

Education and Redemption

An Adventist Understanding of the Whole Person



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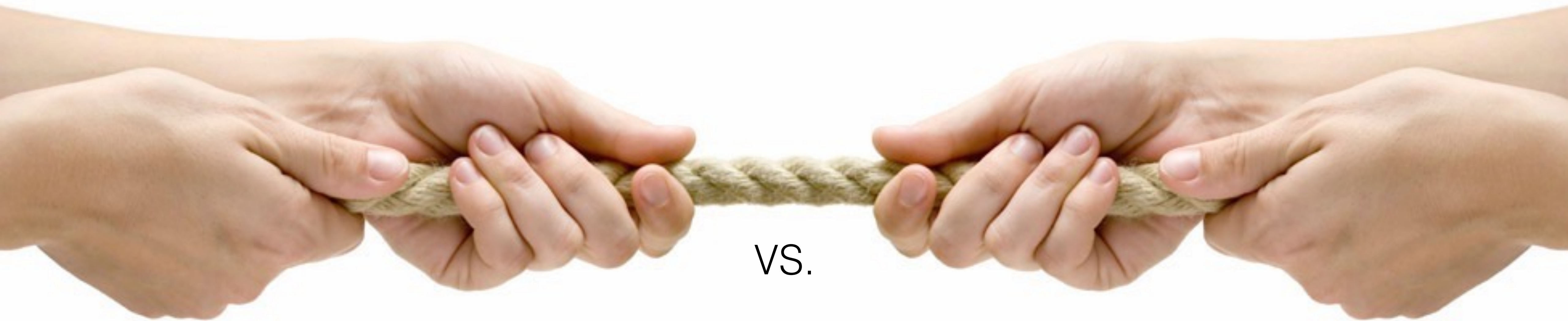
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Traditional Education
Classroom Intensive
Sports and Games
Classical languages and
literature
Popular Degrees

Educational Reform
Practical Training
Manual Labor
Mission Minded
Whole-person Education
Conversion Priority

“God has revealed to me that we are in positive danger of bringing into our educational work the customs and fashions that prevail in the schools of the world. If teachers are not guarded in their work, they will place on the necks of their students worldly yokes instead of the yoke of Christ. The plan of the schools we shall establish in these closing years of the work is to be of an entirely different order from those we have instituted in the past.”

– Ellen White, *The Madison School*, p. 28

“The Lord does not require that the educational work at Madison shall be changed all about before it can receive the hearty support of our people. The work that has been done there is approved of God, and He forbids that this line of work shall be broken up. The Lord will continue to bless and sustain the workers so long as they follow His counsel.”

– Ellen White, *The Madison School*, p. 32

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

“ And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

– Genesis 2:7

PHYSICAL

“Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.”

– Genesis 2:19

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

“And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’”

– Genesis 2:18

SOCIAL

“And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day....”

– Genesis 3:8

SPIRITUAL

After Sin

“In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are,
And to dust you shall return.”

– Genesis 3:19

PHYSICAL

After Sin

“I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

– Genesis 3:10

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

After Sin

“Then the man said, ‘The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.’”

