

The Family

As the School of Love

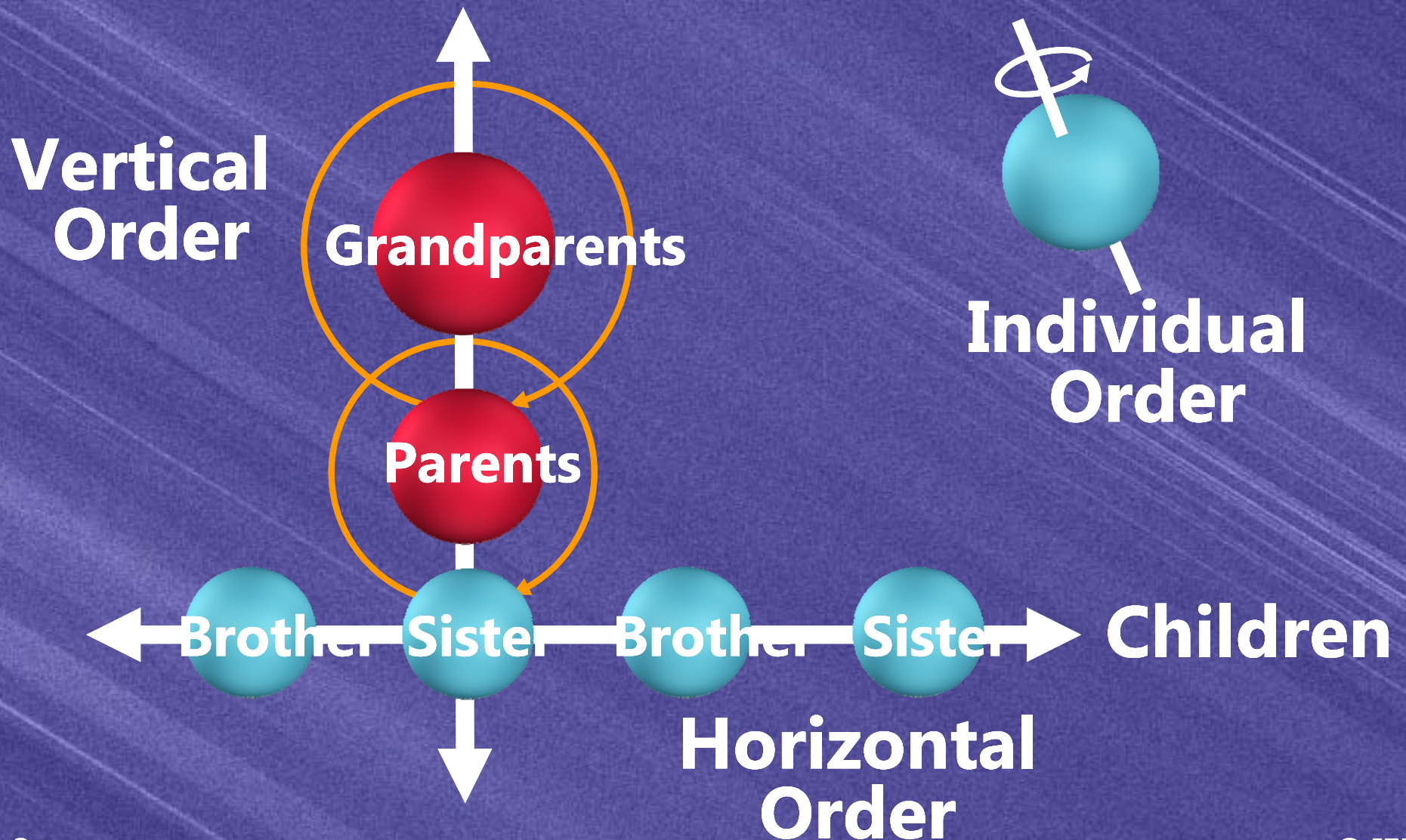
Part 1. The natural order
in the family

Part 2. The four spheres
of love

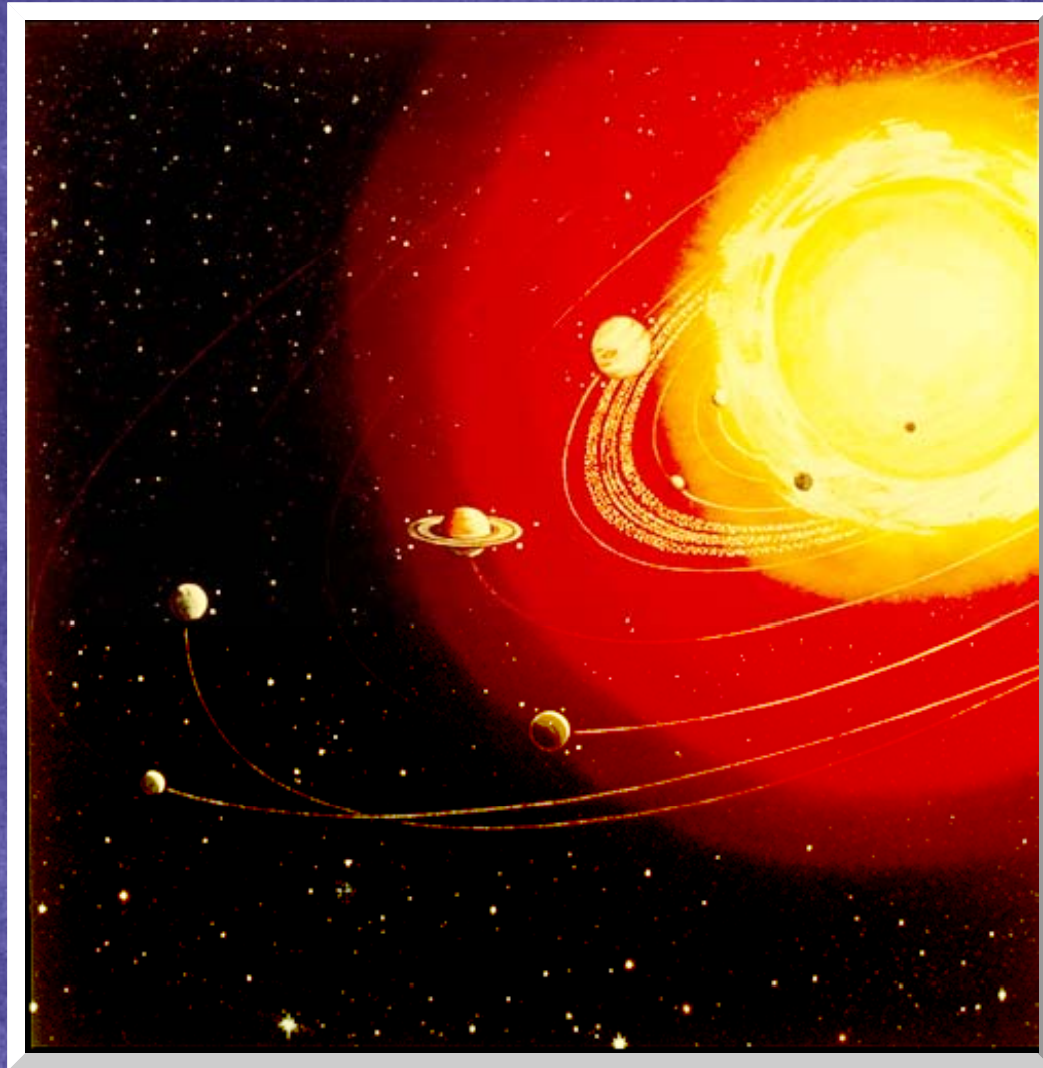
Part 3. The family & society

The Natural Order in the Family

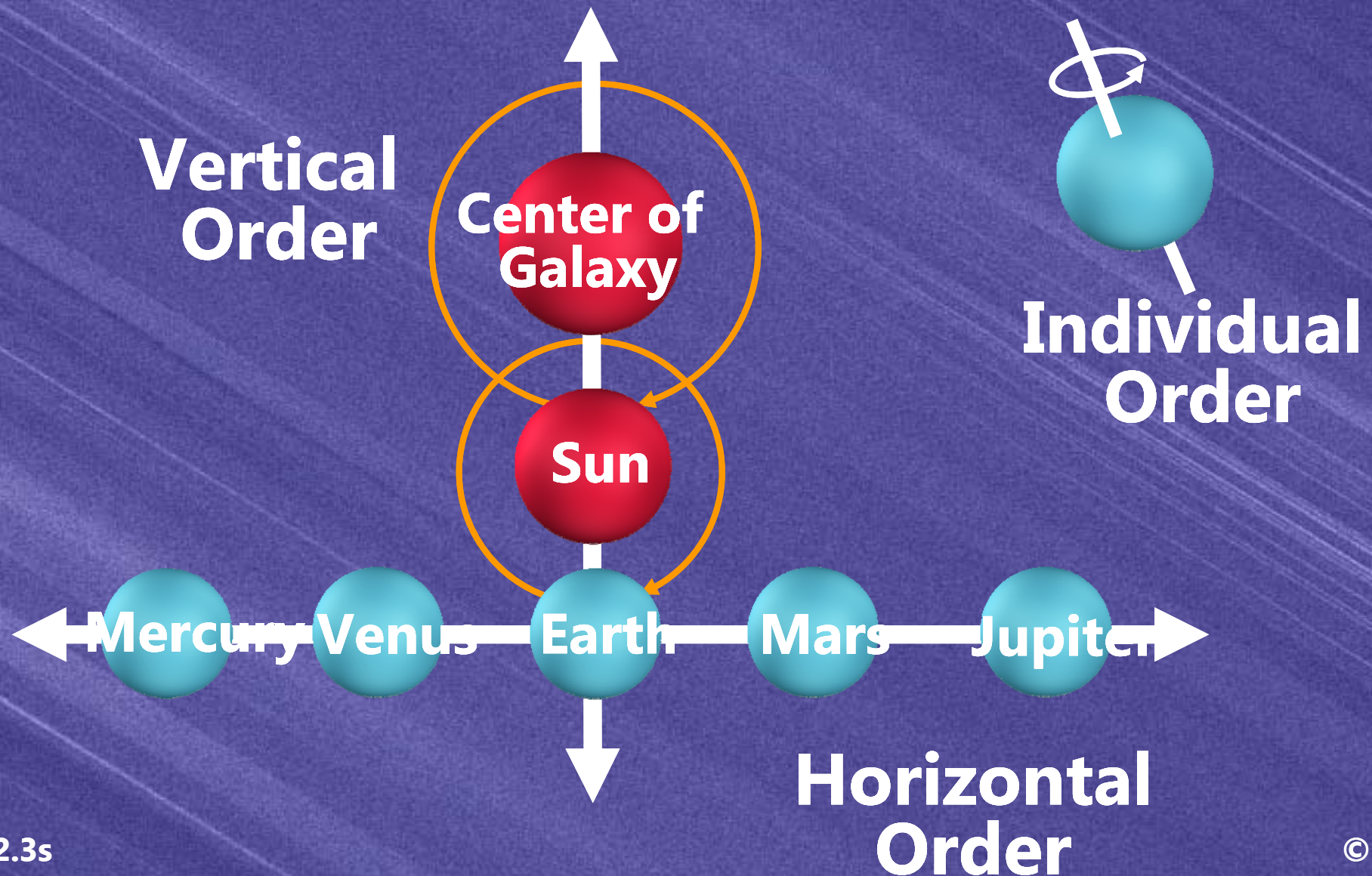
Natural Order in the Family



