

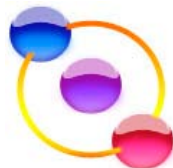


# The Principle of Creation

Introduction to the Divine Principle

Principle of Creation Part I Nature of God - Growing Period

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Hello Everybody,

This is your storyboard slide by slide with content. This will help you as we go over the materials in our upcoming webinar. . .especially if you start to nod-off!! Just remember. . .YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING!! ha! ha! just joking. . .I know you people. . .you all think you're smarter than the lecturer. . .well. . . in this case it's probably true.

Anyway. . .this will help to show you my convoluted thought processes as I put these slides together. This is, of course, not the WHOLE Divine Principle. . .and so, as we always are. . .I was in a position to try to decide what was the most important content while attempting to avoid the fires of hell for choosing the wrong content or leaving out the ONE THING that absolutely must be taught (depending on who you are talking to and what day it is).

Why do we need this? We need this because we have very little material that can function as a tool of evangelism. Now this might get a little philosophical but "evangelism" is a different channel than "teaching the truth." We need to teach the truth and the traditional materials that we have to do that are best suited to the task. We are not trying to change those or replace them. Evangelism, however, is not exactly teaching the truth as much as it is calling attention to the truth. There is a difference, just as there is a difference in the videos that we show about our activities and the activities themselves.

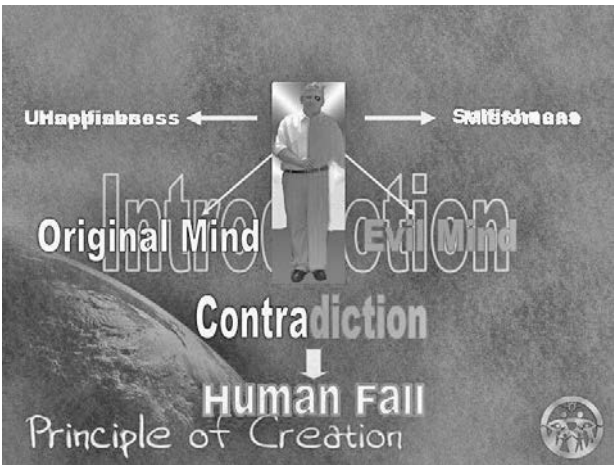
Evangelism is putting your best foot forward, highlighting the most salient points of the truth while allowing the recruit to sense how this truth makes you feel and by that sensation will want to find out more. I noticed that in the instructions of the lecture slide materials produced a couple of years ago it stressed that "the slides were subject and the lecturer was object." For evangelism, however, its the opposite. You the lecturer ARE subject. . .you are the living flesh that not only contains God's spirit and the knowledge of his word. . .but you convey, most of all, the feeling, the hope, the excitement, the unique realizations that the truth has brought to you. This is what people feel. . .this is what excites them. . .this is what leads them to the realization that this truth must be real and worthy of more of their time and attention.

Evangelism is about convincing someone to become a student. Once they have made the commitment to be a student of the truth, then the traditional methods of education through the Hoon Dok materials and process, by all means, should ensue. In that regard, I'm as old school as they come.

So take heart, it is indeed a new day under the leadership of FFWPU Chairwoman Dr. In Jin Moon who is truly the inspiration for this effort. She is encouraging creativity and innovation in the efforts to represent who we are and what we actually believe. Let's try to communicate well. . .being "all things to all people" instead of keeping hidden the greatest secret. In other words. . .LET ER RIP!

# EXPOSITION OF THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE

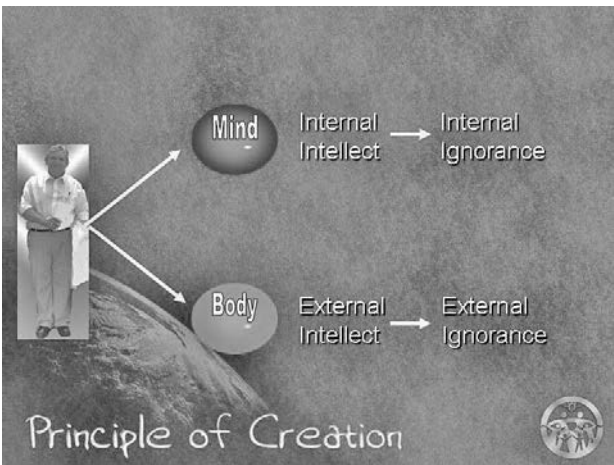
Welcome to this introduction to the Divine Principle



One thing we all have in common: we seek happiness and want to avoid misfortune. All want to be happy, yet there are so many who never find happiness.

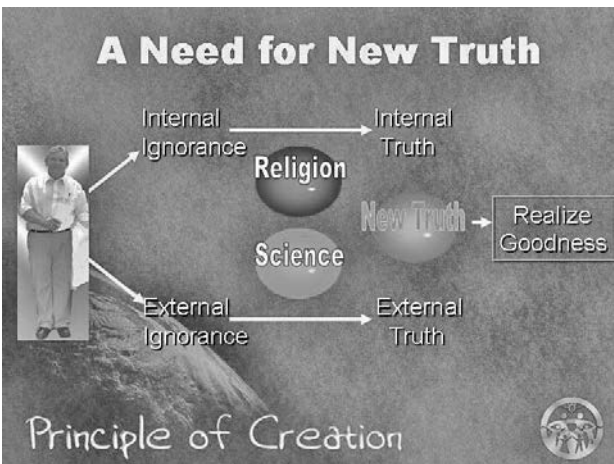
It seems we have two selves. We have an Original mind that pursues a life of unselfish acts. But at the same time, we have an Evil mind the pursues a life of selfish acts. (you could cite Roman 7:14-21). Humans are, thus, in a state of contradiction resulting from the Human Fall.

This state of contradiction is a deviation from the true standard of what it means to be human.



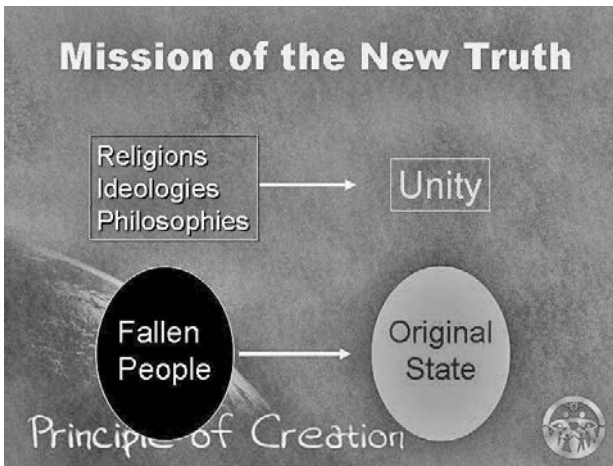
To define, then, an original human, we start with the original structure and function of a human. We are composed of an inner and outer part; a mind and a body. Related to this is an internal intellect and external intellect. The internal more directed to the transcendental and philosophical while the external intellect more directed toward the pragmatic and empirical pursuits.

Our Internal intellect seeks to resolve the circumstance of our “internal” ignorance; questions such as “is there a God?” and what is my relationship with him. Our external intellect seeks to resolve the circumstance of our external ignorance of the way of the universe and the nature of things.



