

Exposition of the Divine Principle

**Diagramed Lecture Manual
for Three Hour Lectures**



THE HOUSE OF UNIFICATION FOR WORLD PEACE

From True Parents' Life Course

In 1920, the year of my birth, Korea was under the Japanese rule. At that time, I painfully experienced the agony and sorrow of the weak nation being trampled on by a strong country. During my teens, I could not but seriously agonize over how to save this war-torn and sinful world.

Also, in my teens, I started to think deeply about the following basic questions about life: Who am I? Where did I come from? What's the purpose of life? Does life go on after death? Does God exist? Is God omnipotent, or is He just incompetent? If God is omnipotent, why doesn't He remove the problems of mankind? Why do so many pains exist in the world? Since I knew that these problems cannot be resolved by human power, I judged that if God exists, we should follow His Will and take the path that can take us beyond the human limits.

At sixteen, I had a mysterious experience. In the morning of Easter, after I made a long tearful prayer, Jesus Christ appeared to me and gave me many revelations and teachings. He told me much about deep and amazing things. He said that God is grieved because of the suffering humanity.

And he asked me to undertake a special role on earth for the sake of God's work. In short, the spiritual world suddenly opened up before me and I could freely communicate with the saints there.

In the quietude of a deep North Korean mountain, I talked with Jesus Christ several times. The truth revealed at that time forms the core of the Unification Principle. That was the beginning of the revelation.

Ever since that special meeting, I have been conversing with the saints of the spiritual world including the living God and Jesus. Little by little, God taught me the amazing truth. It was as if the morning sun was rising after a long and dark night. In this truth, I could see

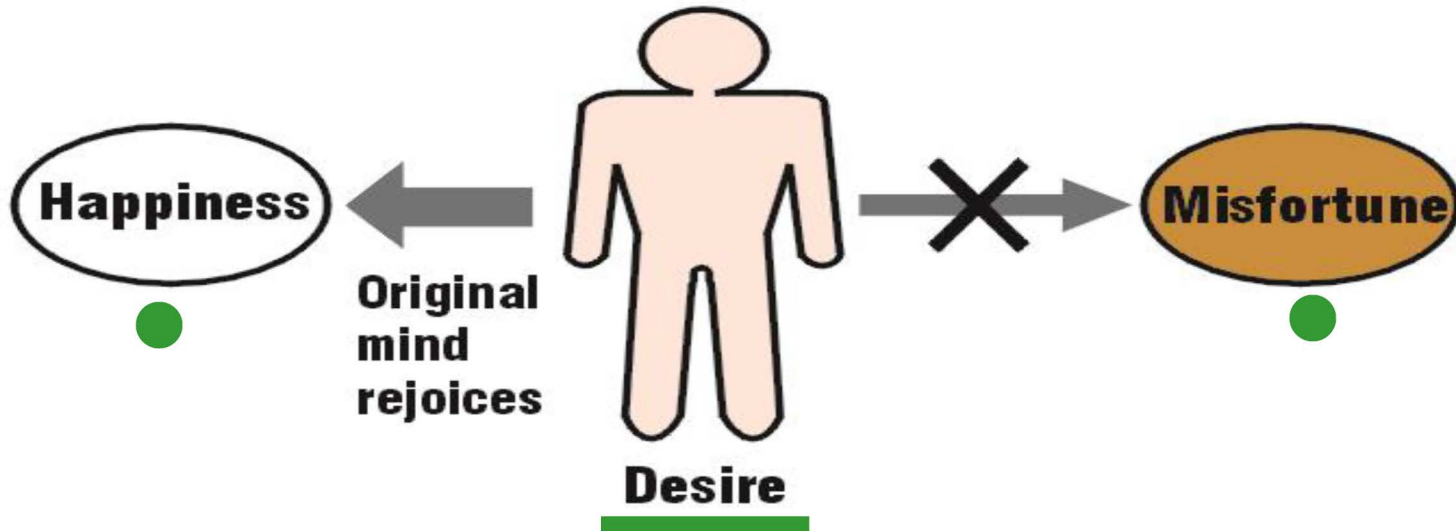
the dawn of the glorious new culture. This special revelation, based on the New Testament, has the power to bring all the religions together. Today this revelation is called the Divine Principle, and I have received an order from God to spread the Divine Principle to the ends of the earth.

The main branches of the Divine Principle are the Principle of Creation, Human Fall, and Restoration (salvation) and Second Advent.

After the publication of the one-hour manual, this manual is produced with more detailed contents according to the Rev. Moon's direction to publish a three-hour manual. We believe that this volume will help the students and teachers of the Divine Principle deepen their understanding of the Principle.

Introduction

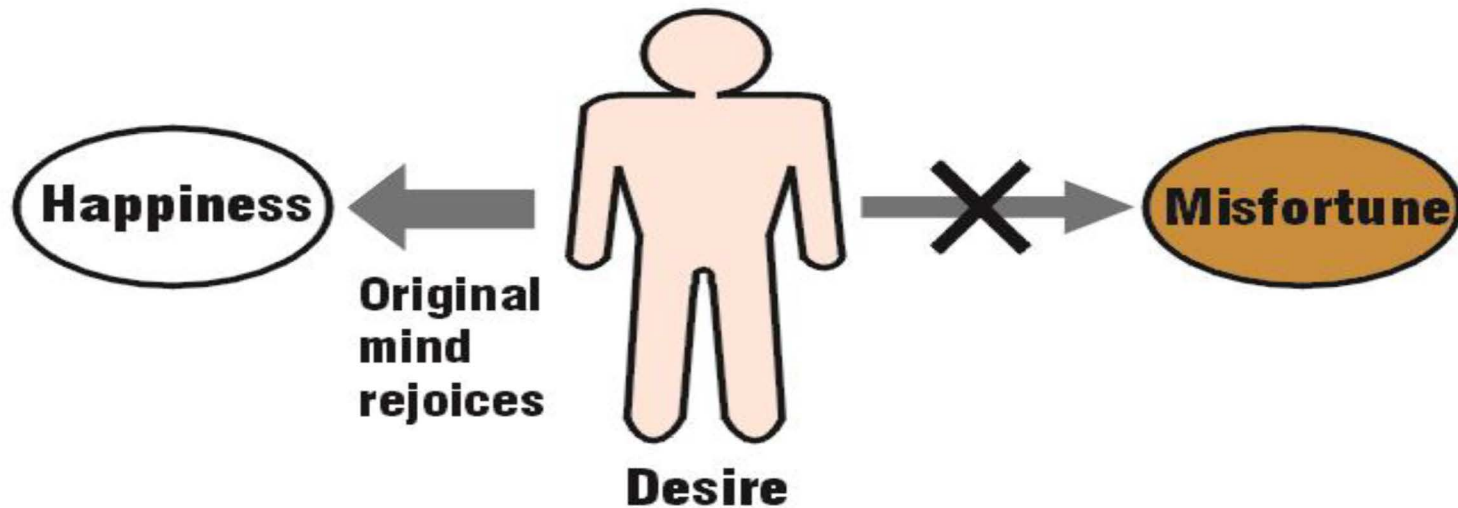
Human happiness



- Everyone is struggling to attain happiness and avoid misfortune.
- How, then, does happiness arise?
- People feel joy when their desires are fulfilled.

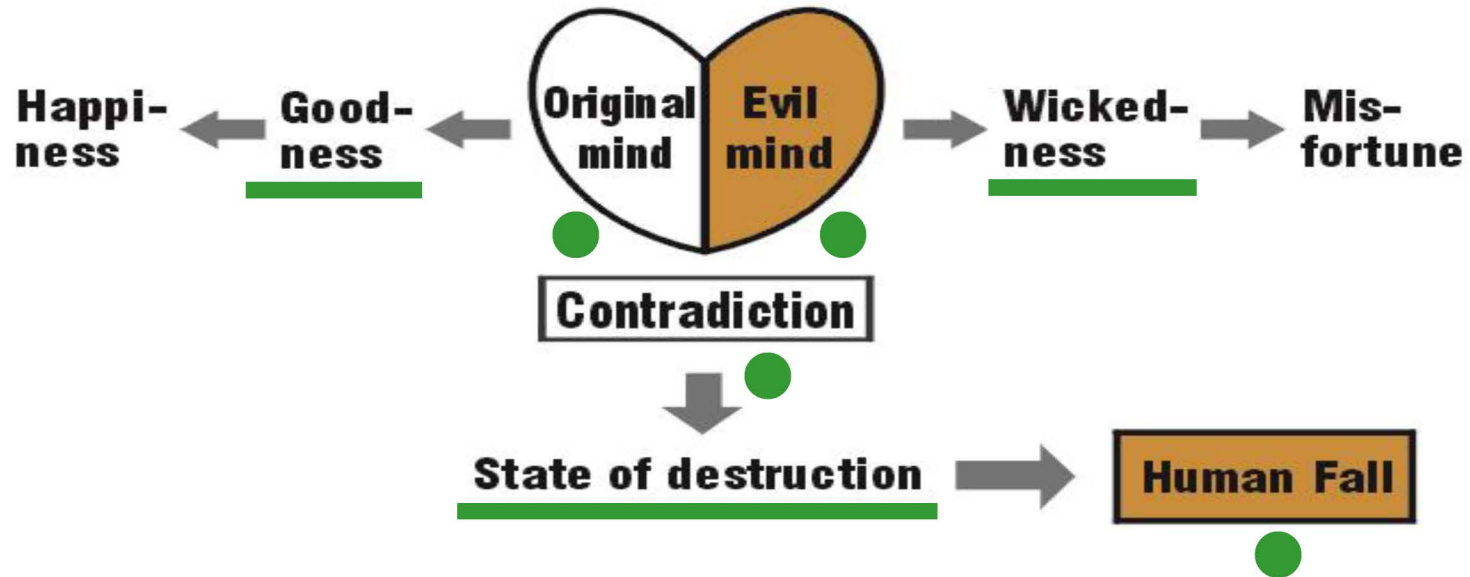
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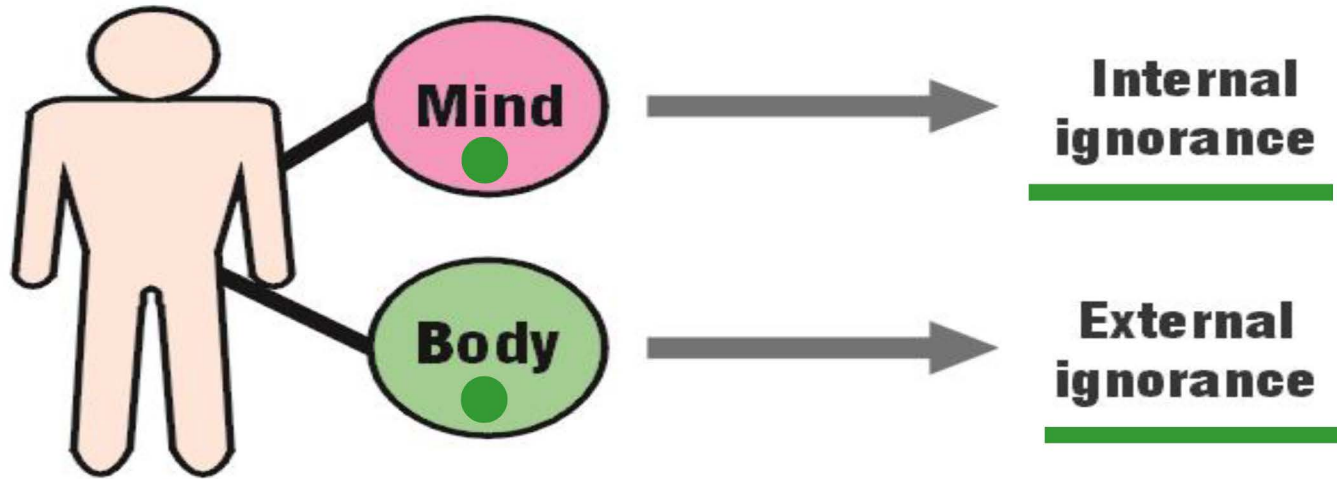
- The word "desire", however, is often not understood in its original sense, because in the present circumstances our desires tend to pursue evil rather than good.
- A person's original mind repels evil desires and strives to follow the good. Even at the cost of their lives, people seek for the joy that can enrapture the original mind.

Human contradiction and the Fall



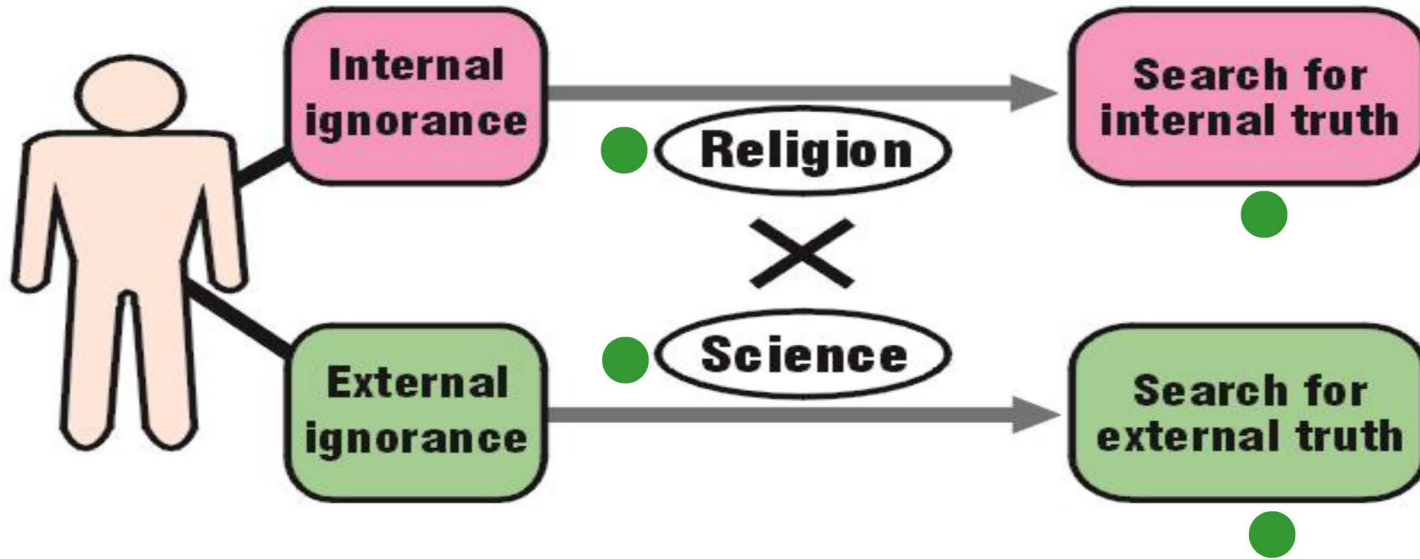
- Within the self-same individual are two opposing inclinations: the original mind that desires goodness and the evil mind that desires wickedness.
- They are engaged in a fierce battle, striving to accomplish two conflicting purposes. Any being possessing such a contradiction within itself is doomed to perish.
- Christianity sees this state of destruction as the result of the human Fall.

Human ignorance



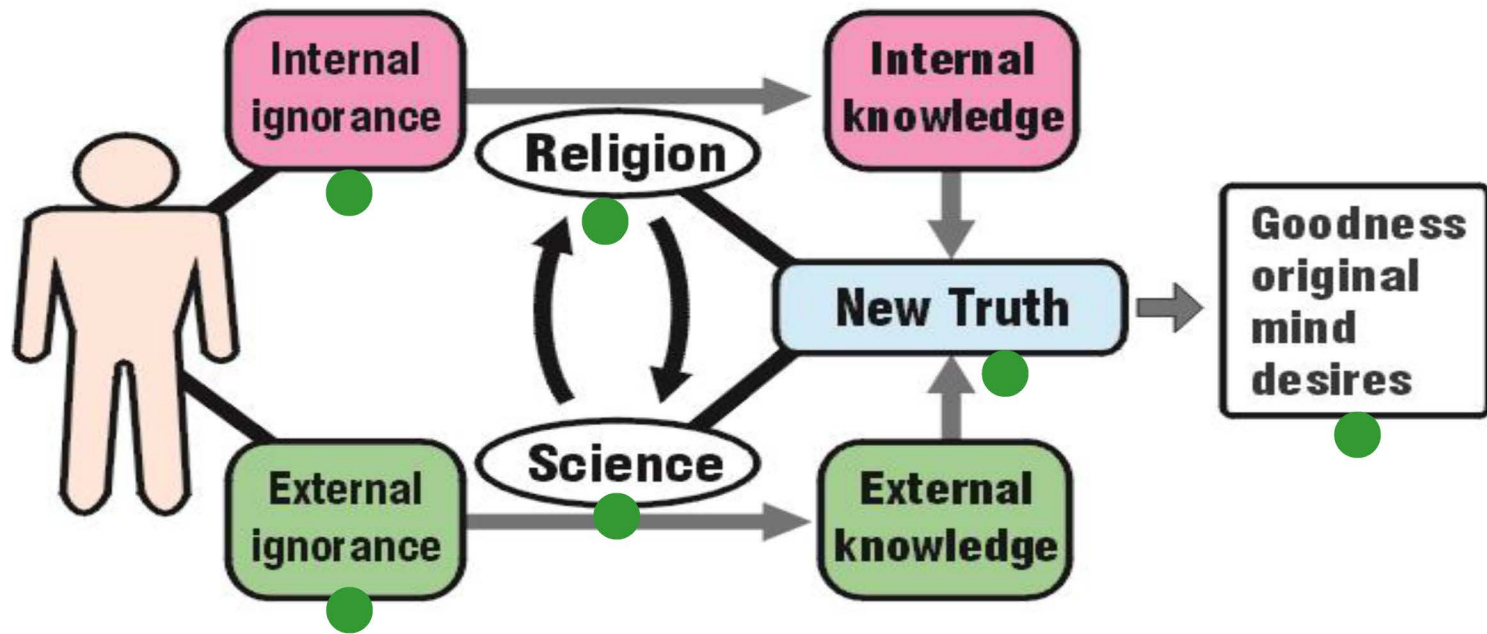
- Considered from the viewpoint of the intellect, the human Fall represents humanity's descent into ignorance.
- People are composed of two aspects: internal and external, or mind and body;
- In the same way, there are two types of ignorance: internal ignorance and external ignorance.

Human search for truth



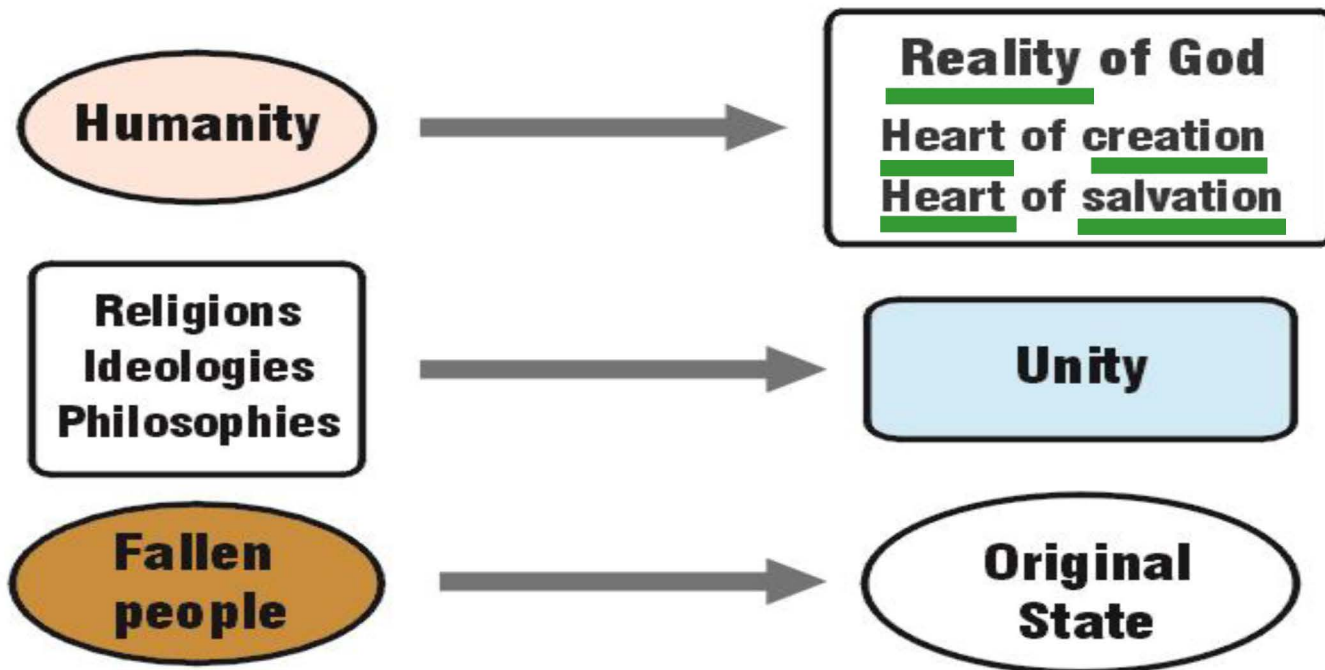
- Humanity through religion has followed the path of searching for internal truth,
- and through science has followed the path of seeking external truth.
- Religion and science, each in their own spheres, have been the methods of searching for truth in order to conquer ignorance and attain knowledge.

Need for the new truth



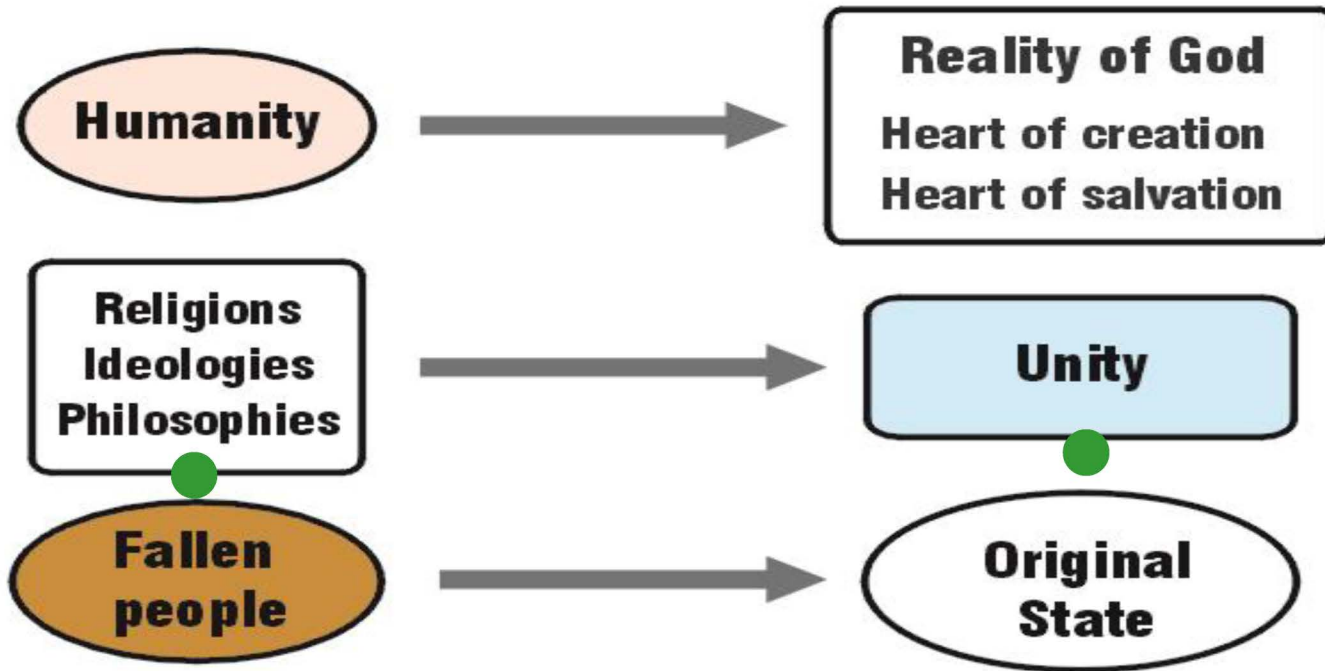
- Religion and science, setting out with the missions of dispelling the two aspects of human ignorance, have seemed in the course of their development to take positions that were contradictory and irreconcilable.
- However, for humankind to completely overcome the two aspects of ignorance and fully realize the goodness which the original mind desires, at some point in history there must emerge a new truth which can reconcile religion and science and resolve their problems in an integrated undertaking.