– Genesis 3:12

SOCIAL

After Sin

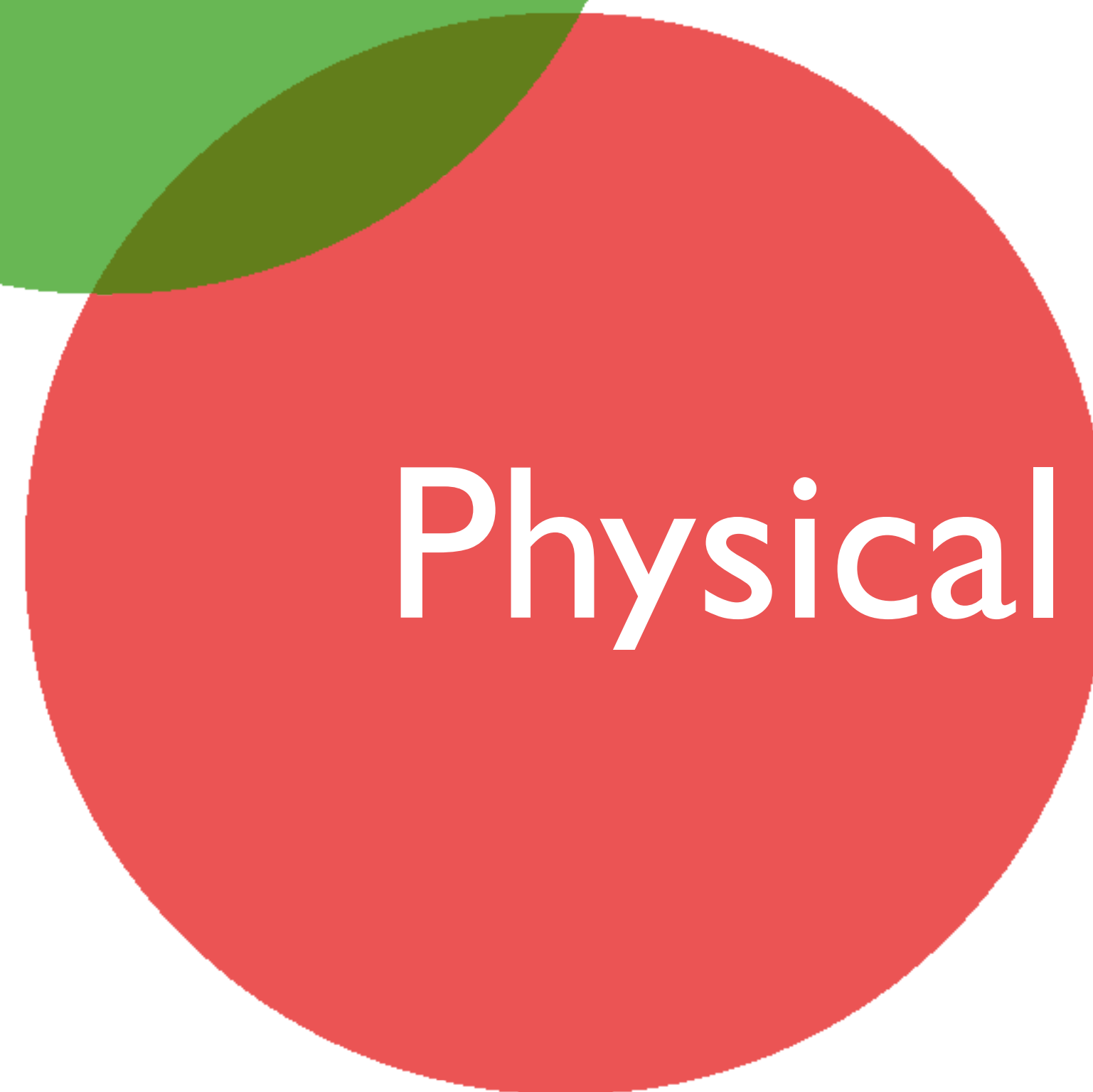
“...And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.”

