

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION IN VOCATION DISCERNMENT AND FORMATION

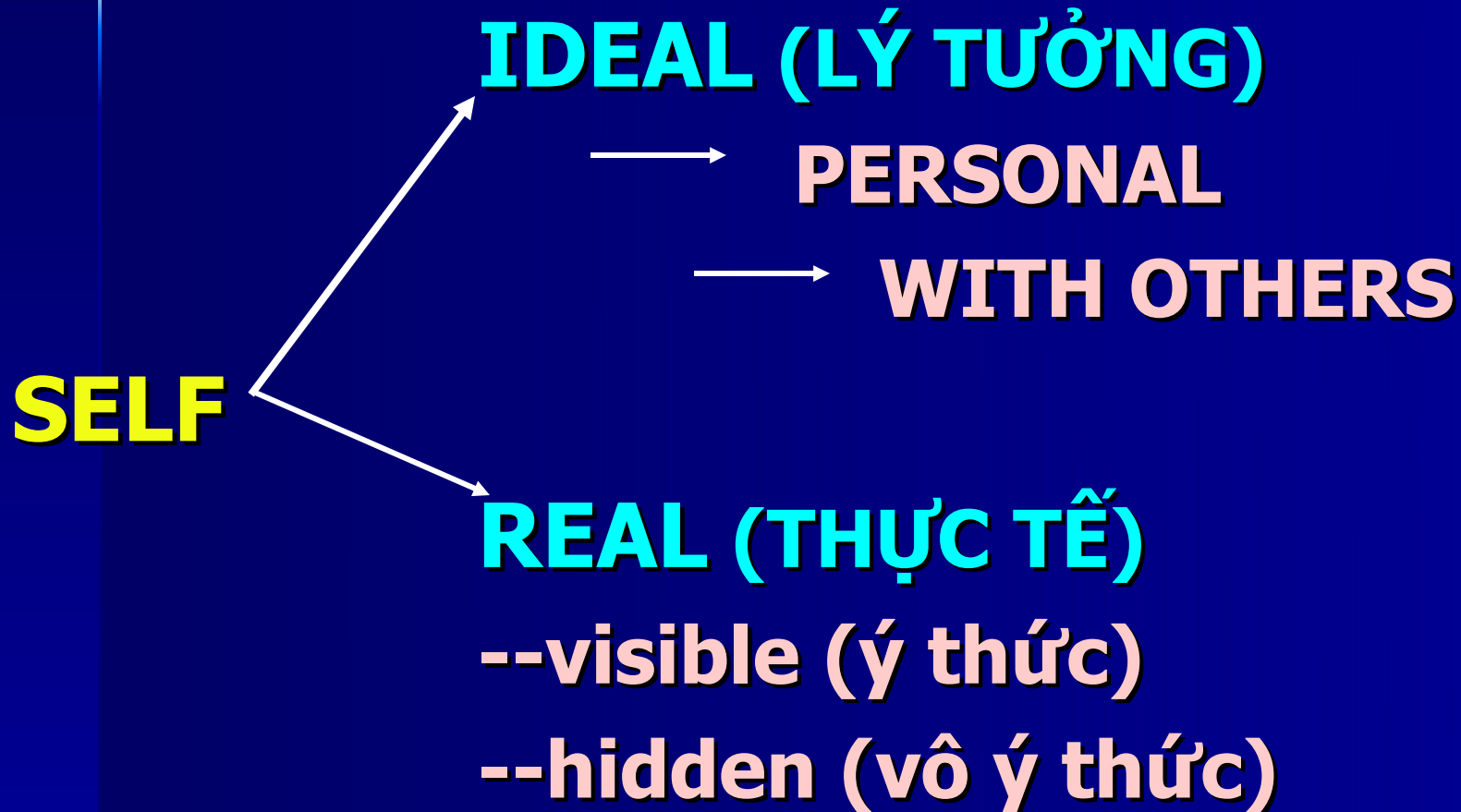
VÀI LỜI MỞ ĐẦU...

- Done so far: seen some basic principles about Spiritual Direction
- Before looking at **QUALITIES** and **PREPARATION** of a Spiritual Director,
- we open a window on 2 important topics:
 - **Discernment of the vocation**
 - **Initial formation**

NỀN TẢNG...

