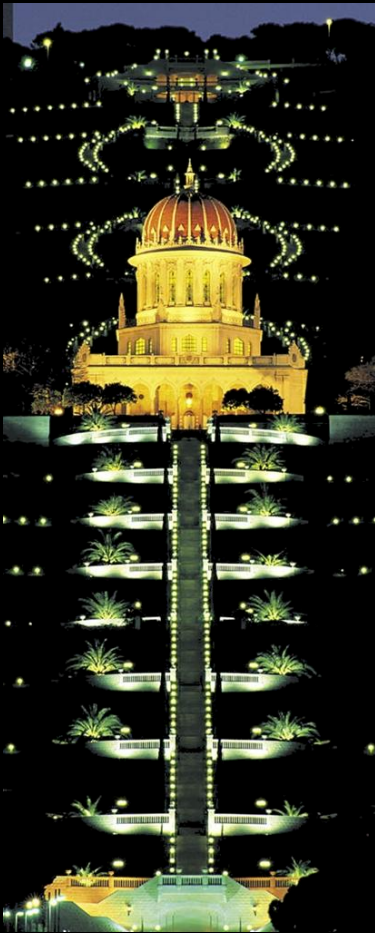


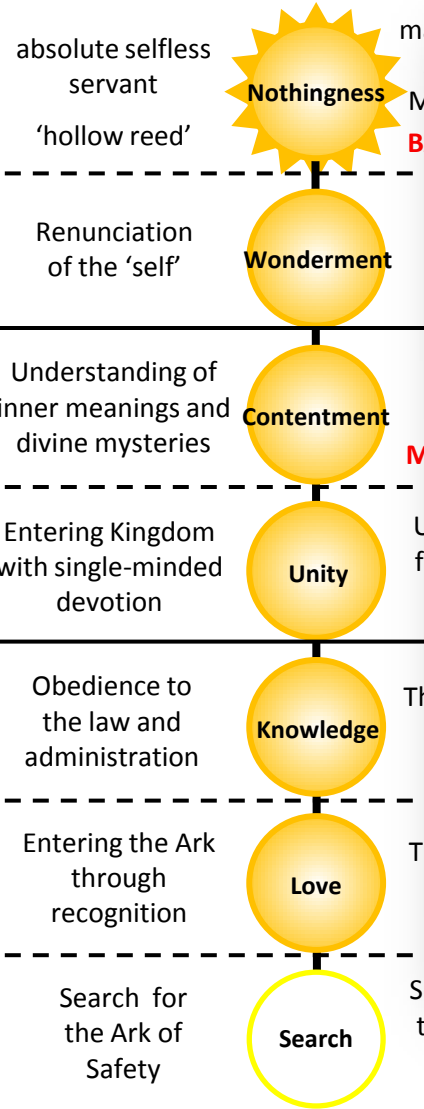
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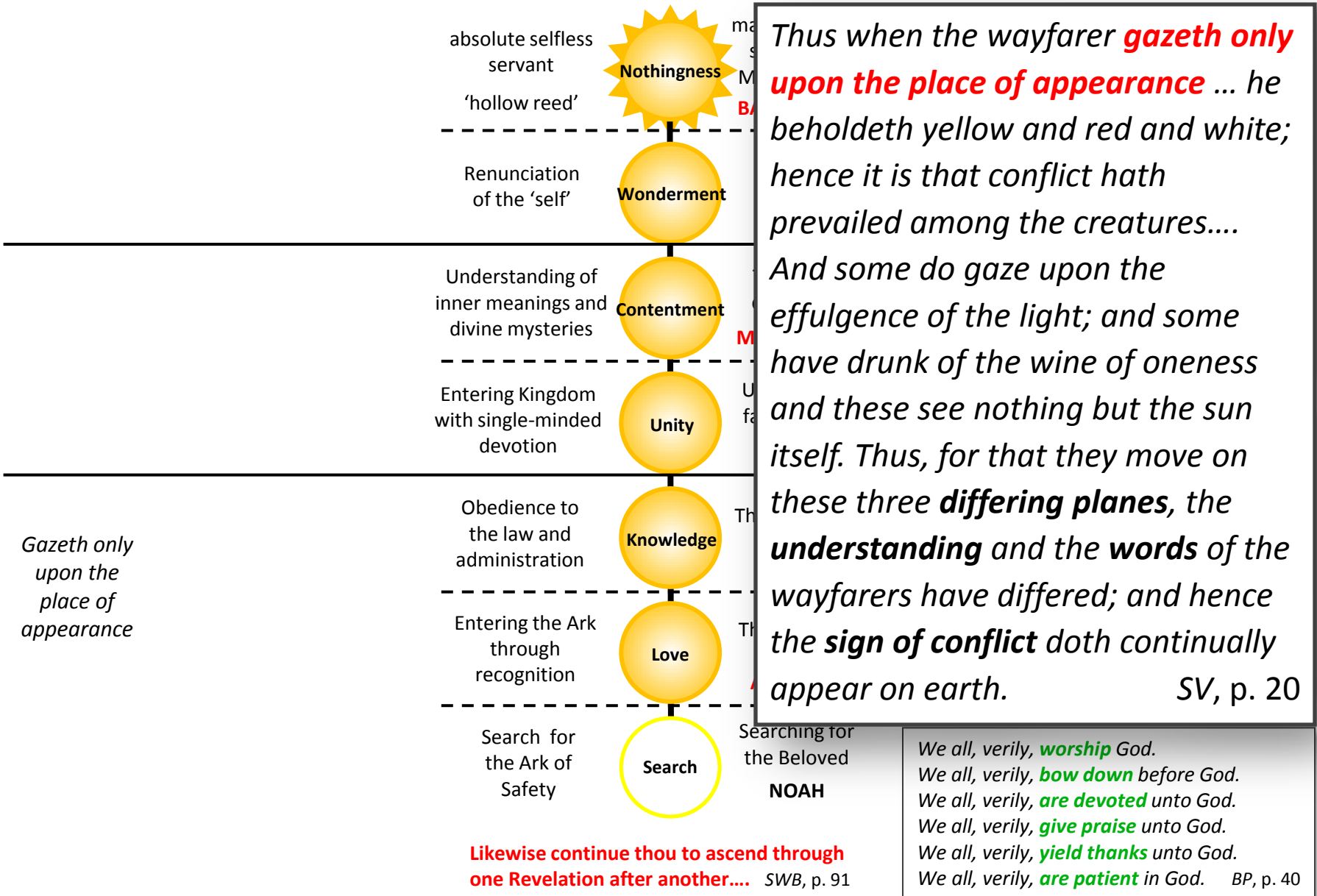
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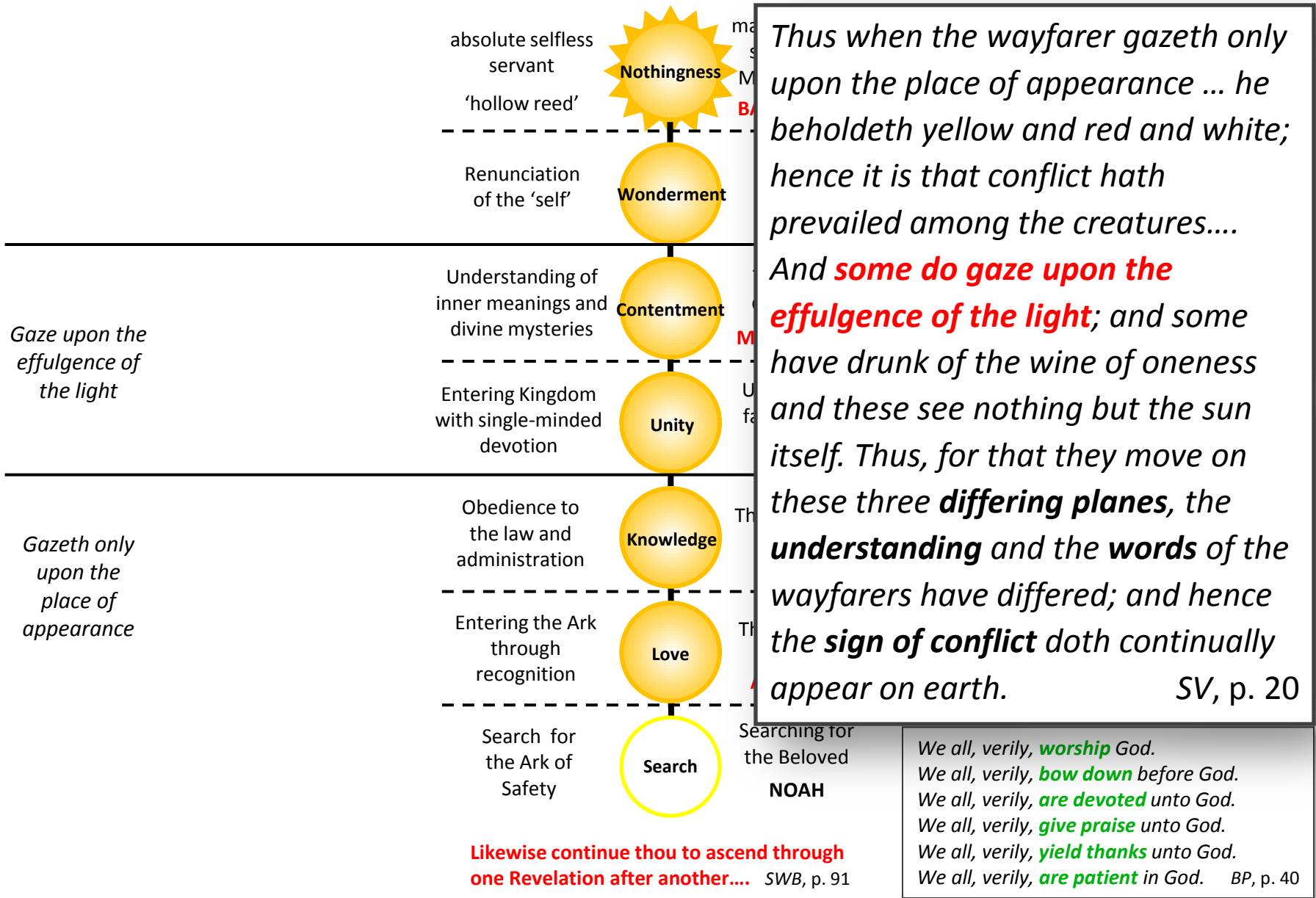
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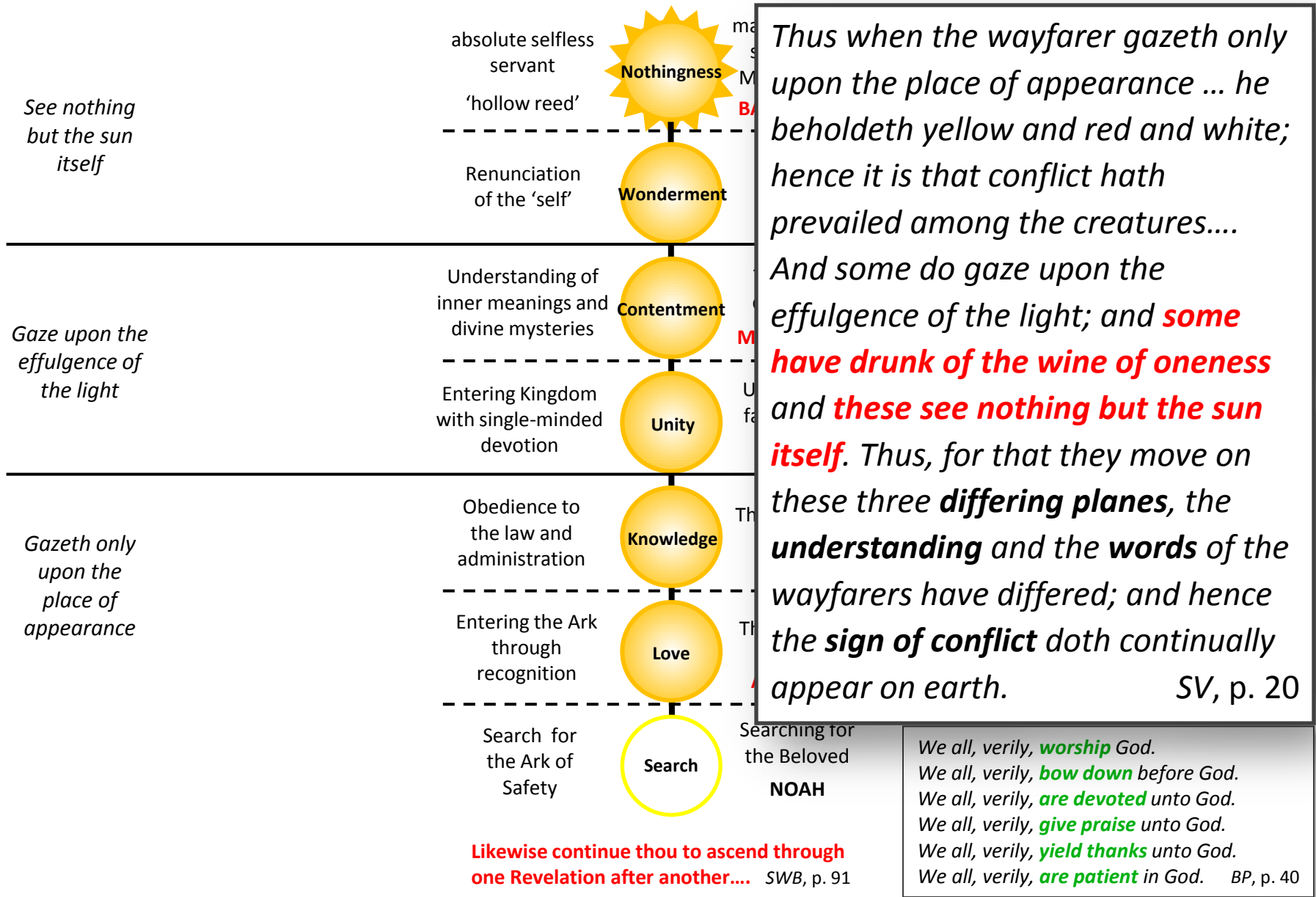
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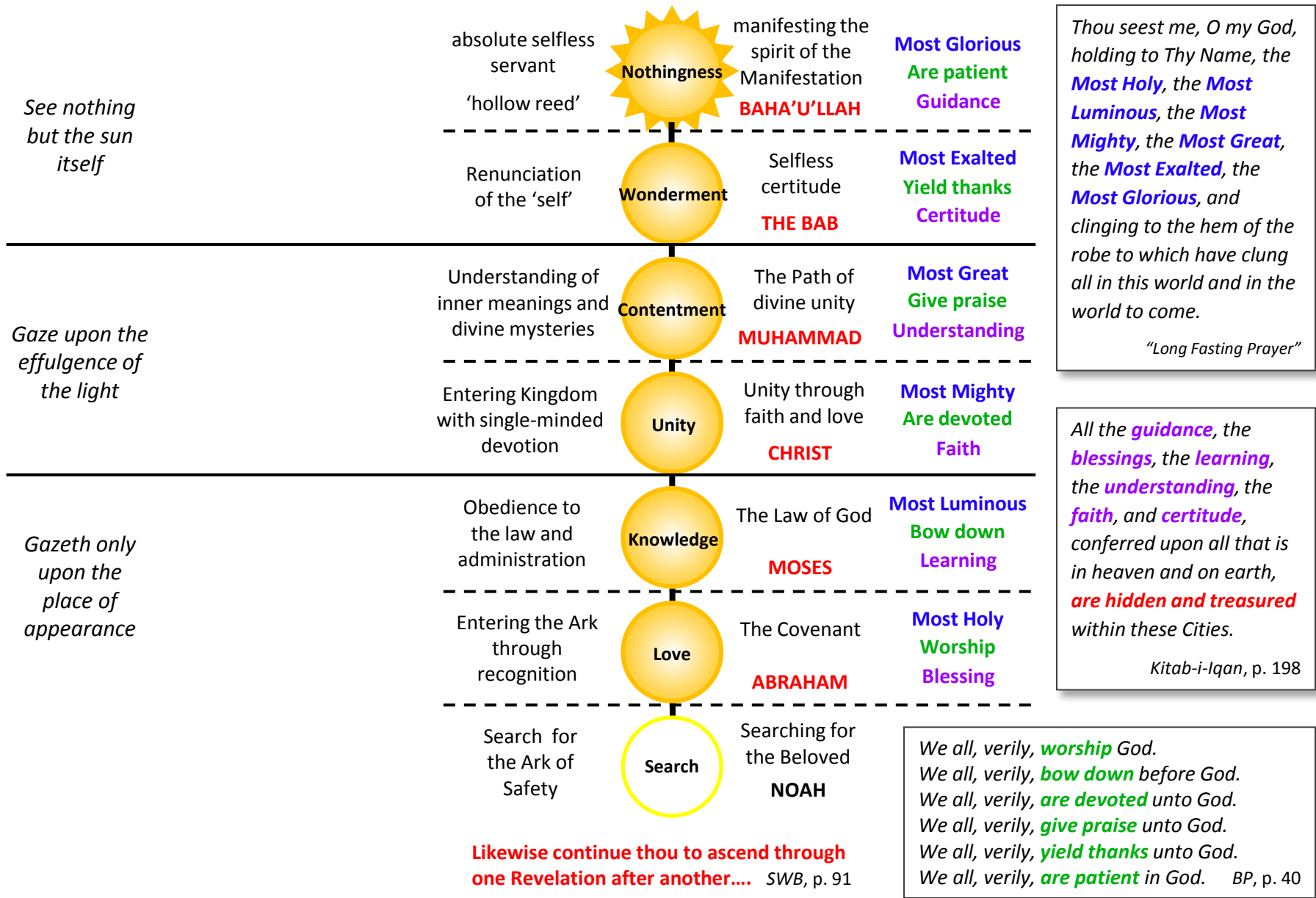
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See nothing but the sun itself

