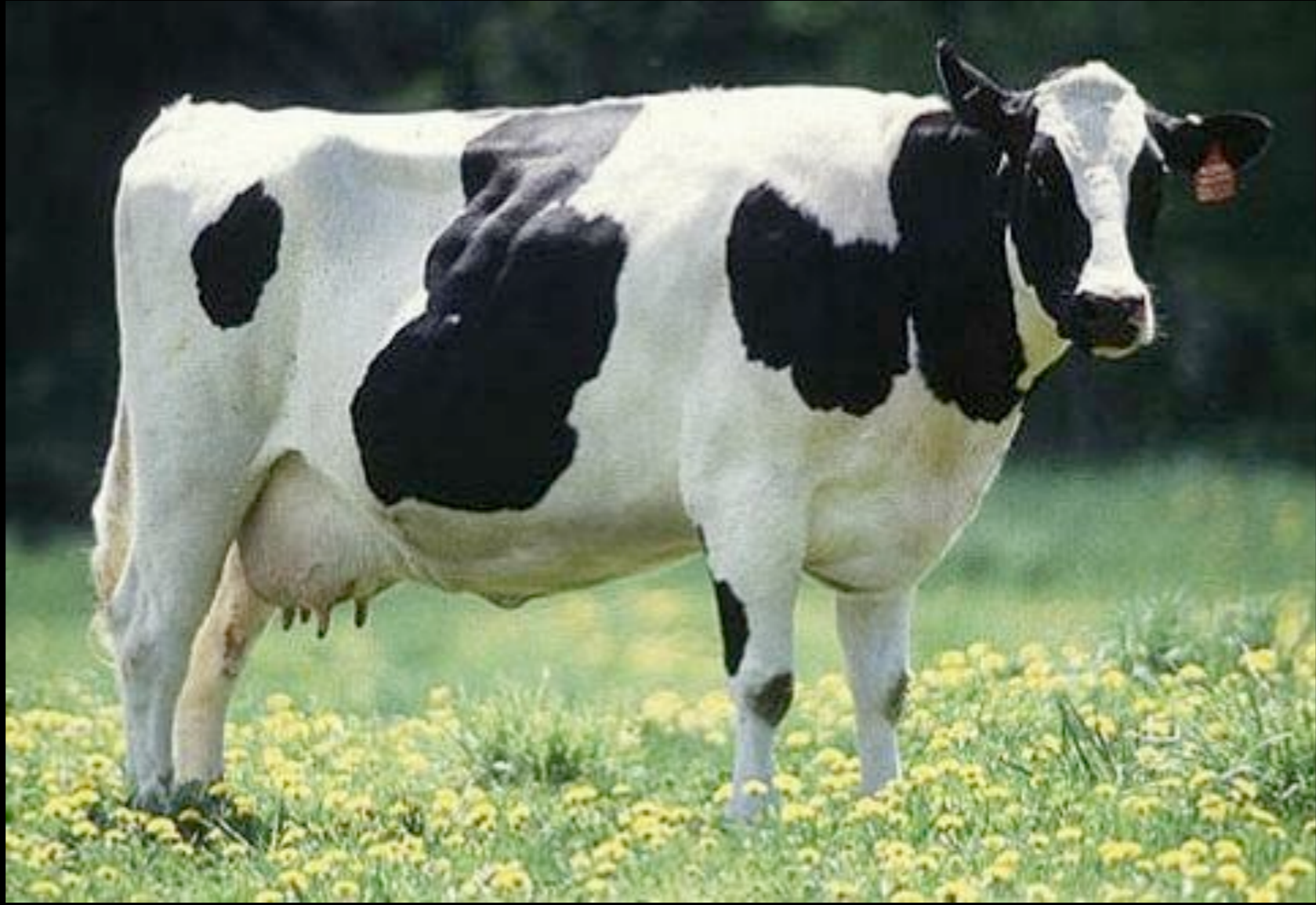
