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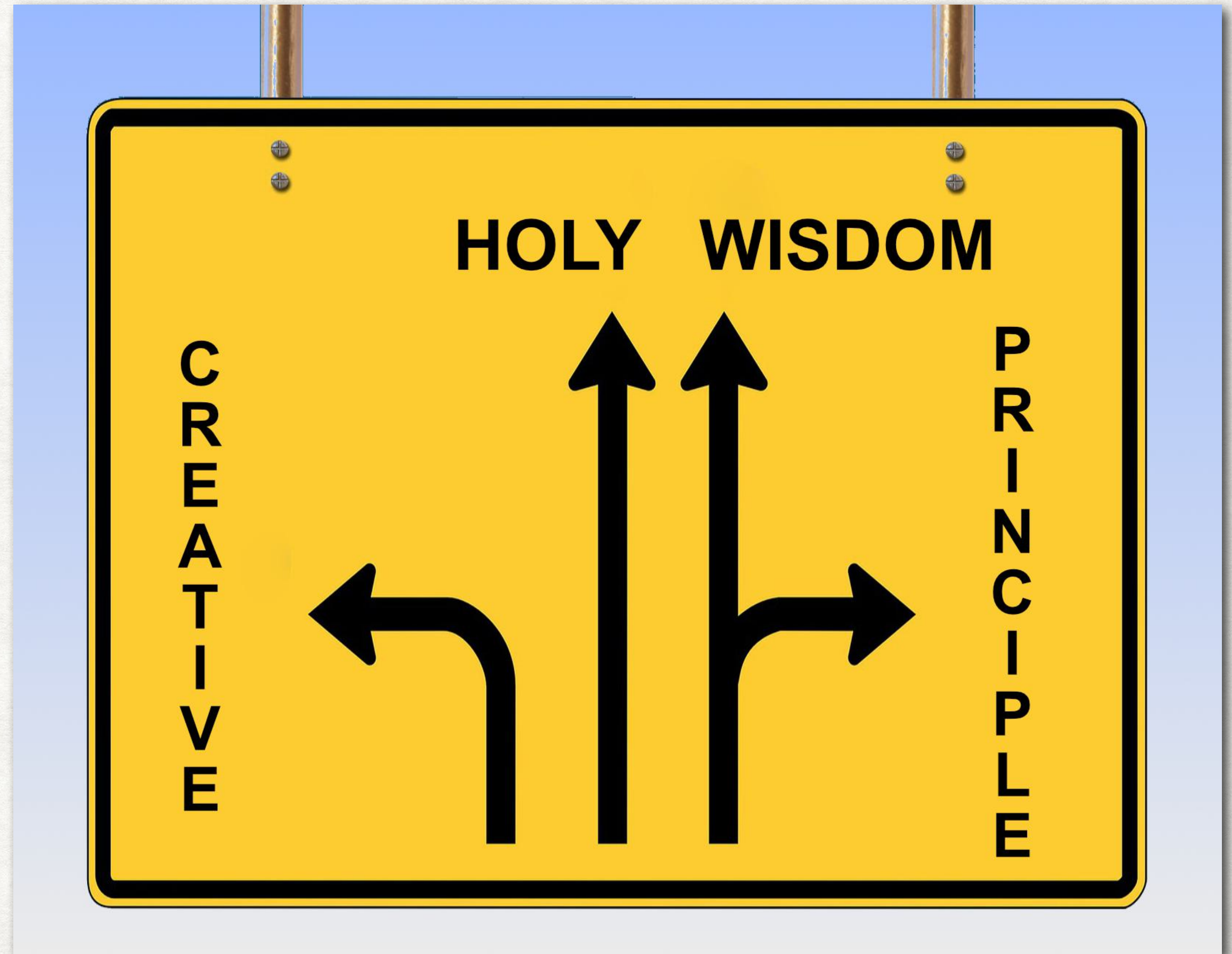
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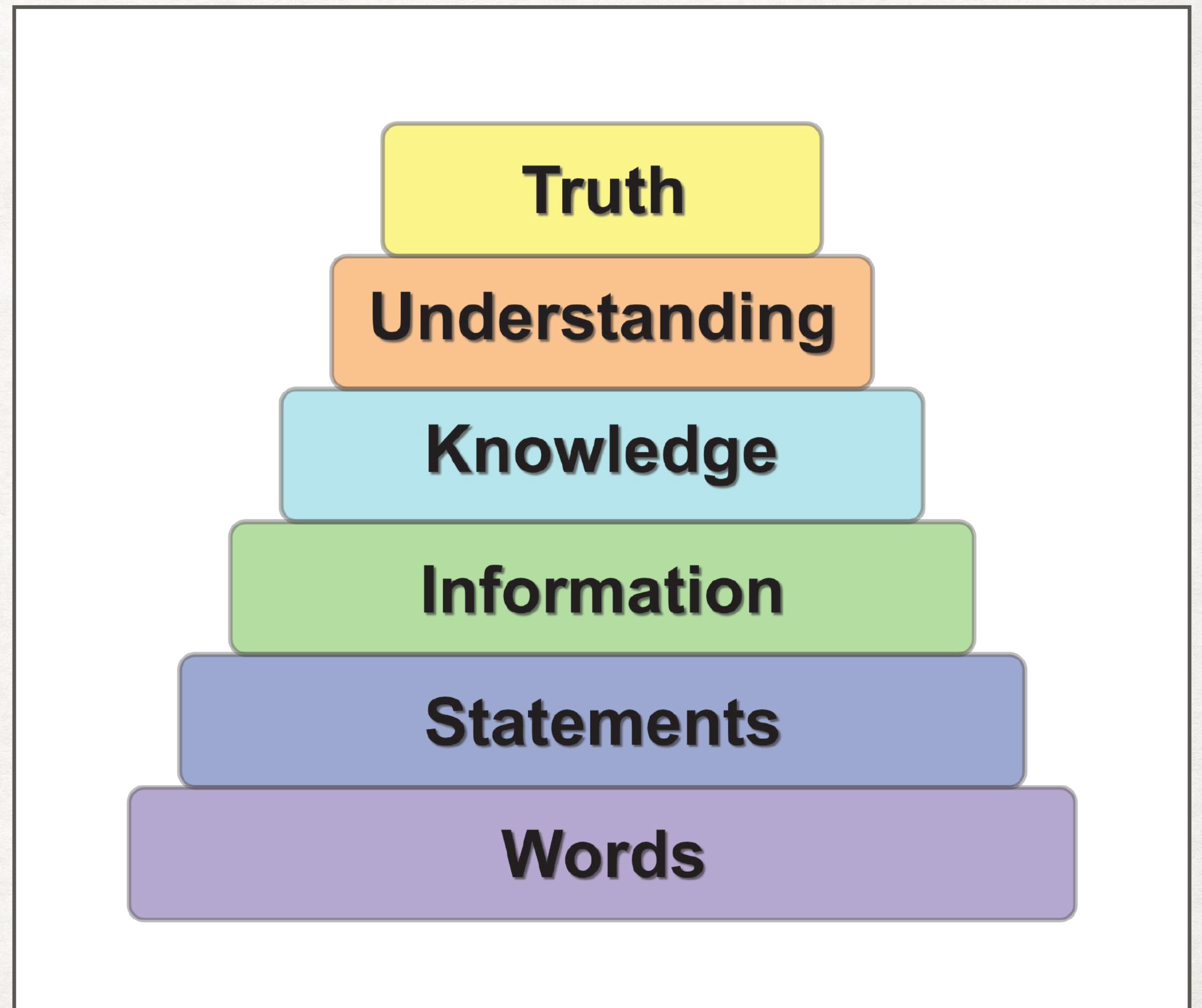
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- Holy: Dedicated or consecrated to the Absolute or emanating from the Absolute.
- Wisdom: The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement.
- Creative: The application of a substance carrying the active force. (Note: knowledge is material)
- Principle: a fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or for a chain of reasoning.



