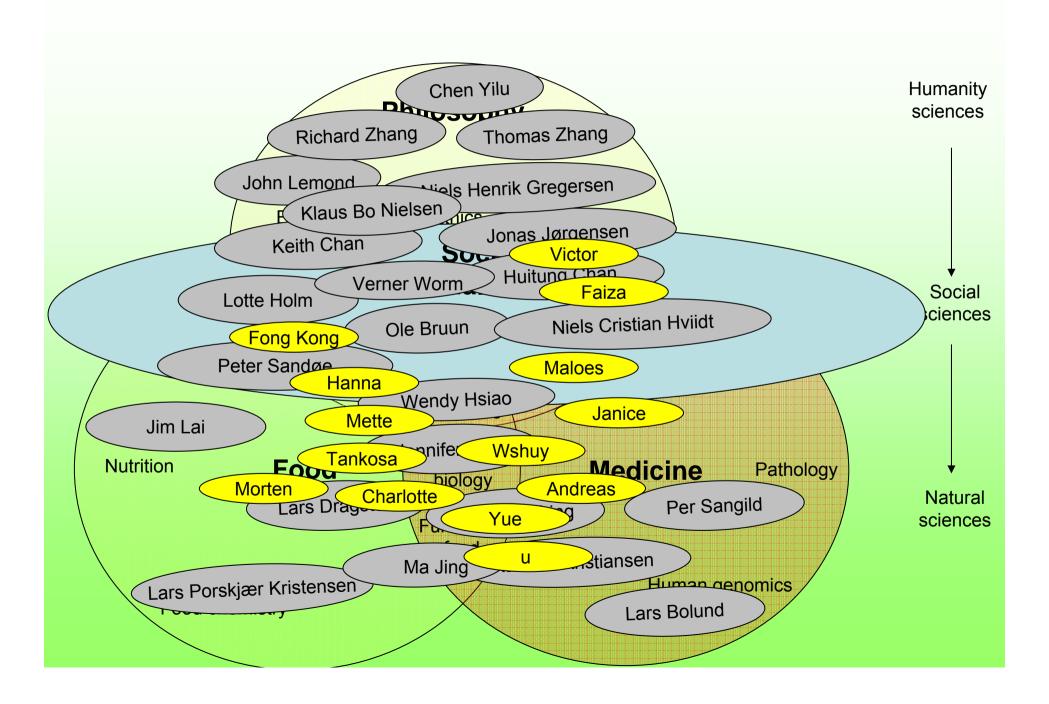
Food, medicine and philosophy – some main study fields:



Tea meditation?

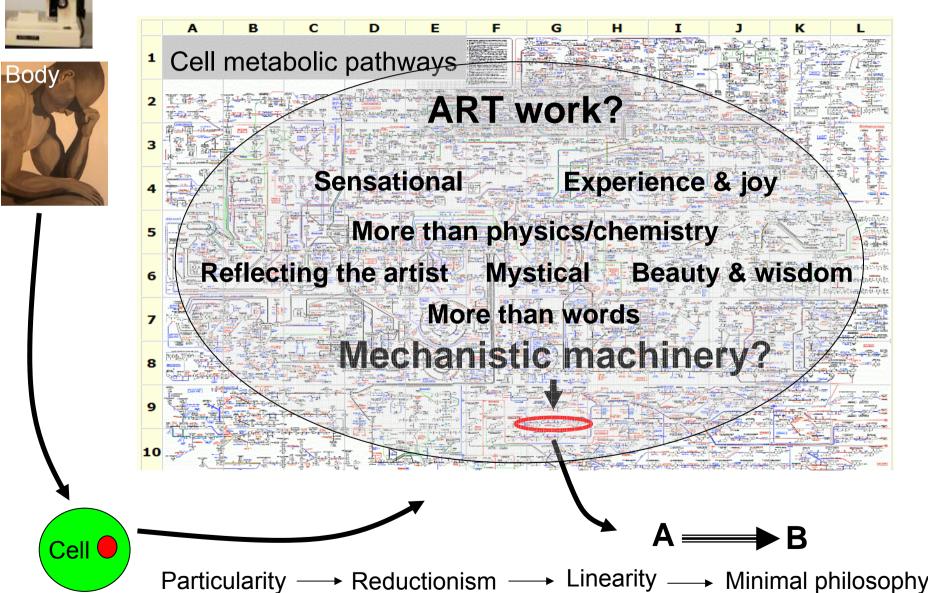


Chinese culture/religion - what can we learn?