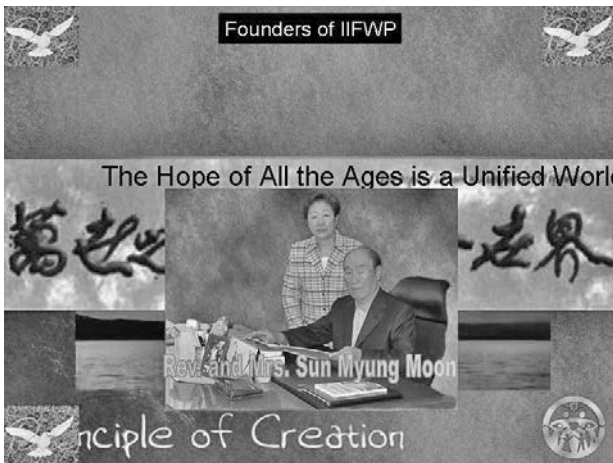
To resolve our internal and external ignorance, the disciplines of religion and science emerged. Religion provides internal truths to resolve the circumstance of our internal ignorance while the discipline of science brings external truths to resolve the circumstance of our external ignorance.

Religion and science, dealing with two distinct areas, has had a history to clash and contend. But internal and external truth is in harmony. The clash between religion and science is an extension of the conflict between mind and body. We need a new view of the truth that can show harmony of the two and realize a world of goodness.



A new perspective of new truth establishes the common ground between religions, ideologies and philosophy and brings about a unified world view.

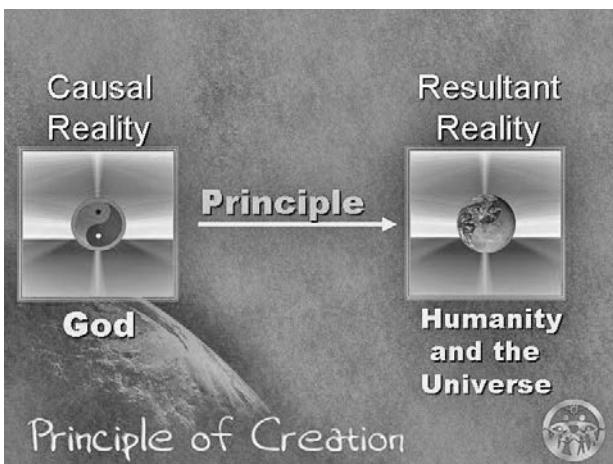
At the same time, this new truth should shed light on the origin of man's fallen state of contradiction and show the path back toward the original state of being.



The Hope for all the Ages is a Unified World of Peace

**PRINCIPLE**  
of  
**CREATION**

We now begin our presentation of the Principle of Creation.



When we observe humanity and the universe we can see its machinations and functions as the operation of principle. Although borne out of a "big bang," it, nevertheless, was able to configure itself into forms that manifested, beauty, lawful order and purpose.

Quatum mechanics today postulates that throughout the universe exists a "cosmic constant," an all pervasive law or principle that brings order to the universe. Behind this resultant reality is the causal reality we call God. This God is a God of intelligence, a God of creative design who has fashion humanity and the universe via his orderly principle. This God is also a God of emotional aspirations and is seeking to fulfill them.

**How can we know the nature of God?**

**Romans 1:20**


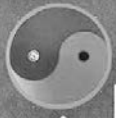
*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*



When we are surrounded by nature, the things that God has made, we tend to think more deeply, more reflectively. We have a clearer sense of the Divine. Although God is invisible he “appears” within the environment he has fashioned.

This is Paul’s meaning in Roman’s 1:20. Thus, God’s nature is knowable and men cannot “make an excuse” as Paul states. If indeed God’s nature is knowable, it strongly implies that the nature of our relationship with God should be knowable as well. Therefore, a relationship with God is achievable.

**How can we know the nature of God?**

Character of Artist Nature of God

Invisible:   Rom 1:20

Visible:   Creation

Works of Art Principle of Creation


Vincent Van Gogh was an artist, we never met him and never spoke with him. . .for all intents and purposes, he is invisible and unknowable. . .However, the artist makes himself visibly known through his artwork.

In the same way God has made himself known through his “artwork” the creation. This is the further meaning of Romans 1:20. . .”ever since the creation his eternal power and deity have been clearly seen. . .in the things that he has made.”

We can know God through his expression, his signature.

**Common elements**


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So looking at the created work. . .now knowing that all came from a common source and the one common source is made manifest in all. . . we can thus conclude that there lies a common element in all the creation . . .within every created thing. As we compare the elements of creation and highlight their commonalities, we can appraise those as the visible appearance of God. . .a fingerprint of God embossed upon his created work. Thus, from such an observation and comparison, we should be able to extrapolate deep meaning about the nature of God, about his hopes and dreams, his emotional aspirations much in the same way an art major would derive the deepest message and meaning from a work of art.

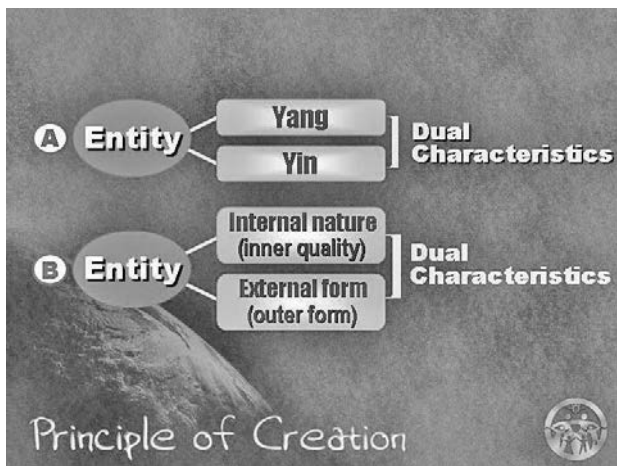
**All Creation Exists in Pairs**

Male and Female: The Image of God  
Genesis 1:27

			
Atom Level	Plant Level	Animal Level	Human Level

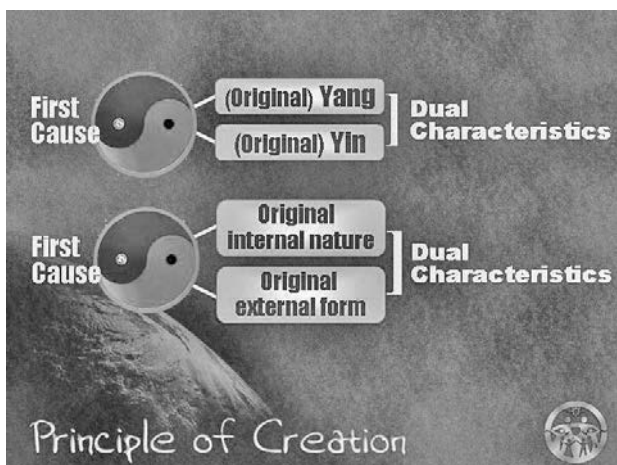
Of all the potential manifestations of God in the vast array of the universe, one commonality stands out most prominently. It is the system of pairs. The virtual framework of the cosmos, the cosmic constant is manifested within the dynamic motion of pairs.

The Biblical affirmation of Genesis 1:27, indeed, validates the significance of pairs as the very “image” of God. This places the pair dynamic within God himself. . .it is fundamental to his own existence and the universe is a reflection of this. If we, then examine the fundamental element making up pair dynamics we should find deep insights into God. (Review the standard examples of pairs: atoms, plants, animals, etc.



If we examine any entity, we see an immediate and commonplace manifestation of the pair system. It is an observation also embraced in the Eastern thought of the Tao, the I ching. The manifestation of positive and negative components within any entity. From plus and minus particles to male and female.