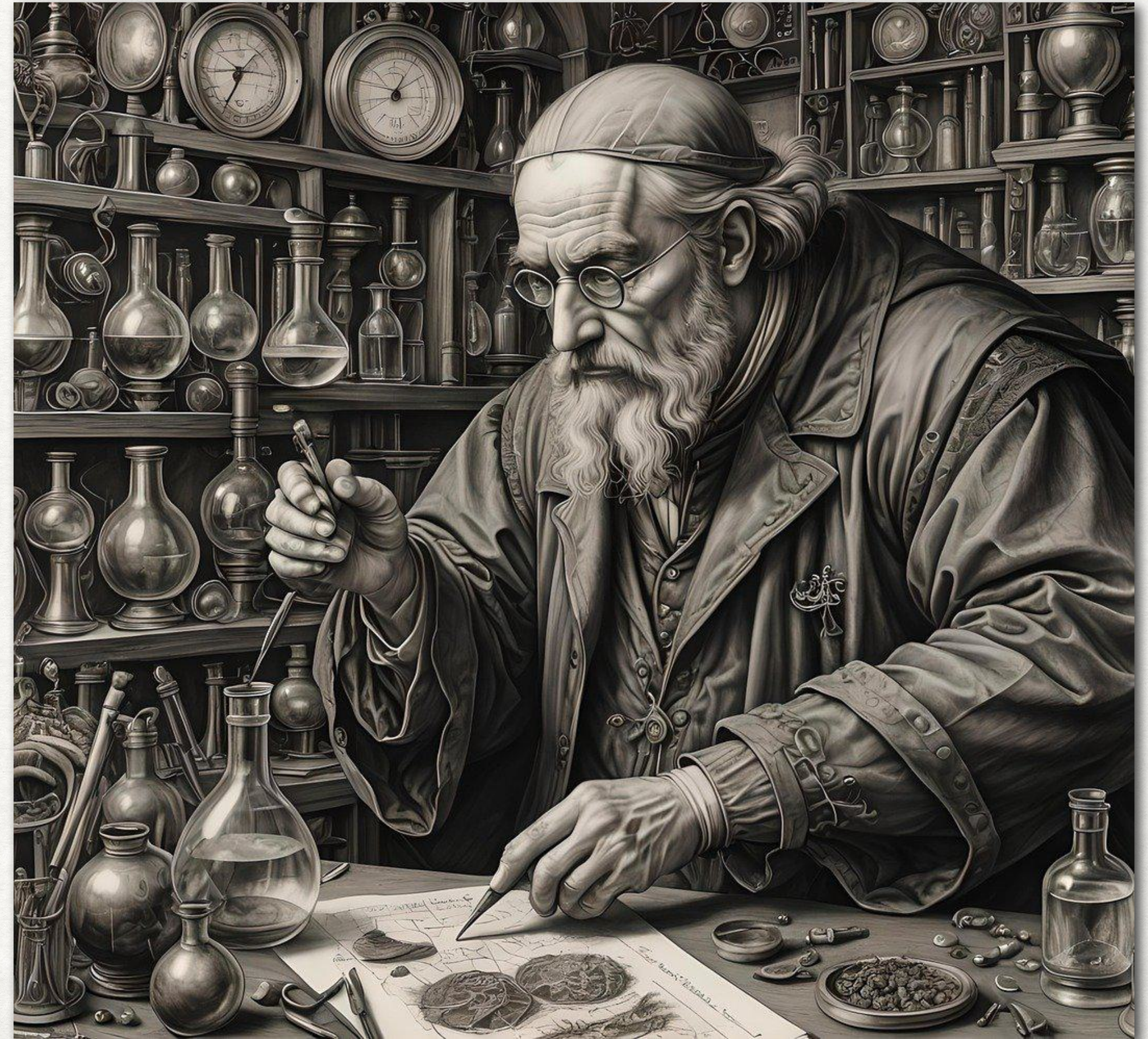
THE REALM OF INFORMATION

- Words - units of meaning.
- Statements - single short assertions.
- Information - collections of statements.
- Knowledge - organized information (science for example)
- Understanding - applied knowledge
- Truth - understanding unified