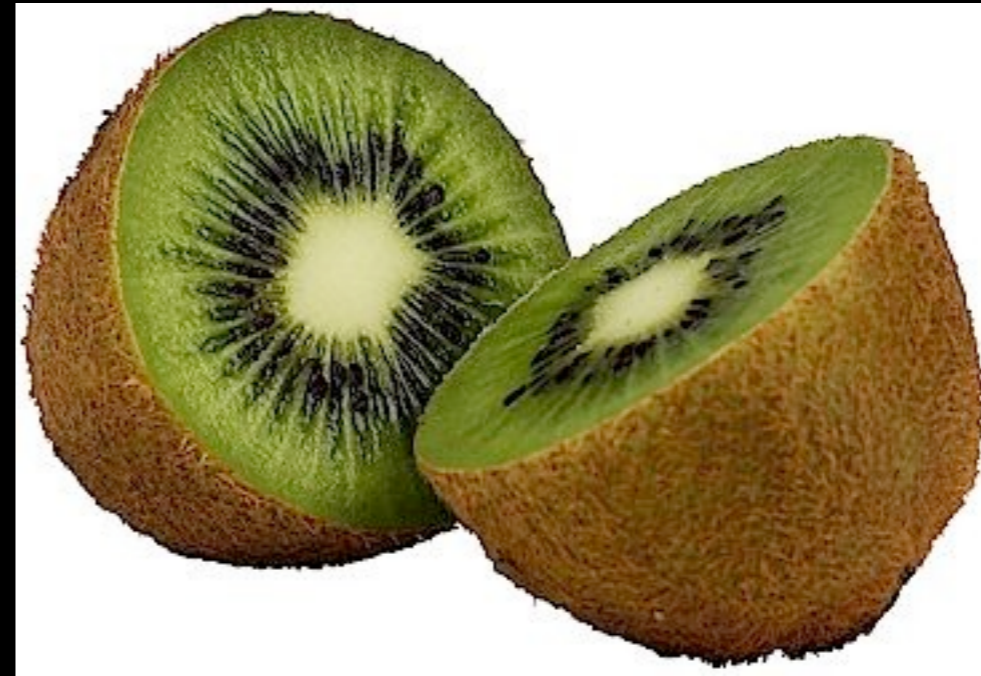