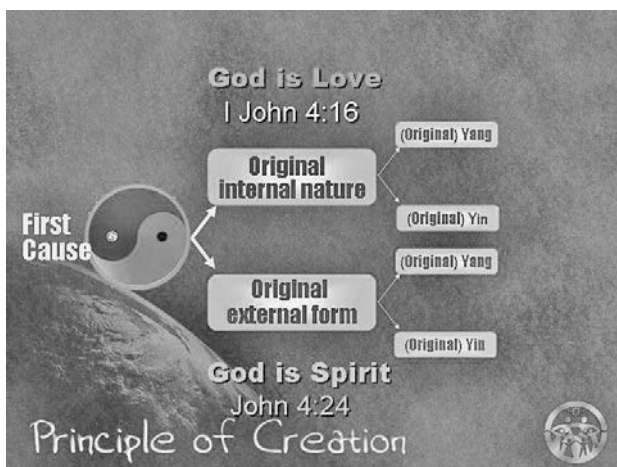
A more essential dual characteristic would be the dual characteristics of internal nature and external form. This would be more within the familiar perspective of Judeo-Christian view of God as possessing an internal, personal nature as well as an outer spiritual form. We too, both man and woman, possess an inner personality and mind and an exter



As we mentioned, Genesis 1:27, indeed, validates the significance of pairs as the very “image” of God. This places the pair dynamic within God himself. . .it is fundamental to his own existence. The manifestation of dual characteristics in the entities of the universe is, therefore, a reflection of the characteristics of God.

Thus the system of Dual Characteristics of Yin and Yang originate in God and are God. God is a God of original masculinity and feminity.

Likewise, we can see God as not just a being of externals, of form only, but of internals. . .of personality, consciousness, of emotional aspirations.



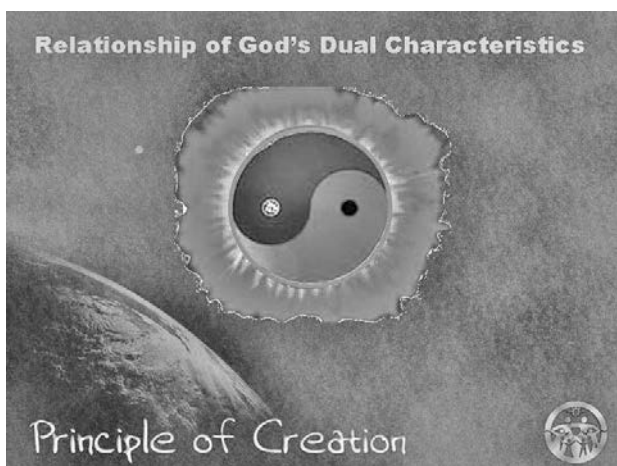
The Bible testifies to the internal and external presence of God. I John 4:16 explains that “God is Love.” This pinpoints the essence of God’s internal nature. Thus our relationship with God, ultimately, is one of intimacy and love.

John 4:24 testifies that God’s outer manifestation is by way of “spirit.” Thus God is a spiritual being.

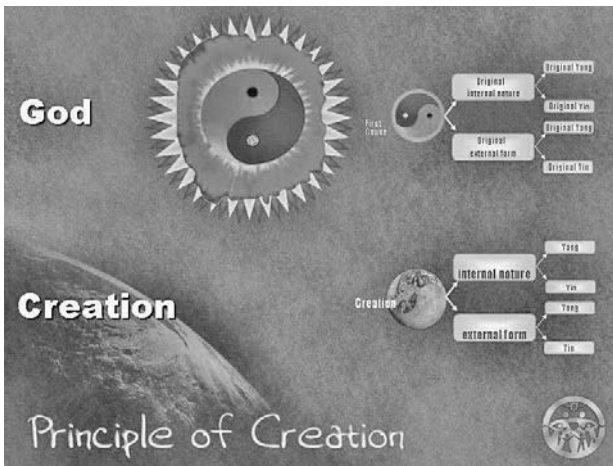
Extending from God’s internal nature is its manifestation in masculine and feminine channels. God’s external form, his spirit, caused to be manifested the universe of pairs “ex nihilo” out of nothing.

It may seem that we are breaking God down into parts. But in reality God is “One” according to Mark 12:29. The term “one” does not mean “single” but rather, implies the harmony of parts, or components. Thus God as “one” is a God whose many dual characteristics are harmonized. God has really got it “together.” In that regard, God is the original being of principle.

Jesus describes the dynamic of becoming “one” when he said “may all believers be “one” as God and Christ are “one.” “One” doesn’t mean “single.” It means the harmony of two.

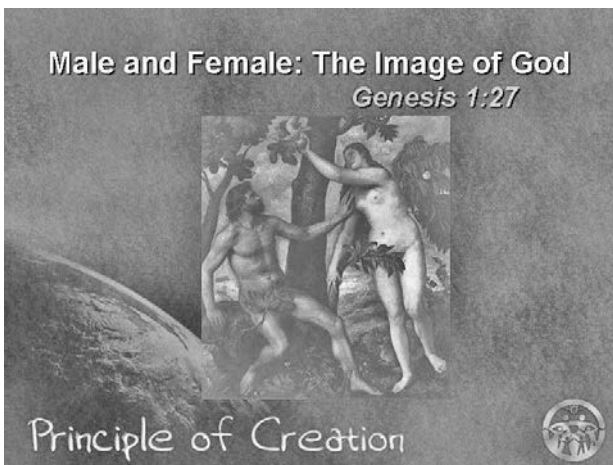






God as the archtypical harmonized principle being stands as the model for all existence in the Universe. God as principled being is the “cosmic constant” of the cosmos.

Thus when God created, he did not have to invent a principle of the universe or a principle by which to create. In a sense, as a fully functioning perfect entity of principle existence, God extended this principle to the work of creation and to the cosmos itself. For this reason “God is reflected” in the things he has made. Both God and the Universe are functioning by the same principle.



In view of this, we revisit the proposition that places man and woman as the “image” of God. Especially as we consider the powerful force of love attraction that leads man and woman to become one. . . .and in effect, stand as God’s image. The union of man and woman is an event that is ultimately rooted in the very essence of God.

That’s why the family is such a vital social structure of society. It is because the design of the family is anchored in the very structure of the universe and the very essence of God.

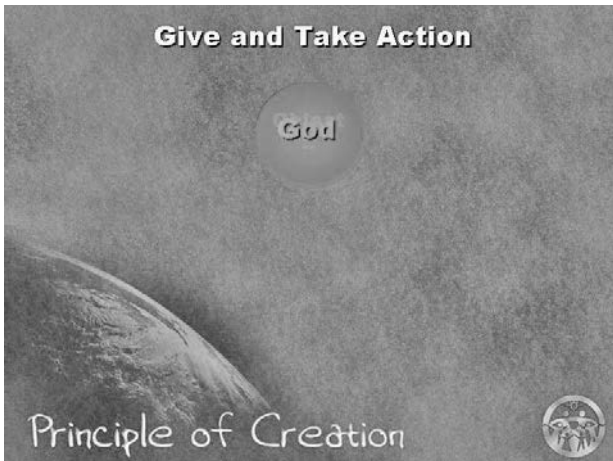
Jesus indicated that husband and wife, when becoming one, will, henceforth, no longer be two.

We now move on to our next important section. In this section we want to “breakdown the motor” so to speak. We will examine the fundamental steps in the process that brings “two into one”



God's aspiration for creation is an emotional one: God is love. God's principle of existence is the same principle of creation. The core process of the principle of creation is that which draws two into close proximity where engagement ensues and finally, harmony. It is the dynamic that brings two into one.

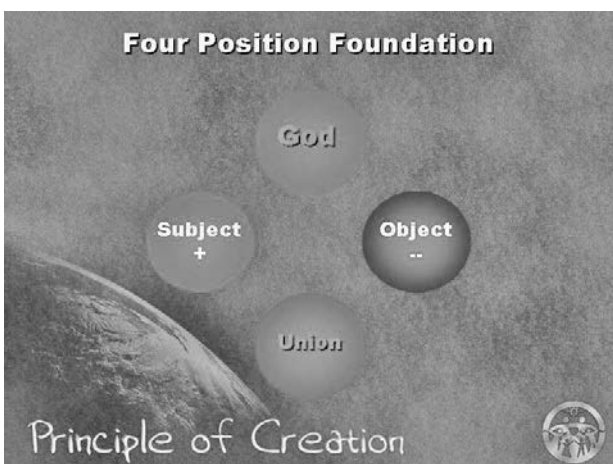
When two become one thru give and take action, they form a Union. The union is the harmony of two and, as such, possess the value not of "two" but of three. In the Union. . .1+1=3.



