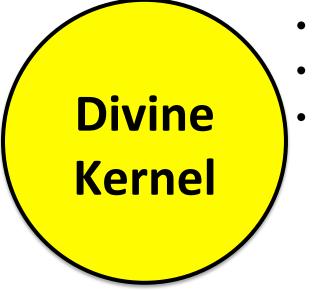
# Feeling All Feelings – the Doorway to Spiritual Aliveness

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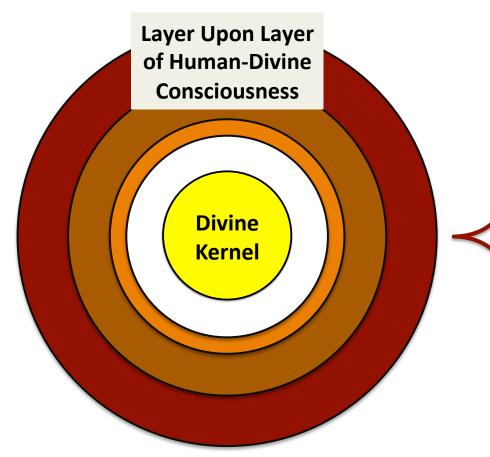
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# **Human Beings Before the Fall**



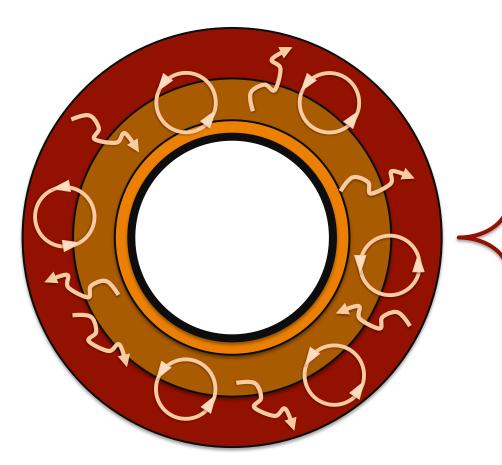
- Godlike
  - Moved by Creative, Cosmic Forces
- Expressed universal consciousness
  - In every breath and
  - In every move
    - Of their eternally living existence.
- Felt Oneness of all Beings/Cosmos
  - No Separation

# **Human Beings After the Fall**



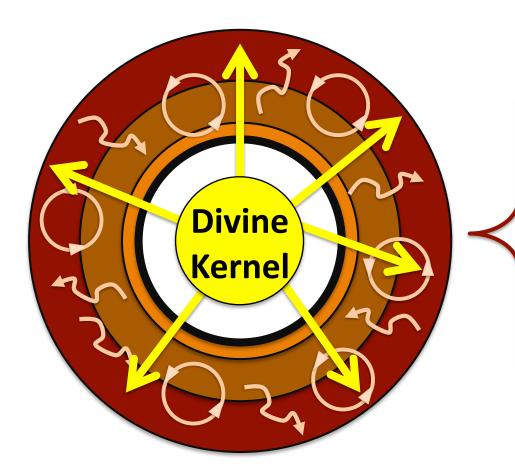
- Erroneous Ideas
- Destructive Reactions
- Destructive Feelings
- Spiritual Blindness
- Unhappiness
- Suffering

#### **Human Beings After the Fall**



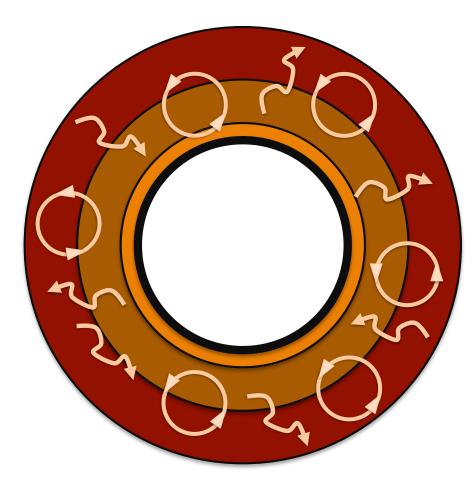
- Human-Divine Consciousness:
  - Functions on own --Separateness
  - Not nurtured by Divine Kernel but rather by the error that brought it to be.
  - Resulting in Vicious Circles – no way out

#### Human Beings After the Fall



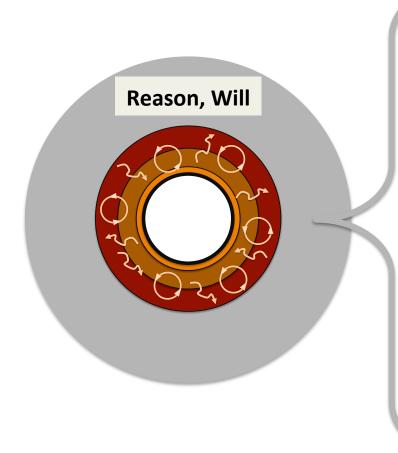
- Yet the freshness issuing from the source:
  - Is indivisible
  - Unifies all splits and conflicts