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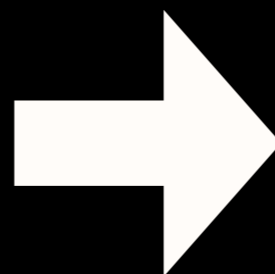


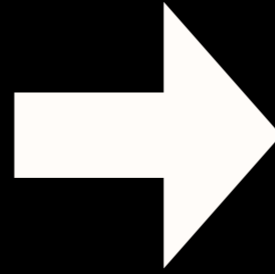




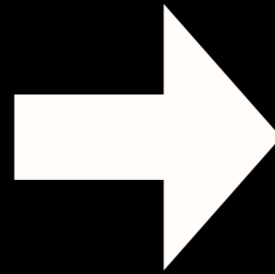
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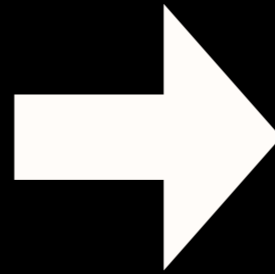






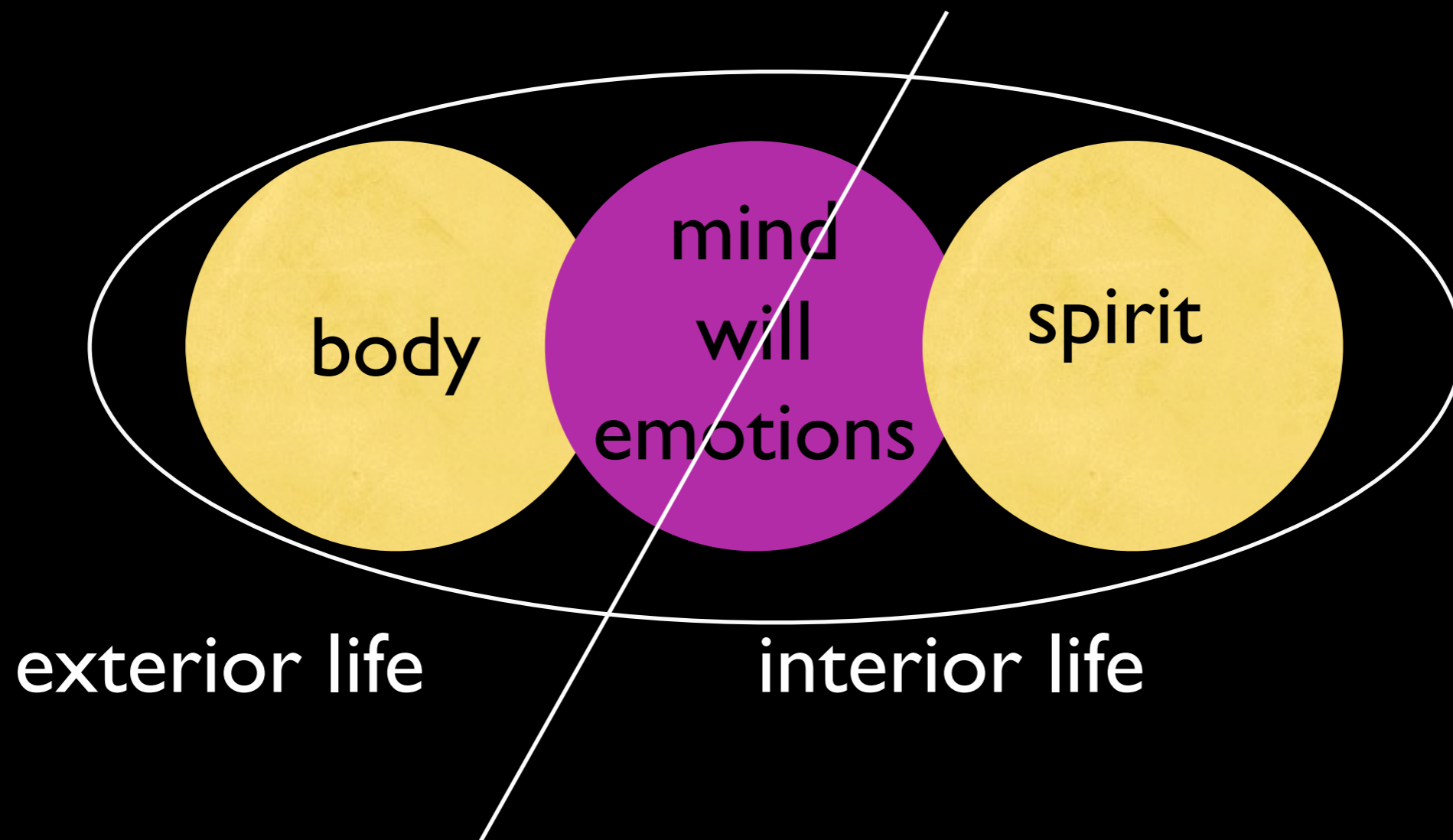








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is no guarantee of the condition of our interior life



Physically, Mentally, and Emotionally
I thought I was doing great..

The reality was that I was “poor, blind, and naked”.

Sioux Falls College
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

You are in Christ!



St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minnesota
Christ is in you!



The Tupperware Gospel

From Doctor to Road Sign

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Colossians

The citizens of a city called Colossae (located near present day Turkey) who received a letter from Paul, a key leader of the early church. Paul's special ministry was to preach about Jesus among the Gentiles, the non-Jewish population.

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“Christ in you,
the hope of glory.”

Colossians 1:27

Are you living in Him,
or are you living the
external life?

How do you know?

What was your last
conversation with Jesus like?

Does His joy and peace and
purity characterize your life?

Do others sense you have
been with Him?

Do you know Christ's
completeness or are you
striving to attain peace?

Do you rest in His complete
forgiveness or do you
struggle to feel loved and
accepted?

Is your life characterized by
freedom in Christ, or are you
bound by rules and
obligations.

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