

# Heavenly Encounters

- Mystical or Ecstatic experiences?
- Attract some and put off others
- Demystify encounters
- Encounters can be learned experiences
- Position ourselves
- Prepare ourselves
- Practice

# Heavenly Encounters

- Desire – discipline – delight
- Pursue through meditation using the word of God as a doorway to encounters and an anchor for encounters
- Activate our God given imagination “the eyes of our heart”

# Heavenly Encounters

- We need to learn to see as God projects images, visions, feelings, thoughts & impressions
- 1<sup>st</sup> person or 3<sup>rd</sup> person encounters that we see, hear, taste & touch
- Develop the spiritual senses that tune into the flow of revelation
- We need to learn to see from inside out – through eyes of my spirit

# Heavenly Encounters

- If we struggle with our imagination start with the image of the physical realm e.g. door, gate, river, tree, throne, mountain
- Heb 5:<sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who because of **practice** have their **senses trained** to discern good and evil.

# Heavenly Encounters

- Eph 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us** in the **heavenly realms** with every **spiritual blessing** in Christ.
- Eph 2:6 And God **raised us up** with Christ and seated us with him in the **heavenly realms** in Christ Jesus,

# Heavenly Encounters

- Encounters must bring revelation and transformation
- See visions, pictures, hear sounds and words
- Know thoughts, Feel instinctively
- Perceive by impressions
- All equally valid
- We can all learn to tune in to a flow

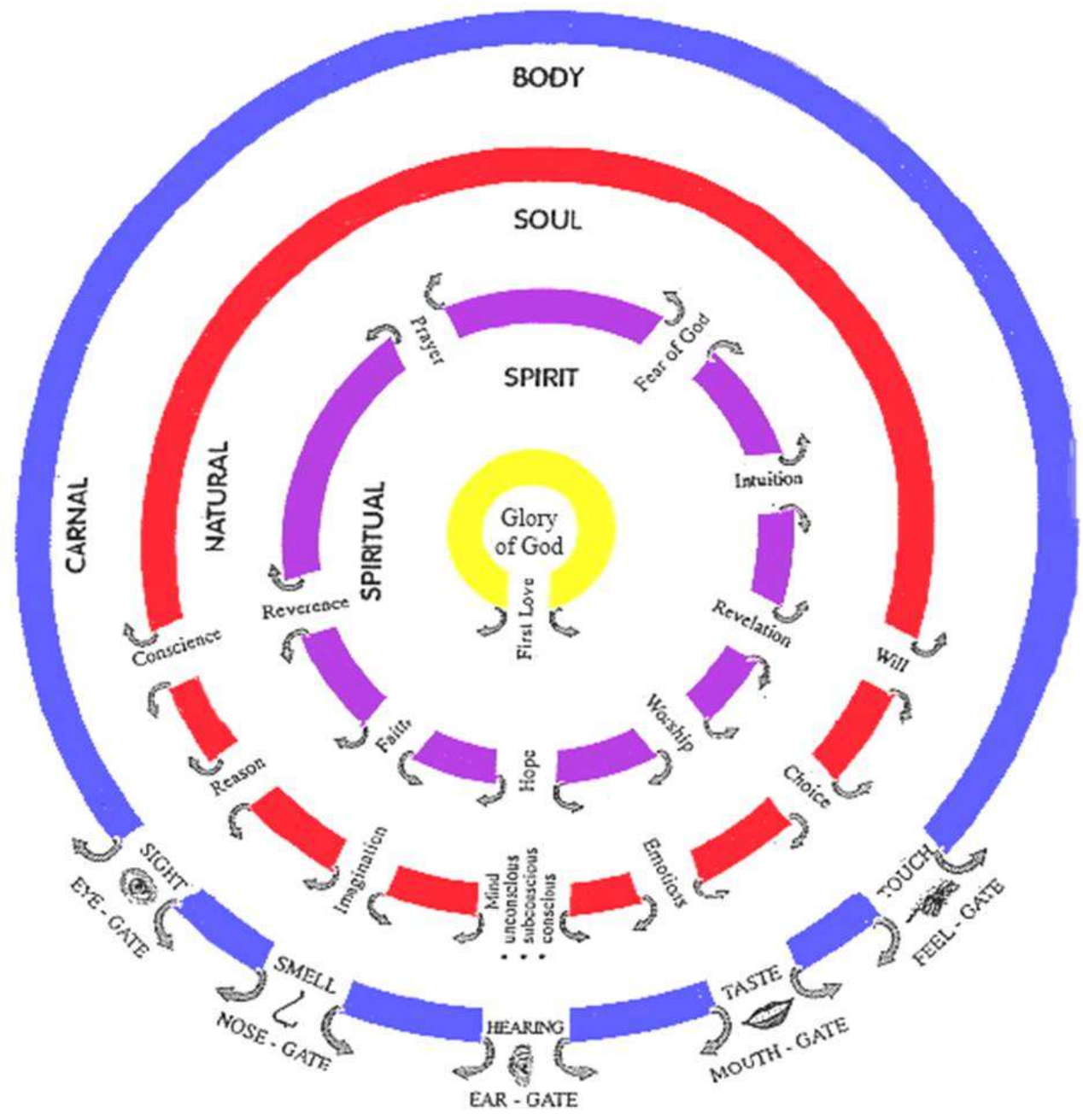
# Heavenly Encounters

- Revelation from the kingdom realm
- Restoration of your destiny & purpose
- Renewal of the heart
- Reaffirmation of identity
- Realignment to kingdom

