4. Categorical Storage

Certain words, phrases, or ideas constitute what are called "vectors," bits of information which make up a memory trace. Vectors of one memory trace may stimulate recall of a vector in another memory trace causing the two traces to associate, or interconnect.

Example: The word "rapture" refers to the resurrection of the Church-Age believer. The Holy Spirit utilizes the word "rapture" in the frame of reference as a stimulus to recall all memory traces which contain that vector. This forms the category of Rapture which contains the following constellation of memory traces:

- The Rapture represents the moment in future history which terminates the Church Age; 2 Thessalonians 2:7, 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

- It is imminent since there is no prophesy which must be fulfilled before it may occur.

- It is experienced by believers only—the dead are the first to receive their resurrection bodies, followed immediately by those who remain alive; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 1 Corinthians 15:52, 1 Corinthians 15:53.

- All then meet the Lord in the air; 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

- Our resurrection bodies will be just like that of Jesus Christ's; 1 John 3:2.

- Thus, the rapture becomes a source of encouragement for the bereaved; 1 Thessalonians 4:18.

Each principle represents a memory trace regarding the rapture. The result of interconnections between common vectors, associations, and memory traces is a constellation, or in our terminology, a Category.