– Genesis 3:8

SPIRITUAL

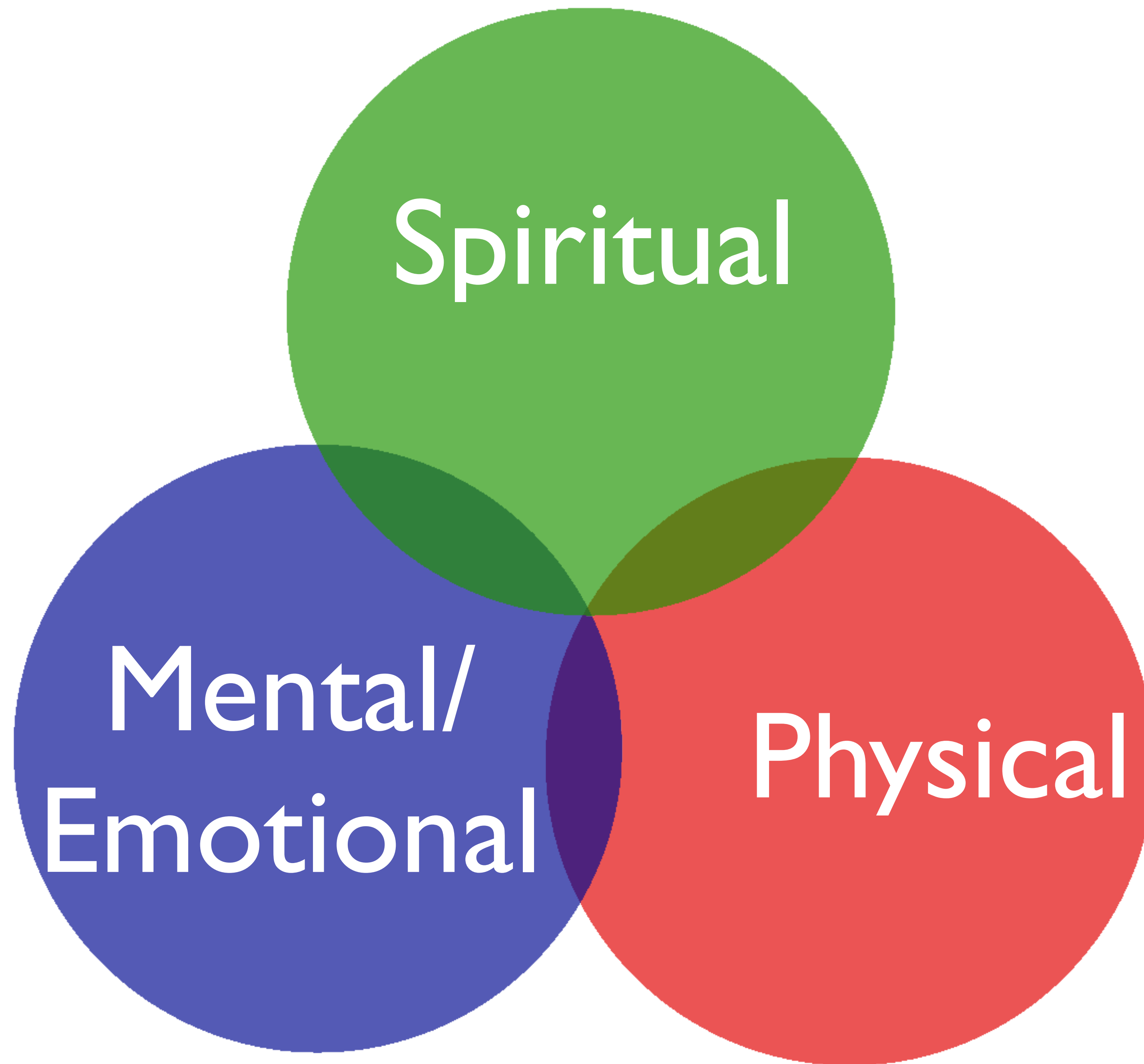


Spiritual



Spiritual

Physical



Spiritual

Mental/
Emotional

Physical

The board member who never says
“I was wrong” or “I’m sorry.”

– *The Emotionally Healthy Church, p. 17.*

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

The children's church leader who constantly criticizes others.

– *The Emotionally Healthy Church, p. 17.*

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

The high-control small group leader who cannot tolerate different points of view.

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The thirty-five-year-old husband busily serving in the church, unaware of his wife's loneliness at home.

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The worship leader who interprets any suggestion as a personal attack and a personal rejection.

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MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

The Sunday School teacher struggling with feelings of bitterness and resentment towards the pastor.

– *The Emotionally Healthy Church, p. 17.*

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

You can be a dynamic, gifted speaker for God in public and be an unloving spouse and parent at home.