Mission of new truth



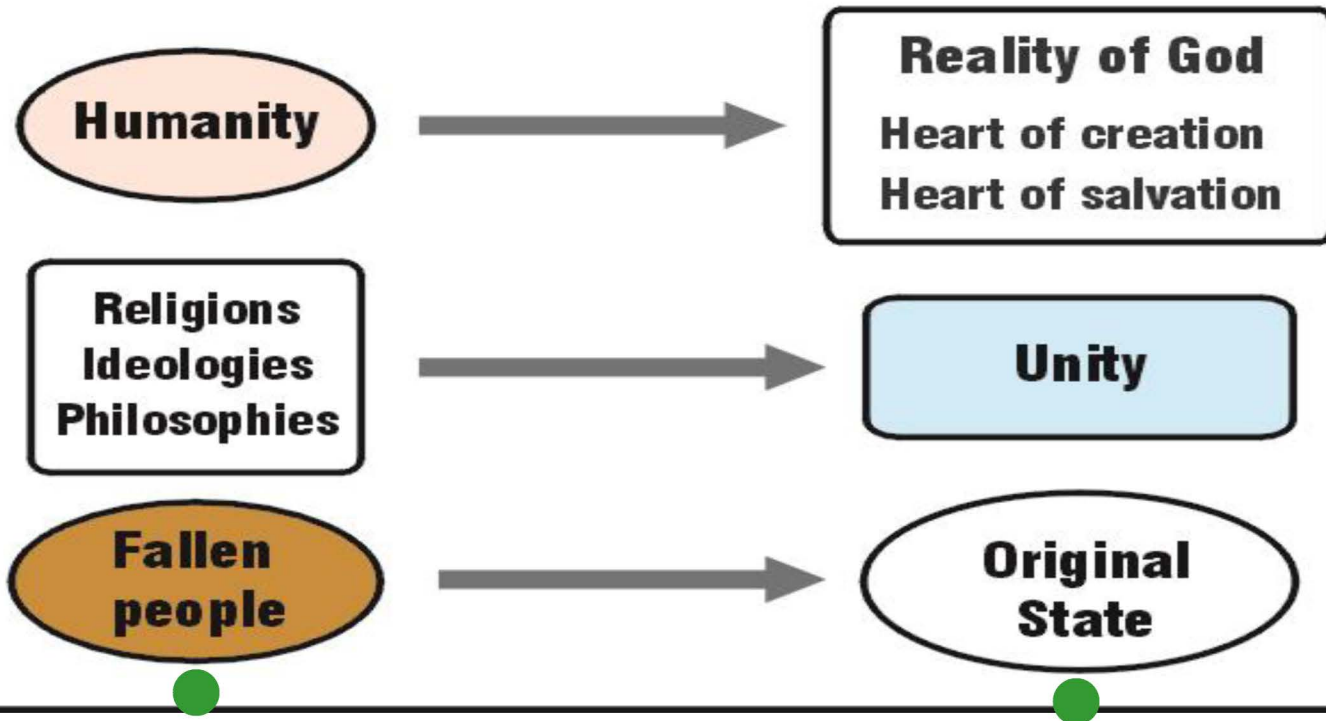
- What missions must the new truth fulfill ?
- The new expression of truth should be able to reveal the reality and Heart of God: His heart of joy at the time of creation; and His heart of striving to save humankind throughout the long course of history .

Mission of new truth



- This truth must be able to embrace all historical religions, ideologies and philosophies and bring complete unity among them.
- Unity starts with the unity of mind and body and the unity of husband and wife.

Mission of new truth



- New truth should guide fallen people to return to their original state .

The new truth and the Rev. Sun Myung Moon

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- This ultimate life-giving truth, however, cannot be discovered through an exhaustive investigation of scriptures or scholarly texts; nor can it be invented by any human intellect .
- As is written in the Book of Revelation, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings," (Rev. 10:11) truth must appear as a revelation from God.

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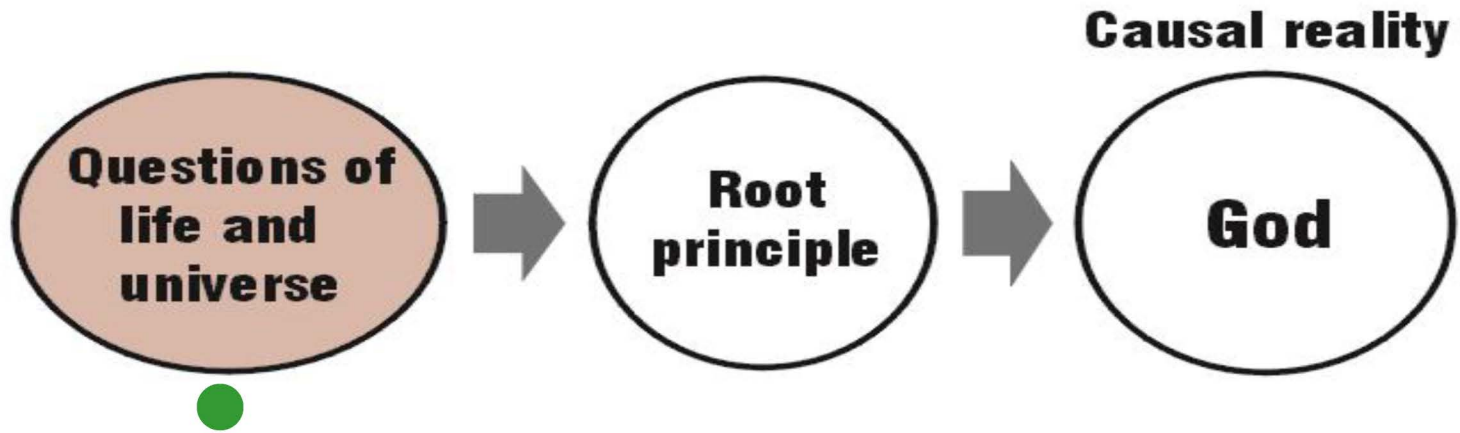
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- God has sent one person to this earth to resolve the fundamental problems of human life and the universe. His name is Rev. Sun Myung Moon .

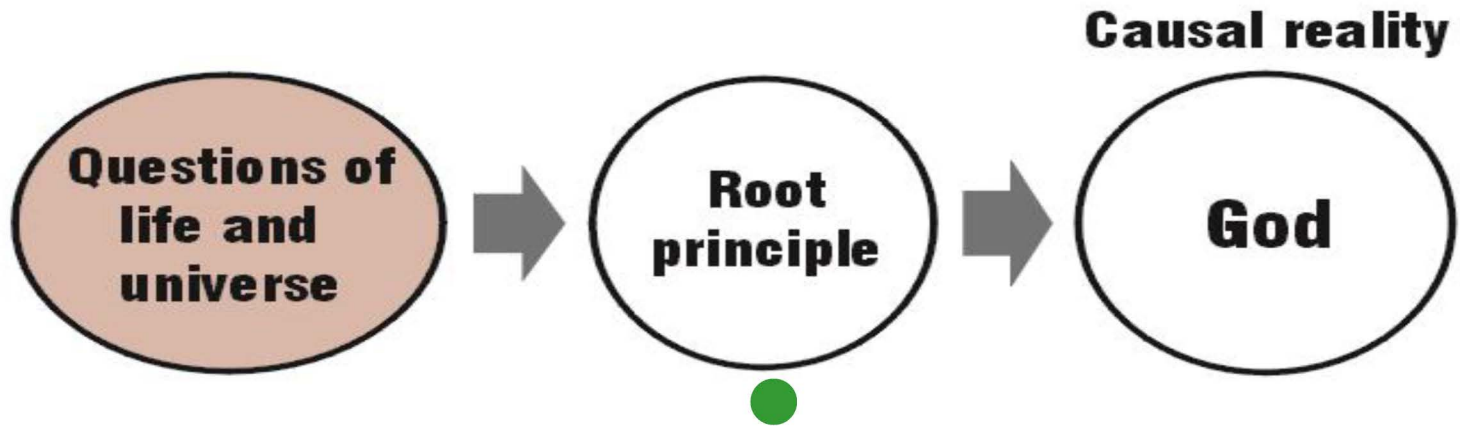
Part I

Chapter 1 The Principle of Creation



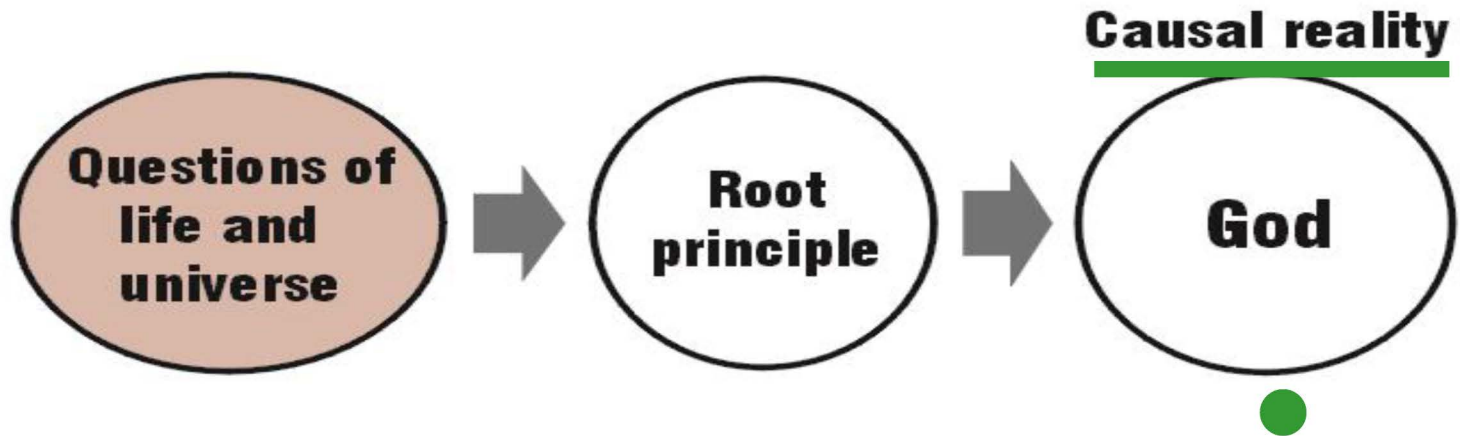
- Throughout history, people have anguished over the fundamental questions of human life and the universe without arriving at satisfying answers.

Chapter 1 The Principle of Creation



- This is because no one has understood the root principle by which humanity and the universe were originally created.

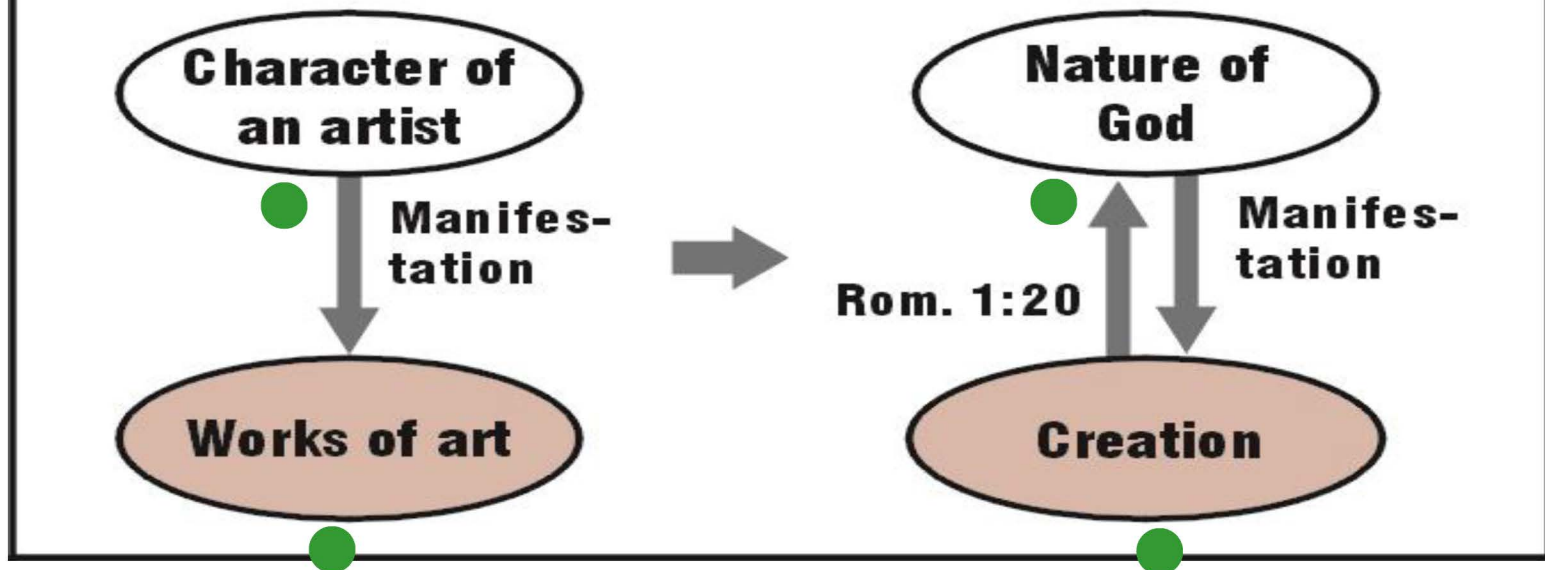
Chapter 1 The Principle of Creation



- To approach this topic properly, it is not enough to examine resultant reality. The fundamental question is that of the causal reality.
- Problems concerning human life and the universe cannot be solved without first understanding the nature of God.

Section 1 The Dual Characteristics of God and the Created Universe

The dual characteristics of God



- How can we know the divine nature of the invisible God?
- One way to fathom His deity is by observing the universe which He created (Rom. 1:20).
- Everything in the created universe is a substantial manifestation of some quality of the Creator's invisible, divine nature .
- Just as we can come to know the character of an artist through his works, so we can understand the nature of God by observing the diverse things of creation.

Common elements in the natural world



Examples: atoms, plants, animals, human beings

- Let us begin by pointing out the common elements which are found universally throughout the natural world.
- Every entity possesses dual characteristics of yang (+) and yin (−) and comes into existence only when these characteristics have formed reciprocal relationships, both within the entity and between it and other entities.

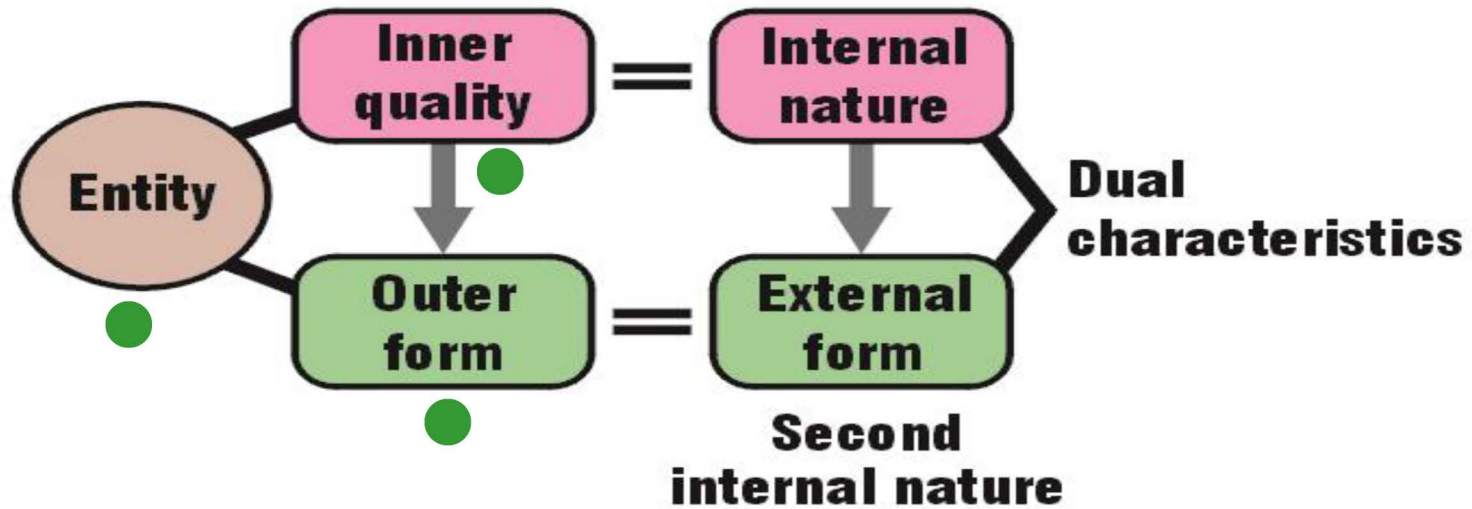
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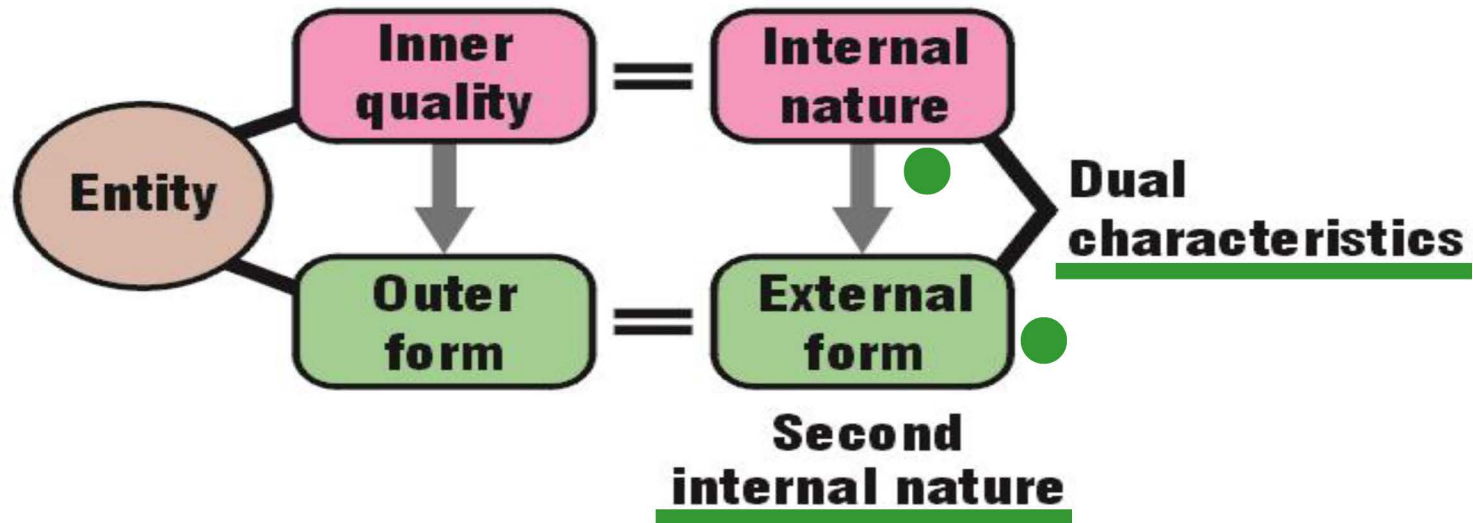
- For instance, atoms display either a positive or a negative valence. Plants propagate by means of stamen and pistil, and animals multiply and maintain their species through the relationship between males and females. Finally, human beings are either a man or woman.

Dual characteristics of internal nature and external form

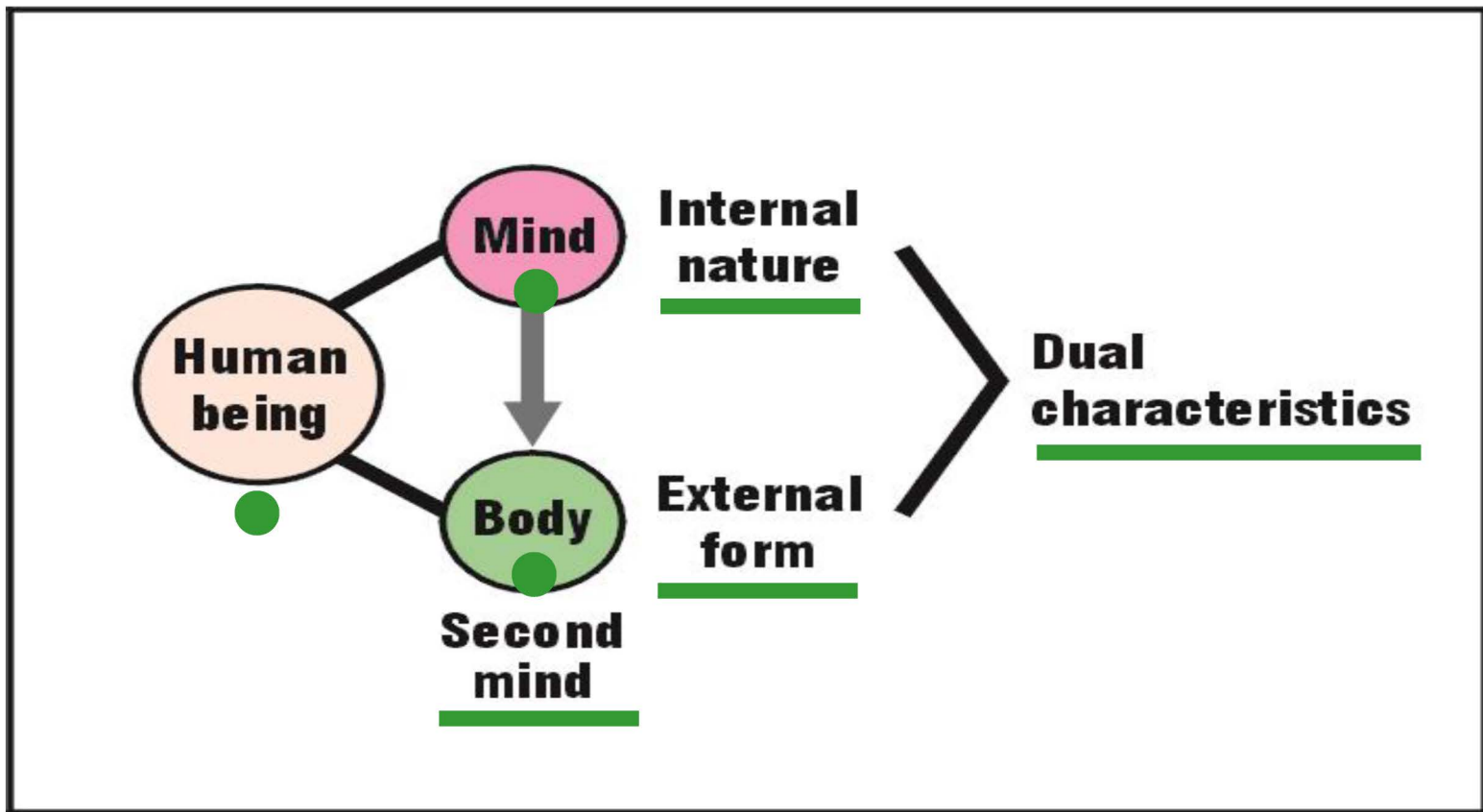


- However, there is another, more fundamental pair of dual characteristics in reciprocal relationship. Every entity possesses both an outer form and an inner quality.

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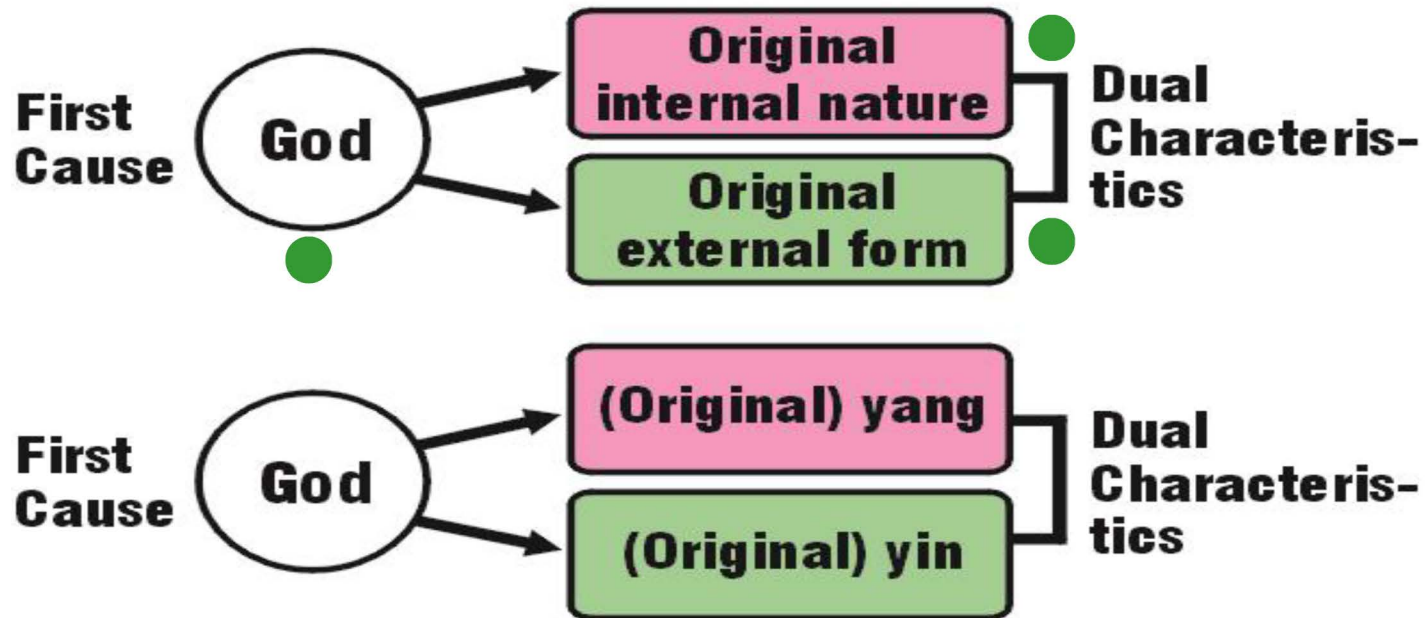


- The visible outer form resembles the invisible inner quality. The inner quality is called internal nature, and the outer form or shape is called external form.
- Since internal nature and external form refer to corresponding inner and outer aspects of the same entity, the external form may also be understood as a second internal nature. Therefore, the internal nature and external form together constitute dual characteristics.



