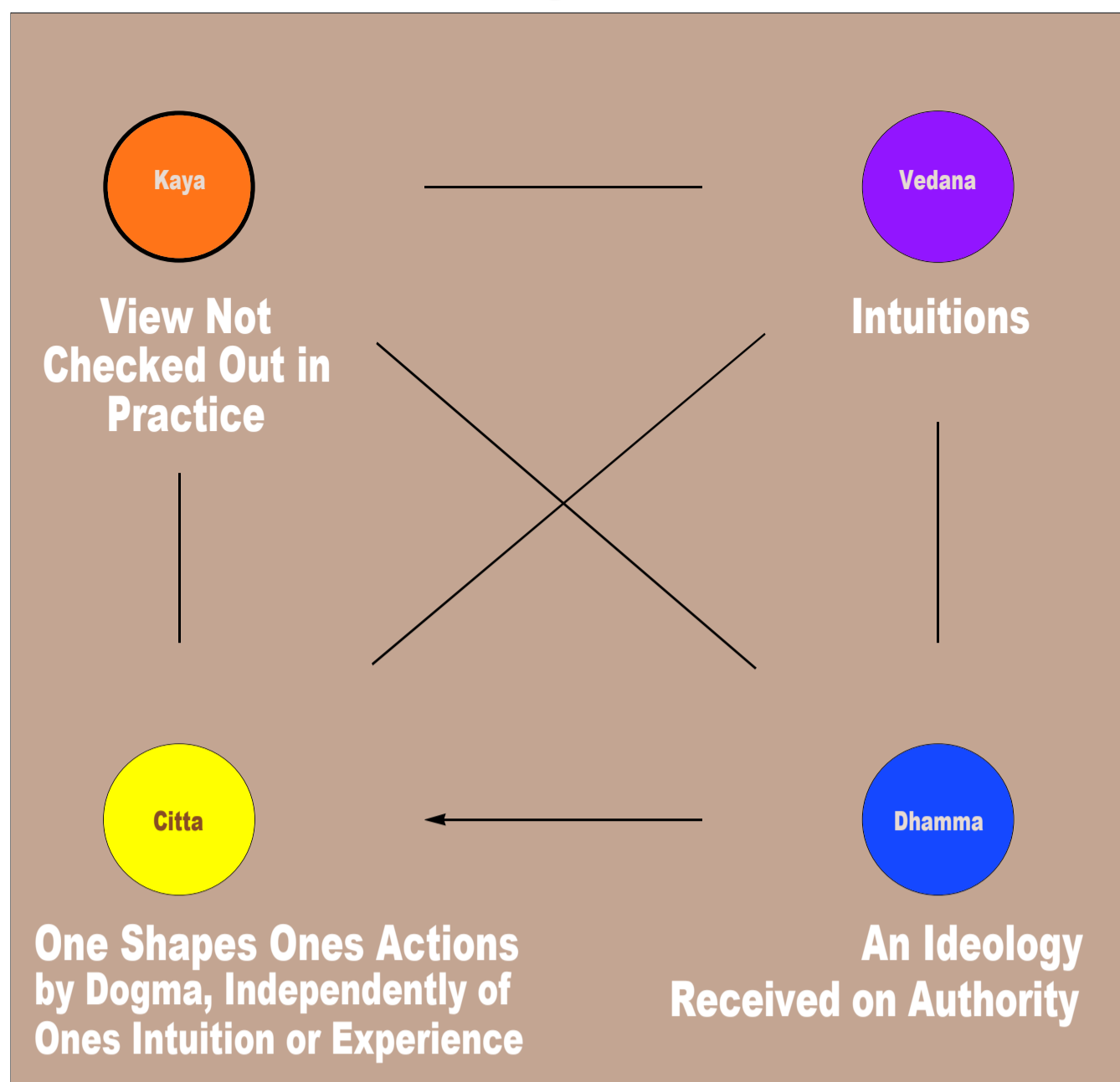


## Dogma



## MBC course - How Views are Held

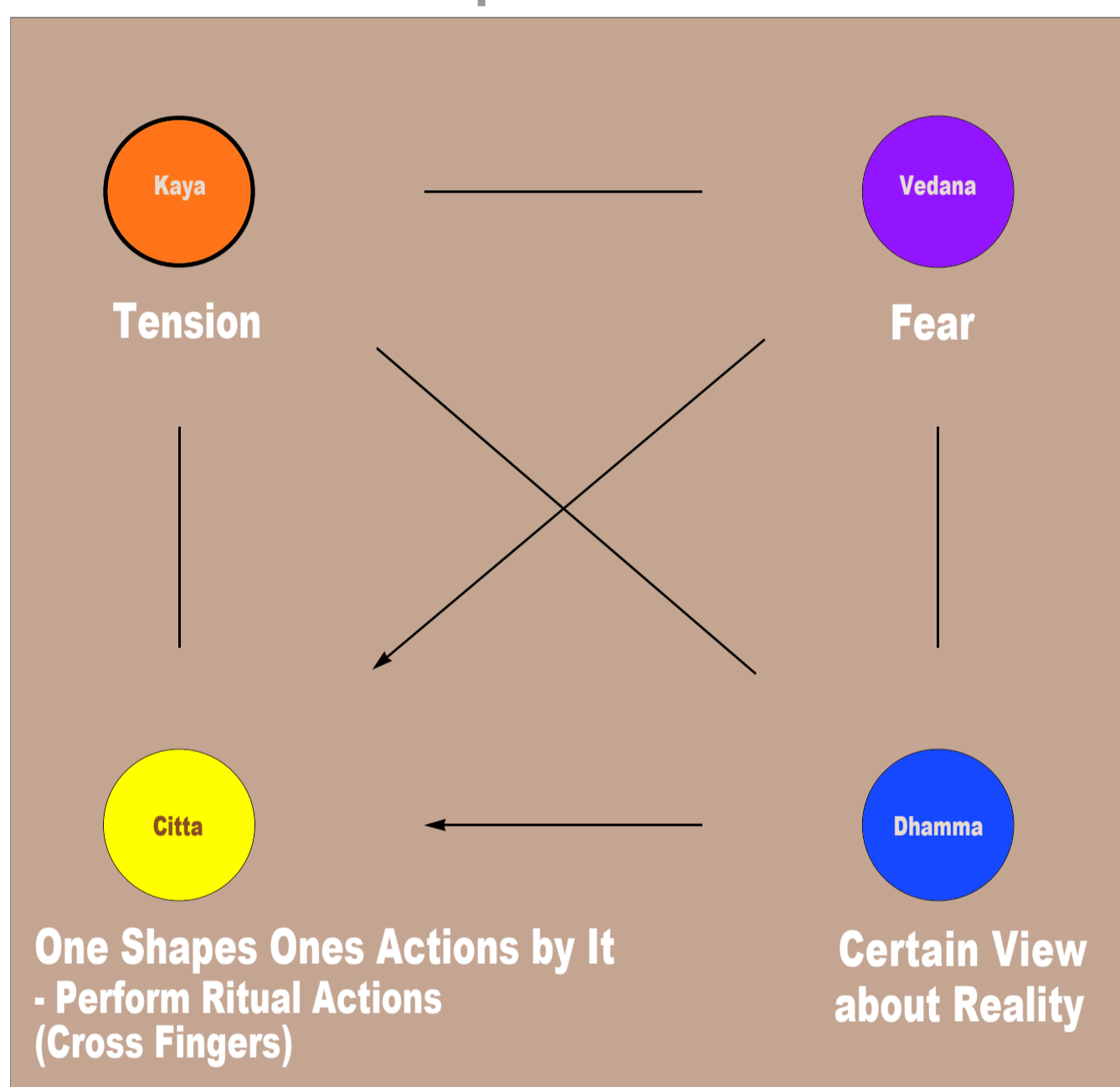
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It is not only important what views we hold but how we hold them and in what capacity we hold them. Here are some examples -

