

HISTORY

Twenty-two years after Pretoria

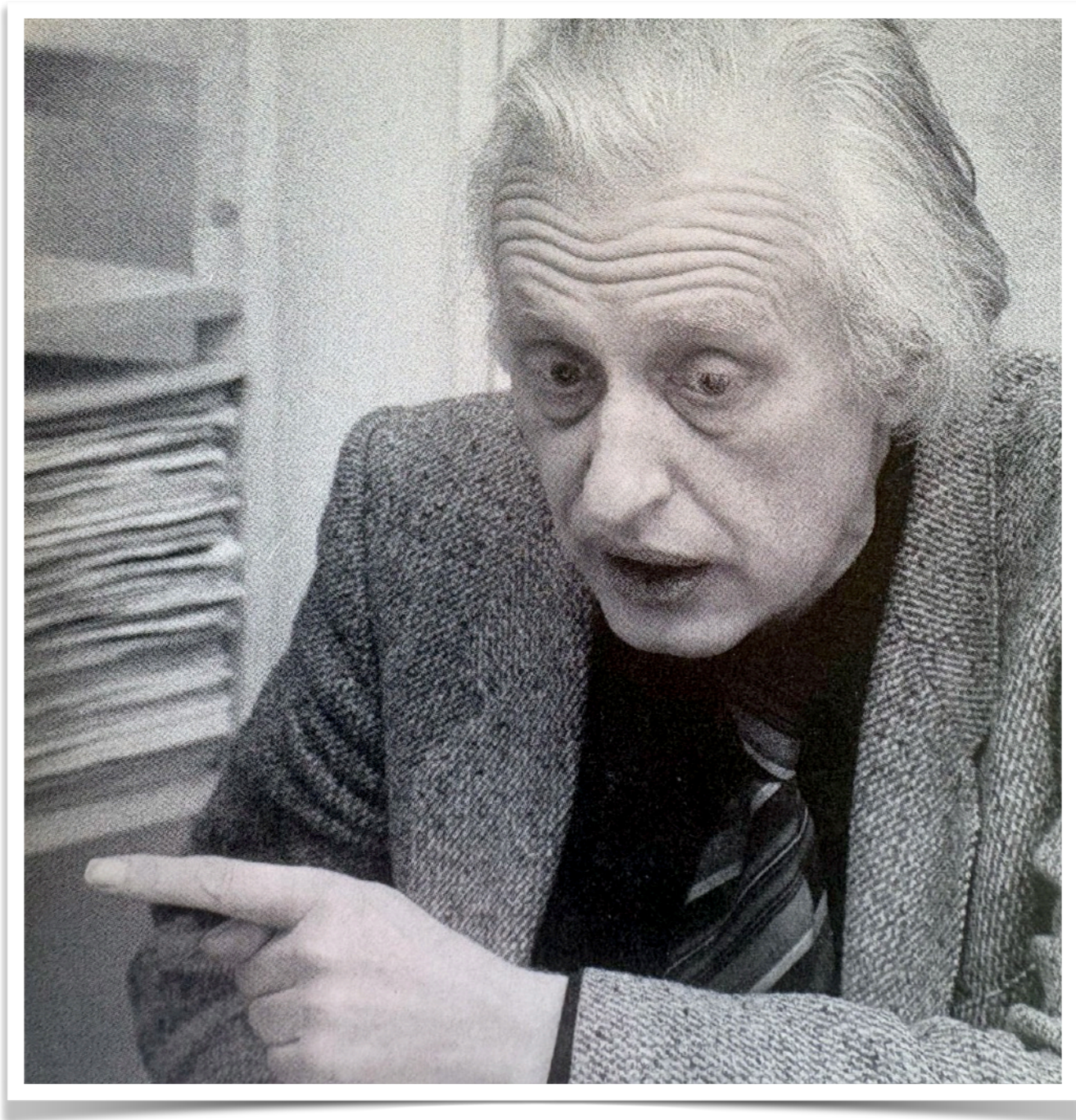
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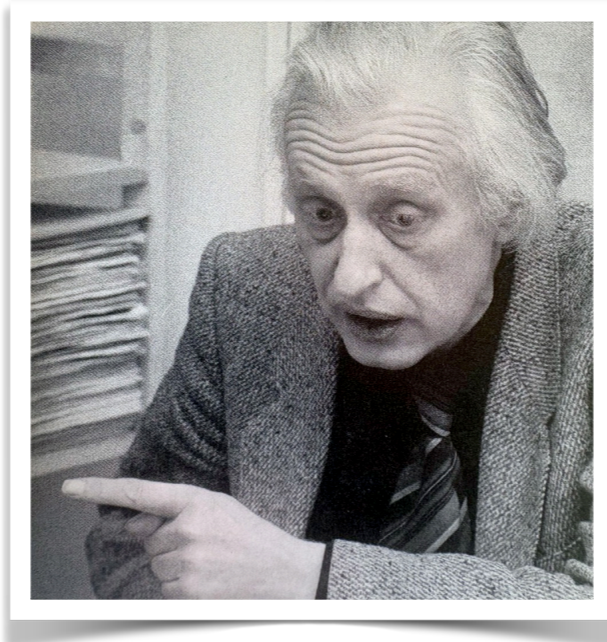
NCD Summit Pretoria 2004



A tribute to Fritz Schwarz (1930–1985)



Key features of his ministry



1. “the simple gospel”
(versus complicated theology)

2. “redeemed imagination”
(versus purely administrating the status quo)

3. “intentional and strategic action”
(versus merely discussing the church of the future)

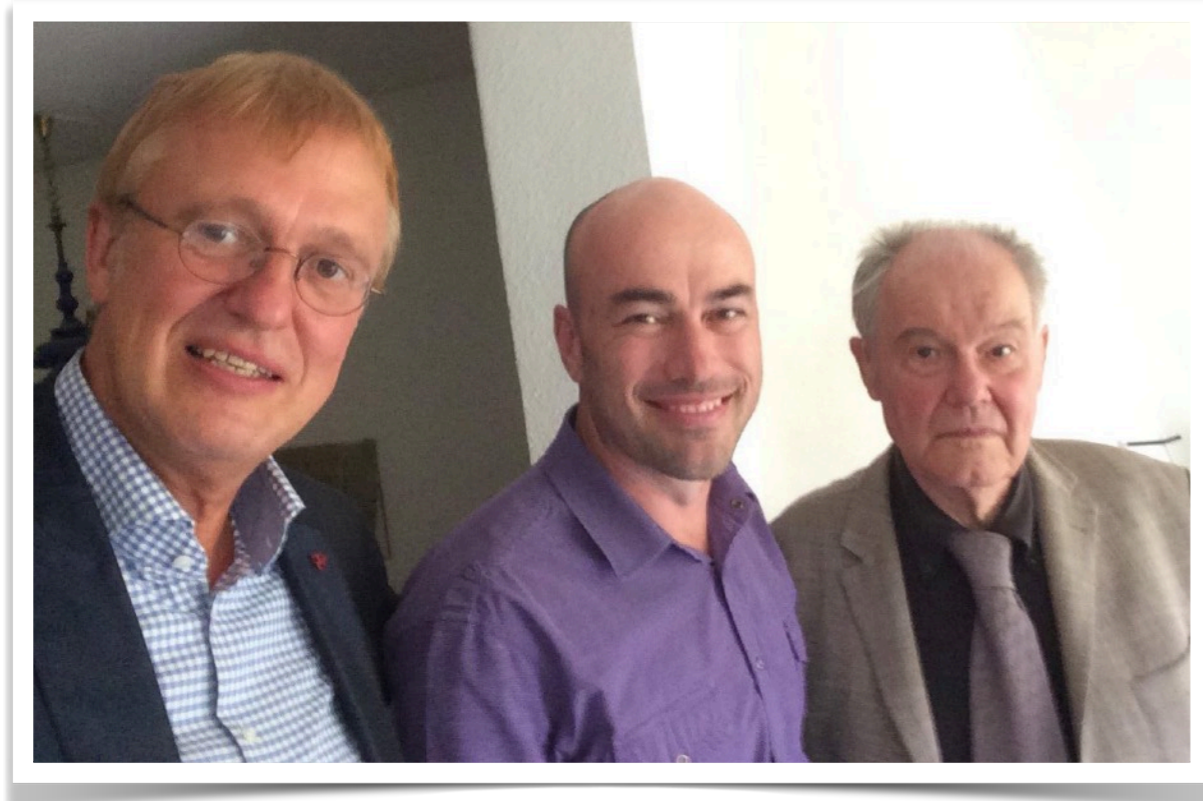
A tribute to Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945)