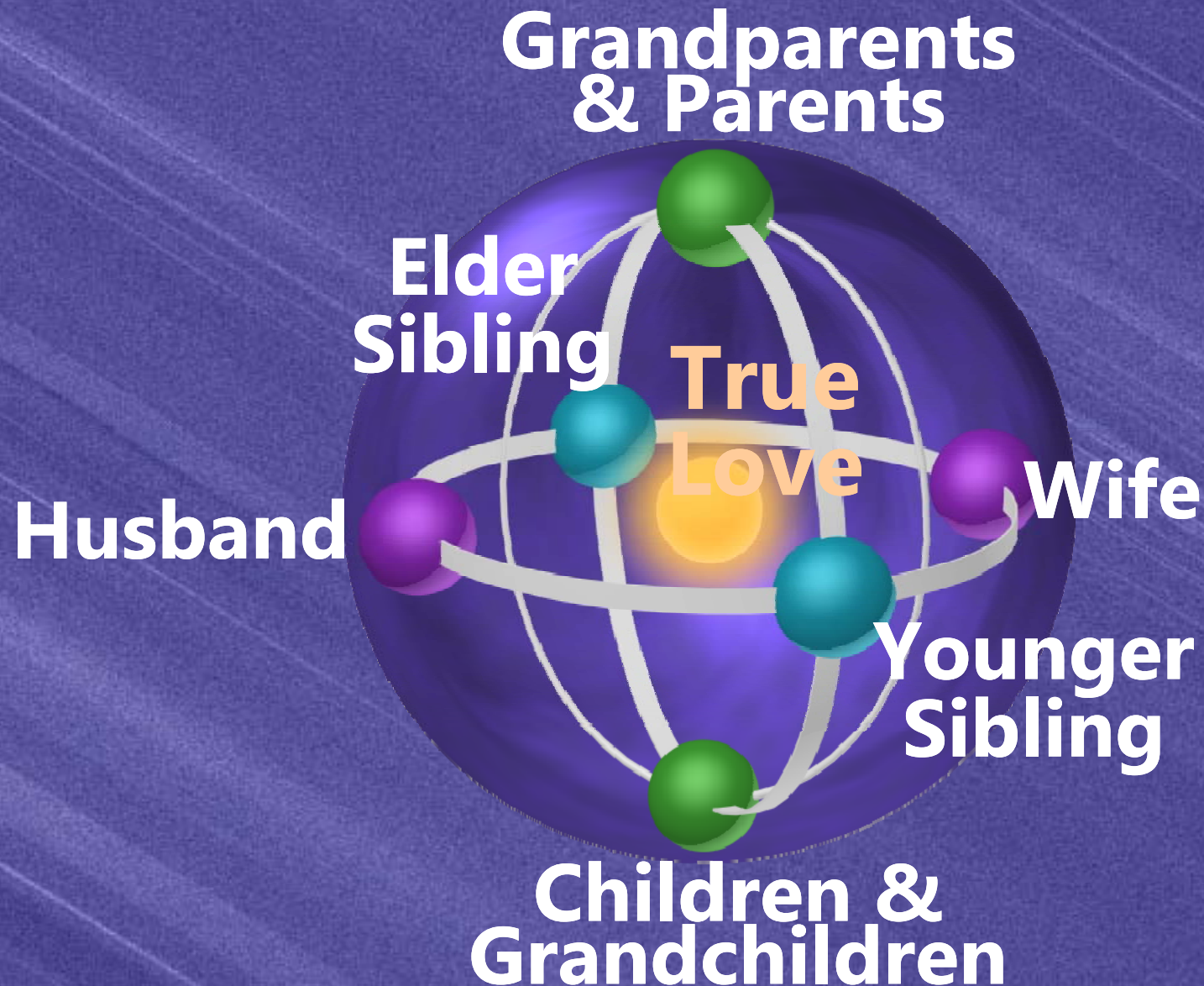
Natural Order in the Universe



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Positions in the Family



Society : extension of the family

« horizontal values »

- Reconciliation
- Tolerance
- Sense of duty
- Curtesy
- fidelity
- Compassion

Brotherhood

Wife

Respect toward
opposite sexe

leader

elder

Husband

younger

subordinate

« Vertical values »

- Good governance
- Commitment
- Loyalty
- Respect
- Obedience

Lead with
parental
heart

Respect toward
elders and
leaders

Family Members Serve One Another

- ❖ Husband and wife serve each other
- ❖ Parents serve children
- ❖ Children serve parents
- ❖ Children serve each other