# In Primitive Human Beings – And In the Human Soul Today



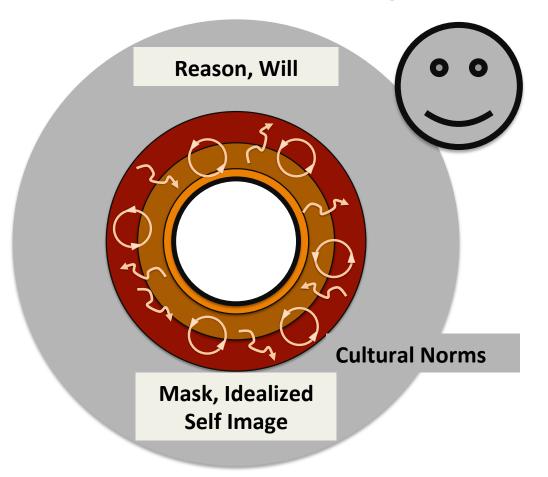
- Violence
- Greed
- Separateness
- Destructive Emotions
- Blindness
- Suffering
- Freely Acted Out
  - No Self-awareness
  - No inhibitions
  - No conscience
- Never sensing other's pain as their own

#### First Stages of Consciousness Growth

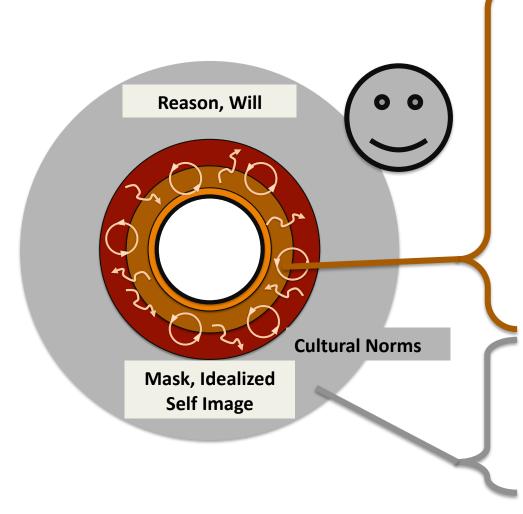


- Enculturation
- First Reasoning Process
  - Learn that unchecked acting out of feelings yields more pain
- Social Conscience emerges
  - From Instinct of Self
    Preservation
  - But <u>not</u> from inner sense of Oneness from Divine Kernel
- Inner urge to destroy, etc. kept in check by
  - Reason
  - Will, Self Discipline

#### Growth of Consciousness, Civilized Behavior --Emergence of Mask Self and Idealized Self Image

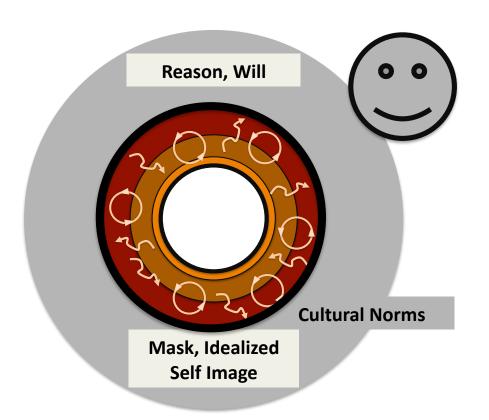


#### **Keeping the Lid on Negative Feelings**



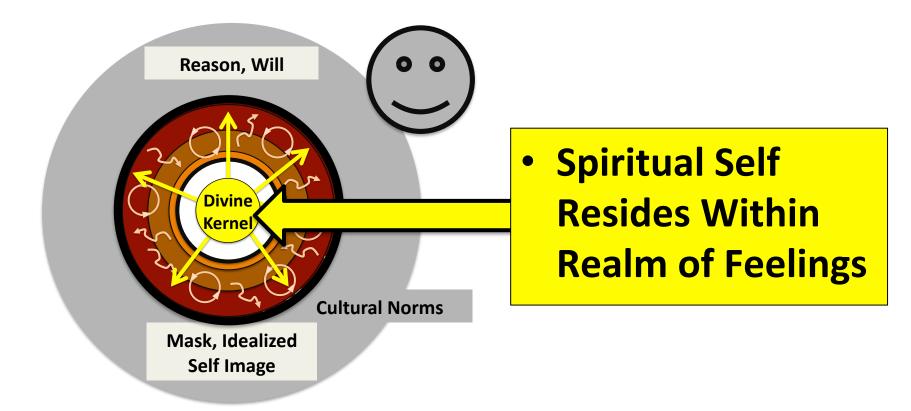
- Realm of Spontaneous Negative Feelings
  - Seething mass of
    - Denied pain, Hence:
    - Violence
    - Hate
    - Malice
  - Self Perpetuating
    - Though Negative, Alive Creative, Like Divine Kernel
  - Creates Highly Damaging
    - Impulses, Compulsions
  - Feared Greatly
- Negative Spontaneous Feelings
  - Held in Check by
    - Reason
    - Will
    - Self Discipline