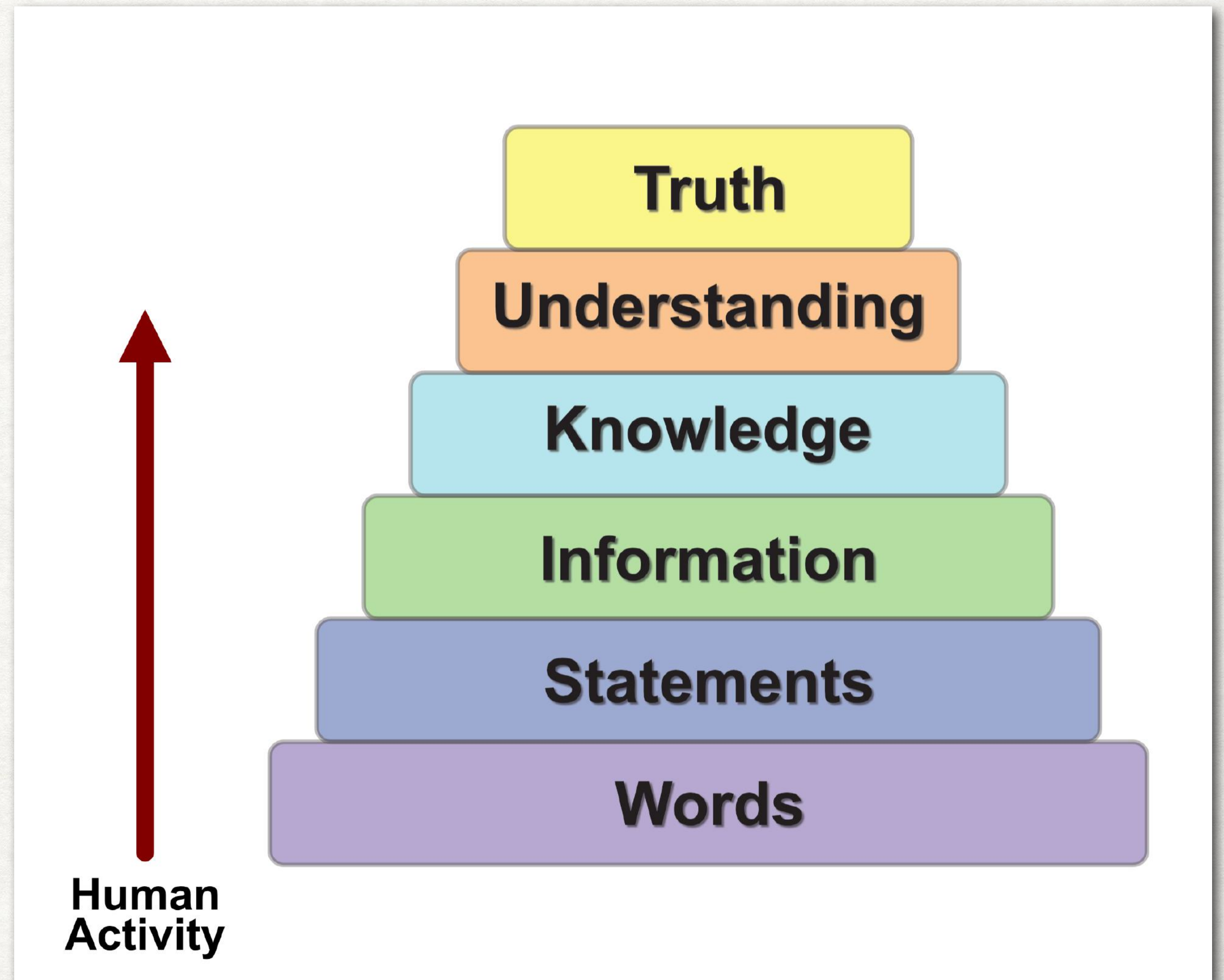
THE NATURE OF SCIENCE

- The attempt to establish truth through hypothesis, theory and experimentation.
- Its “truth” is established by consensus and repetitive experiment.
- Science is fundamentally atheistic.
- Orage said that “science anatomizes the dead body of the universe.”
- You cannot step into the same river twice, for it is not the same river and you are not the same man. (Heraclitus).
- The achievements of the modern age were made by engineers not scientists.