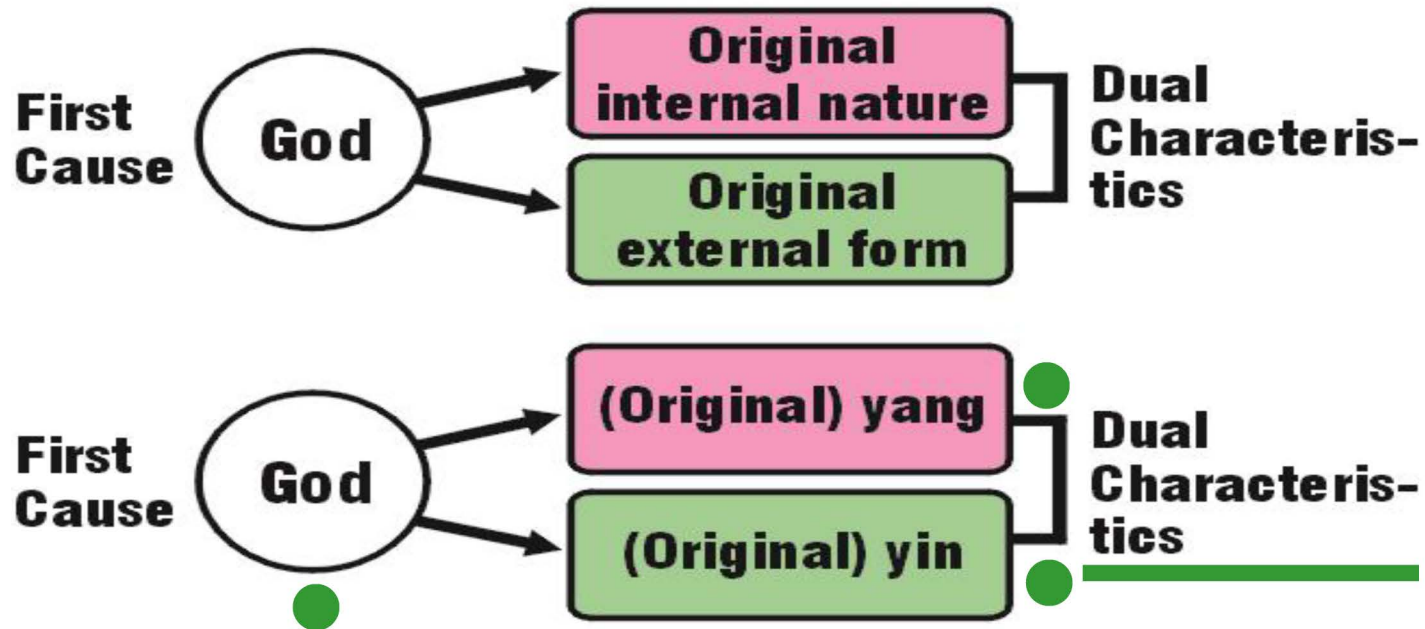
- Let us take human beings as an example. A human being is composed of an outer form, the body, and an inner quality, the mind.
- Mind is the internal nature and body is the external form.
- Mind and body are two correlative aspects of a human being; hence, the body may be understood as a second mind. Together, they constitute the dual characteristics of a human being.
- Similarly, all beings exist through the reciprocal relationships between their dual characteristics of internal nature and external form.

God's dual characteristics



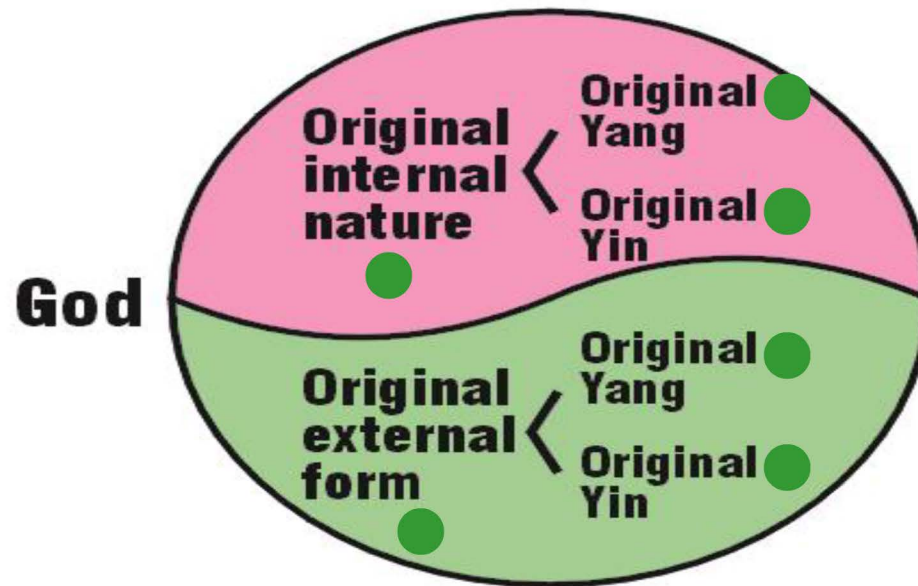
- The First Cause must also possess the dual characteristics of internal nature and external form, which stand in the position of *subject partner* to the internal natures and external forms of all beings .
- We call this First Cause of the universe God, and we call God's internal nature and external form the original internal nature and original external form.

God's dual characteristics



- It is only natural to surmise that God, the First Cause of all things, also exists based on the reciprocal relationship between His dual characteristics of yang and yin.

Relationship between internal nature / external form and yang / yin

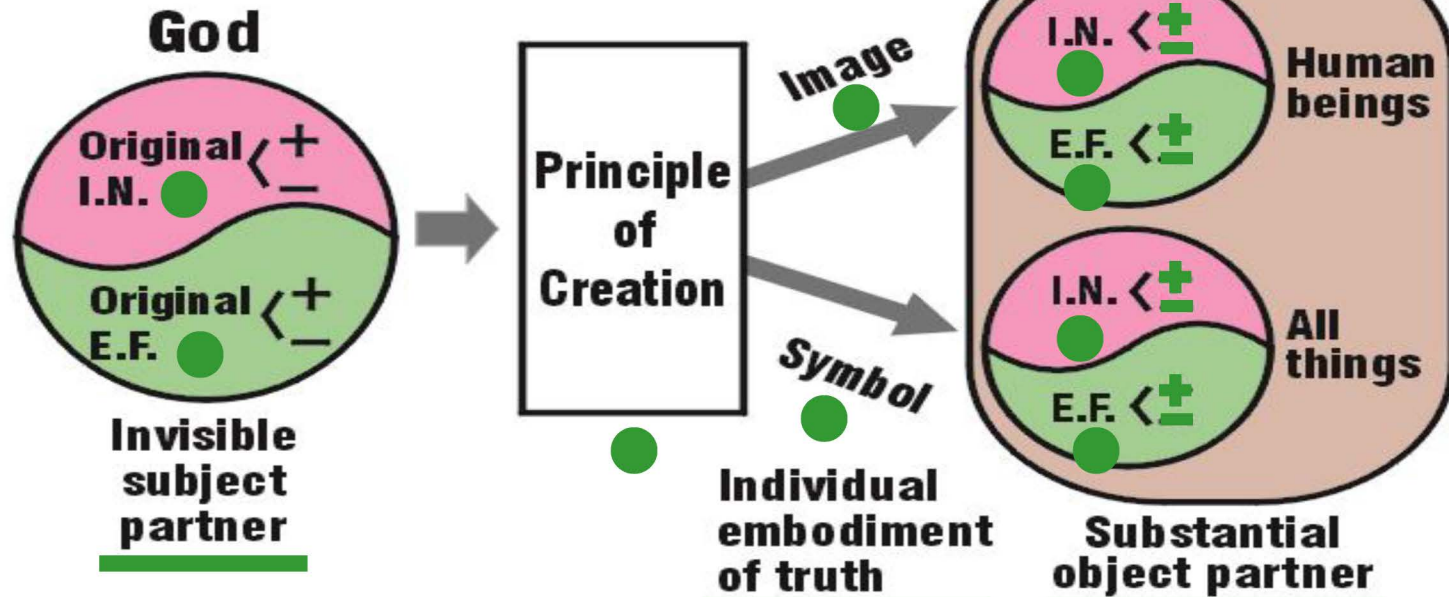


- What is the relationship between the dual characteristics of internal nature and external form and the dual characteristics of yang and yin?
- God's original internal nature and original external form each contain the mutual relationship of original yang and original yin. Therefore, original yang and original yin are attributes of original internal nature and original external form.

God is

- **the Subject in whom the dual characteristics of original internal nature and original external form are in harmony.**
- **At the same time, God is the harmonious union of masculinity and femininity, which manifest the qualities of original internal nature and original external form, respectively.**
- **In relation to the universe, God is the subject partner having the qualities of internal nature and masculinity.**
- **In recognition of God's position as the internal and masculine subject partner, we call Him "Our Father."**

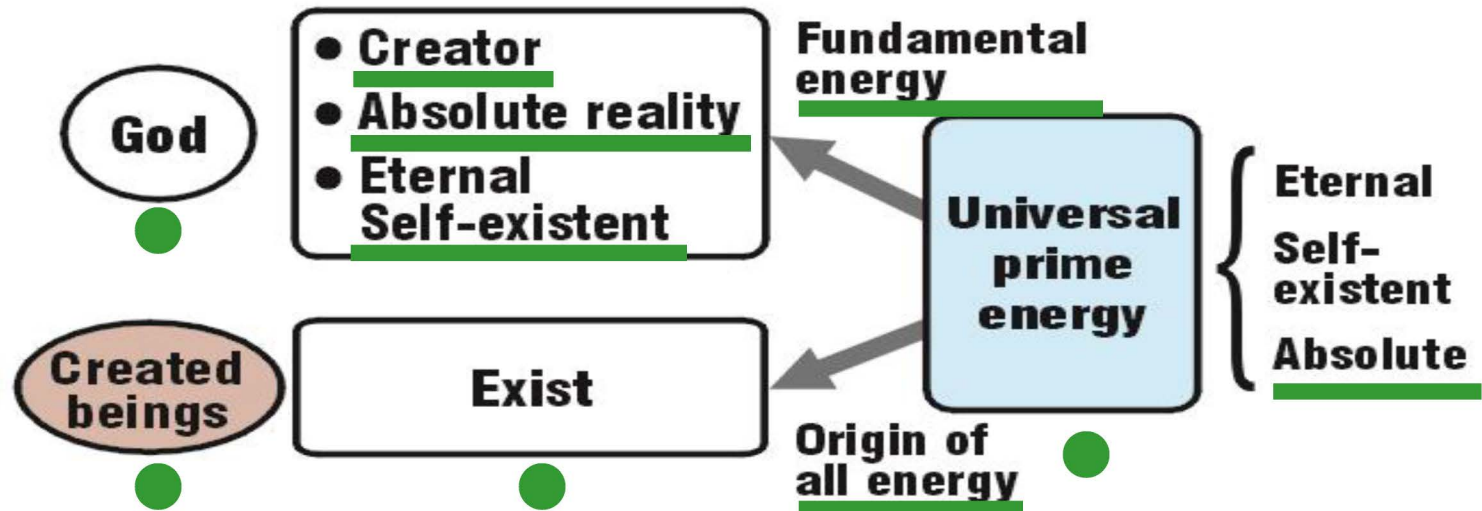
The relationship between God and the universe



- God is the invisible subject partner, and the universe as a whole is a substantial object partner to God. In accordance with the Principle of Creation, God's dual characteristics manifests itself symbolically or in image as individual embodiments of truth, which constitute the universe.
- Since individual embodiments of truth are all substantial object partners to God—resembling His original internal nature and original external form—they each possess within themselves both internal nature and external form, and likewise both yang and yin.

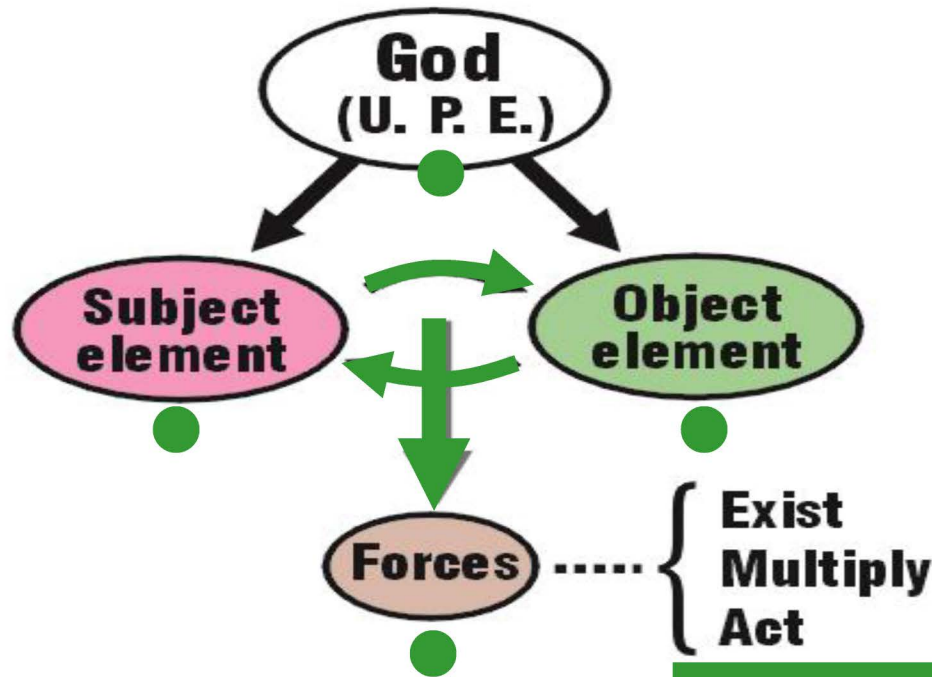
Section 2 Universal Prime Energy, Give and Take Action, and the Four Position Foundation

Universal prime energy



- God, the Creator of all things, is the absolute reality, eternal, self-existent and transcendent of time and space.
- The fundamental energy of God's being is also eternal, self-existent and absolute.
- It is the origin of all energies and forces that allow created beings to exist.
- We call this fundamental energy universal prime energy.

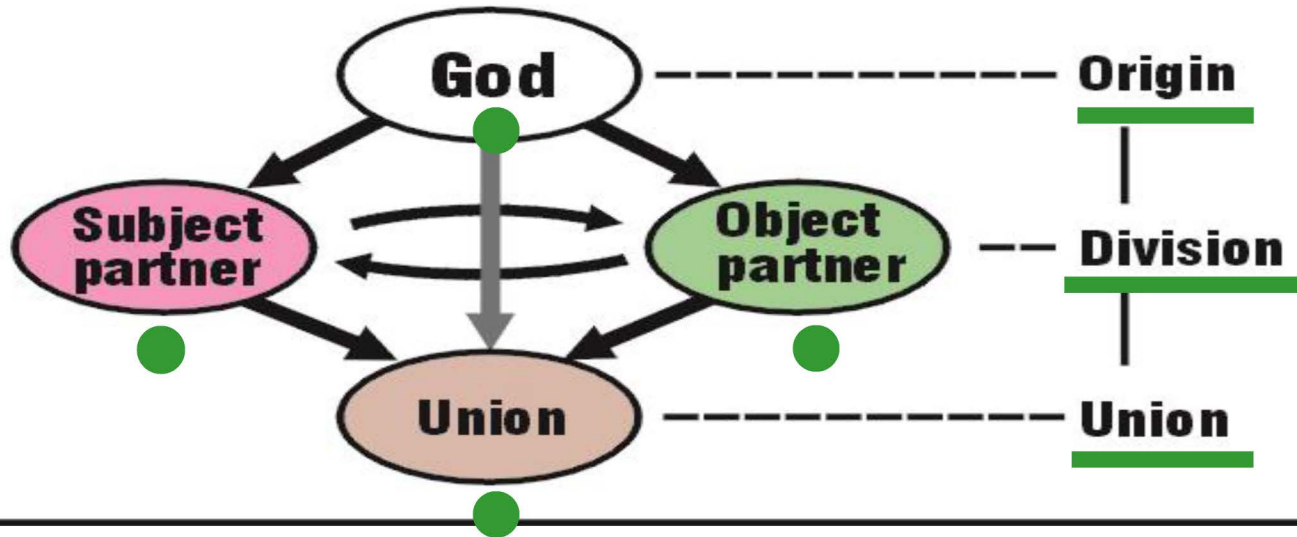
Give and take action



- Through the agency of universal prime energy, the subject and object elements of every entity form a common base and enter into interaction. This interaction, in turn, generates all the forces the entity needs to exist, multiply and act.
- The interaction generating these forces through this process is called give and take action.

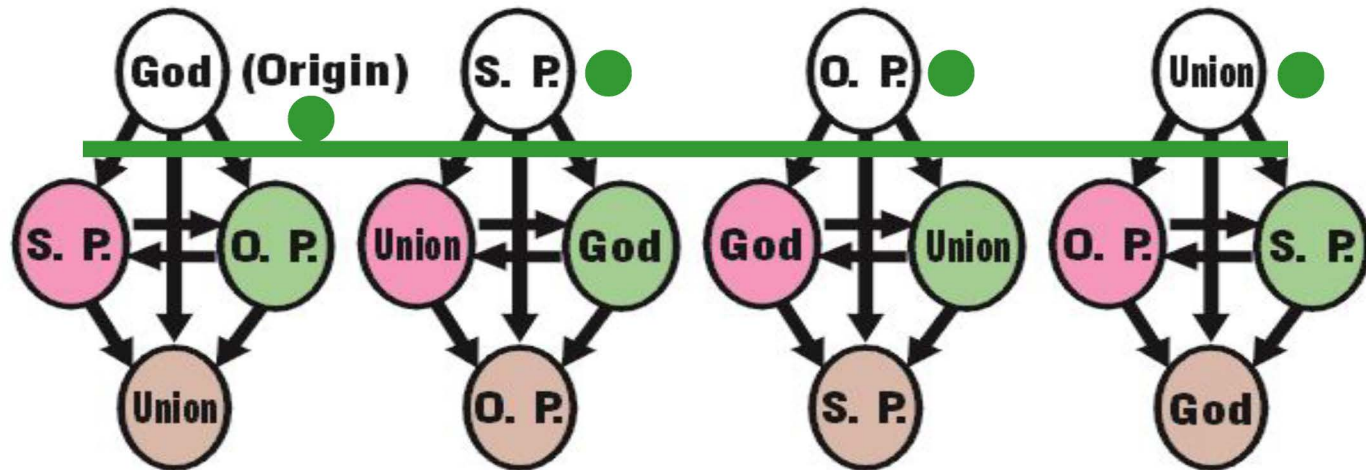
The Four Position Foundation
Which Realizes the Three Object Purpose
through Origin-Division-Union Action

Origin-division-union action



- The process in which out of God, the Origin, two entities are separately manifested and reunited in oneness is called origin-division-union action.

Three object purpose



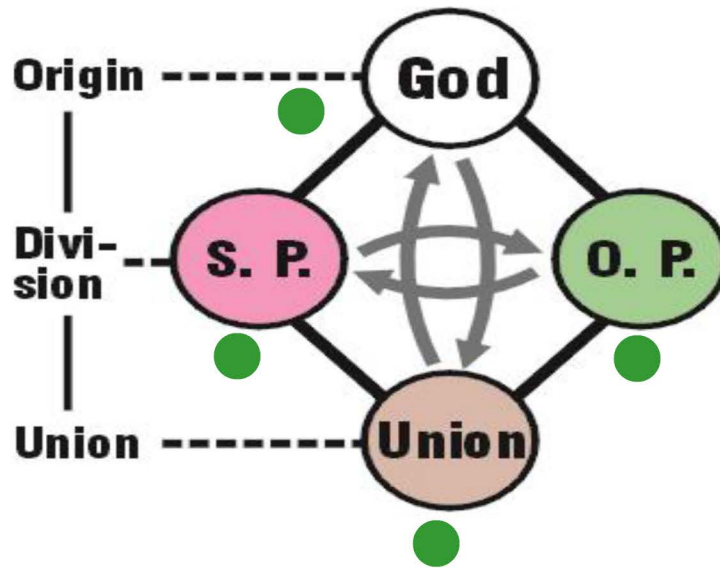
Communion of three object partners

Give and take action

Three object purpose

- Any of the four positions resulting from the origin-division-union action, namely, the origin, subject partner and object partner, and their union, may assume the position of subject partner and engage the other three as its object partners, forming a communion of three object partners.
- When each of the four then acts as the subject partner and enters into give and take with the other three, they fulfill the three object purpose.

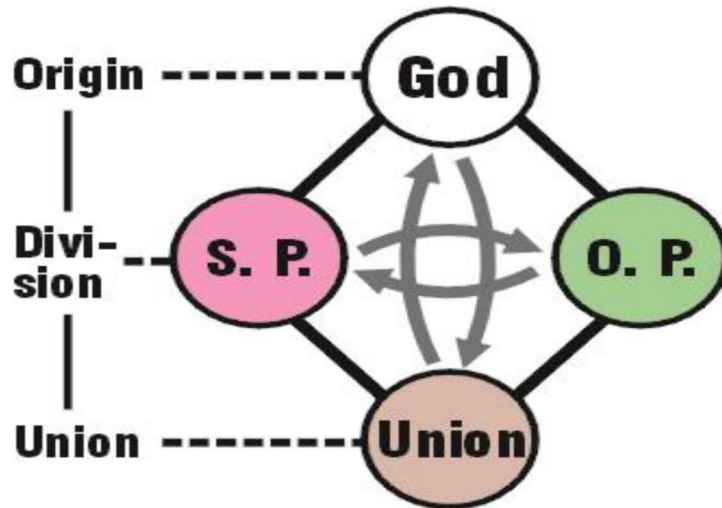
The four position foundation



- ① Root of principle of three stages
 - ② Root of the number twelve
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- When the origin, the subject partner and object partner projected from the origin, and their union all fulfill the three object purpose, the four position foundation is established.

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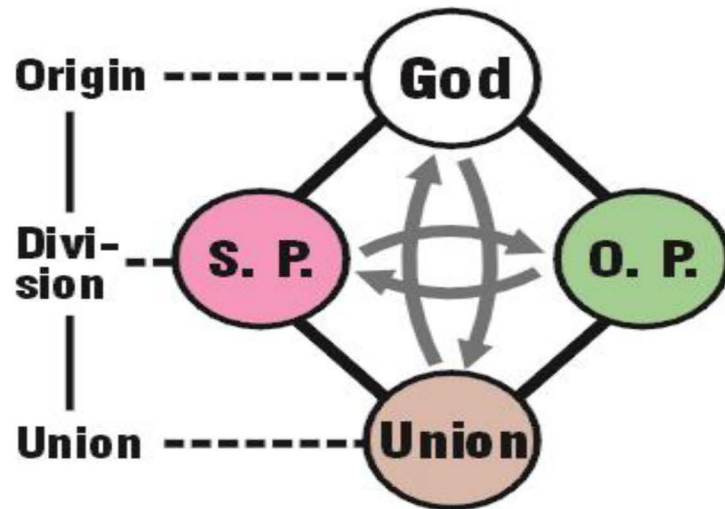


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● This foundation is:

- ① Root of the principle of three stages because it involves three stages of God, husband and wife, and children.
- ② Root of the number twelve because as each of the four takes on three object partners, twelve object partners are created.

The four position foundation



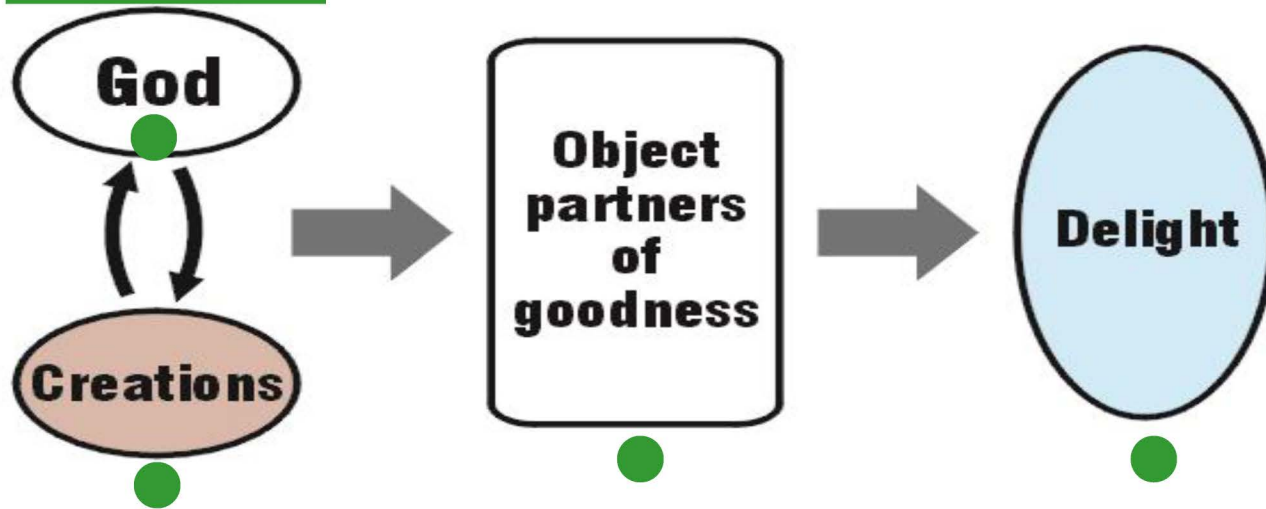
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- ③ Fundamental foundation of goodness and realization of God's purpose of creation.
- ④ Fundamental foundation for the life of all beings, providing all the forces necessary for their existence.
- The four position foundation is God's eternal purpose of creation.