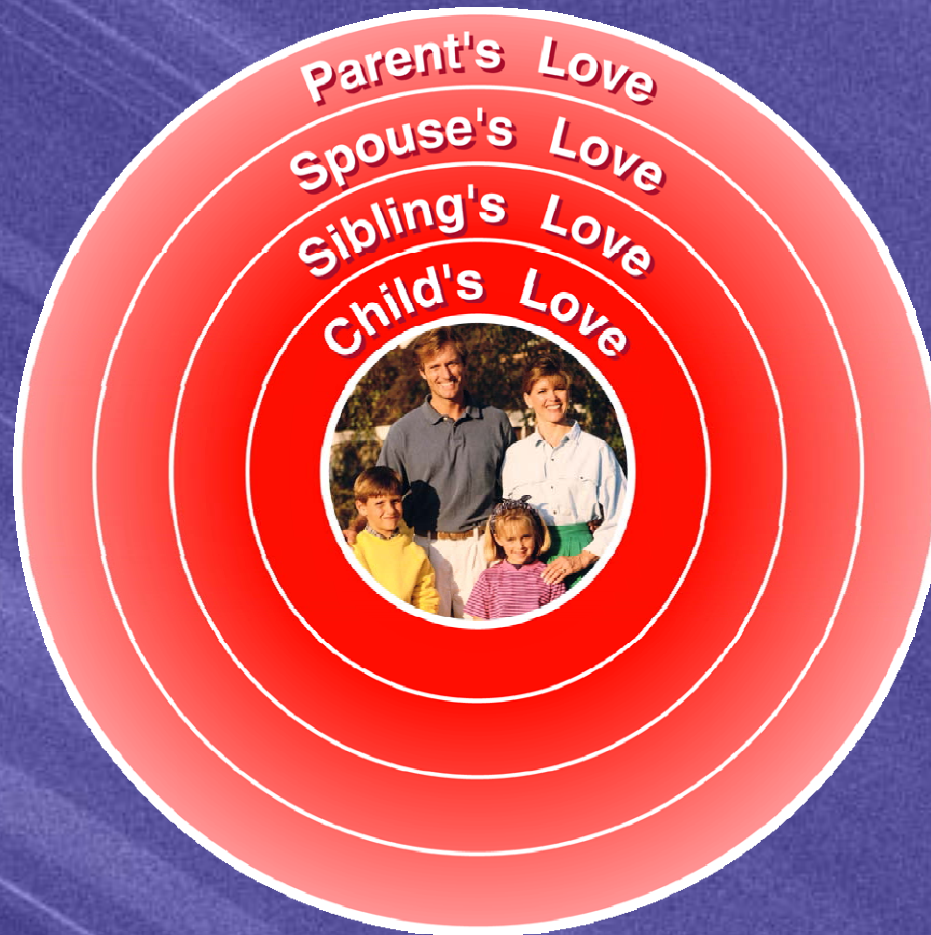
Natural Family Order Facilitates Love



❖ Guides family harmony

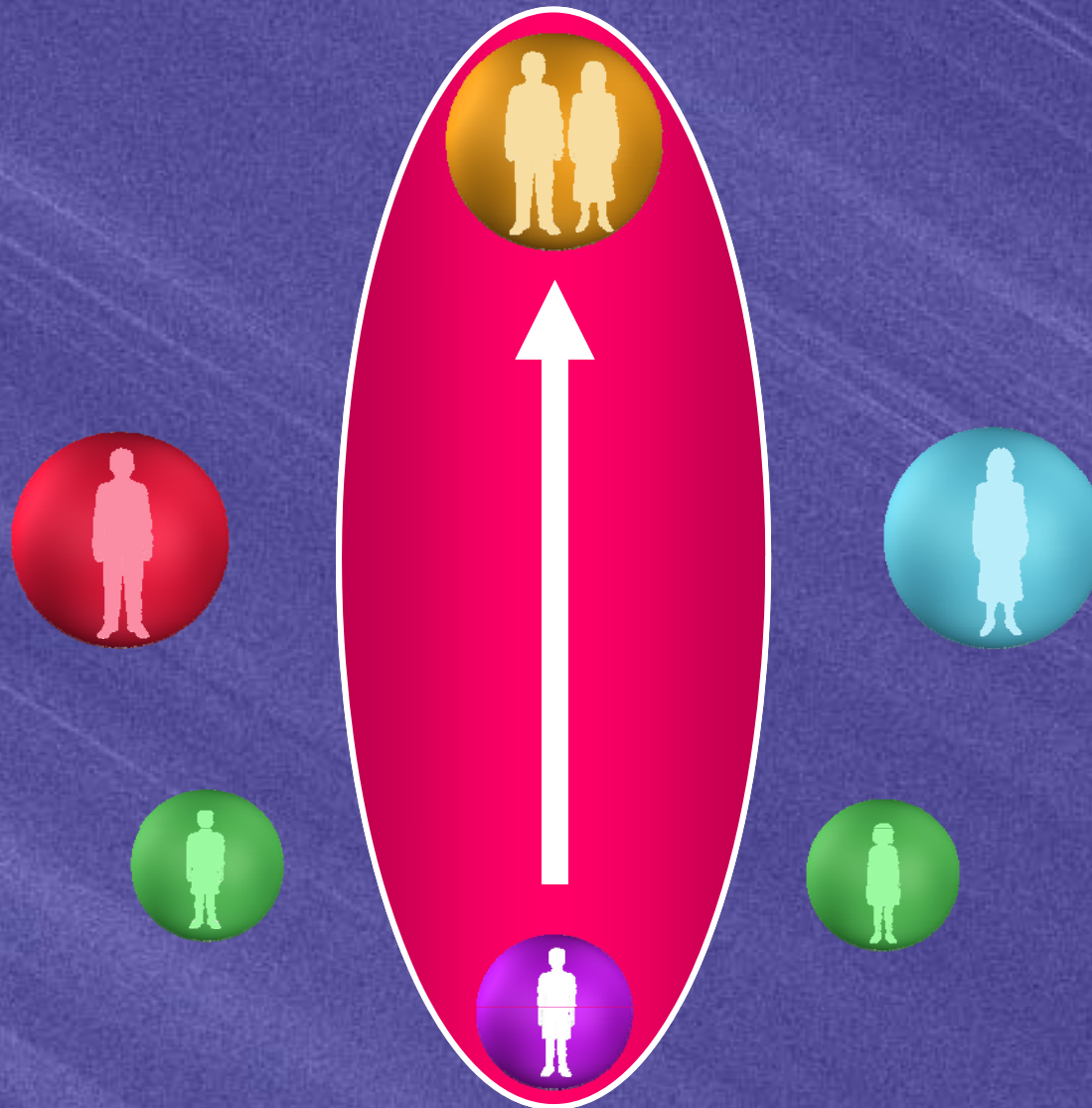
The Four --- **Spheres of Love**

The Four Spheres of Love



- ❖ Child's sphere
- ❖ Sibling's sphere
- ❖ Spouse's sphere