absolute selfless servant  
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Understanding of inner meanings and divine mysteries  
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Entering Kingdom with single-minded devotion

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*The Seven Valleys, Bahá'u'lláh, p. 1*

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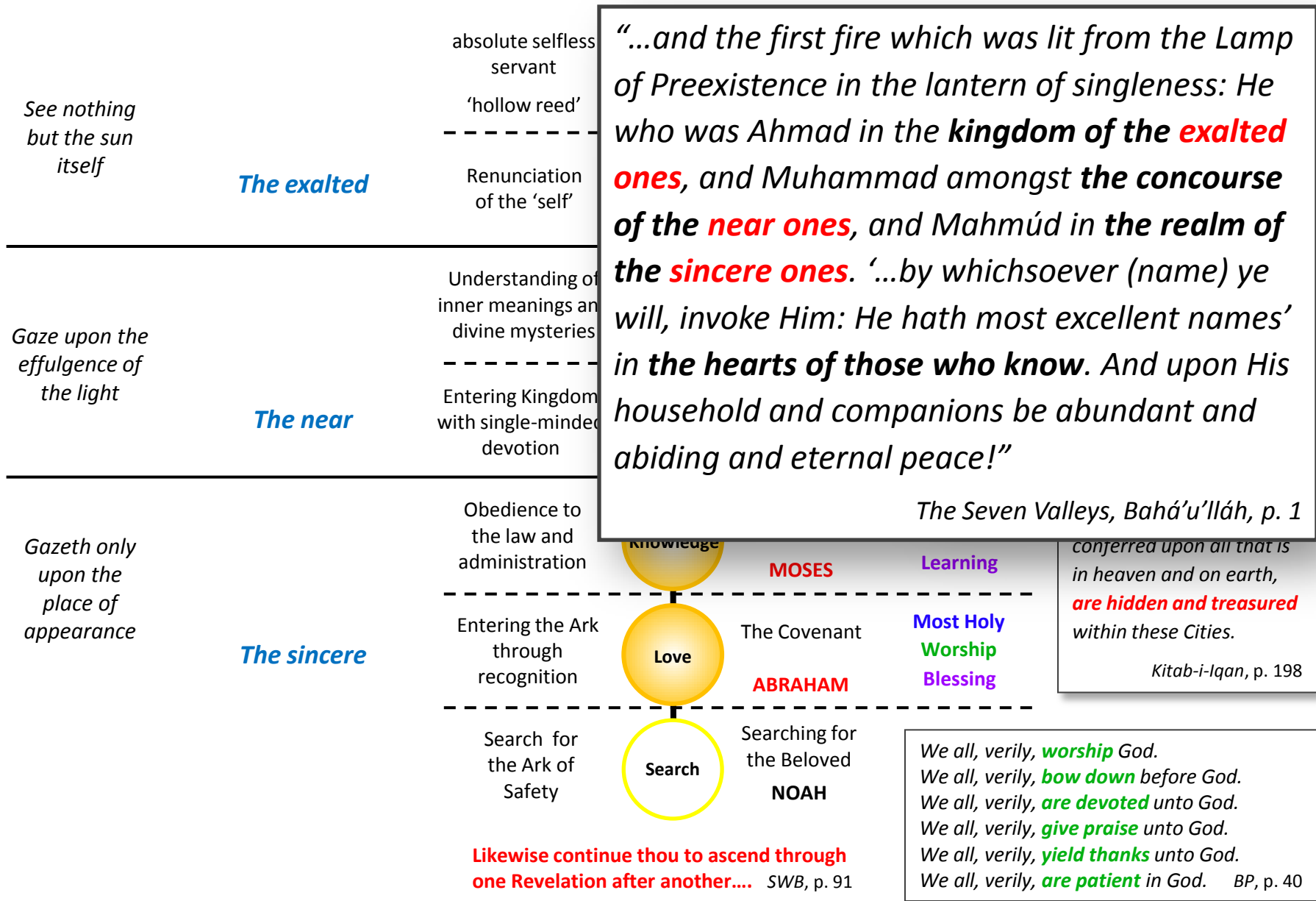
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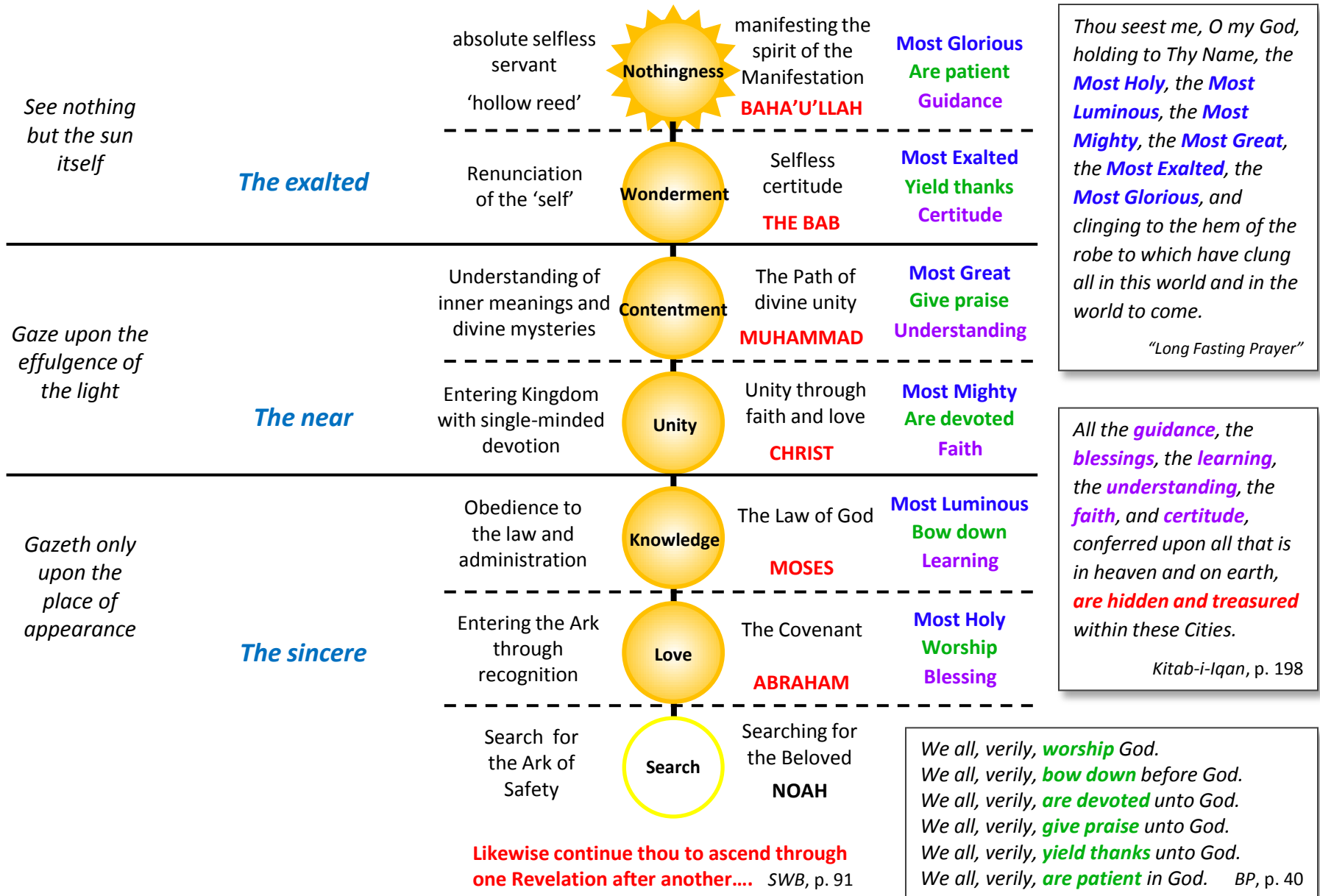


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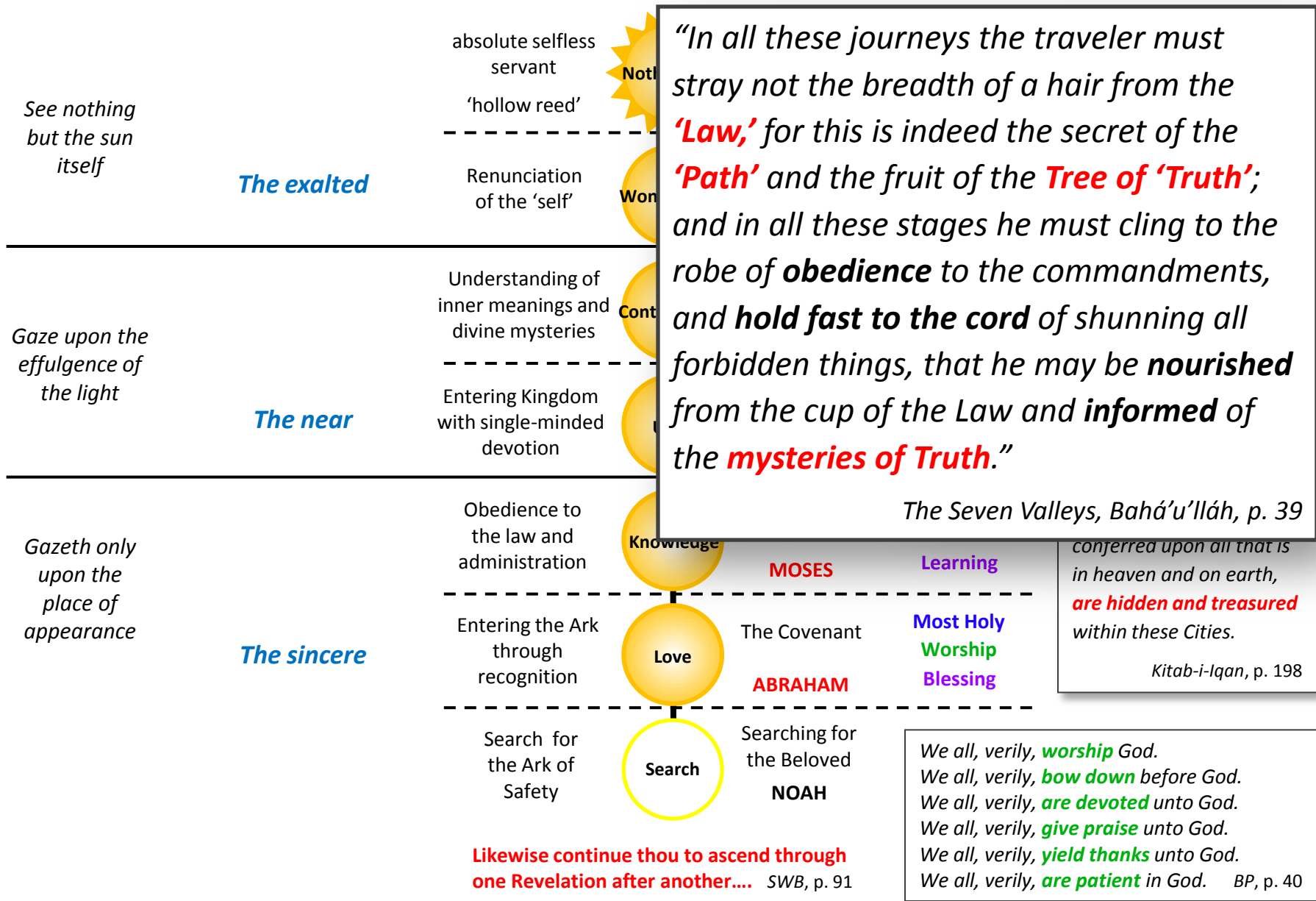