SCIENCE'S ATTEMPT TO ASCEND TO TRUTH

- Science (and other human activity) is capable of establishing knowledge in many fields and hence some level of understanding.
- It cannot establish knowledge beyond the level of H96 as it does not acknowledge any substances higher than this. (This is why psychology is stalled.)
- Substances at or above H96 can only be examined within a living cosmos and from the scientific perspective are not repeatable.
- Thus subjective science will never advance beyond a certain level.
- Objective science is the science of the work. It involves experiments in the inner world.



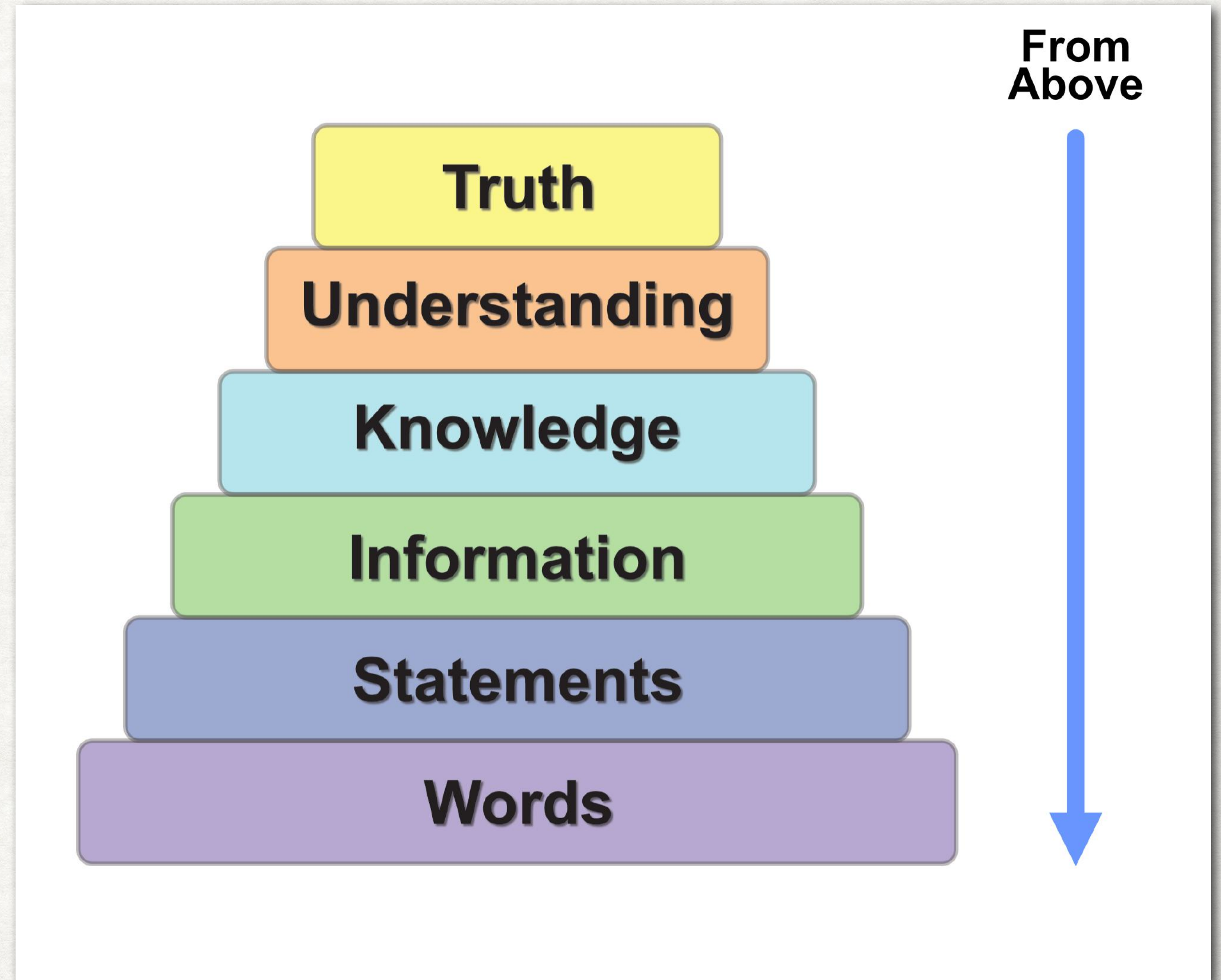
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK

- Those that join The Work usually do so because of magnetic center (in personality) growing under B-influence (distorted knowledge from above).
- All religious writings and in particular the Bible, the Koran, etc. are B-influence.
- In The Work they encounter purer B-influence and possibly C-influence (knowledge delivered by a conscious being). This is practical knowledge.
- Most of this is accessible only in the Fourth Way.
- The parable of the talents applies.