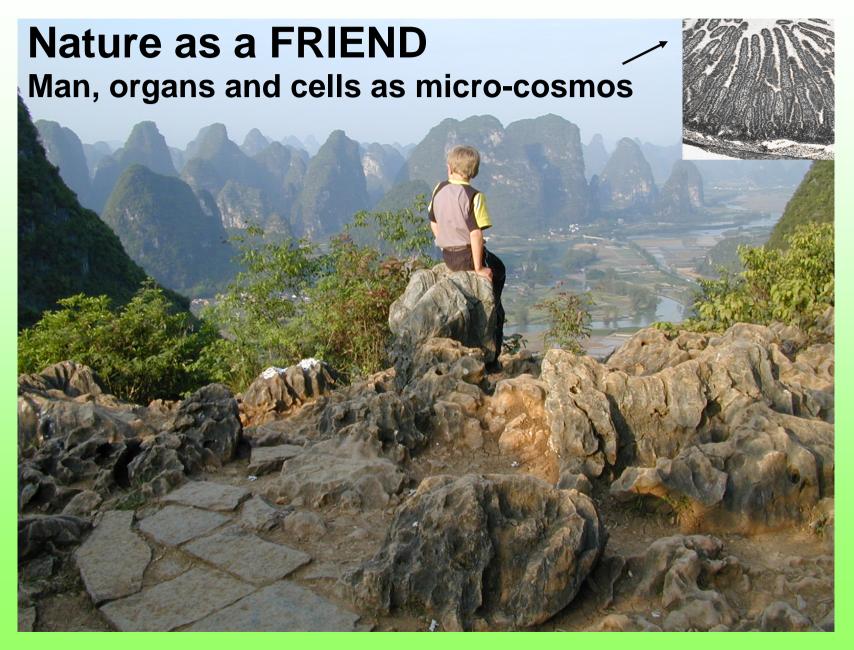




Complexity of biological ART



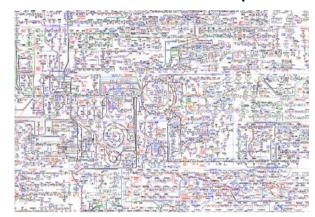
Man and nature as one?



Nature "views" in East and West:

*WEST:

Focus on cell molecular pathways



Clearness, light
Predictible order
Individual particularity
Predetermined rule
Rational intelligence
Personal responsibility
Active initiative
Boundary
Name
Head

EAST: Focus on holistic, harmonic unity



Ambiguity, darkness
Unpredictable chaos
Collective holism
Spontaneous instinct
Emotional passion
Collective detachment
Passive let-go
Limitless
Nameless

Heart

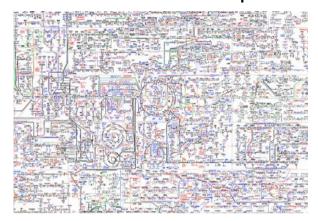
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Rational Artificial Short-term Present Structure Molecular Experimental Quantitative Reductionism Linear dualism

