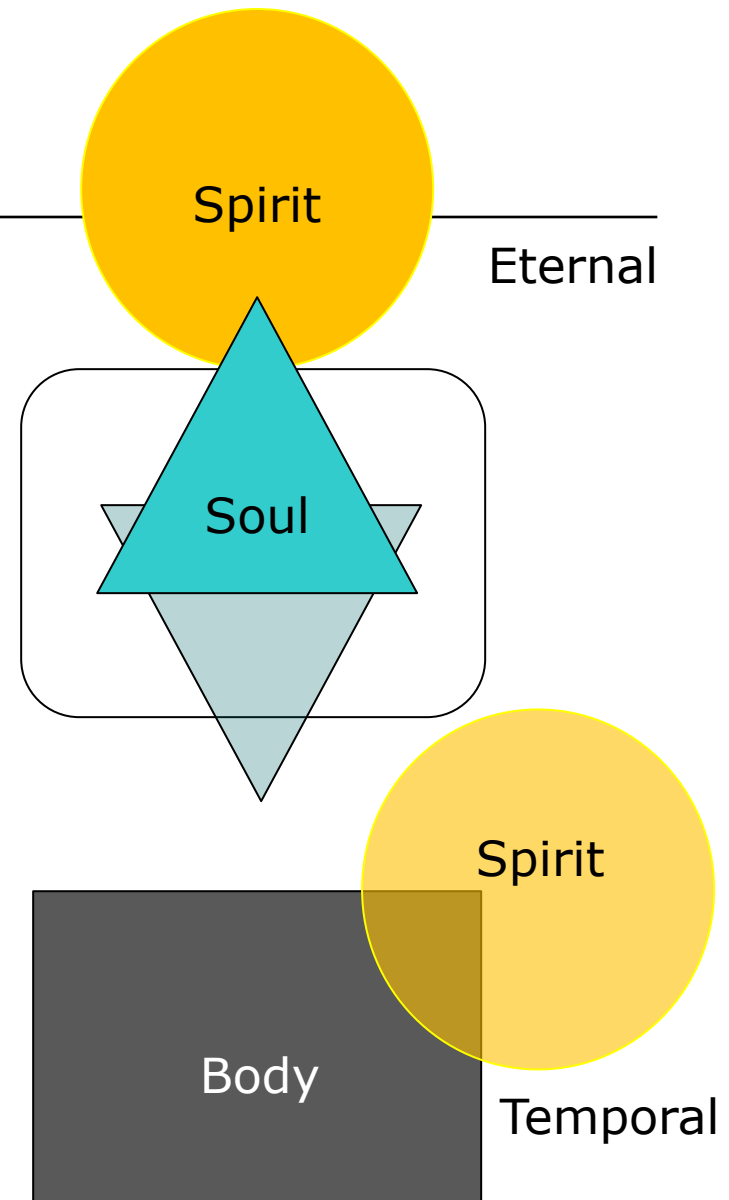
Soul In Hallucination

- Body's inputs from weak or diseased part
- Normal ideation arises through part of the organism being lifted out of the sphere of purely animal life like a parasite out of the process of digestion and metabolism
- Abnormal conditions cause a bodily organ to work with its animal functions thus this man does not devote himself to mental life independently of the forces of growth, digestion and metabolism → hallucinations and visions arise



Soul In Mediumship

- One's will 'mechanism' quashed or paralyzed
- Such a man is lifted away from the world to which he belongs (spirit-and-soul) and is cast into the physical environment
- Here the element of spirit which pervades and weaves through the physical can enter him
- The spiritual works *directly* on the body, soul not involved
- A caricature of the workings of the spiritual upon man
- Leads to errors and fallacies but also automatic *pre-visions in time*





Preliminaries to Spiritual Experiences

- Attitude
- Soul to have experience free of body
- Memory of spiritual experience not available at first
 - No mental pictures retained
 - Each incident experienced anew
 - Eventually ability to recall into ordinary consciousness arises – requiring ability to distinguish between the recollection and the direct encounter
- Difficult to repeat a given spiritual experience
 - Necessary to know the methods
- Alert presence of mind is required to behold
- No inner passivity
 - Vigour. active mind, zeal to follow trains of thoughts