# Heavenly Encounters

- Reclaim the ground of the supernatural
- Many biblical experiences hijacked and put off limits by “New Age”
- Meditation, Visions, Trances, Translation, Transrelocation etc.
- Quantum mystics hijacking scientific discoveries to form New Age Physics - pantheistic





# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their **senses trained** to discern good and evil.
- Start by faith – God always responds to faith
- Develop the use of the gift of tongues
- Activate your imagination
- Use the natural things – doors, gates, rivers, thrones
- Use biblical images as a gateway

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Gen 28:12 He had a dream, and behold, **a ladder was set on the earth** with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And behold, the **LORD stood above it** and said, “I am the LORD,
- Gen 28:16 “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” 17 He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than **the house of God**, and this is **the gate of heaven.**”

# Heavenly Encounters- Positioning

- John 14:2 In My **Father's house** are many **dwelling places**; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare you to be a **dwelling place**. 3 If I go to prepare you to be a dwelling place, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that **where I am**, there you may be also. (my paraphrase)
- John 14:10 Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me**? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the **Father abiding in Me does His works**.

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and **make Our home** with him.
- You are a house, dwelling, habitation of God – an embassy of heaven on earth
- You are a gateway of heaven to earth - an ambassador

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Your eternal destiny is to rule – Plan A
- Gen 1:28 God **blessed** them; and God said to them, “Be **fruitful** and **multiply**, and **fill** the earth, and **subdue** it; and **rule**
- Administer the will of God (His kingdom) on Earth as it is in heaven
- 1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD
- You have a kingly & priestly identity
- You can access dual realms

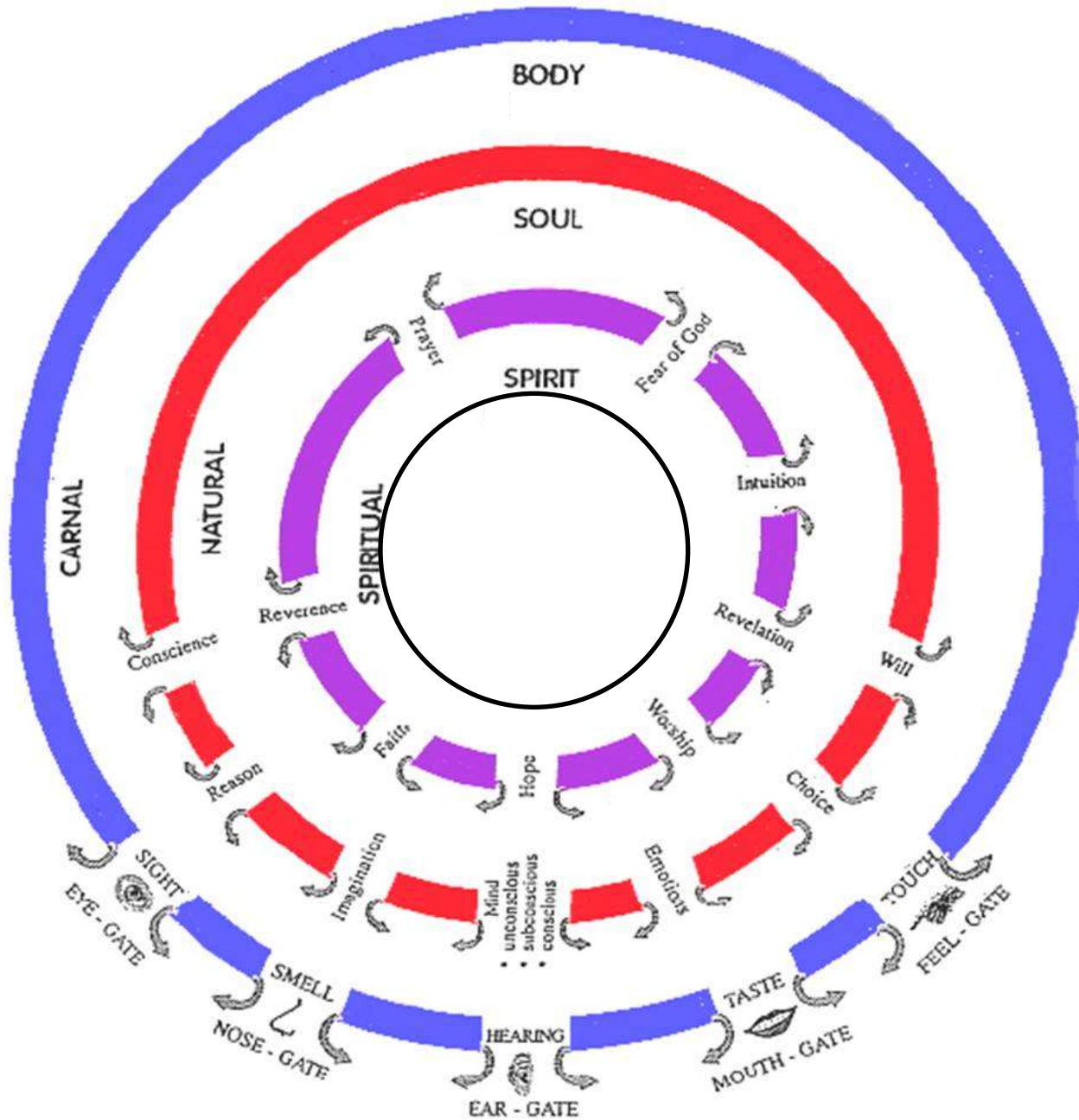
# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- You are an ambassador of heaven
- You are a channel for heaven to flow to earth
- Your destiny is to rule through an intimate love relationship with God as His sons
- Churches Destiny is to rule – Plan A
- Isa 2:2 Mountain of house of the Lord raised up above all other mountains
- Church is the embassy of heaven on earth
- We operate under higher kingdom authority & power

