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In this session we are going to help you discover the truth.

To discover the moral dimension of man.

But in order to search for something, first I have to know:

WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR!!!

1 Describe what the following dimensions of man consist of:

Social dimension _____

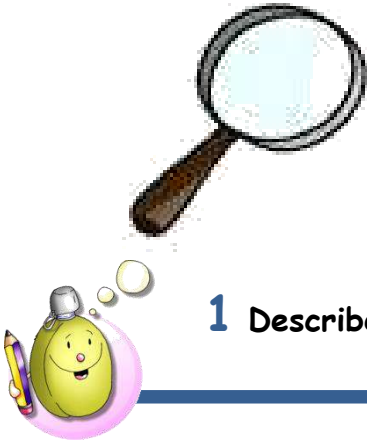
Spiritual dimension _____

Physical dimension _____

Affective dimension _____

Intellectual dimension _____

Moral dimension _____



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Can you pinpoint where they are located within the person?
With which part of our body do we develop each dimension?

Affective dimension

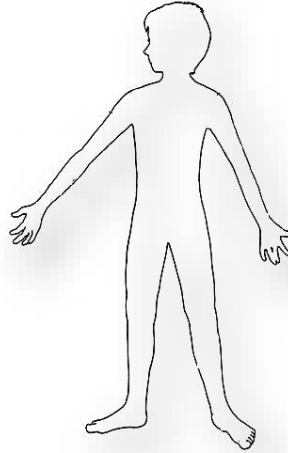
Physical dimension

Spiritual dimension

Intellectual dimension

Moral dimension

Social dimension



2 What difficulties did you run into? Can you explain why?
Listen to the opinions of your classmates.





Morality is a human dimension. It forms part of my person, just like the rest of my dimensions: the body, sexuality, the affections and freedom. The moral dimension is **CONSTITUTIVE**. It is not something extra that is added on.

And it is exclusive to human beings.

Animals lack this **MORAL** dimension. They are ruled by natural law alone.

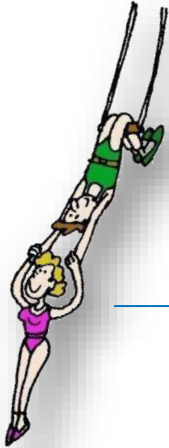
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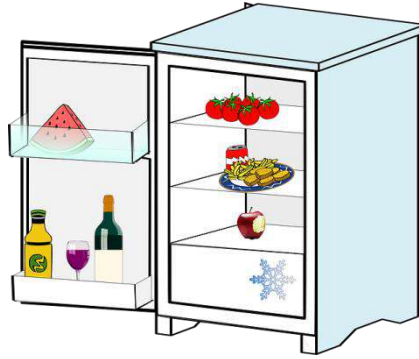
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3 Can you respond to the following situations?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF...



...the acrobat lets go of the girl



...we put water in the freezer?



...the chicken sits on the egg

...you didn't bring an umbrella?



...one group is stronger than the other?



... the child sticks his finger in the outlet?



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4. Can you guess what this person is going to do?:

If he's tired, will he... take a shower?, sleep?, watch TV?

If he's happy, will he... study?, play tennis?, eat?

If he's sad, will he... watch TV?, play tennis?, go to bed?



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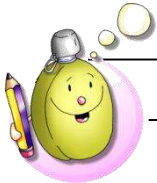
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5. Compare the two previous activities and reflect.



As we saw in Activity 3, the natural law determines some acts so that, to a greater or lesser degree, we can predict what is going to happen.

Do you think that the human person is also determined by the natural law? Explain your answer and share it with your classmates.



What do **freedom, the will and conscience** have to do with all this?

Is man's freedom the same as that of a lion in the Savannah?

Do animals move and eat because of their will?

Does a lioness rear her cubs because of conscience?

Are these characteristics proper to the natural law?



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6 Look at the following pairs of photographs and indicate which one looks more beautiful.

The most BEAUTIFUL photograph is...

1/ LANDSCAPES

1



2



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2/ HORSES

1



2



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3/ FLOWERS

1



2



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4/ FRUIT

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7 Compile the responses of the entire class.



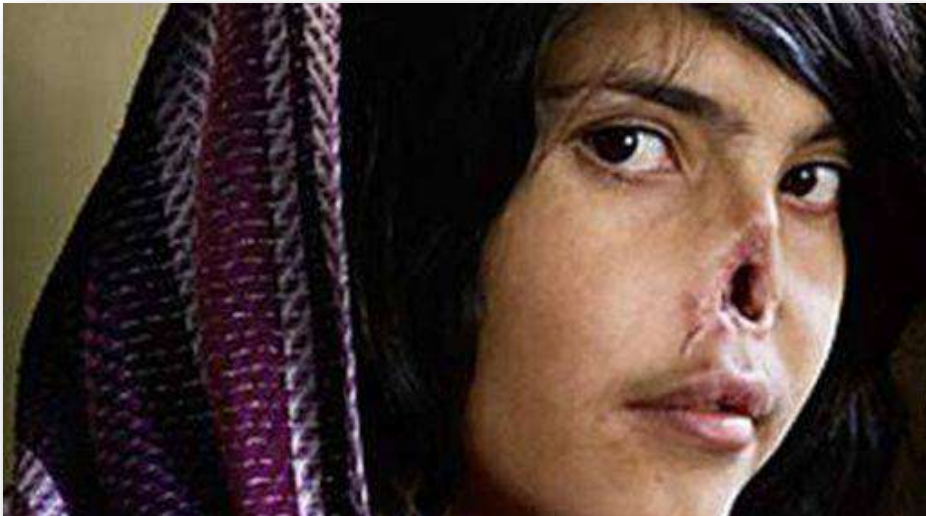
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| LANDSCAPE | | |
| HORSE | | |
| FLOWER | | |
| FRUIT | | |

Evaluate the results. Why do you think it turned out this way? Try to explain the result.

8 Take a look at this photograph of a young girl.

What do you think?

Do you think this photo could be used in the world of advertising?



Time Magazine: Aesha: The Afghan Woman...

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Evaluate the photo by covering it up from the eyes down, and then by looking at the full image...

Do both images cause the same feelings? Would you change your answer?

Do you think that beauty lies only in what we see? Does society teach us to value the interior beauty of people?



The MORAL dimension is constitutive of my PERSON.

In this way, every personal act, by the very fact that it is PERSONAL, is a MORAL act.

Freedom, the will, and the conscience also characterize human beings. For this reason, my acts aren't determined by natural law alone; they also put my freedom, will and conscience into play.

Acts should be ordered toward a greater GOOD.

There are many goods and values. I can recognize these GOODS because MORALITY is inscribed in me, in my heart, in my body, in my PERSON.

THE GOOD is not SUBJECTIVE; rather, it is subject to a GREATER GOOD. That's why it is necessary to search for ALL, and not just part of the truth.

Where should I look for it? Where can I find this GREATER GOOD that governs and orders everything?

Yes, morality is constitutive of the person, and I am not the one who engraved it within me. Someone has written the truth in my heart.

Who?