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

You can function as a school administrator or teacher and be unteachable, insecure, and defensive.

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

You can memorize entire books of the Bible and
yet be unaware of depression and anger,
hurting other people.

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

You can fast and pray a half-day a week for years and constantly be critical of others, justifying it as spiritual discernment.

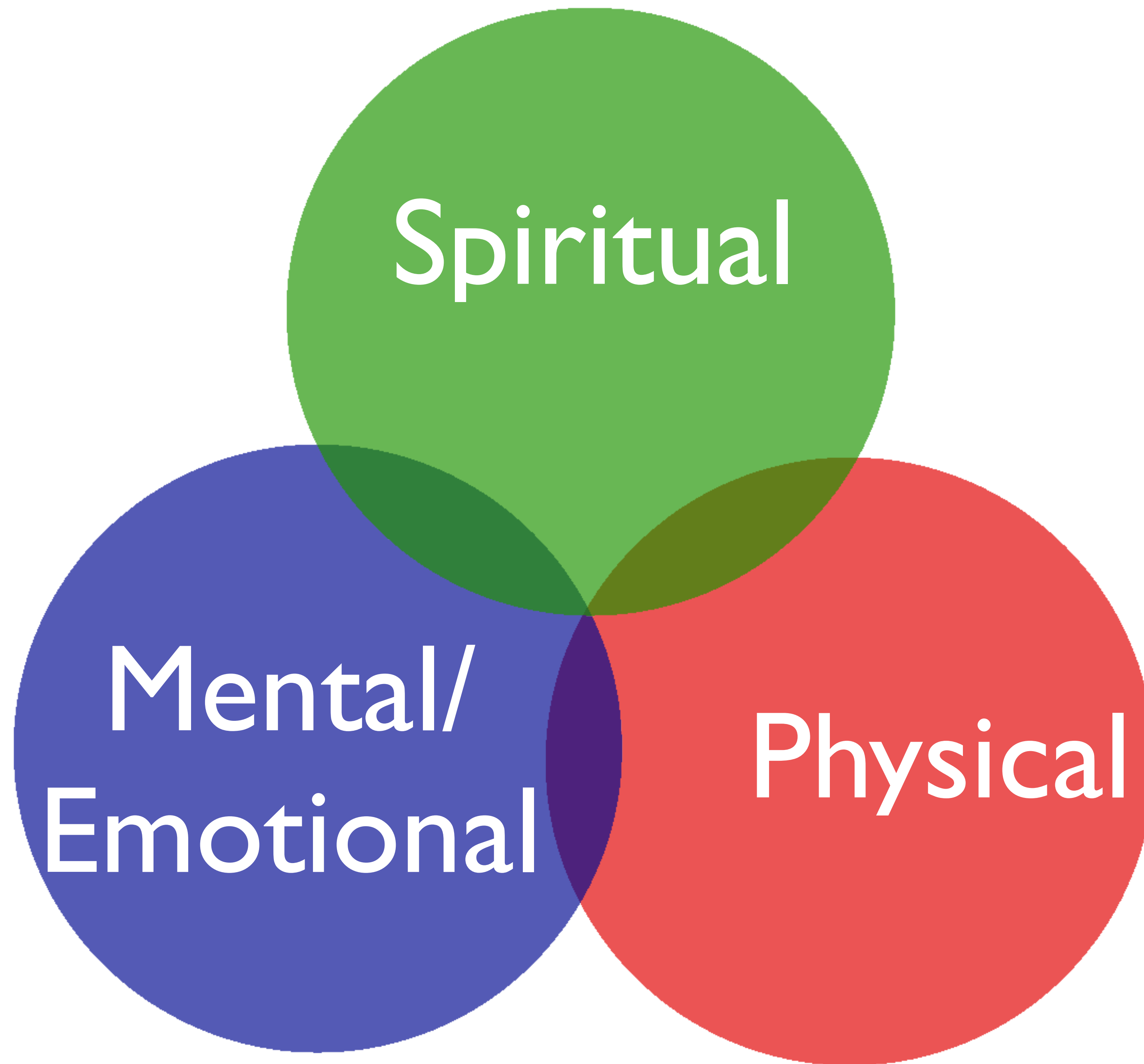
MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

You can see shortcomings in others and rebuke them in a hurtful manner, believing it to be the “straight testimony.”