Section 3 The Purpose of Creation

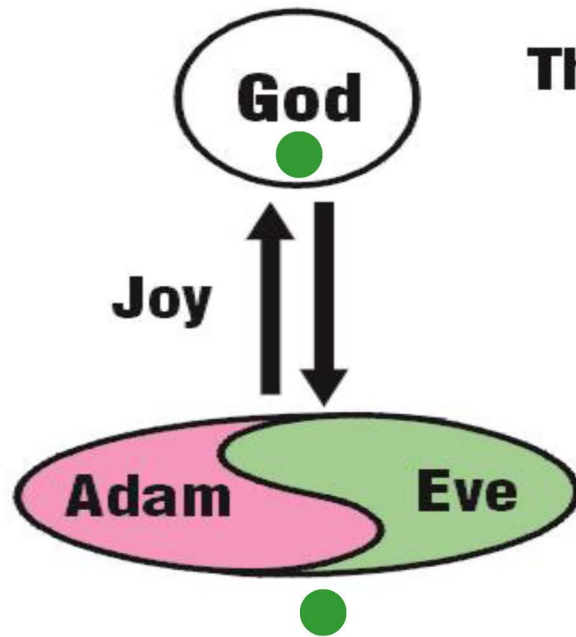
The purpose of the creation of the universe

(Gen. 1:4-31)



- It is recorded in the Bible (Gen.1:4-31) that after God completed each day of creation, He saw that it was good.
- This suggests that God wanted His creations to be object partners embodying goodness that He might take delight in them.

God's joy



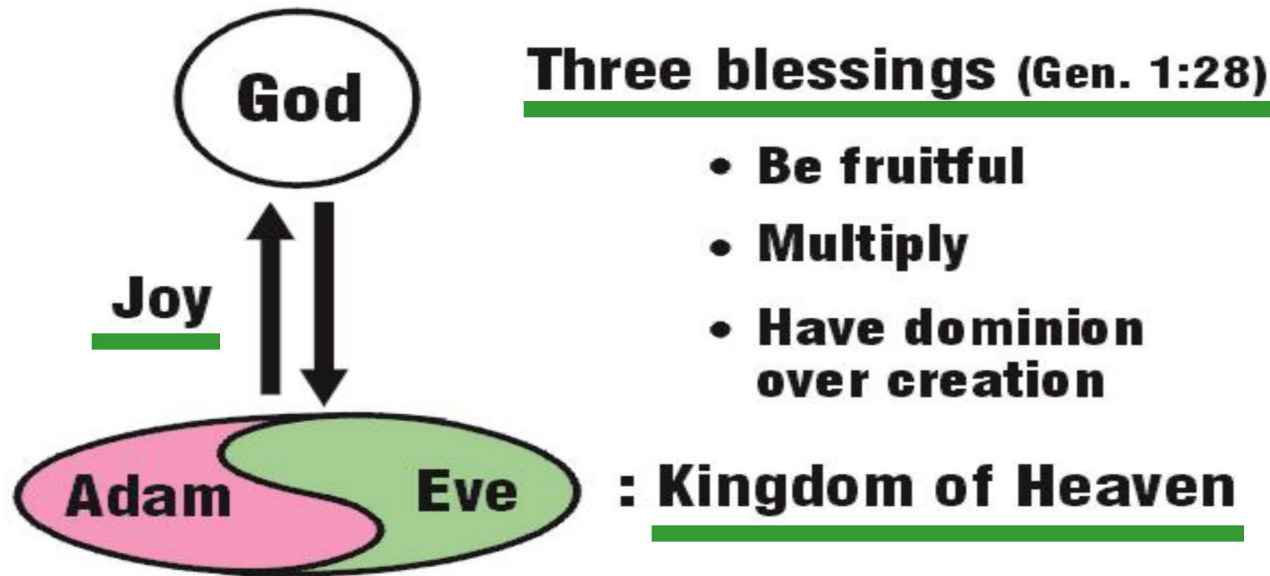
Three blessings (Gen. 1:28)

- Be fruitful
- Multiply
- Have dominion over creation

: Kingdom of Heaven

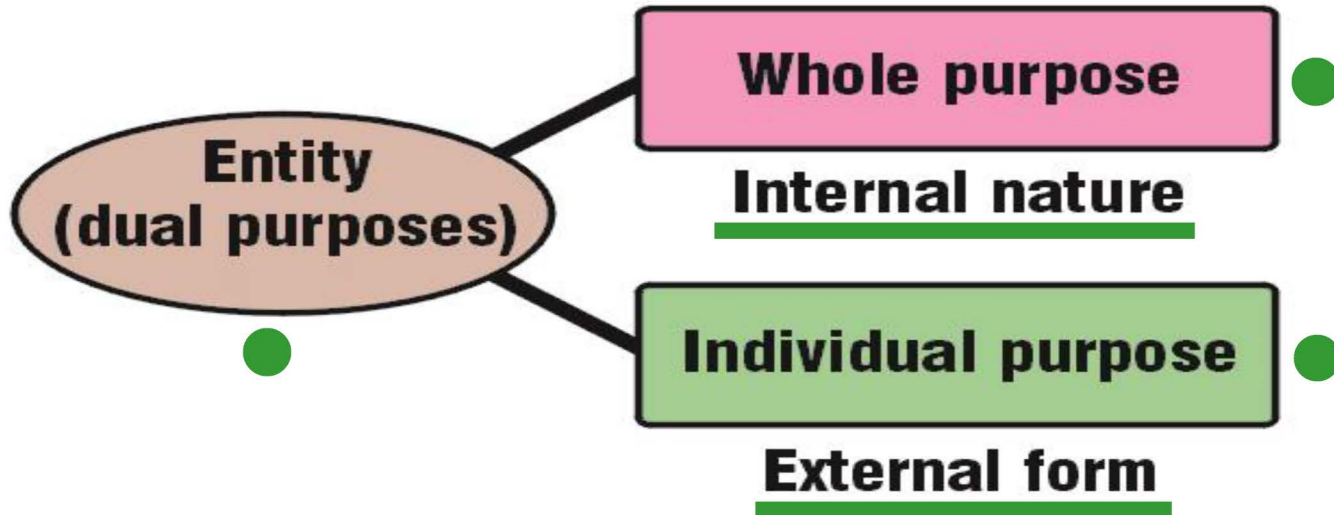
- God created human beings as the final step in creating the universe. He created them in His image, in the likeness of His internal nature and external form, and gave them sensibility to all feelings and emotions. After their creation, God blessed Adam and Eve to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over the creation (Gen. 1:28).

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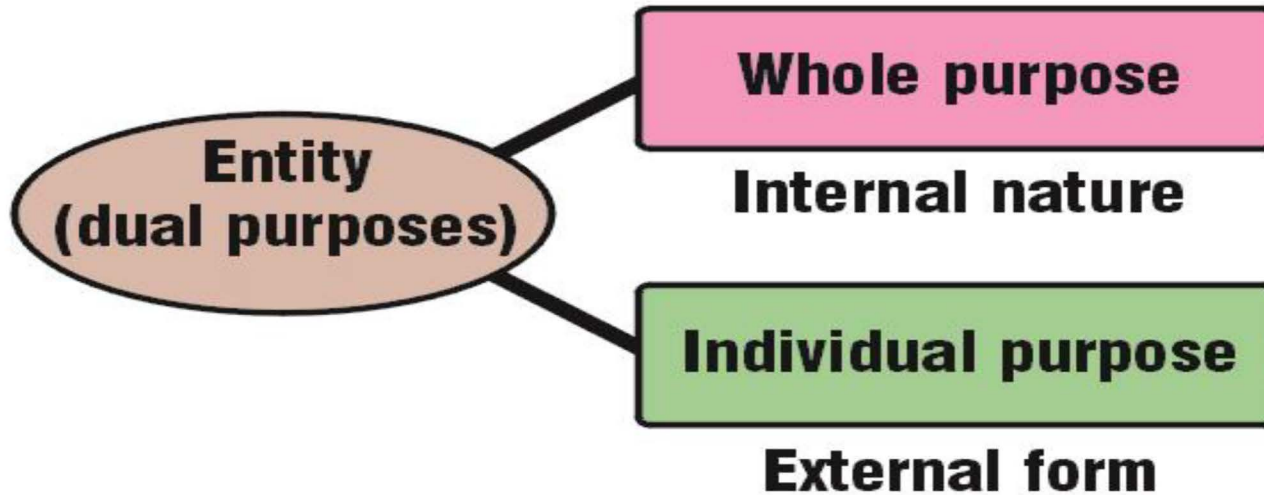
- Had Adam and Eve obeyed these three blessings and built the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no doubt that God would have felt the greatest joy as His sons and daughters rejoiced in the world of His ideal.
- Hence, the ultimate purpose of the universe, with human beings at its center, is to return joy to God.

Dual purposes



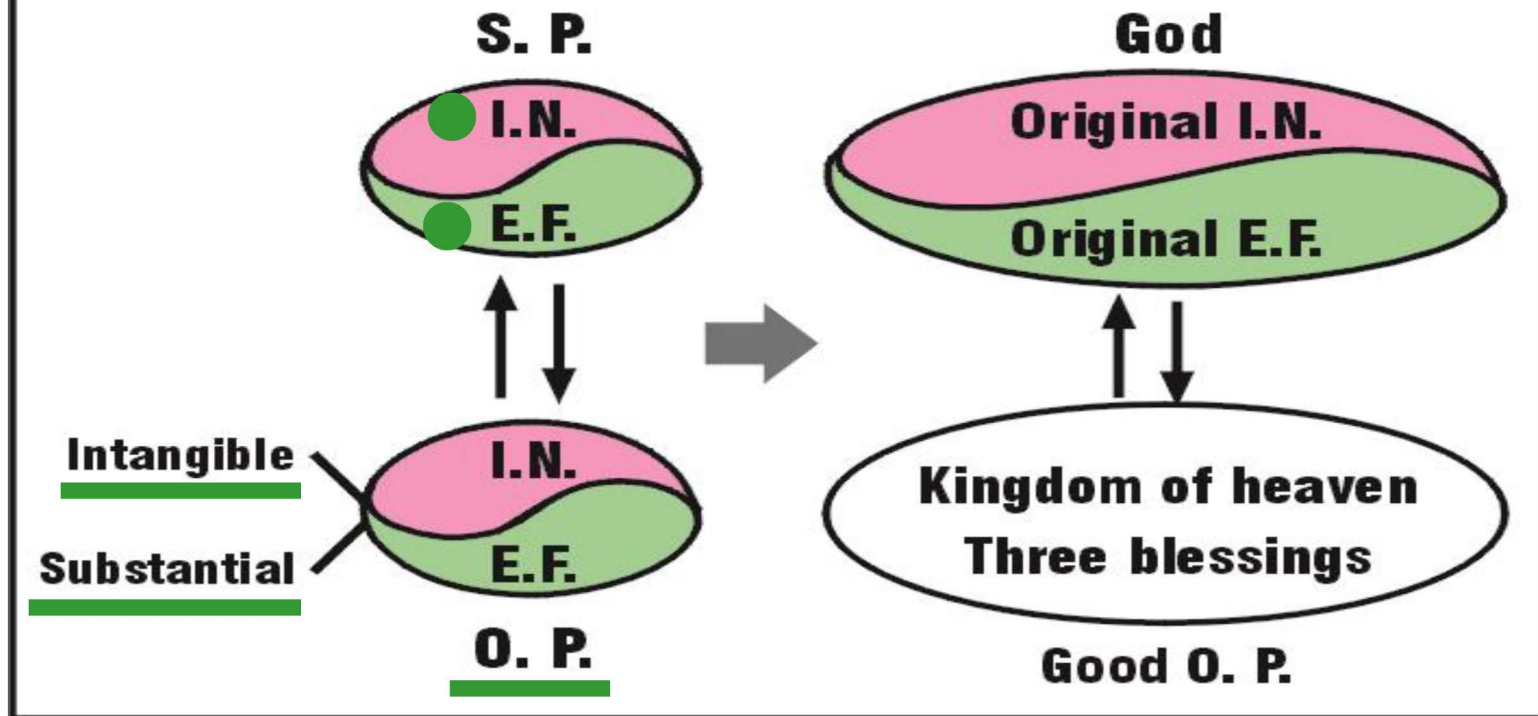
- All entities have dual purposes.
- Every entity has dual centers of movement, one of internal nature and another of external form. These centers pursue corresponding purposes - for the sake of the whole and for the sake of the individual - whose relationship is the same as that between internal nature and external form.

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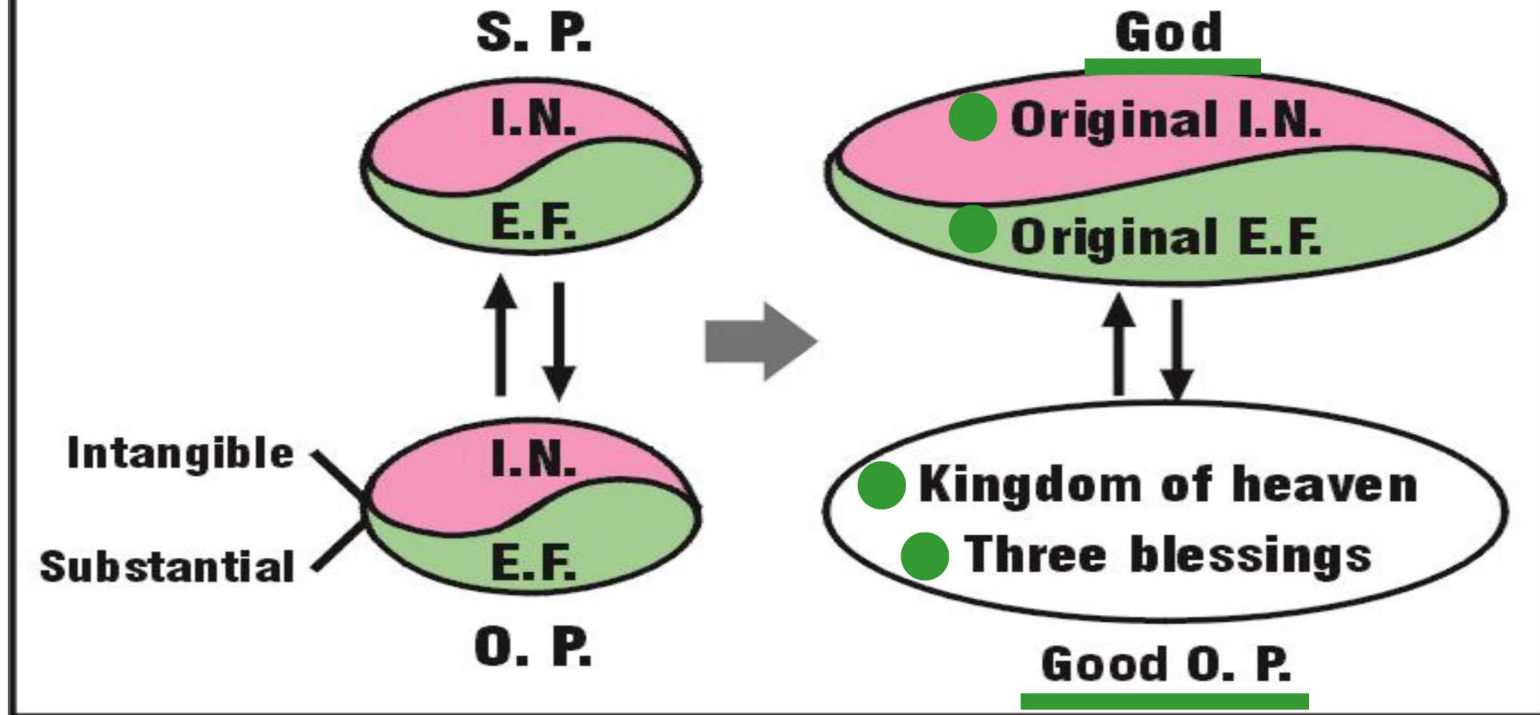
- In God's ideal, there cannot be any individual purpose which does not support the whole purpose, nor can there be any whole purpose that does not guarantee the interests of the individual.
- The infinite variety of beings in the universe form one vast organic body interwoven by these dual purposes.

Good object partners for the joy of God



- Joy is not produced by an individual alone.
- Joy arises when we have an object partner, whether intangible or substantial, in which our internal nature and external form are reflected and developed. Our object partner stimulates us and helps us to feel our own internal nature and external form.

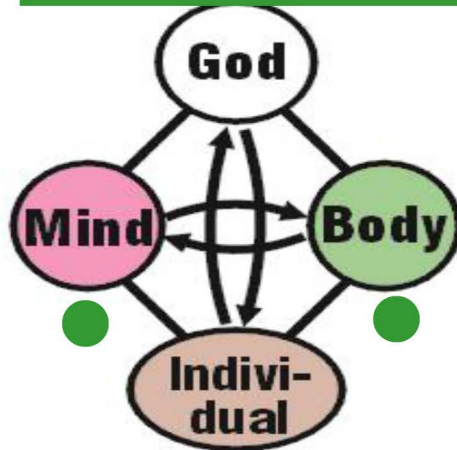
Good object partners for the joy of God



- God feels the fullness of joy when He is stimulated by His substantial object partners to feel His original internal nature and original external form through them.
- When the Kingdom of Heaven is realized—through the fulfillment of the three great blessings and the establishment of the four position foundation—it becomes the good object partner that gives joy to God.

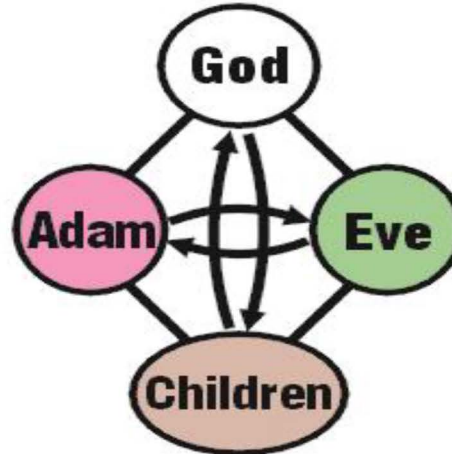
Three blessings

First blessing (Individual perfection)



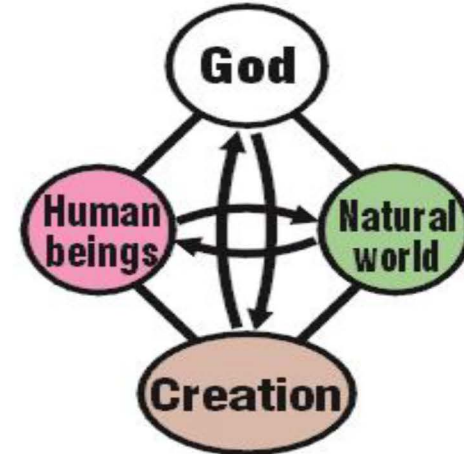
Individual FPF

Second blessing (Family perfection)



Family FPF

Third blessing (Perfection of dominion)

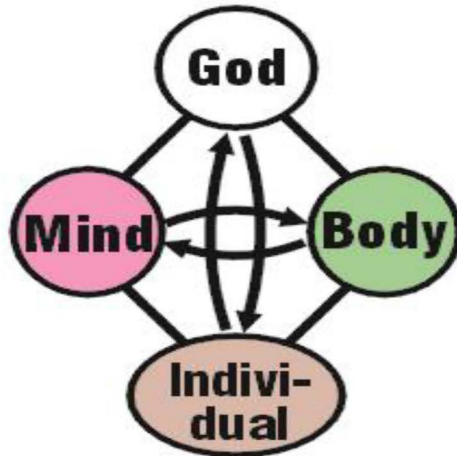


FPF of dominion

- The key to God's first blessing is the perfection of individual character. An individual's mind and body are discrete projections and object partners of God's dual characteristics. In order for an individual to perfect his character, he must form an individual four position foundation whereby his mind and body become one (individual) through give and take action with God as their center.

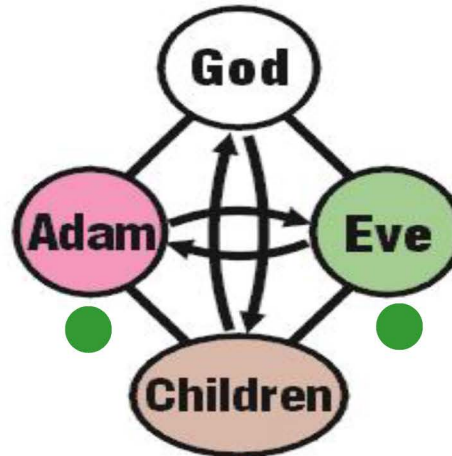
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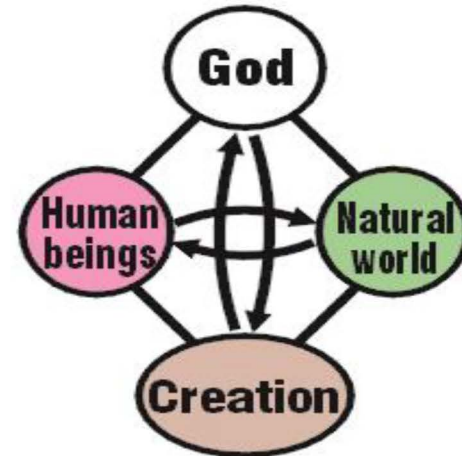
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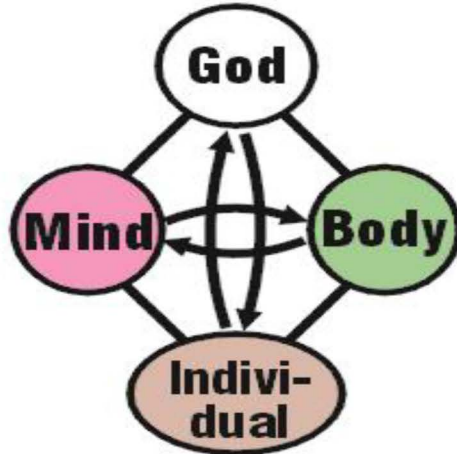


FPF of dominion

- In fulfilling God's second blessing, individually perfected Adam and Eve should construct a God-centered family four position foundation by joining in loving oneness as husband and wife and raising children.

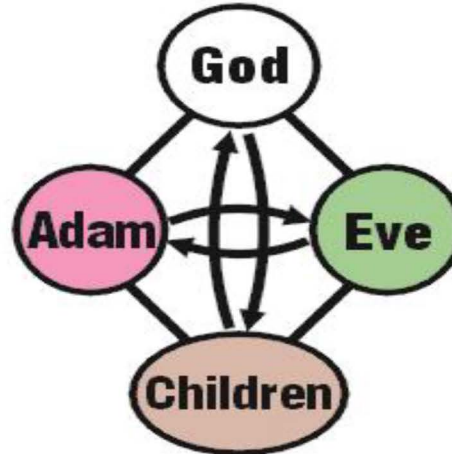
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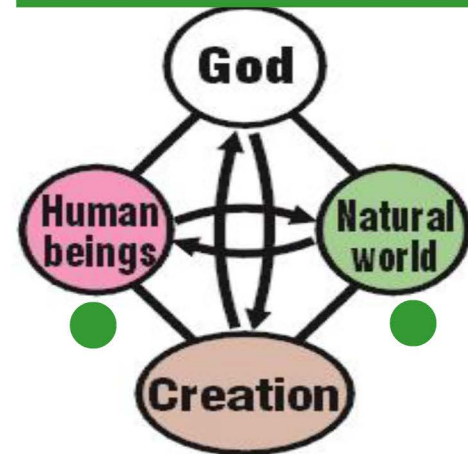
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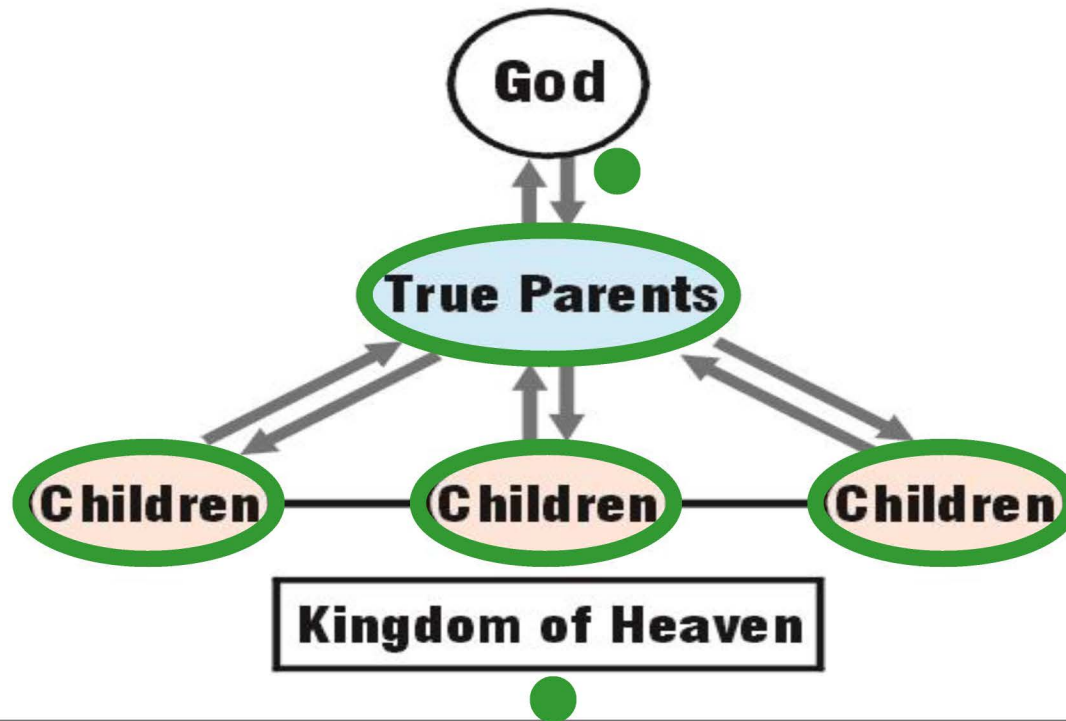
Third blessing
(Perfection of dominion)



FPF of dominion

- God's third blessing means the perfection of a human being's dominion over the natural world; for this, a God-centered four position foundation of dominion must be established through human beings and natural world becoming completely one (creation).