- **Some basic points to understand the PERSON-CALLED-BY-GOD**
- **and to see better the role of Spiritual Direction in vocational discernment and initial formation...**

CON NGƯỜI ĐƯỢC CHÚA KÊU GỌI



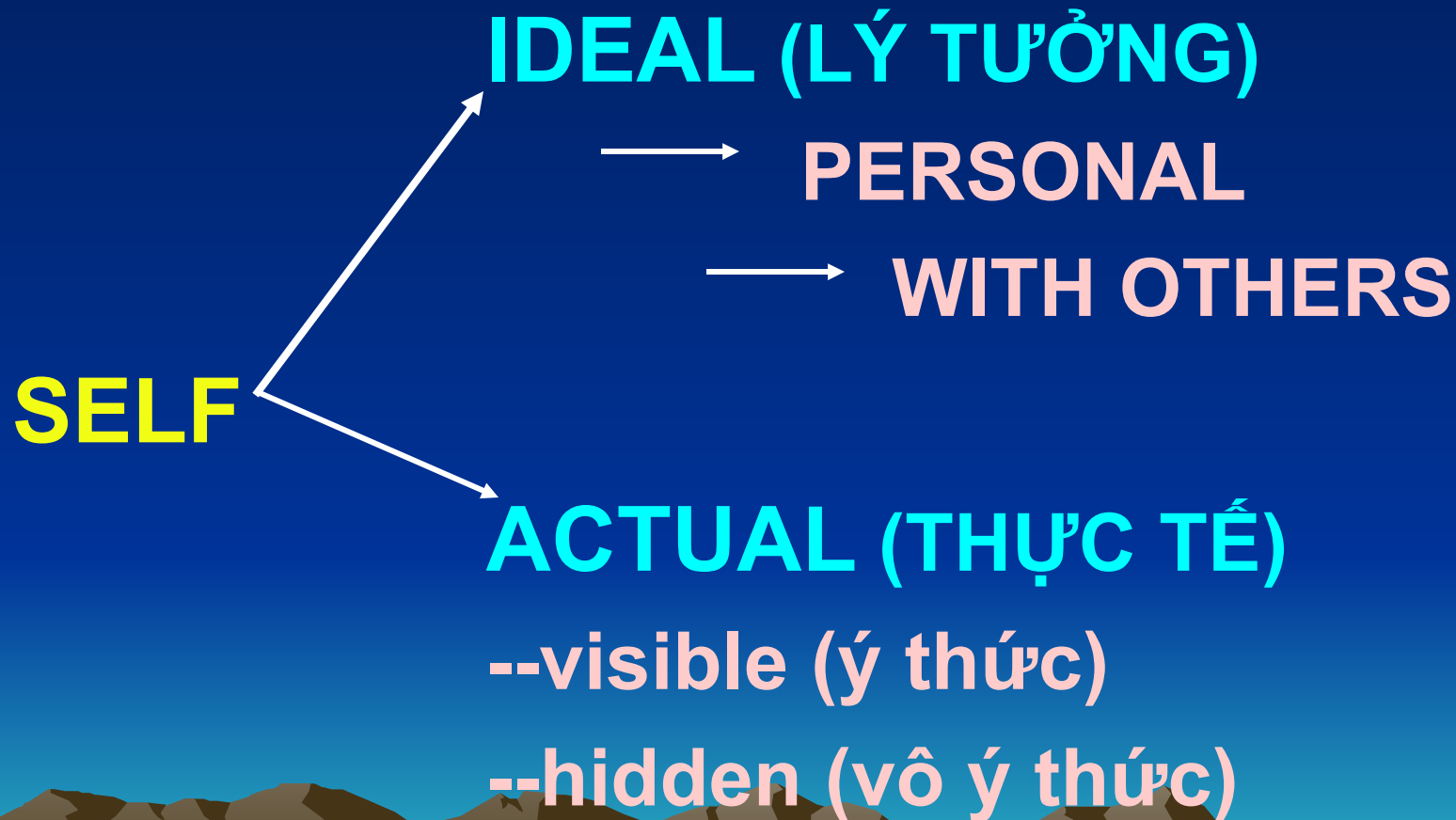
SCHEMA NÀY HƠI GIỐNG...