Mentoring with Thomas Bonhoeffer



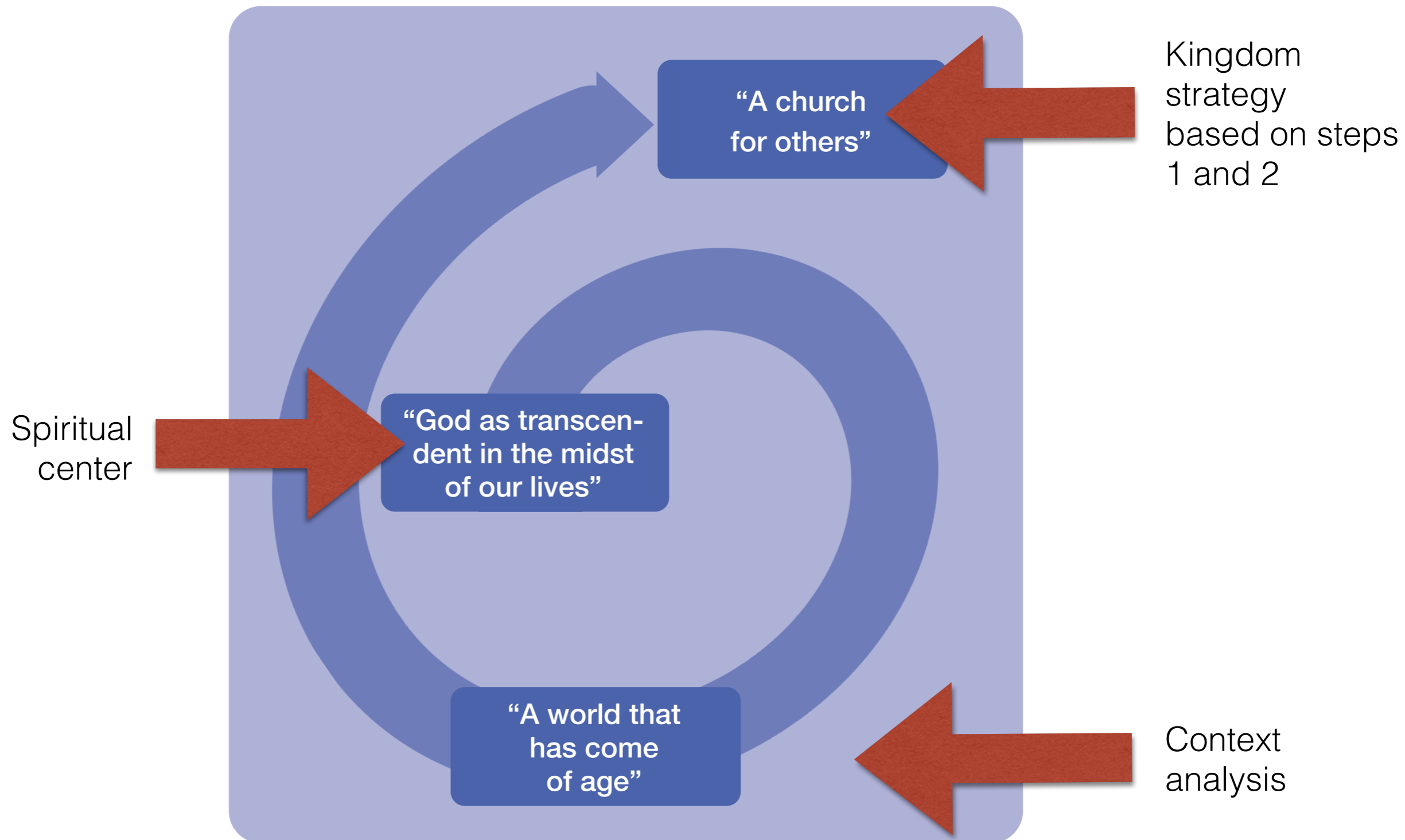
Sharing & reflection times with Thomas and Adam



Thomas Bonhoeffer, a source of guidance, inspiration, and critical reflection of NCD over the decades



Understanding the “Bonhoeffer Cycle”



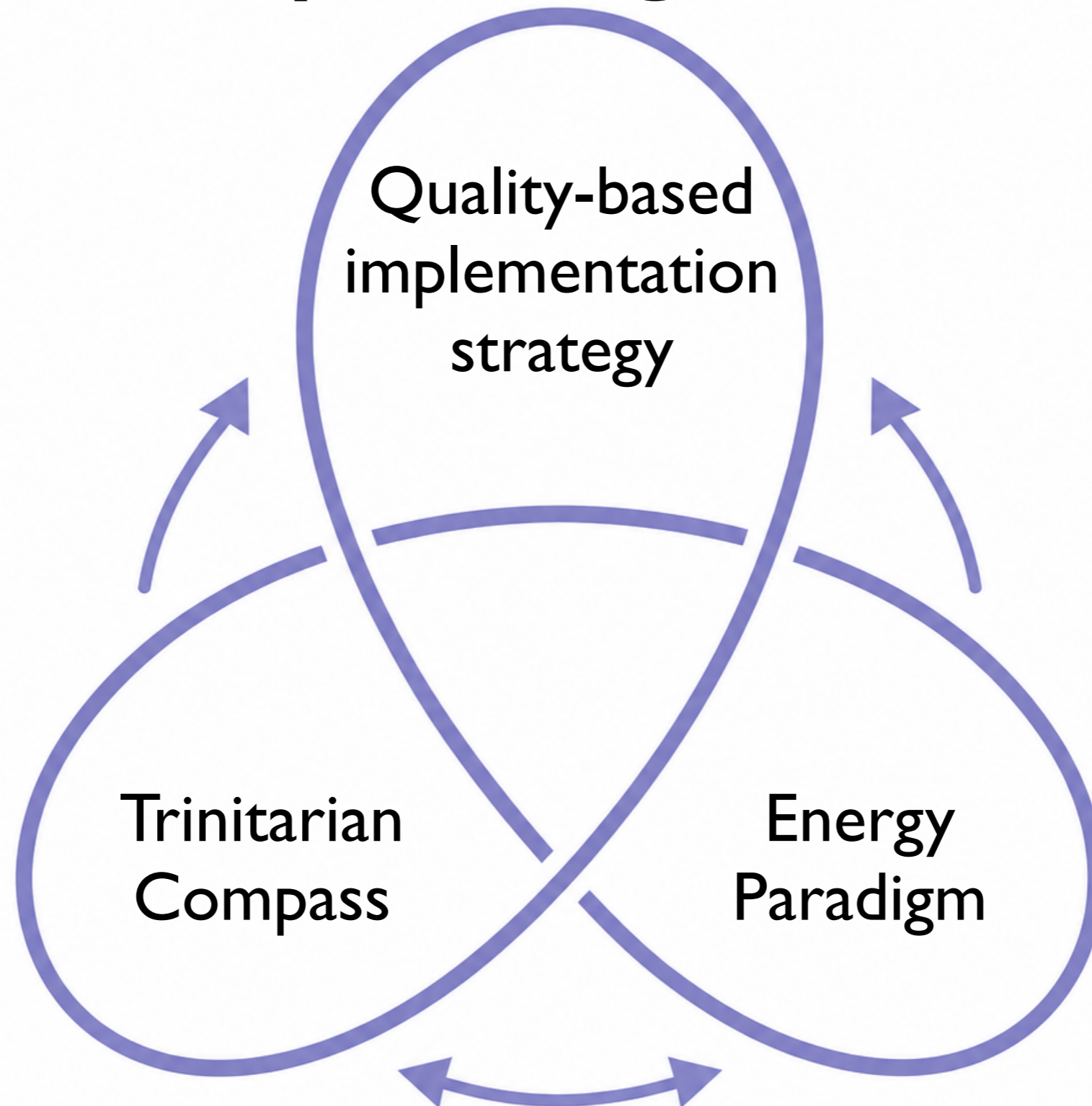
The 3 pillars of the NCD paradigm today

Quality-based
implementation
strategy

Trinitarian
Compass

Energy
Paradigm

The 3 pillars of the NCD paradigm



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1. quality-based strategy
(universal principles, measuring quality,
minimum factor)

