

# The Mystery of Language

Body, Society, Space & History

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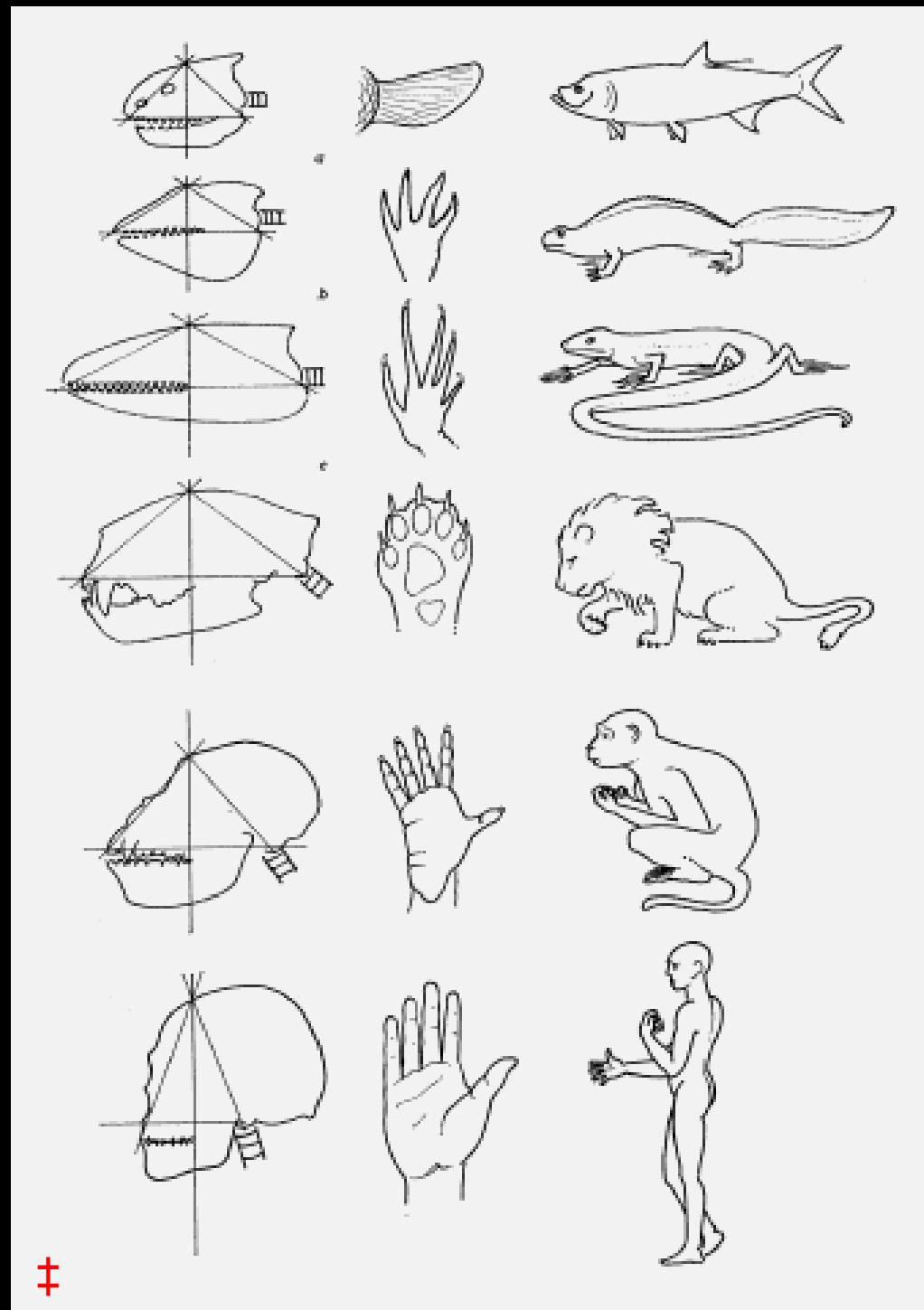
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A tool which human  
beings as an animal  
first obtained