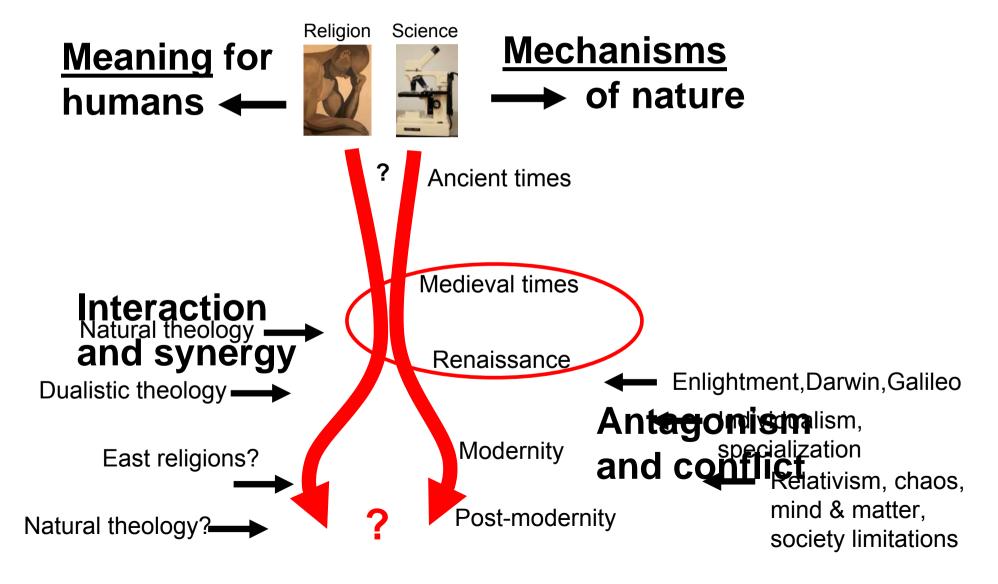
Relational

Natural Long-term Past/future **Function Immaterial** Experiental Qualitative Holism balance Circular continuity

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History of interaction between (Western) science and religion



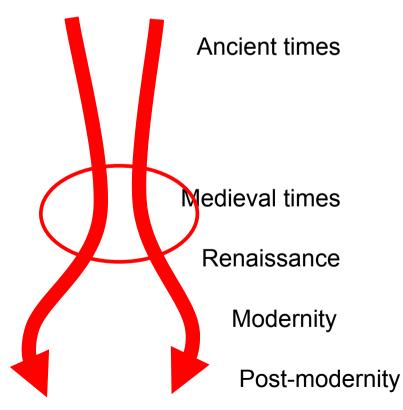
Science-Religion interaction, West-East:

Western Religion-Science

Religion Science







Eastern Religion-Science



Less "science"?
Less "religion"?
Less conflict?
Pragmatic?
Practical?
Holistic?
Mystical?
Non-theistic?
Relativistic?
Inclusivistic?

WEST: Super-naturals don't eat and mix with nature



Angels eating: Un-orthodox Ethiopian oil painting

Superman: Eats for pleasure, not for nutrition

Is nutrition/health important in Bible?

Food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse, if we do not eat, and no better if we do" (1. Cor. 8.8)

