

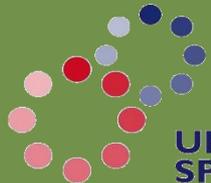
INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITISM



LESSON 7

Fundamentals of Spiritism

MULTITUDE OF WORLDS



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Fundamentals of Spiritism



Existence of God



Existence of Spirits and their survival after death



Reincarnation



Multitude of inhabited worlds



Communicability of the Spirits



We agree:

- Evolution of the spirit → reincarnation

•Question:

- Where is the spirit supposed to reincarnate in order to accomplish its evolution?





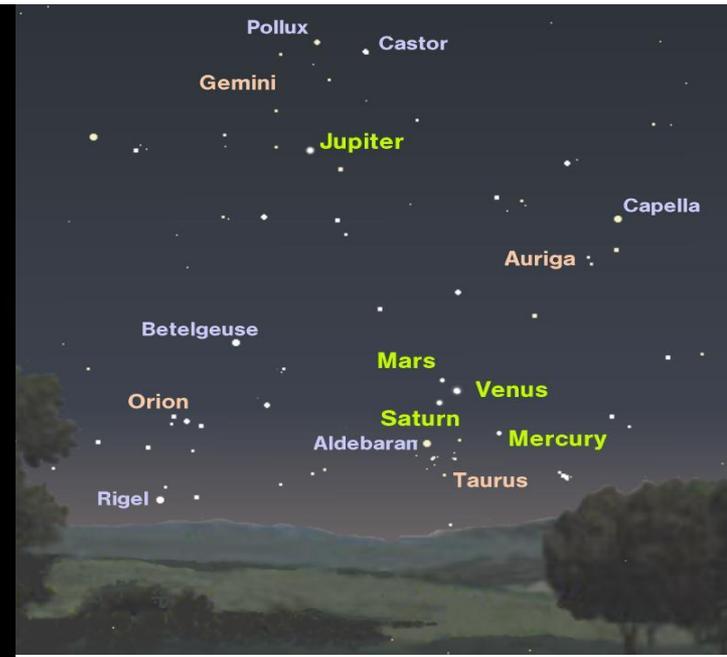
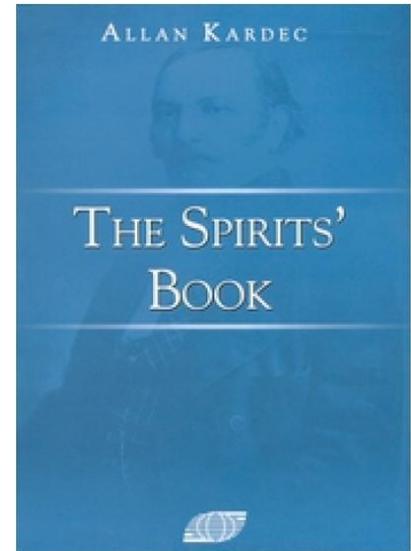
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.” - John, 14:1-2

- The ‘Father’s house’ Jesus speaks of is the UNIVERSE.
- The many places are the planets orbiting in space.

The Spirits' Book:

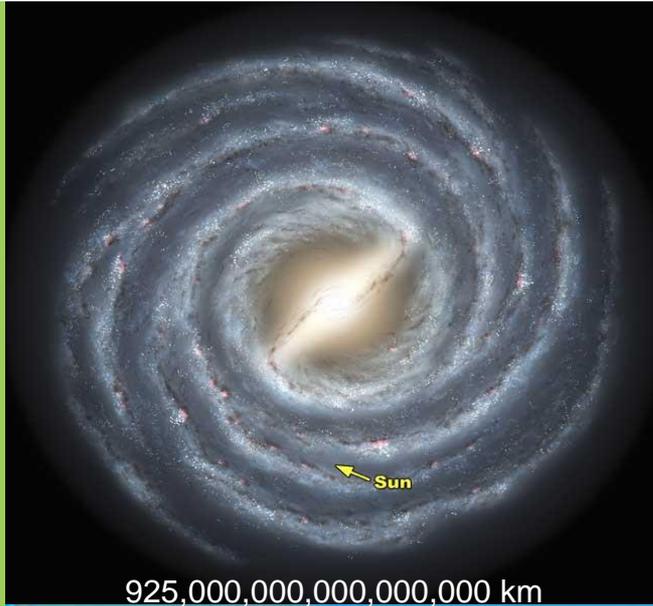
55. Are all the globes spinning through space inhabited?