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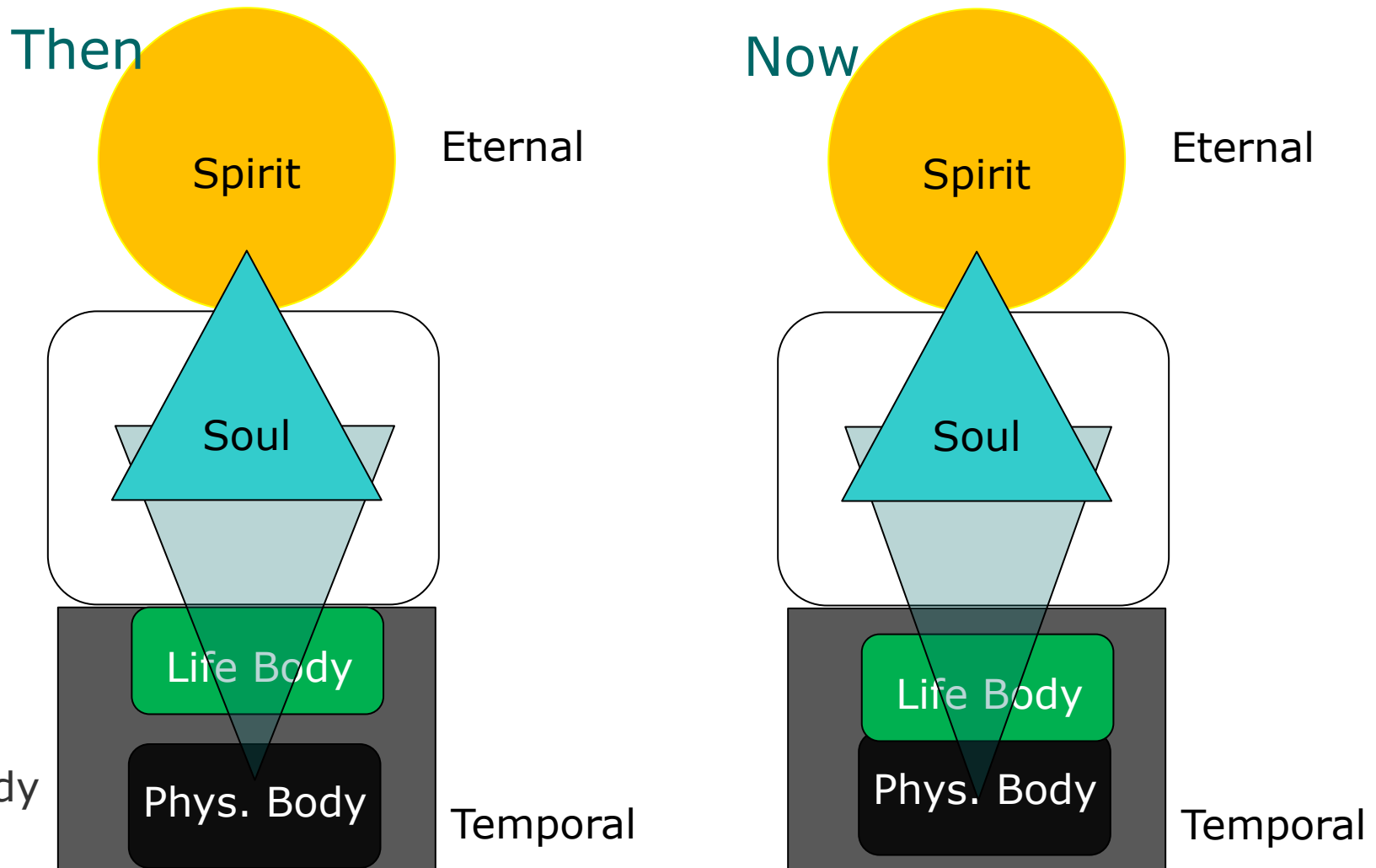
- Love for inner, spiritual activity
- Confront life with a discriminating, skeptical attitude of mind
 - Makes up one's own mind, no blind faith
 - Not easily swayed by suggestions, propaganda
- Strength of own free will
 - Free resolve determines what one's body does
- First experience will be misleading
 - Carrying thoughts from physical influence sight
 - Need scientific method to continue, to verify