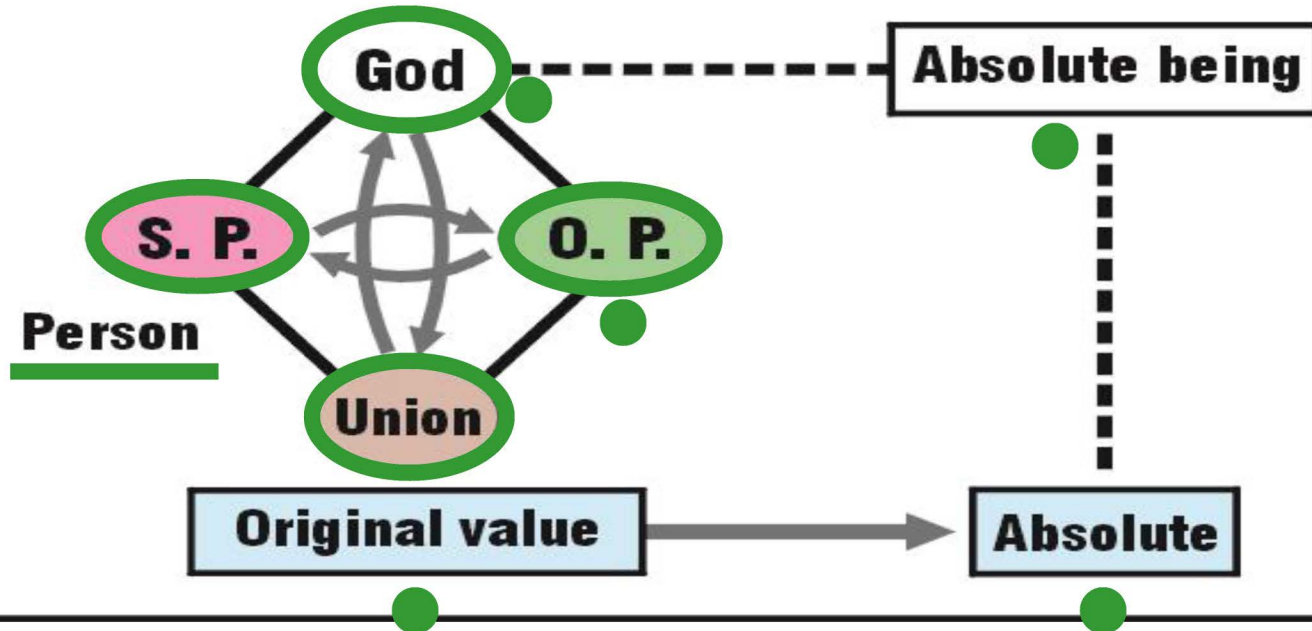
Realization of the purpose of creation



- Had God's purpose of creation been realized in this way, an ideal world without even a trace of sin would have been established on the earth. We call this world the Kingdom of Heaven on earth .
- In the Kingdom of Heaven, God's direction will be conveyed to all His children through the True Parents of humankind, guiding everyone to live as one.

Section 4 Original Value

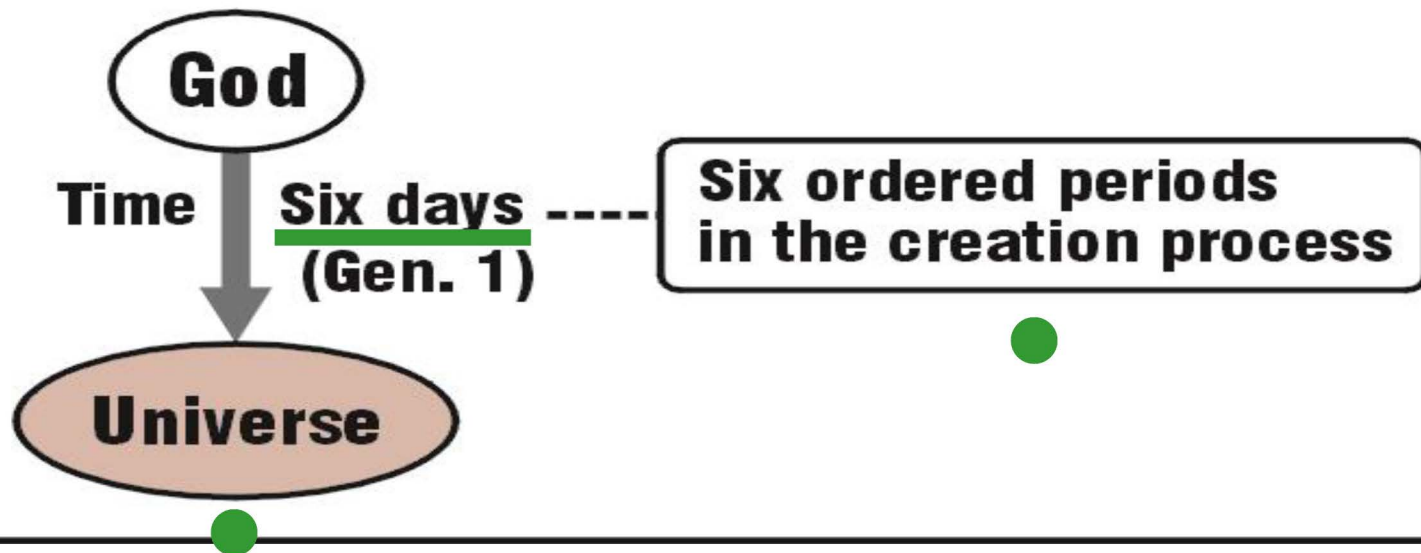
The process and standard for the determination of original value



- The original value of an entity is determined when it participates as an object partner in a God-centered four position foundation by relating with a person as its subject partner .
- Since the center of this four position foundation is God, it is God who sets the standard for its value. Since God is absolute, the original value of an object partner determined in relation to this standard must also be absolute.

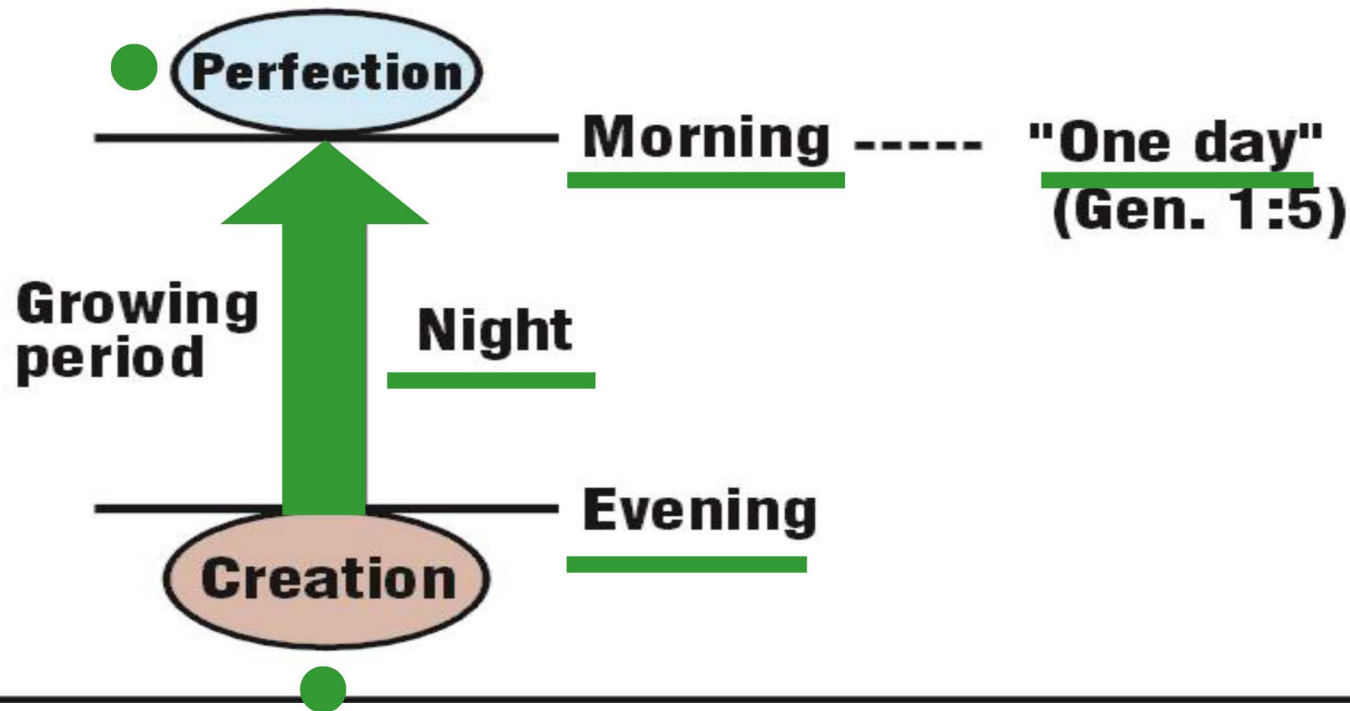
Section 5 The Process of the Creation of the Universe and Its Growing Period

The process of the creation of the universe



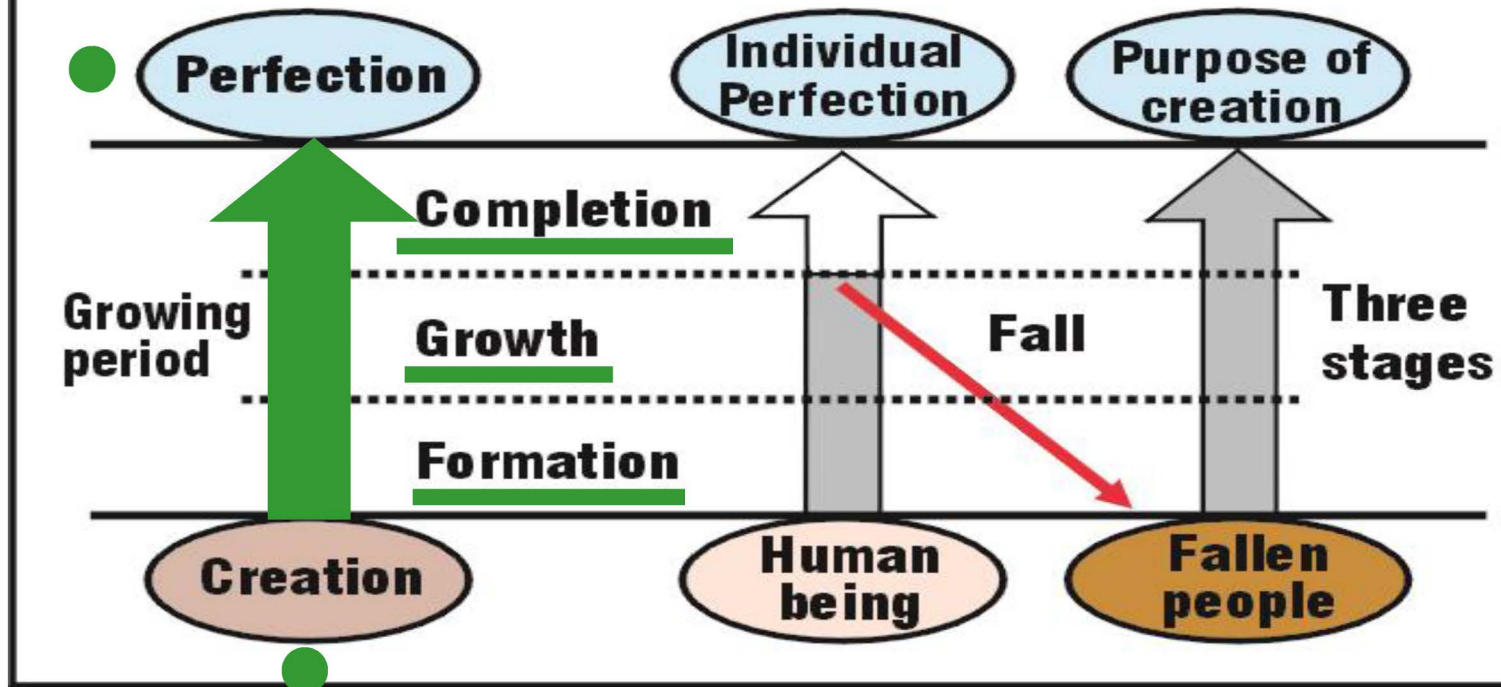
- The universe did not suddenly spring forth complete. In fact, its origin and development took an enormous length of time .
- The biblical period of six days for the completion of the universe is not to be reckoned by the number of literal sunrises and sunsets. It symbolizes six ordered periods of time in the creation process.

The growing period for the creation



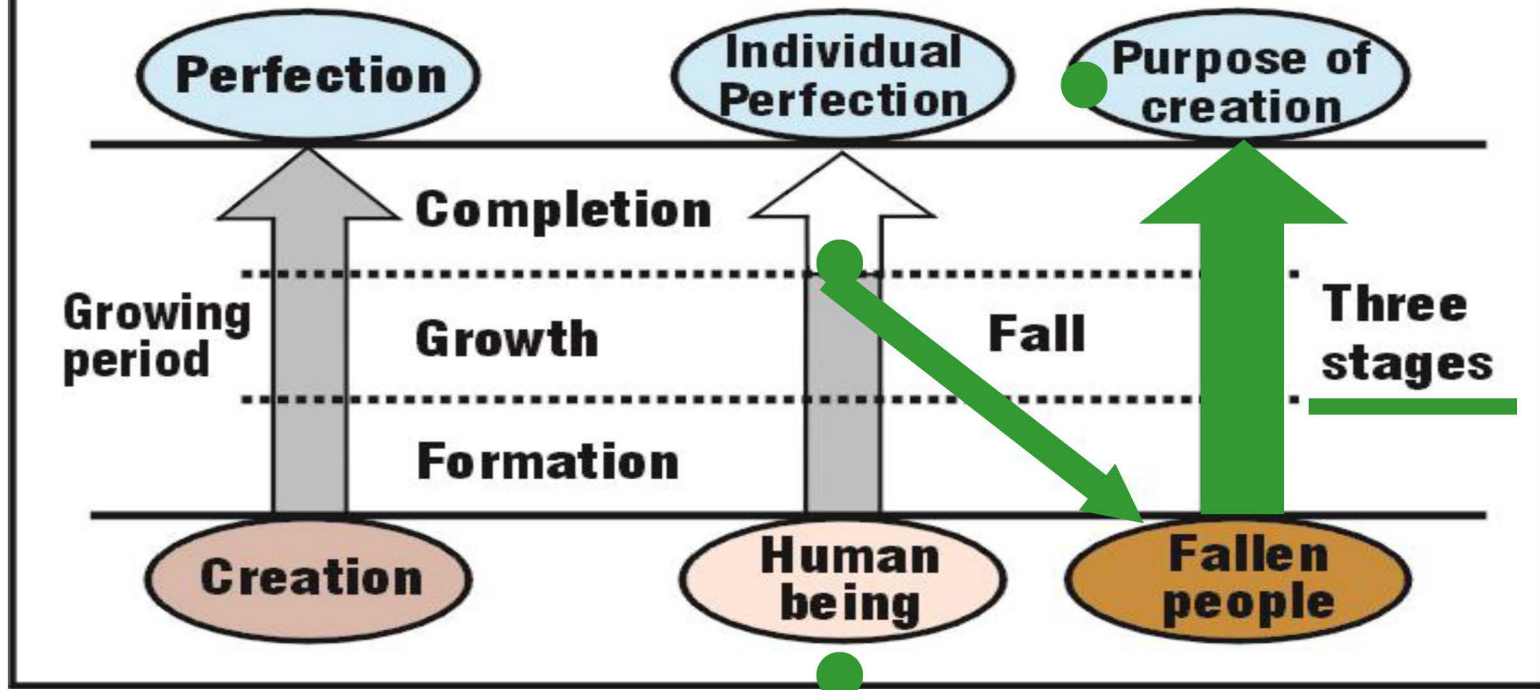
- When the first day of creation is completed, the Bible states, "There was evening and there was morning, one day." (Gen. 1:5)
- One would think that the arrival of the morning after the passage of an evening and a night would be reckoned as the second day, yet it is referred to as the first day. The Bible states "one day" to show that a created being must pass through a growing period, symbolized by the night, before it reaches perfection in the morning. Then, as it greets this new morning, it can step forward and realize its ideal of creation.

The three ordered stages of the growing period



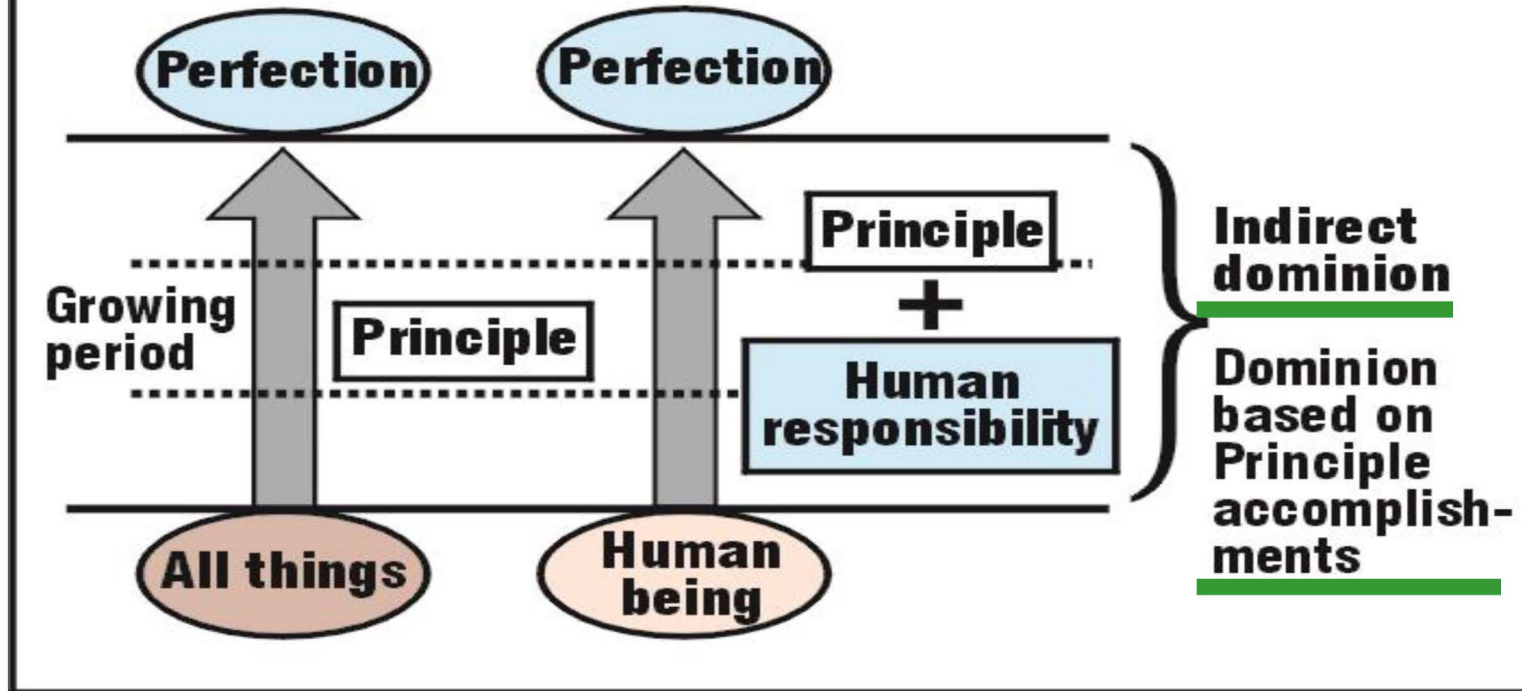
- All creation reach perfection by passing through three ordered stages of growth: the formation stage, the growth stage and the completion stage.

The three ordered stages of the growing period



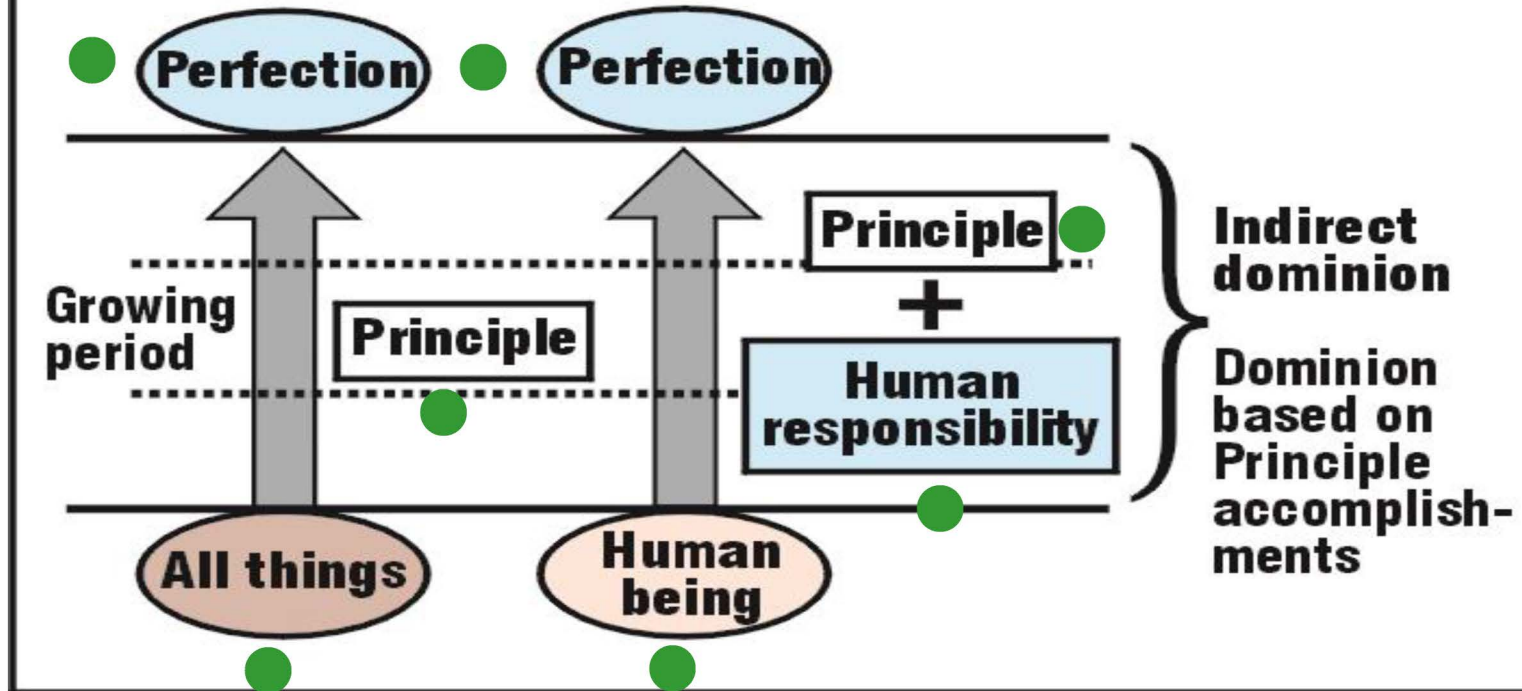
- Human beings could not fulfill the purpose of creation because they fell without completing the three stages of the growing period. Hence, in their renewed efforts to realize their purpose, human beings must pass through these three stages .
- The first human ancestors fell at the top of the growth stage .

The realm of indirect dominion



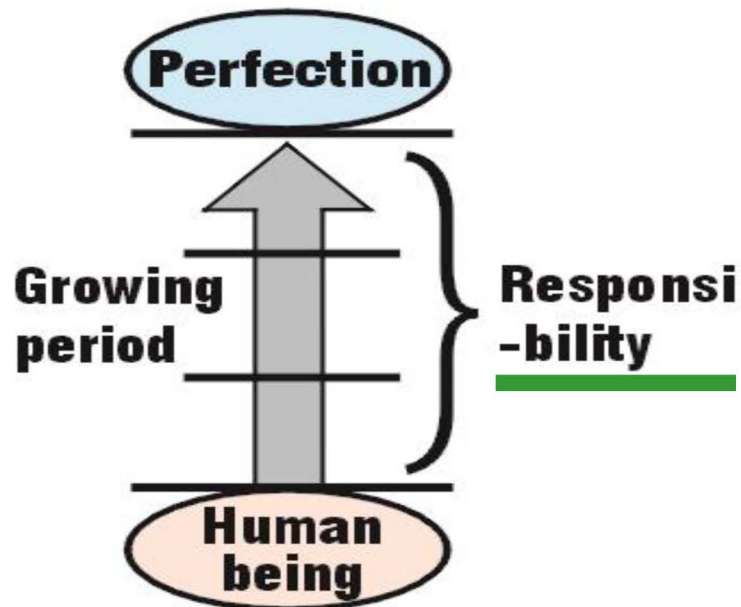
- When created beings are in the growing period, God has regard only for the fruits of their growth which are based on the Principle. In this way, He governs all things indirectly. We call this growing period the realm of God's indirect dominion or the realm of dominion based on accomplishments through the Principle.

The realm of indirect dominion



- All things reach perfection after passing through the growing period by virtue of the autonomy and governance given by God's Principle.
- Human beings, however, pass through the growing period and reach perfection by fulfilling their own portion of responsibility, in addition to the guidance provided by the Principle.