2. Trinitarian Compass
(the theological heart of NCD)

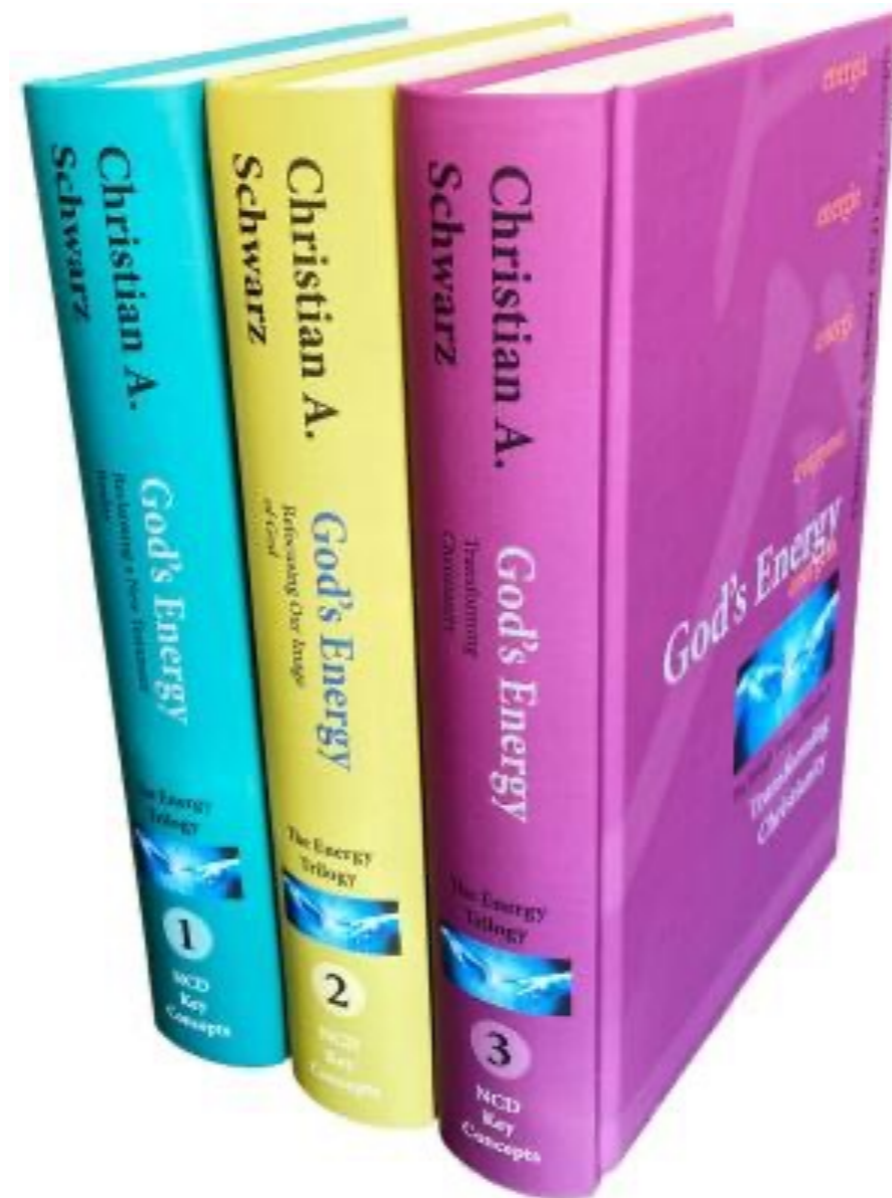
3. energy paradigm
(the strategic heart of NCD)

Shifts in my own role within the NCD Network

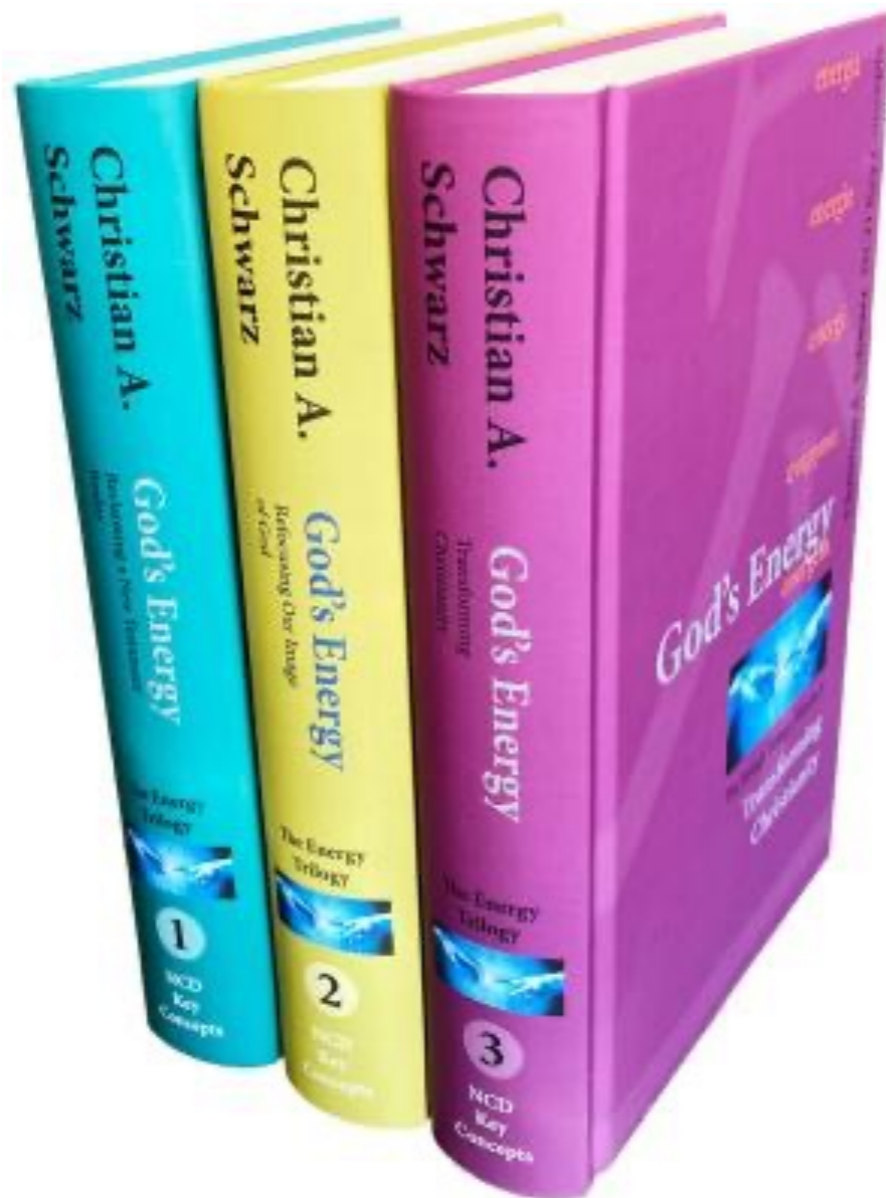


From receiving and casting a **vision**
to strategically investing in a sustainable
support structure
to stepping into a
predominantly empowering role