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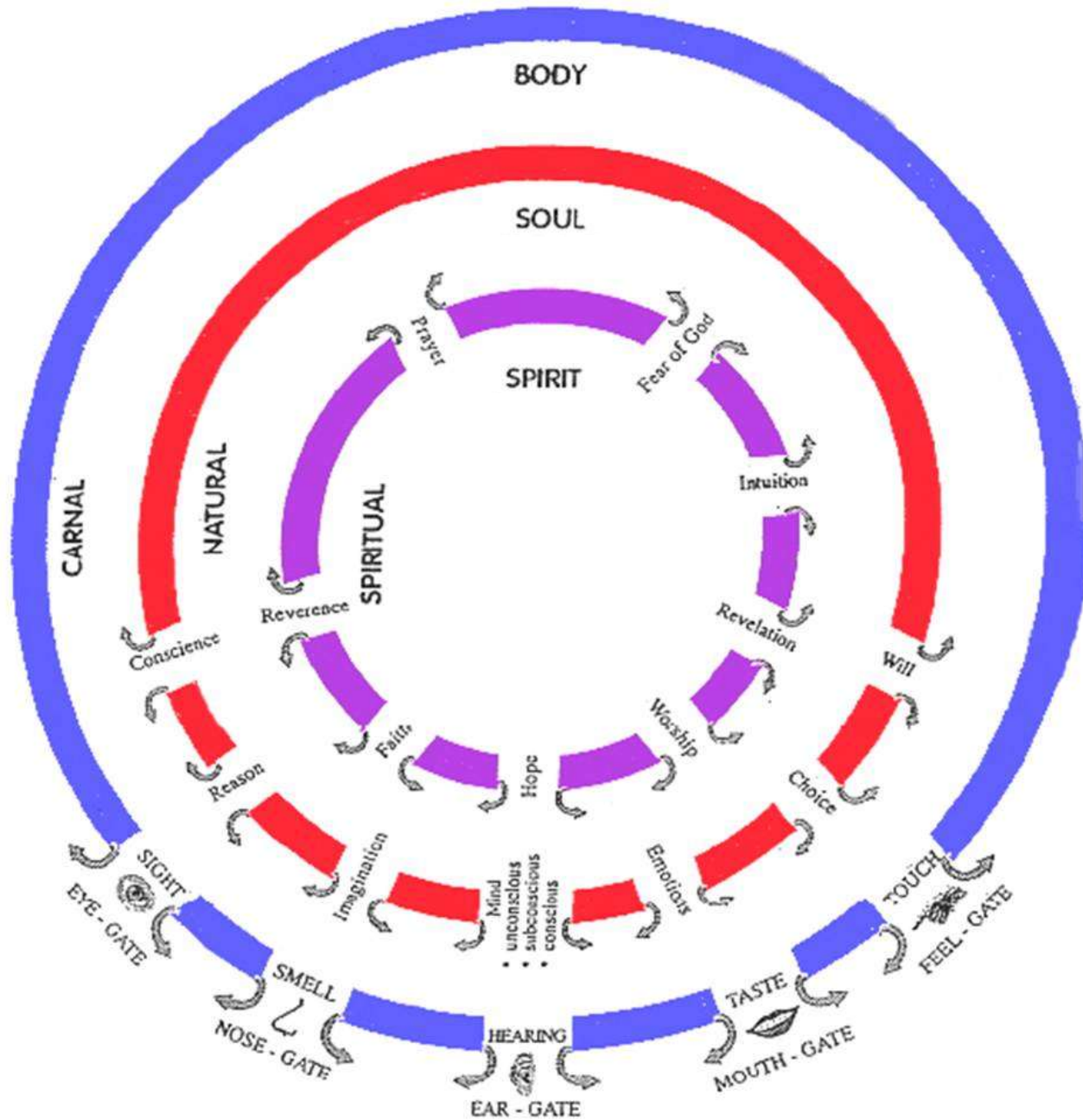
- Destiny flows through a strong spirit
- Destiny is blocked by a dominant soul
- Soul must be restored & refined to restore order - Spirit - Soul - Body
- Destiny - Glory of God to be manifested on earth & beyond through sons of light
- 1 Cor 6:<sup>17</sup> But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.





# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- We all have a Body, Soul & Spirit
- Body enables us to relate to world
- Soul enables to relate to ourselves
- Spirit enables us to relate to God
- We all start out messed up divided, separated, dead spiritually
- In the beginning Adam was spirit, soul & body in perfect harmony & joined with God
- No self awareness independent of God



# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Revelation of our identity & authority
- You are a dwelling of God's presence
- You are connected to heaven through God
- You have a flow of abundant life flowing like a river from heaven (spiritual realm)
- River should flow from heaven through God to our spirit, soul, body to world around us
- God's will (kingdom rule) in heaven will operate in us, through us & around us

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Flow revelation, resources, authority, light, glory, God's presence & power from the unseen spiritual heavenly dimension into the physical realm through the gateways of our lives

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- John 4:<sup>14</sup> ..the water that I will give him shall become a spring of water welling up (flowing, bubbling) [continually] within him unto (into, from, for) eternal life.
- John 7:<sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is **before all things**, and in Him all things hold together.
- Spiritual or heavenly realm authority & power is higher than & rules over the physical realm
- Spiritual laws or principles supersede natural laws and principles - miracles

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Healing overrules sickness & disease
- Deliverance overrules captivity & bondage
- Jesus is our example of heaven ruling earth through his life
- Changed & transformed things
- Miracles are where the spiritual realm overrules physical laws



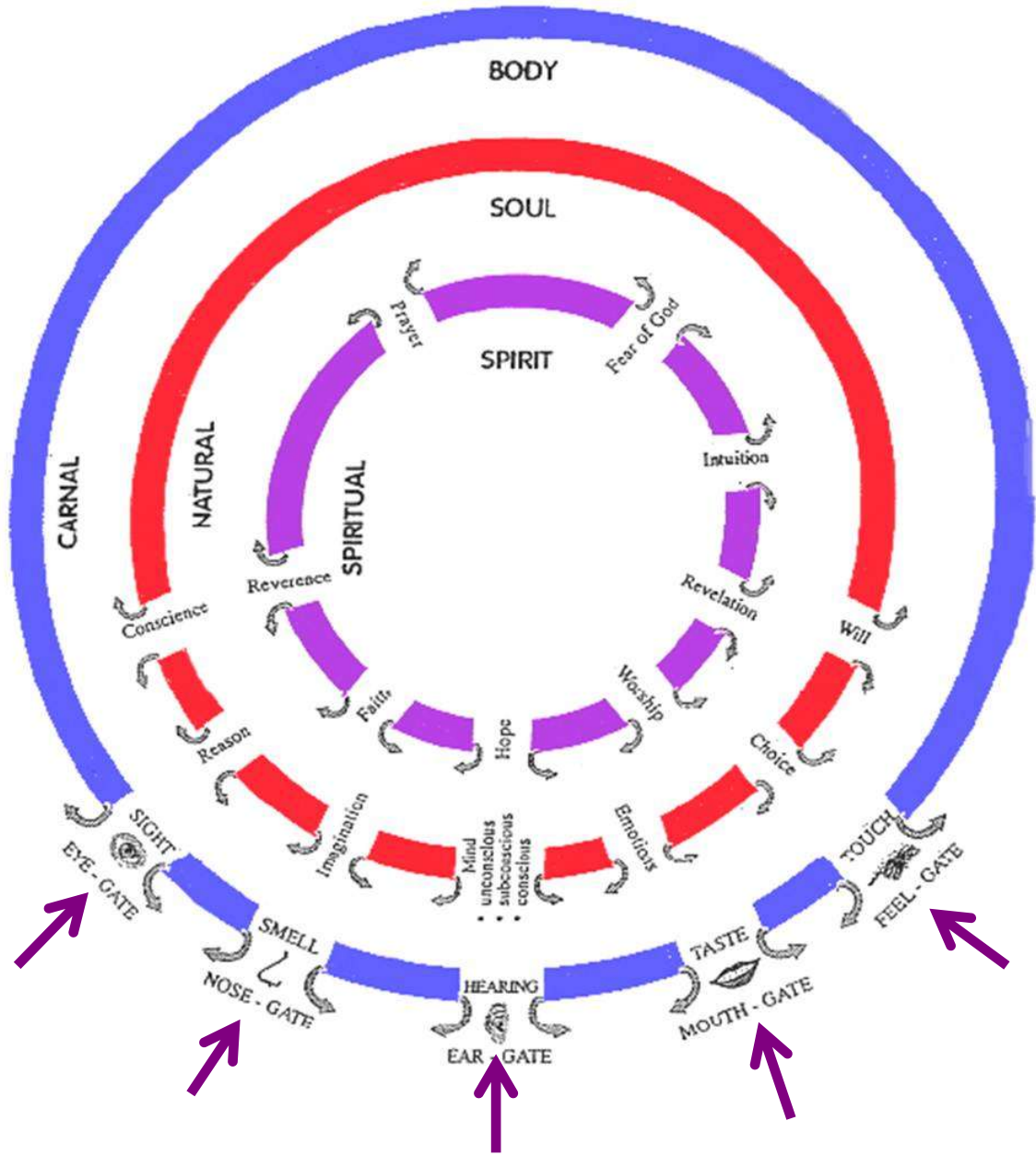
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- Walked on water
- Turned water into wine & multiplied food
- Passed through people
- Disappeared from natural sight
- Controlled weather
- Healed the sick & cast out demons
- Restored things & Raised the dead
- Made money appear in a fish's mouth