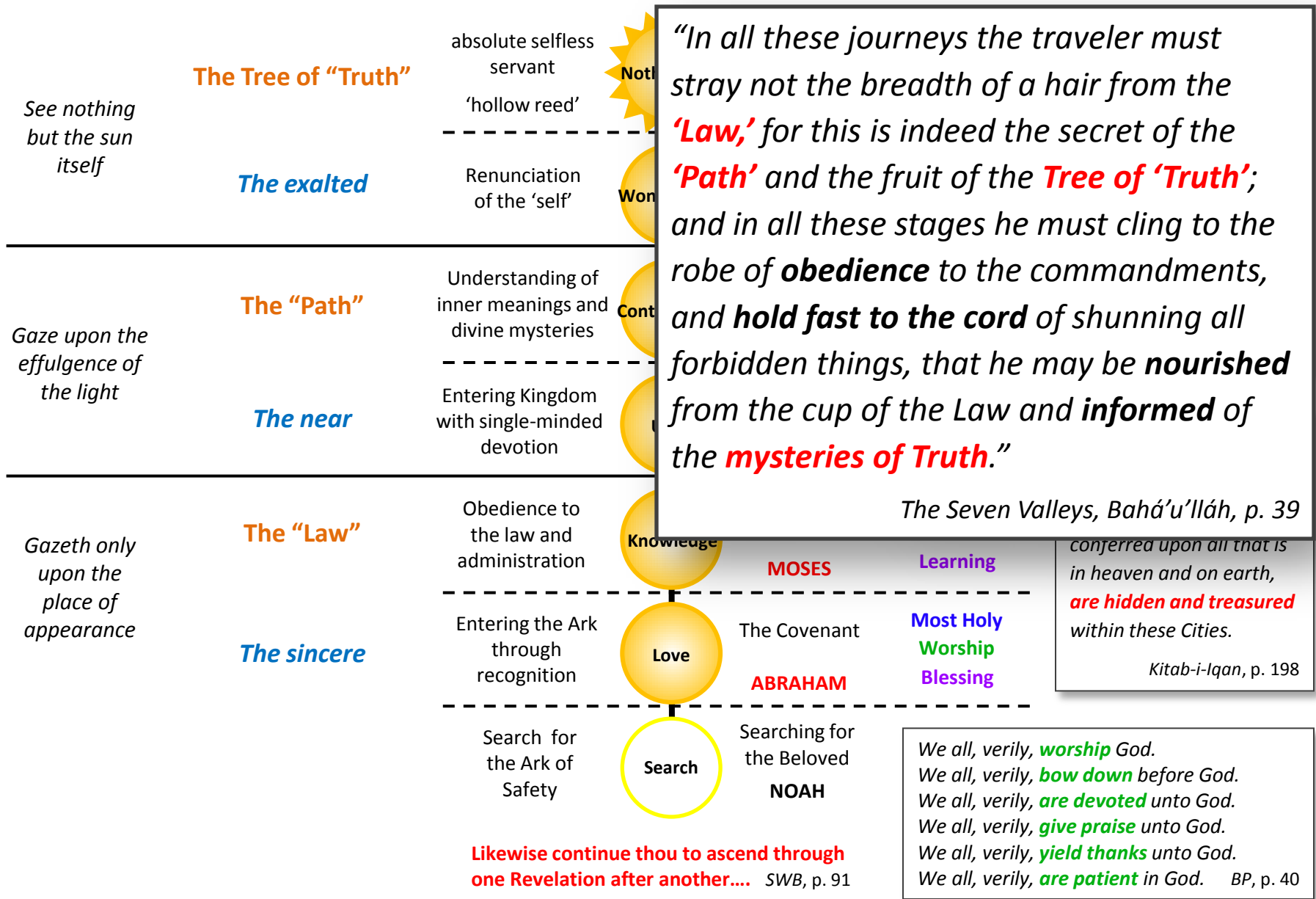
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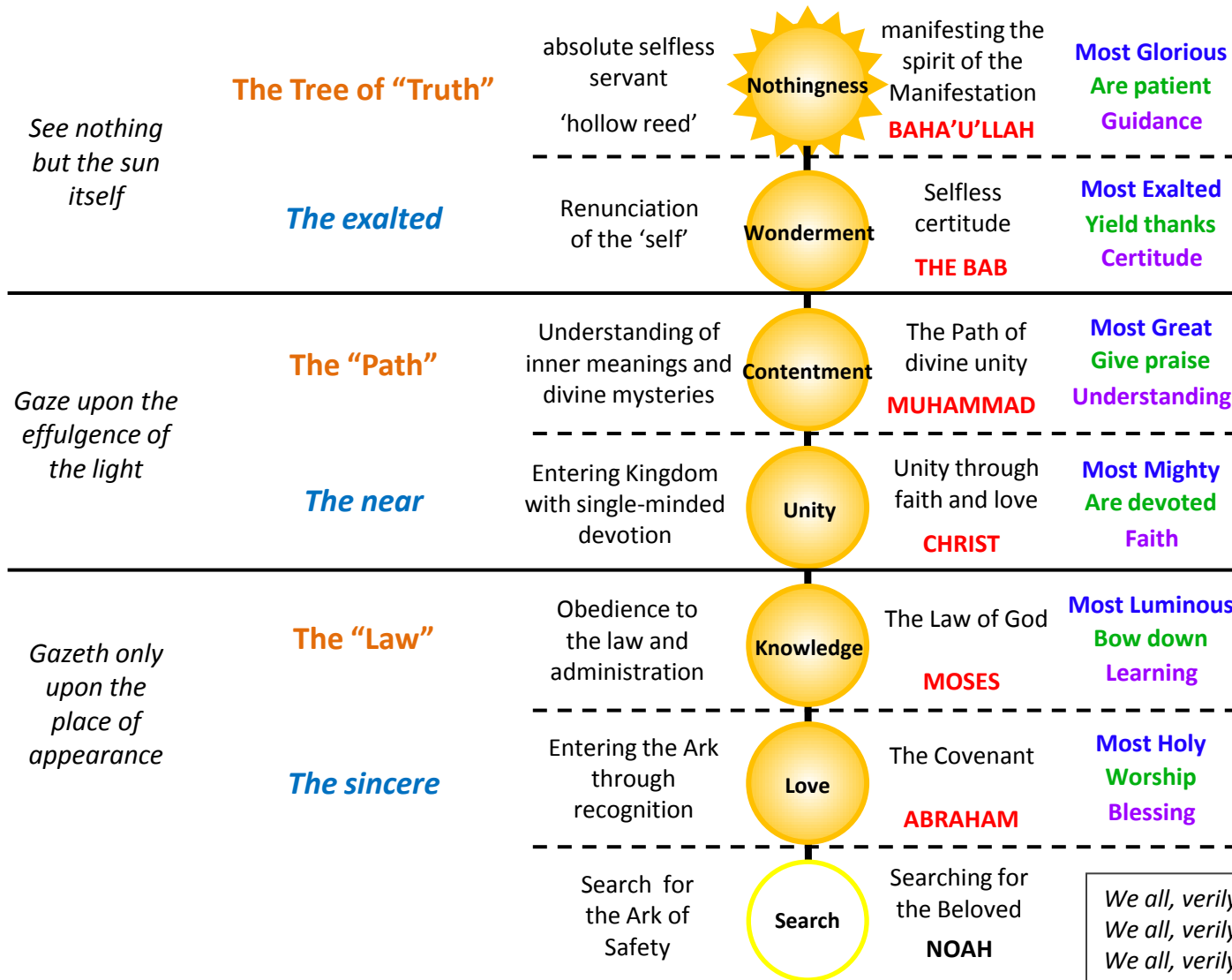
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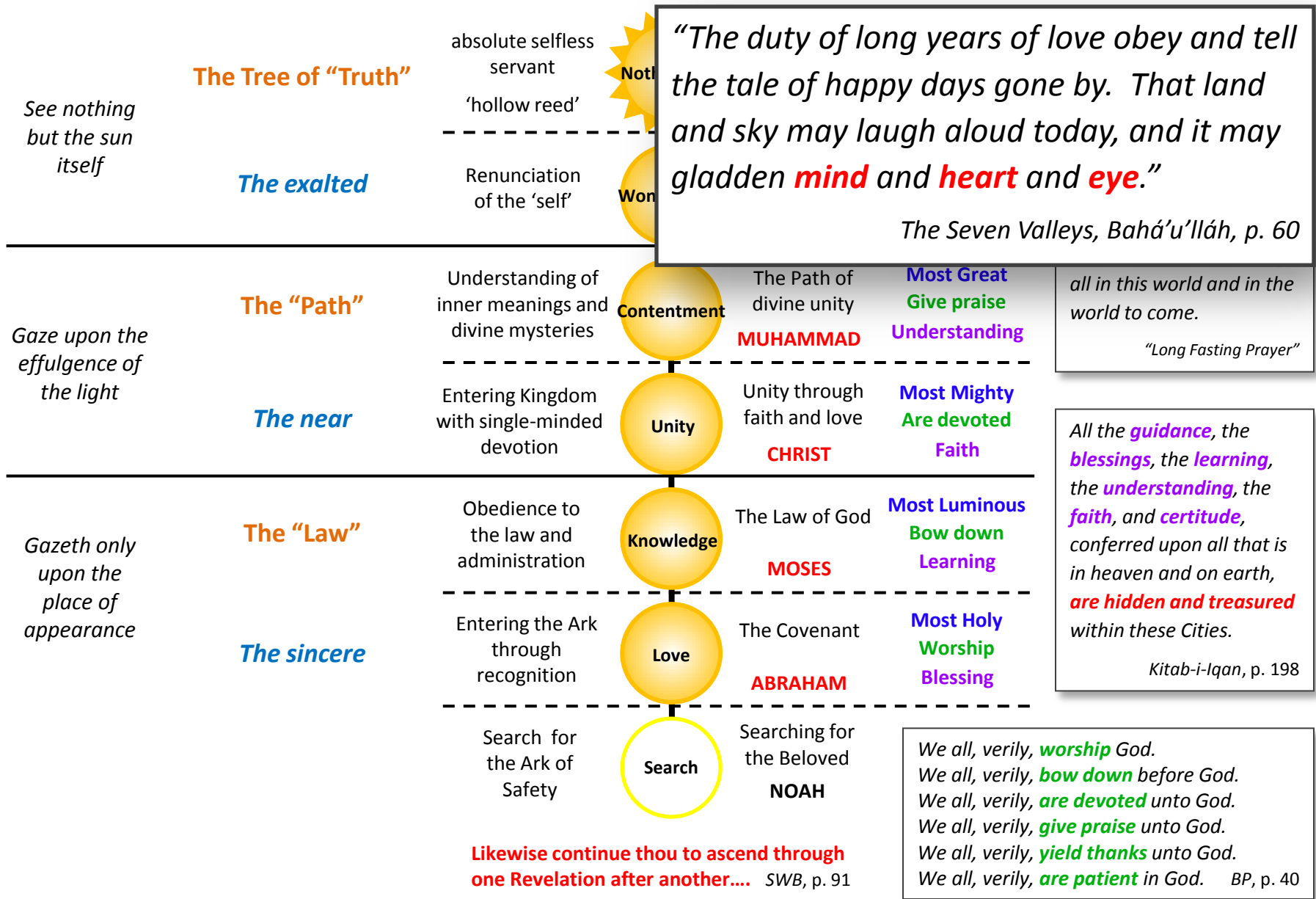
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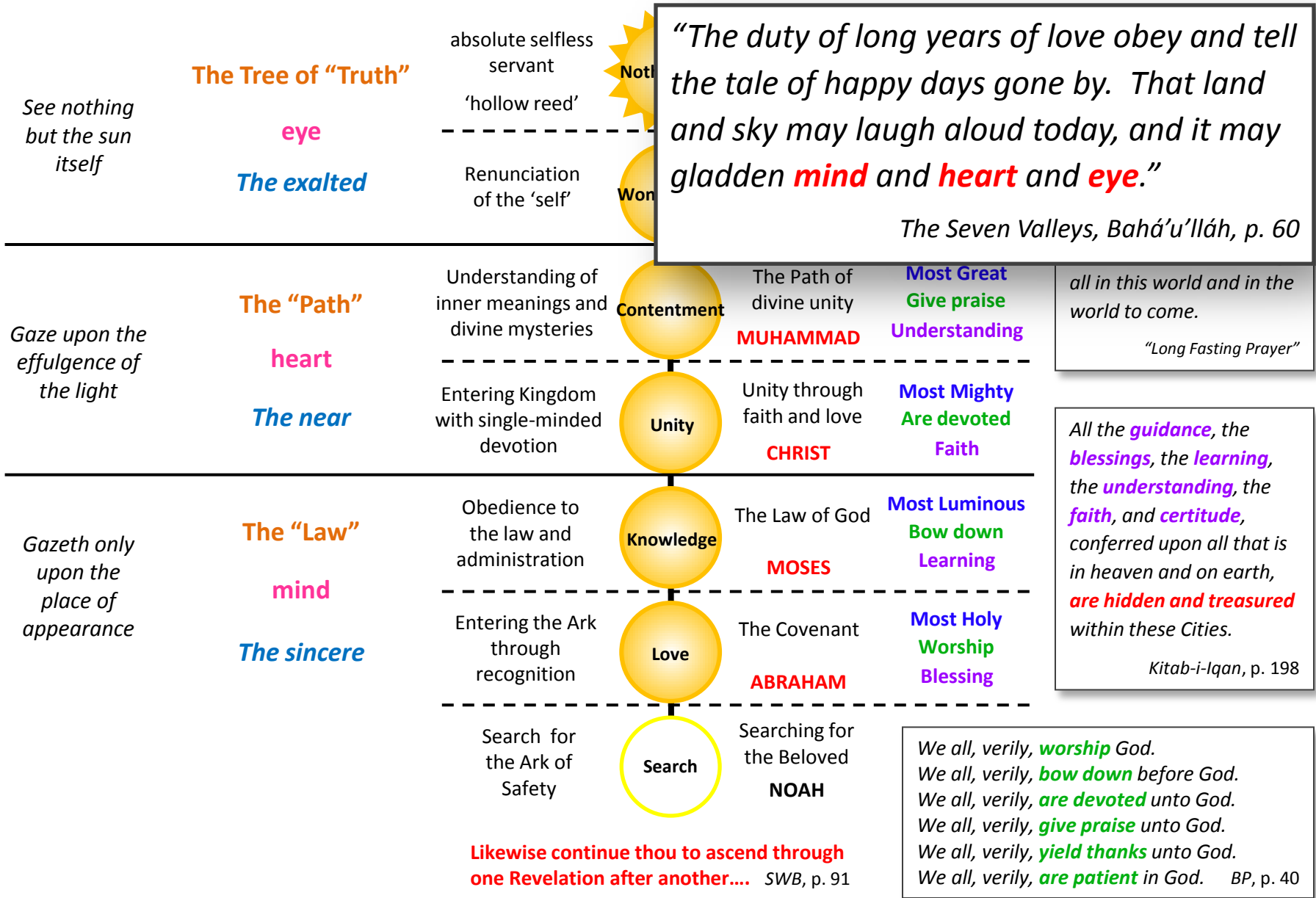
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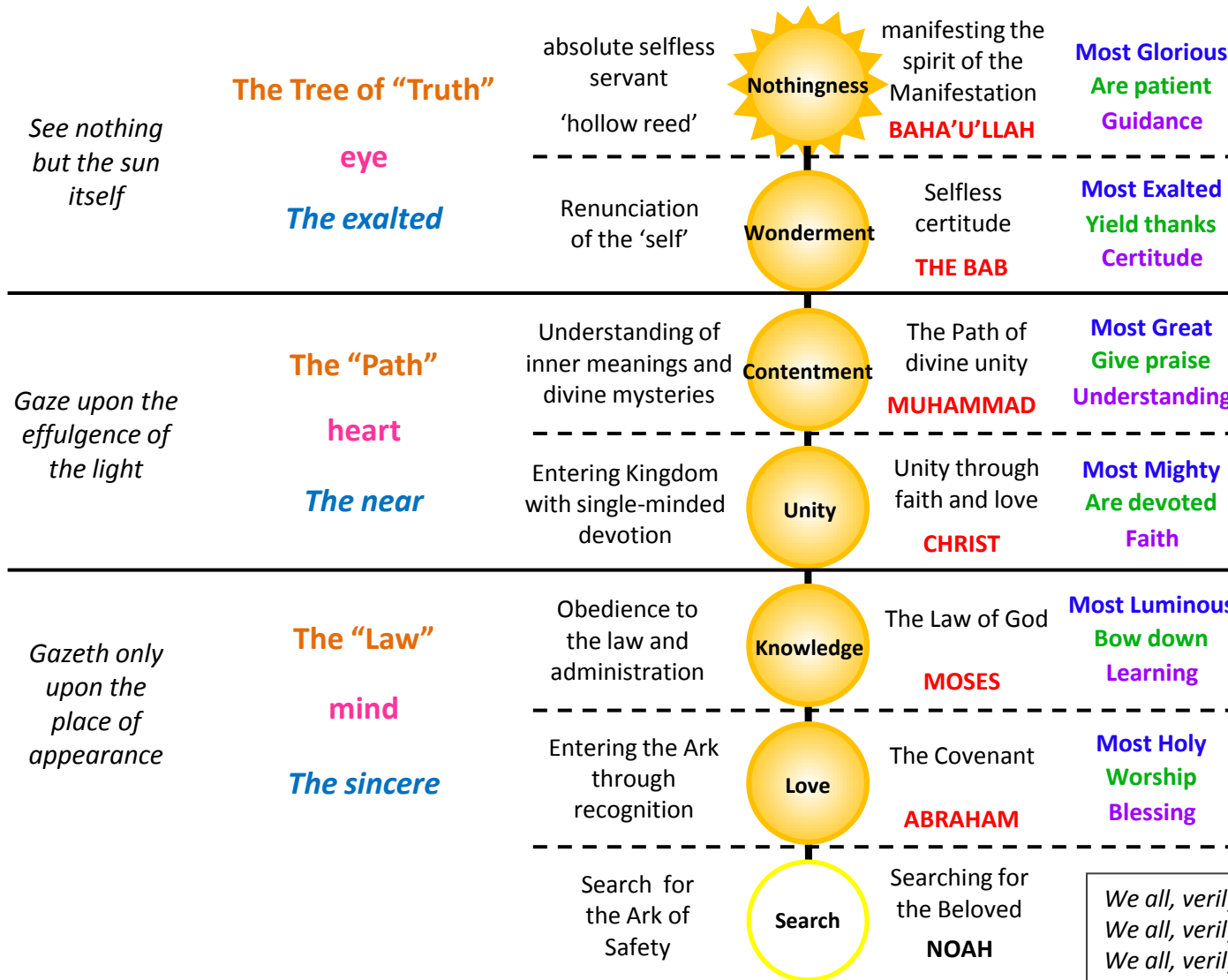
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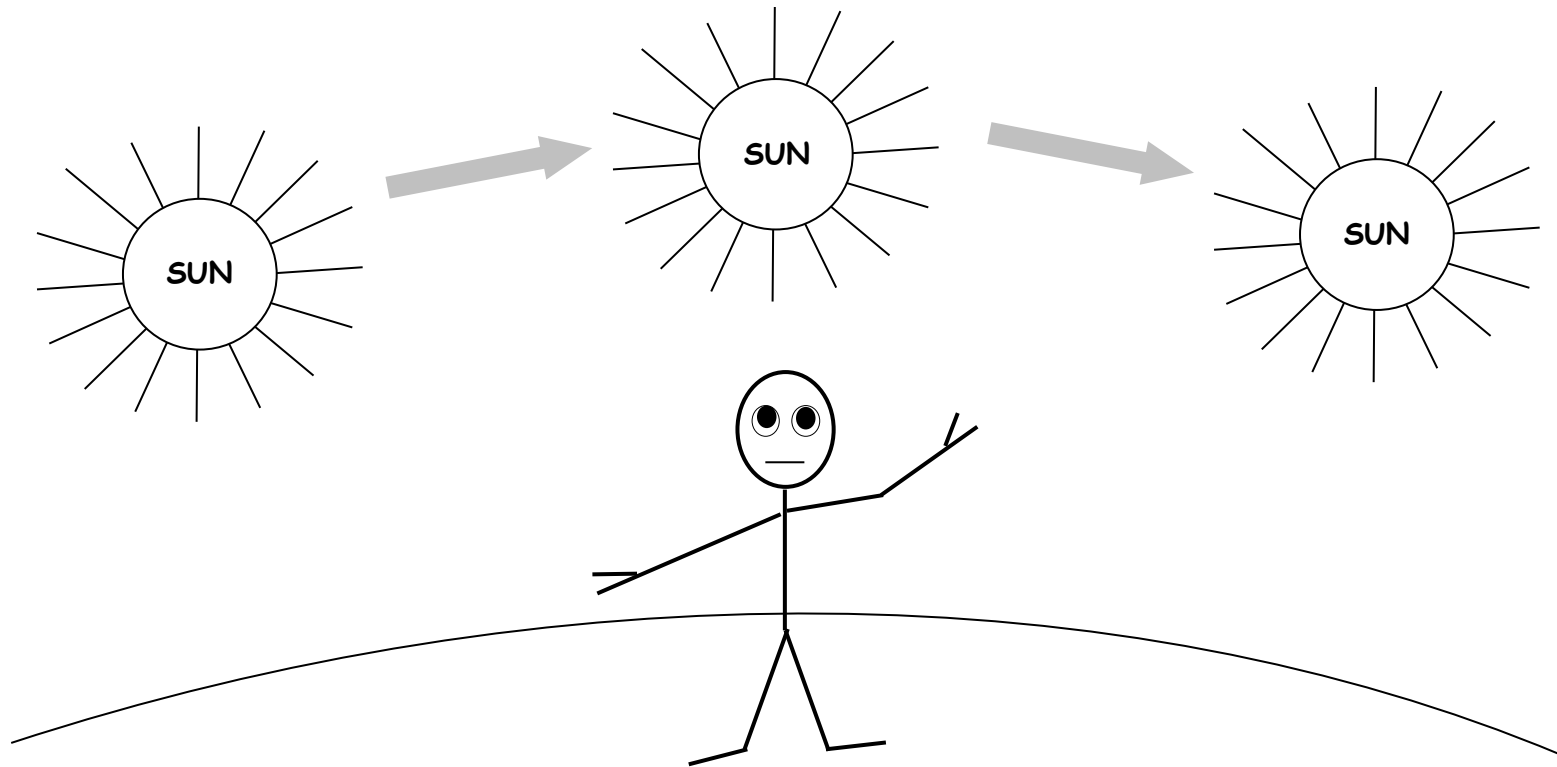