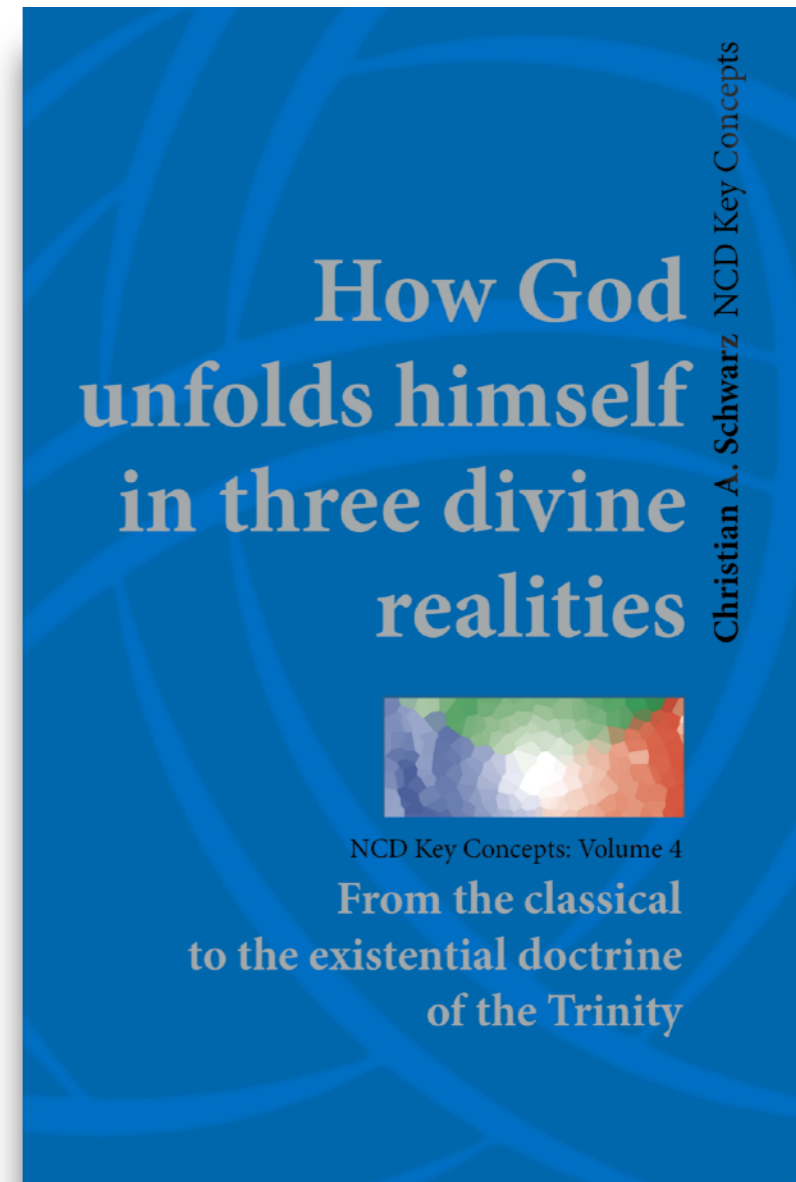
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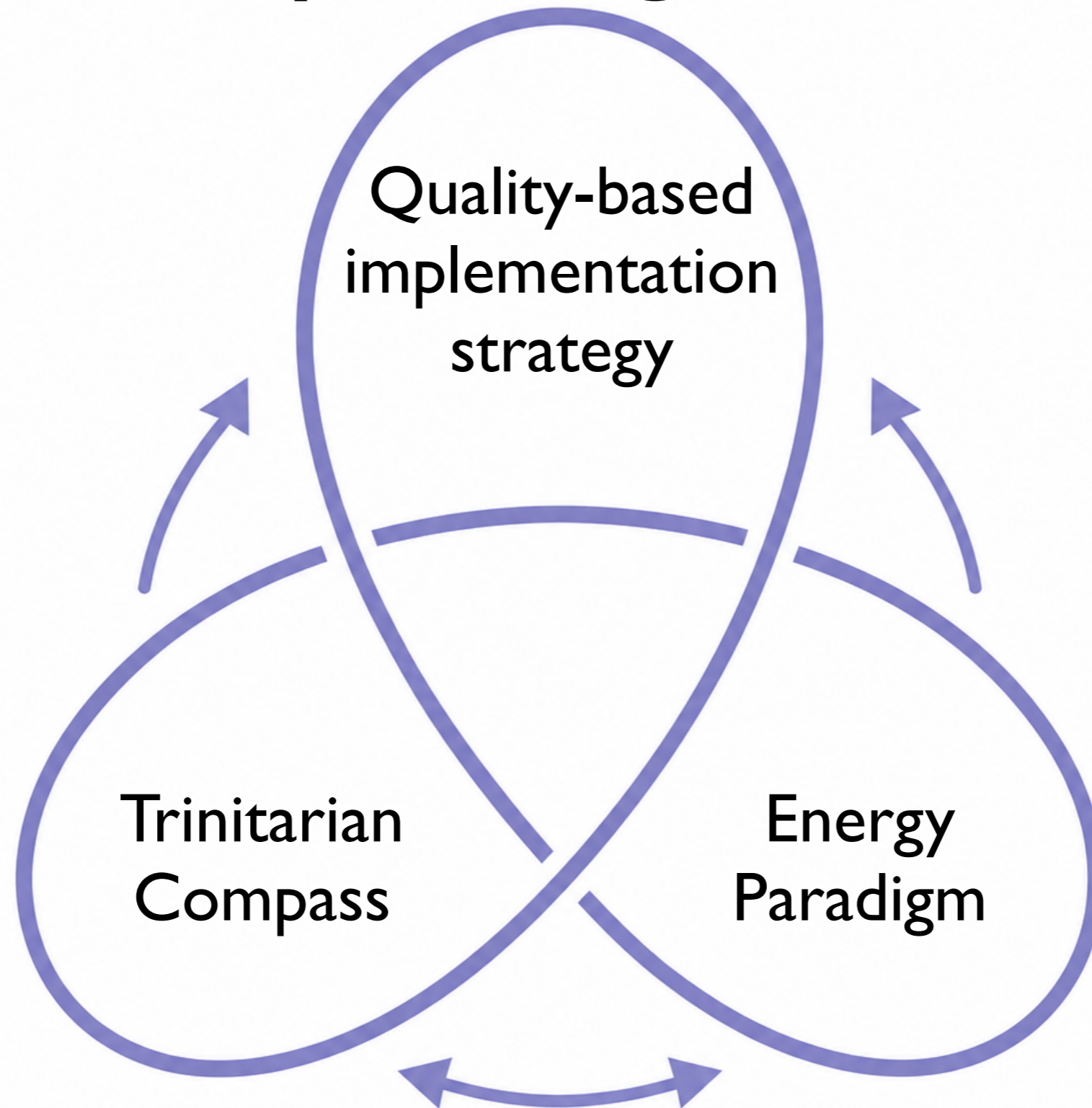
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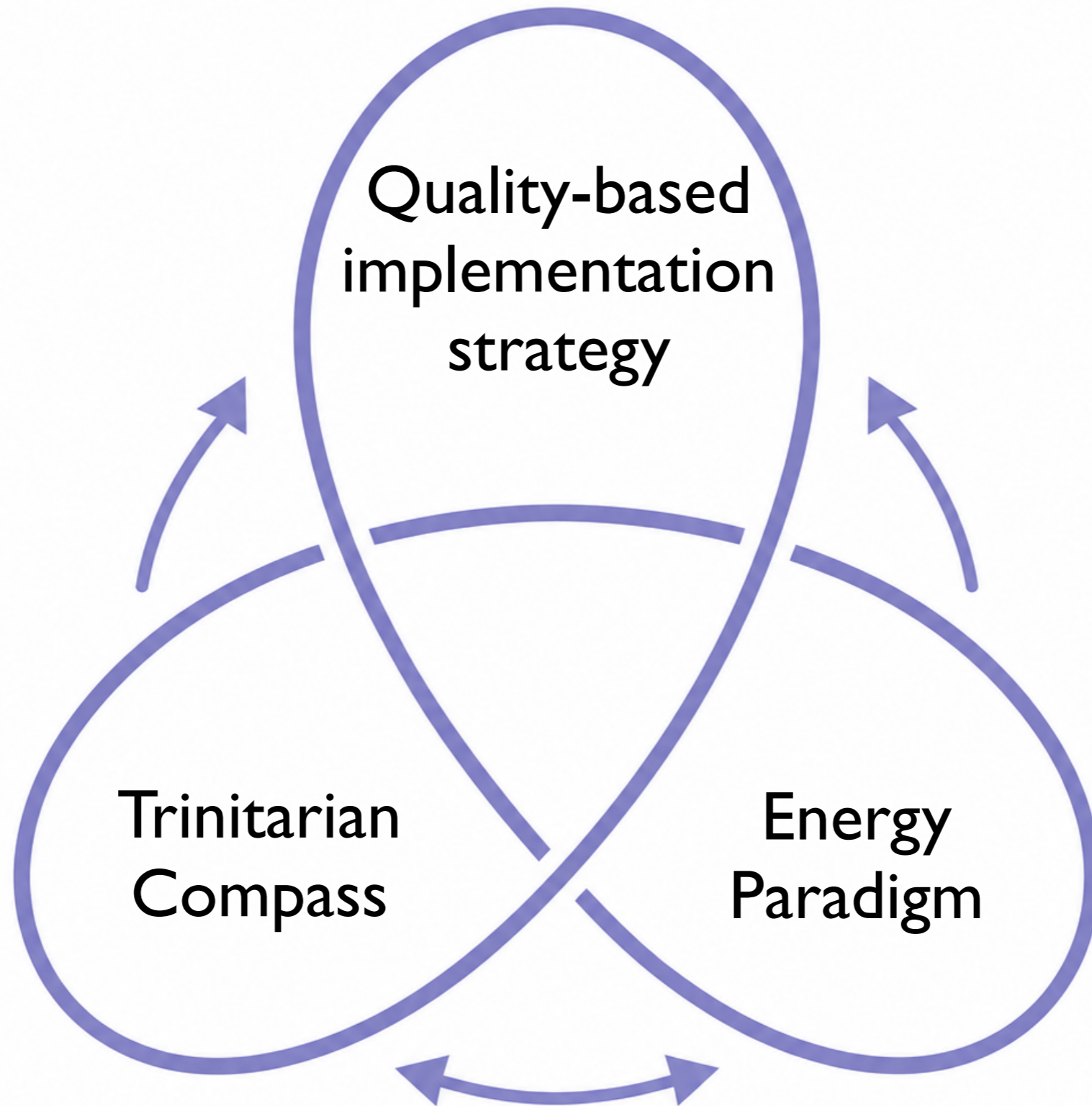
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The 3 pillars of the NCD paradigm



*It results
qualitative and quantitative
growth*



*It transforms
heads, hands,
and hearts
of people*

*It helps us
get in sync
with God,
other people,
and ourselves*

3 Color Bracelets

Creativity, thinking out of the box,
questioning everything
(particularly one's own view)