"Yes, and contrary to what they believe, earthlings are far from being first in intelligence, goodness, and perfection(...)"



What is the purpose of the Universe?

There are about 400 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy. If you tried to count them one by one, it would take you over 3,000 years!



Our galaxy is not particularly large.



The Universe according to Spiritism

“The Universe consists of innumerable planets, both seen and unseen.



Farid De La Ossa Arrieta

It contains all animate and inanimate beings, and all the stars and energies that fill the space.” S.B., ch. 3

Multitude of Inhabited Worlds



Within the Universe there are other inhabited worlds, with beings at different degrees of evolution: some equal, others more or less evolved than Human Beings.

THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF INHABITED WORLDS

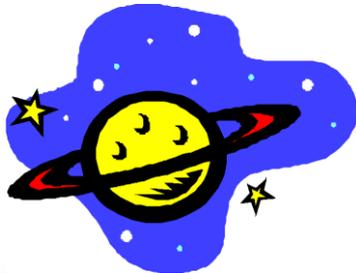
The Father's House

Different Worlds

Is the Universe
"Different Worlds:
Two Options"

Different Ambient

- THAT EXISTS IN THE INFINITE SPACE
- WORLDS OF INCARNATE SPIRITS
- ACCORDING TO THEIR DEGREE OF ADVANCEMENT



- THE ENVIRONMENT THEY LIVE IN
- THE ASPECTS OF THINGS
- THE SENSATIONS IT FEELS
- THE PERCEPTIONS IT HAS
- THE STATES OF IMPRISONMENT OR FREEDOM, LIGHT OR DARKNESS

**CAUSES OF VARIATIONS:
GOOD AND EVIL**

Errant Spirits: Are those who are waiting for a new Incarnation

Classification of the Worlds

1

Primitive Worlds: where evil dominates, intended for the first incarnations of the human soul, for example, the times of cavemen;

2

Worlds of Trials and Atonements: similar to earth, where ignorance and evil still predominate although intellect and technology are well developed;

3

Regenerative Worlds: where good and understanding predominate over ignorance;

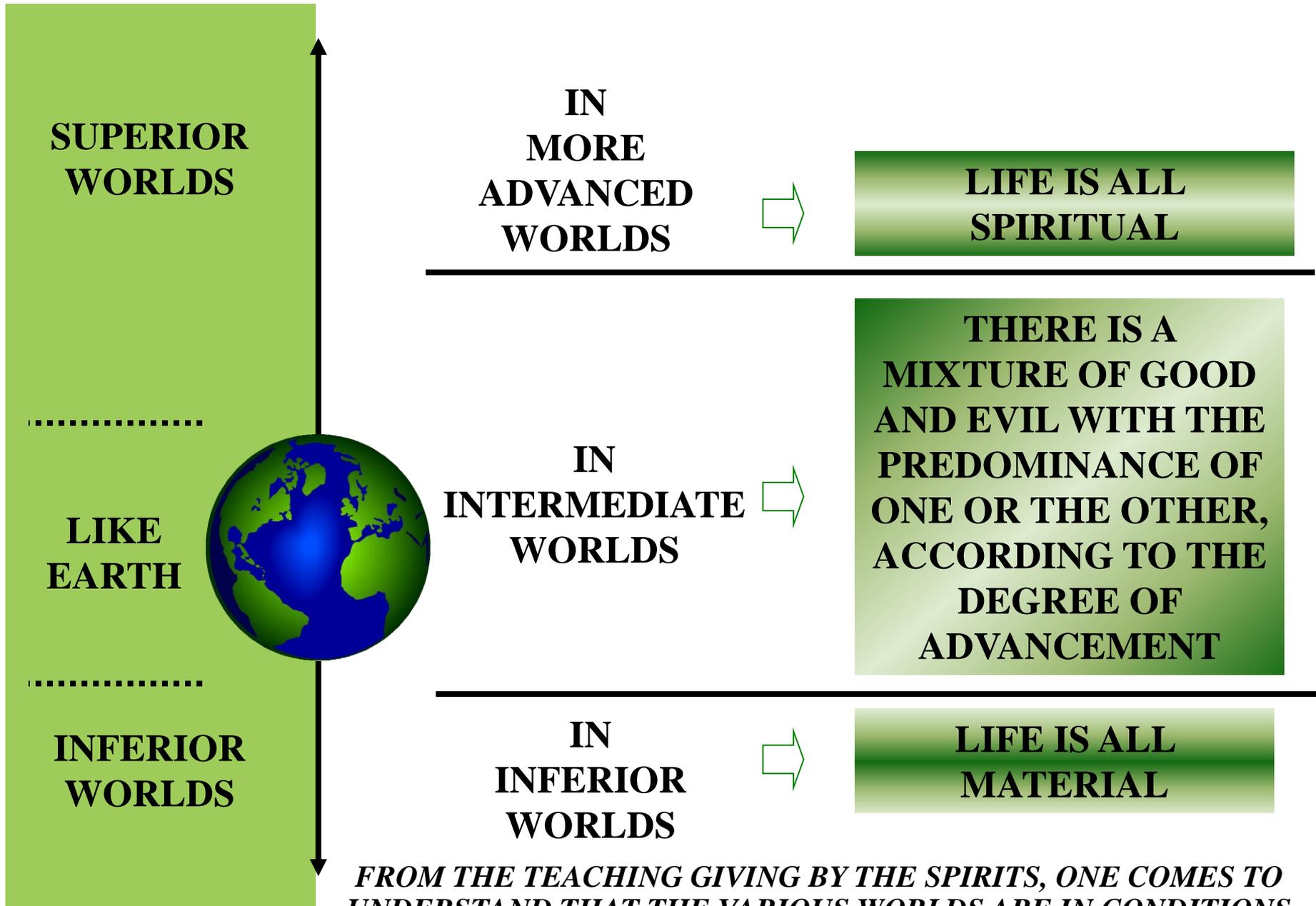
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Happy Worlds: orbs where ignorance is practically inexistent, people live for the good of society and seek progress together;