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

You can see shortcomings in others and not lovingly confront them, believing yourself to be patient.

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL



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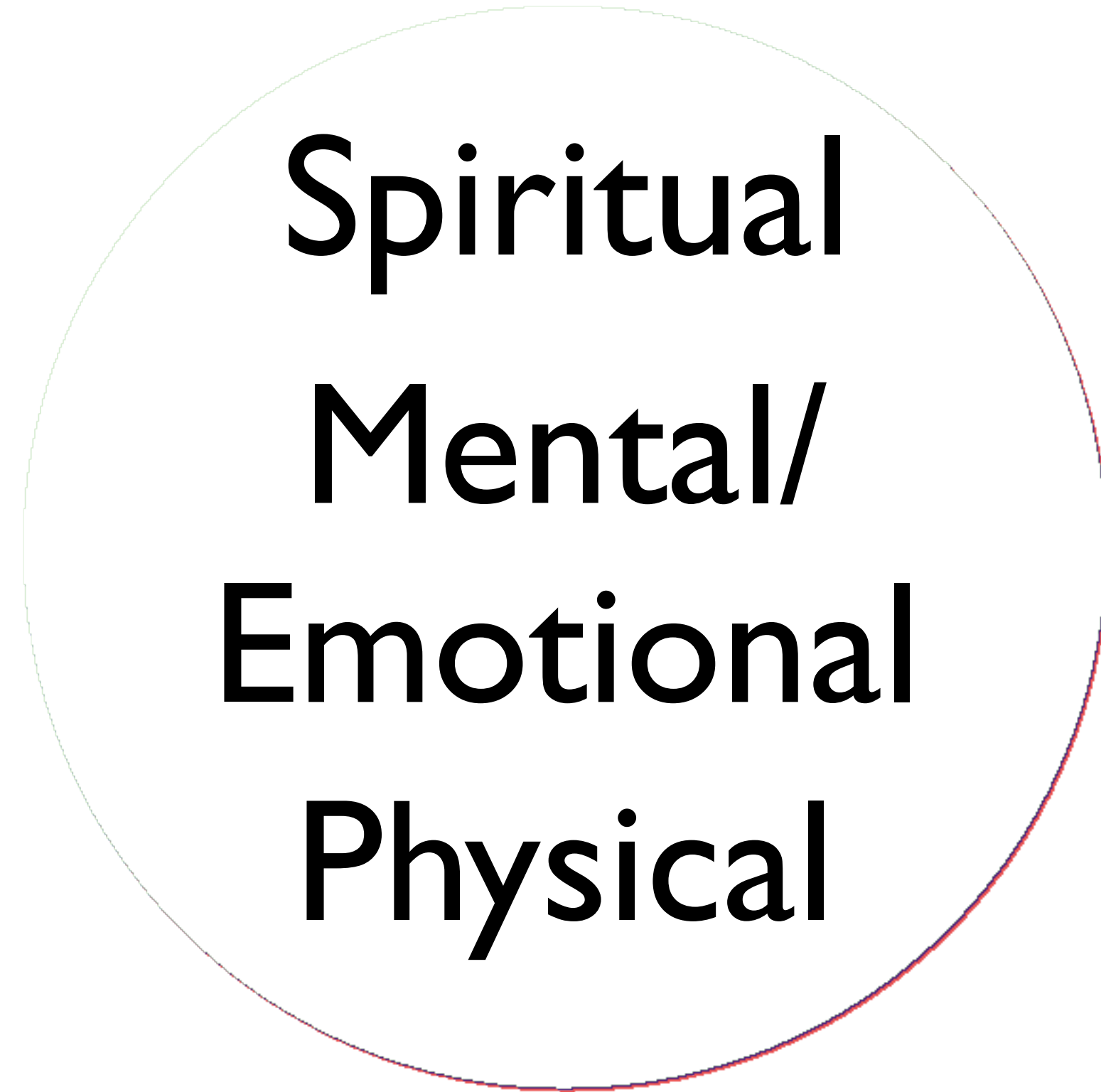
Physical