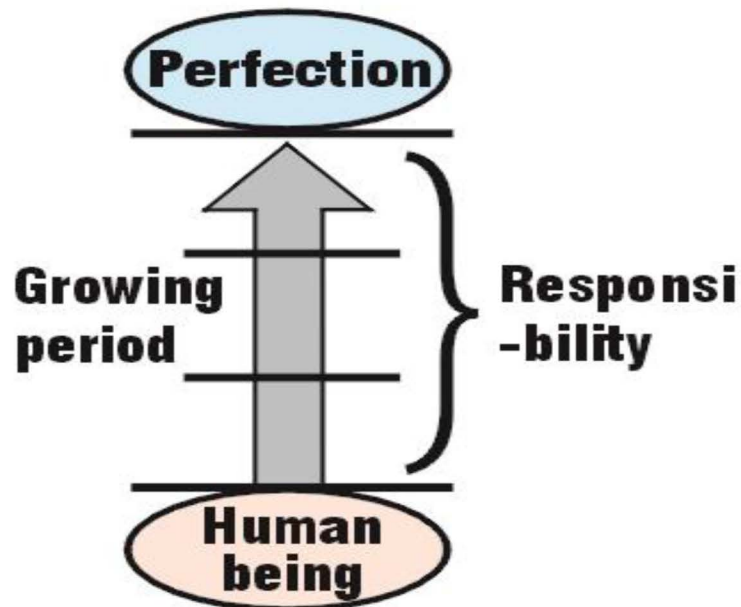
Why God endowed human beings with responsibility



- Creative nature of God
- Participate in God's creation
- Ownership: rule over creation
- As creators

- God endowed human beings with a portion of responsibility for the following reason.
- By fulfilling their given portion of responsibility, with which even God does not interfere, human beings are meant to inherit the creative nature of God and participate in God's great work of creation.

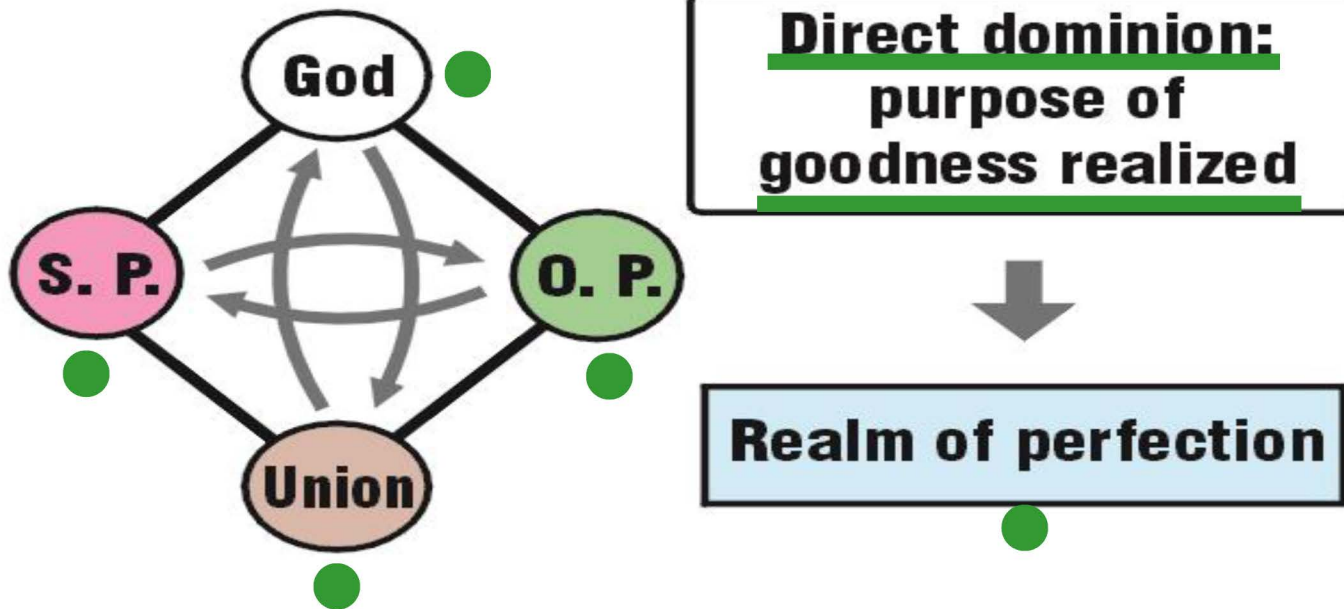
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- God intends human beings to earn ownership and become worthy to rule over the creation as creators in their own right, just as God governs over them as their Creator.
- This is the principal difference between human beings and the rest of creation.

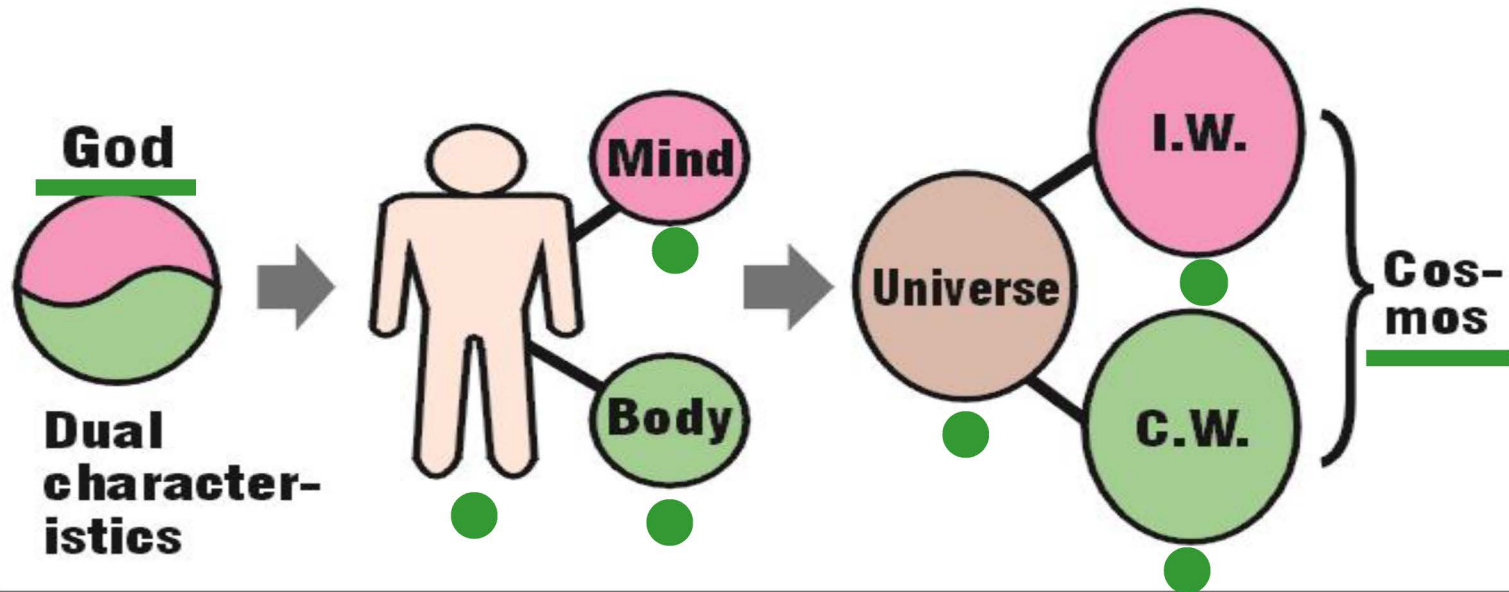
The realm of direct dominion



- Human beings abide in the realm of direct dominion when, as subject partner and object partner, they unite in the love of God to form a four position foundation and become one in heart with God. In this realm, they freely and fully share love and beauty according to the will of the subject partner, thus realizing the purpose of goodness .
- Hence, the realm of direct dominion is the realm of perfection.

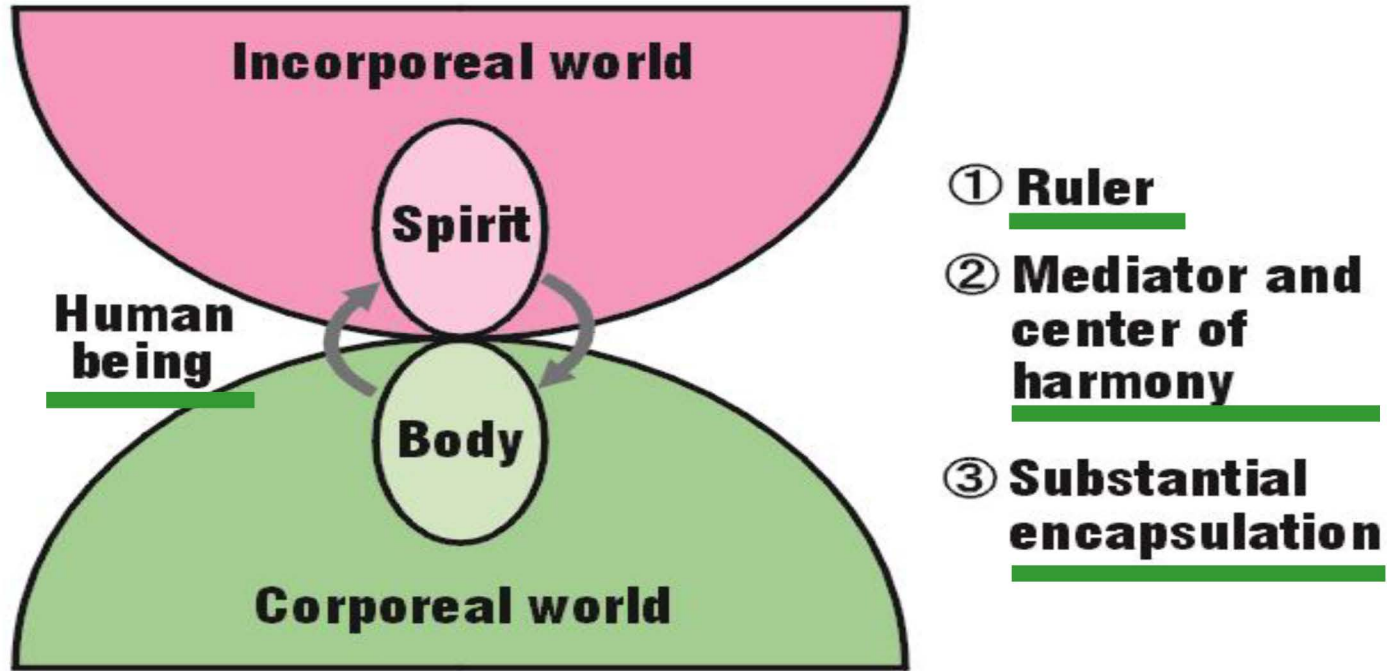
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The incorporeal world and the corporeal world



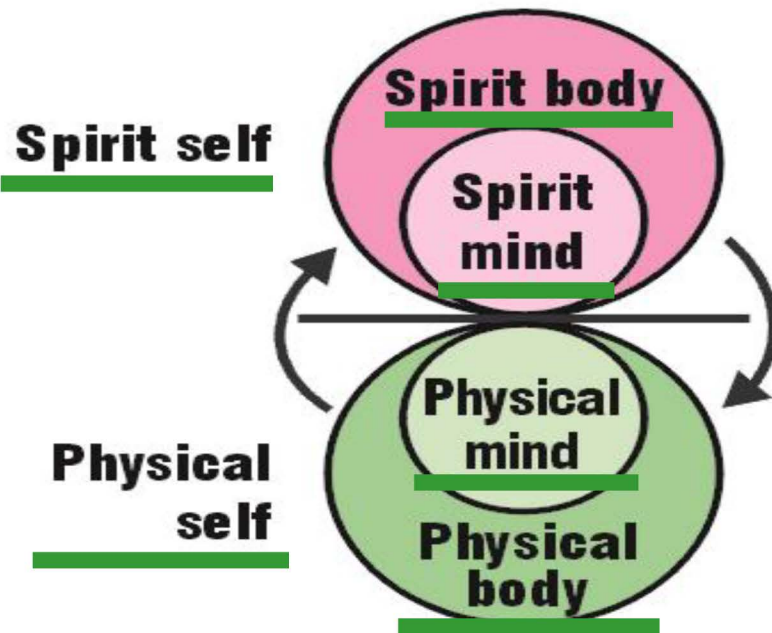
- The universe was created after the pattern of a human being, who is in the image of God's dual characteristics.
- Therefore, corresponding to the human mind and body, the universe consists of the incorporeal world and the corporeal world, both of which are real and substantial. The two worlds together form the cosmos.
- When we shed our physical bodies, we enter the incorporeal world as spirits and live there for eternity .

The position of human beings in the cosmos



- ① God created human beings to be the rulers of the universe,
- ② Mediator and center of harmony of the cosmos, and
- ③ Encapsulation, in a substantial form, of the essence of everything in the cosmos (microcosm) .

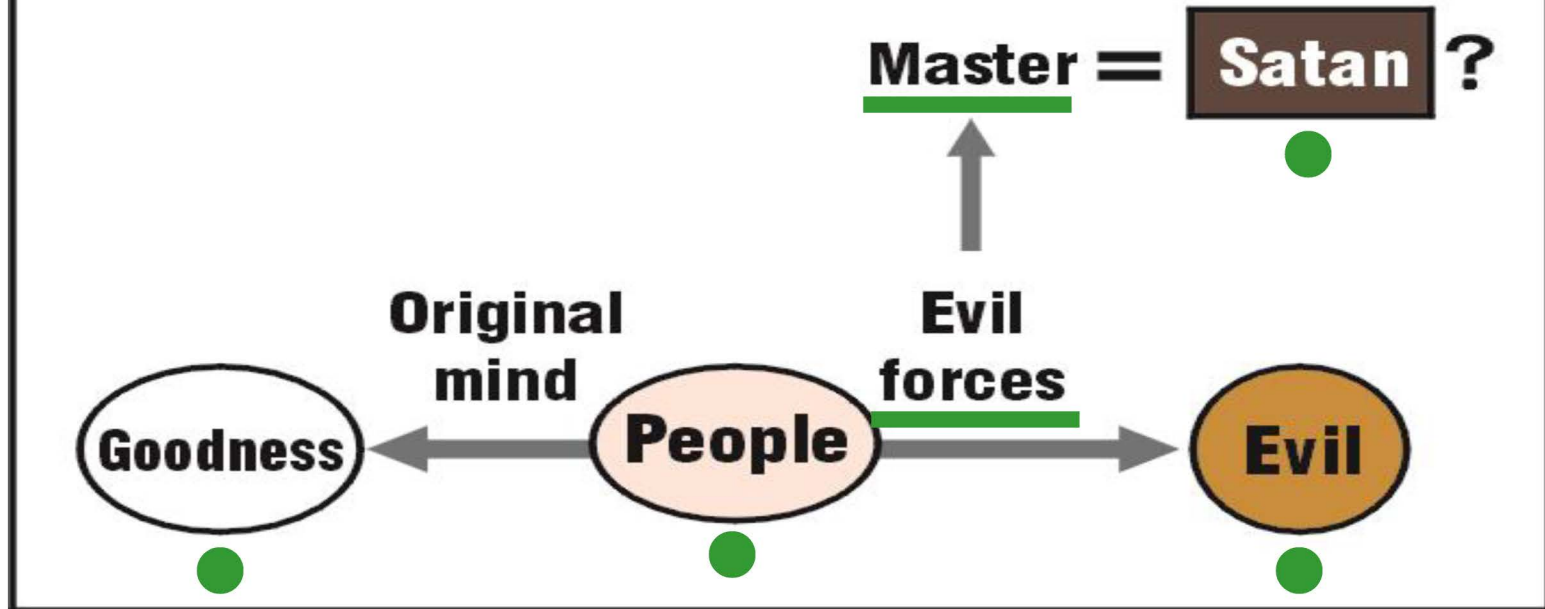
The reciprocal relationship between the physical self and the spirit self



- Grow and reach perfection
- Become good
- Heaven or hell

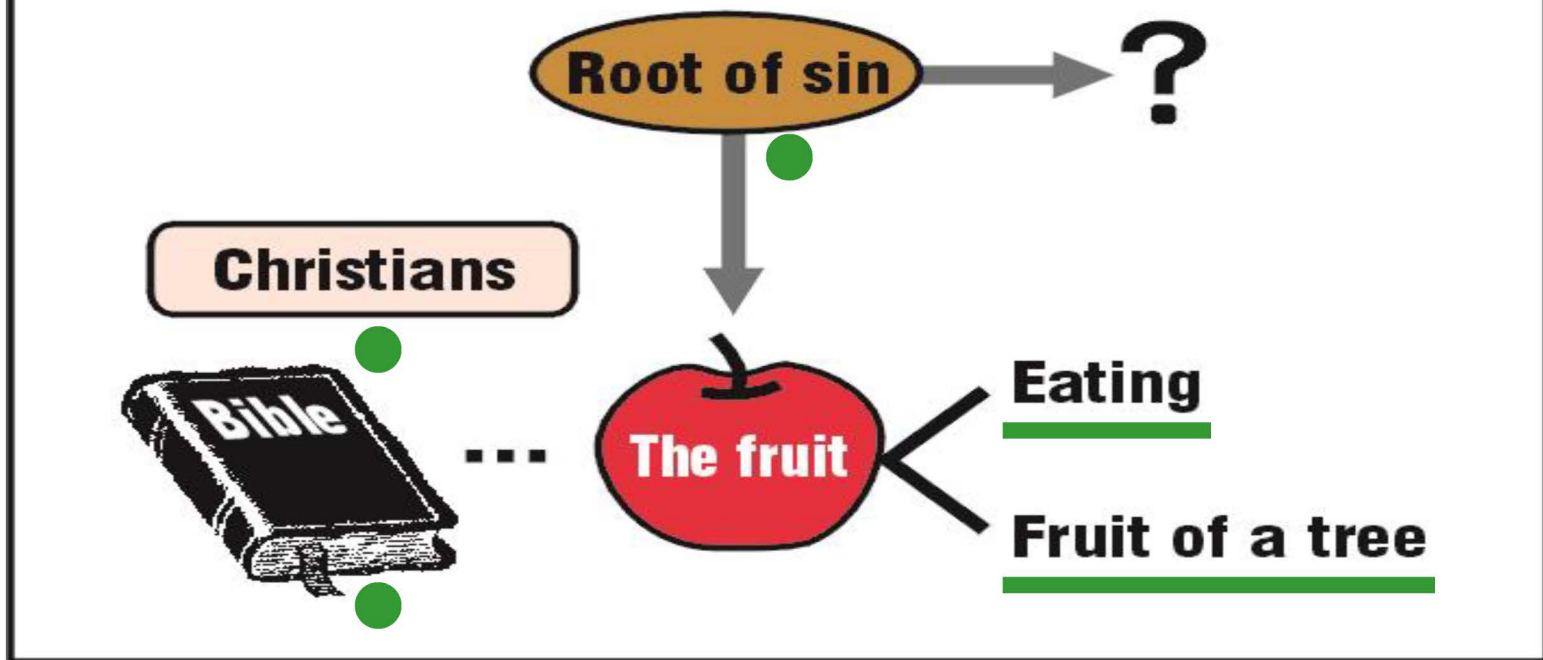
- The physical self consists of the dual characteristics of the physical mind and the physical body.
- Our spirit self consists of the dual characteristics of spirit mind and spirit body.
- The spirit can grow and reach perfection only while it abides in the body.
- The spirit becomes good only through the redemption of sins granted during earthly life.
- It is not God who decides whether a person's spirit enters heaven or hell upon his death; it is decided by the spirit himself.

Chapter 2 The Human Fall

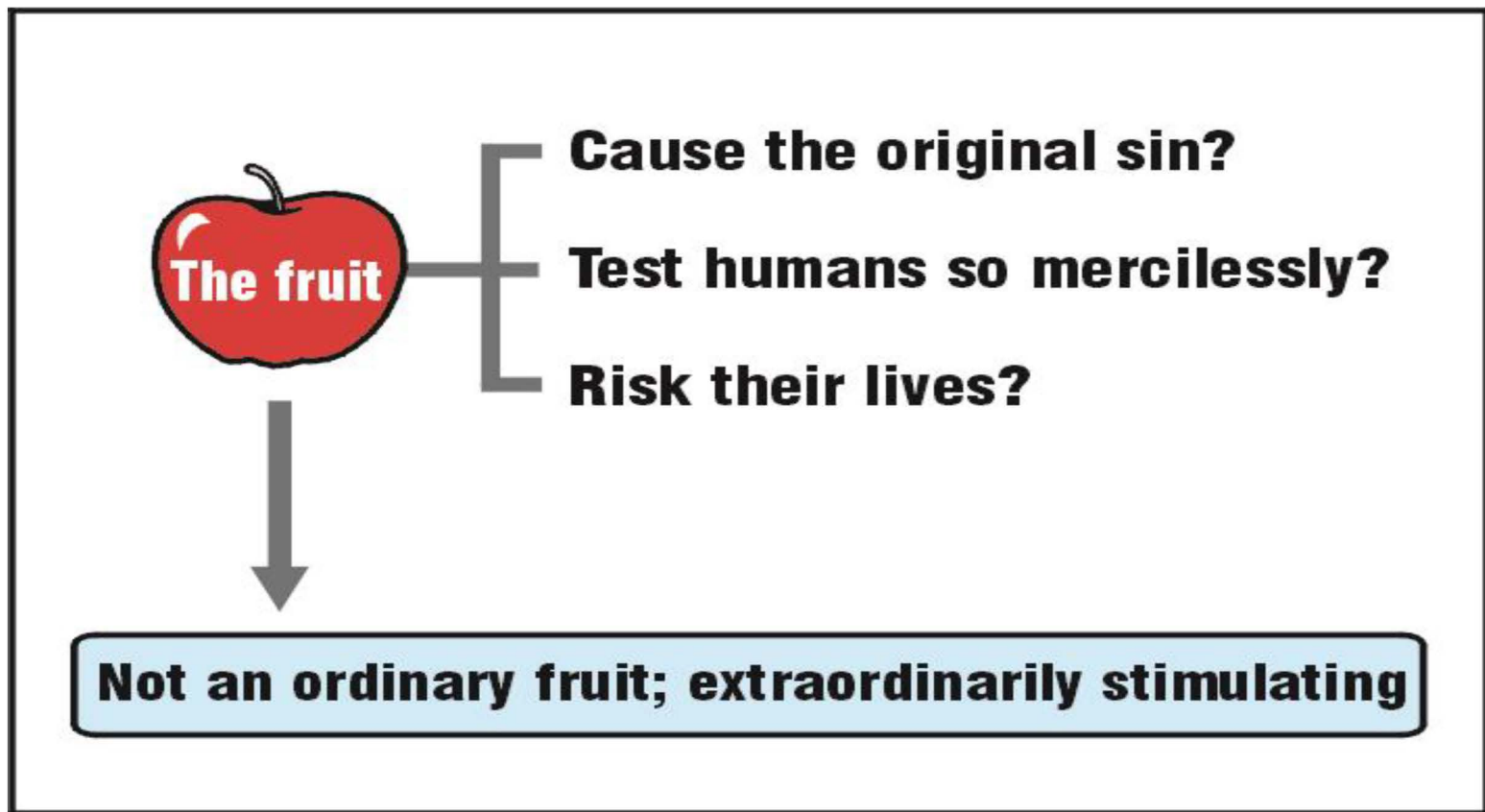


- All people have an original mind, which inclines them to pursue goodness. Yet, even without our being aware of it, we are driven by evil forces to perform evil deeds, which we do not want to do .
- In Christianity, the master of these evil forces is known as Satan.
- To extirpate evil by its root, and thereby end sinful history and usher in an era of goodness, we must first expose the motivation and origin of Satan and recognize the destruction he has wrought in human life.
- This explanation of the human Fall will clarify these issues.