Restoration,
receiving,
perception



Implementation,
getting things
done,
convincing
others



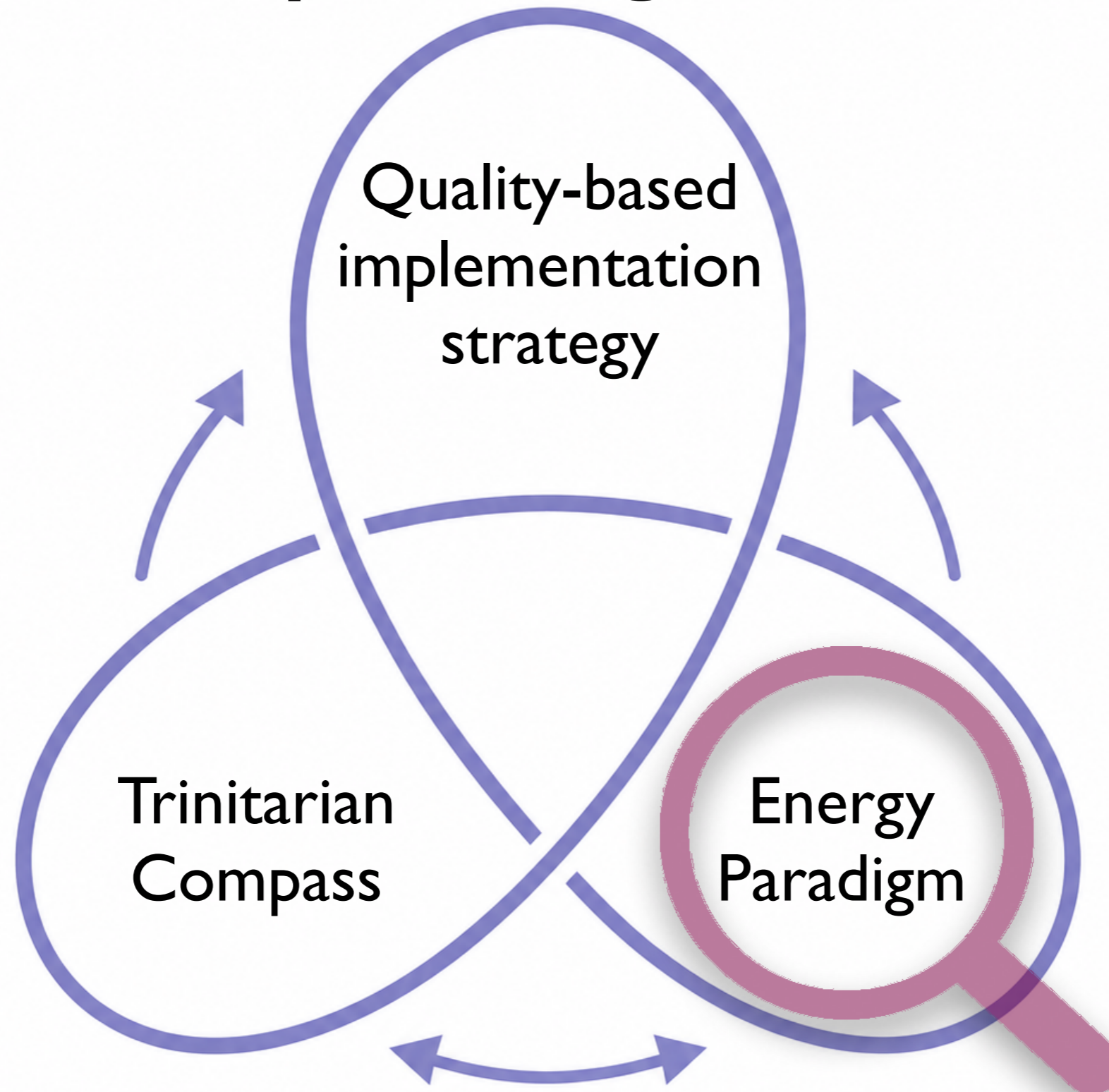
ENERGY

Understanding the “all by itself” principle as an expression of God’s energy

Oslo, June 17, 2026



The 3 pillars of the NCD paradigm



“*enérgeia tou theou*”

9 ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ κατοικεῖτε
ματικῶς, 10 καὶ ἐστὲ ἐν αὐτῷ **πεπληρωμένοι**, ὅς ἐστιν
ἡ κεφαλὴ πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας. 11 Ἐν ᾧ καὶ
περιετμήθητε περιτομῇ ἀχειροποιήτῳ ἐν τῇ ἀπεκδύσει
τοῦ σώματος τῆς σαρκός, ἐν τῇ περιτομῇ τοῦ Χριστοῦ,
12 συνταφέντες αὐτῷ ἐν τῷ βαπτισμῷ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ **συνη-**
γέρθητε διὰ τῆς πίστεως **τῆς ἐνεργείας τοῦ θεοῦ** τοῦ ἐγεί-
ραντος αὐτὸν ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν. 13 καὶ ὑμᾶς νεκροὺς ὄντας
ἐν τοῖς παραπτώμασιν καὶ τῇ ἀκροβυστίᾳ τῆς σαρκός

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34 derivatives of *energeia* in the New Testament

Nouns: Ephesians 1:19 • Ephesians 3:7 • Ephesians 4:16 •
Philippians 3:21 • Colossians 1:29 • Colossians 2:12 •
2 Thessalonians 2:9 • 2 Thessalonians 2:11 • 1 Corinthians
12:6 • 1 Corinthians 12:10

Adjectives: 1 Corinthians 16:9 • Philemon 1:6 • Hebrews 4:12

Verbs active: Matthew 14:2 • Mark 6:14 • 1 Corinthians 12:6 •
1 Corinthians 12:11 • Galatians 2:8 • Galatians 3:5 • Ephesians
1:11 • Ephesians 1:20 • Ephesians 2:2 • Philippians 2:13

Verbs passive: Romans 7:5 • 2 Corinthians 1:6 • 2 Corinthians
4:12 • Galatians 5:6 • Ephesians 3:20 • Colossians 1:29 •
1 Thessalonians 2:13 • 2 Thessalonians 2:7 • James 5:16

Why speaking about God's energy today?

- 1. It is an important category in Scripture**
- 2. It explains the theological, spiritual, and strategical dynamics of “all by itself” growth**
- 3. Its dynamics apply to believers and non-believers alike**
- 4. It combines faithfulness to Scripture with contemporary relevance in an unparalleled way**
- 5. It relates to the transpersonal dimension of God**

Transpersonal

not: personal minus

but: personal plus

“More than a person”