# The mystery of the three planes

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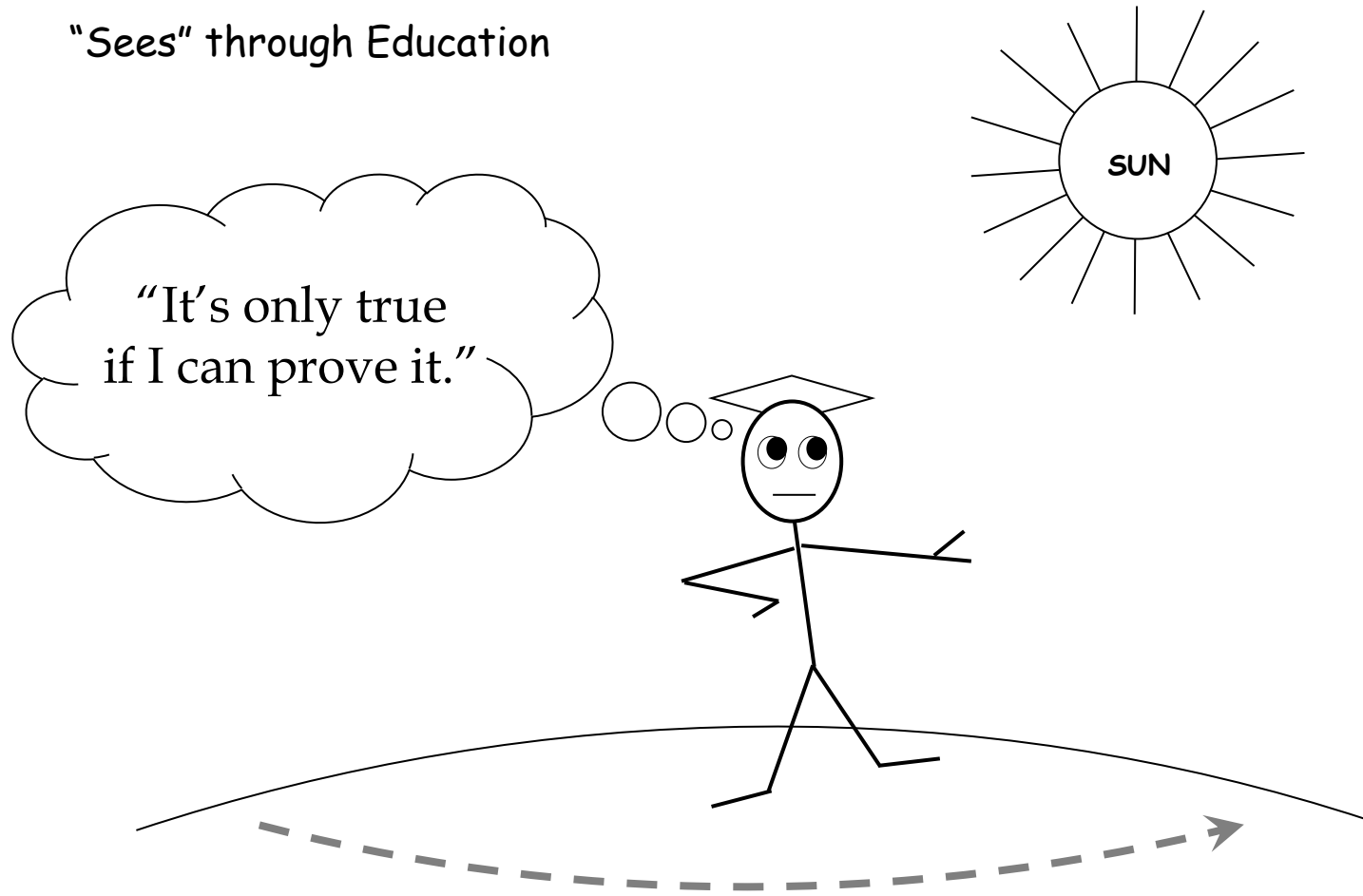
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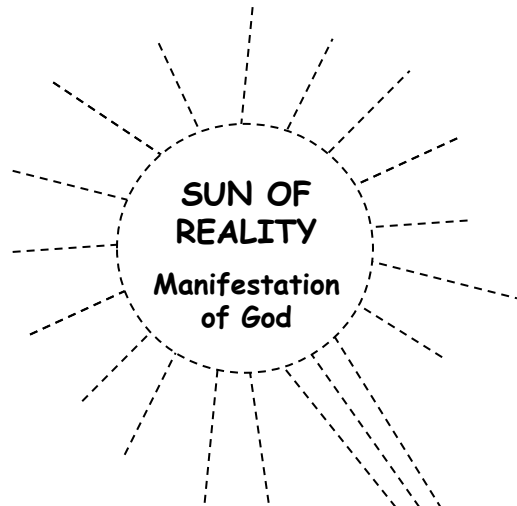
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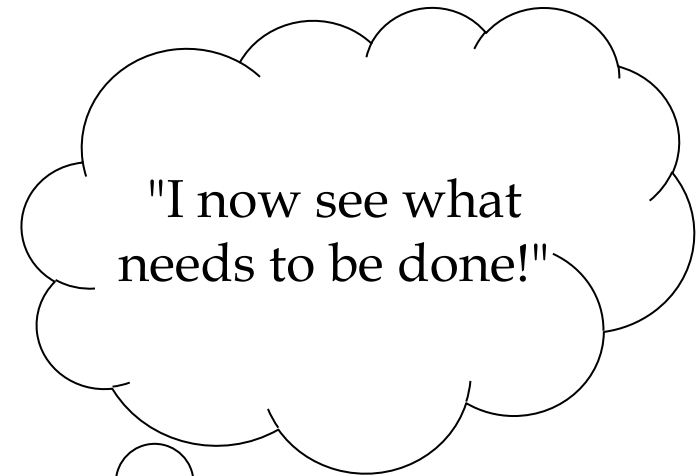
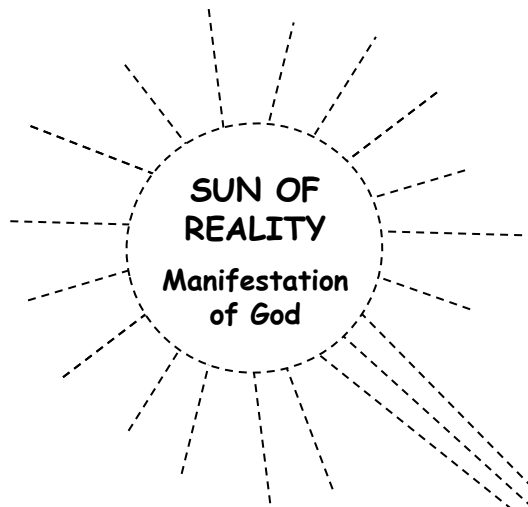


