



VEDANTA CONCEPTS

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Peace Chanting (ShAnti PAtha)

Sanskrit	Transliteration	Meaning
<p>ॐ गुरुभ्यो नमः हरी ओम् ।</p> <p>सह नाववतु । सह नौ भुनक्तु । सह वीर्यं करवावहै । तेजस्वि नावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहै । ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः । हरी ओम् ॥</p>	<p>Om Gurubhyo Namah Hari Om </p> <p>Saha Nau-Avatu Saha Nau Bhunaktu Saha Viiryam Karavaavahai Tejasvi Nau-Adhiitam-Astu Maa Vidvissaavahai Om Shaantih Shaantih Shaantih Hari Om </p>	<p>Salutations to the Guru.</p> <p>May God Protect us Both, May God Nourish us Both, May we Work Together with Energy and Vigour, May our Study be Enlightening and not give rise to Hostility Om, Peace, Peace, Peace. Salutations to the Lord.</p>

Our Quest

Goal:

- Eternal Happiness
- End of All Sufferings
- Transcending Birth & Death

Problem:

- Fleeting Happiness
- Endless Suffering
- Cycle of Birth & Death

Vedanta - Introduction

Definition:

- Veda = Knowledge, Anta = End
- End of Vedas
- Culmination or Essence of Vedas
- Leads to God (Truth) Realization

Truth:

- Never changes; beyond Time-Space-Causation
- Is One
- Is Beneficial
- Transforms us
- Leads from Truth Speaking-> Truth Seeking-> Truth Seeing

Vedantic Solution To Our Quest

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Vedantic Solution:

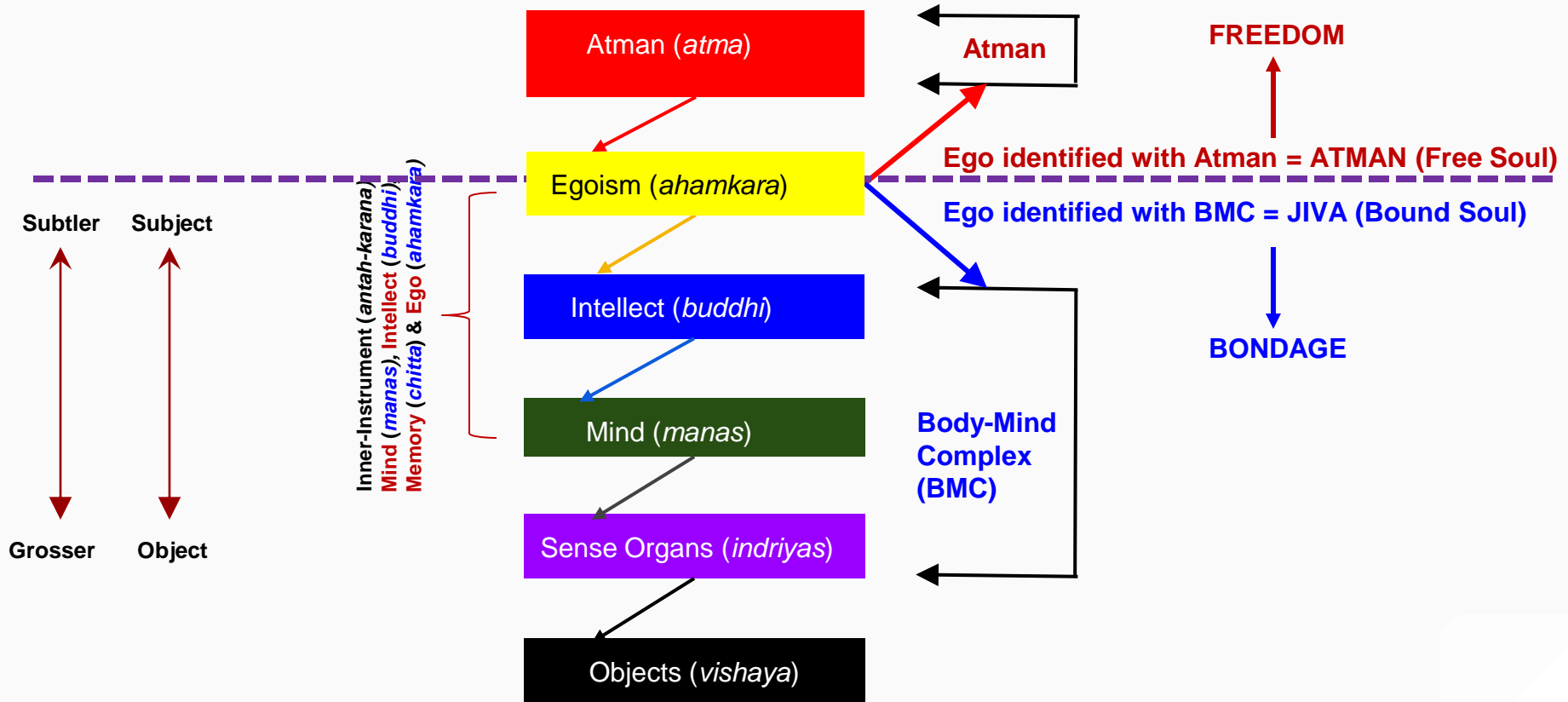
Cause of Problem:

