



**COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Why Jesus Christ is Sufficient
Colossians 1:15–17**

Exclusivity

- **Only one way to survive Noah's flood**
- **Only one way to avoid the death of the firstborn at Passover**
- **Only one way to enter the tabernacle or Temple**
- **Only one way to survive the viper's bite in the wilderness**
- **Only one way to enter the Promised Land**
- **Only one way to bring down Jericho's walls**
- **Only one way to defeat Ai**
- **Only one way to defeat Goliath**

Prov. 14:12 (16:25), “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

Sufficient

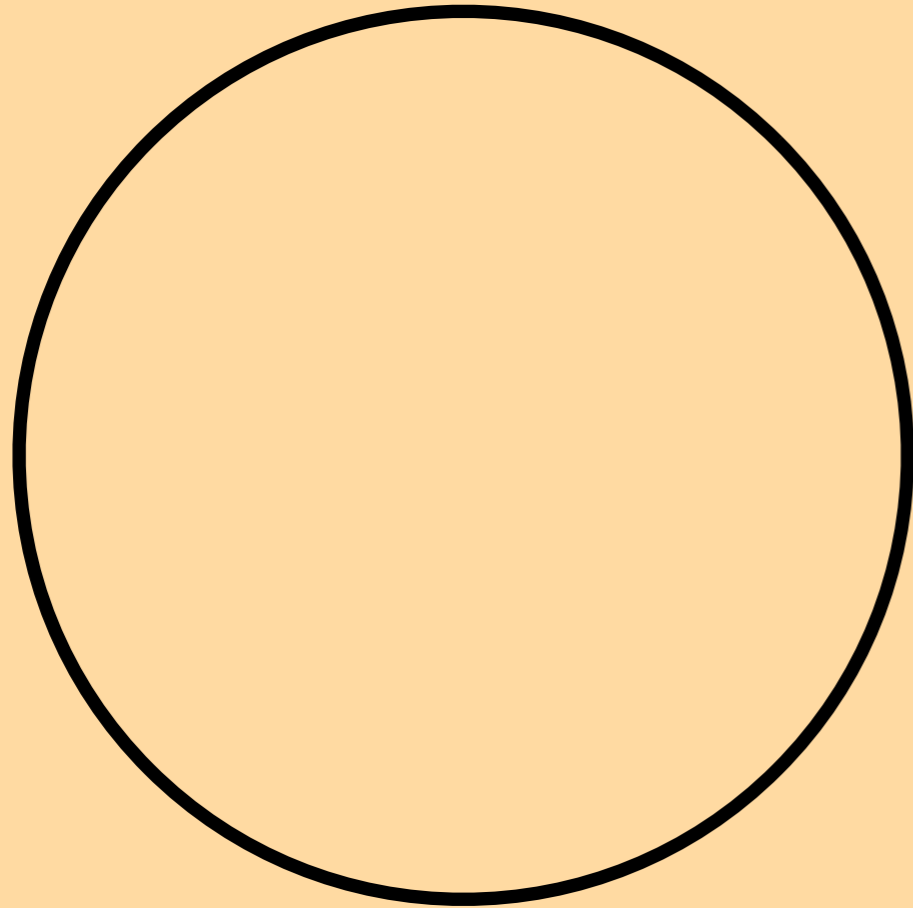
Enough, adequate

As much as is necessary

The required amount

Satisfies every need

Sufficient Spiritually



Spiritual life



Other areas of life

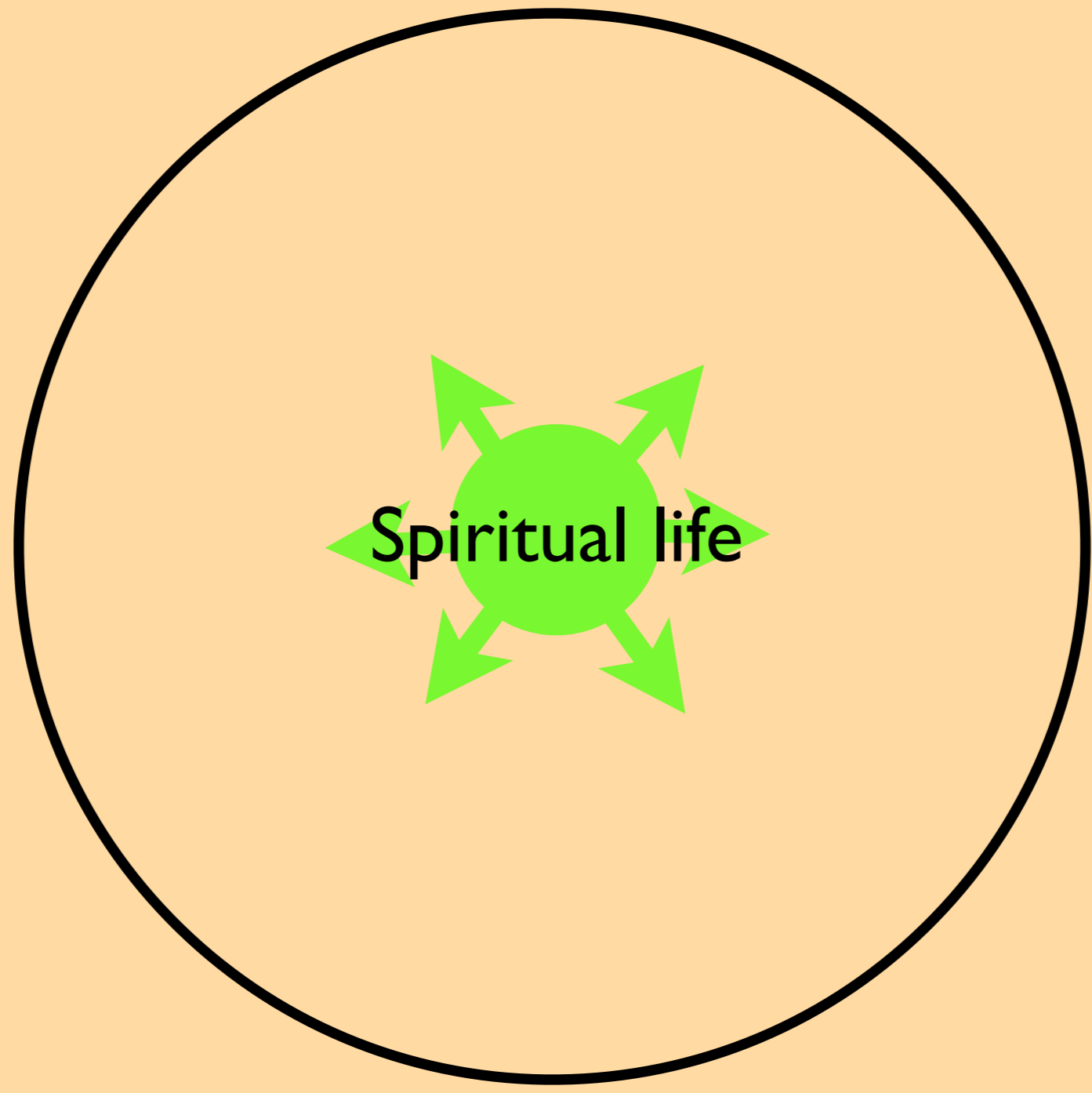
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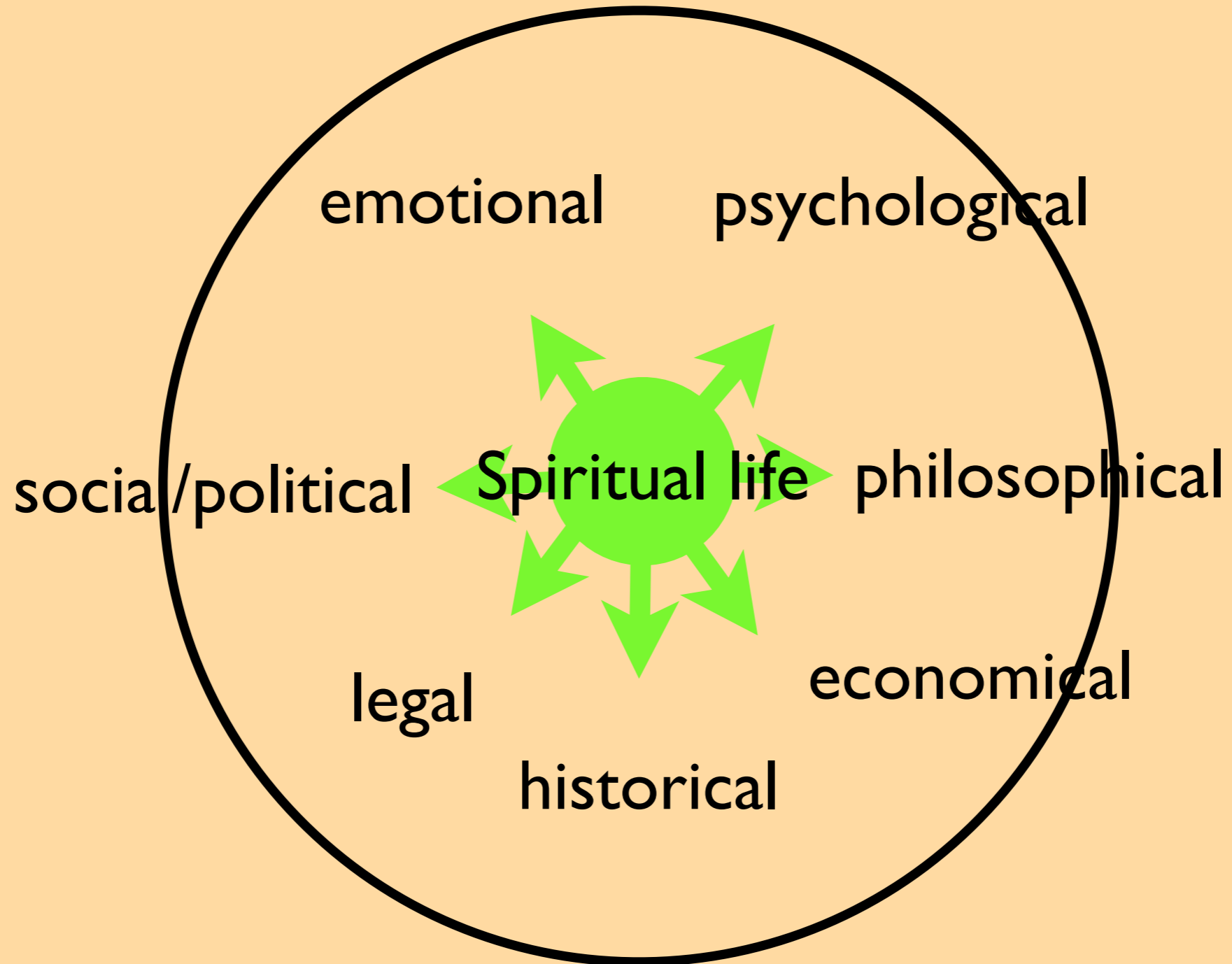