(click back to the beginning of this g&t slide) The science of colors is a very vivid illustration of the impact of give and take between two and the emergence of a third position, almost "ex nihilo" like.

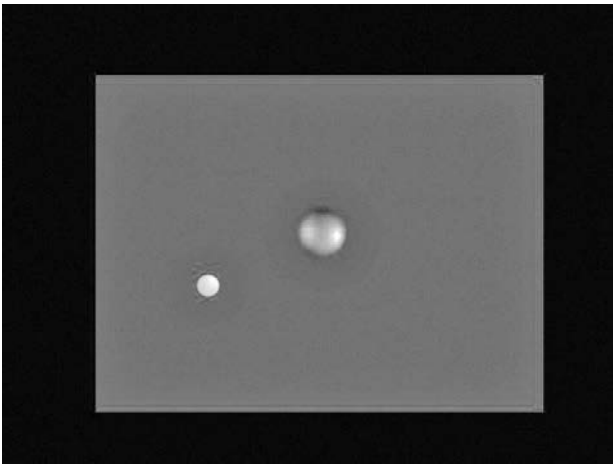
God is symbolized here by the color magenta or purple. Magenta is composed of red and blue. Thus God is a God of "Three" (red, blue and magenta) God creates "in his image" (red and blue). . .but to complete the circuit. . .red and blue must combine. This is why subject and object attract and form what the Principle calls a "co-relative base" For that to happen, subject and object must have something in common. This is a key point . . for give and take. . .subject and object must have something in common. Red and Blue have Magenta in common. . .in other words. . .the idea that if they harmonize a third color, magenta will emerge. This is what brings all subjects and object toward harmony. They have the nature to place priority on this higher state of being, IF they can locate and merge with their principed partner. . .sound familiar?

When they form the union. . .a vertical axis is formed and God and the Union, his principled partner, become one through vertical give and take. This is, then, why the union engages in a change of quality that transcends even the sum of the two parts: thus. . .one + one = three. . .it is very mysterious.



This process forms what we refer to as "the four position foundation. It is comprised of the four positions of God, Subject, Object and Union. God engages the other three positions in Give and take action forming one organic unit that represents the basic unit of existence, action and multiplication. It is the foundation of reality, truth, beauty and love. . . .as all componants harmonize toward a unified purpose.



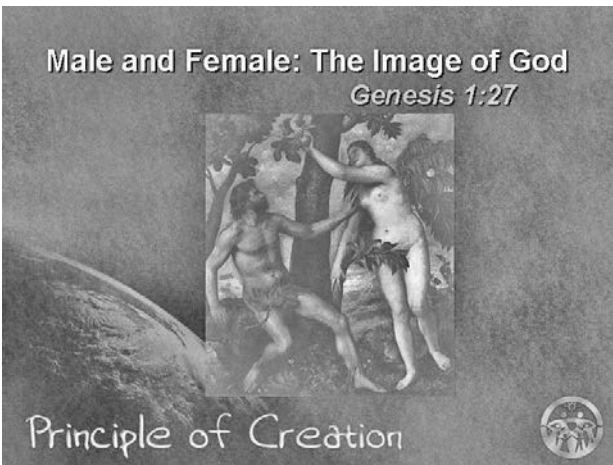


Thus we see this interaction of pairs and the forming of units of existence on every level of the universe. We see, even in the basic unit of matter that the dynamic of spinning and turning motion of components form a dynamic organism. . .an atom.



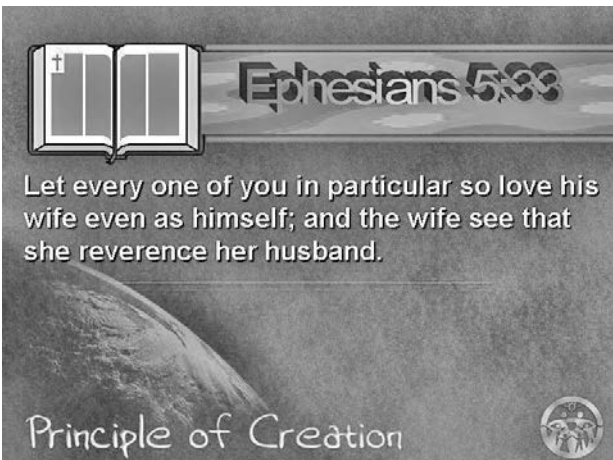
Or if we stretch to the outer reaches of the cosmos, the same “cosmic constant” causes to emerge units formed of the dynamic engagement of components. A solar system, a galaxy all appearing by the cosmic design of the author of the universe: God. God designed and the design is God.

It is why an atom and a solar system resemble each other. . or why, when you flush the toilet. . .the water spirals down and a vertical funnel appears. . . or a tornado. . when high and low pressure meet, engage and spin. . . a twister. . touches down. Where there is engagement, a type of organism is formed. Its why we give names to our hurricanes.

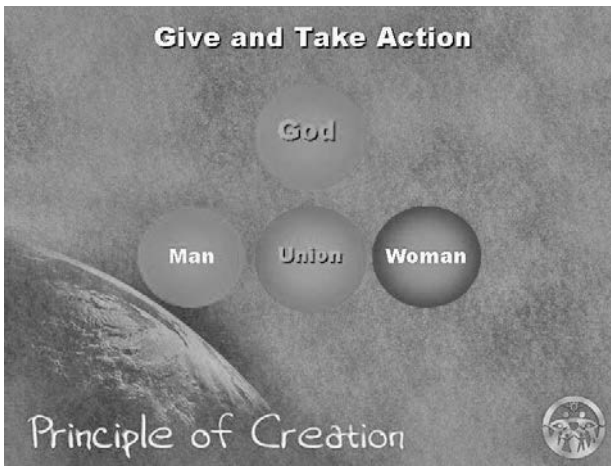


In view of this, we should revisit the idea of God’s image. Here we see the emergence of the highest aspirations of the heart. It is here, in the relationship with humanity that God’s highest aspirations are to be fulfilled

Thus, marriage is an organic unit that is the pinnacle of the universe. It bears the ultimate fruit. . .the ideal of love. Man alone cannot aspire to the dimension of “purple” nor woman alone. Thus for man and woman to achieve this ultimate level of value. . .they must find the virtue of love. . .that which brings them into the dynamic that causes two to become one. . .we call this True Love.

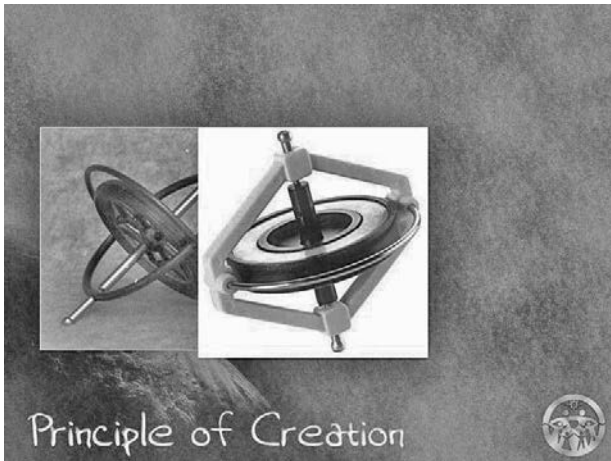


We see Ephesians 5:33 where Paul seeks to encourage that proper dynamic in the relationship of husband and wife. Basically, it means. . .”don’t focus on yourself. . .focus on the needs of your spouse.” That way give and take will continue and the vertical axis through which all life and love flows will be maintained.