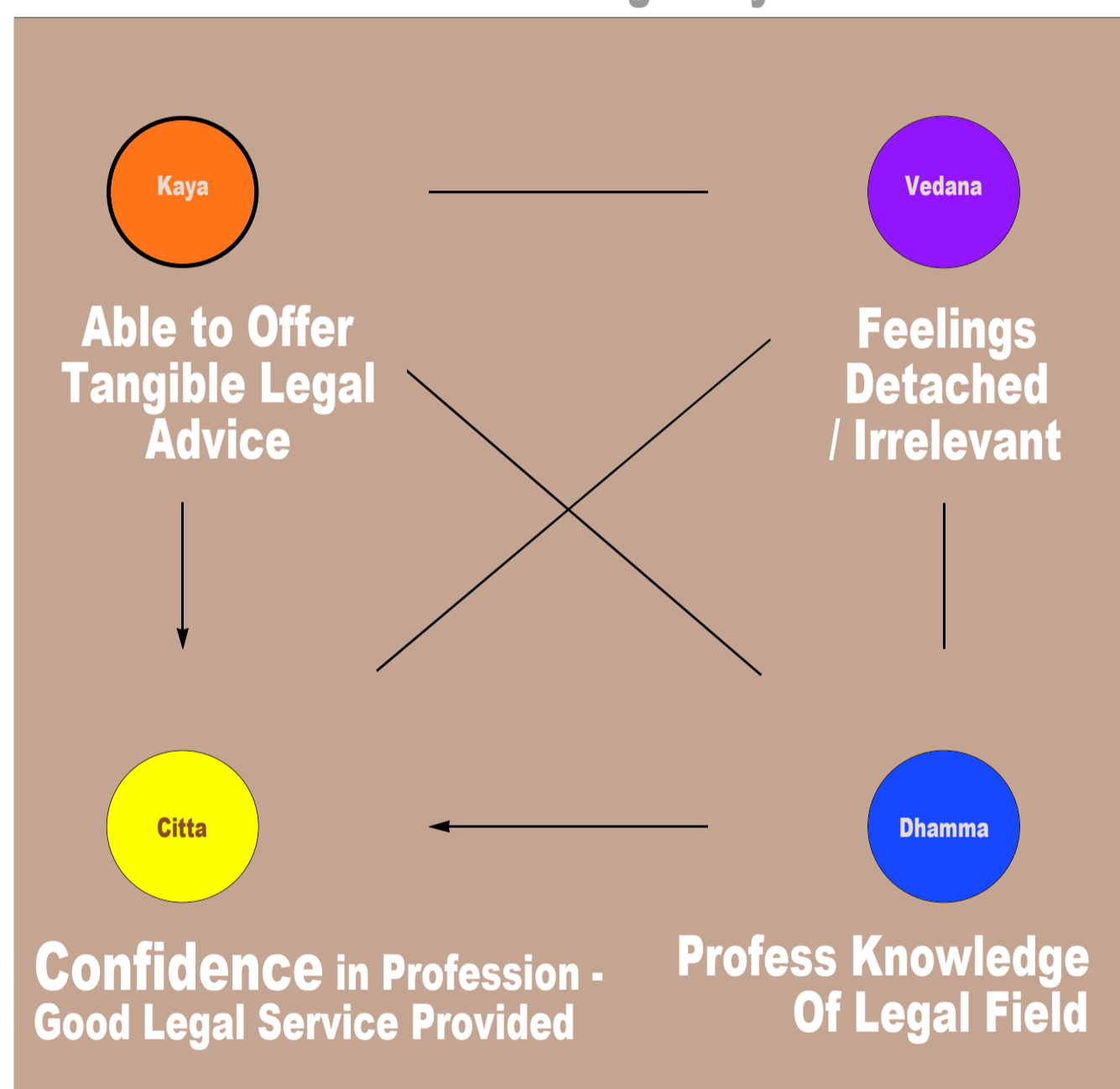
A view held dogmatically is not tested in experience (theoretically it is impossible for buddhism to be dogmatic). One held out of superstition is often based in fear of the unknown rather than in reason.

If we are professional, it is expected we leave feeling to one side while doing our job (one can be a good professional car thief for instance). One cannot be a professional buddhist, as has to listen to ones sensitivities. Hence there are two types of religious education - professional RE (teaching 'dispassionately') and confessional RE (where ones feelings and commitments about ones religion can then come into play).