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The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas Faith in human ability.	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition Faith in human ability	Independent, Nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

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Col. 1:17, “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Col. 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

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εἰκὼν *eikon*

image, representation

2 Cor. 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

John 17:5, “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

John 1:18, “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”

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ἀπαύγασμα *apaugasma*
“radiance, effulgence, pass.
reflection.”
Radiant flashing forth

χαρακτηρ, *xarakter*:
impression, stamp; refers
to an engraved character
or impress made by a die
or a seal; also indicates
the characteristic trait or
distinctive mark. An
“exact reproduction”

John 14:7, “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

John 14:8, “Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’

John 14:9, “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father” ’?”

ἀρκέω (*arkeō*), be enough, suffice, be adequate

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**πρωτότοκος
(*prōtotokos*), Firstborn,
Pre-eminent
First in time
or
First in rank**

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**ἐν αὐτῷ
*en auto***

**In Him
In His mind from
eternity past**

**δι’ αὐτοῦ
*dia autou***

**Through Him
secondary agency**

**εἰς αὐτὸν
*eis auton***

For Him

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**πρὸ
*pro***

**Indicates rank
preference**

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autos

And He and

συνίστημι
sunistemi
perf act ind

To stand together, hold together,
To bring together by uniting,
To hold together in an organized manner

πρὸ
pro

s rank
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