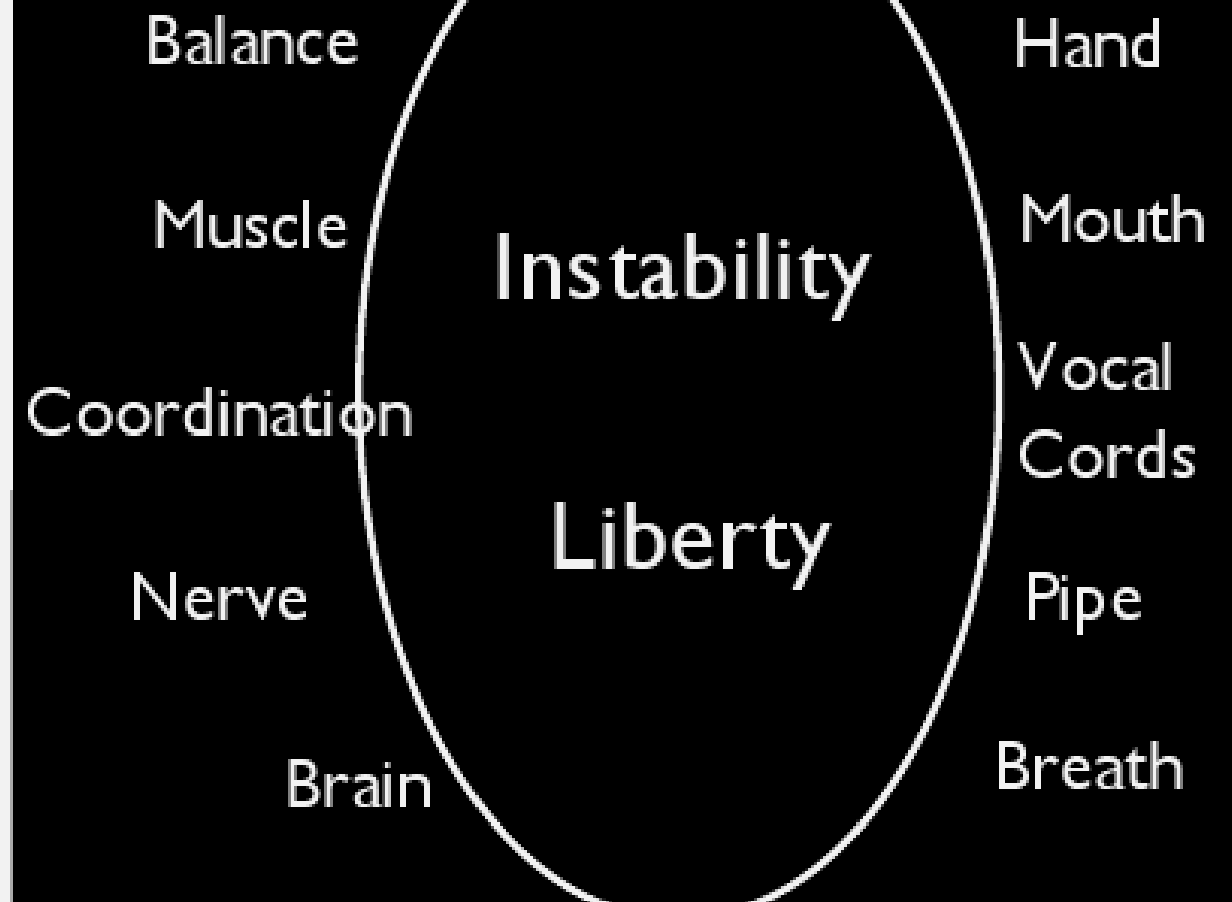
A mysterious tool with  
intangible  
possibilities...

Phase ①

It is a Body



**Walk on two legs**



**Language/ Voice**

The voice is a kind of  
**music** which plays the  
body as an musical  
instrument

What kind of tool is  
the voice?