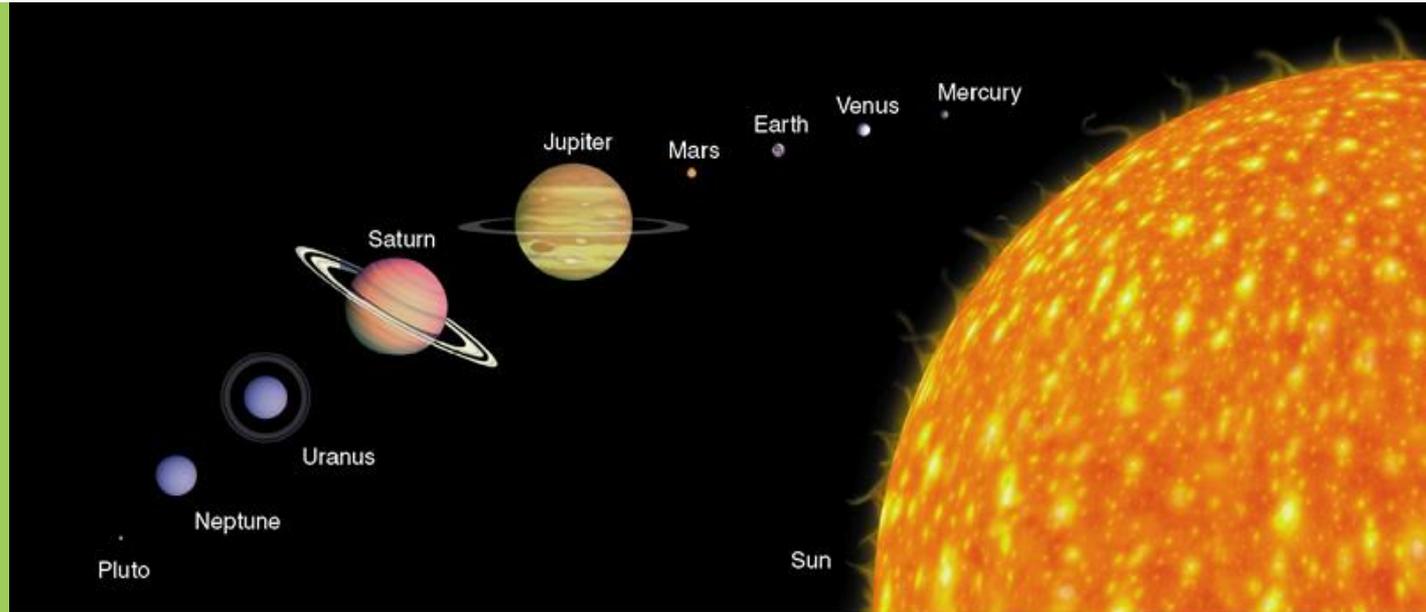
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Divine Worlds: the zones of purified spirits, where the good reigns completely.

THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF INHABITED WORLDS



FROM THE TEACHING GIVING BY THE SPIRITS, ONE COMES TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE VARIOUS WORLDS ARE IN CONDITIONS VERY DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER... AK - § 3

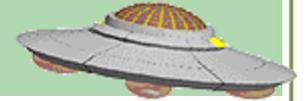


- **“The characteristics of the many inhabited worlds vary greatly depending on the spiritual evolution of the individuals living on them.”**
- **“Spirits who live their physical lives in a particular world are not attached to it indefinitely.”**

The Gospel According to Spiritism, Allan Kardec, Ch. 3

Options to Leave the Earth

MERIT: ... When spirits reach the maximum degree of advancement their world has to offer, they pass on to a more elevated one



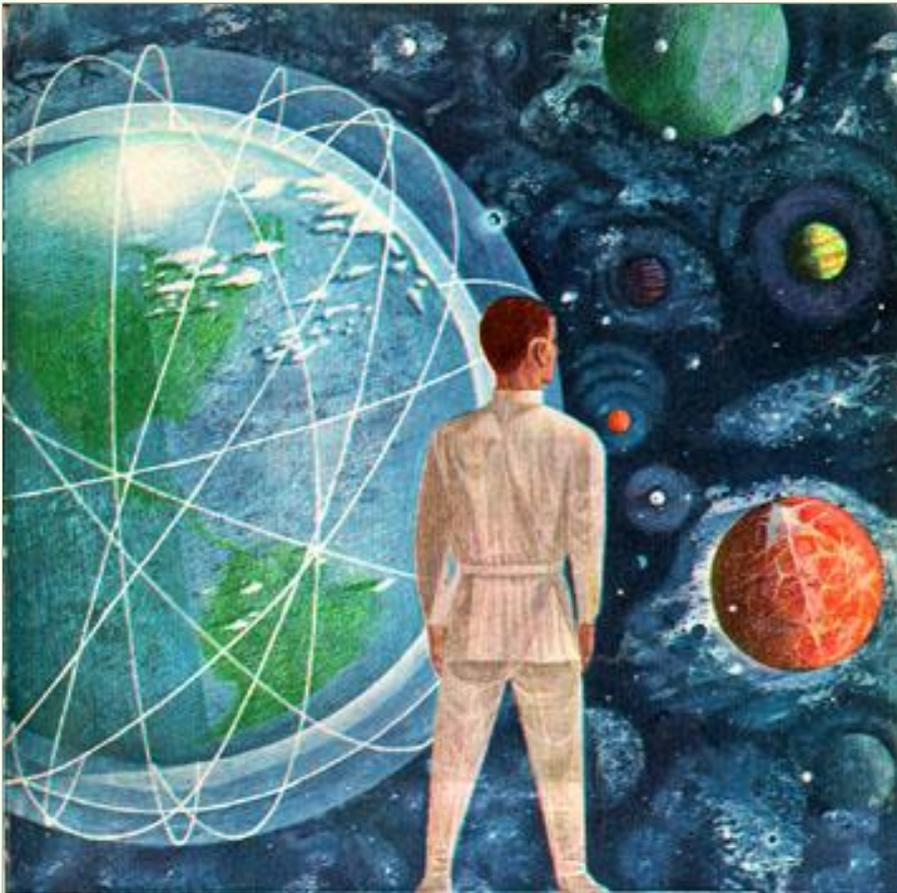
WE LEAVE THE EARTH ...



DEMERIT: ... When the spirit leaves to reincarnate in a more inferior world due to its persistence in evil.

“(...) it is a punishment to prolong one’s stay in a miserable world, or to be relegated to another even unhappier than that which one was forced to leave, due to persisting badness. (...)” *GAS* - § 5

Options to Leave the Earth



“There are collective emigrations and immigrations from one world to another. And, new elements, new races of spirits are introduced to the population of the globe. They come to mingle with existing races, constituting new races of human beings.”