■ **CỬA SỔ JOHARI!**

CỬA SỔ JOHARI

	minh biết	minh không biết
kẻ khác biết	CÔNG KHAI	MÙ
kẻ khác không biết	RIÊNG TƯ	VÔ Ý THỨC

And now, back to our own schema:



- What are the vital forces within that basic structure of the self?
- A first look at our **IDEALS** and **DREAMS...**
- At what we **VALUE.**



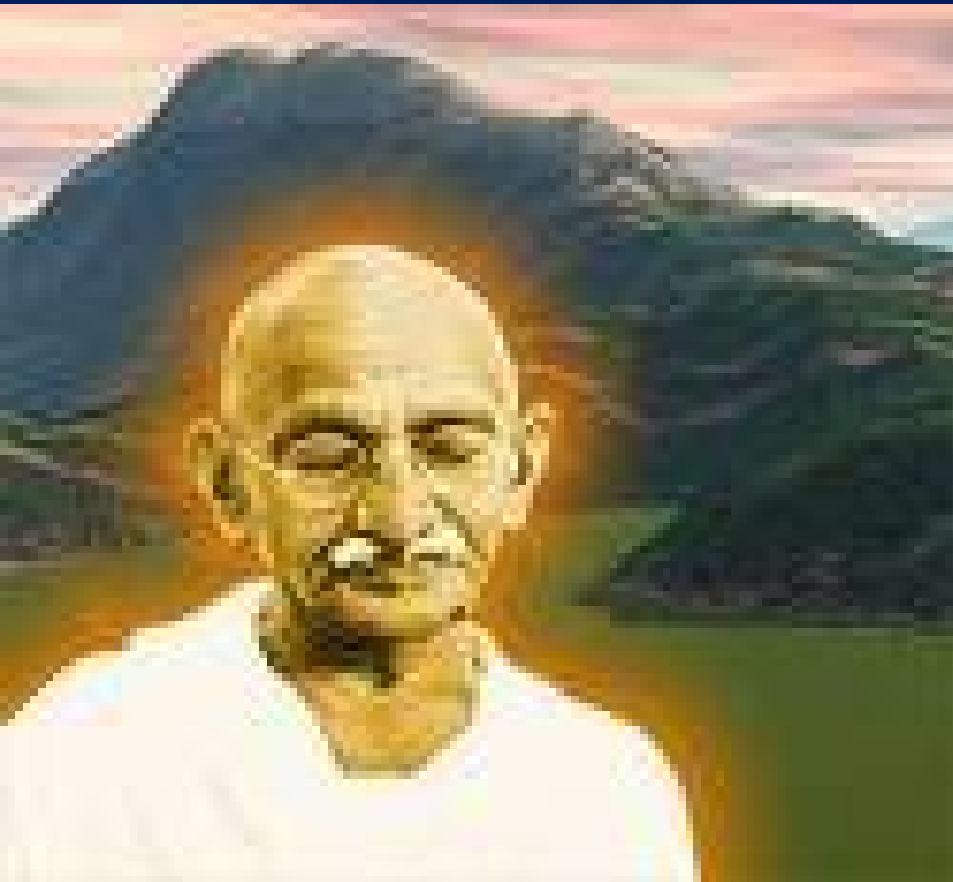
DREAMS and VALUES

- **I DREAM ABOUT WHAT I VALUE**
- because VALUES are what gives meaning and direction to our lives,
- what is important for us
- what motivates and energizes us...

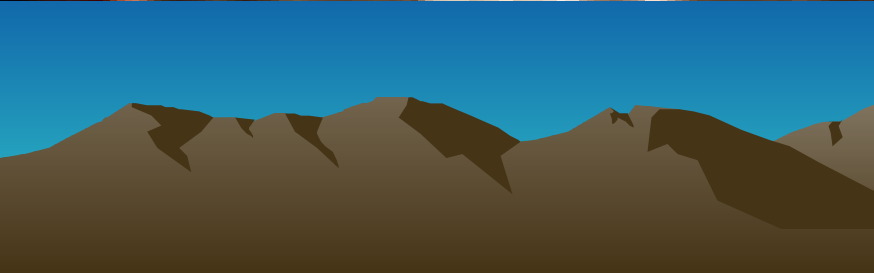


Some DREAMERS...

And here is how he lived his dream



A Dreamer with simple dreams



A familiar Dreamer...

CHÚA LÀ TÌNH YÊU...



