

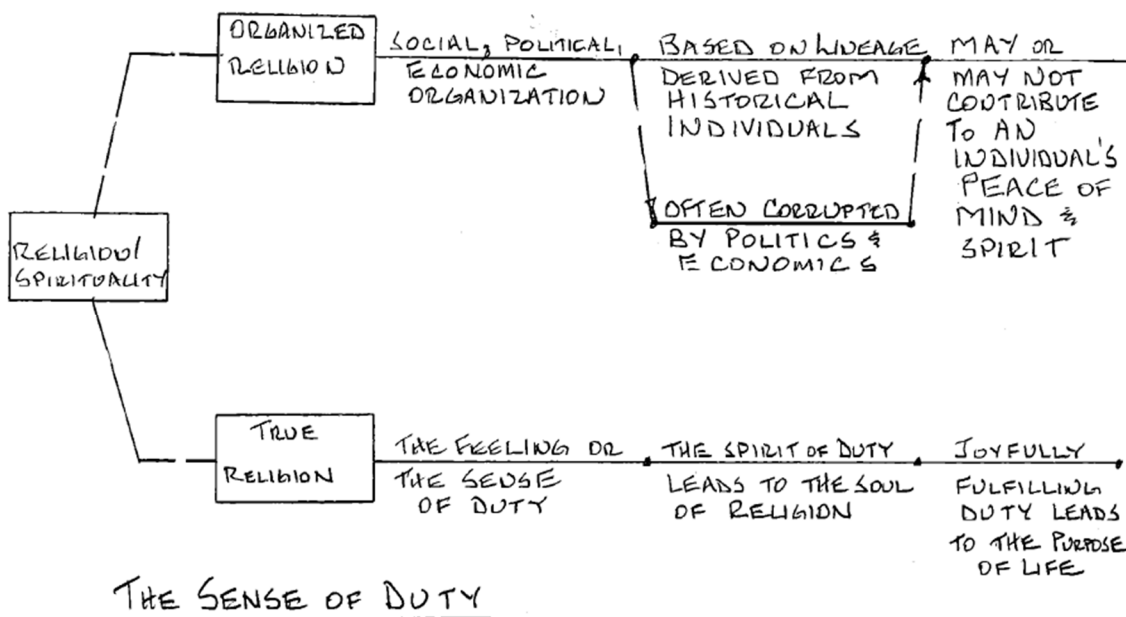


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**Religion and Spirituality
(Five Aspects of Duty and God or Not)**

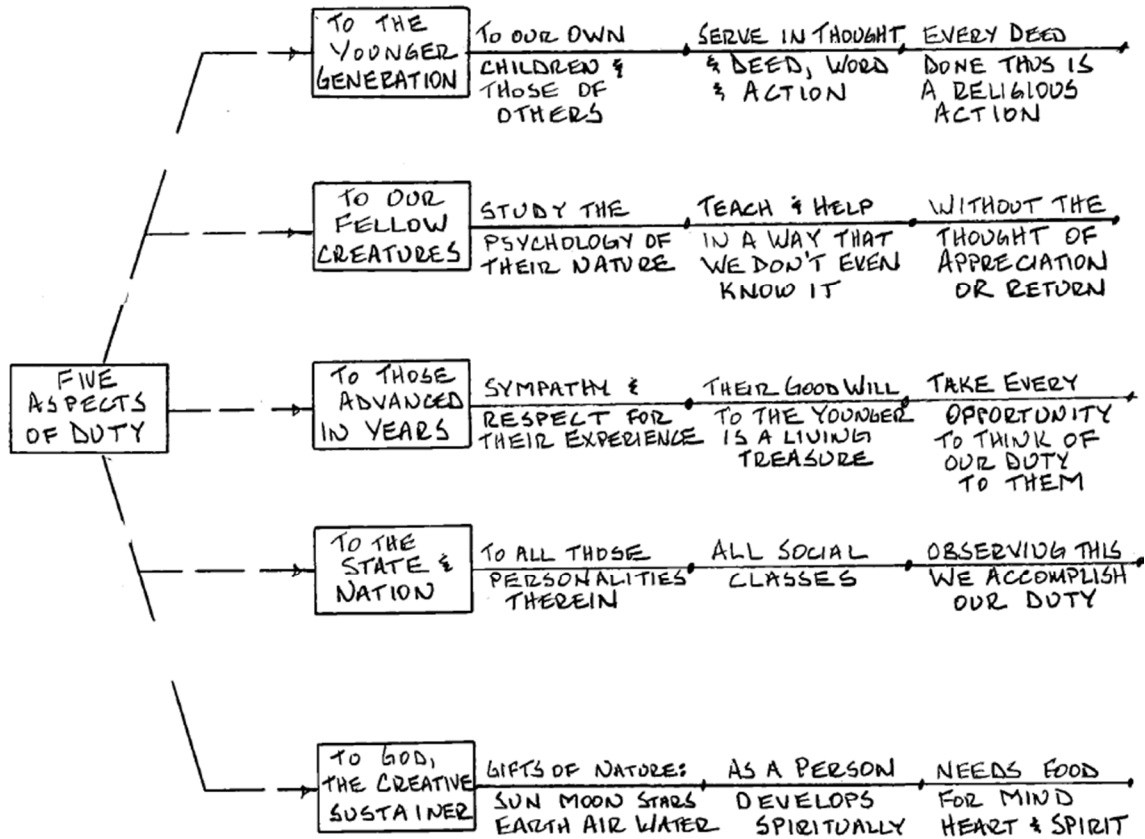
I'm thinking the following IdeaGrams might lead to an interesting discussion (they were extracted from the teachings of Sufi Master Hazrat Inayat Khan):



It is an interesting proposition to suggest that true religion is what takes place if our actions are aligned with “duty” as defined herein and as follows.

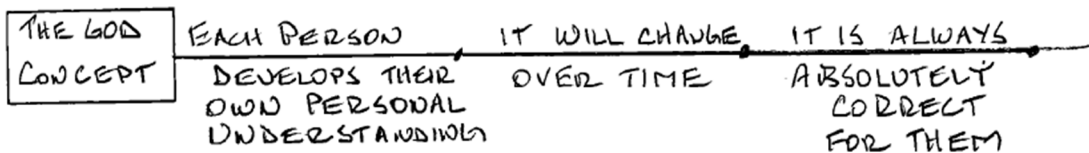
And even further that fulfilling such duty leads to the purpose of life !!

The following chart captures aspects of duty as applied to the younger generation, to our fellow creatures, to those in advanced years, to the state and nation and to “god” as the creative sustainer of life (or as our related aspects of consciousness and community).



The following chart was not in Hazrat Khan's narrative teaching. It has been added by myself in an attempt to clarify and suggest a resolution of the relative difficulty we all have in describing the concept of god. It's not a white man in the sky with a beard (unless you want it to be).

In my estimation it is too large and expansive a concept to describe in words. It may be possible to experience it in some sense on a real, intuitive basis. Or maybe not. It doesn't really matter take your choice and live your life. Just don't hurt somebody else with thoughts, words or deeds because they disagree with what your way of thinking.



As a final thought I don't mean to suggest anything specific to anybody, but rather to encourage an analysis and consideration that duty and spirituality have some meaning to all of us, whether in the affirmation or in the denial. Truth is where you search for it.