# As Consciousness of Negative Feelings Grows...

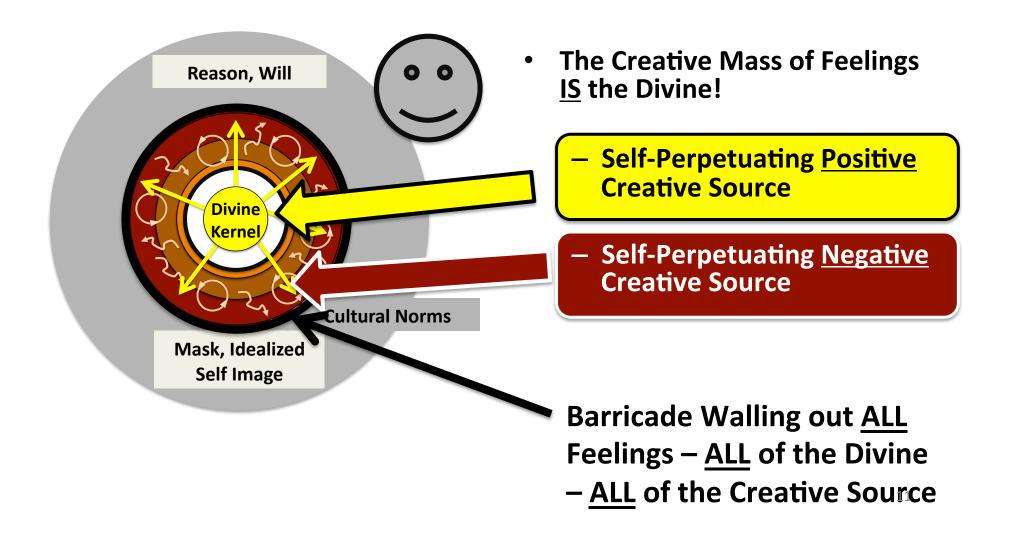


- People do best to
  - Deny
  - Cover up
  - Inactivate

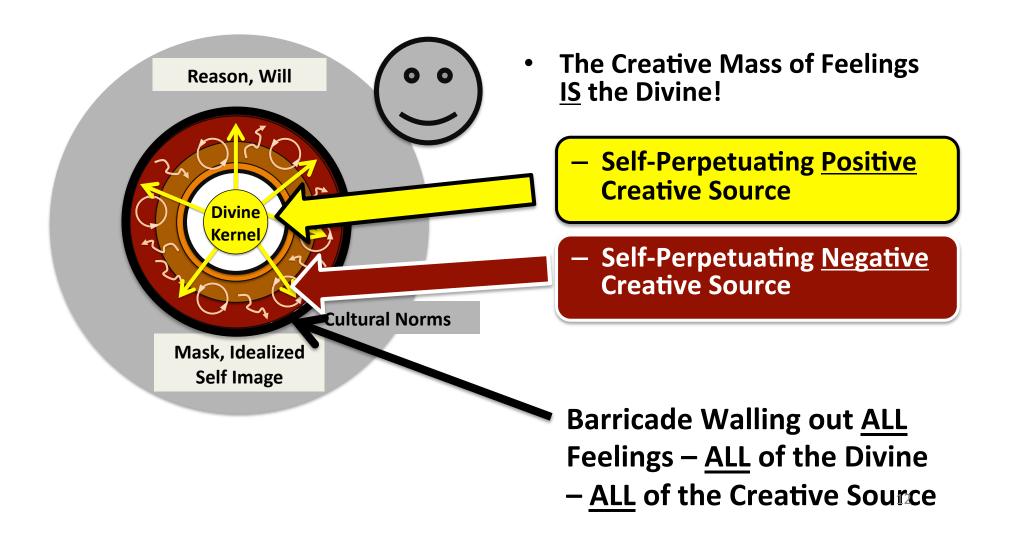
#### **But in the Process Cover Up Spiritual Self**