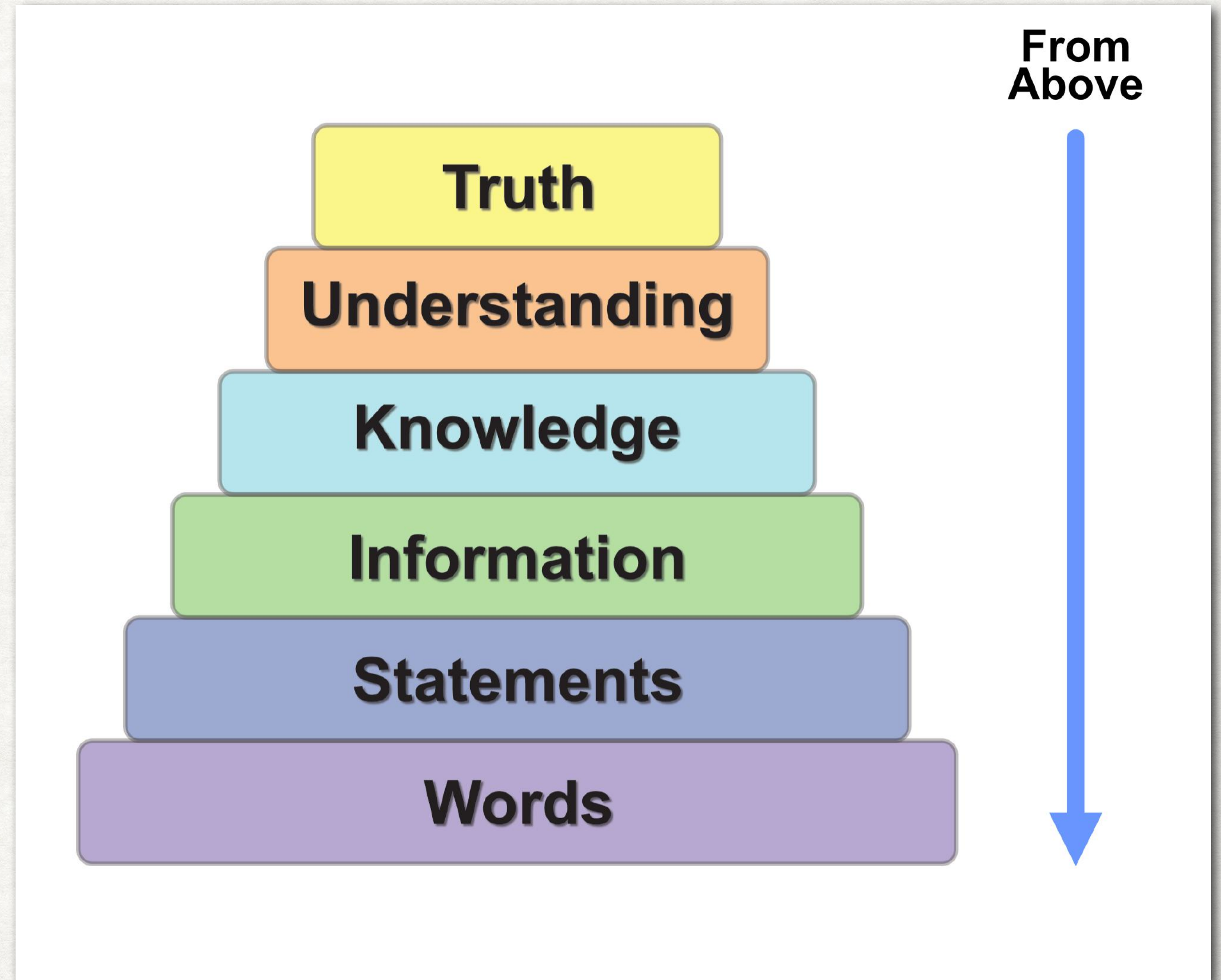
KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK DESCENDING FROM ABOVE