Energy Synchronization Process

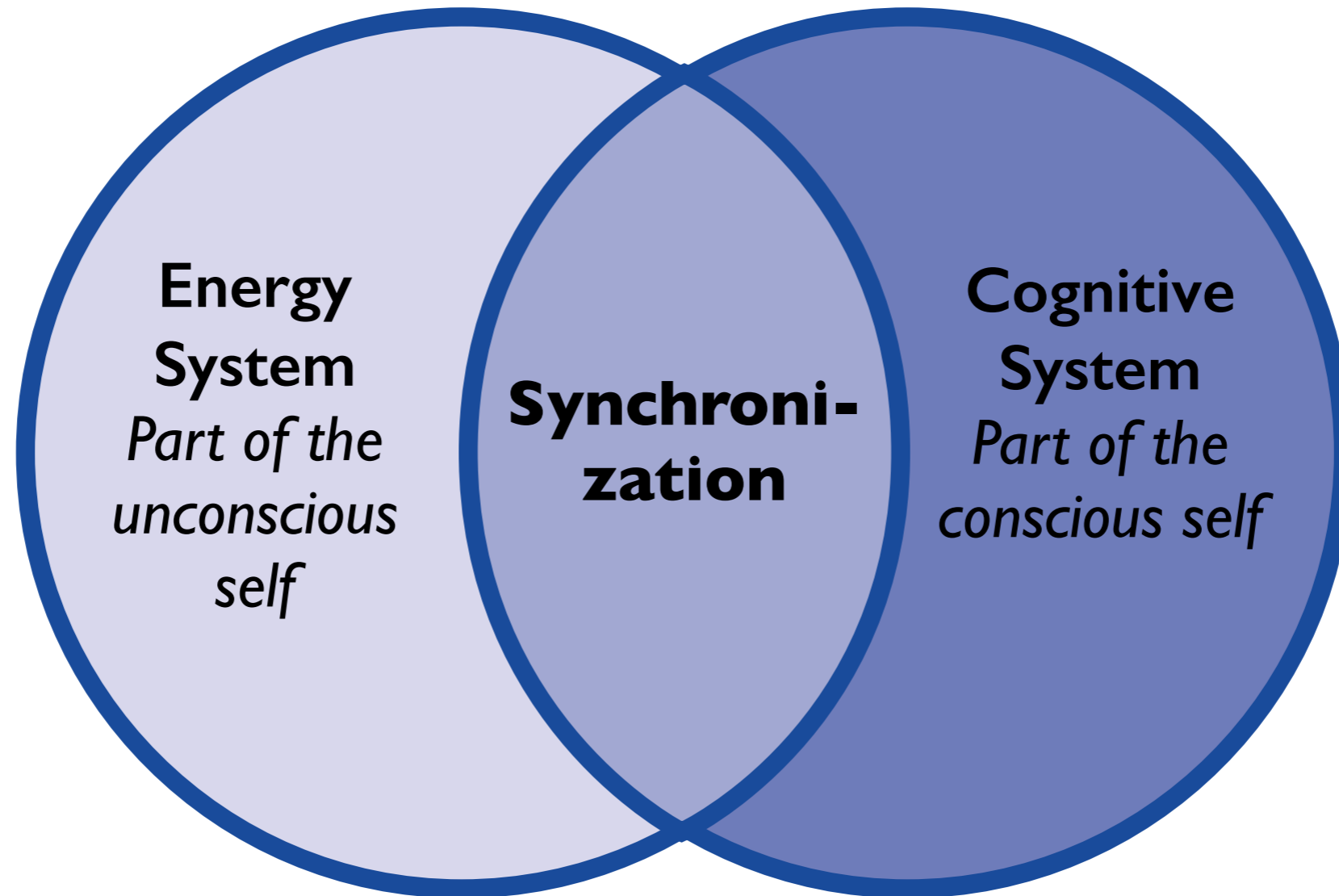
Energy System

*Part of the unconscious
self*

Cognitive System

Part of the conscious self

Energy Synchronization Process



Synchronization as a sign of
psychological and spiritual health

The threefold Sync Experience of Energy Synchronization

1. Intrapersonale Sync:

Sync between conscious and unconscious mind

Congruence

2. Interpersonale Sync:

Sync between yourself and the unconscious mind of others

Resonance

3. Transcendent Sync:

Sync between unconscious mind and divine reality

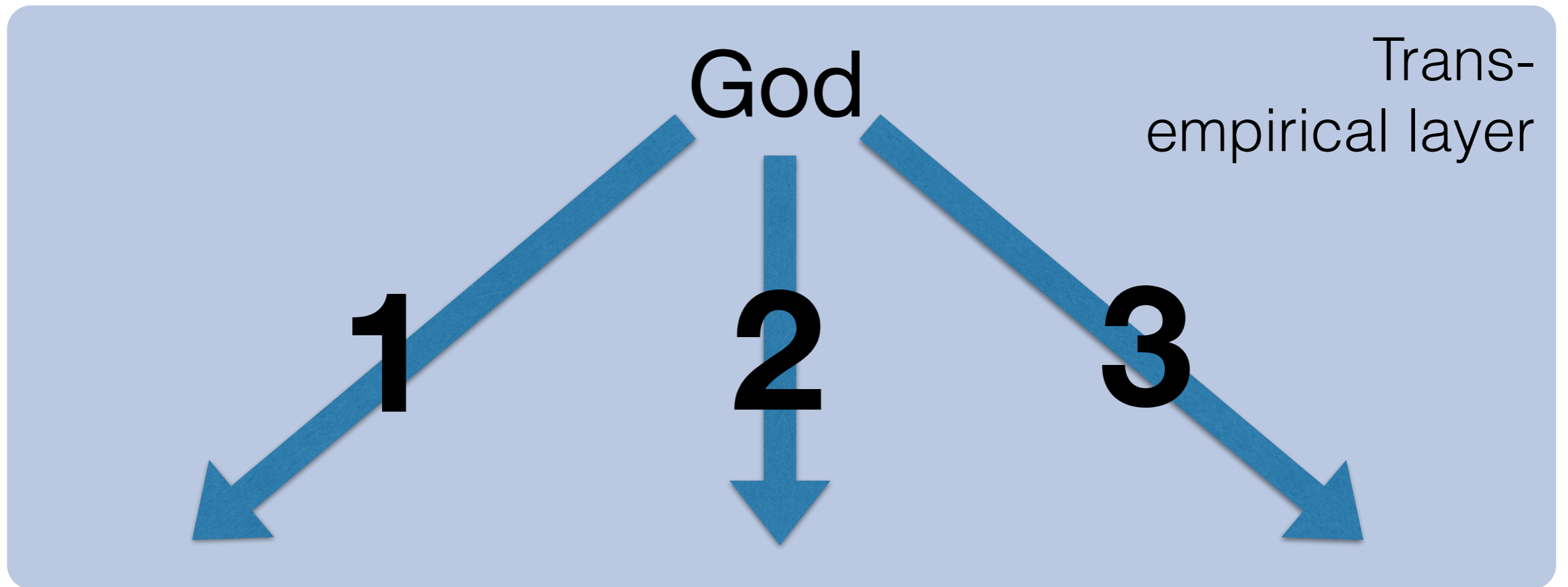
Self-transcendence

Dr. Nicholas Bundock

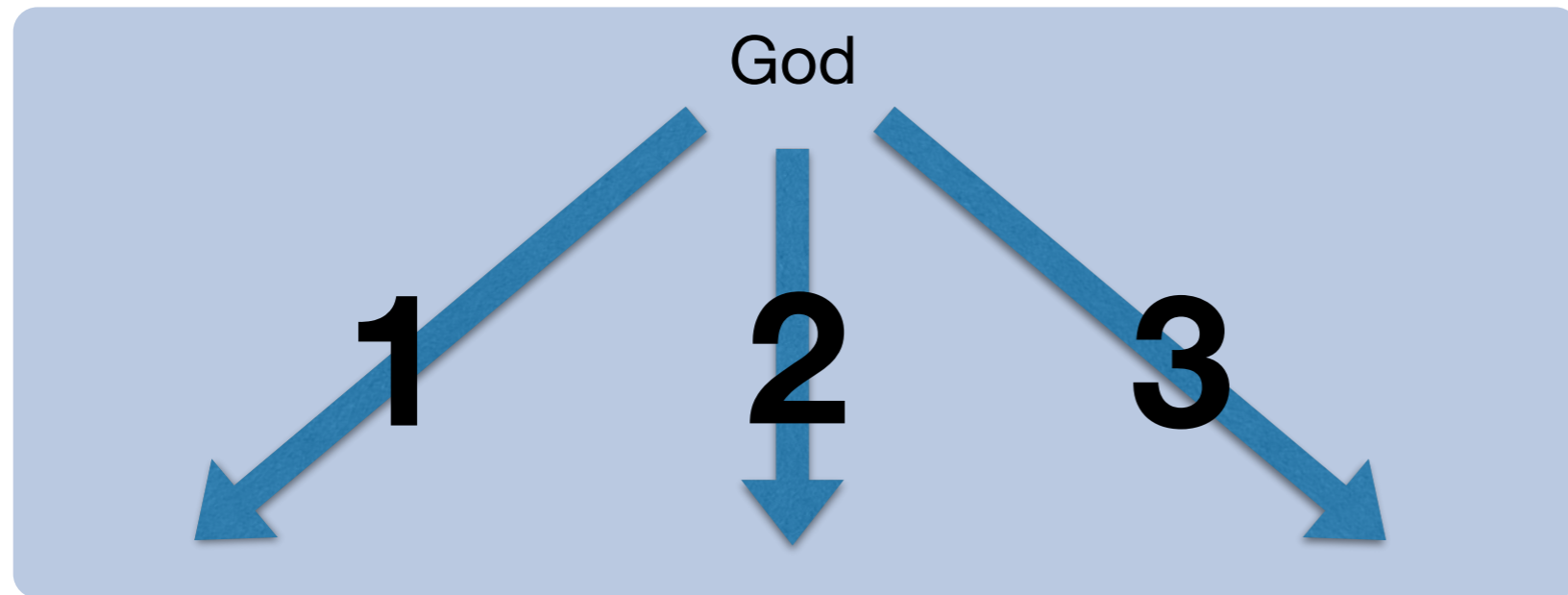
Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, Scotland



How God works through his energy



Application: healing



Transempirical layer:

Healing works

... through the doctor (1)

... through the patient (3)

... through the medical art (2)



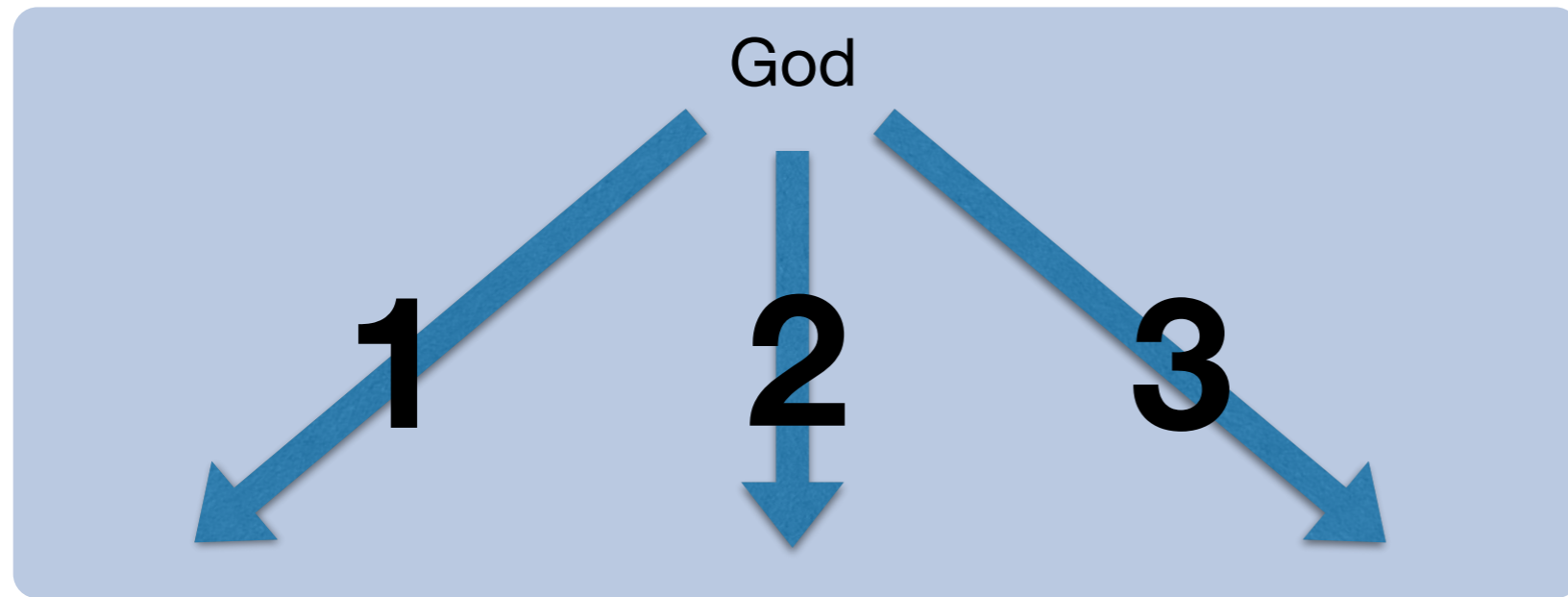
Empirical layer:

The doctor heals
the patient (4)

Immanent: The doctor applies a therapy,
and the patient is healed (4)

Transcendent: God works through the arrows
(1), (2), and (3)

Application: church growth



Transempirical layer:
God makes the church grow through

... Empowerment of the coach (1)

... Application of biblical principles (2)

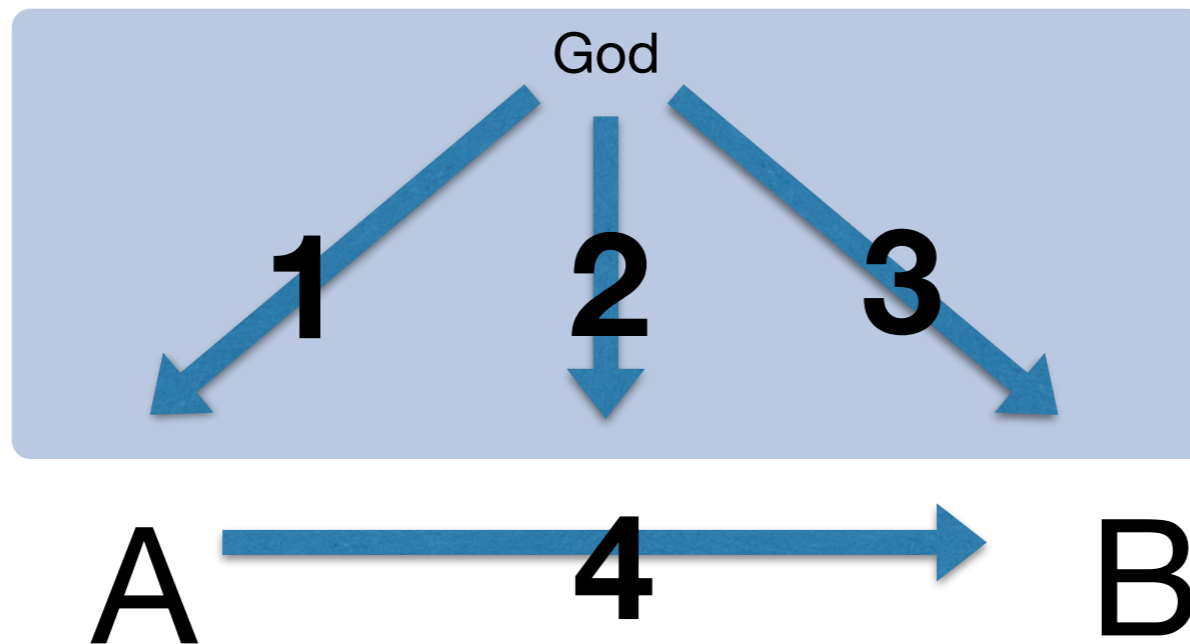
... Releasing “all by itself” growth in the church (3)

Empirical layer:

Pastor/coach leads the church to growth (4)

Immanent: Pastor/coach uses NCD principles and the church grows (4)

Transcendent: God works through the arrows (1), (2), and (3)



I planted the seed, 4

Apollos watered it, 4

but God made it grow. 1, 2, 3

Which were the three most important changes you could detect as a result of ESP training?



Bill Bickle, NCD Partner for Canada and the United Kingdom

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The Energy Synchronization Process

How it works. What you gain. How to participate.



Have you ever set the right goals and sensed yourself to be highly motivated, but then felt something within yourself that hindered you from seeing the fruit of your activities?

Throughout the past twelve years, I have directed my research focus on "God's energy"

For anyone who is eager to experience the effects of that approach first-hand, I have decided to offer

esp-training.org

STRATEGY

You Can Act Right Now —
Wherever You Are,
Whatever Your Situation



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**How has NCD ministry
changed over the past
30 years?**

Developments within NCD



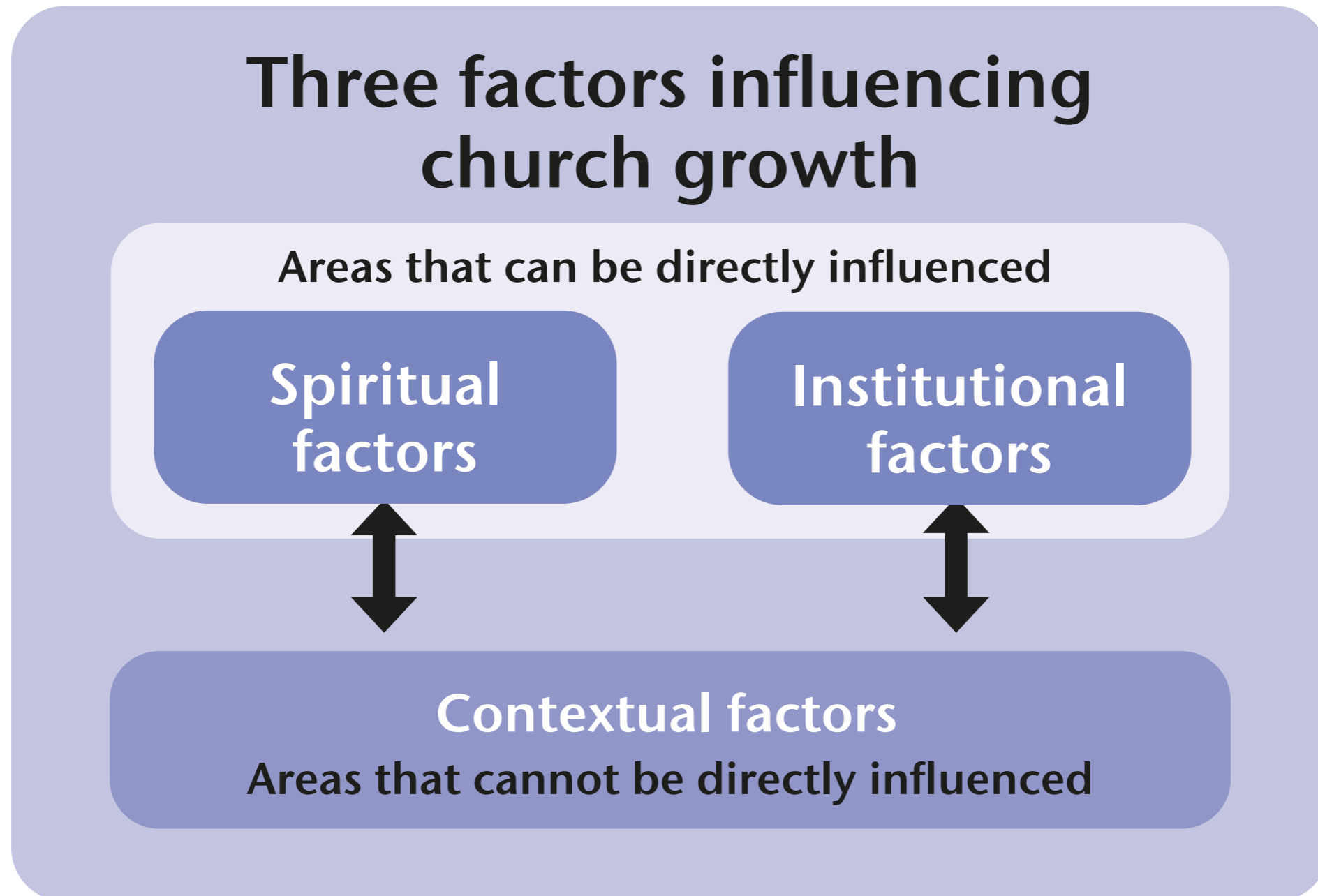
**Increased focus on therapy
(rather than chiefly diagnosis)**