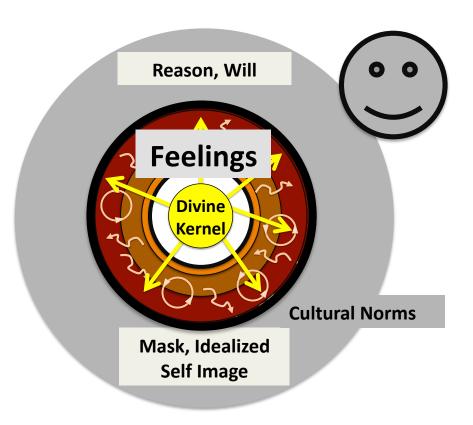
#### <u>Reason</u> and <u>Will</u> Build up a Barricade Walling Out ALL Feelings, Walling Out the Divine Source



This Phase of Barricading Out All Feelings, and hence the Divine, the Creative Source, Is a <u>Necessary Phase</u> for the Soul to Go Through – Builds <u>Self-Responsibility</u>

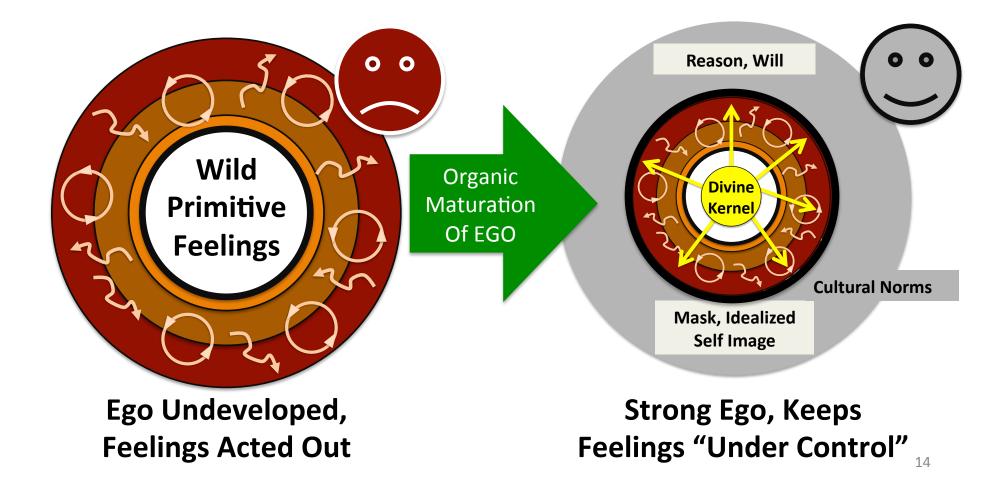


#### Rule of <u>Reason</u> and <u>Will</u> (Self-Discipline) Over the Realm of <u>Feelings</u>



- Reason and Will
  - Have Dominated Feelings
  - As a Safety Measure
    - "I must keep destructiveness under control!"
    - Belief: All feelings are destructive
  - This Belief Must be unlearned
  - Destructive Feelings
    - Are primitive
    - Must grow and mature
    - Into Original Divine State
  - But destructive feelings can mature only when they can be felt, experienced and observed

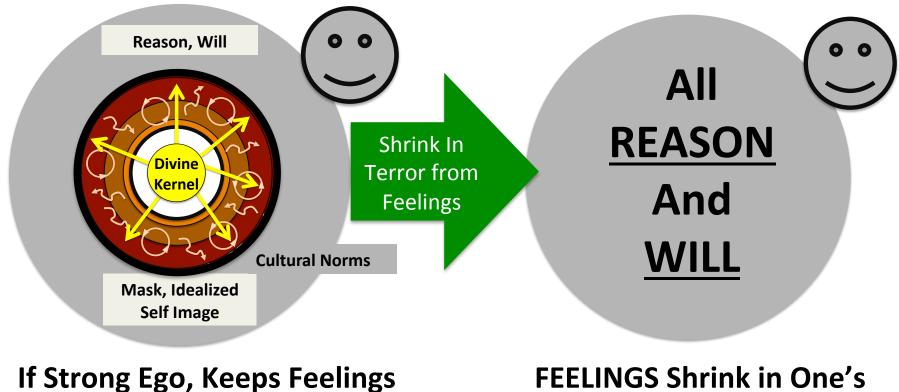
Humankind's Organic Maturation From <u>Primitive</u> (Wild, Uncontrolled Feelings; Dark Ages) To <u>Civilized</u> (Reason/Will) Stage of Consciousness



#### **BUT the Next Stage of Consciousness Appears** Dangerous and Wrong. **Reason and Will Reconsider FEELINGS** Reason, Will 0 0 Wild **EGO Looks** Divine **Primitive** Back on Kerne **FEELINGS Feelings Cultural Norms** Mask, Idealized Self Image World of FEELINGS