- Ignorance (*avidyA*) of our Real Nature
- Attachment (*ragah, sangah*) to fleeting Objects & Relations

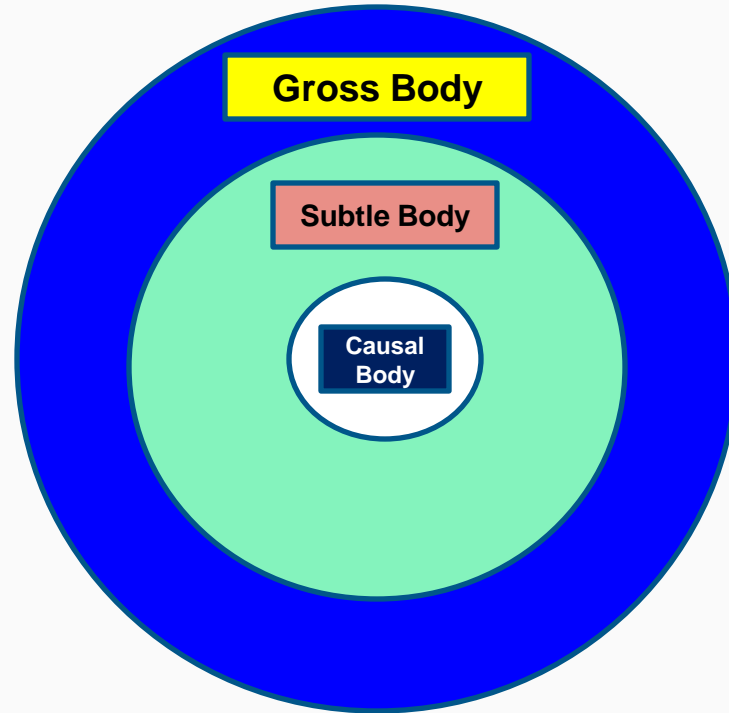
Remedy:

- Intense Spiritual Practice (*sadhana*)
- Liberation (*mukti/moksha*)

Identification & Hierarchy in Embodied Soul



Three Bodies (*Sharira Traya*)



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- 1) Extremely Subtle & not externally visible
- 2) Cause of Gross & Subtle Body
- 3) State of Ignorance (*avidya*), Indescribable, Beginningless

Causal Body
(*kaarana sarira*)

creates

merges

- 1) Subtle & externally not visible
- 2) Product of 5 Subtle Elements
 - 5 Organs of Perception (*jnanendriya*)
 - 5 Organs of Action (*karmandriya*)
 - 5 Vital Forces (*prana*)
 - Mind, Intellect, Memory & Ego
- 3) Instrumental in gathering experience

Subtle Body
(*sukshma sarira*)

creates

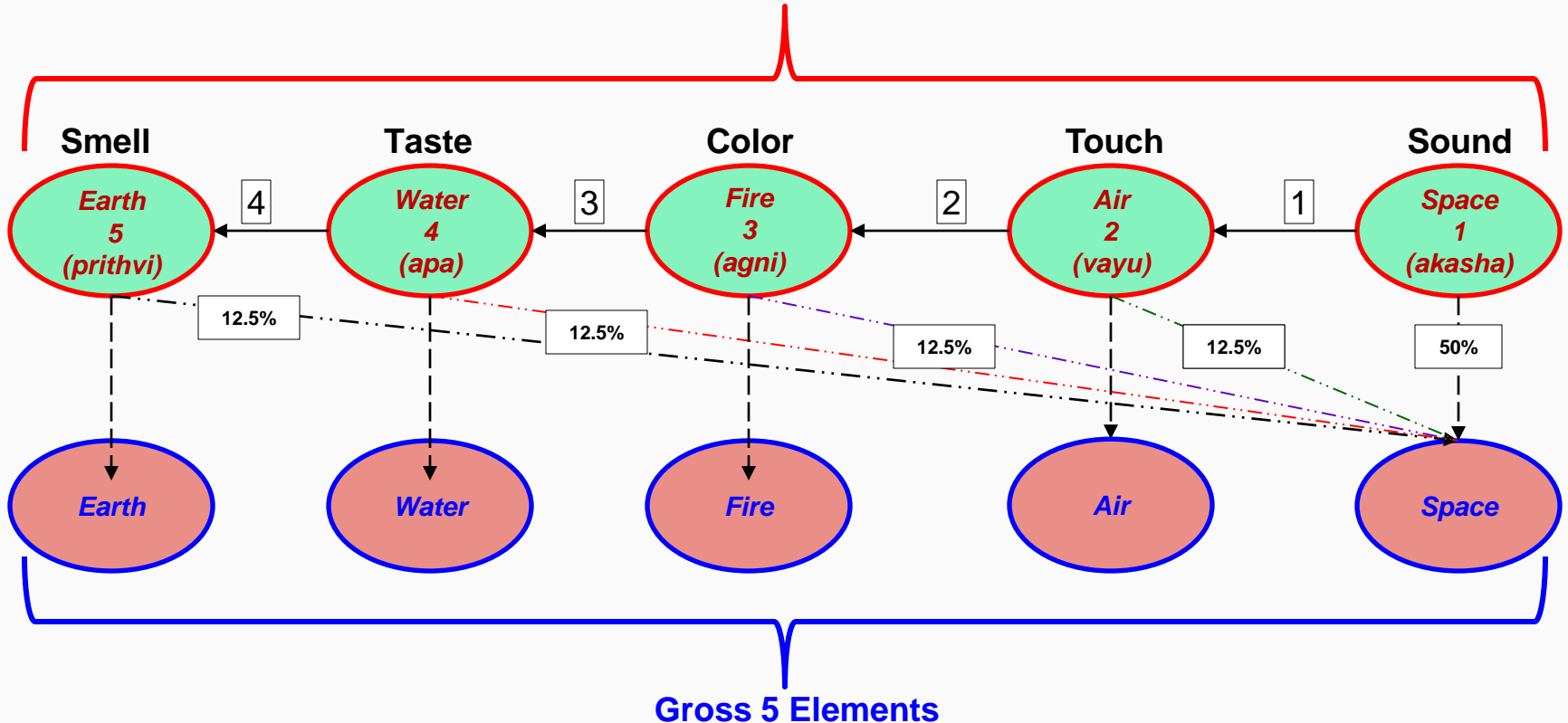
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Gross Body
(*sthula sarira*)