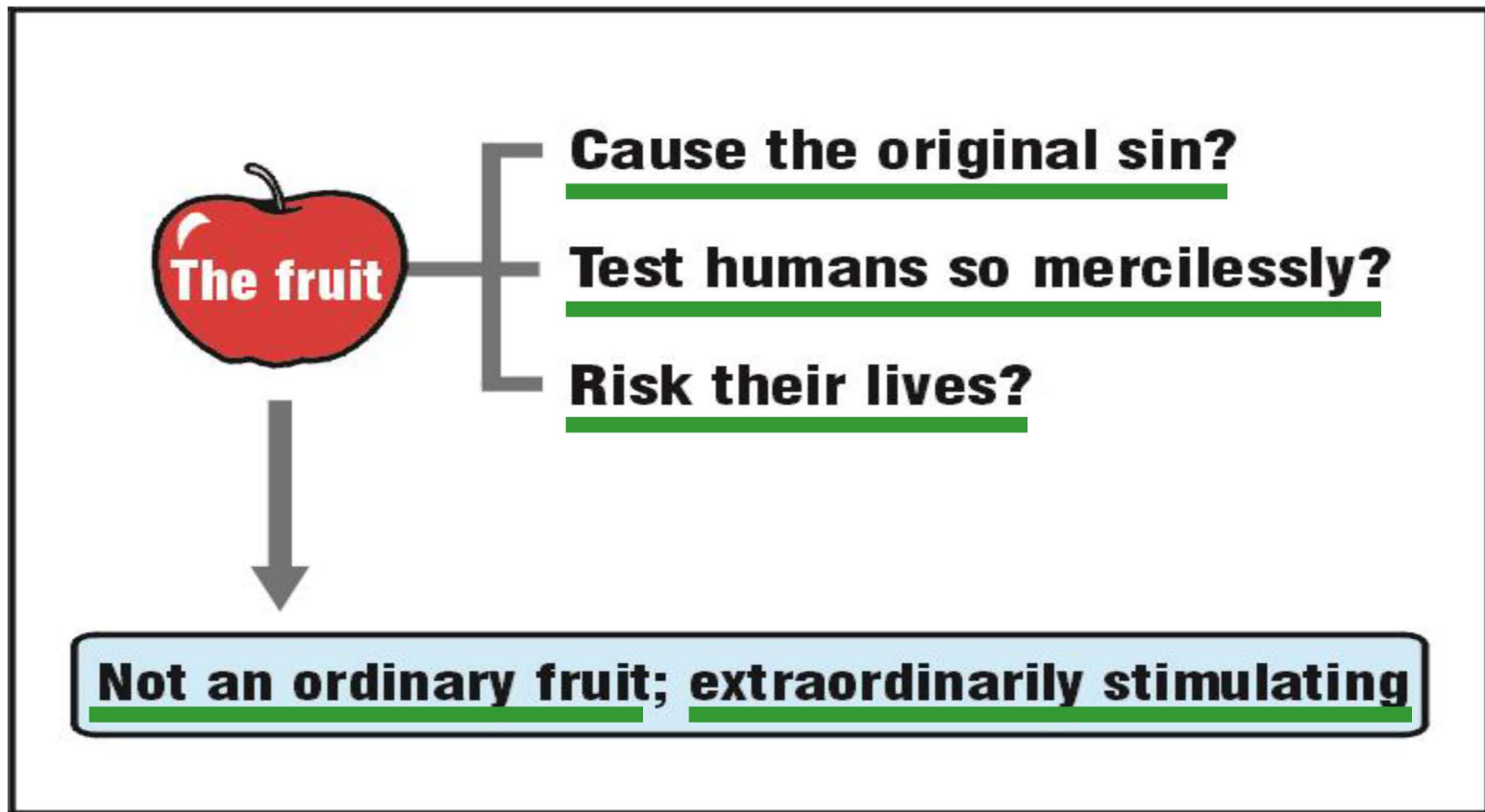
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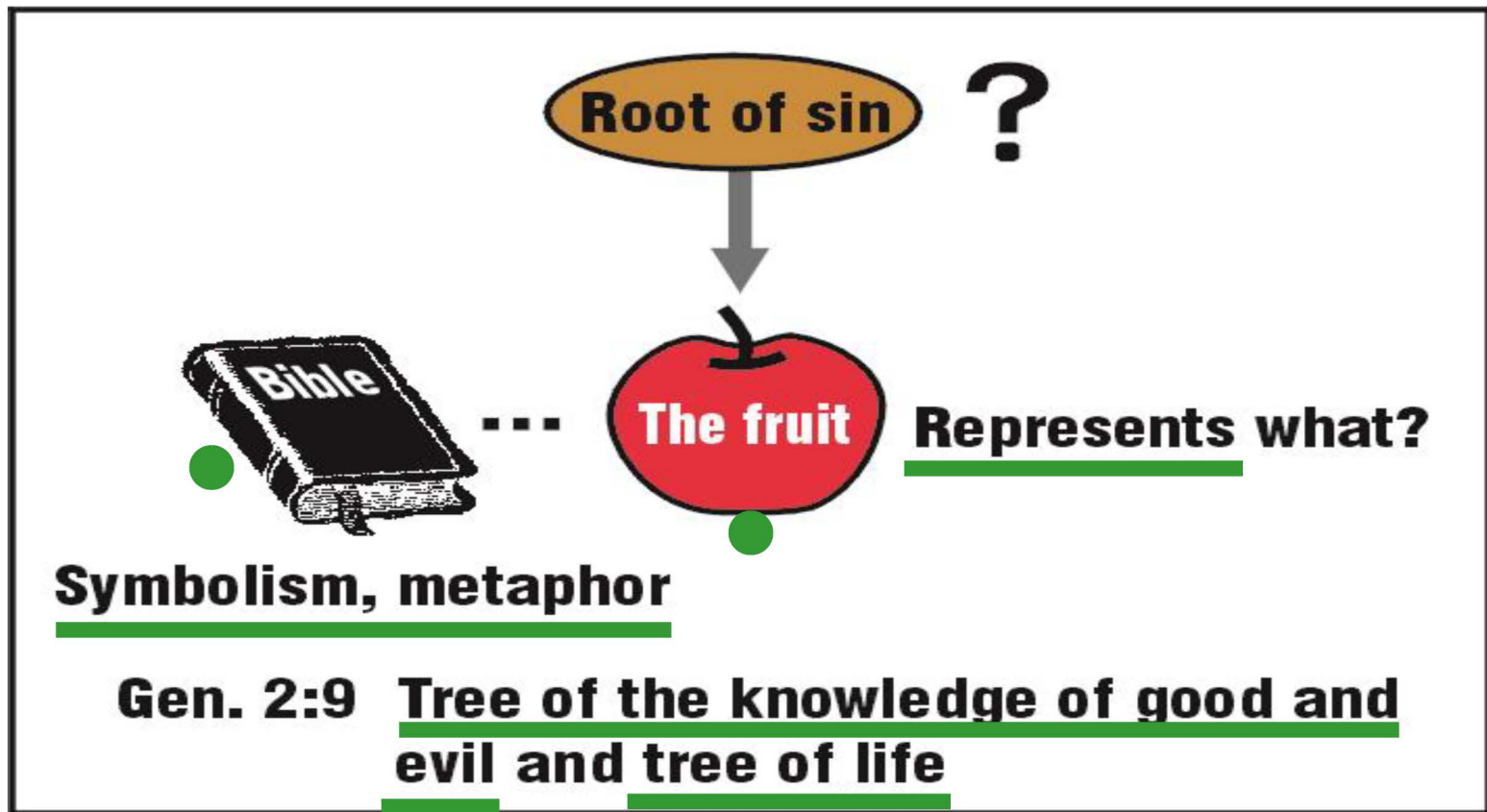
- No one has known the root of sin.
- Christians, on the basis of the Bible, have held to a vague belief that Adam and Eve's eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the root of sin.
- They have thought that the fruit was that of an actual tree .



- But would God, the loving Parent of humanity, make a fruit which could cause the Fall to look so attractive? Would He place it where His children could reach it so easily?



- How can something one eats cause the original sin, which can be transmitted to one's descendants?
- Would the God of love test humans so mercilessly by a means that could cause their death?
- Adam and Eve would not have risked their lives and disobeyed God only to obtain some delicacy.
- Therefore, we can surmise that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil could not have been an ordinary fruit. Rather, it must have been something so extraordinarily stimulating that even the fear of death did not deter them from grasping it.



- Many important parts of the Bible are in symbolism and metaphor.
- To learn what the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents, let us first investigate the tree of life, which stood next to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:9).

The tree of life and tree of knowledge of good and evil

Ideal man

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Perfected Adam

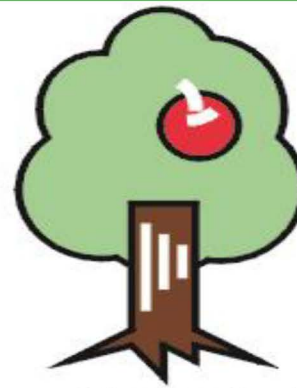


Tree of life

Ideal woman

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Perfected Eve

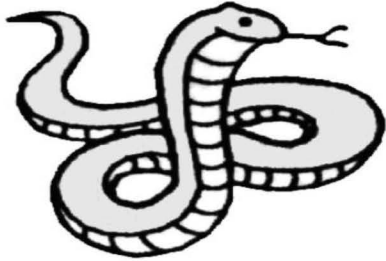


**Tree of knowledge of
good and evil**

- The tree of life symbolizes an ideal man, who has fully realized the ideal of creation. It thus symbolizes perfected Adam .
- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents the ideal woman, perfected Eve .
- The Bible refers to Jesus using the metaphors of a vine (John 15:5) and a branch (Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5). Likewise, to give us a hint about the secret of the human Fall, God provided the symbolism of two trees to represent perfected Adam and Eve .

The identity of the serpent

[Gen. 3:4-5]



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- ② Caused the Fall of humans
- ③ Knew the Will of God
- ④ Lived in heaven (Rev. 12:9)
- ⑤ Dominates the human soul

● In the Bible we read that a serpent tempted Eve to commit sin (Gen. 3:4-5).

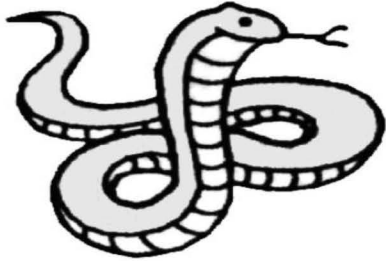
① The serpent described in the Bible was able to converse with people.

② It caused the Fall of humans, who are spiritual beings.

③ Furthermore, the serpent knew the Will of God, which strictly forbade human beings to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

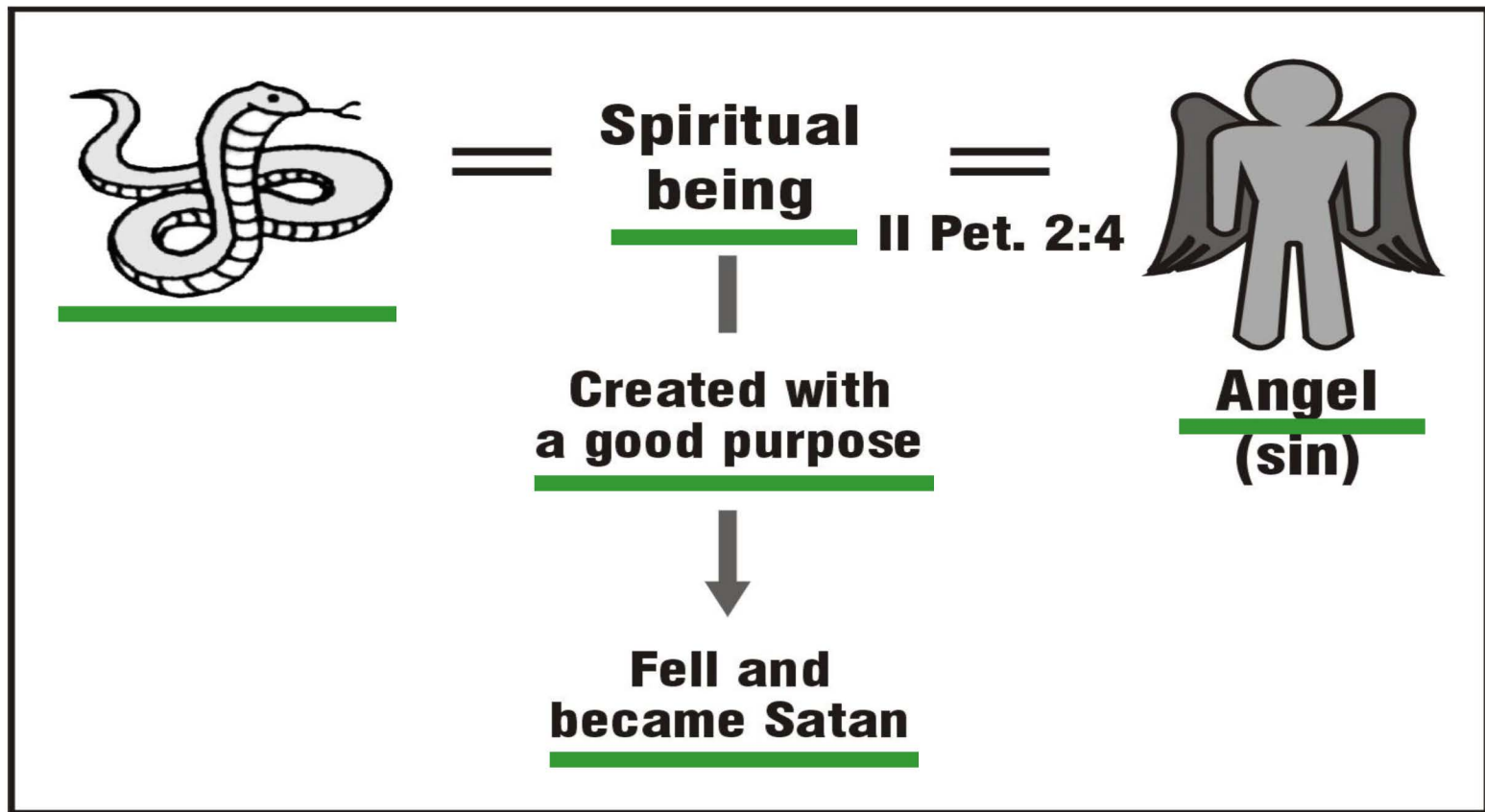
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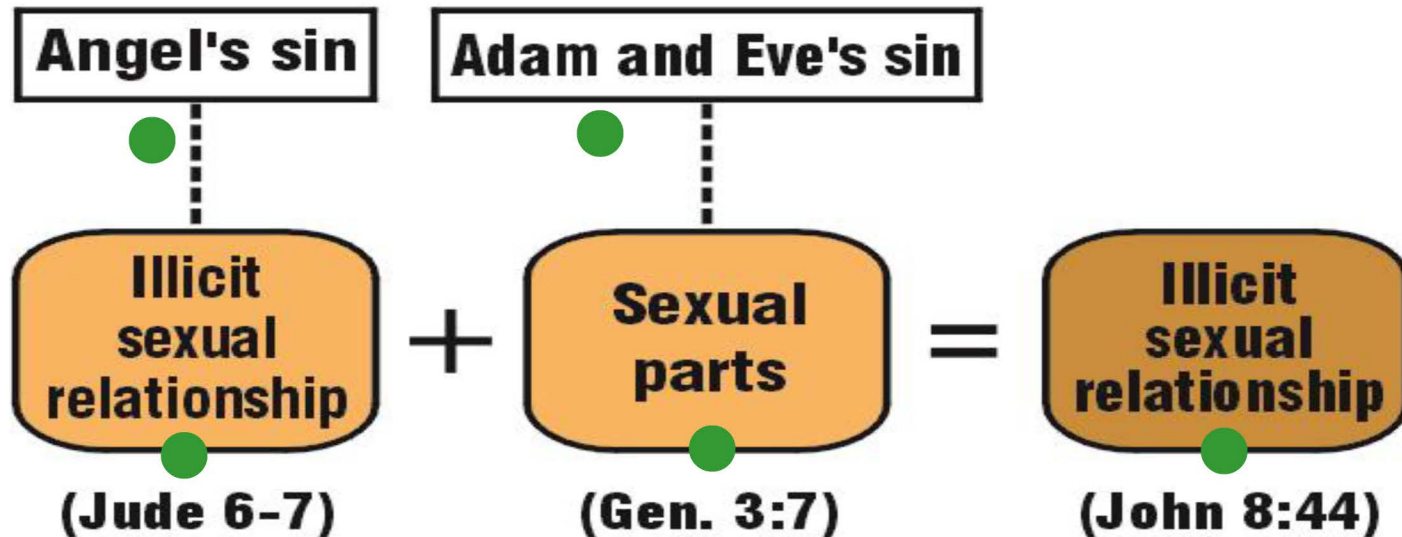
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- ④ As it is written, "The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, he was thrown down to the earth," (Rev. 12:9) it lived in heaven before it was thrown down.
- ⑤ Even now, it can transcend time and space to dominate the human soul .



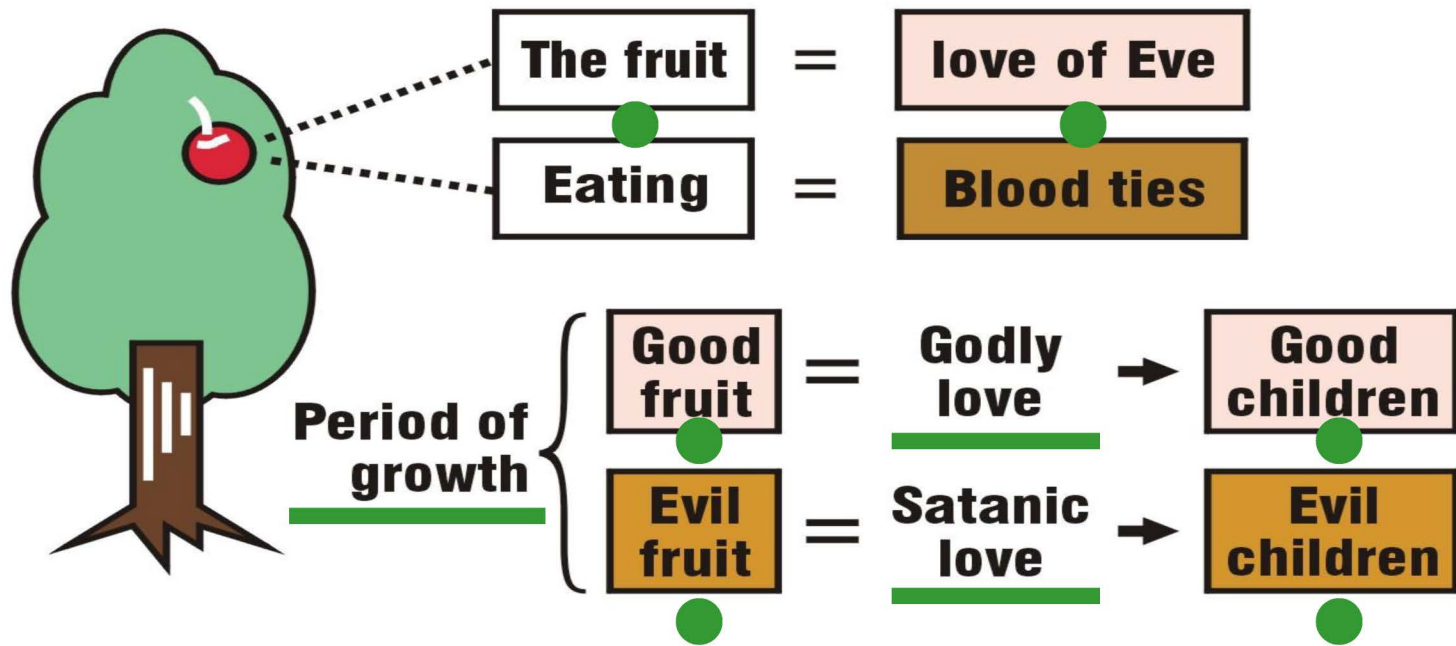
- This is compelling evidence that the being which the serpent symbolizes was a spiritual being .
- The spiritual being represented by the serpent was originally created with a good purpose, but later fell and became Satan.
- There are no beings endowed with such characteristics other than angels .
- Therefore, the serpent is an angel (II Pet. 2:4).

The fall of the angel and the fall of human beings



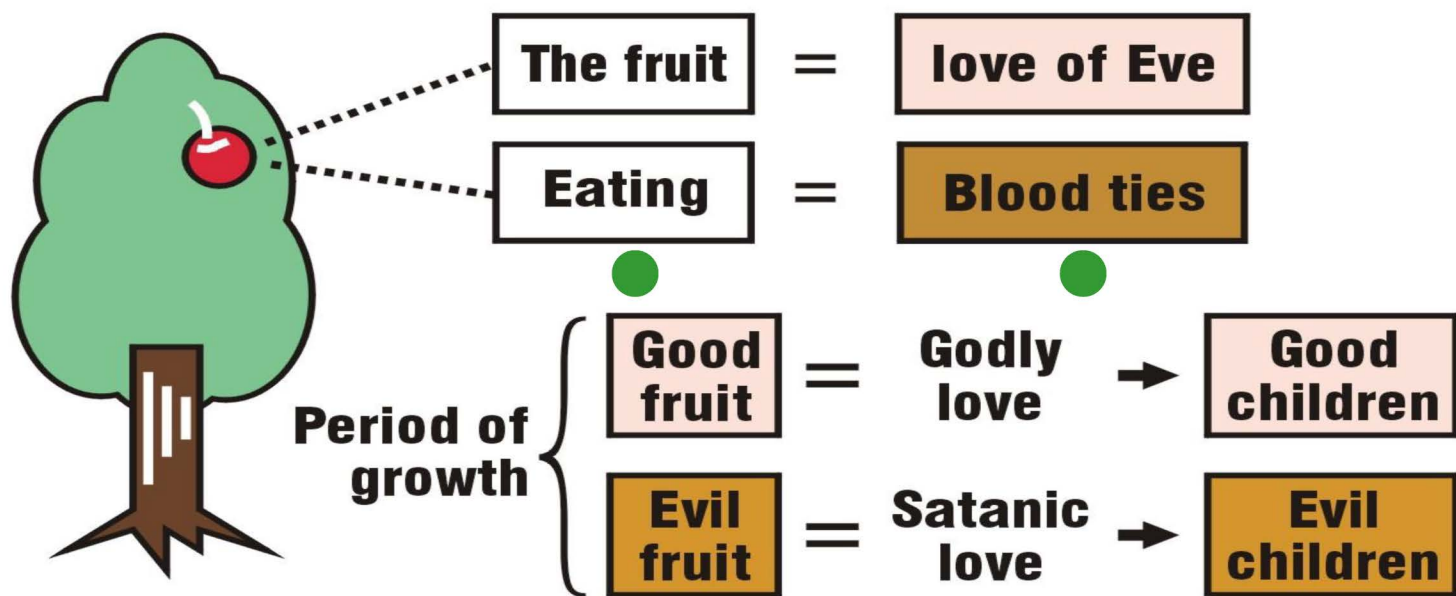
- From Jude 6-7 we can infer that the angel fell as a result of an illicit sexual relationship.
- From Gen. 3:7, we can infer that Adam and Eve's sexual parts were the instruments of their sinful deed.
- In John 8:44, Jesus said, "You are of your father the devil."
- Hence, we can deduce that the illicit sexual relationship must have occurred between the angel and human beings.

The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil



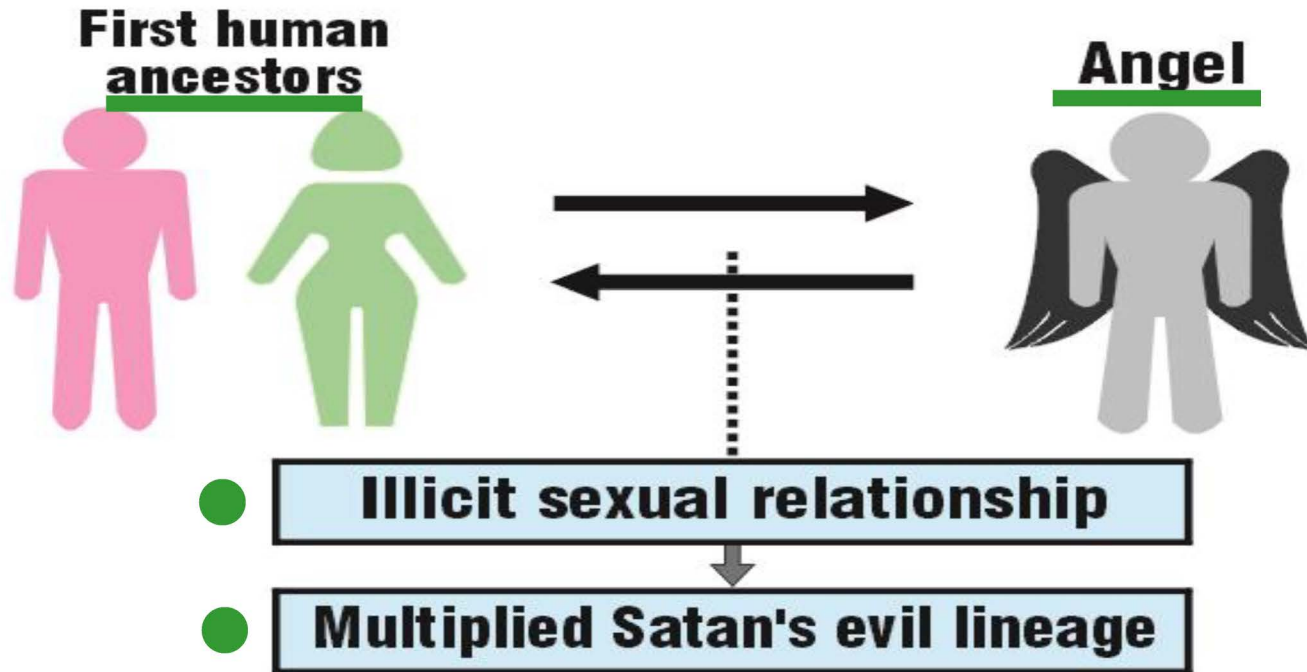
- The fruit signifies the love of Eve.
- Eve should have borne good children through her godly love. Instead, she bore evil children through her satanic love.
- Eve was created in an immature state; she was to reach full maturity only after going through a period of growth. Thus, it was possible for her to bear either good fruit or evil fruit through her love.

The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil



- Accordingly, Eve's eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil denotes that she consummated a satanic love relationship with the angel which bound her in blood ties to him.