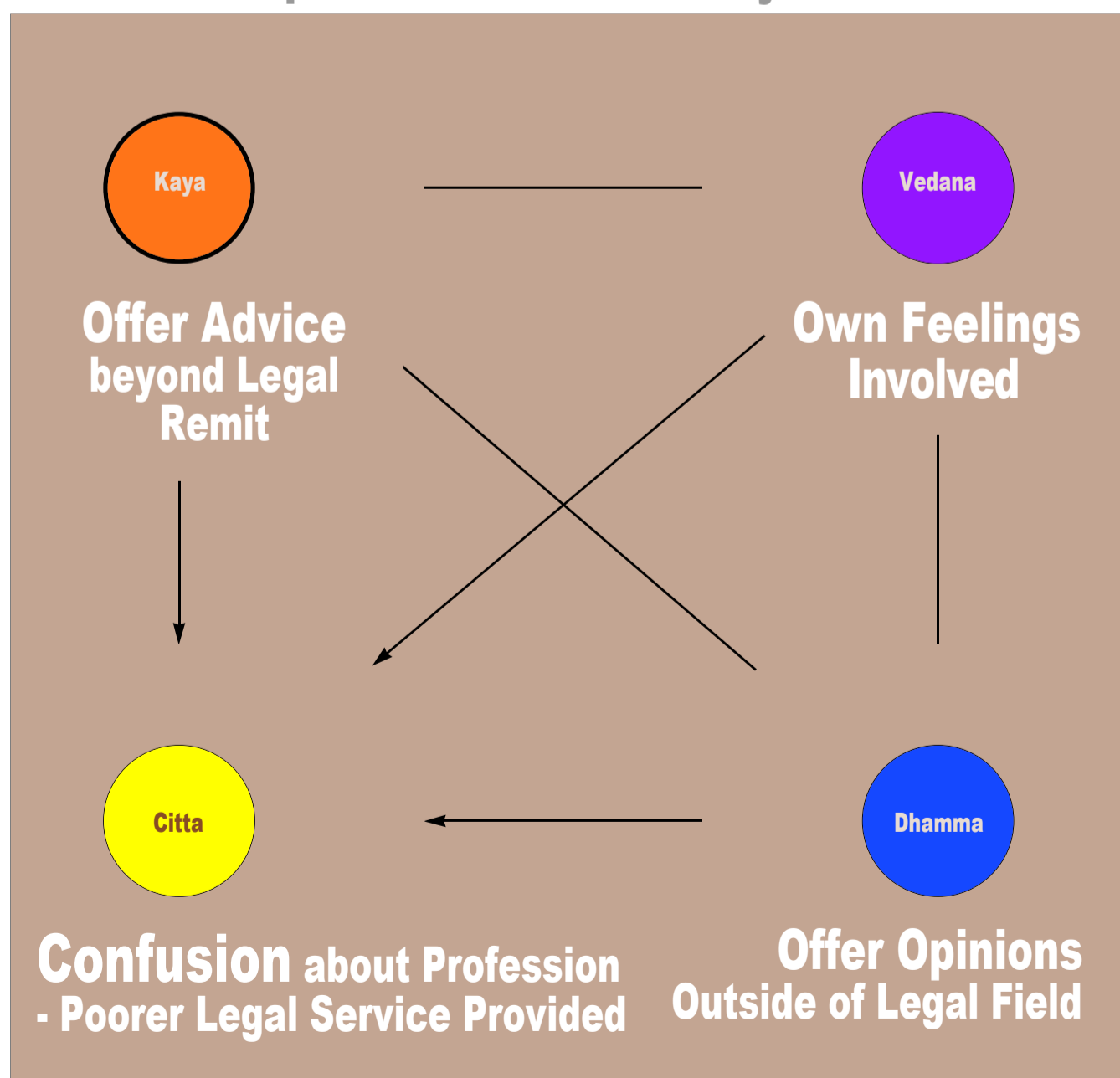
## Superstition



## Professionalism e.g Lawyer



## Unprofessionalism in Lawyer



## 'Confessional' Religious Education