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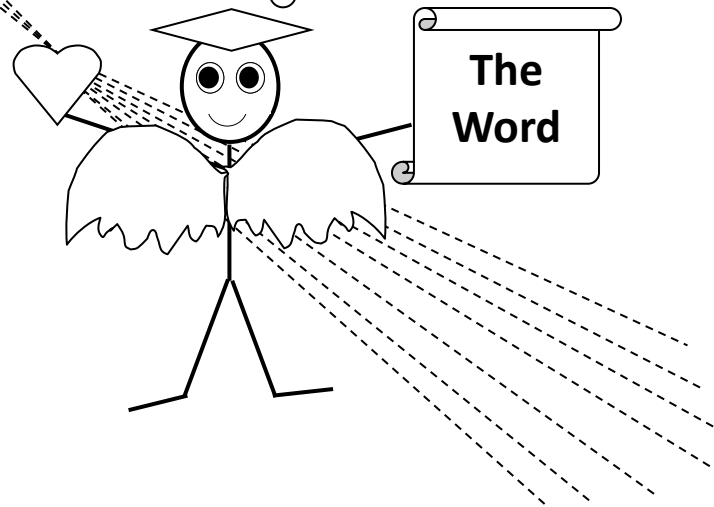


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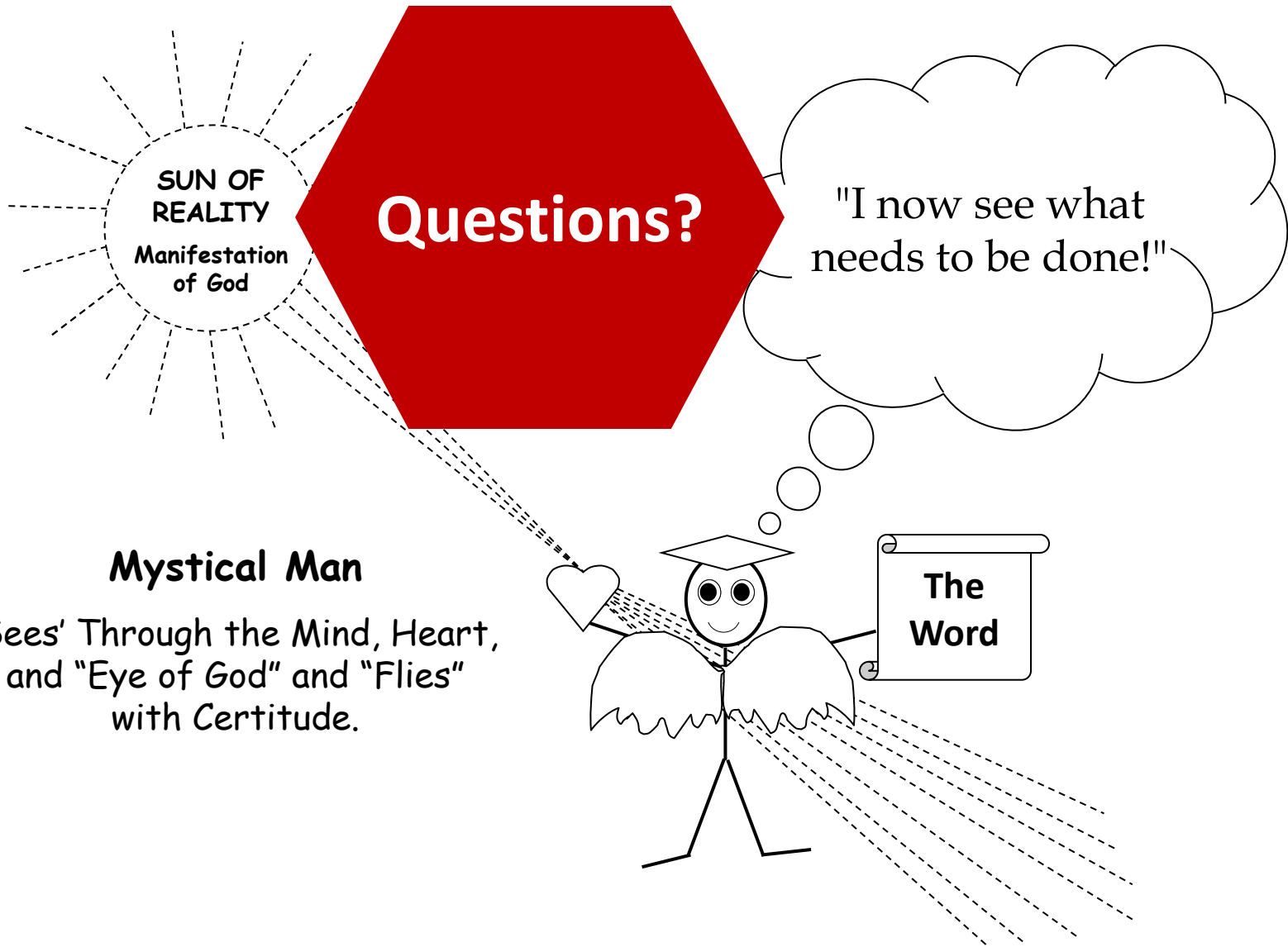


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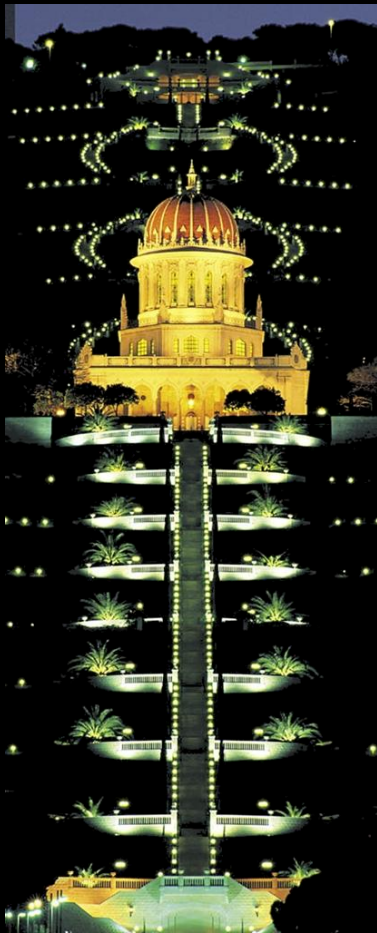


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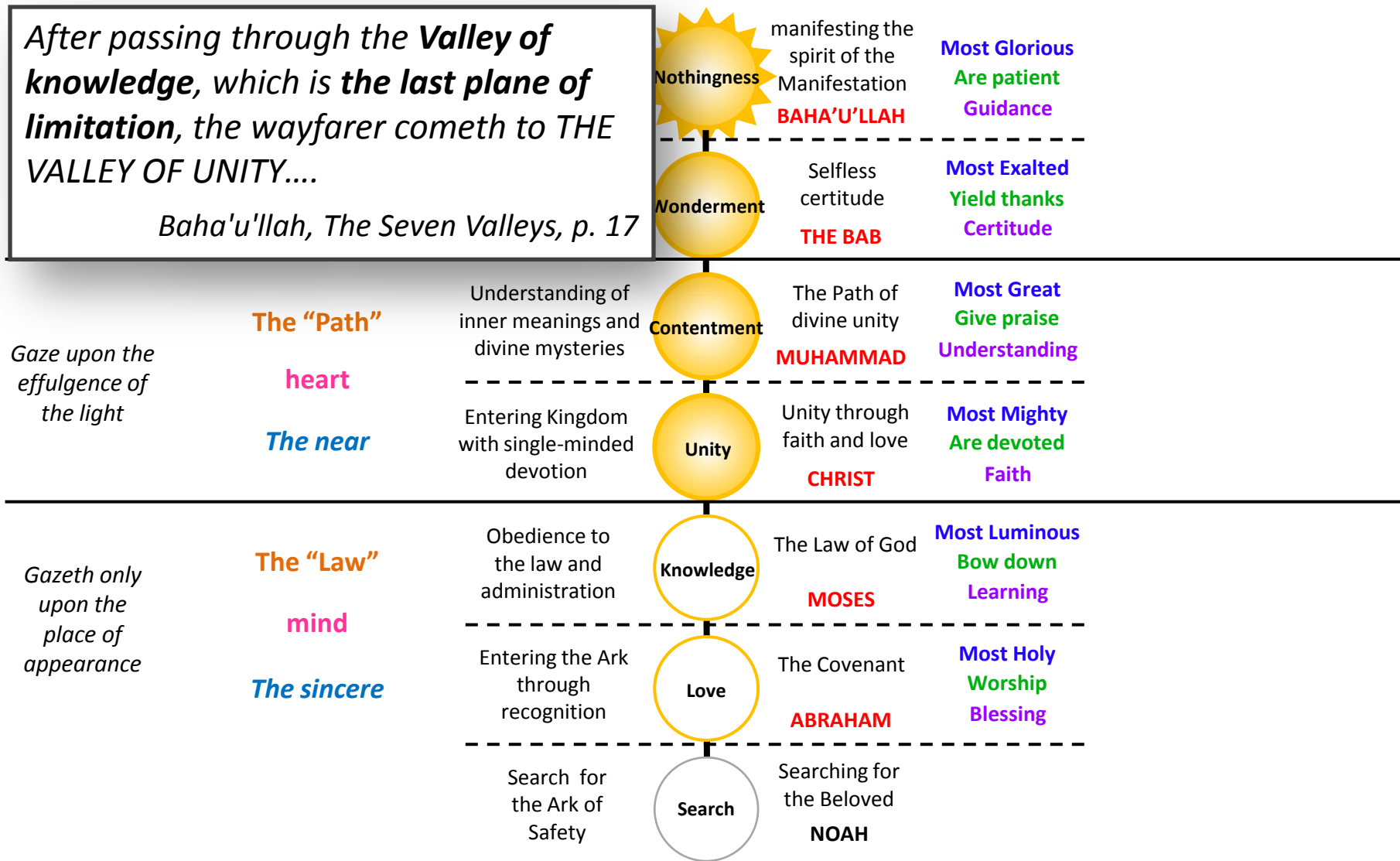
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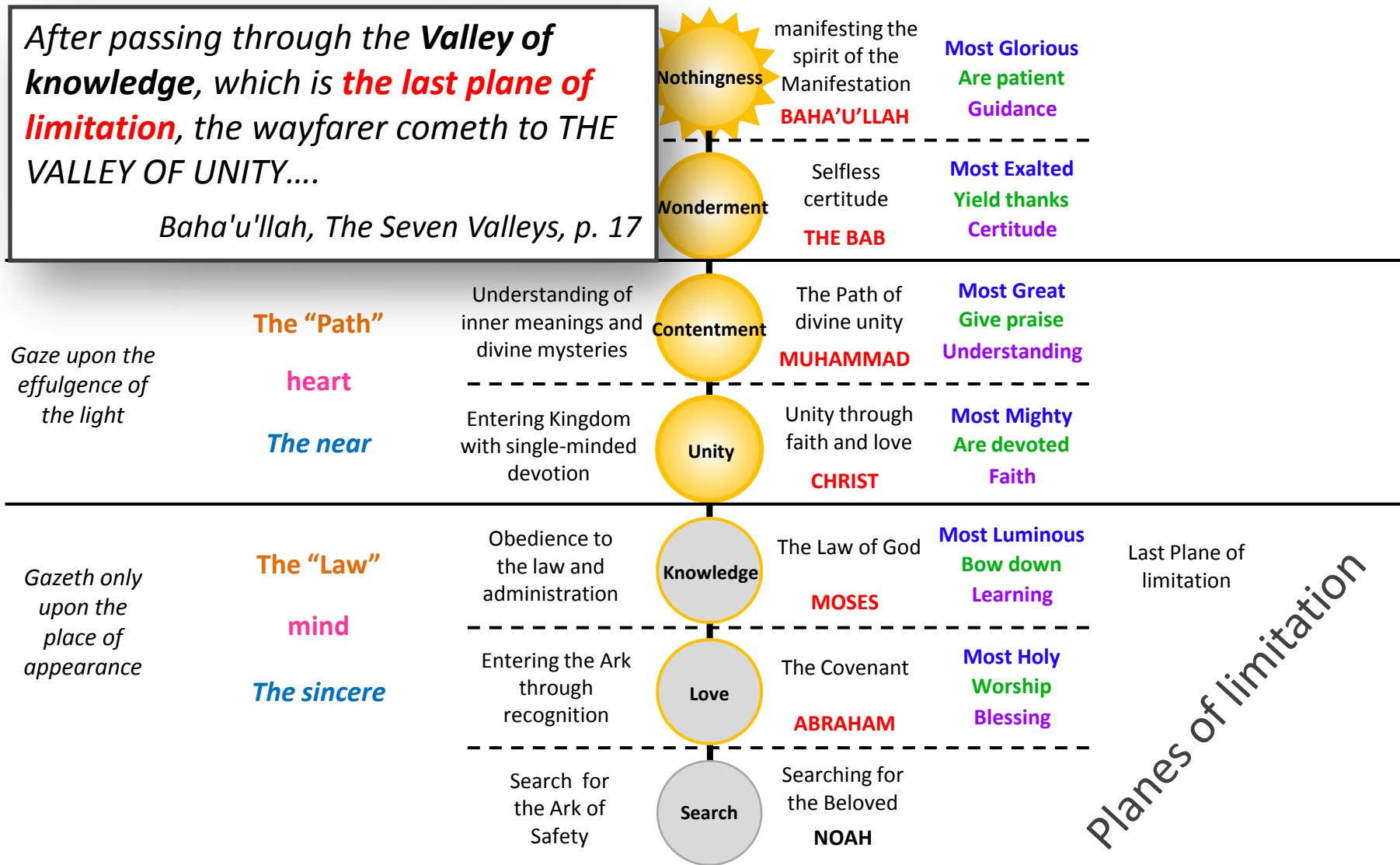