**NHỜ HY VỌNG
CHÚNG TA ĐƯỢC
CỨU RỒI....**

**I'm sure you know this
GREAT DREAMER...**



The human journey...

- is a journey with a goal, an ideal, a **DREAM...**
- **We have been created DREAMERS!**
- **WHY?**
- **Because God has a dream for us and for the world...**
- **And we know this from the Word of God.**



So, for each of us...

- The question is:
- **WHERE DO I FIT IN THIS GREAT DREAM OF GOD FOR THE WORLD?**

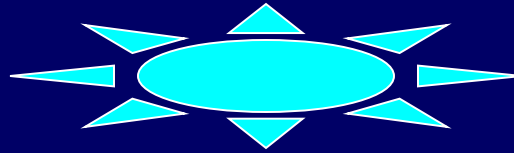
WHAT IS MY CALLING?





Ơ'N GỌI LÀ GÌ?

**THE
DREAMER
(CON NGƯỜI
ĐI TÌM...)**

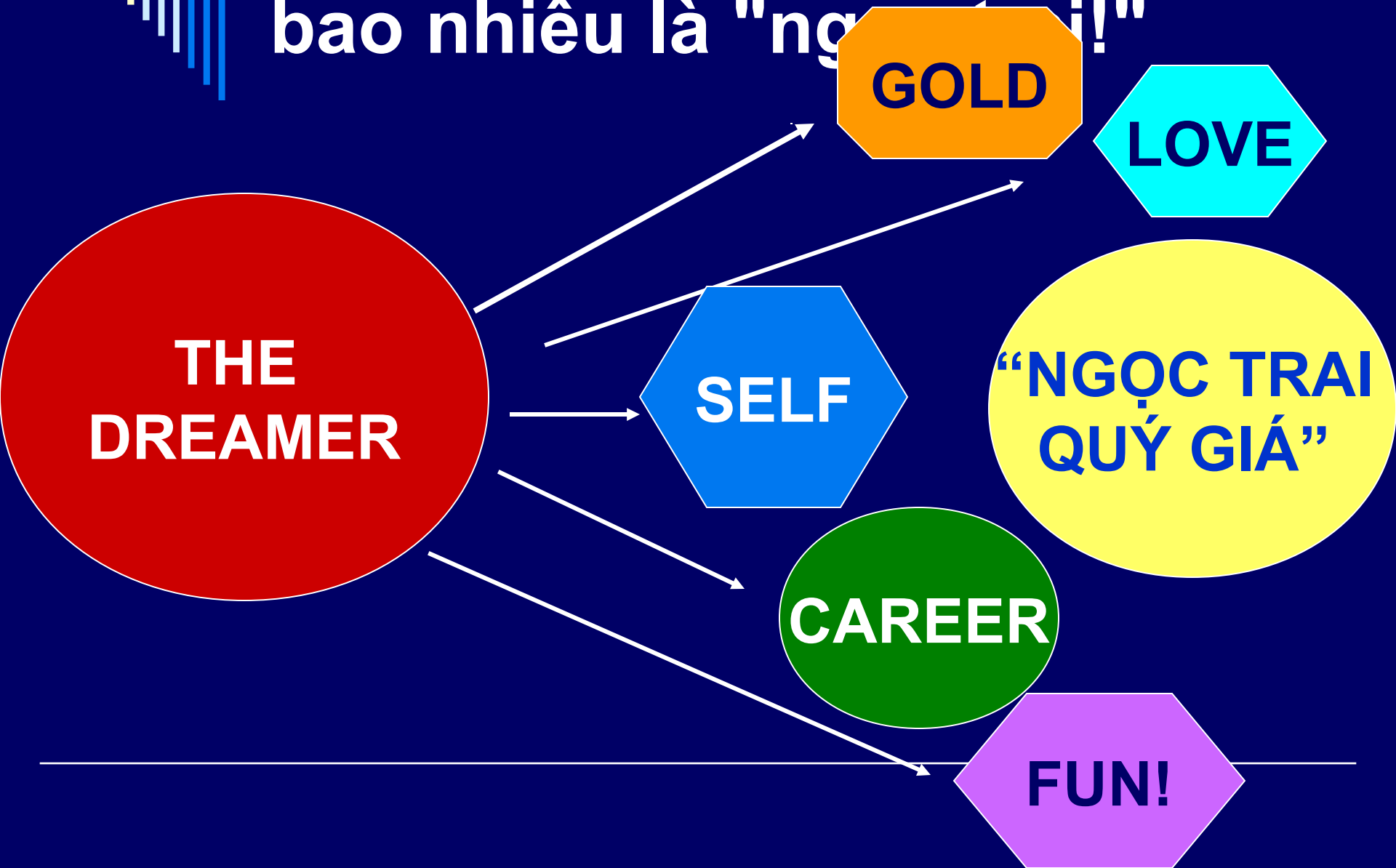


**NGỌC TRAI
QUÝ GIÁ**

Ơ'N GỌI:

I FOUND THE PEARL OF MY LIFE!

Trên thực tế,
bao nhiêu là "ngọc trai quý giá!"





3 CONDITIONS TO FIND TRUE VOCATIONS

- 1. SEE THE PEARL...**
 - 2. FIND THE PEARL BEAUTIFUL
AND ATTRACTIVE...**
 - 3. BUY THE PEARL...**
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1. See the pearl...

**MÔI TRƯỜNG
XÃ HỘI**





2. Find the pearl BEAUTIFUL!

- The vocation starts with an **ATTRACTION**: this is the first criterion of a possible vocation...
 - And this is where **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** is essential, for two main tasks:
 - to help in the discovery of the pearl, in the encounter with Jesus...
 - to discern what the Lord is saying to the heart...
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NHẬN ĐỊNH ỚN GỌI

CON NGƯỜI
ĐI TÌM...

NGỌC TRAI
QUÝ GIÁ

1. Discover the "pearl"

2. Look into the heart



The Spiritual Director...

- accompanies the “searcher”
 - by presenting the “pearl”
 - by “processing” what happens in the heart of the searcher...
 - in order to seek and find God’s will for him (her).
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NHƯNG...

- **Thế là chưa hết đâu!**
 - Until now, we have spoken of the dreams and ideals of the person...
 - I mentioned 3 conditions:
 - 1. See the pearl
 - 2. Find the pearl attractive
 - **3. BUY THE PEARL!**
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THE SELF-IDEAL...

- is the **DREAMING PART OF THE SELF**
- What about the **REAL SELF**?

the **REAL ME?**

- **CÓ ĐỦ TIỀN MUA NGỌC TRAI KHÔNG?**
 - We need to return to our earlier schema
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SELF

IDEAL: the dreaming self

**SEEKING THE
PEARL OF
GREAT VALUE**

REAL: the incarnate self

**NEEDS
and
EMOTIONS**



REAL SELF

- This is the soil of our being, the soil of our **NEEDS** and **EMOTIONS**
- **WE ARE NOT ANGELS** with only soul and two wings...
- But we are people of flesh and bone
- and God calls us with all that we are
- God wants us to be **HOLY** and **WHOLE**...



In other words...

- We have two basic questions in vocational discernment:

1. the **DESIRE** TO FOLLOW THE LORD
in this way of life...

= MOTIVATION

2. the **CAPACITY** TO LIVE UP TO THE
DEMANDS of this way of life...

= SUITABILITY



This is about...

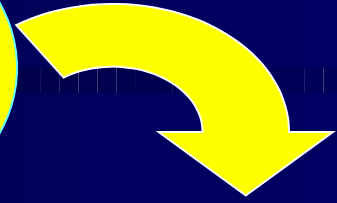
- **HUMAN MATURITY!**
- That is: the human foundation of a vocational commitment...
- **GRACE BUILDS ON NATURE...**
- **Again, back to our schema:**



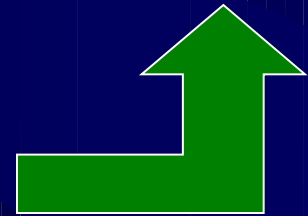
VOCATIONAL JOURNEY

IDEAL

**DREAMING
GREAT DREAMS**



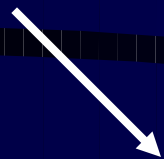
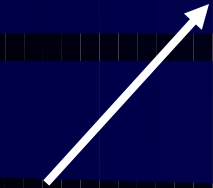
**LIVING
MY
DREAM**



**NEEDS
EMOTIONS
CAPACITIES**

REAL

SELF



And the reality is...