- There are many levels of Truth: World 3, World 6, World 12.
- In the Work we attempt to ascend the descending influence from above.
- We try to digest it honestly.
- The Sufis say “The soul is a knowing sustance” - it seeks knowledge.
- Gurdjieff said that every man has within him at some level a desire for knowledge.



KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK DESCENDING FROM ABOVE

- The higher levels send messengers to Earth who are born as human, when there is a need.
- They bring with them knowledge appropriate to the era.
- Understanding and knowledge reside only in living beings.
- The intellectual, emotional and moving/instinctive centers are organs for acquiring knowledge.
- They are organs at the service of “I”.
- Angels and Archangels can be messengers from above.



FORMS OF HOLY WISDOM

- The organization of work groups.
- The Movements.
- Objective literature.
- Objective Science.
- The Gospels and the keys to the Gospels.

None of this is necessarily encountered as Holy Wisdom. It becomes Holy Wisdom if and only if it is digested.



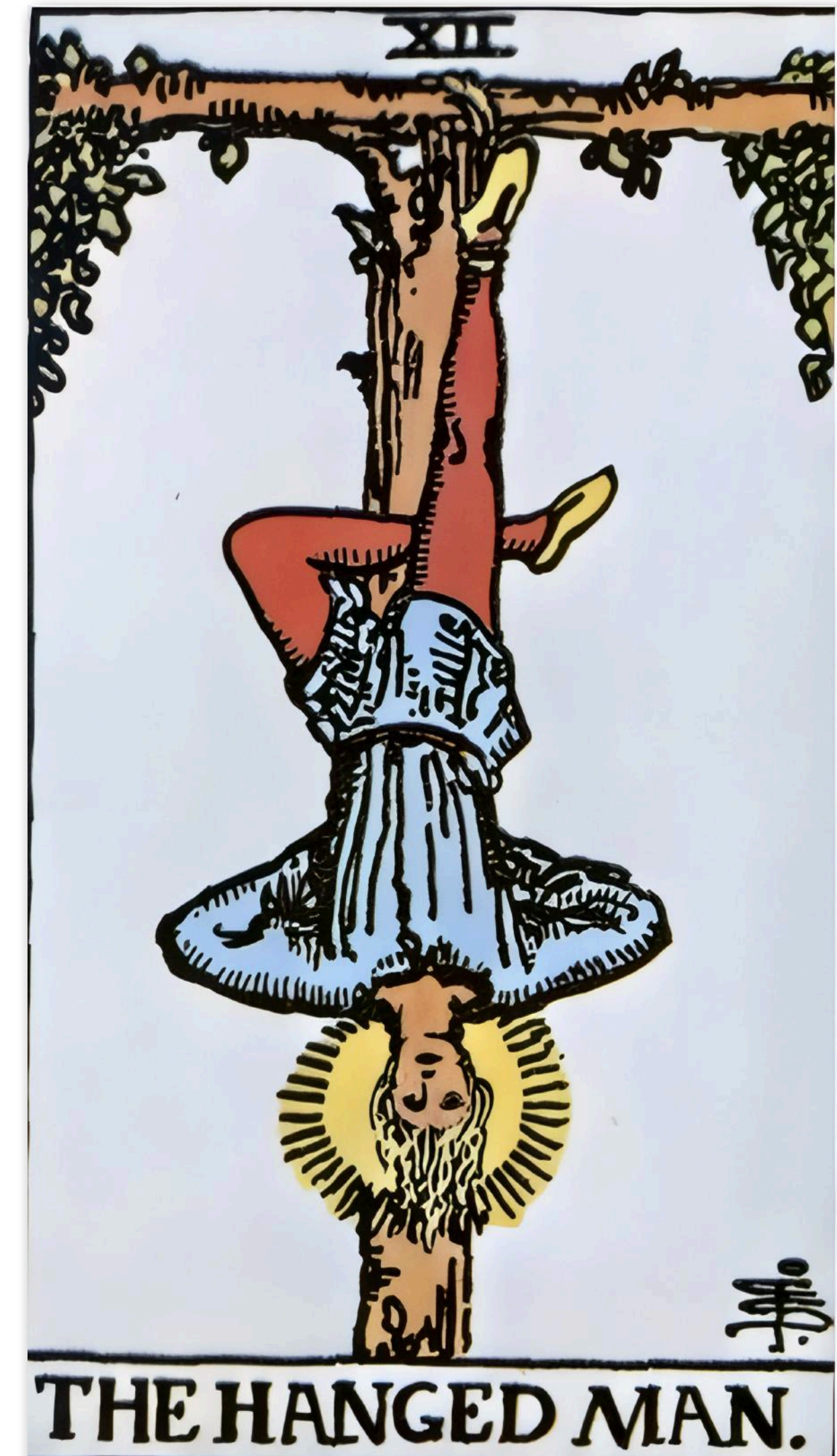
“The Work brings results, but you actually have to do it.”