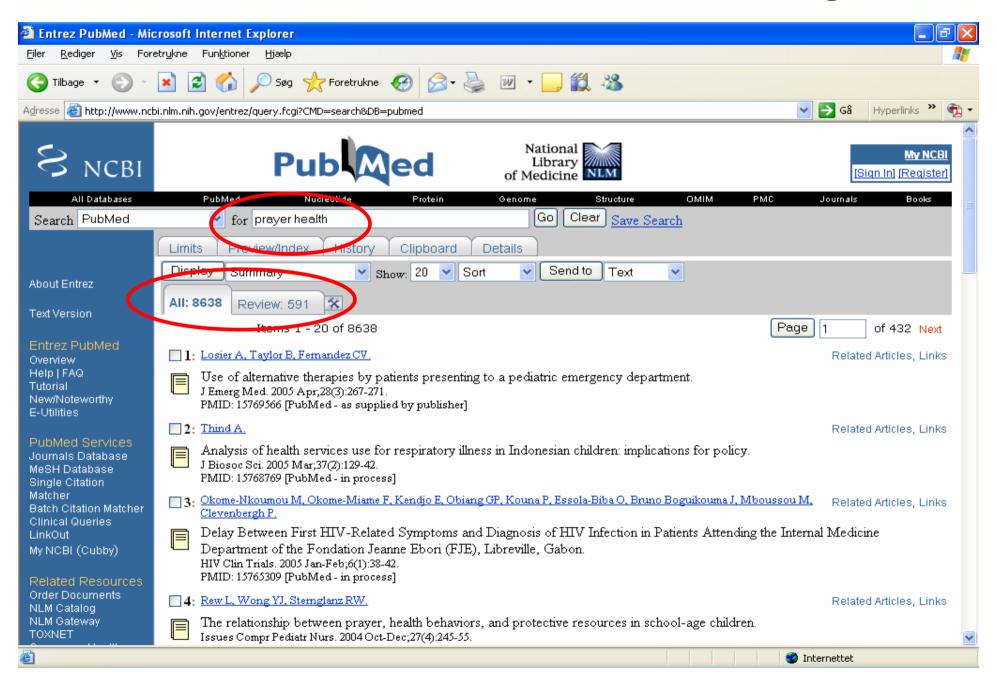
"It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them" (Hebr. 13.9)

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matt. 6.27)

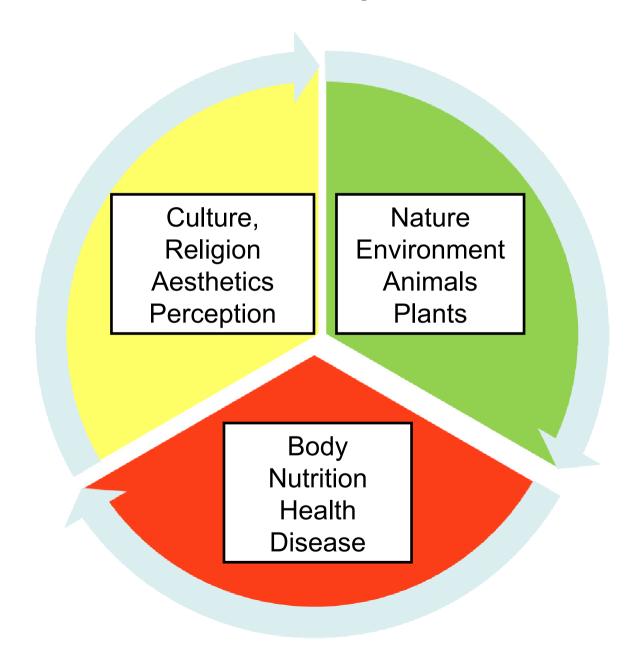
"What goes into a man's mouth does not make him unclean, but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him unclean" (Matt. 15.11)

Conclusion: Most Christian theology discourages food-health-spirit holism

Western natural scientists now talk religion!



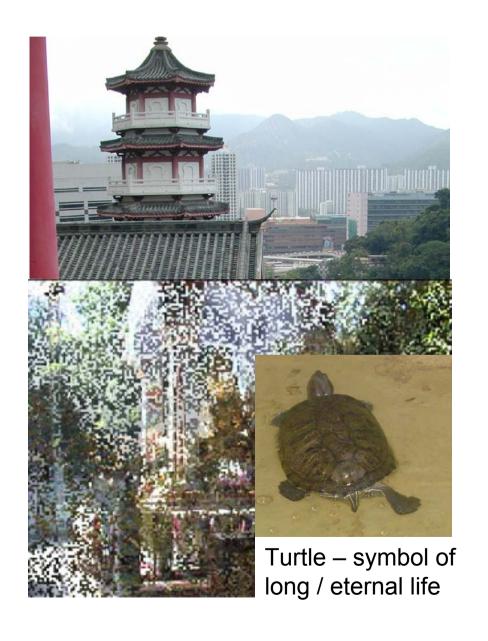
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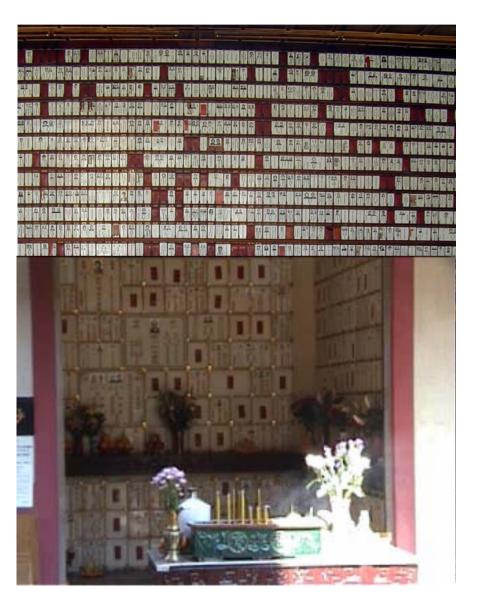