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- How did Jesus do those things?
- He did miracles as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit in an intimate relationship with His Father
- John 3:<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man **who is in heaven**.
- John 6: <sup>19</sup> 'Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he **sees his Father doing**, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Sight Hearing Smell Taste Touch



# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Everything has flowed from the outside in
- Learn to relate to world around us through our 5 physical senses
- Interpret the world through electrical impulses in the brain
- See - interpret spatial awareness
- Hear - interpret mechanical pressure waves
- Smell - interpret chemical particles

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Taste – sweet, sour, salty, bitter, savoury
- Touch – hot, cold, soft, hard
- Memories of experiences stored & reused
- Learned through practice to train our senses
- Soul also has senses that have been trained, from the outside in by nature, nurture & trauma
- Spirit also has to be trained to flow from inside out

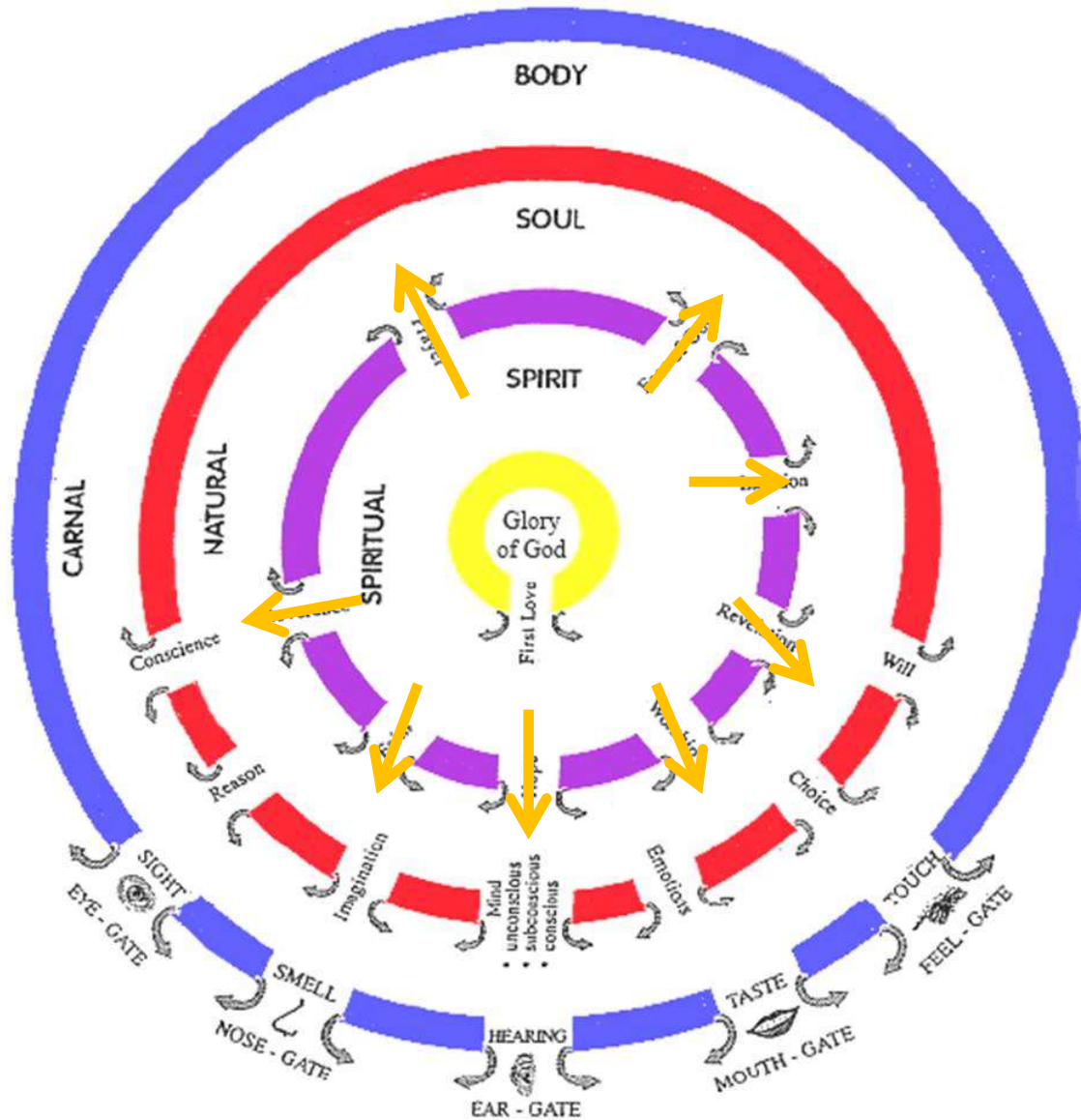
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# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Learn to tune into God's voice inside
- Learn to see from the inside
- Learn to hear from the inside
- Learn to feel from the inside
- Learn to be guided from the inside
- Learn to smell from inside
- Learn to touch from inside