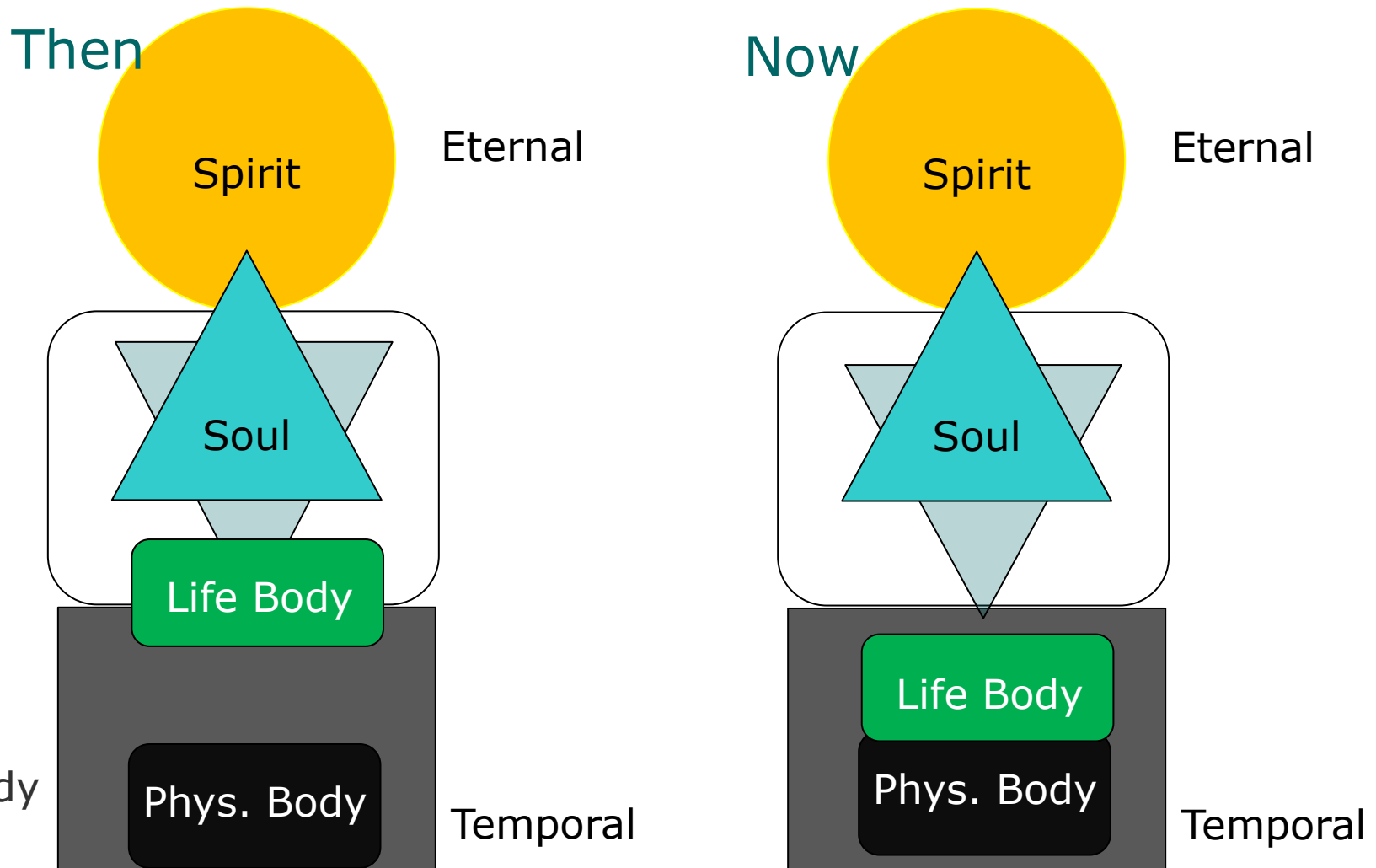
What Spiritual Science is NOT

- Merely an abnormal event
- Mediumship
- Visionary life
- Hallucination
- Somnambulism

Comparison to the Ancient Mysteries



Comparison During Initiation State





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