Strong Ego, Keeps Feelings "Under Control" Believes FEELINGS are WRONG

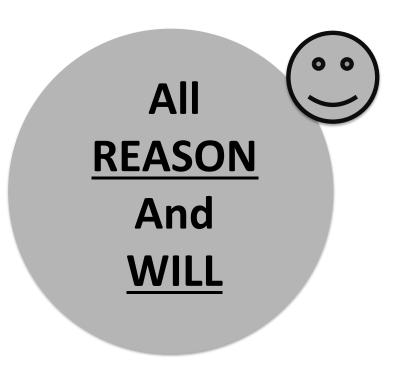
#### Some are So Terrified by Feelings, that they **Continue Developing Reason and Will, Choking Out Feelings, and Becoming Lopsided**



"Under Too-Tight Control"

**Consciousness to Nil** 16

# Where Most of Humankind is Arrested and Stuck Today



- Dominance of
  - Technology
  - Science
- No Experience of
  - Feelings
  - Spirituality
- Only Ideas, Ideals and Theories about
  - Love
  - Spirituality
- A Philosophy adhered to in principle as an idea or concept.
- Never the REAL, the FEELING SELF
- The FEELING SELF
  - Appears to be Great Enemy
  - Unreliable
  - Dangerous

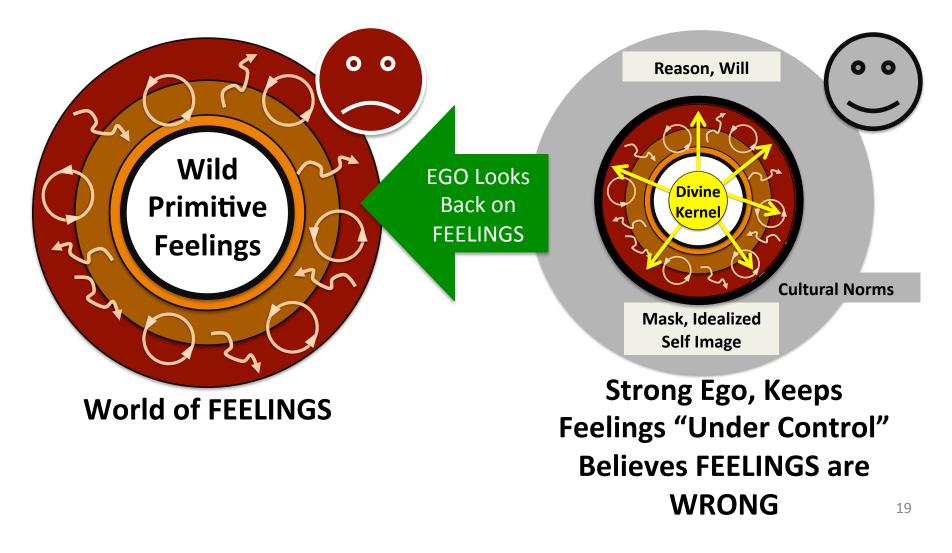
# **Beginning of an Awakening**



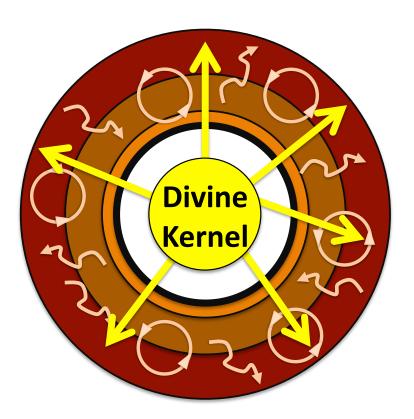
Begin to See the Deadness of a Feelingless World

- Become Conscious of One's
  - Poverty of Real Feelings
  - One's Cautiousness
  - One's Deadness
- Recognize the truth: that the Self is <u>Half Dead</u> with but a few feelings
- Do not confuse
  - <u>Desire</u> to Feel and Love (in principle, as a theory, a command)
  - With <u>Actually</u> Feeling and Loving

The <u>Great Predicament</u>: Feelings Have Caused Great Havoc, Yet Seeing that one Cannot Attain Self-Realization Unless One Learns to Cope with the Realm of Feelings