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Spiritual senses – are trained through our relationship with God by interaction
- All knowing , All powerful, All present
- Spontaneous flow of revelation knowledge
- Thoughts of God dance in our minds
- Feelings of God move our emotions
- Impressions of God motivate our wills
- Visions & Pictures form in our imagination



Sight

Hearing

Smell

Taste

Touch

Fear of God

Reverence

**Worship**

Prayer

Hope

Faith

Revelation

Intuition

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Awestruck All Knowing,  
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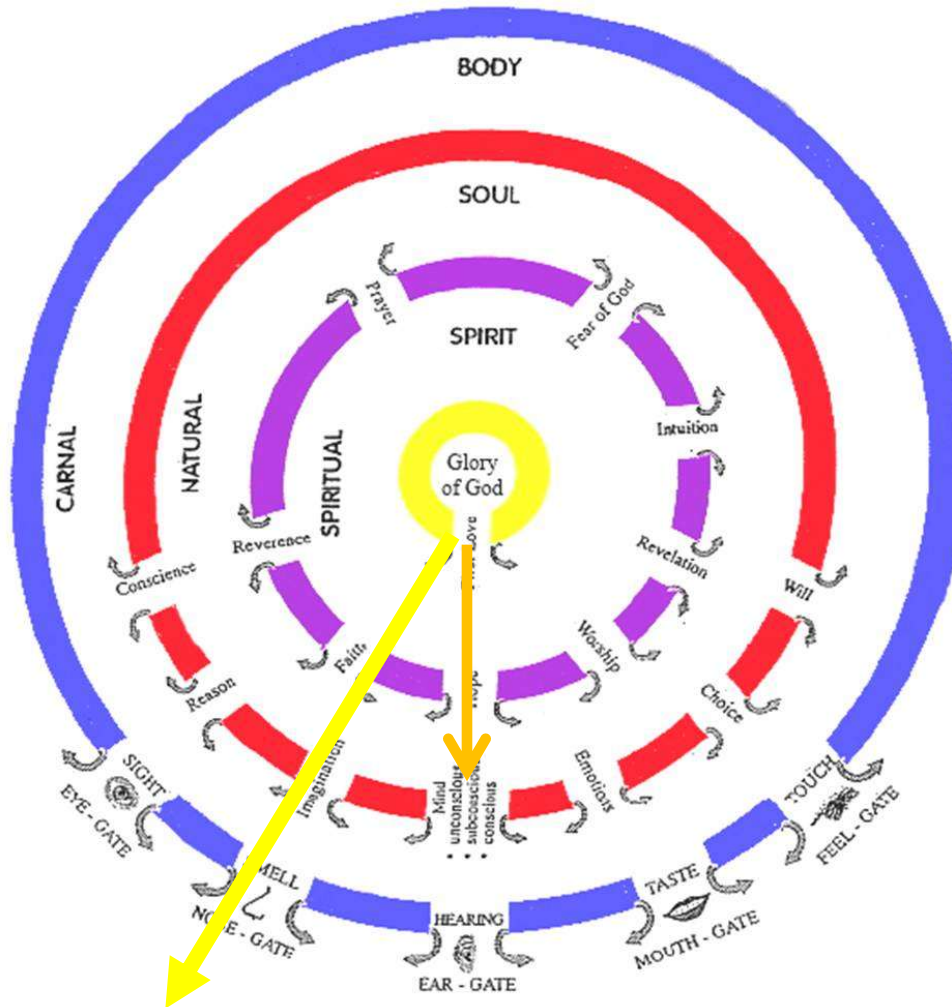
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Heavenly Access