Spiritual

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Emotional

Physical



WHOLE PERSON

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:23

WHOLE PERSON

“But all of us who are Christians have no veils on our faces, but reflect like mirrors the glory of the Lord. We are transfigured by the Spirit of the Lord in ever-increasing splendour into his own image.”

– 2 Corinthians 3:18 Phillips

GOSPEL IS RESTORATION

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

– Romans 8:29

GOSPEL IS RESTORATION

“Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.”

– Colossians 3:9, 10

GOSPEL IS RESTORATION



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“Love, the basis of creation and of redemption, is the basis of true education.... To love Him, the Infinite, the Omniscient One, with the whole strength and mind and heart, means the highest development of every power. It means that in the whole being—the body, the mind, as well as the soul—the image of God is to be restored.”

– *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 32.



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“True education means more than taking a certain course of study. It is broad. It includes the harmonious development of all the physical powers and the mental faculties. It teaches the love and fear of God and is a preparation for the faithful discharge of life’s duties.”

– *Child Guidance*, p. 239.



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“Proper education includes not only mental discipline, but that training which will secure sound morals and correct deportment.”

– *Child Guidance*, p. 239.



VS.
"Something Better"

Mostly Academic
PE that is only physically
profitable
Sports that don't help
spiritually

Balance Mind/Body
Useful manual labor
Learn trade skills
Character forming
More exposure to nature

PHYSICAL



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“The youth should be led to see the true dignity of labor. Show them that God is a constant worker.”

“As a rule, the exercise most beneficial to the youth will be found in useful employment.... As he gains strength and intelligence, the best recreation will be found in some line of effort that is useful. That which trains the hand to helpfulness, and teaches the young to bear their share of life’s burdens, is most effective in promoting the growth of mind and character.”

– *Education*, pp. 214-215.



VS.
“Something Better”