Genesis by Allan Kardec (chapter 11, item 37)

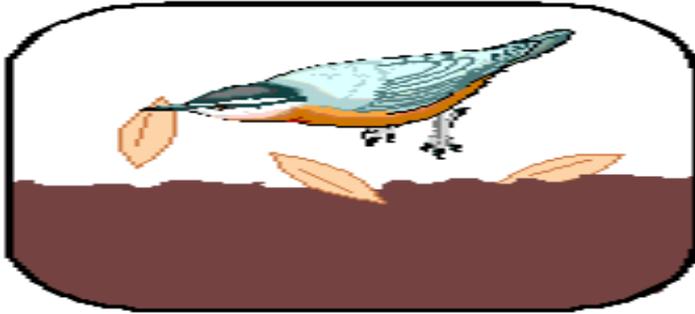
Parable of the Sower

"A sower went out to sow seeds. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Matthew 13, 4 - 9

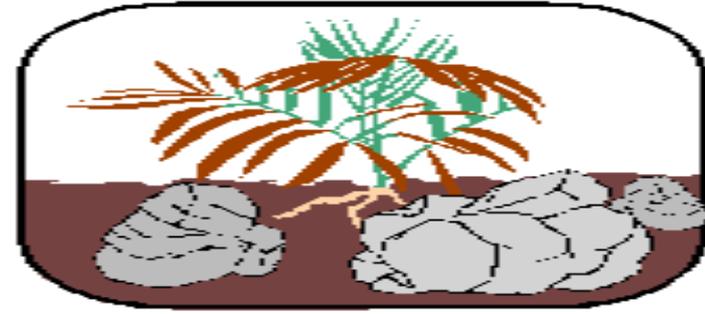


A Sower Went Out to Sow



packed soil

people who listen to God's word but disregard it. They're looking for material interests which are symbolized by the birds.



stony ground

people who listen to God's word and want to follow it. However, they are "too eager" and create blind faith, without a rational basis, so they don't create roots.



thorny ground

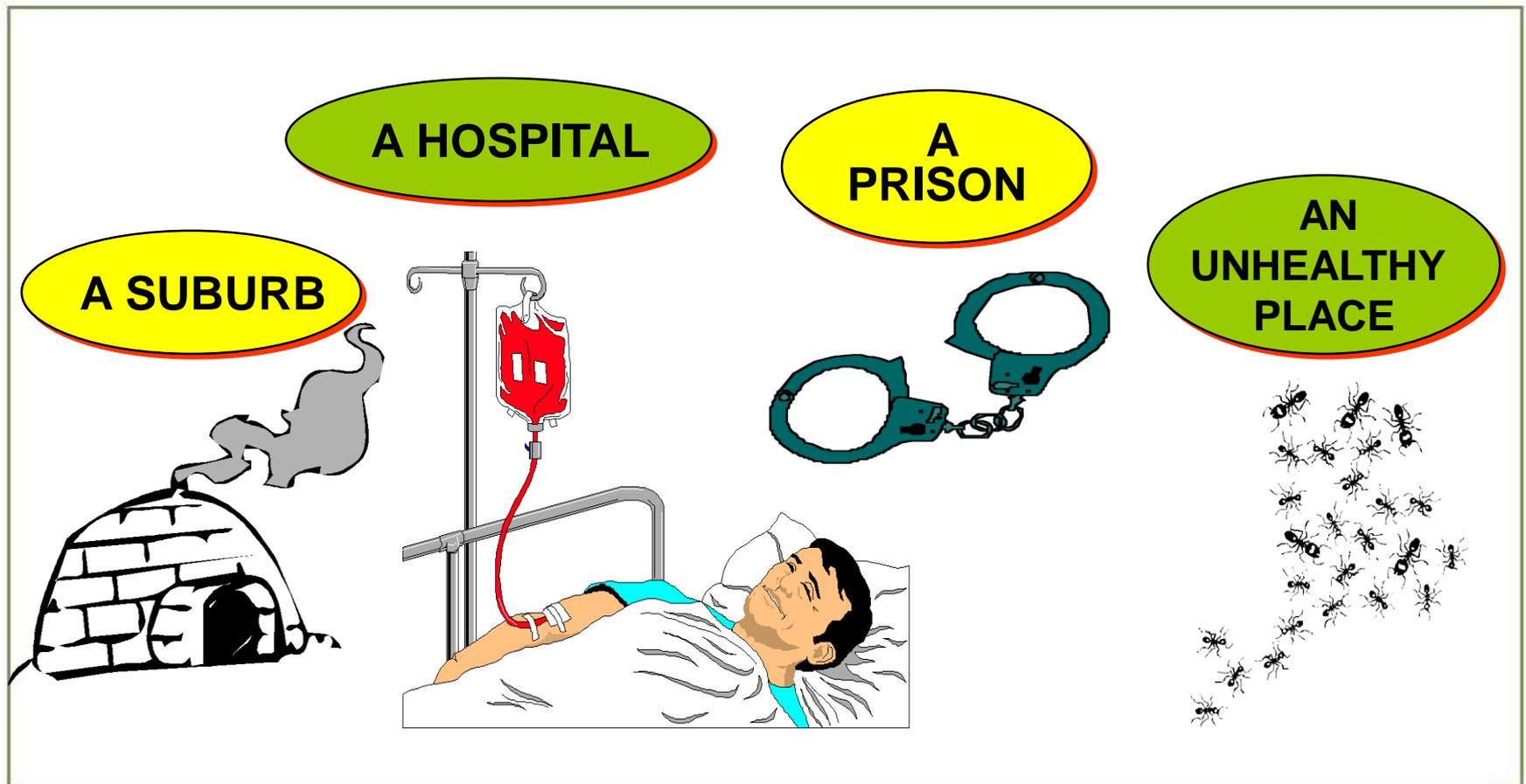
people who listen to the Gospel, and even think it's important, but preoccupations with money and power, represented by the thorns, kill any initiative to achieve spiritual understanding.