Material

Phenomenon

Language is an extra

Hand



It grabs and moves  
intangible, invisible  
objects

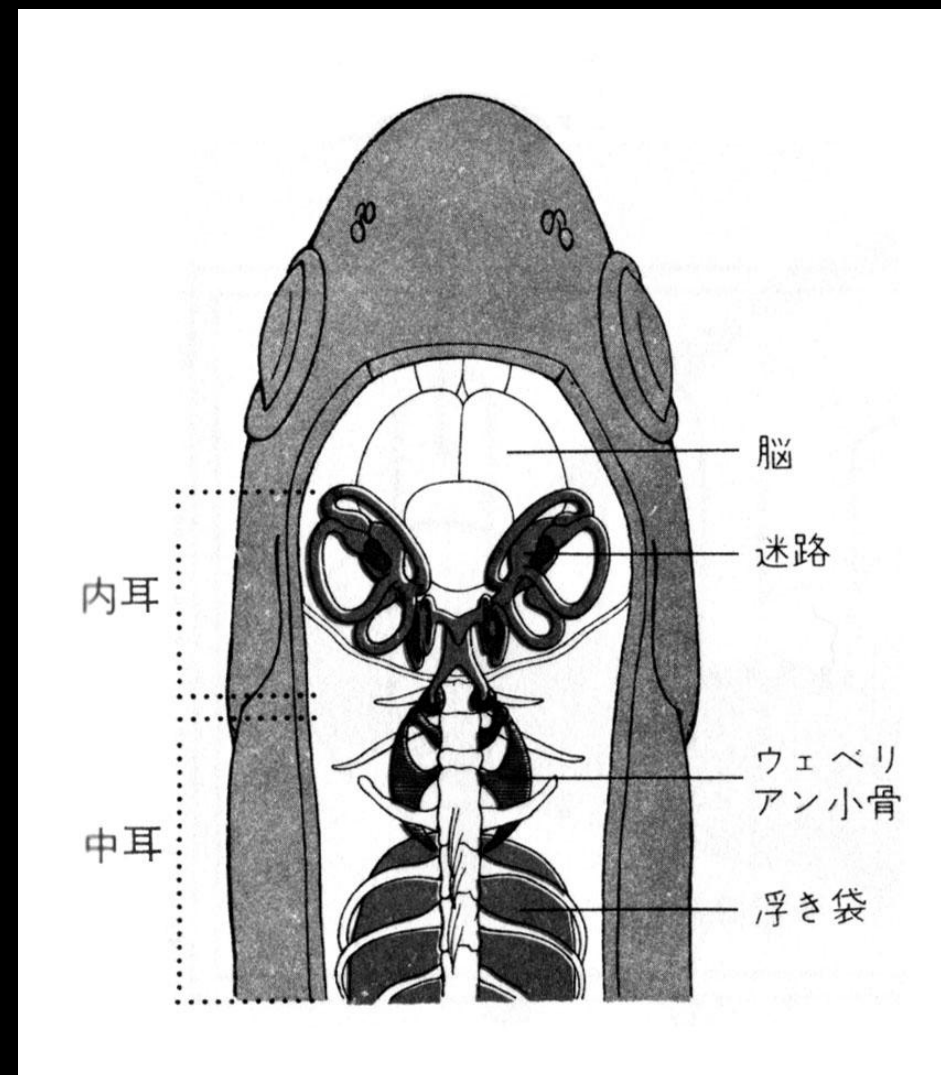
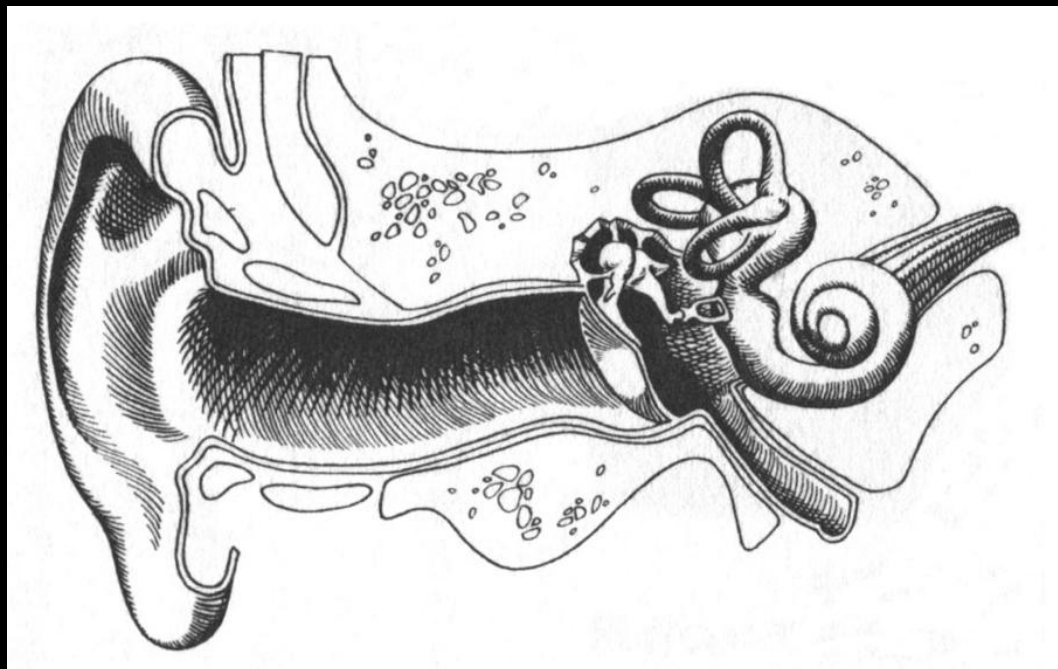
Phase ②