Man and woman have the most deep common base. We have a common destiny that is an integral component toward the fulfillment of God's aspirations for love.

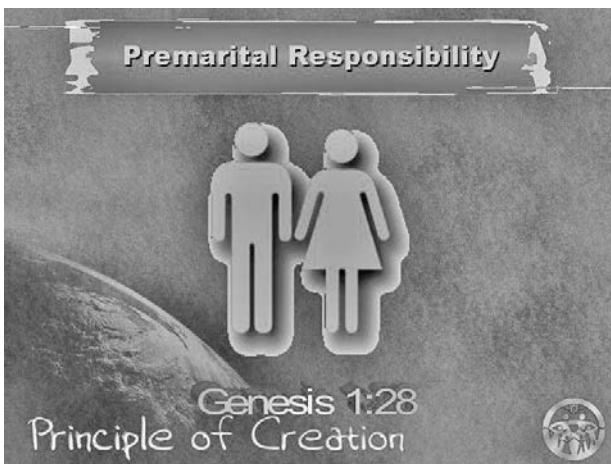
As  $1 + 1 = 3$ , the partnership of man and woman forms the path to a higher state of being. It is why the family based upon the unwavering commitment of husband and wife forms the most powerful base for enduring culture.



The analogy of the gyroscope

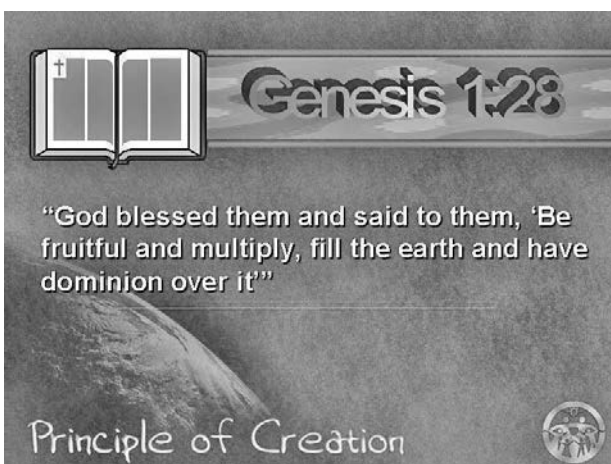
What distinguishes the two gyroscopes is the one on the left has no turning motion. . the one on the right has the turning motion and thus, balance and vertical axis. . .representing the presence of God.

To try to achieve balance without turning motion is nearly impossible. The turning motion is the decision of husband and wife to live for each other and to perform acts consistent with the direction of love.. .then love will continually flow and revive. Without that commitment. . .love dies.



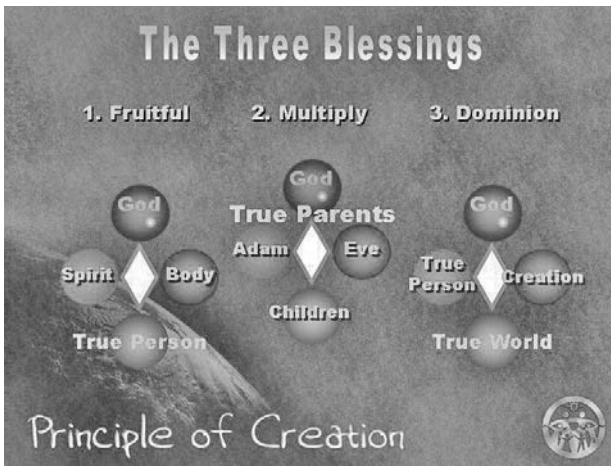
However, it is important to understand that the potential for a man and woman to achieve that high degree of turning motion of love does not begin in the event of marriage. There is a preparatory course for that end. Thus, there is a pre-marital responsibility that the individual must transverse in order to aspire to the highest potential and experience of love in marriage.

The book of Genesis chapter 1 verse 28 shows a certain order in the course of development for the first man and woman. God tells Adam and Eve that, first, they must first be fruitful, multiply and have dominion



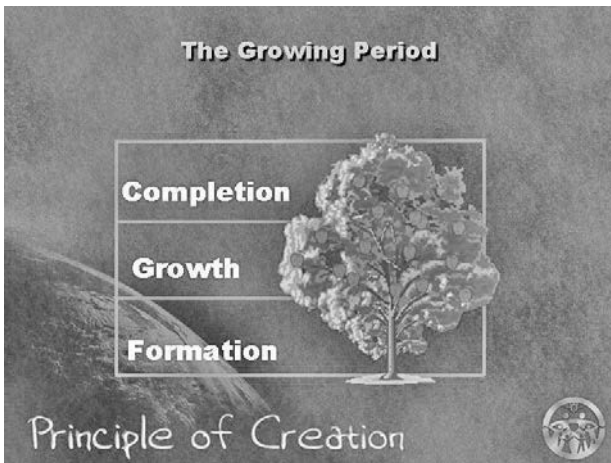
This means that first they must individually mature and establish personal integrity as the foundation of marriage. It means that the first marriage that has to take place is the marriage between the individual mind and body, so that words and deeds are balanced and in harmony. On the foundation of this "first" blessing, then the first man and woman can fulfill the second blessing to multiply, that is, to begin family life.

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and have dominion over it'"



In the first blessing the spirit should gain authority over the body and achieves the right balance and “uprightness” (as the gyroscope).

On that foundation true man and true woman, as true husband and wife, stand as True Parents. This is the second blessing. It is the vertical axis between God and True Parents becomes the line of transference of God’s life, his love and his lineage. Thus the children, family, nation and world expand under the exclusive sovereignty of God in the third blessing. God dominion is established and extends through the natural expansion of his lineage, from which emerges his heavenly culture.



This brings us to the growing period. Everything in the creation goes through 3 stages of growth. Formation, Growth, Completion. Nothing in creation comes into fruition as a fully complete entity. All things must grow. The culmination of growth is the fulfillment of an entity’s purpose of creation.

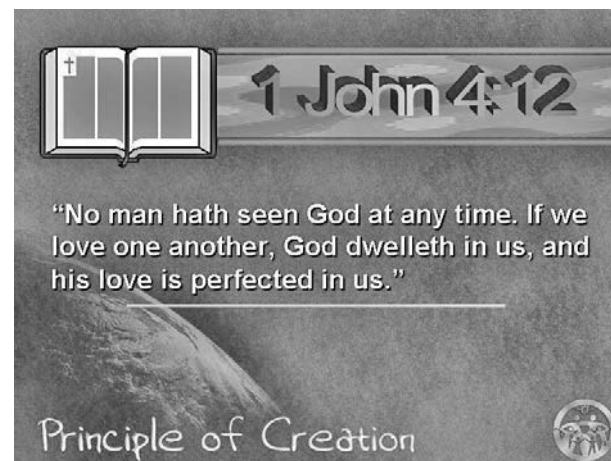
The tree bears the fruit in completion. . .it bears the seed of the next generation.



Likewise, humans must go through a growth period. Not only in a physical sense, but most importantly in a spiritual sense. We must go through three stages of growth to achieve spiritual maturity and is the most important

Jesus said we must be perfect as God. Internal maturity means internal completion. Greek “Telos” means mature.