- That all our candidates
– and all of us also
- Are more or less IMMATURE!!!
- **C'EST LA VIE!**
- And these immaturities will always cause some difficulties along the way...
- **Question:** CAN THIS PERSON GROW?

So before admitting someone...

- We need to **ACCOMPANY** the seeker and **PUT HIM IN CONTACT WITH GOD**
- We need to **HELP HIM LISTEN TO GOD**
- And we need also **TO VERIFY** if he is **SUITED FOR THIS WAY OF LIFE.**
- In this, we follow the **GOSPEL WAY...**

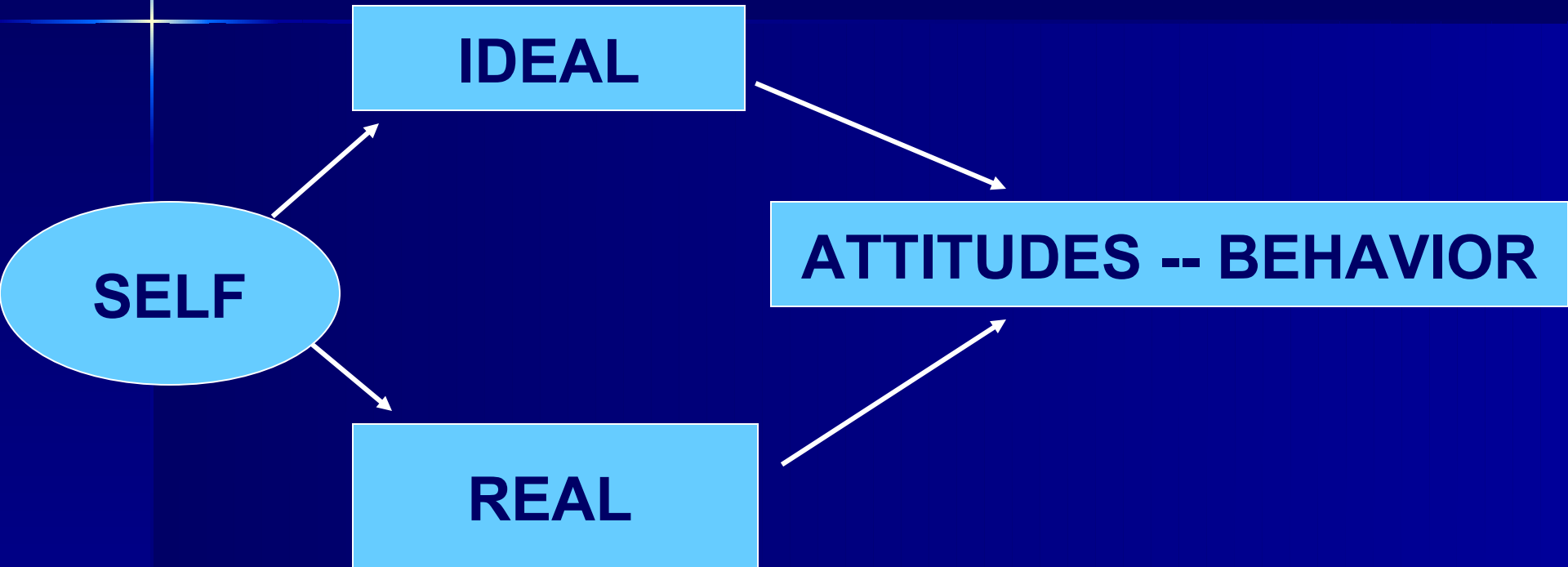
The GOSPEL WAY

1. **INITIAL ENCOUNTER:** "Where do you stay?" "Come and see."
2. **GETTING TO KNOW:** Galilee--the man and the mission
3. **CRISIS:** "Who am I?" "You are the Christ, you have the words of eternal life."
4. **FORMATION TO DISCIPLESHIP:** "Follow me..." along the way to Jerusalem.
5. **MISSION:** "Go to the whole world..."

What to do now in formation?