good soil

people who listen to the teachings and try to follow them. They try to understand the reasons for life and why we should practice the goodness for our fellow human beings.

What is the Earth in Relation To the Universal Humanity



“(...) SO THE AFFLICTIONS OUTWEIGH HAPPINESS (...)” AK - § 7

**PROGRESS
OF ALL BEINGS**

**PROGRESS
OF PEOPLE**

**PROGRESS OF
THE PLANET**



LAW OF PROGRESS



“As living beings progress morally, so the worlds in which they live progress materially. If we were to accompany a world during its different phases, from the first instant the atoms destined to its construction began to agglomerate, we would see it traveling along on a constantly progressive scale, although these steps would be imperceptible to each generation.

- Saint Augustine

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Earth: Planet of Tests and Atonement

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“The time has now been reached for one of these periodic transformations, which will move the Earth upwards from a world of atonement to that of a regenerating planet where people will be happy because God's laws will reign.”

- Saint Augustine

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Regenerative Worlds

Happy
Worlds

Worlds of Trials and
Atonements

REGENERATIVE WORLDS SERVE AS A
TRANSITION BETWEEN WORLDS OF
ATONEMENTS AND WORLDS OF BLISS

HOW ARE THEIR INHABITANTS?

HUMANS ARE STILL SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF MATTER

BODIES ARE STILL OF FLESH

THEY EXPERIENCE SENSATIONS AND DESIRE

BUT ARE FREE OF THE MUDDLED PASSIONS

THEY ARE FREE OF PRIDE, ENVY AND HATRED

THEY ALL ACKNOWLEDGE OF GOD

THERE ARE STILL TRIALS TO ENDURE

THEY ARE STILL FALLIBLE

THEY MAY FALL BACK TO WORLDS OF ATONEMENTS

**“(….) THEY MAY FALL BACK TO WORLDS OF ATONEMENTS WHERE NEW
AND MORE FEARSOME TRIALS AWAIT THEM.” - § 18**

QUIZ

Correlate – number column 1 according to column 2:

- () Primitive Worlds
- () Worlds of Trials and Atonements
- () Regenerative Worlds
- () Happy Worlds
- () Divine Worlds

1. Similar to earth, where ignorance and evil still predominate although intellect and technology are well developed;
2. Orbs where the good outweighs evil, people live for the good of society and seek progress together;
3. Where evil dominates, intended for the first incarnations of the human soul;
4. The habitations of purified spirits, where the good reigns completely.
5. Where good and understanding predominate over ignorance;

ANSWERS: 3; 1; 5; 2; 4.