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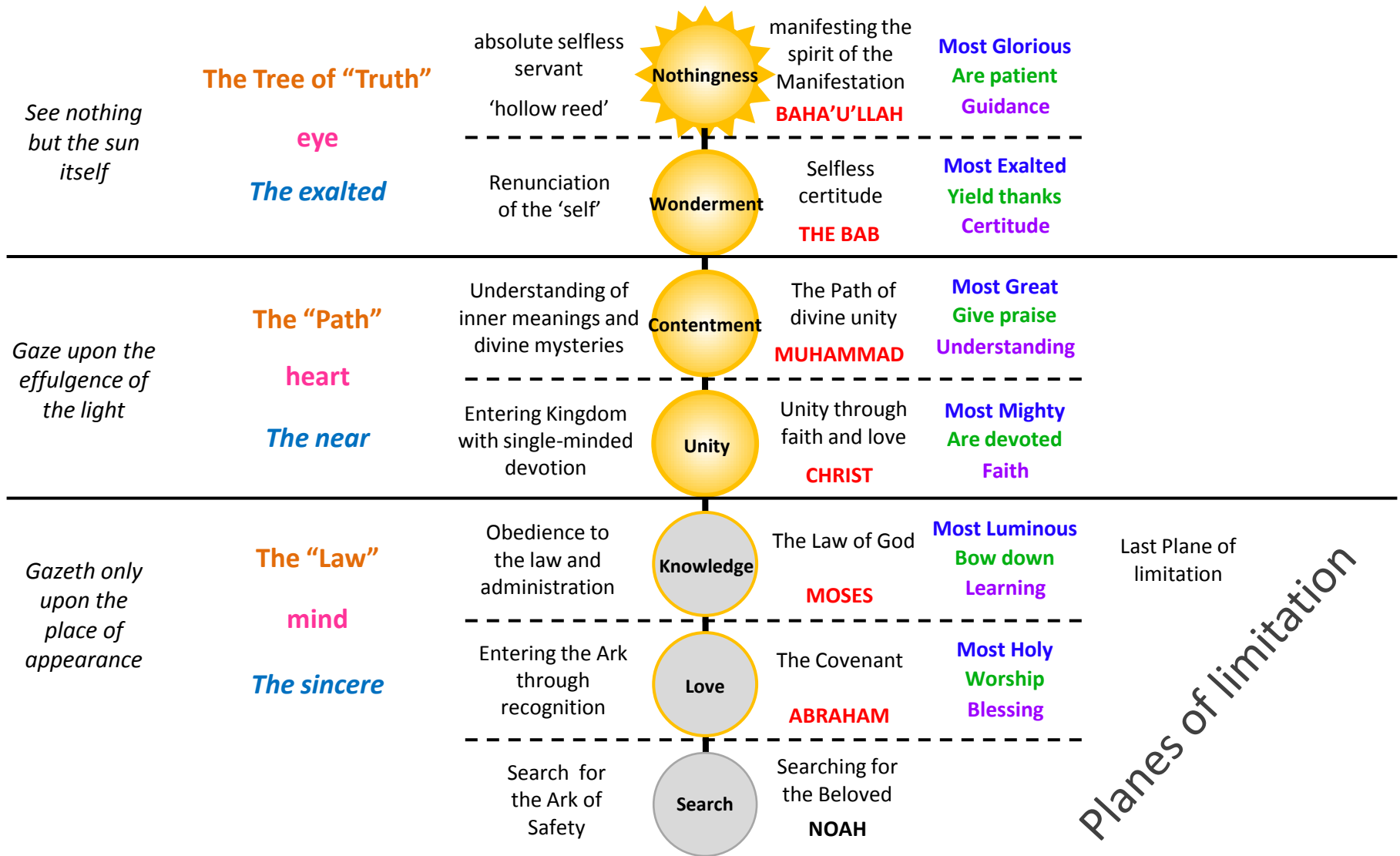
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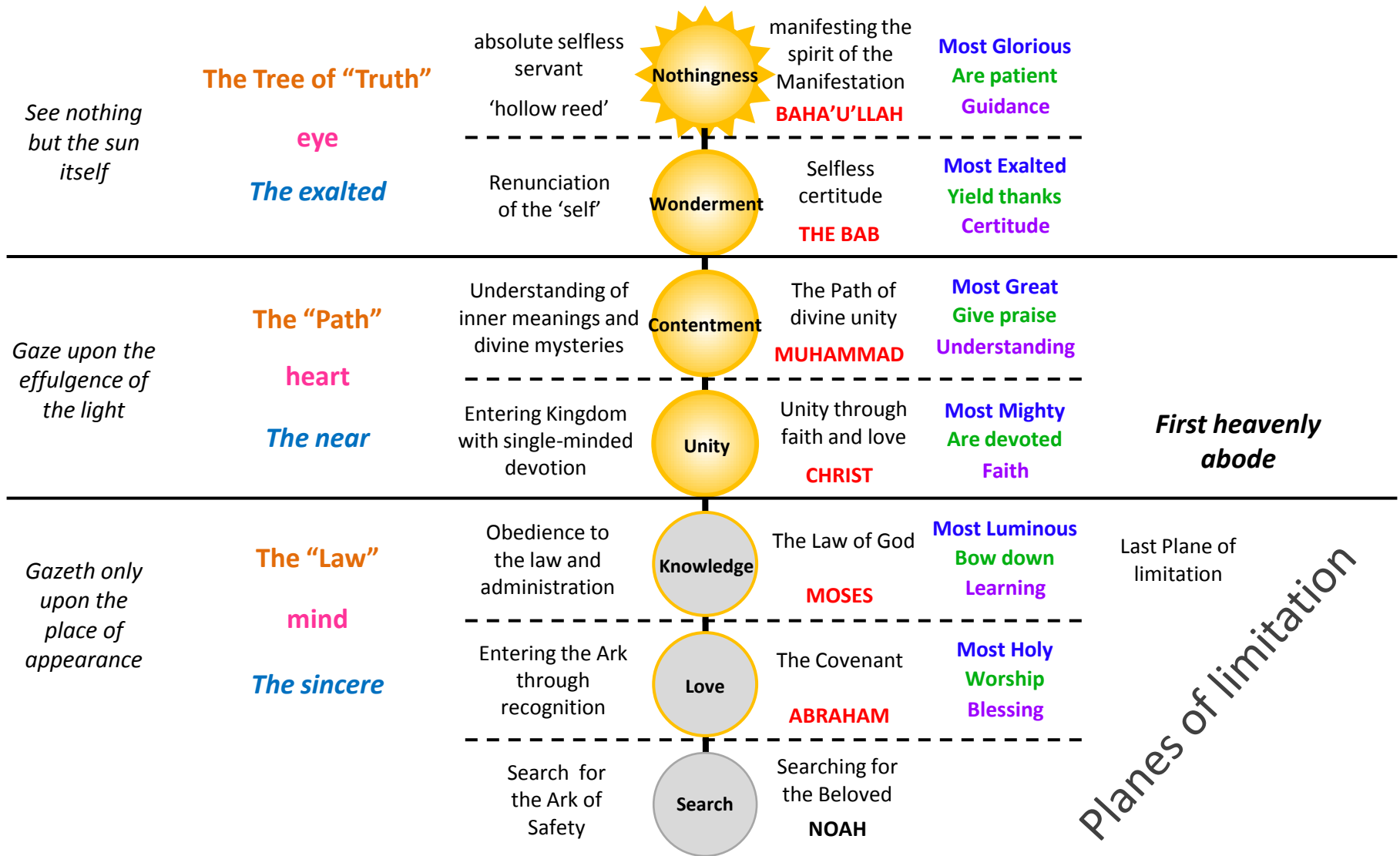
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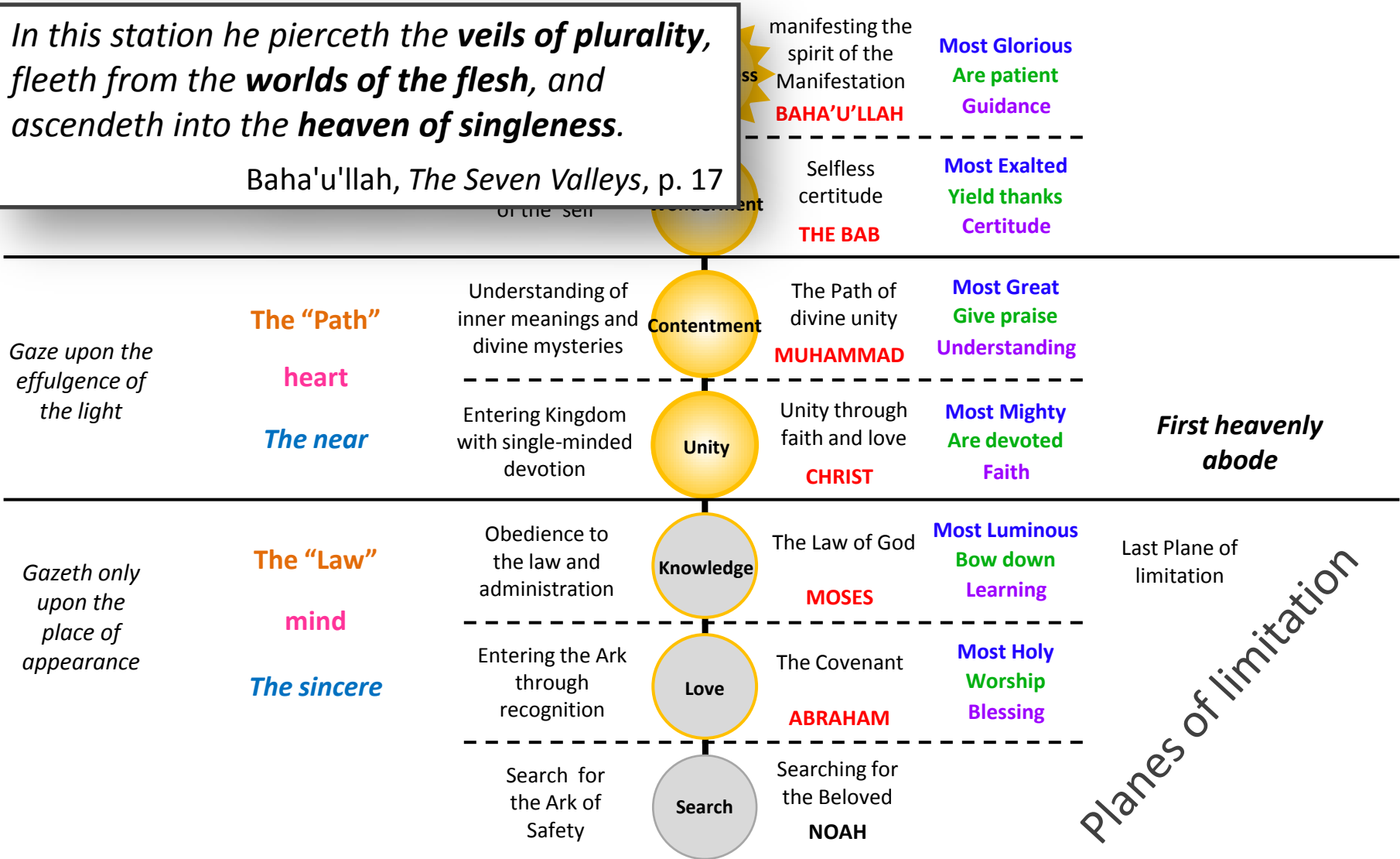
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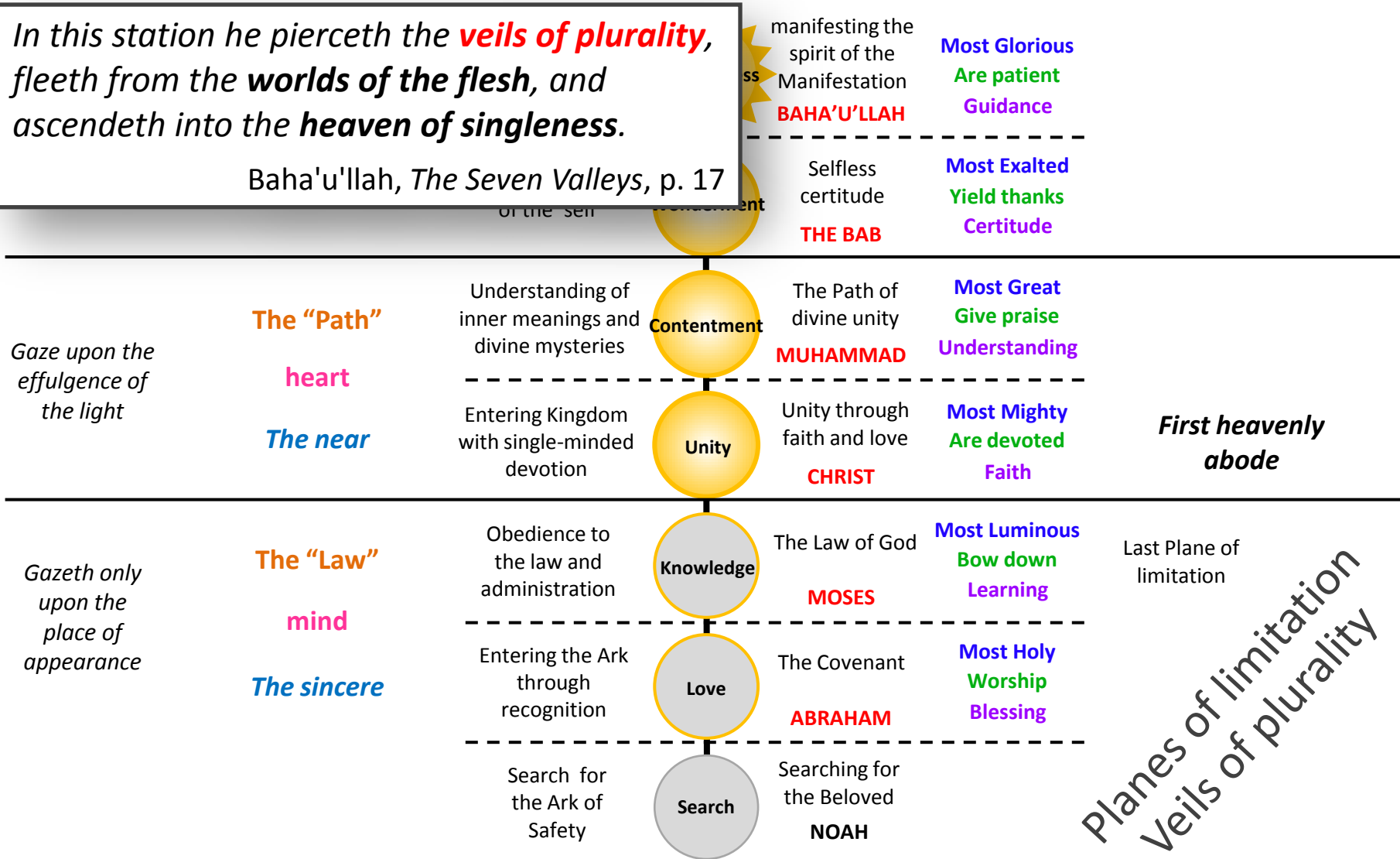
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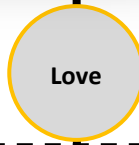
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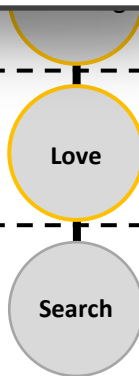
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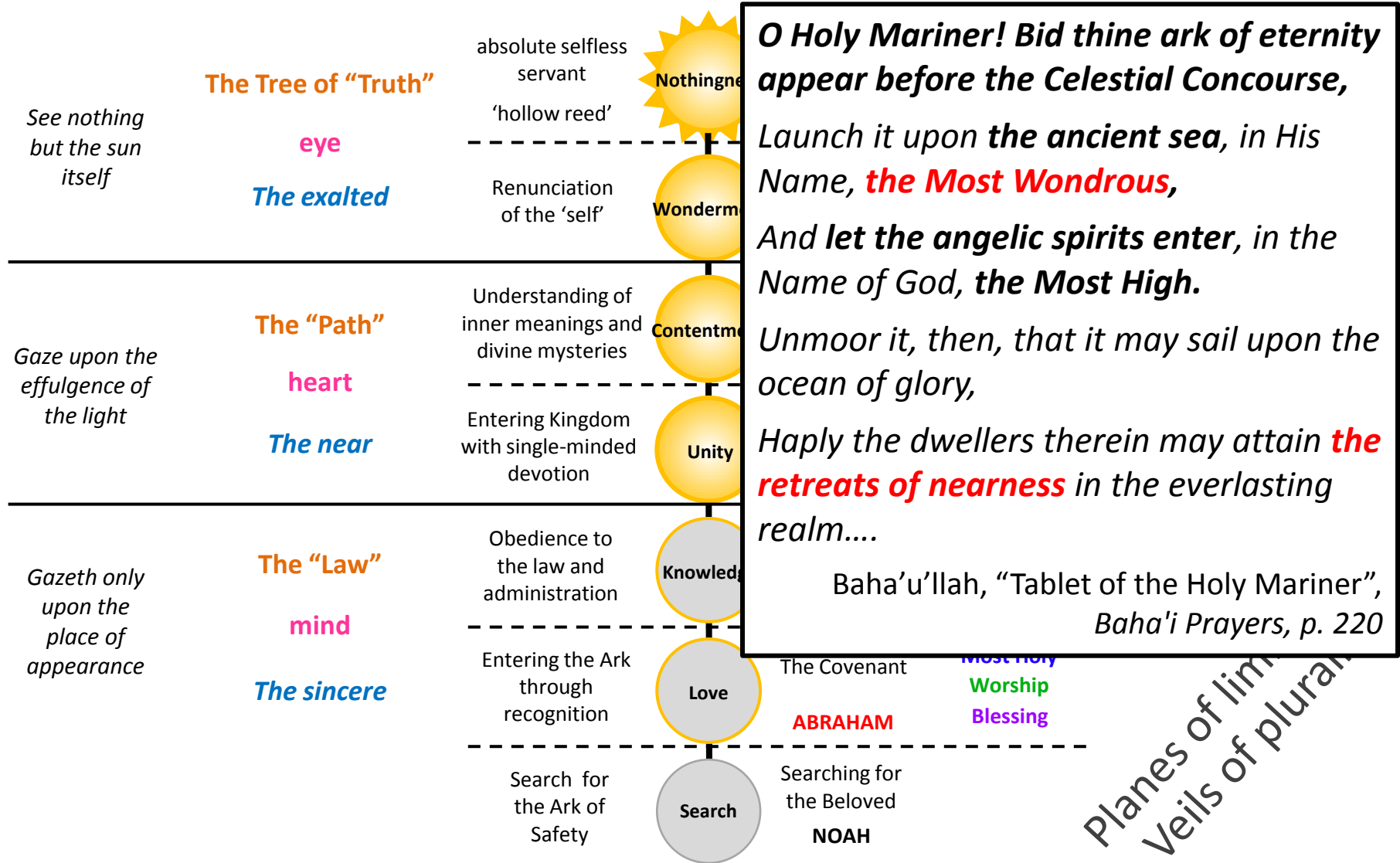
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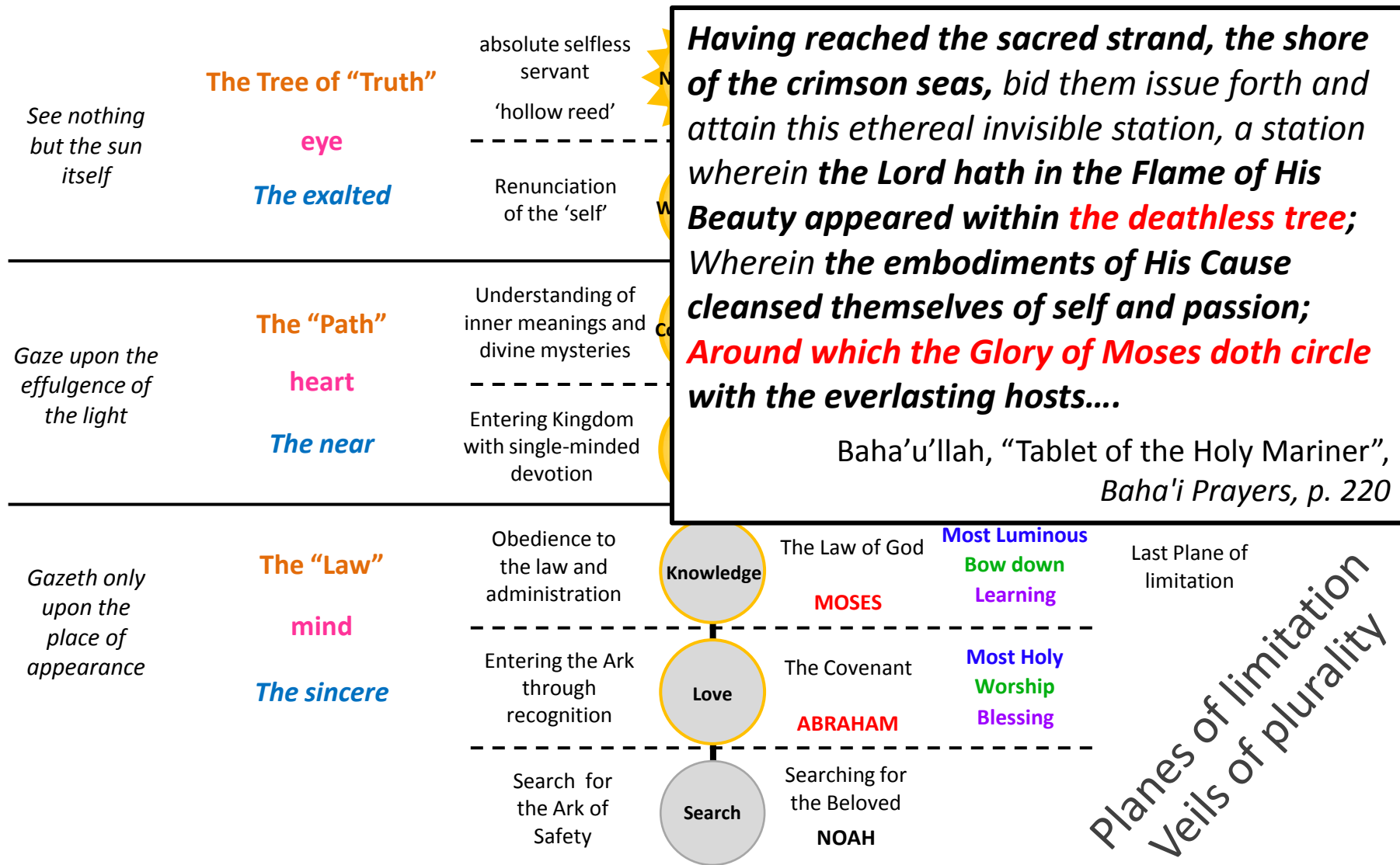
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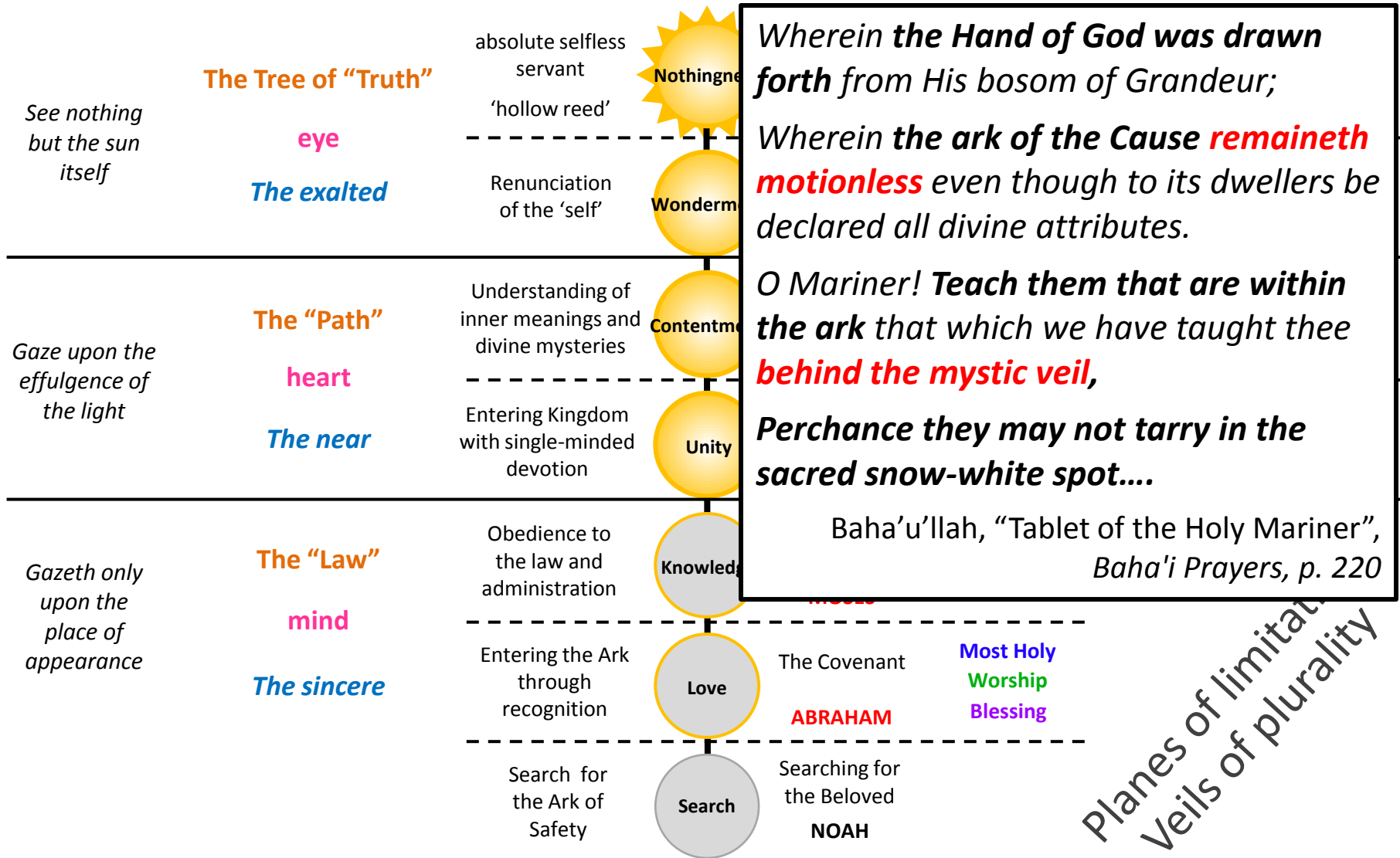
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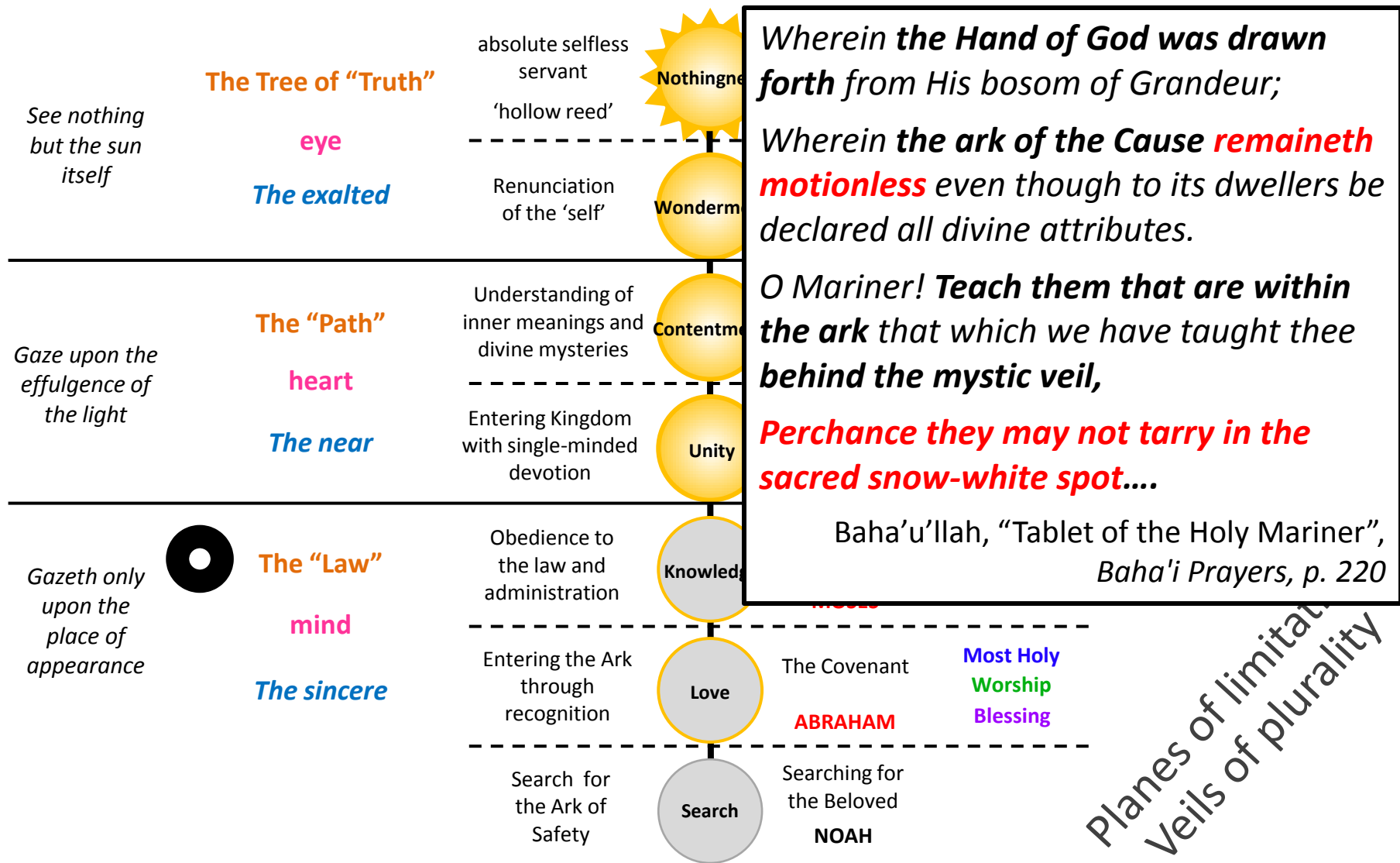
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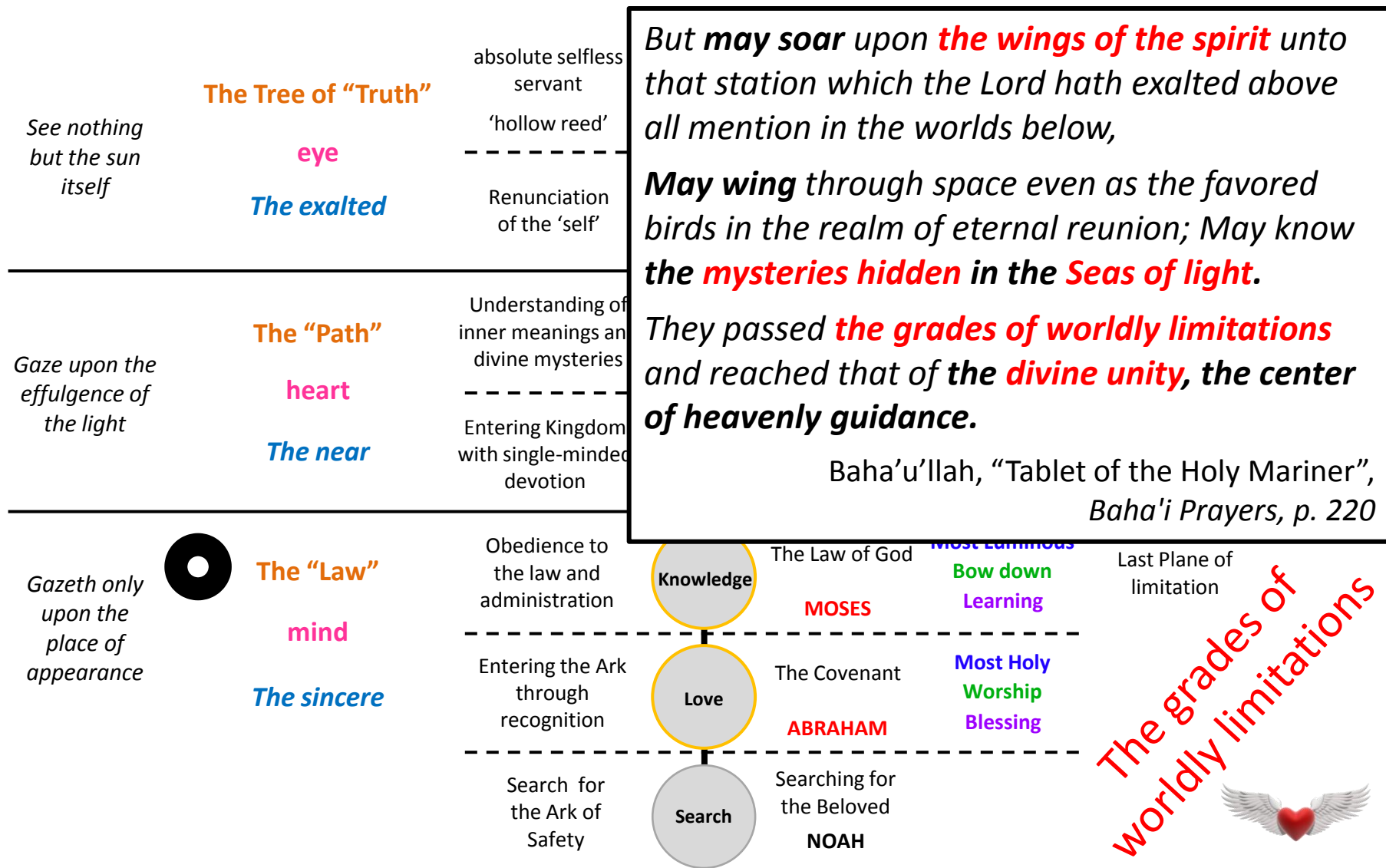
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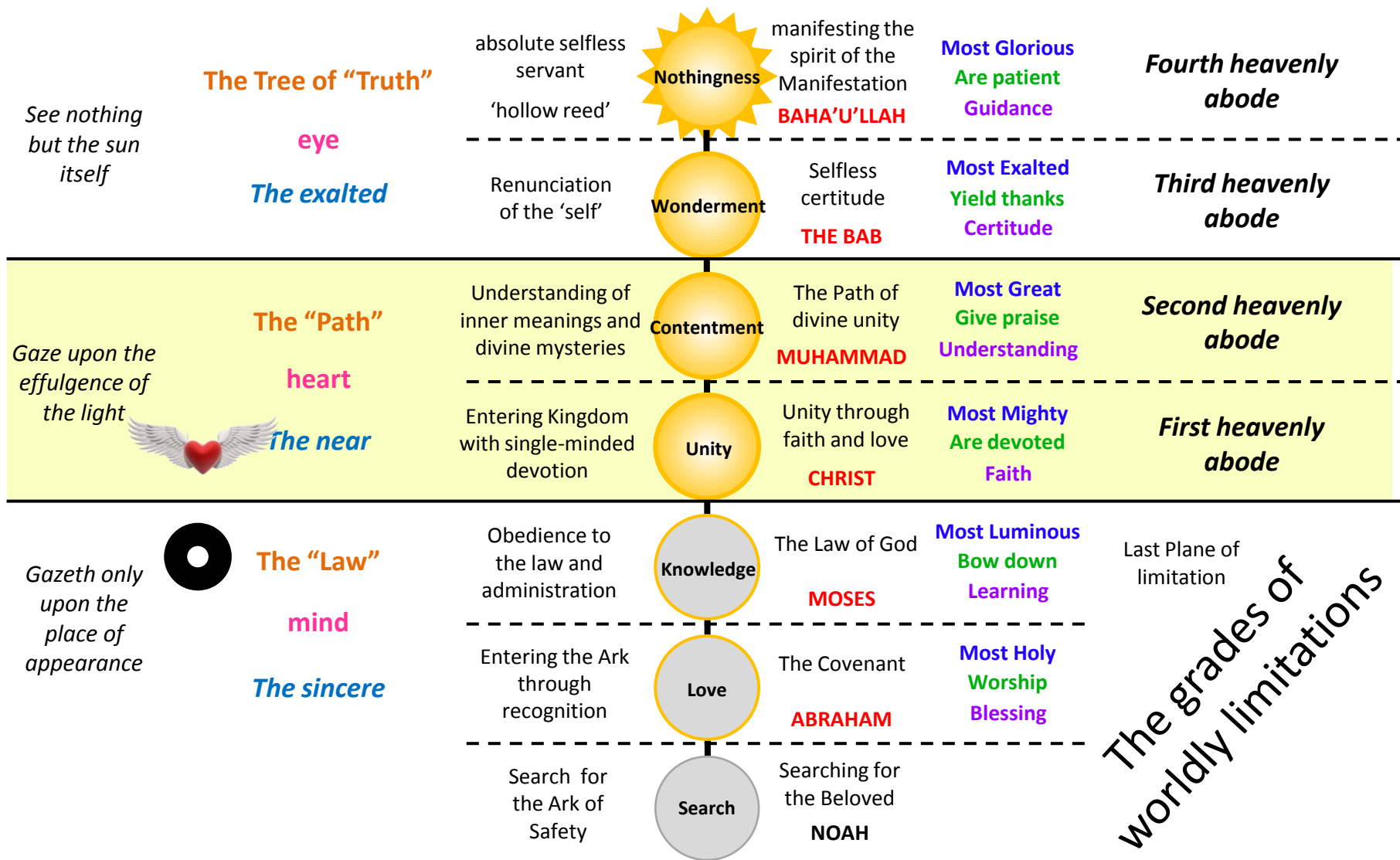