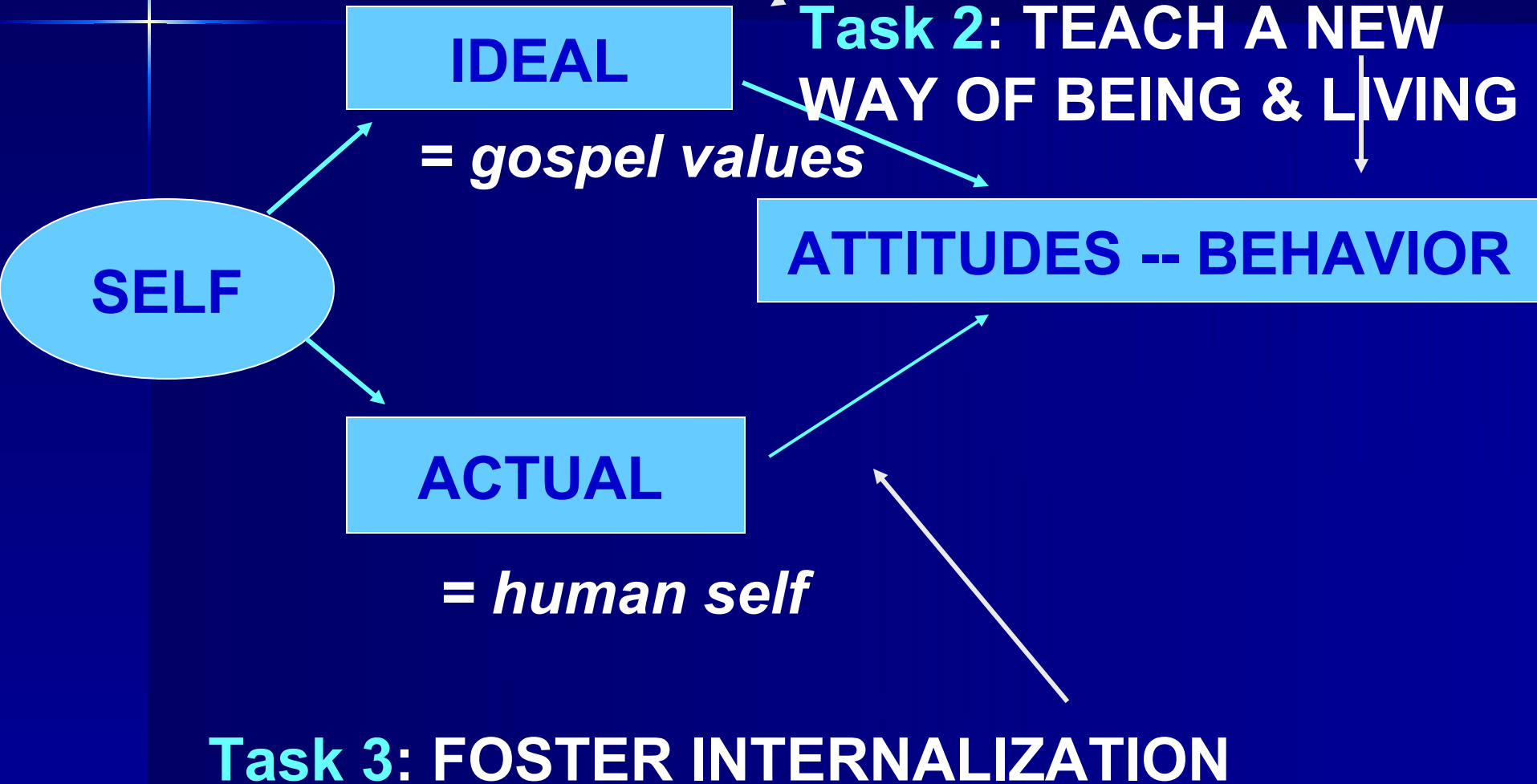
- **What is the role now of “spiritual direction” in formation?**
- **The accompaniment has three main tasks...**
- **Back to our schema always...**