- ❖ Parent's sphere

Sphere of Child's Love

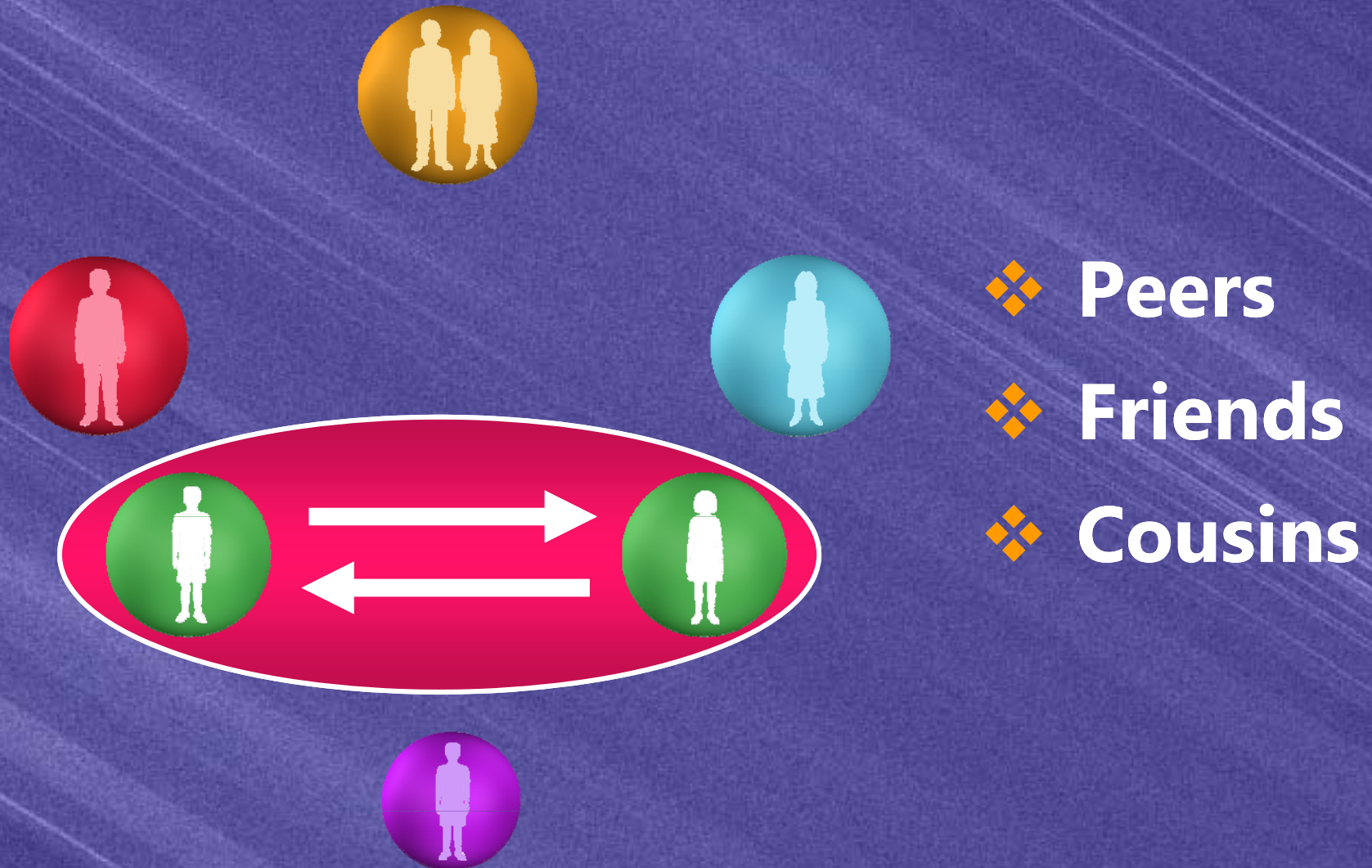


Primary Virtues of Child's Love

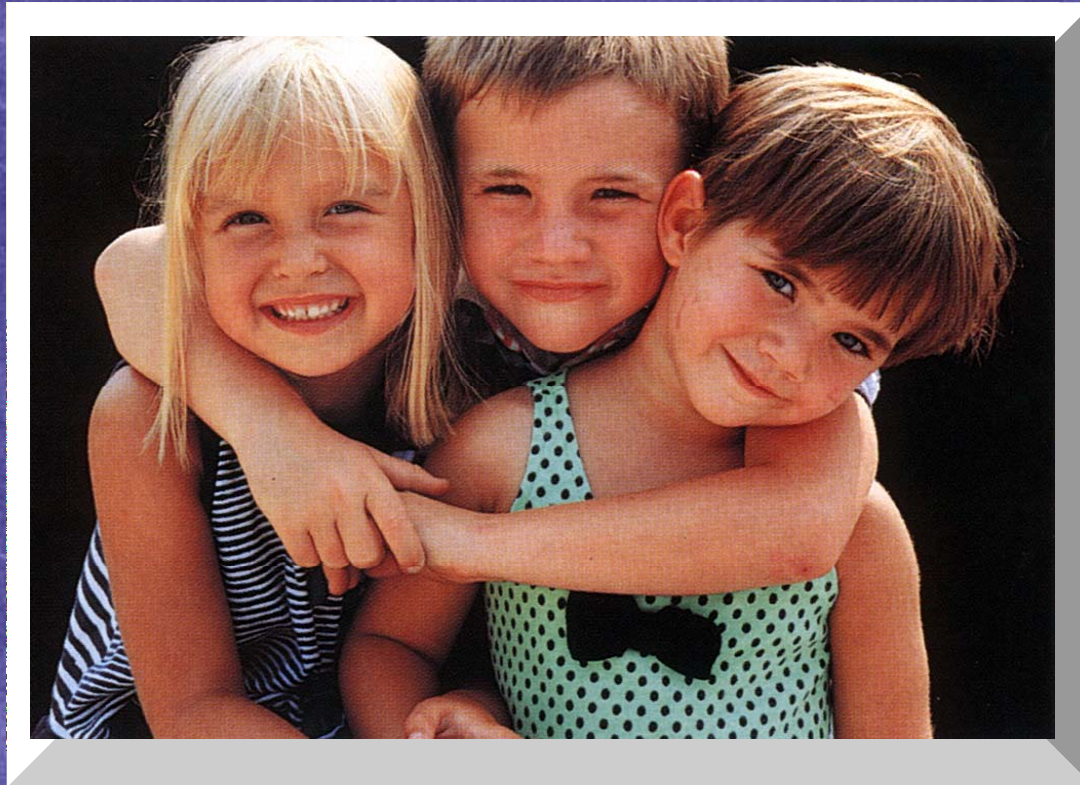


Respect & gratitude

Sphere of Sibling's Love

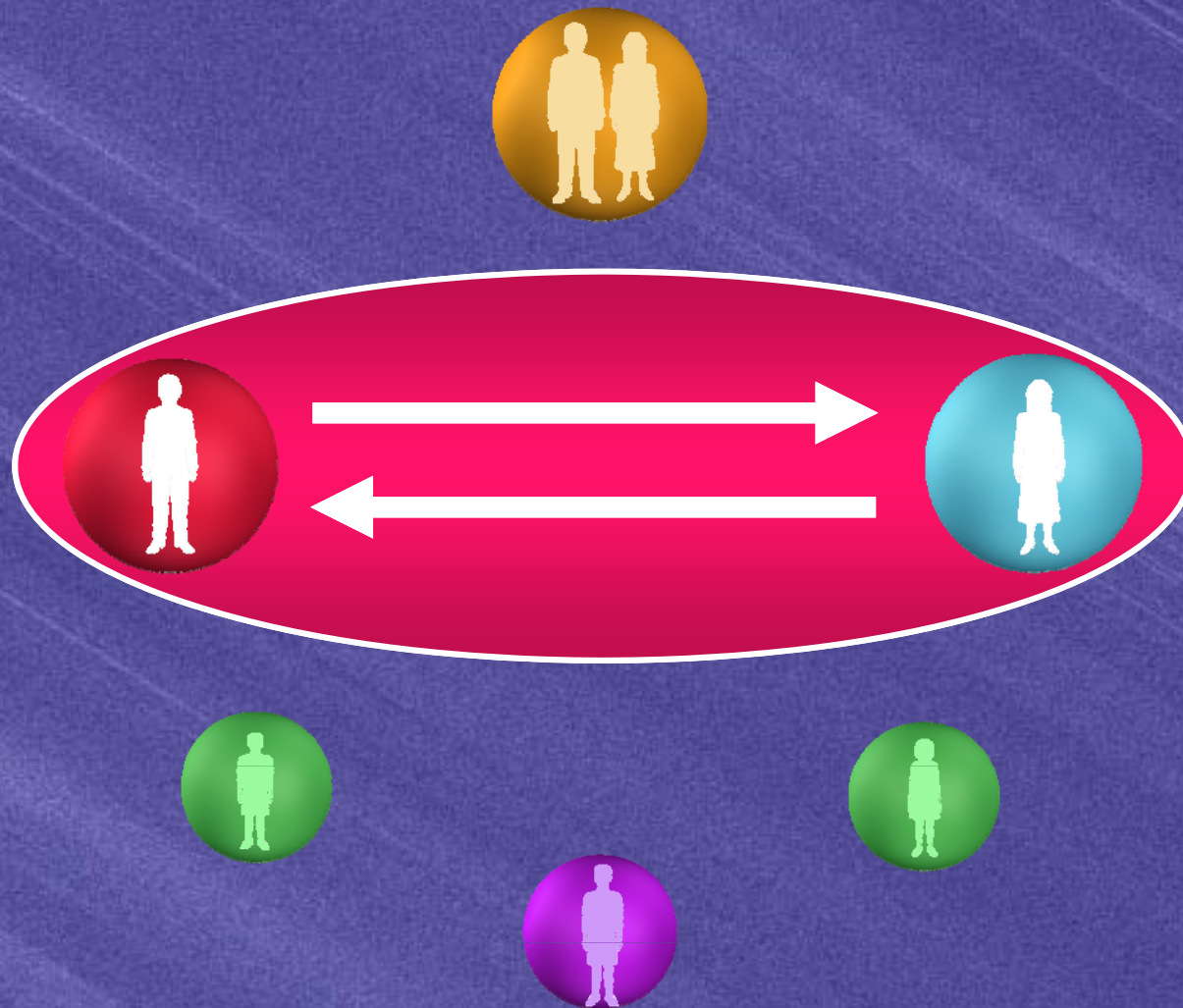