Nature and culture in harmony?



EAST: Ancestor worship & feeding immortals





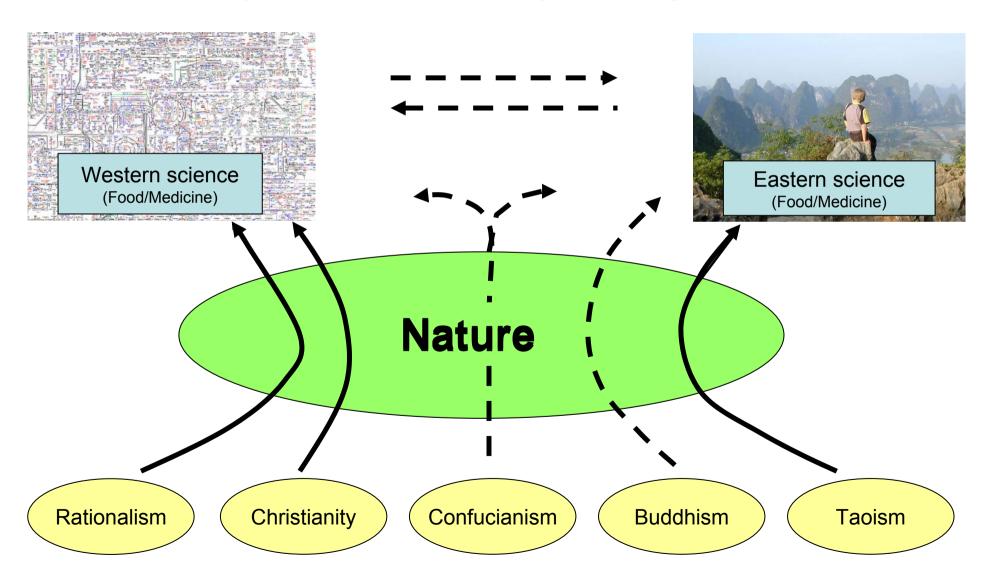
Mix of Food, Medicine & Philosophy in China?