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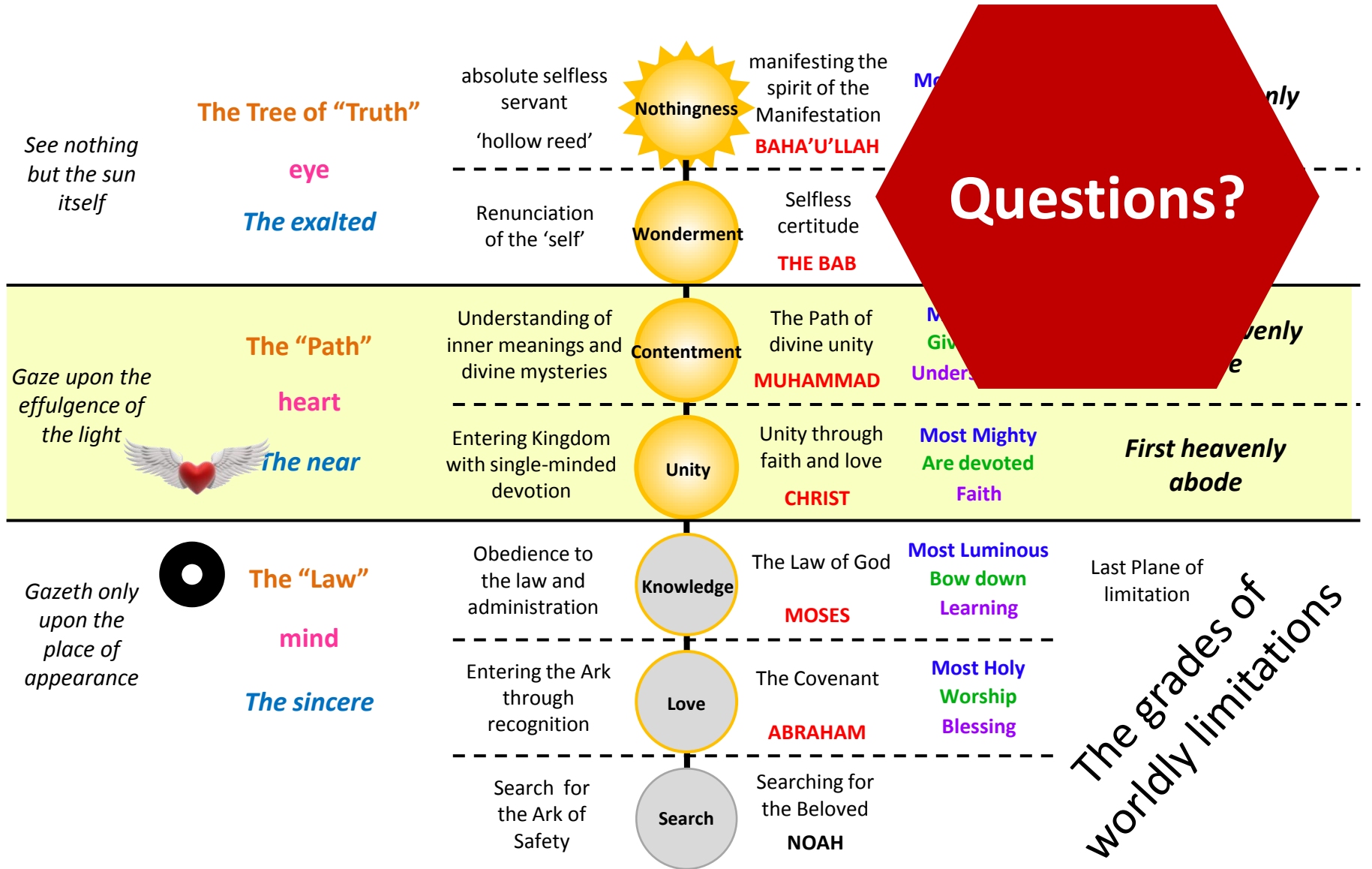
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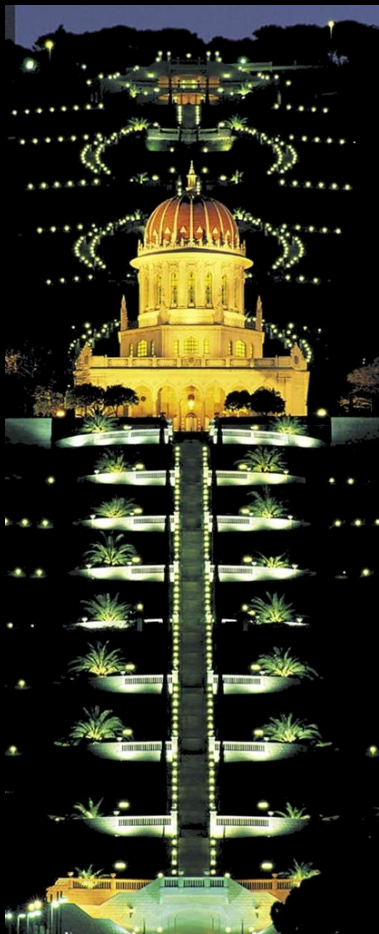
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Presented by Ray Estes and Miles Lane (old ones from among the believers)