Weakened Body=Mind
Learning for test/grade
Memorization
Textbooks

Stronger Body=Mind
Learning for application
Understanding
Real world problems

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL

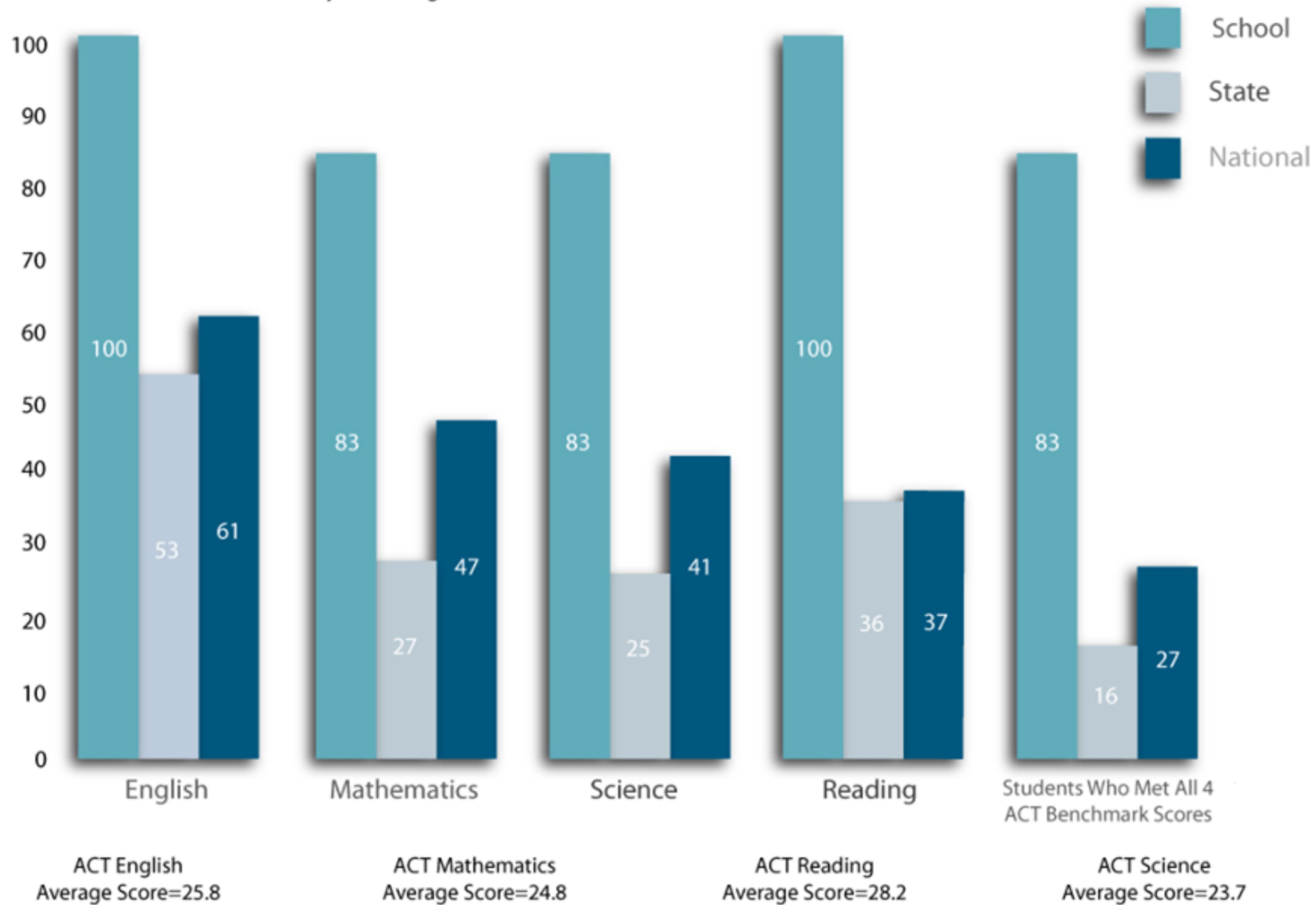


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“An education derived chiefly from books leads to superficial thinking. Practical work encourages close observation and independent thought. Rightly performed, it tends to develop that practical wisdom which we call common sense. It develops ability to plan and execute, strengthens courage and perseverance, and calls for the exercise of tact and skill.”

– *Education*, pp. 220.

Percent of OHA Students Ready for College-Level Coursework as of 2017



A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college course.



VS.
"Something Better"

Bible Class
Chapel/Worships
Spectators
Does Environment
Encourage Devotional
Life?

Active Outreach
Church Responsibilities
Participatory
Conducive to
Personal Relationship
with God

SPIRITUAL



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“The first great lesson in all education is to know and understand the will of God. We should bring into every day of life the effort to gain this knowledge. To learn science through human interpretation alone is to obtain a false education, but to learn of God and Christ is to learn the science of heaven. The confusion in education has come because the wisdom and knowledge of God have not been exalted.”

– *Child Guidance*, p. 239.



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“The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul. In the beginning, God created man in his own likeness. He endowed him with noble qualities. His mind was well-balanced, and all the powers of his being were harmonious.”

– *Christian Education*, p. 63.



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“But the fall and its effects have perverted these gifts. Sin has marred and well-nigh obliterated the image of God in man. It was to restore this that the plan of salvation was devised, and a life of probation was granted to man.”

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“In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one, for in education, as in redemption, ‘other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.’”

– *Education*, p. 30.

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WHOLE PERSON

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“He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24

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