Primary Virtues of Sibling's Love



Harmony & Purity

Sphere of Spouse's Love



Uniqueness of Spouse's Love



❖ Exclusive

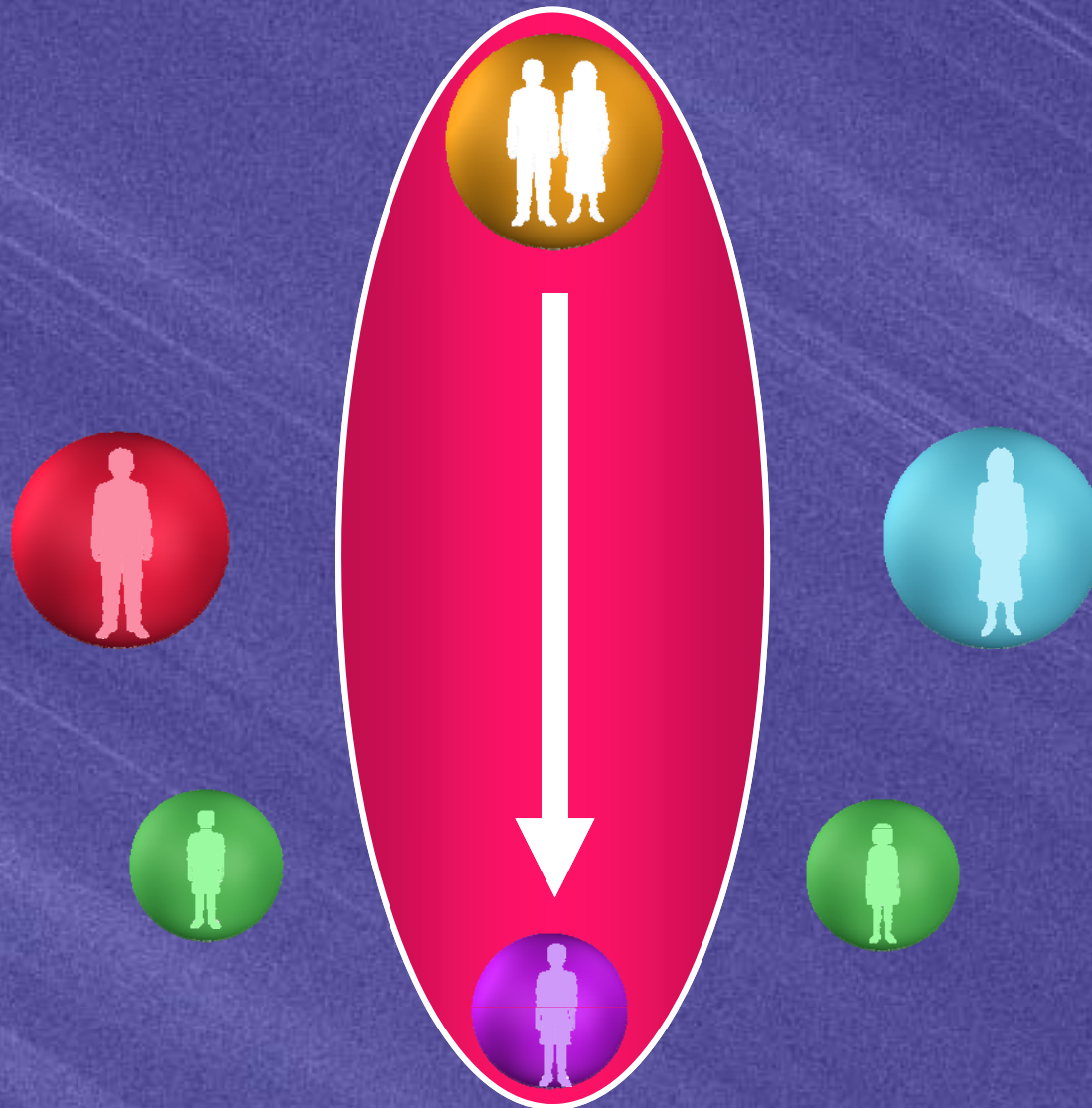
❖ Sexual

Primary Virtues of Spouse's Love



Fidelity & Commitment

Sphere of Parent's Love

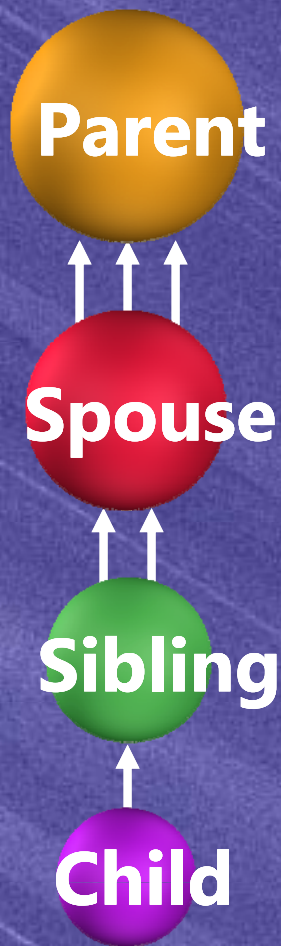


Primary Virtues of Parent's Love



Investment & Compassion

Character Development through Four Spheres of Love



Higher spheres —

- ❖ **Founded on lower spheres**
- ❖ **More unselfish & responsible**
- ❖ **Require effort**