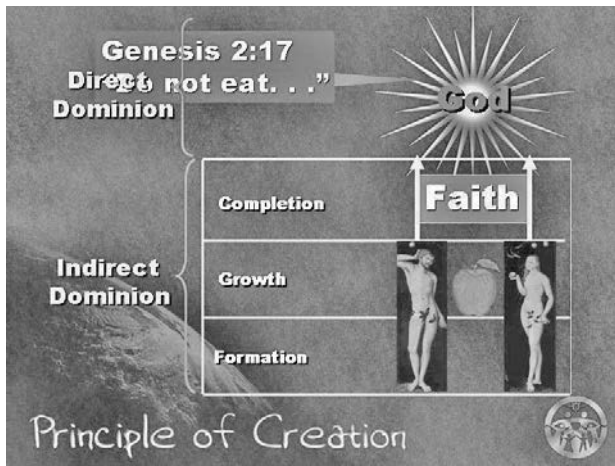
What is the substance of “internal maturity”?



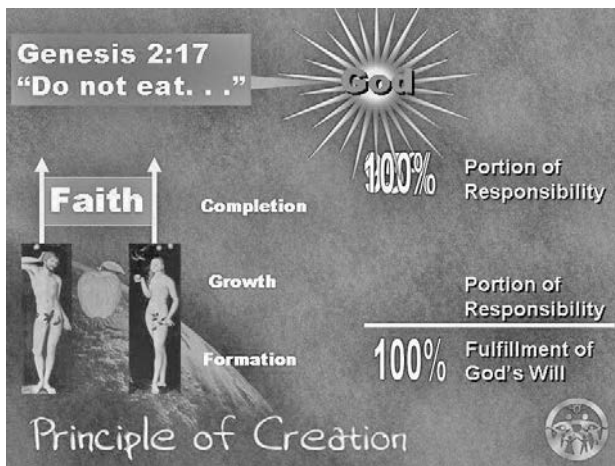
First John 4:12 pinpoints the perfection of love as the essence of what is to be perfected and matured within the individual in the growing period.

We love one another, then God will dwell within us. This is the dynamic of horizontal and vertical turning motion. If we live in love. . .then God “lives in us” and his love will be perfected in us.

Perfection or Spiritual maturity means to complete the full capacity to give and receive love. This is the pre-marital goal in preparation for marriage and family.

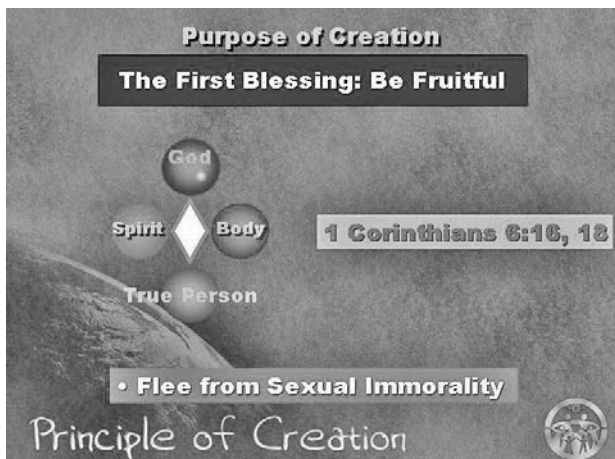


Adam and Eve had to grow to perfect their love. There was a challenge to their path. God said "do not eat the fruit" This was a desire of the flesh of some sort (will study this in the fall). Centering on faith in God's word. . .A&E would be able to exert authority over the desire of the body, thus rising above the realm of creature, natural law and instinct. In this way, that would move toward the divine realm with God and where divine love, the same love as God, dwells. God's aspiration for love is not just to be a God that can give perfect love, but to be a God that can also receive a perfect love. This is why Jesus implored us to "love God with our whole heart."



By Adam and Eve taking up the role to apply the power of faith to tip the balance toward the dominance of the spirit, they are, in actuality, partnering with God in the work of creating a perfected Adam and Eve. They are co-creators with God.

God giving his word and the role to have faith in that word is God giving a 5% portion of responsibility of the creator. God does 95% but Adam and Eve do 5% by exercising faith over the desire of the body. In this way they join together with God in a joint-project of their perfection and completion. Thus Adam and Eve are to enter in the divine realm to partner with God to fulfill this deeply held aspiration and ideal of love.



Control over the desire of the flesh, therefore, before marriage has always been the "gold standard" of the path of spiritual growth and maturity. This is why we see this standard emphasized throughout the Bible and throughout time.

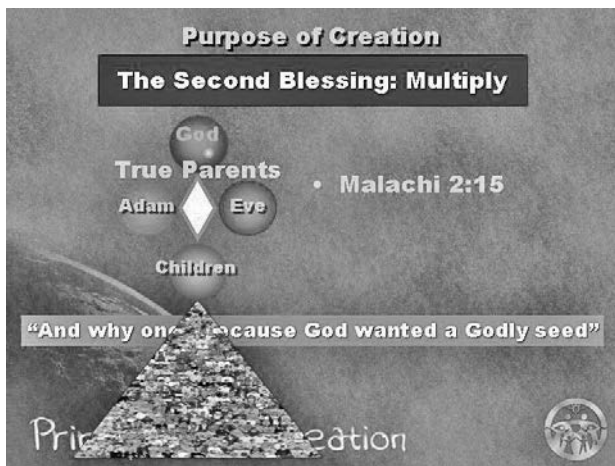
Anthropologist and historian J.D. Unwin researched over 80 of the world's most prominent cultures in history and he found that cultures that embraced pre-marital abstinence and fidelity within marriage were cultures that displayed a cultural rigor toward endurance and expansion. Those that did not could not endure past the third generation.

**1 Corinthians 6:16, 18**

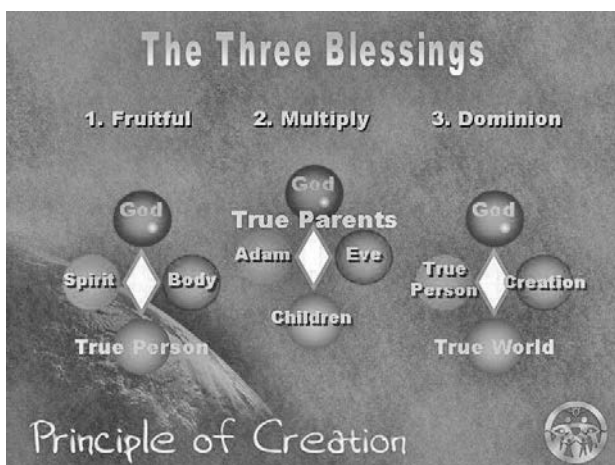
"Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is written 'the two will become one flesh.' . . .Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body"

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Strong words from Paul that indicate the seriousness of purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage.

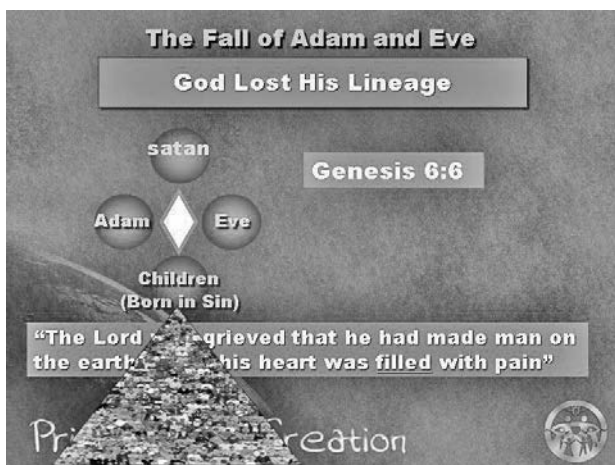


God created the sexual union in order for God to have a Godly seed. The conception of children should be the conception of God's own children. We share this role. . .this Godly role to bring forth his very own sons and daughters, his lineage. This was the original sacred meaning of the sexual union.



That would be the fulfillment of God's purpose for creation. As Jesus said, "as you see me. . .you see the Father. . ." God wanted to also be able to say, "as you see the family, you see God, as you see the society, nation and world. . .you see God. This would be the results of Adam and Eve, as True Parents, fulfilling their mission to offer God his very own lineage.