# Spirit Gates

## Training our Senses by Practice

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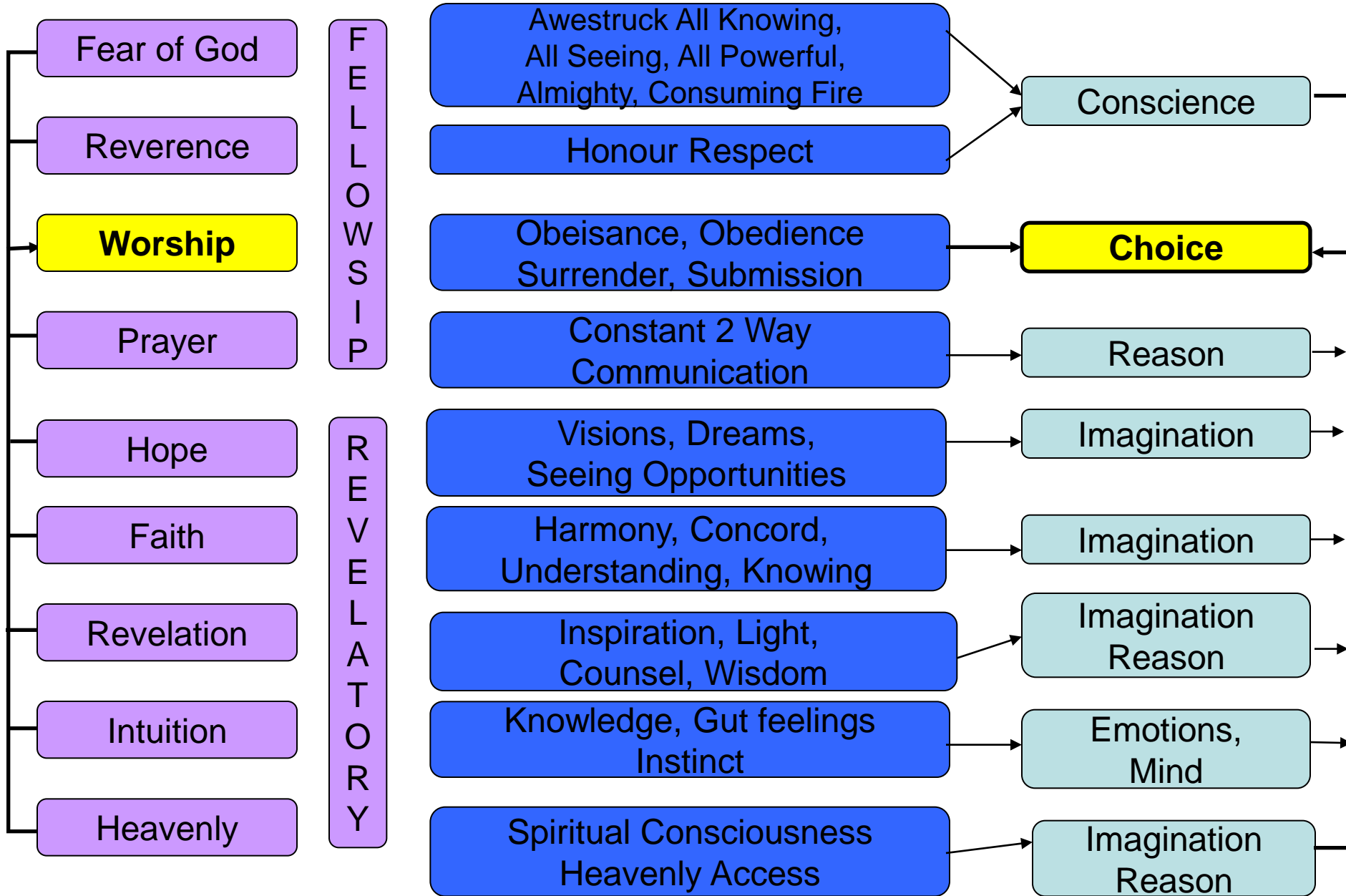
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# Spirit Gates

## Training our Senses by Practice



# Soul Gates

Ears

Conscience

Protector  
Director

Guard  
Guide

Voice

Reason

Translator  
Interpreter

Understand  
Explain

Eyes

Imagination

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**Choice**

**Do What Jesus Would Do**

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Beliefs Values

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Feelings

Guts  
Moved

Will

Persistence  
Courage

Boldness  
Endurance

# Heavenly Encounters - Positioning

- Gifts & callings are linked to gate activity
- Prophetic – hope gate, revelation gate
- Spiritual gifts flow - Intuition gate - Words knowledge, wisdom, distinguishing spirits
- Healing, miracles – Faith Gate
- We all need reverence, fear of God, prayer gates open for an intimate relationship
- Will we be worshippers – obedient?