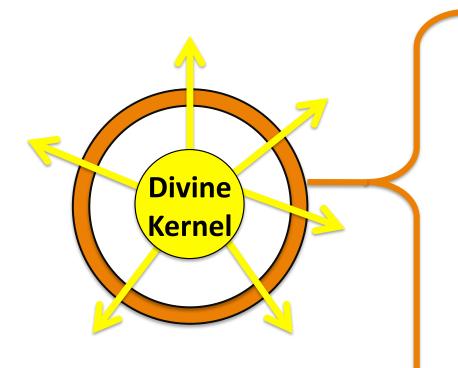


#### Looking Back At Feelings Lesson 1



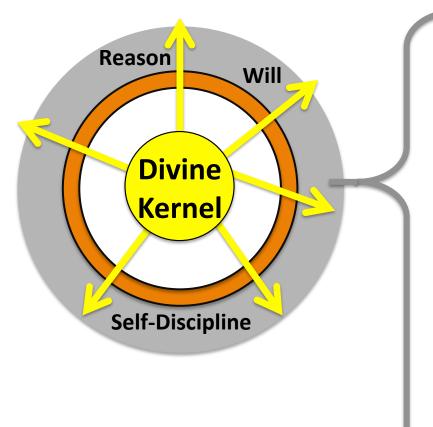
- YES, There IS a Divine Kernel That Is My Essence!
- I am NOT <u>ALL</u> BAD at a Feeling Level
- I can <u>FEEL</u> and <u>Experience</u> aspects of my <u>Divine Kernel</u>

# Looking Back At Feelings Lesson 2



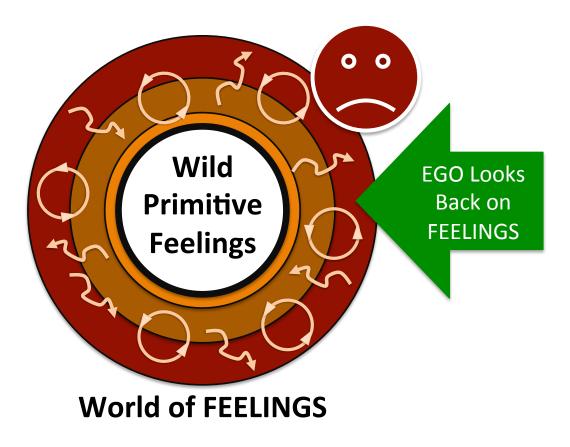
- YES, the Layer of Negativity Does Exist
  - Meaningless Bleakness
  - Unknown Terror
  - Reasonless Violence
  - Selfishness
- BUT, This is not a bottomless well of negativity
- In Fact the Negative Layer is but a <u>Thin</u> <u>Veneer</u>!

## Looking Back At Feelings Lesson 3



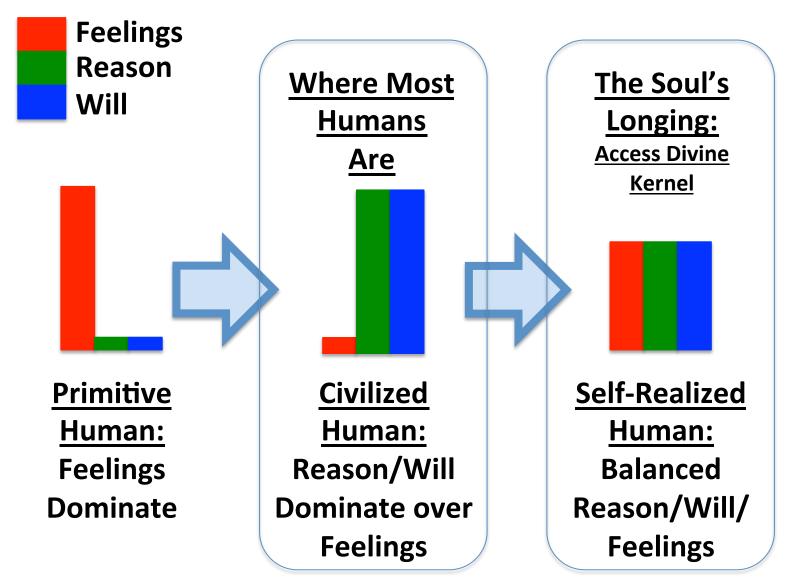
- EGO has developed
  - Strong Reason
  - Strong Will
  - Self-Discipline
  - No danger of being "swept away" by feelings
- One would not be on this path if one's EGO were not strong enough.
- Fear to <u>Experience</u>
  Feelings is unfounded.