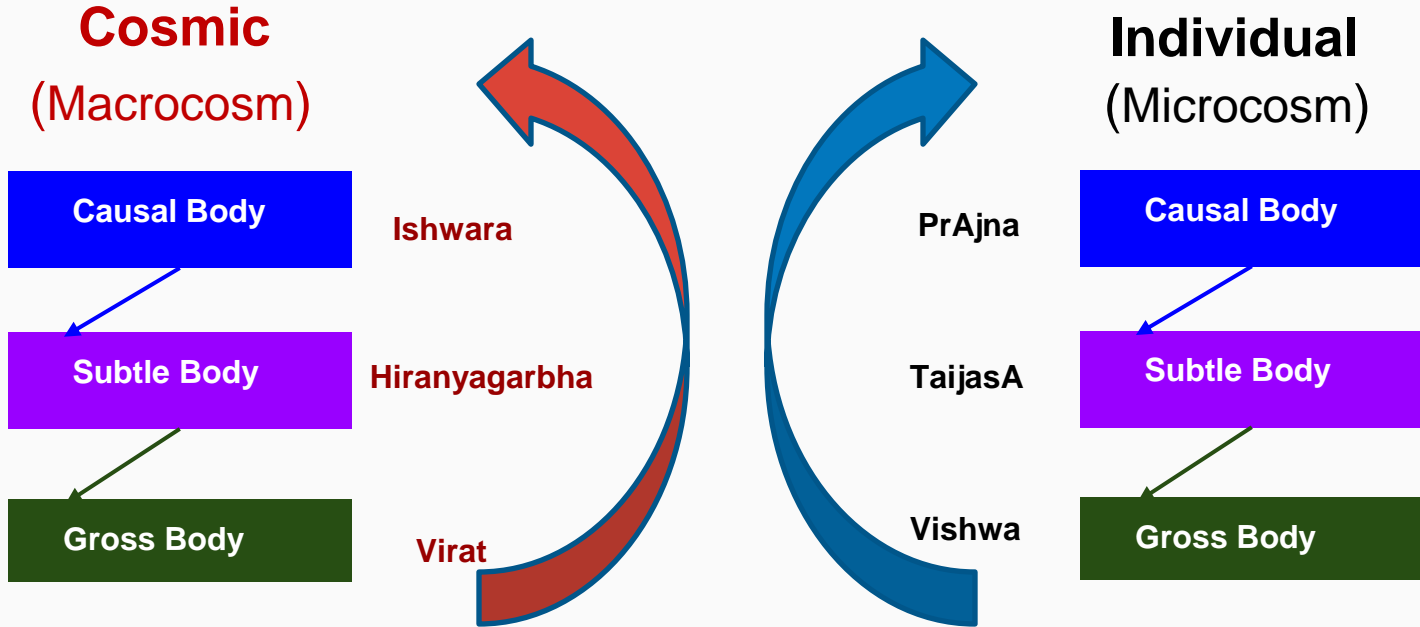
- 1) Gross and externally visible
- 2) Product of 5 Gross Elements (Earth, Water, Fire, Air, Space)
- 3) Subject to 6 changes (Existence, Birth, Growth, Change, Decay & Death)
- 4) Physical medium to experience pain & pleasure

Gross-Subtle Elements Formation

Subtle 5-Elements



Cosmic Body & Individual Body



Ishwara = Sum Total of all Causal Bodies
Hiranyagarbha = Sum Total of all Subtle Bodies
Virat = Sum Total of Gross Bodies

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