THE PERSON-IN-VOCATION

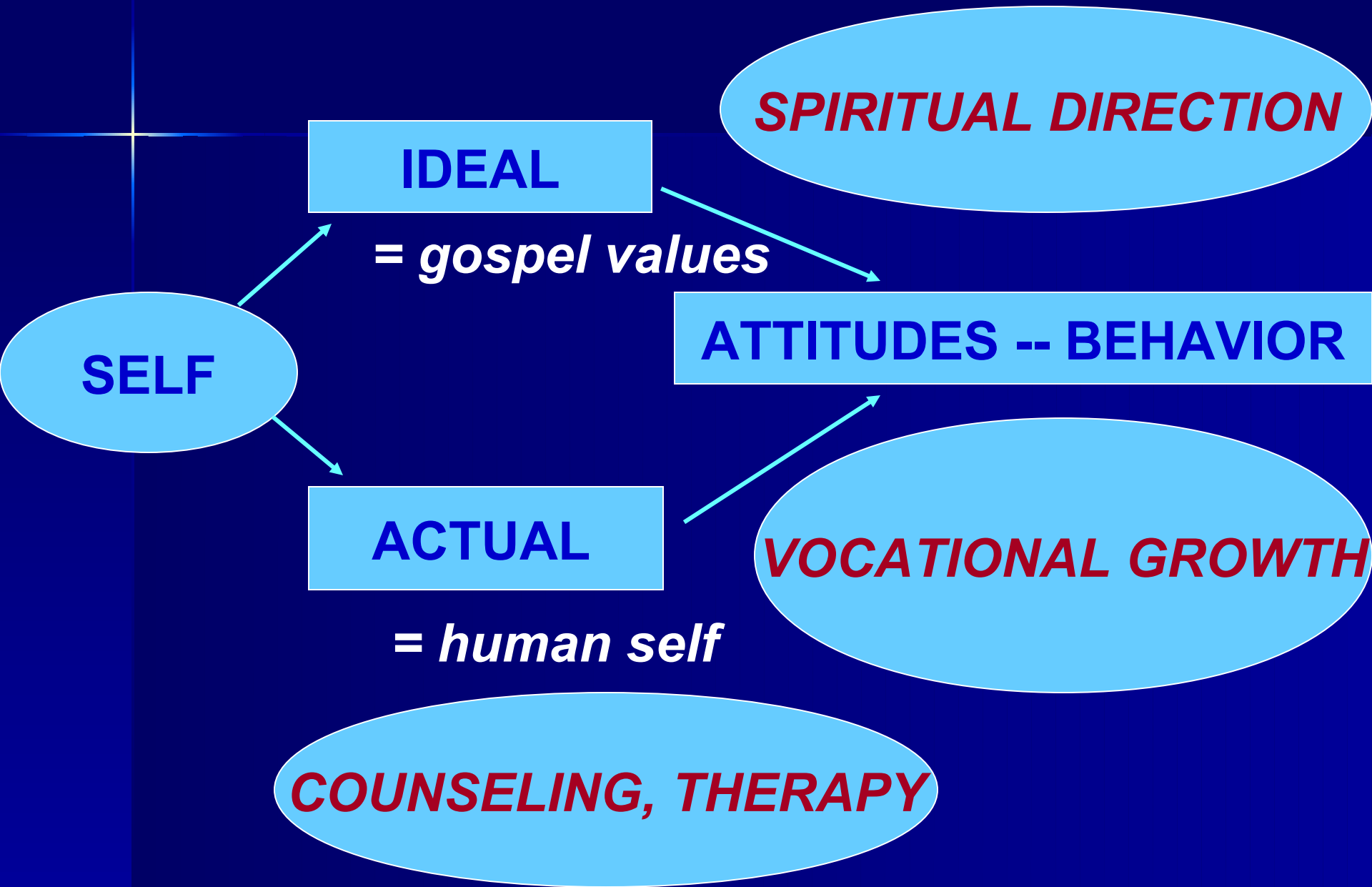


WHAT ARE WE TO DO IN FORMATION?

Task 1: DEEPEN THE VALUES OF CHRIST



VARIOUS TYPES OF INTERVENTION



4 MOVEMENTS TOWARD INTEGRATED SPIRITUALITY

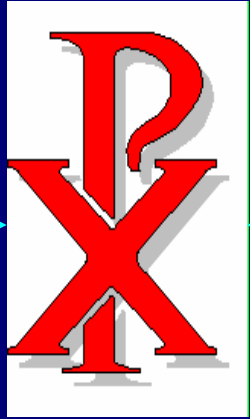
**NATURE
NEEDS
ACTUAL SELF**

**GRACE
VALUES
IDEAL SELF**

**To be aware &
to KNOW**

**To be
ATTRACTED to**

**OUR REAL
SELF**



**GOSPEL
VALUES**

**To ACCEPT
and CHANGE**

**To be
CONVERTED by**

AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE

ATTRACTION & CONVERSION

Self-fulfillment comes here → |

Self-transcendent consistency moves up here →