Parent

Unconditional love
Responsibility

Democracy
RESPONSIBILITY

Spouse

Fidelity
Mutual commitment

Sibling

Equality
Brotherhood

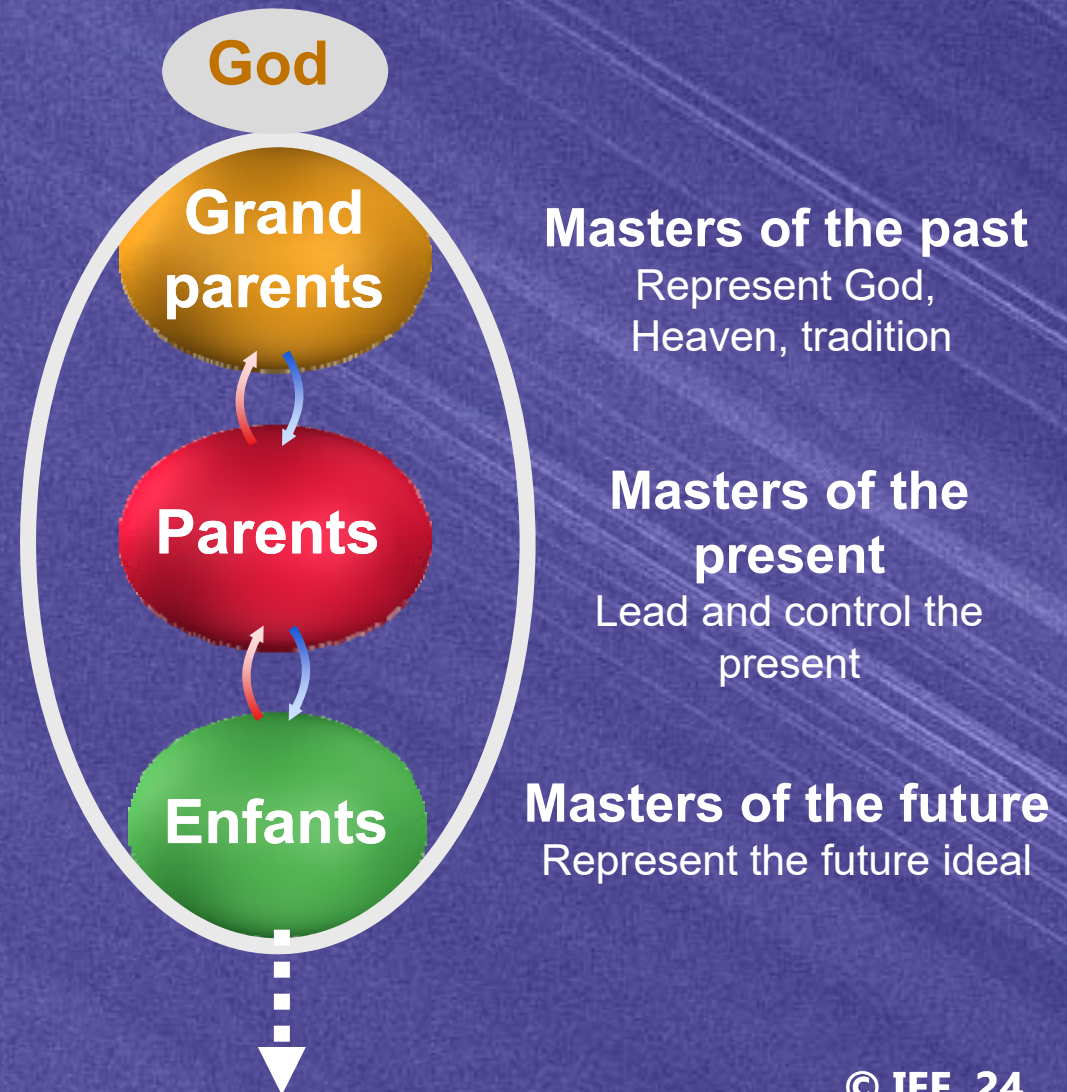
Democracy
RIGHTS

Child

Respect
Filial piety

Three Kingships – unity of three generations

- Transmission of lineage
- Authority of love



The Family & Society

**Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity,
Universal Values**

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Making the case for altruism in society as base for freedom and equality
Fulfilled through the family model: balance of public and private purpose learnt in the family – centering on a higher purpose (God)

1/ Society of interdependence – concept of joint ownership

- Excess of private property in capitalism – excess of collective property in collectivist society – exclusion of love in the concept of property (materialism)
- Sharing of public goods and resources (ocean, air, etc.) – future challenge of humanity – imply a new vision is needed.

Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Universal Values

2/ Society of mutual prosperity : ideal of joint government

- Development of democracy based on individualism: capitalism based on liberal democracy caused unequal distribution of wealth, restriction of economic freedom, etc. Decrease of religion - emphasis on rights, equality and freedom for individuals (individualism) — rise of egoism
- The positive achievement of religious freedom in democracy – core of human rights
- Joint government – political parties do not relate in antagonism – “brotherhood democracy”
- (Headwing, beyond right and left, centering on higher values – God)

Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Universal Values

3/ Society of universally shared values: ideal of joint ethics - family ethics

- Social life is reinforced by altruism (“true love”) of parent, teacher, leader (“3 Great Subjects”) – raising up vertically (human and social development) and equalizing horizontally
 - Education of heart (parent), norms (teacher), creativity (leader) – but all in one
- Society based on family relationships - four realms of love – gradual training in altruism - toward parental heart