Wong Tai Sin Temple, Hong Kong

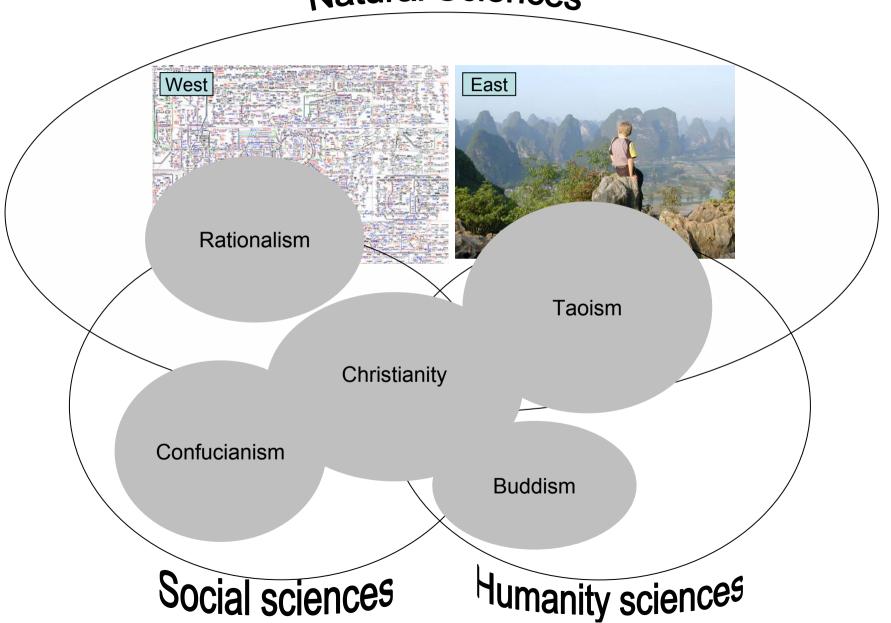




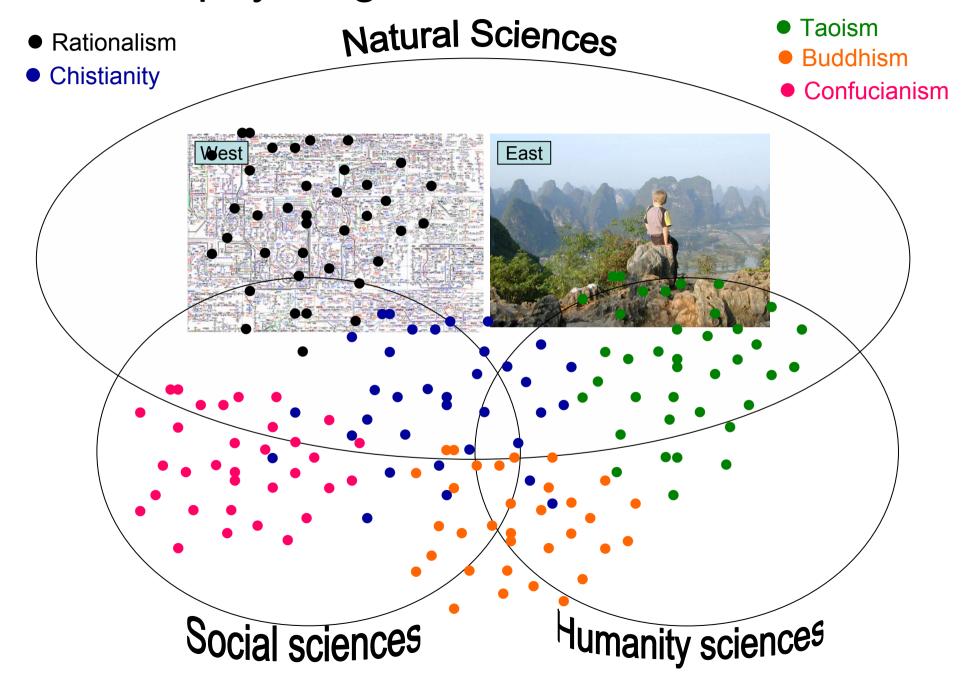
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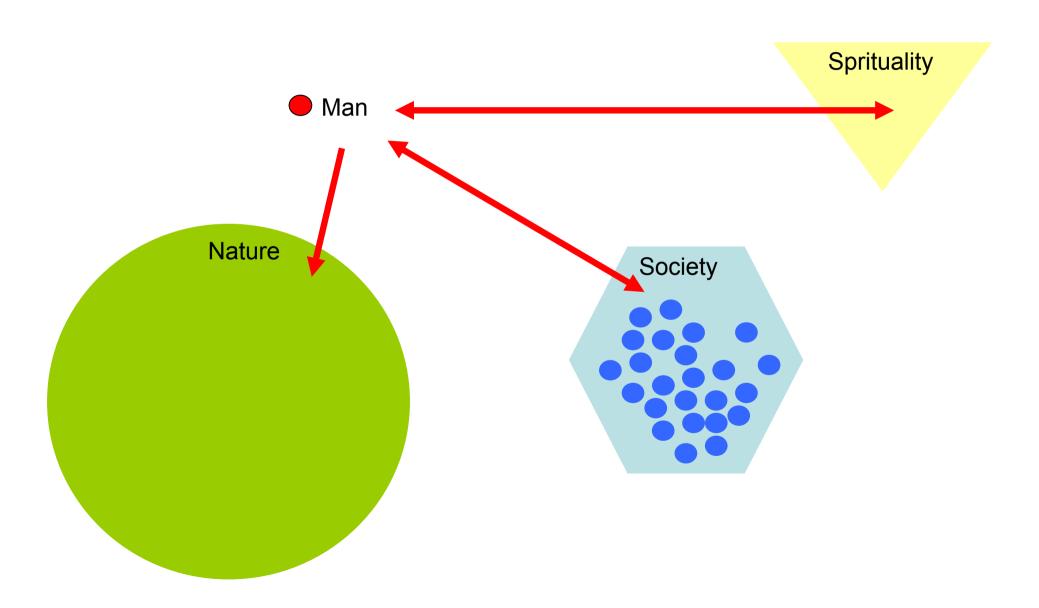
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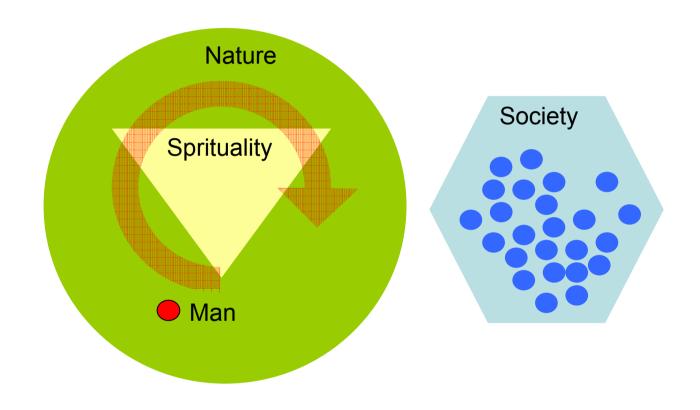