It is a Society

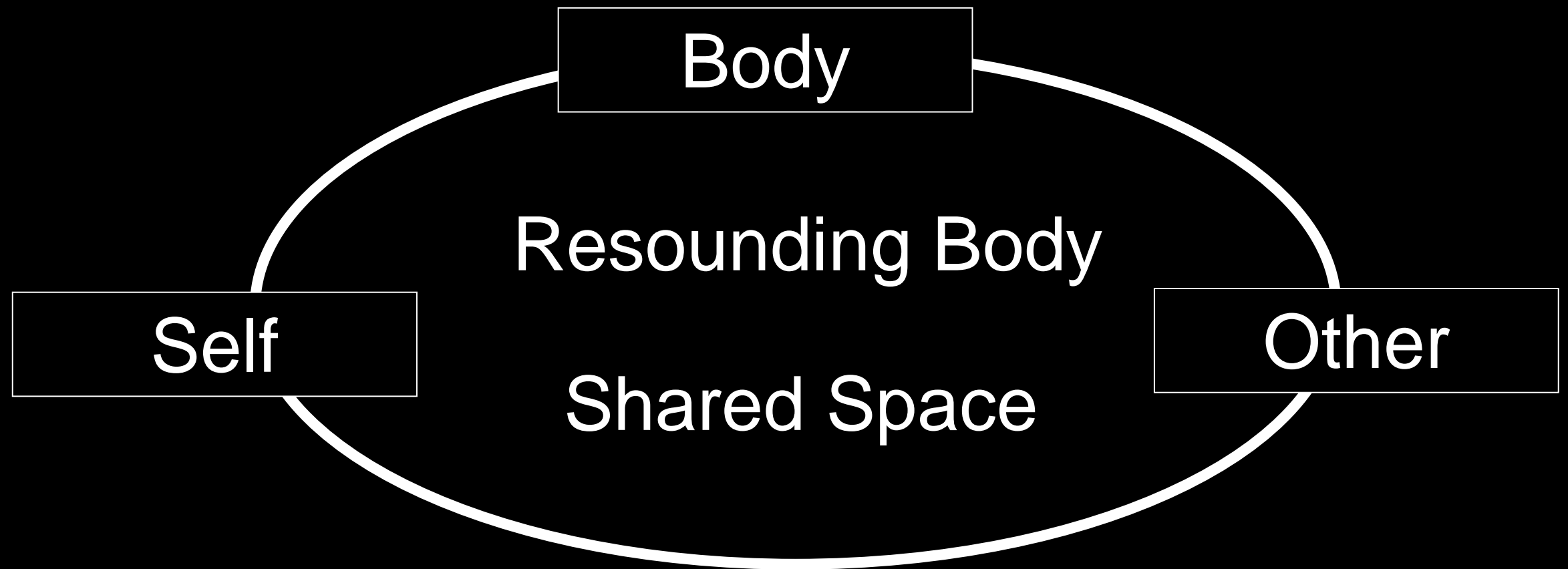
Why is language  
understood?

Shared meanings?  
Acquired Language?