#### So Dare to Look Back At Feelings

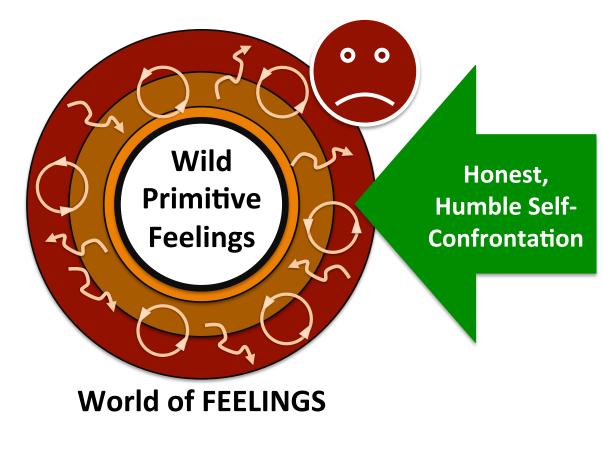


- Do not hold back feelings, <u>let them out</u>
- Allow them to become <u>conscious</u>
- <u>Observe</u> feelings, <u>all</u> feelings, without fright
- Do not act upon them
- Rather choose responses deliberately

# **Evolution: Feeling, Reason, Will**



#### **How to Look Back At Feelings**



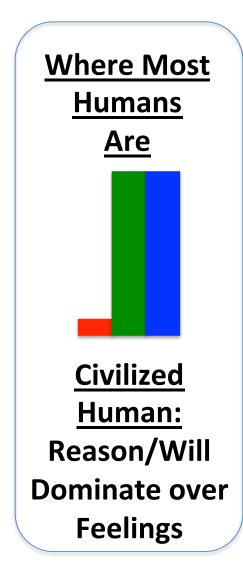
- Do not control feelings, <u>let them out</u>
- <u>Recognize</u> Feelings
- Feel what you Feel
- But do <u>not</u> Act Out
- Rather, Honest and Humble <u>Self-</u> <u>Confrontation</u>
- Come to <u>Know</u> <u>Yourself</u> at the <u>Feeling</u> <u>Level</u> without acting out

#### **Reviewing the Maturation Process**



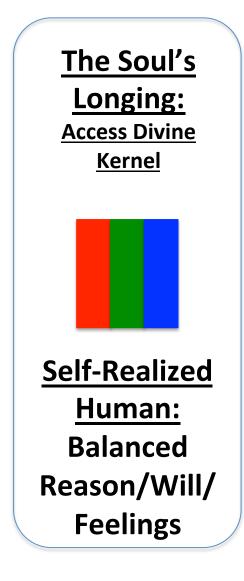
<u>Primitive</u> <u>Human:</u> Feelings Dominate  <u>Primitive</u> Human is Lopsided – Completely Controlled by Emotions

# **Reviewing the Maturation Process**



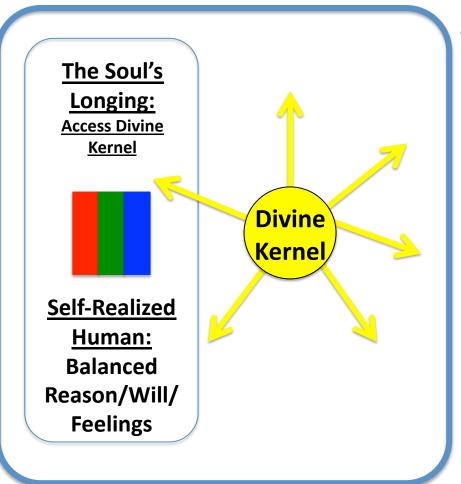
- <u>Civilized</u> Human is Lopsided – Dominated by Reason and Will
- Emotional Life Thwarted
- BUT Closer to Divine Kernel than is the Primitive Human

## **Reviewing the Maturation Process**



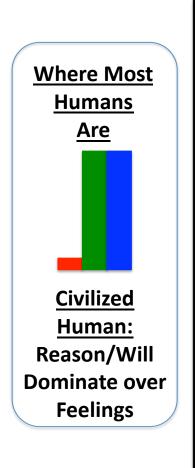
- <u>Self-Realized</u> Human is Balanced:
  - Reason
  - Will
  - Feelings

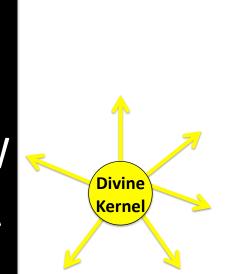
# Self-Realized Person Accesses <u>Divine Kernel</u>



- <u>Divine Kernel</u>
  - Living
  - Pulsating
  - Energizing Mass
  - Highest Consciousness
  - Highest Wisdom
  - Self-Perpetuating
  - Self-Creating
  - Intense, Potent Aliveness