Developments within NCD



**Increased focus on spirituality
(rather than chiefly targeting structural
questions)**

Spiritual, institutional, and contextual factors



Developments within NCD



Increased focus on the non-Christian world (rather than exclusively the church)

Developments within NCD



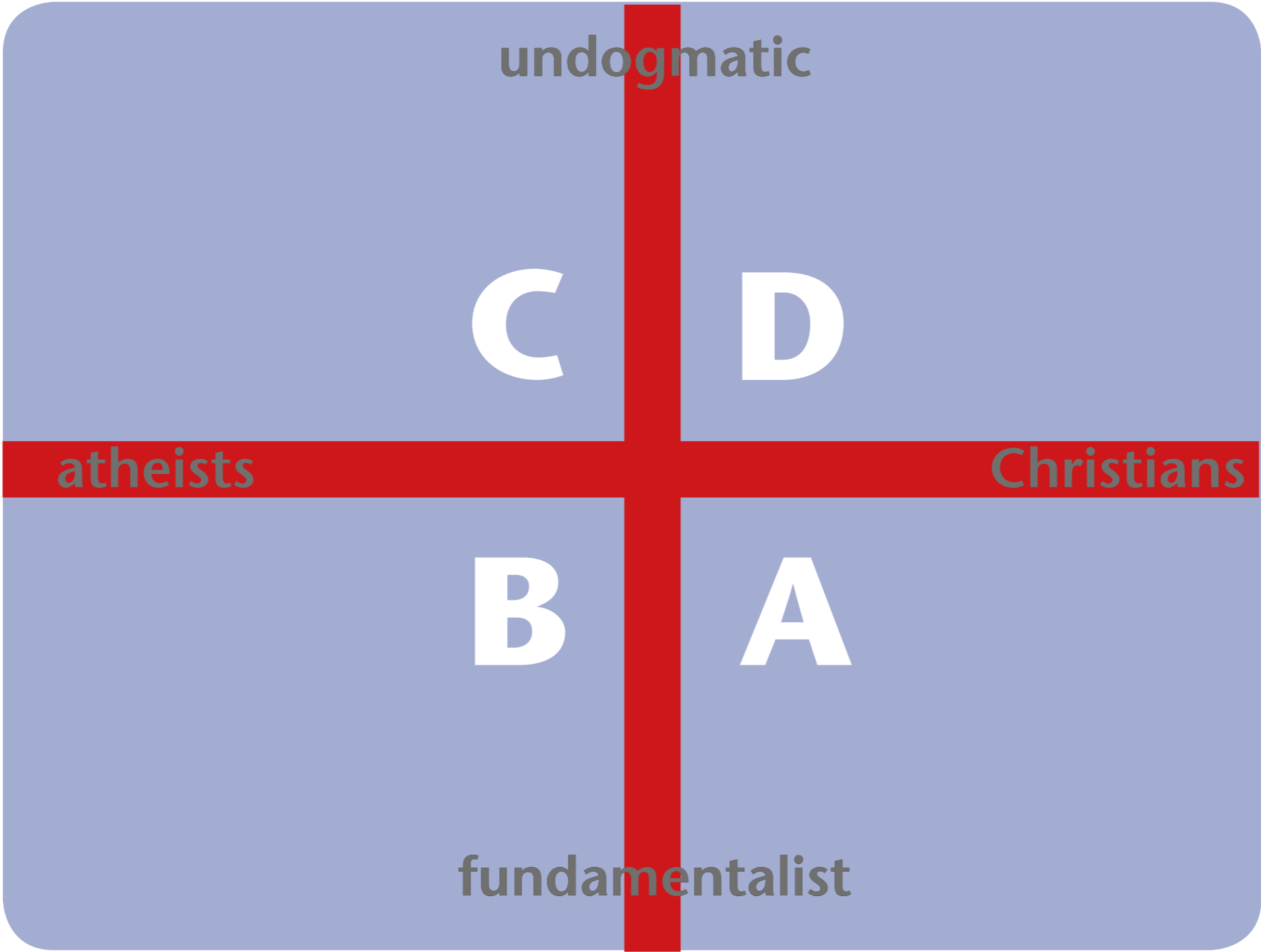
Increased focus on “all by itself” growth
(chiefly through the energy paradigm

Developments within NCD



**The NCD Paradigm is increasingly seen
as a tool for addressing conflict
situations in Christianity**





What is a typical NCD activity?

Most frequent answer:

“Filling in a survey”

Answers hardly heard:

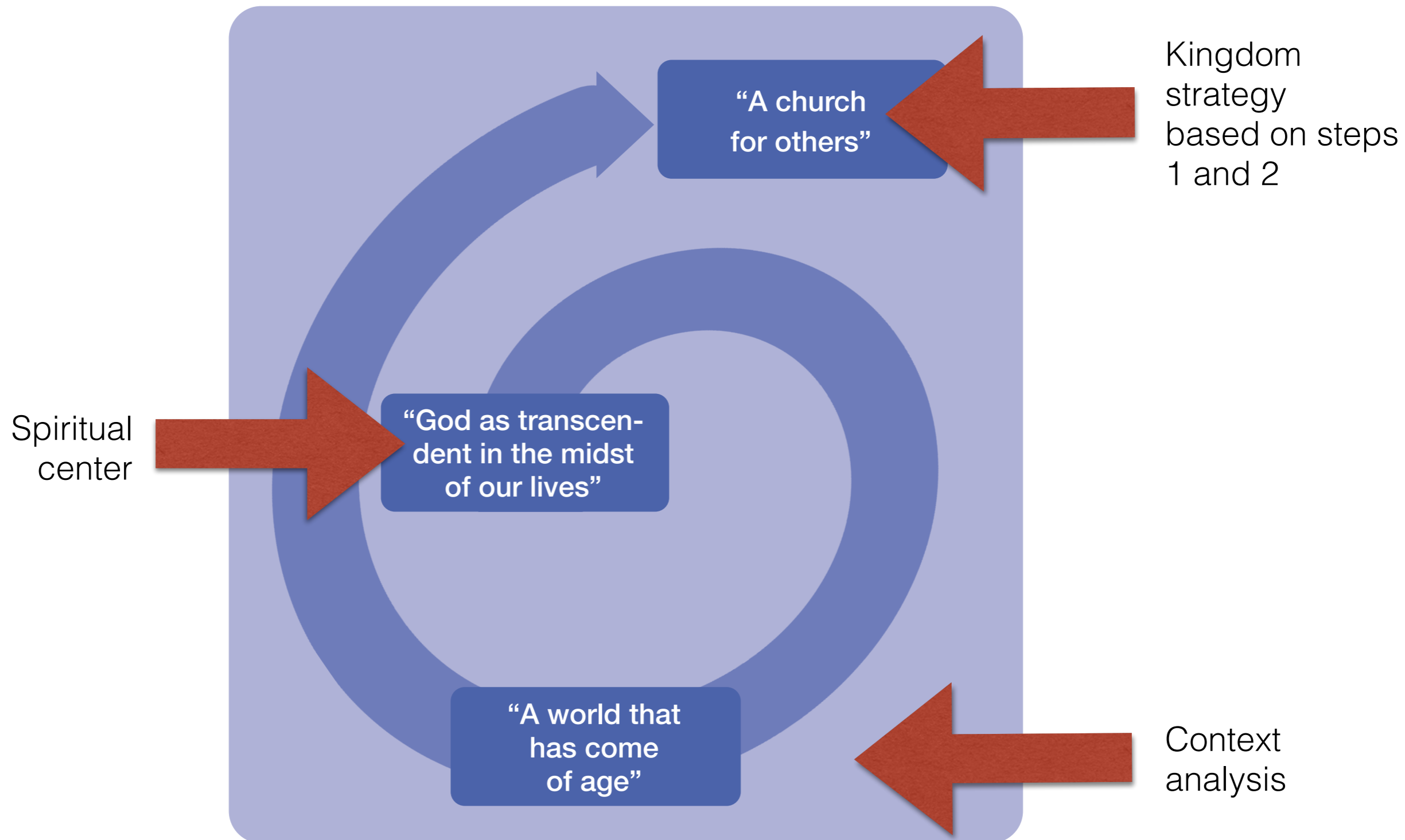
“Loving your enemy”

“Feeding the poor”

“Working for social justice”

**NCD principles must be
lived out so authentically
that they can literally be
smelled**

Understanding the “Bonhoeffer Cycle”



Bonhoeffer's vision of a “church for others”



Mutual mentoring with Molotov's nephew



Resonance to non-believers




1 Corinthians 16:9

*For a great and energy-filled
(ἐνεργής | energés, KJV:
effective) door is opened unto
me, but there are many
adversaries*

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Open doors

= energized bridges
of God