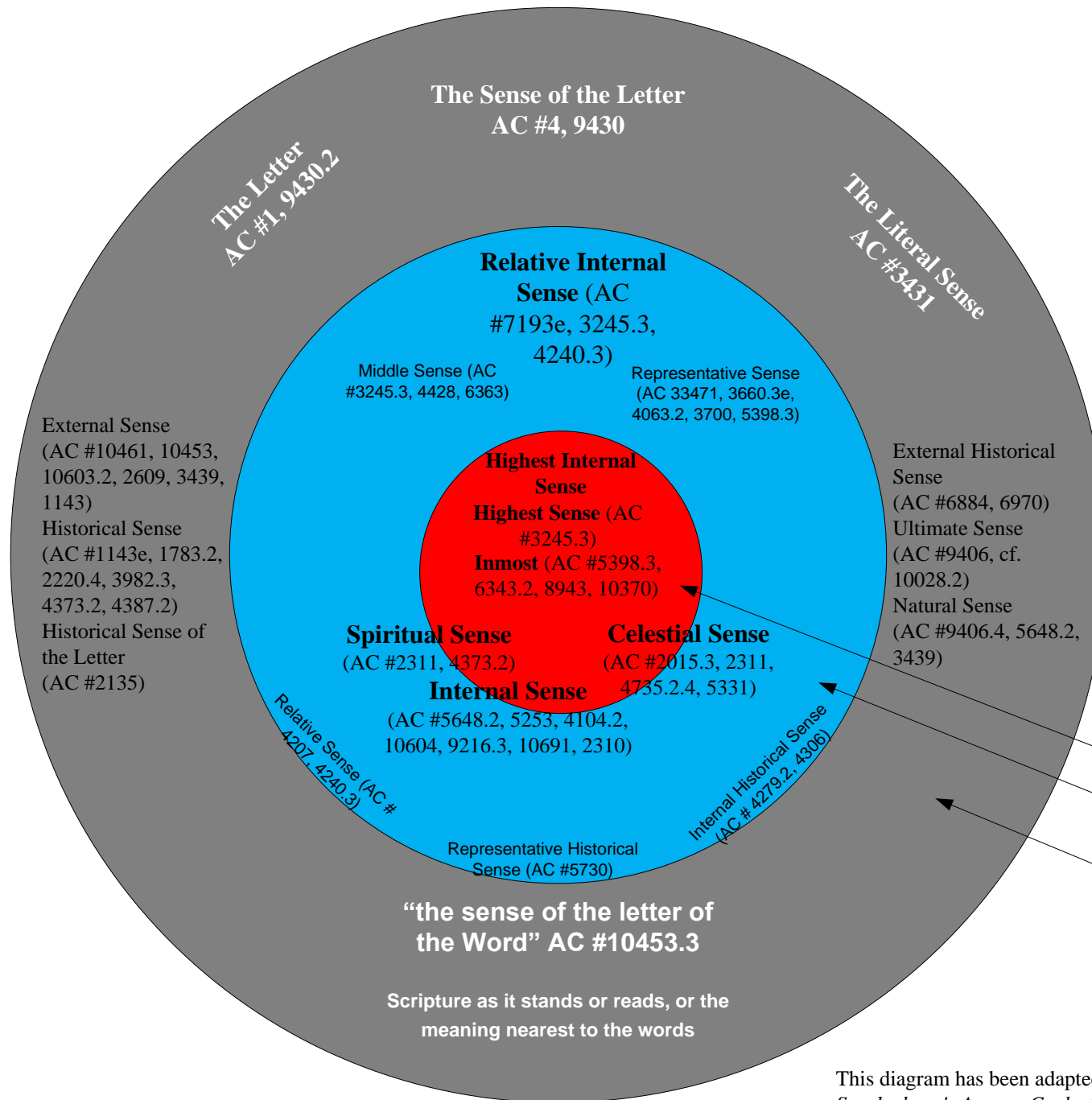


OUTLINE OF TERMINOLOGY USED TO REFER TO LEVELS OF MEANING FOUND IN THE ARCANA COELESTIA



NOTE: We see as far as the terms used in the Arcana Coelestia that there is a progressive move toward their refinement so that by the end of the AC the terms most used are Celestial Sense for the deepest level of meaning (see red area of diagram opposite), Spiritual Sense (see blue area of the diagram opposite) and the Literal Sense or Letter (see grey area of the diagram opposite). These terms are also found to be the most used in those books of the Heavenly Doctrines that followed on from the AC.

GENERAL TERMS THAT DEVELOPED TO DESCRIBE THE LEVELS OF MEANING IN THE WORD

CELESTIAL SENSE Deals with the Lord's glorification

SPIRITUAL SENSE Deals with the collective and individual regeneration of the human mind

LITERAL SENSE is the literal meaning of the words of the text

This diagram has been adapted from *The World Within the Bible: A Handbook to Swedenborg's Arcana Coelestia* by William F. Wunsch; The New-Church Press NY; 1929. See pp142-145.