# When Feelings Are Feared or Denied, Aliveness Is Denied

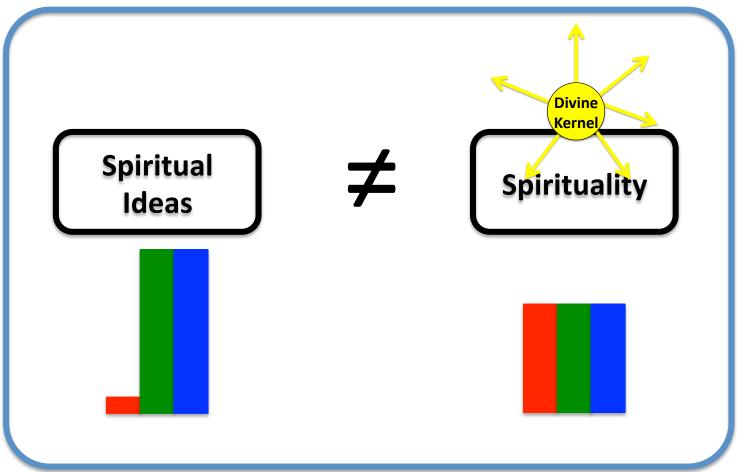




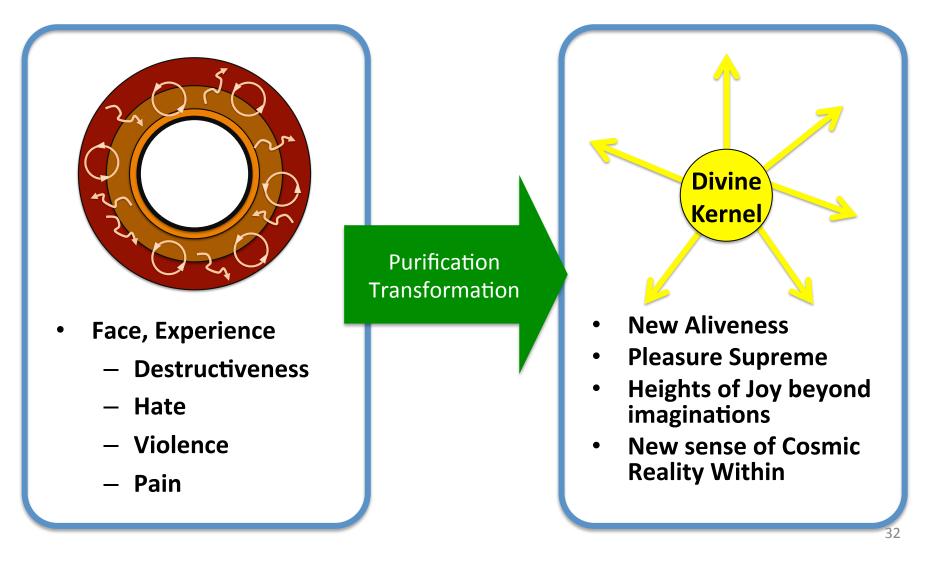
- <u>Reason</u> and <u>Will</u> by themselves
  - Can <u>Never</u> Bring:
    - <u>Aliveness</u>
    - <u>The consciousness of the</u> <u>Divine Nucleus.</u>
  - Leaves One Half Dead
- <u>Feelings</u> are Necessary for <u>Spiritual Aliveness</u>

# Challenges in the Realm of <u>Reason</u> and <u>Will</u>:

Do Not Confuse Spirituality with Mere Spiritual Ideas



#### Purifying and Transforming Destructive Feelings

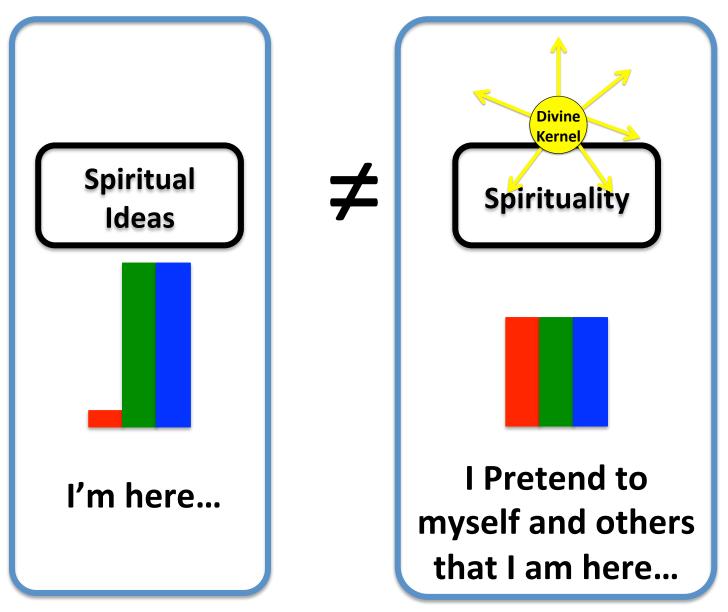


# Beautiful World of Self-Realization and Experienced Spirituality



- Pleasure Supreme
- Experience heights of joy never dreamed possible

#### **Danger and Price of Pretense**



# The End

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