**Behind the Mystic Veil**

**HOLY SPIRIT**

**EYE  
CHOSEN**

**“The ‘six’”**

**Four Valleys**

**Gems of Mysteries**

Glorious  
guidance



**4<sup>th</sup> Valley**  
**BAHA’U’LLAH**  
Nothingness

**Fourth  
Heavenly  
Abode**

*Mystic knowers who  
reached the beauty of  
the Beloved One*

**City of Immortality**  
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**City of Absolute Nothingness**

Exalted  
certitude



**3<sup>rd</sup> Valley**  
**The BAB**  
Wonderment

**Third  
Heavenly  
Abode**

*Loving seekers live  
within the Precincts  
of the Attracting One*

**Journey of Renunciation**  
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**Garden of Wonderment**

Great  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Valley**  
**MUHAMMAD**  
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**City of Divine Unity**

Mighty  
faith



**1<sup>st</sup> Valley**  
**CHRIST**  
Unity

**First  
Heavenly  
Abode**  
**Singleness**

*Seek after the  
goal of the  
Intended One*

**City of Love and Rapture**  
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**Garden of Search**

**SPIRIT OF FAITH**

**HEART  
NEAR**

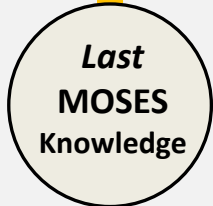


**HUMAN SPIRIT**

**MIND  
SINCERE**

**The planes of limitation**

Luminous  
Learning



**Last  
MOSES**  
Knowledge

Holy  
blessing



**Declaration  
ABRAHAM**  
Love

**City of Knowledge**

**O Mariner! Teach them that are within the ark that which we have taught thee behind the mystic veil, Perchance they may not tarry in the sacred snow-white spot, But may soar upon the wings of the spirit unto that station which the Lord hath exalted above all mention in the worlds below....**  
Baha’u’llah, “Tablet of the Holy Mariner”