Through that expanding seed, God's sovereignty would be made manifest throughout the world "like the waters that cover the seas." Indeed as you saw such a world. . .you would see God.



But tragically, Adam and Eve broke faith with God and God lost connection with the ensuing lineage of humanity. The Bible records the deep pain and anguish that God felt. . .even repenting that he had made man on earth.

His heart, rather than filled with joy, was filled with sorrow and pain. His aspiration for the ideal of love, his purpose of creation was never realized. To finally accomplish this hope is the very core purpose of human history.

NEXT PRESENTATION:

The TWO Worlds

The Spiritual World & The Physical World





Welcome to our presentation on the two world: The Spiritual World and the Physical World.



There is a natural progression of a normal life cycle from birth, childhood, youth, adulthood and then, finally the so-called “golden years” at the end of life when each day could be our final moment. It is usually here that many only begin to contemplate the meaning of living a life in this world of temporal existence.

As we get older, it seems our perception of time speeds-up. We come to realize that our average life span of 73-75 years is just a whisk of time. What does it all mean?



What happens when we die? The question has been with us since recorded time. All religions and most philosophies ultimately attempt to deal with this ultimate mystery. Is the death of the physical body, indeed, the annihilation of the person and their consciousness?

1970’s rock group Kansas most famous anthem contain the following assertion: *All we are is dust in the wind.*

It was a bleak outlook that prompted many youth of the 1970’s to search for deeper answers.

(This slide is to confront your students with the reality that we, generally, tend to compartmentalize the reality of death).



For this reason, when we are in proximity of death, many tend to feel uncomfortable. There is something about the death of the body that causes people to imagine it will never happen to them. . .only to others.

But it is not so. . .we will all face death. And. . .it could happen at any moment. . .any unexpected moment. (It is good here to include some amazing anecdotes of unexpected deaths that involved “twist of fates.” )





Even though death is as natural as birth, still the event of one's death is experienced as a most extreme tragedy and it invokes the deepest sorrow and grief. People are shocked when they hear of a death. . .it is as if it was never meant to happen this way. . .it seems that something wrong has happened. We tend to feel cheated by death. . .and seek someone to blame and to extract retribution. Many become angry when good people, friends and beloved family member, inexplicably, die suddenly. We are able to conceive of eternity and to long for it. . .what a travesty life would be if no such reality was possible. One of the missions of religious faith has been to give the "survivors" a proper perspective on the meaning of death and that it is not "annihilation" but rather is a transition.

(this next slide is lengthy with many steps. . .so there is a lot of important content on this one slide).



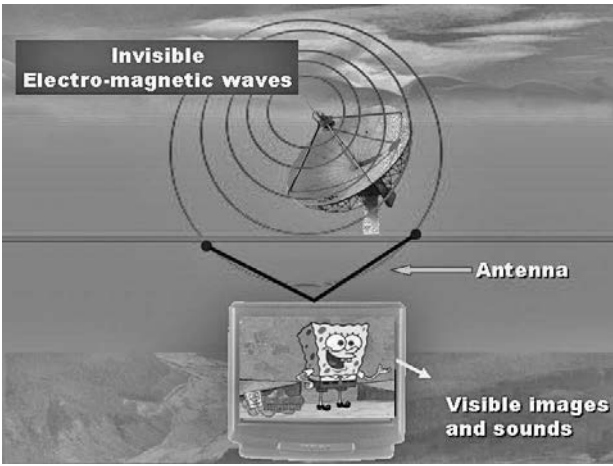
We start with the most concrete. We live in a physical world with a physical body. Through 5 physical senses we interpret the experiences we have within the physical world. Corresponding to the physical world is a spiritual world and corresponding to our physical body is our spiritual body. This is the perspective of I Corinthians 15:44 but it is also the conclusion of the Principle and the dynamic of the pair system, the "cosmic constant" is, in fact, the very structure of the cosmos itself.

In fact the cosmos itself was patterned after the ideal child of God. Thus the perfect person stands in the center of the cosmos as a microcosm of the universe. The universe is the macrocosm and extension of the child of God, his image.

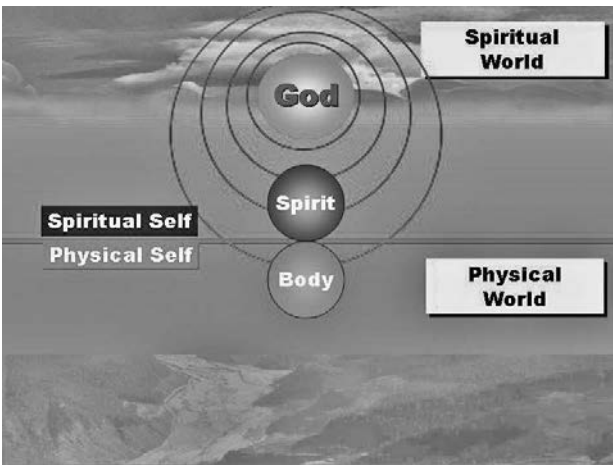
As such, the perfect person stands as a ruler of both worlds with God manifesting his sovereignty through his perfect child on earth in having dominion over all things and in spirit by standing in the position to "judge the angels."

Finally, the perfect person would be a medium of harmony. The two world's would harmonize centering on the perfect person whose spirit and body were in perfect harmony. The perfect person is the binding link between the two worlds. It is the "common base" of the two worlds that promotes their interaction and harmony.

God is able to communicate to us through the spiritual faculties of dreams, visions and prophecy. We could describe the 66 books of the Bible as such.



God’s spiritual process of communication can be compared to the workings of a TV station that sends invisible electromagnetic waves that carry sounds and images. Without an antenna and a device to translate those invisible waves into visible images and sounds. . .we would never know that they were there. (you can have fun with this slide. . .try inserting something more contemporary when you “turn on” the tv.. .this one here is “Sponge Bob” a popular cartoon. ... .use your imagination. ... people love it!” . . .a sure laugh every time!”

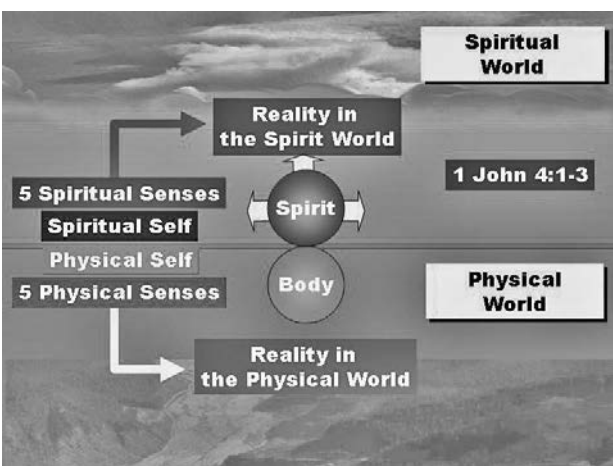


Having established the TV analogy, we now move to explain the phenomenon of spiritual communication in the same way.

God is the broadcaster. . .his spirit is the “electromagnetic waves,” the antenna is our spiritual sensitivity and the “tv” is our consciousness. . .realizations, inspirations, intuitions, premonitions.



In this way the reality in the spirit world is made manifest upon the reality of the physical world. A good example of this is documented in Genesis 37:5-11. The Pharaoh of Egypt has a dream that he cannot understand. He summons Joseph for he heard that Joseph was talented in this capacity. Joseph was able to interpret the dream which was then translated to a public policy in preparation for the coming drought. This is an excellent example of how the nation’s leaders must be centered in God. God will give “inspirations” dreams and visions to guide us.