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- Practice exercises

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- Practice
- Desire – Discipline – Delight

# Heavenly Encounters - Practicing

- God's voice is a flow of spontaneous thoughts, pictures, feelings, impressions
- Become still so you can sense the flow of thoughts and emotions within
- Fix you're the eyes of your heart upon Jesus to see in the spirit
- Journal what He says and shows you



# Heavenly Encounters - Practicing

- Isa 40:31 But those who **wait on the Lord** shall change and renew their strength and power;
- Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God
- Psa 46:10 Cease striving, Let be and be still and know that I am God;

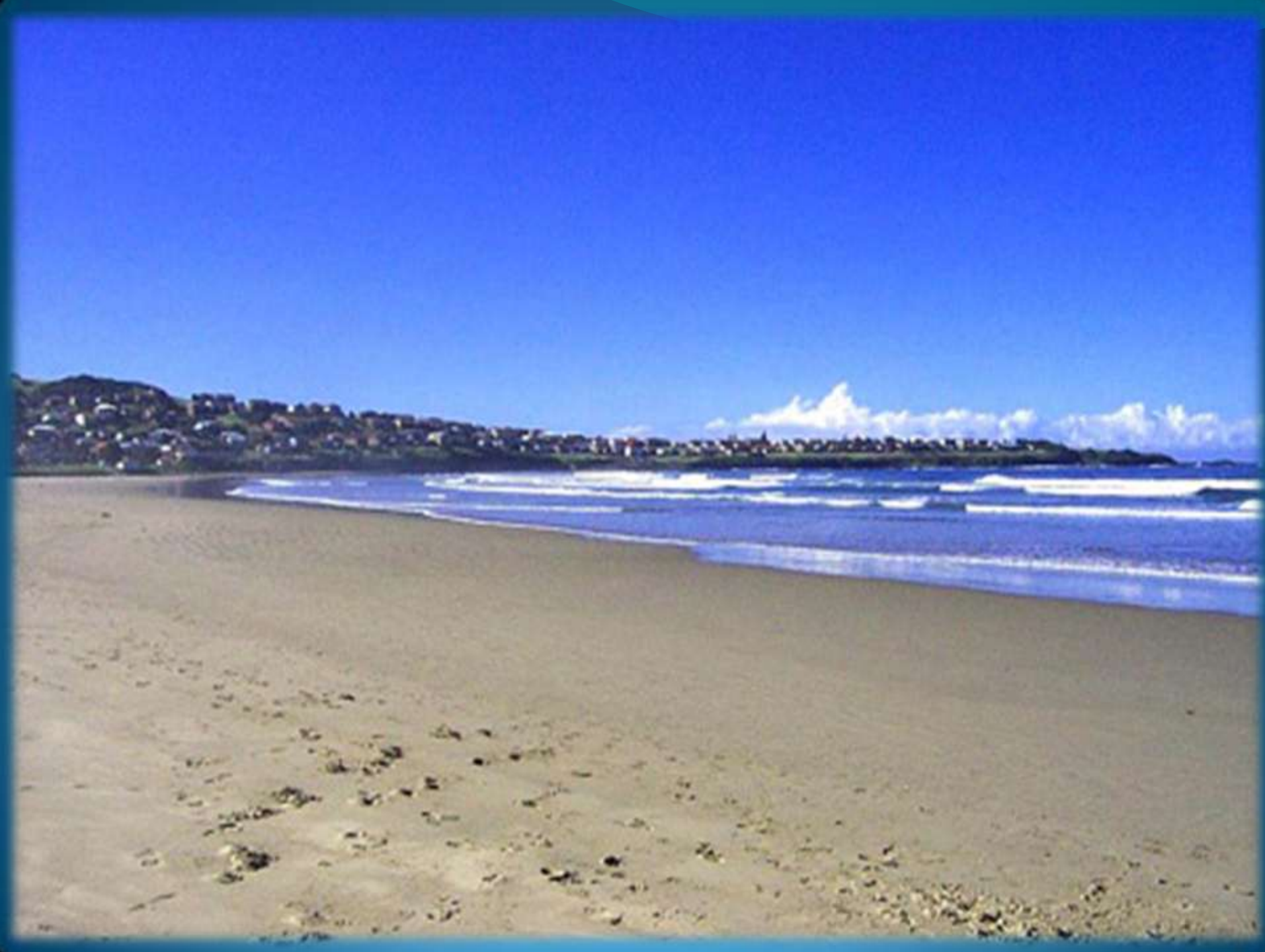


*Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow;  
it empties today of its strength.*



# Heavenly Encounters - Practicing

- Activate your imagination
- Close your eyes Picture your front door
- Picture a door you reaching for the handle
- Picture a door with light around it
- Close eyes picture a beach
- Picture the sea shore



# Heavenly Encounters - Practicing

- Snap shot image
- Impression
- Knowing
- Feelings
- Full Hollywood production
- All equally valid communication