- Rina Hands



THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE LIFE

- We (all of us) exhibit two types of mentation:
 - Mentation by form
 - Mentation by thought
- This first type is formatory thinking. It involves knowledge but no understanding whatsoever. It is incapable of being unified.
- The second can be thought of as relative thinking and can be unified.
- Our initial task is to gradually replace some of our formatory thinking with relative thinking.
- We also need to replace our mechanical attitude with attitudes from the Work.



THE REVOLUTION IN ATLANTIS

- The gradual replacement of our unhelpful formatory habits is characterized in *The Tales* by the revolution in Atlantis.
- Beelzebub's tribe replaces King Appolis' administration with members of Beelzebub's tribe.
- The allegory is exact, we must replace all our attitudes, including those we cherish with attitudes from the Work.
- But before we do so, we must first “digest” The Work ideas until we understand them.



THE DO-RE-MI

- **Do:** Receive and digest the ideas of the Work. First you remember the idea, then you ponder and feel the idea by representing it. In this way it becomes more than a formatory memory.
- **Re:** You put the idea into practice in your daily activities. You try it out and determine what the idea actually means.
- **Mi:** You realize your personal limitations in respect of the constant use of the idea. Nevertheless you try to adopt the attitude of applying the idea whenever appropriate and you observe your own resistance as and when it arises.



HOLY WISDOM IN THE DAILY ROUTINE

- Before enlightenment: Chop wood, carry water.
After enlightenment: Chop wood, carry water.
- While the events of your life will change to some degree because of The Work, they will likely remain mundane events.
- What changes is that external events, whatever they may be, do not matter. How you digest them is what matters.
- You stand at the mouth of a cave: the inner world facing the outer world.



HOLY WISDOM AS CREATIVE PRINCIPLE (1)

Wild geese and tomorrow come without being called.

One hand washes the other, and both hands wash the face.

Patience is the mother of will, if you have no mother, how can you be born?

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to the mountain,
“Move from here to there”, and it will move.

Take thy thoughts to bed with thee, for the morning is wiser than the evening.

Habits are cobwebs at first, chains at last.

The still lagoon is where the devils live.

Impressions are more important than edible food.

Roll your triangle!



HOLY WISDOM AS CREATIVE PRINCIPLE (2)

Let us be clear, you have to create new attitudes and they must become ingrained.

- The Attitude: Your being attracts your life.
- The Attitude: There are no people in The Work, only places.
- The Attitude: My conscience is my morality. If it fails to manifest, I will think and feel from The Work.
- The Attitude: I have a right not to be negative.
- The Attitude: I could die at any time, even today.



HOLY WISDOM AS CREATIVE PRINCIPLE (3)

You have been given leather, with which to make shoes.

- The Attitude: I will engage in active reasoning:
 - I use myself as a yardstick. External rather than internal considering.
 - Compassion for the faults of others.
 - Forgiveness rather than keeping accounts.
 - Measurement rather than judgement.
 - Identification is the thief of life.



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