For Christians, sometimes such blatant, open and detailed descriptions of the spiritual world and spiritual dynamics can be of concern. Christians, generally, are not so focused on the importance of a degree of spiritual experience and familiarity with the workings of the world of spirit. They feel that, generally, it’s best left alone. Not bad advice, generally, because indeed, the spirit world is vast with many “bad neighborhoods”

That’s where 1 John 4:1-3 can be very important. It states that we should “test the spirits” and, thus, does not declare a moratorium on any and all spiritual experience.



Here we illustrate and general explanation of the spirit/body dynamic. We live an average life span of 70-75 years. This is the time period when the spirit and the body are integrated in a symbiotic relationship of give and take.

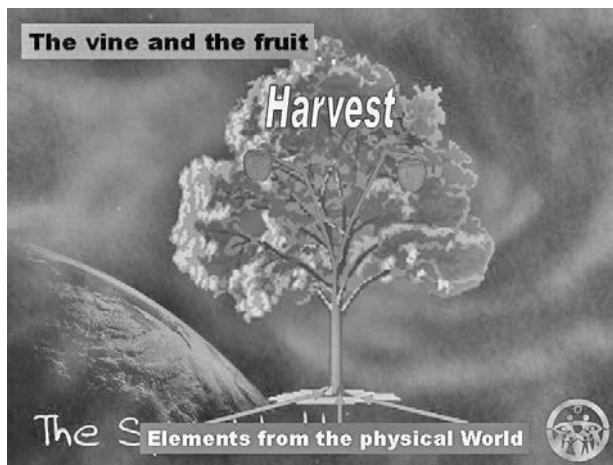
After the time of integration, they disengage. The body returns to the soil, the spirit enters the spiritual dimension with our consciousness intact. We begin a new life as spirit-only.

This is echoed by Ecclesiastes 12:7 “the body returns to dust and the spirit returns to God who gave it.” The question is: Why?. .what is the purpose for this temporal exchange?

We explain by moving to the example of the baby in the womb. Like our temporary life in the physical state, life in the womb is also a temporal world. Therefore, it can provide insight with regard to the purpose of temporal life in what we could term is a “second womb” of sorts.

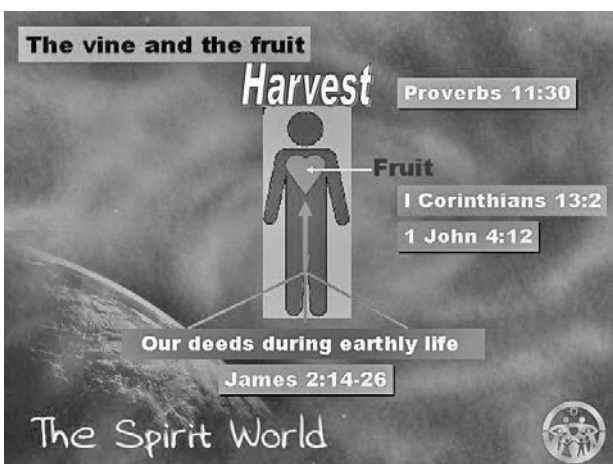


A baby in the womb is developing all the faculties for life in the “next world.” Likewise, life in the “second womb” is all about developing the faculties for living in the next world, the world of spirit. That faculty is the development of our heart.. .the perfection of love. When a baby is born it is joyful.. . likewise death should be experienced as “a second birth” and should be a joyful event.



A second vivid analogy is the natural process of the maturing of fruit. It is about growing, development, and at the right time, harvesting. A fruit ready to be picked from the tree is not a problem or a natural tragedy. The farmer doesn’t intend for his fruit to remain on the tree forever.

The fruit extracts elements from the soil, goes through a process of development, and then, at the right time, disengages from the tree.



It is a similar circumstance with human life. The physical body is like the soil. . .our deeds during earthly life provide the nutrition needed for “the fruit,” that is, our heart, to grow and to perfect our love. A perfected heart is a ripened fruit. Once accomplished, like the ripen apples disengaging from the tree, our spirit of perfected love, disengages from the body of flesh. We no longer need what it provides. . .it is time for harvest to begin our true life as spirit-only just as God is spirit-only.

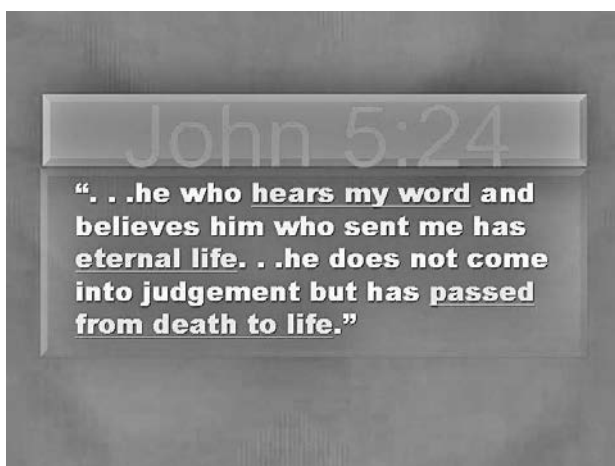
See Prov. 11:30; 1Corinthians 13:2; 1 John 4:12; James 2:14-26 for related ideas.



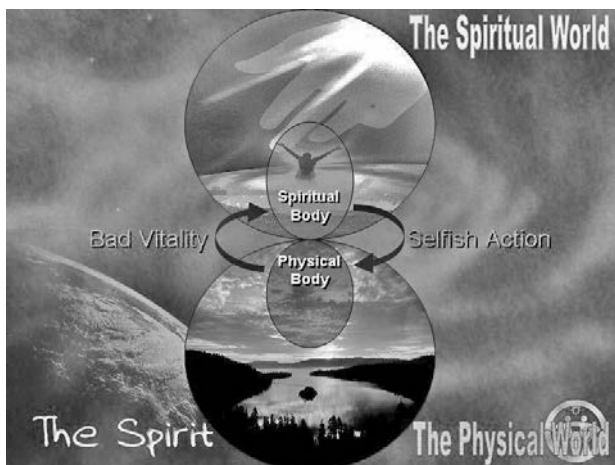
Here we explain the dynamic of spiritual growth. We need plus and minus elements. . . .sunlight, air, food and nutrition.

We need these on the spiritual side: God's love and truth is analogous to sunlight and air. But God's love and truth must be put into practice via unselfish actions. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 is a very good verse for "vitality." "All 'grace' abounds to the cheerful giver who has decided in his heart to give." (giving is a decision to act) Thus the cycle is complete: God's love and truth inspires selfless action. . .and grace "vitality" is returned to nurture the spirit. In this way, love is perfected as stated in I John 4:12 "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

Actually, a better verse is Matthew 7:24 which also stresses not just belief but "putting it into practice.



John 5:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."



Also important to consider a life that is in contrary to the principle. . .a person who acts self-centeredly, who only pursues his own interests, self indulgence and self-aggrandizement.

When the time comes for the flesh and spirit to disengage, it is the person's very own spirit that will "judge" their own self, not God. God "takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezekiel 33:11)

If a person has never made the choices to live for others and grow the faculties of heart. . .then it is as if a baby is born into the world without lungs to breath. If our inside does not resemble God, if we have nothing in common with God. ..then we will not go where God is. . .we go to the opposite realm, the contrary realm. That is hell (going down. . .a good penny whistle sound effect is a hoot here.



The balloon analogy is that outwardly the balloons look the same. . .but it is the inner quality that causes them to behave differently when released. . .those with helium are lighter than air. . .and rise. . .those that have no helium. .. have no bouyancy. . .and sink to the ground. Our inner quality of love is like the helium that causes us to rise to the realm of love and eternal joy.



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HERE WE GO!!



Thank You for Your Kind Attention!  
Time for a Break