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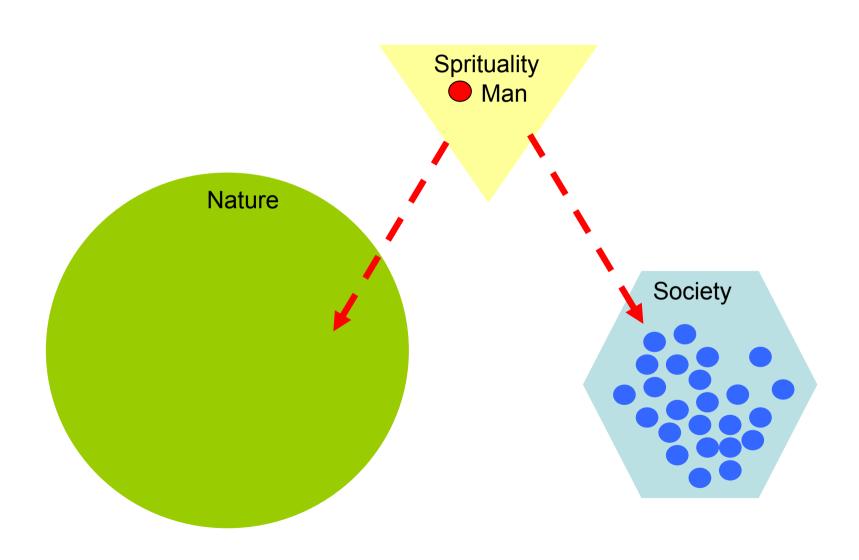
- western rational, greek-christian tradition:



- Eastern inituitive-taoism tradition:



- Eastern reflective-buddhism tradition:



- Eastern social-confucian tradition:

