

# A Spirit World Mission on Earth

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The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood

(USB)



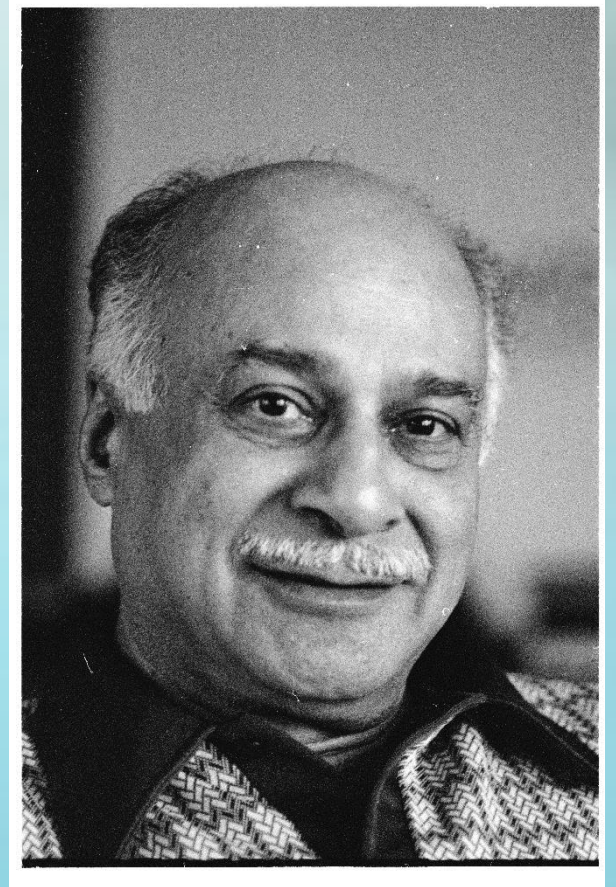
# Why I Joined IANDS

Friends, Brothers & Sisters:

I joined IANDS, not because I had an NDE,  
but because many NDEs relate well to my own experiences  
with the spirit world or afterlife.

# Michael Flagg's Adventure

- A writer (plays, poetry, music), bachelor, mid-40s to CA, discovered spiritualism. Served churches; wrote articles; became disenchanted; received many spirit messages.
- Visited UK (unknown). Had many sittings with top **mediums** there (psychics who know their communicators).
- Discovered his mission: To work with Spirit World leaders.
- Founded on earth a spirit-led organization.



Michael Flagg, 1903-1992

# About Spiritualism

- spiritualism (lower case “s”) is a belief in or understanding of survival and communication, whereas
- Spiritualism (capital “S”) is a religion based on that belief/understanding, with churches and organizations.
- Both of them depend upon **mediumship**.
- It's used mostly for conveying messages from spirit loved ones or from personal spirit guides, and some for spirit healing; now rarely for demonstrating spirit phenomena.
- Relatively few mediums, of a strongly ***spiritual*** nature, are used to convey higher spirit teachings – **our present subject**.

# About the Spirit World Leaders

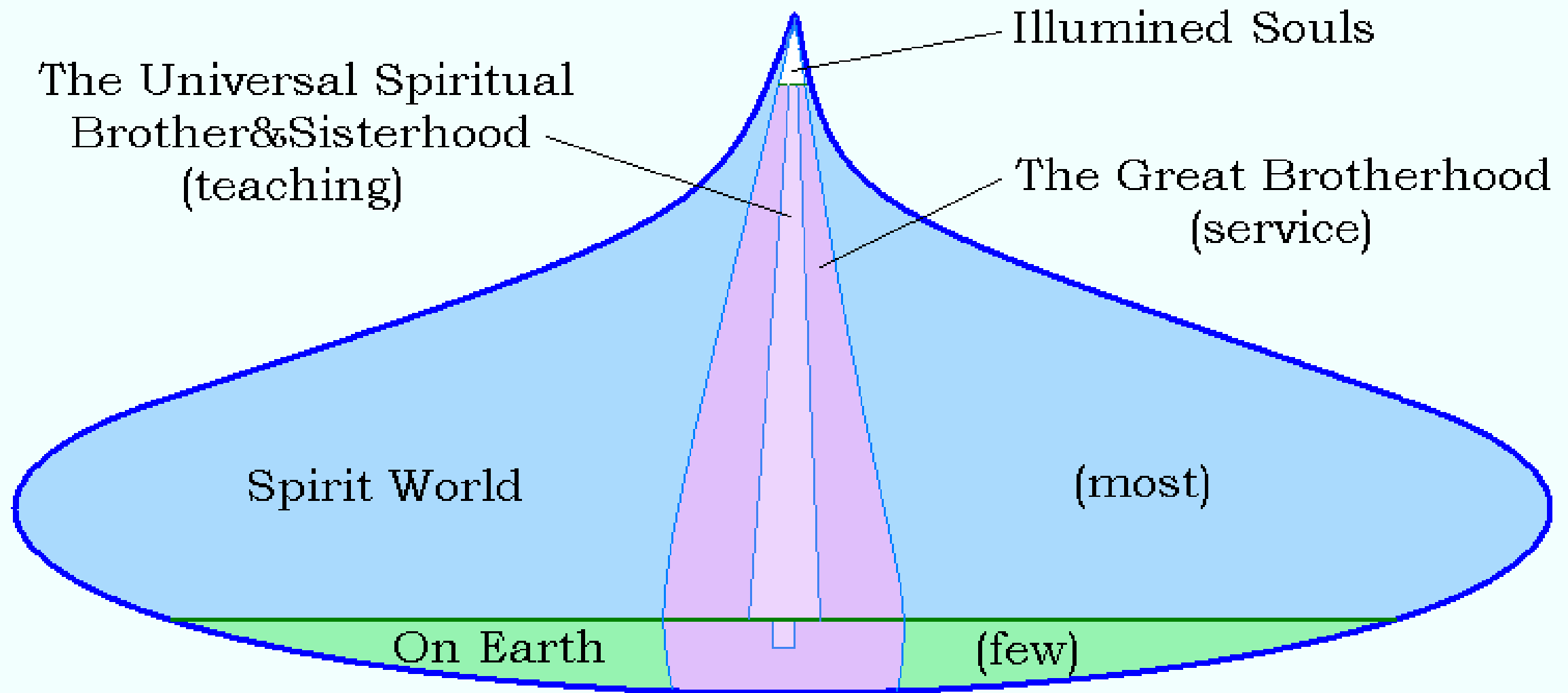
- In his various UK sittings, Michael asked 100s of questions.
- He could not believe his communicators: Their stature (at the highest levels of spirituality and wisdom), and his part/purpose.
- We refer to the most advanced leaders as **Illumined Souls**.
- Their identities were confidential, some cloaked.
- Their humility, love, universality, connectedness.

# Spirit Organizations and Hierarchy

The Illumined Souls lead **spirit organizations**:

- The Great Brotherhood is an immense ***service*** organization, active on both sides of life.
- The Universal Spiritual Brotherhood (USB) specializes in ***teaching*** spiritual truth and philosophy — it is **not a religion**, but is ***an organization of spiritual truth***, for all people.

# Populations of Humanity





# Veracity and determination of Leaders

- They led Michael to the best mediums — to begin their mission.
- They confirmed their identities through different mediums, and by “cross correspondences.”
- They met with him a few times per week for 25 years, discussing (not dictating) spiritual teachings and philosophy.
- They gave the *united* teachings of their group.
- They reviewed all Michael’s draft newsletters, in detail.
- They were always humble and respectful.
- They brought numerous famous personalities to converse.



## A few teachings by Illumined Souls

- Illumined Souls teach that spirit people and we now have *spirit* bodies. So an OBE should more correctly be called an out-of-the-*physical* -body experience (OPBE).
- They don't know how and when beings were created.
- In all we do, there is no cause greater than truth. (Eternal)
- No prediction is infallible.
- They *repeatedly* emphasized: “Do not accept *anything* unthinkingly.”

# Michael's Undertaking for the Mission

- Michael established and ran the USB from its founding in 1956 until he returned to spirit life in 1992.
- He prepared the free USB newsletters quarterly, for 25 years, distributed them by surface post (before email), to over 800 subscribers around the world.
- He corresponded with supporters and gave talks.

# My Beginnings

- My parents were interested in afterlife and mediumship.
- But my interests were scientific, so I viewed their reports and my experiences with it from a scientific viewpoint.
- These areas have been my principal interests outside my profession since my teens (58 years) and my passion since I retired (14 years).
- In my middle years while living in California one of my sisters in the UK developed good (accredited) mediumship.
- I have “consumed” very many books on these subjects.

# Personal experiences

- I had many impressive experiences with **mediums**, some of the highest quality — I have concluded that in most cases one must “earn” these by serious study and investigation.
- Spirit lectures (subjects?)
- Tibetan (?) guides conversing
- Saw transfigurations
- Spirit phone chat, via my sister

# Getting Afterlife Information

- Afterlife experiences often occur in NDEs and OBEs. But they are usually quite brief.
- Typical sittings with mediums often last 45-60 minutes and are often regularly repeated in weekly meetings.
- Such longer encounters through mediumship have made possible extended lectures on higher spirit philosophy and long discussions with spirit teachers.
- These are generally not available in NDEs and OBEs.
- There is a large literature on spirit communications.

# My Part in the USB

- I discovered the USB in 1959 while in England.
- Six years later I moved to The San Francisco area, where I soon met Michael. We became friends and I gradually became even more interested in the USB.
- I heard tape recordings of him speaking with Illumined Souls.
- I had wonderful experiences with his American medium.
- Over the years I became an assistant to Michael.



# The Mission of Spirit Leaders

They see us now on earth as living in a jumble of light and darkness that enshrouds our world.

They wish:

- To spiritualize and unite us.
- To break down barriers between people;
- To unfold a new understanding of God's will and purpose;
- To build the brother-and-sisterhood of *all* people, living in peace and tranquility of spirit.

# USB Vision, Values, and Purposes

- It's Vision: A heaven on earth, where people live in love, peace, and harmony, in universal spiritual brother-and-sisterhood.
- Values: Simplicity and humility. It tries to avoid things that separate people spiritually. It doesn't solicit supporters or funds or charge membership fees. It only accepts contributions that are voluntarily given.
- Purposes: To bring a universal awareness of the spark of God within each of us, to break down barriers between peoples and between individuals, to replace ignorance with truth, to promote our spiritual progress, to form one great brother-and-sisterhood throughout the world.

# On Developing Our Spirituality

- the noblest part of our character
- having high and noble qualities of spirit

Illumined Souls tell us:

- Life on earth is a continuous opportunity to learn spiritual lessons and to develop ourselves through handling challenges far more difficult than those in spirit life.
- It's also a continuous series of spiritual tests.
- So focusing on spirituality is very important in life.

# The Mission of Leaders

To awaken people to the spiritual realities of life:

- We each possess a Divine spark.
- Our eternal existence; spirit life and communication with it.
- Our true purpose: To learn, serve, and develop spiritually.
- To understand spiritual laws that govern.
- To realize that we are *all* brother and sisters.

By promoting the universal practice of brother-and-sisterhood, they want to make our lives more harmonious, our experiences more beneficial, and the world more heavenly.

# Some USB Teachings

- We are eternal;
- We retain our individualities after bodily death;
- We are *fully* responsible for ourselves;
- We shall reap as we sow, without exception;
- *How* we respond to things determines whether we advance or fall back spiritually.
- Many **spiritual laws** that govern *both* sides of life are important to individual progress (we need to develop spirituality *and* understand the spiritual laws).

They want us to “share the light.”

# Their Communication Methods

- Their high energy level (vibration) makes communication with them very difficult, and therefore rare.
- To give us the best information, over the ages they have from time to time (100s of years) set up with great difficulty the conditions to enable *direct* communications (avoiding less-reliable relays – as they did recently).
- They need gifted mediums (sensitives, “instruments”) who are also *highly spiritual* and who have usually come into this life to serve that specific purpose.



# Communication Reliability

- So the higher the level of the teacher, the wiser, the more spiritual, and the more reliable are his or her teachings (like us, no spirit people are perfect).
- But, unfortunately, the more difficult it is for us to link up with them.

## Their Methods of Promotion

- They supervised the establishment on earth in 1956 of a nonprofit organization, **The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood** (USB), an organization of spiritual truth, modeled on its parent spirit organization and dedicated to spreading their teachings.
- They gave a large body of information.
- From their world they work to assist the USB on earth.

## Their Methods: Groups

- The USB encourages and helps interested people to form small **USB groups**, which can emphasize:
  - ♦ discussion or study of the teachings,
  - ♦ service,
  - ♦ worship,
  - ♦ development of mediumship, or
  - ♦ communication with spirit friends.
- Past and present group members find their group activities to be among the **most satisfying** of their lives.

## Why I Accept the USB

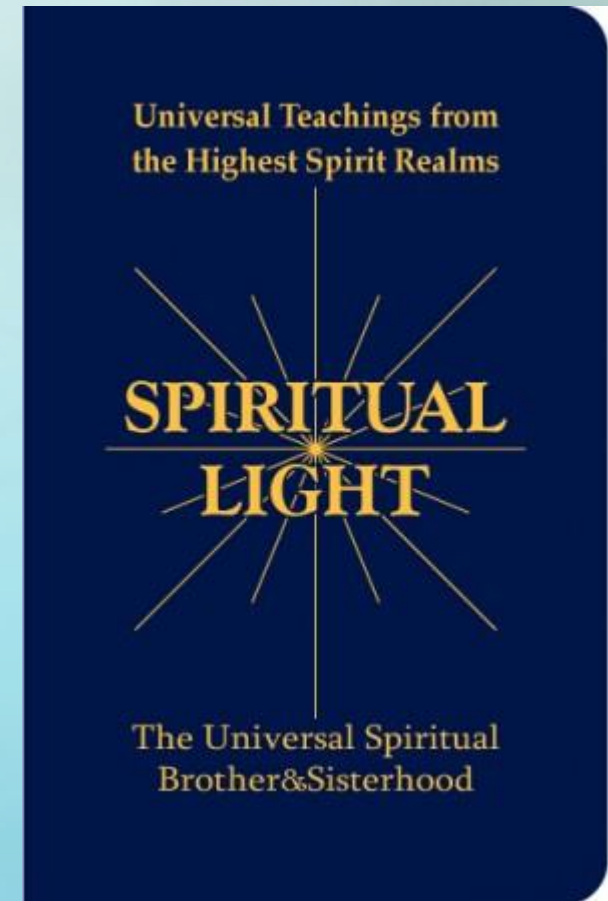
- Personally, I find the USB teachings a truly wonderful and satisfying *guide to living*.
- Not just because the USB has supporting evidence (transcripts and tape recordings of discussions with the Illumined Souls),
- But also because the teachings are full of wisdom, are reasonable, spiritually uplifting, and are beautifully, simply, and clearly expressed.

## My More Recent Part in This

- Michael wanted to compile the newsletter teachings into a book. But his health prevented it. Before leaving this world, he invited me to take over the USB and to finish the book.
- After my retirement I got heavily involved.
- There is now an extensive website, [theusb.org](http://theusb.org).
- There was much to edit in the book, due to changes in the world, the English language, etc.

# Book of the USB's Official Teachings

- In early September the USB will release its large book of collected teachings (in two versions). It includes 511 topics in over 600 pages and answers many questions.
- 14 chapters address truth, spiritual laws, love, responsibility, spiritual progress, psychic phenomena, life on earth and in the spirit realms, and many related subject.





## Some USB Teachings

- The greatest quest is the quest for truth; the greatest conquest, the conquest of self;
- To live spiritually in a material world—that is the great achievement;
- Each of us is forever connected with all human beings and with our Creator;
- Each of us is half of a pair of twin souls that will ultimately and blissfully reunite.
- Our aura records all about us, including our spirituality.

They want us to “share the light.”

## Rave Reviews of *Spiritual Light*

- Deepak Chopra has called it “fascinating...”
- Other respected reviewers described it as
  - ♦ “in remarkable agreement with the spiritual knowledge entering into this world through near-death experiences,”
  - ♦ “an encyclopedia of wisdom,”
  - ♦ “coming from the highest vibration,”
  - ♦ “the Spiritualist Bible for the twenty-first century,” and
  - ♦ “the light of God.”
- The USB expects to have tape recordings of these Great Souls and more publications available before long.

# Spirit Leaders' Support

- *They* instigated all this.
- They worked with Michael all his life.
- They spoke to me (by phone) – to express support.
- They said and confirmed that they inspired my compiling and editing work.
- I'm sure they inspired people to write those wonderful book reviews.
- They have said that thousands of spirit people are waiting to work with us.

# IANDS and the USB

- NDErs are often told they must “go back” and teach about their afterlife experiences and spread spirituality on earth.
- IANDS says it aims to ensure that NDEs become an integral part of the common wisdom.
- It reminds renewing members that they are helping IANDS accomplish *life changing work*.

This is why I am so drawn to IANDS and I highly commend it.

- The USB teachings likewise seek to change the common wisdom, to change lives, and to create a more spiritual world.

To me, it seems most likely that both our activities are guided by the *same* spirit Inspirers.

# Three Sources of Afterlife Evidence

- 1848: “Modern” mediumship began.
- 1978: IANDS was founded to study NDEs.
- 2000: IAC was founded to study OBEs.

**Important and impressive:** afterlife evidence from these three *independent* sources invariably ***confirm*** one another.

This greatly *strengthens* the evidence.

## In Closing:

Although the USB has been a major project, I'm sure it is just one of many sponsored by spirit world leaders.

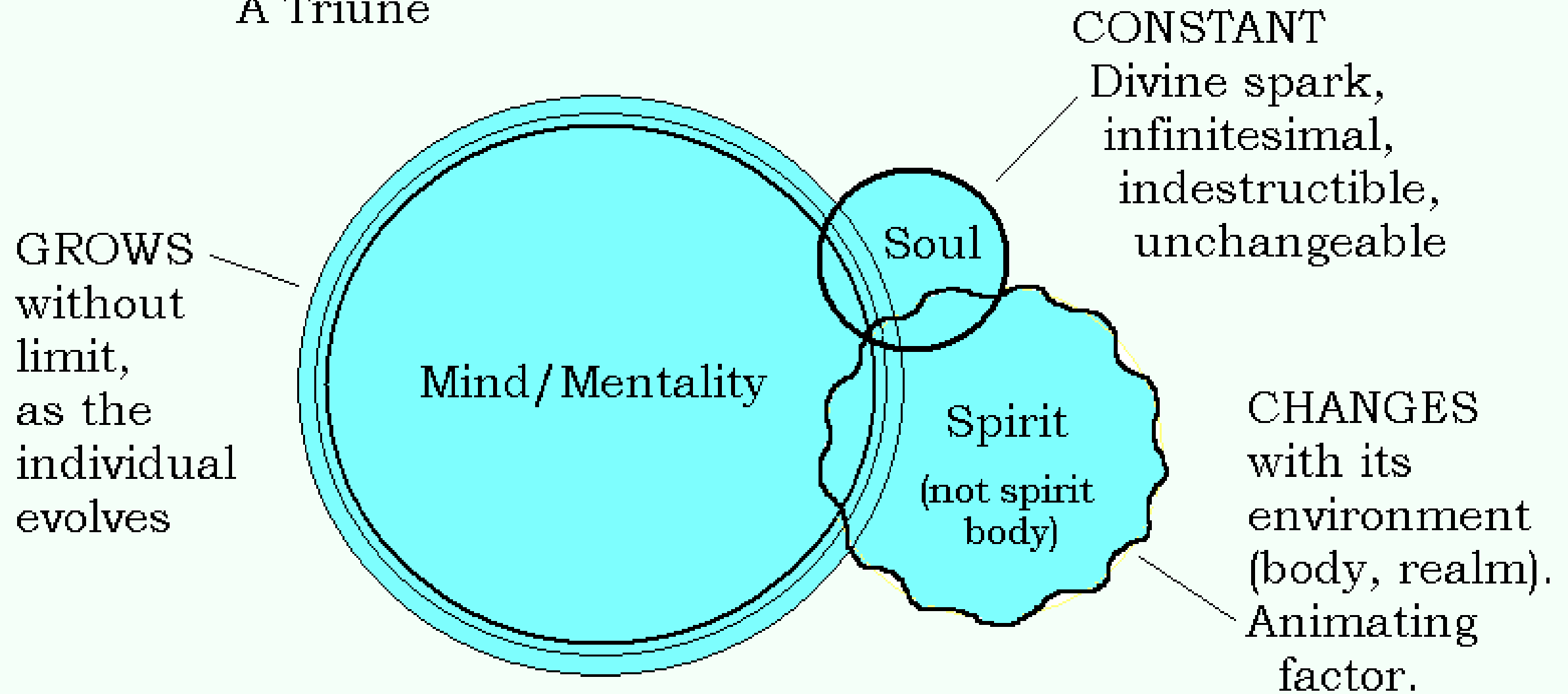
I see both our movements as guided by spirit inspirers who wish to raise the spirituality of humanity on earth.

I pray that both will be very successful and that we may continue to cooperate for that noble objective.



# Our Individuality: The "Real Self"

A Triune



# Spiritual Laws That Govern

