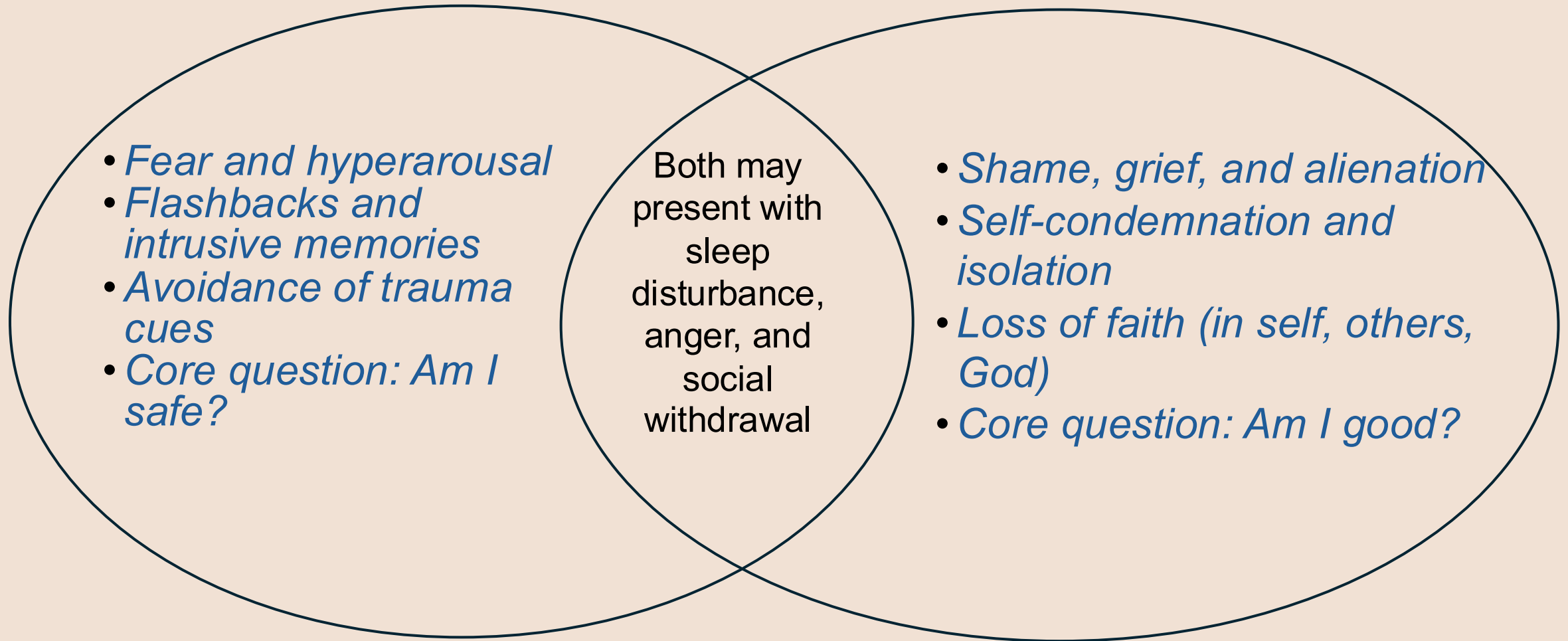


MI vs. PTSD — The Venn Diagram

PTSD — The Threat Response

Moral Injury — The Moral Response



Two Paths to Moral Injury

Path A: Personal Transgression

- "I did something that violated my code"
- "I failed to act when I should have"
- The wound is internal — guilt and self-blame dominate

Path B: Betrayal

- Someone in authority violated the moral code
- The institution failed to protect or pursue justice
- The wound includes anger, loss of trust, and existential dread

Clinical Insight

Betrayal-based MI is often the most difficult to treat — the injury extends to the entire framework of institutional trust.