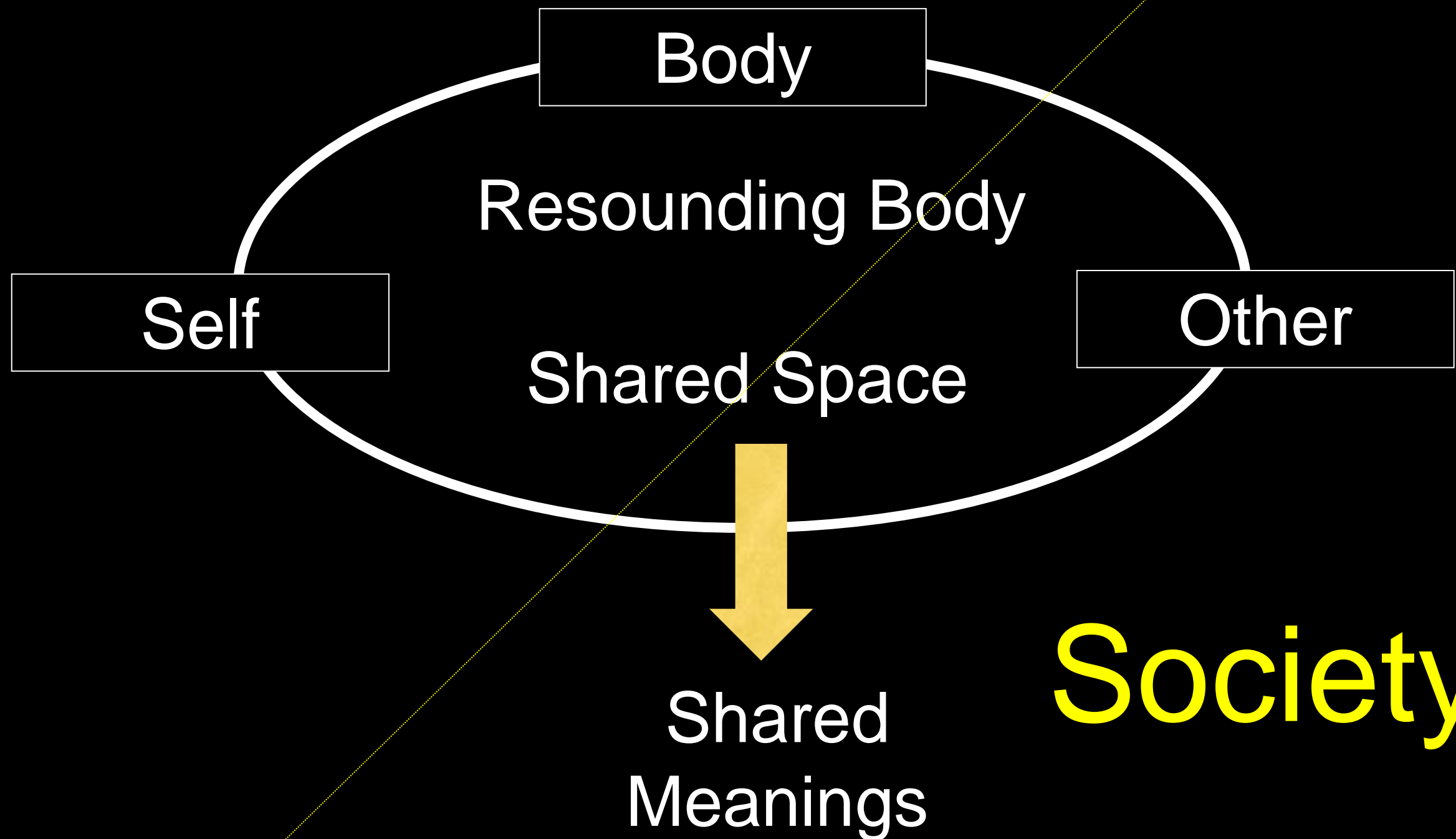
# Ears receive voice



# Mechanism of Voice

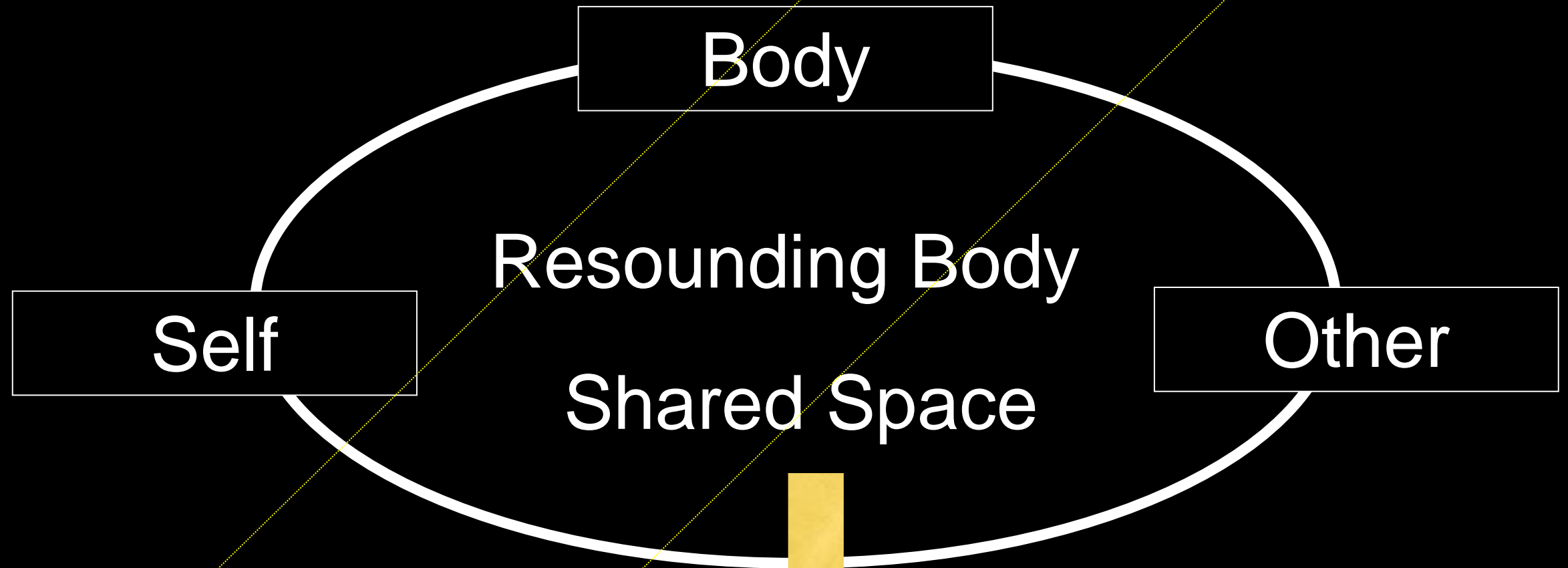


# Mechanism of Voice



# Individual

Mechanism of Voice



Body

Self

Resounding Body

Shared Space

Other

Shared  
meanings

# Society

<Tool for Communication> <Public>

It creates a Society

It creates an Individual

<Tool for Thinking> <Private>



Language is an extra

**Brain**

Voice

Body

Writing

Letters

Copy Skills

Print

Externalization  
Materialization

Voice Body

Writing

Letters

Copy Skills

Print

Objectification



Makes it Public

Ax

Saw

Log

Chisel

# Syllogism (one form of reasoning)

- ① Bears in a cold area are white (major premise)
- ② The North Pole is a cold area (minor premise)
- ③ Bears at the north pole are white (conclusion)

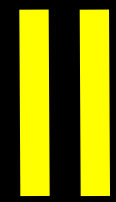
Phase ③

It is Space

## Effectiveness of space notion in understanding language

- ① Voice and space /  
reading aloud and silently, air vibration
- ② Space comprises plurality  
coexistence of multiple elements makes it an  
open space
- ③ Highlight the networks of meaning  
Language functions like a web
- ④ We grow up in language space and  
learn to swim the sea of words

# Language as a Web Meaning as a Known



Relations to other works

Relations to Locations



# What is a Tool?

Object

Medium

Is it independent?

Do its function subsist?

A space where an object to chop coexists  
Coexistence with object

AX

Multiple methods

A space where multiple methods are available to chop

# Language Space which easily disperses

Language among peers  
Community language

## “Translation”

Language  
is an extra layer of  
Skin

Phase ④

It is a History

History is embedded  
in one word

argumentative  
unproductive theory  
Crappy reason

Logic

Theory theory

Stubborn Gloomy  
boring narrow

society

société



# Sociology

社会学/世態学

Sociology as "shakai-gaku" (study of a society)  
or "setai-gaku" (study of society's situation)

# Significance of Language Importance as a Tool

# Physical and Social

An extra Hand

Communicate

An extra Brain

Think

An extra layer of Skin

Feel

Doubt *easy* answers

Face the Unknown