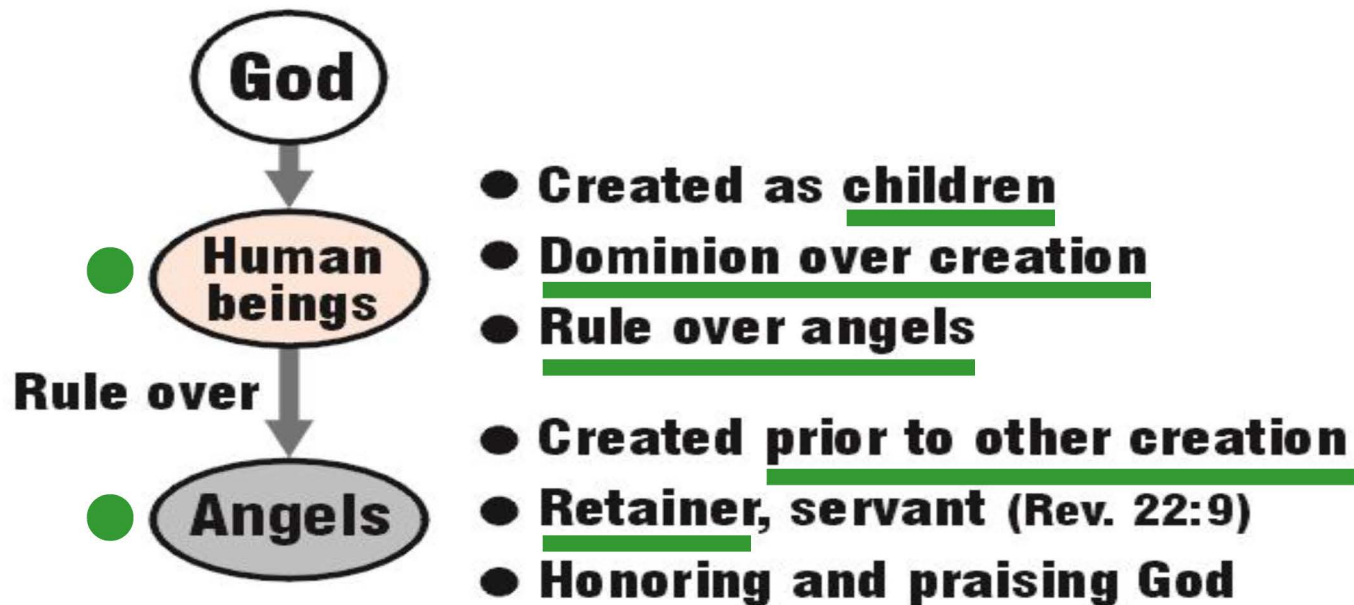
The root of sin



- The root of sin is that the first human ancestors had an illicit sexual relationship with an angel symbolized by a serpent .
- Thus, they multiplied Satan's evil lineage.

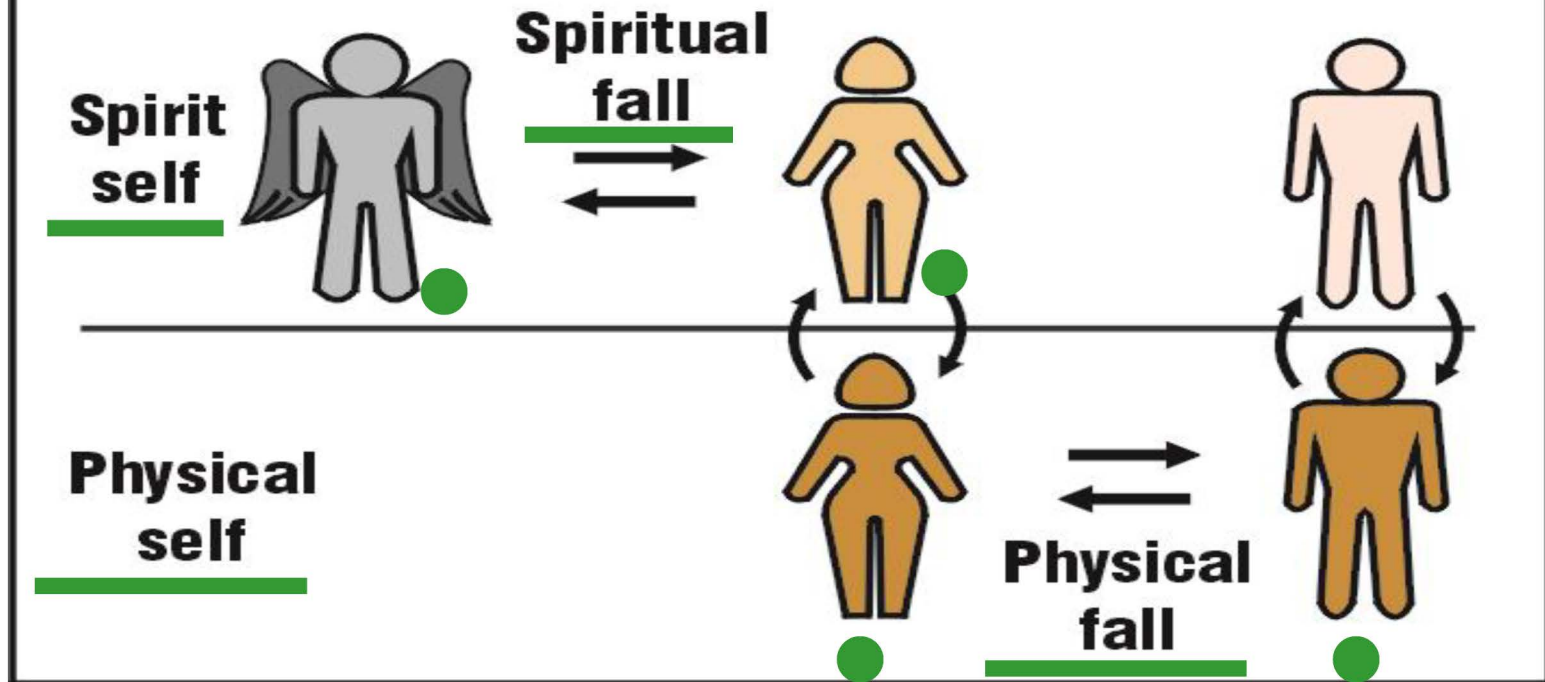
Section 2 The Motivation and Process of the Fall

The relationship between angels and human beings



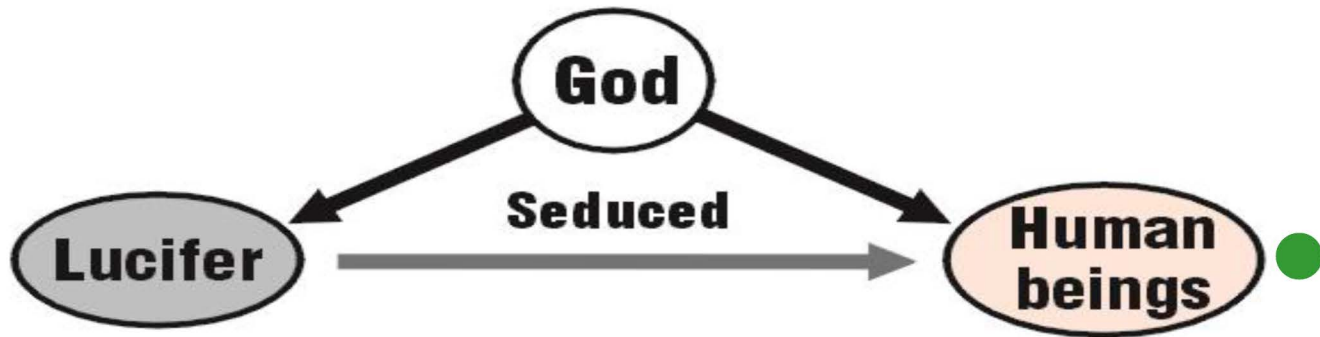
- Angels were created by God prior to any other creation .
- God created angels to be His retainers, who would assist Him in creating and sustaining the universe (Heb. 1:14), "a servant," (Rev. 22:9) and "ministering spirits"(Heb. 1:14). The Bible often portrays angels honoring and praising God (Rev. 5:11-12).
- Because God created us human beings as His children and gave us dominion over all creation, we are meant to rule over the angels as well.

The spiritual fall and the physical fall



- God created human beings with two components: the spirit self and the physical self. The human Fall likewise took place in two dimensions: the spiritual and the physical .
- The fall which took place through the sexual relationship between the angel and Eve was the spiritual fall, while the fall which occurred through the sexual relationship between Eve and Adam was the physical fall.

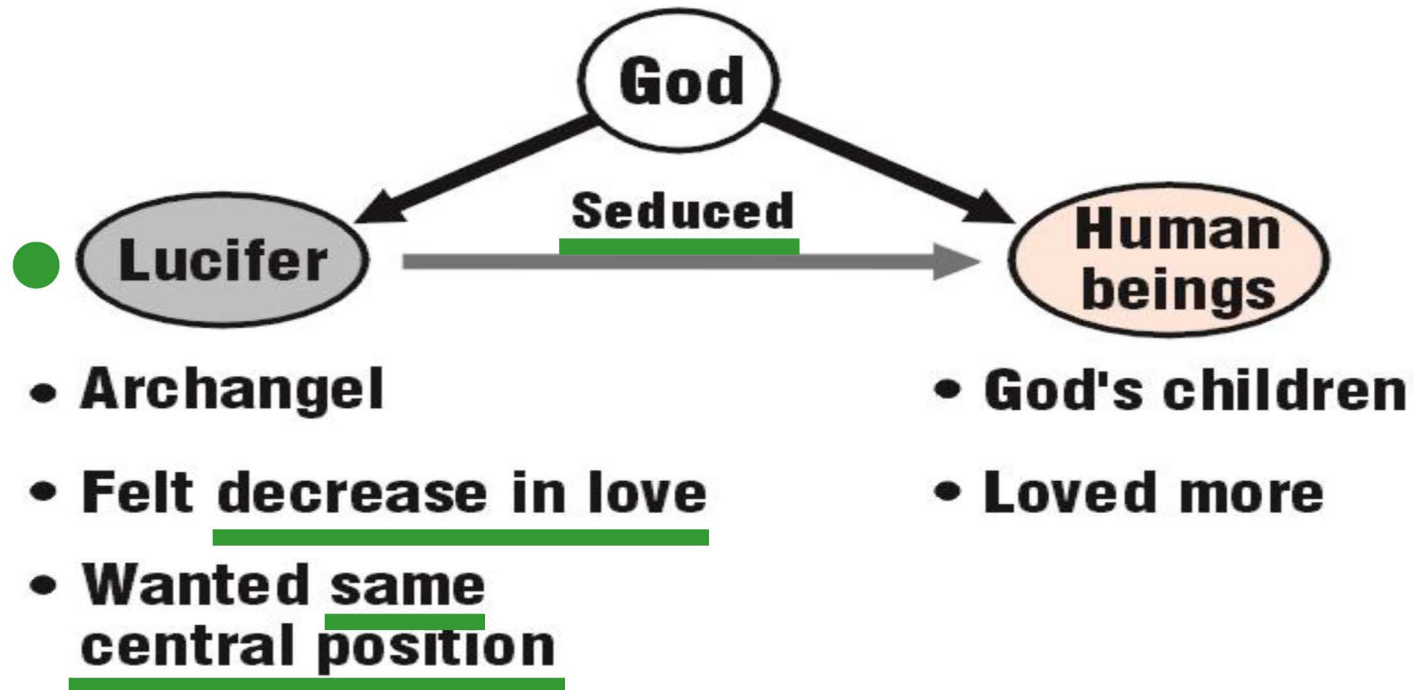
Motivation of the spiritual fall



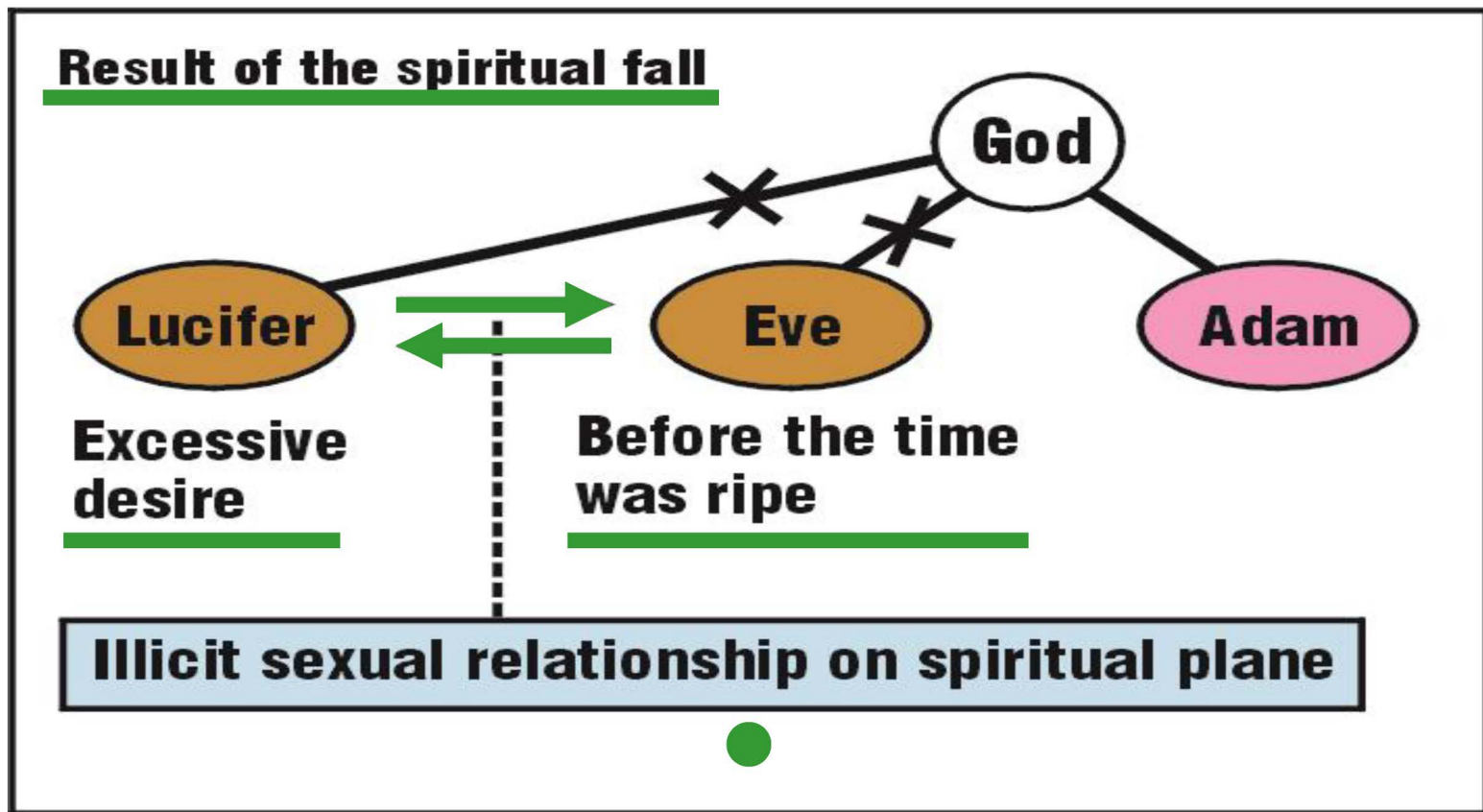
- Archangel
- Felt decrease in love
- Wanted same central position
- God's children
- Loved more

- God assigned Lucifer to the position of archangel.
- However, after God created human beings as His children, He loved them many times more than He had ever loved Lucifer, whom He had created as His servant.

Motivation of the spiritual fall

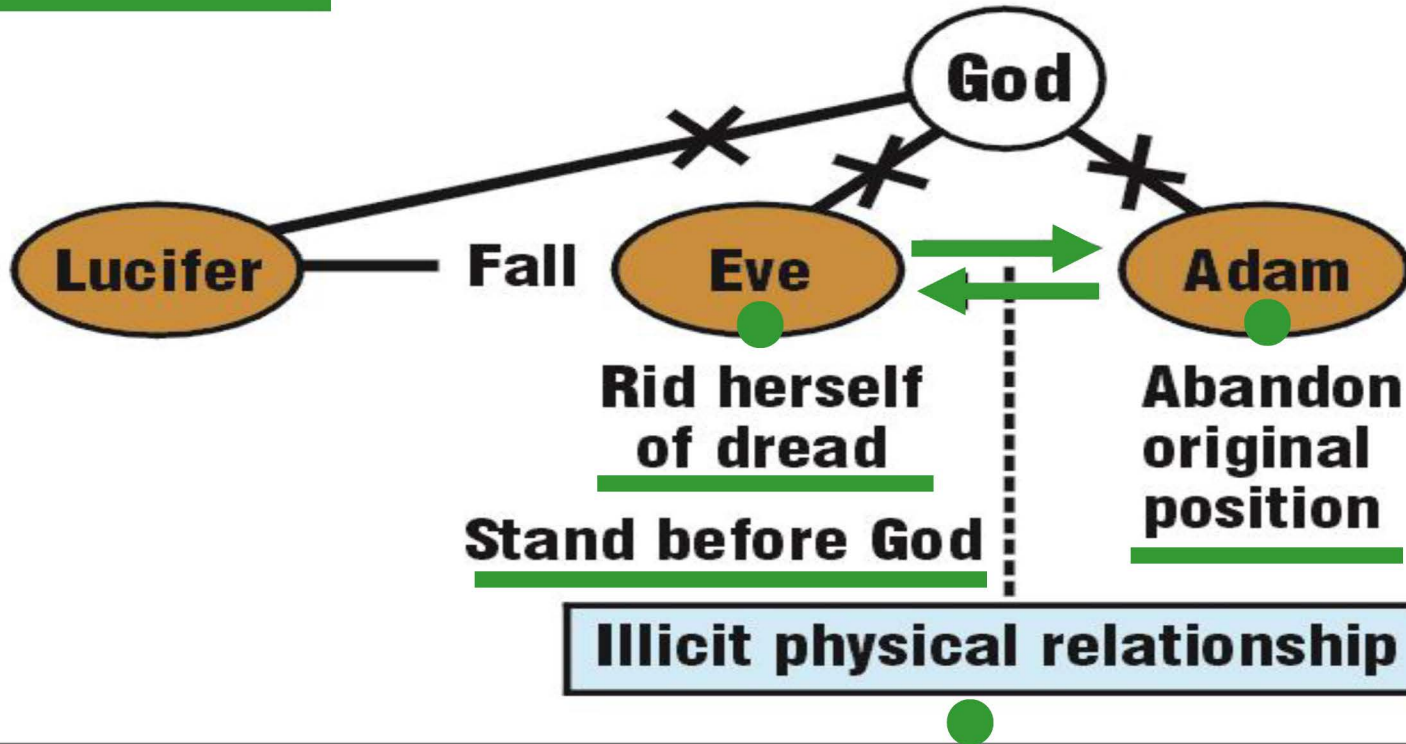


- In truth, God's love toward Lucifer did not change; it was the same before and after the creation of human beings. Yet he felt as if there had been a decrease in the love he received from God.
- Lucifer, feeling as though he were receiving less love than he deserved, wanted to grasp the same central position in human society as he enjoyed in the angelic world, as the channel of God's love. This was why he seduced Eve, and this was the motivation of the spiritual fall .



- Lucifer, who left his proper position due to his excessive desire, and Eve, who wanted to open her eyes and become like God before the time was ripe, formed a common base and began give and take action, which led them to consummate an illicit sexual relationship on the spiritual plane.

Physical fall



- Fallen Eve then seduced Adam with the hope that by uniting with him, she could rid herself of the dread and once again stand before God. This was Eve's motivation which led to the physical fall .
- Adam responded and formed a common base with Eve, standing in the position of Archangel, and they began give and take action with each other. The power of the unprincipled love generated in their relationship induced Adam to abandon his original position and brought them together in an illicit physical relationship of sexual love.

Section 3 The Power of Love, the Power of the Principle and God's Commandment

Why God set up the commandment as an object of faith

- **For love to fulfill its proper role**

Power of love > Power of the Principle

Unprincipled love → Fall

Human perfection = God's creative nature

Responsibility → Dominion

Commandment: while immature

- Although God created human beings based on the Principle, He governs us through love. Accordingly, in order for love to fulfill its proper role, its power must be stronger than the power of the Principle.

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- Because the power of love is stronger than the power of the Principle, God fore-saw that if they ever formed a common base with the Archangel, there was a possibility that they could succumb to the power of deviant, unprincipled love and fall. To prevent this, God gave Adam and Eve the commandment that forbade them from relating with the Archangel in this way.
- God also wanted them to enjoy dominion over the natural world by inheriting His creative nature. In order to inherit this creatorship, they should perfect themselves through their faith in the Word as their own portion of responsibility.

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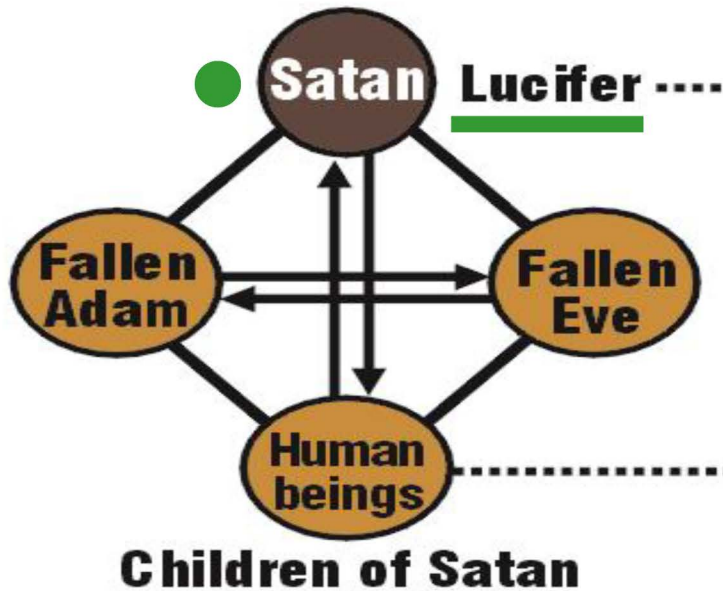
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Commandment: while immature

- God's commandment, "Do not eat of the fruit," was binding upon Adam and Eve only while they were immature.

Section 4 The Consequences of the Human Fall

Satan and fallen humanity



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(II Cor. 4:4)

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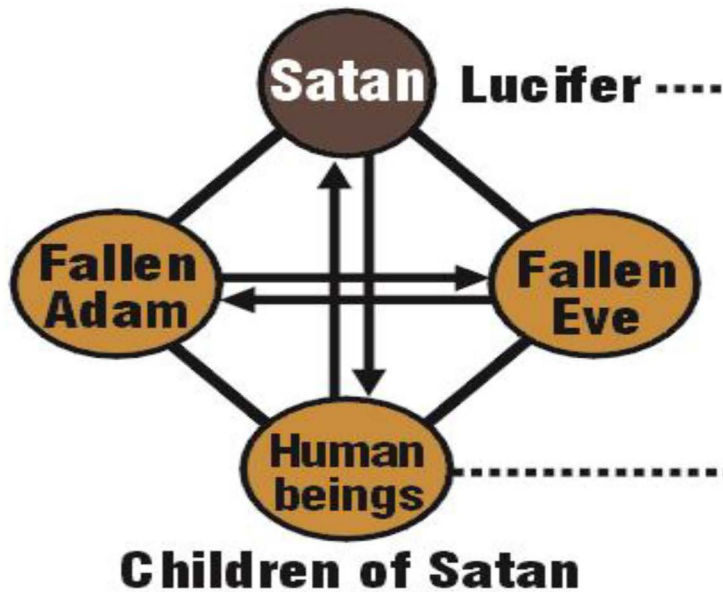
- **Of your father the devil**
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- **Brood of vipers**
(Matt. 12:34)

- Satan is the name given to the Archangel Lucifer after he fell .
- When the first human ancestors fell, they bound themselves in blood ties with Lucifer. They formed a four position foundation yoked to Satan, and thus all humanity became the children of Satan.

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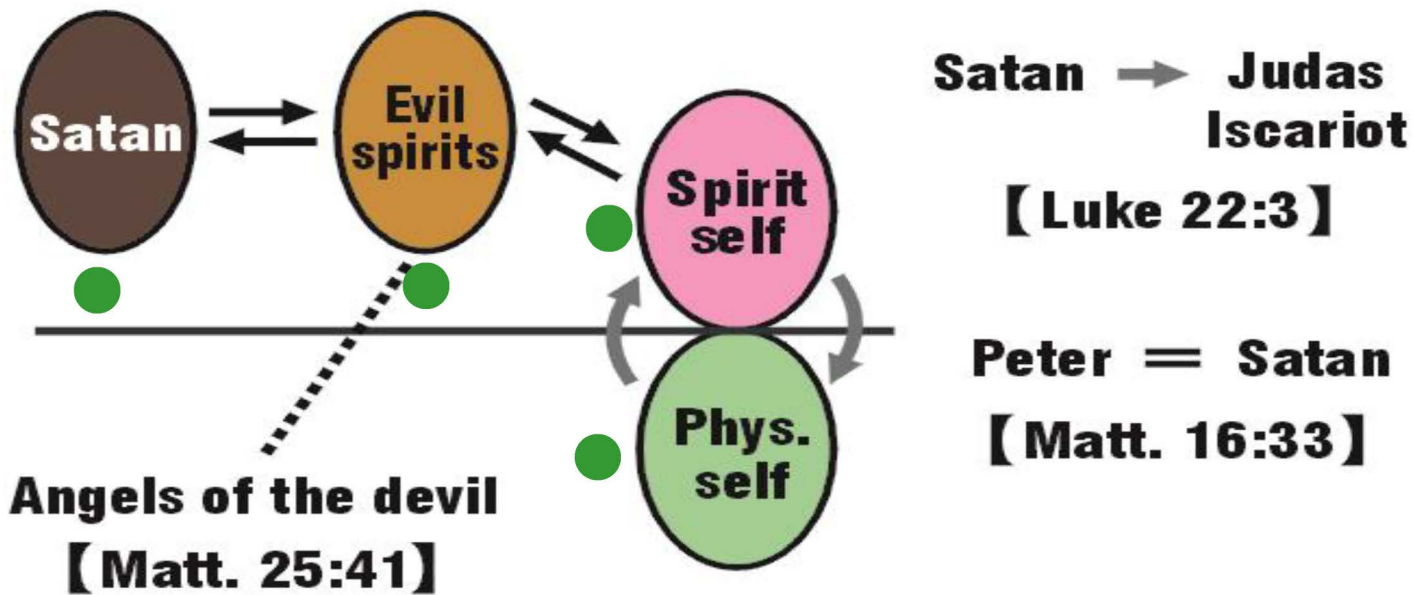
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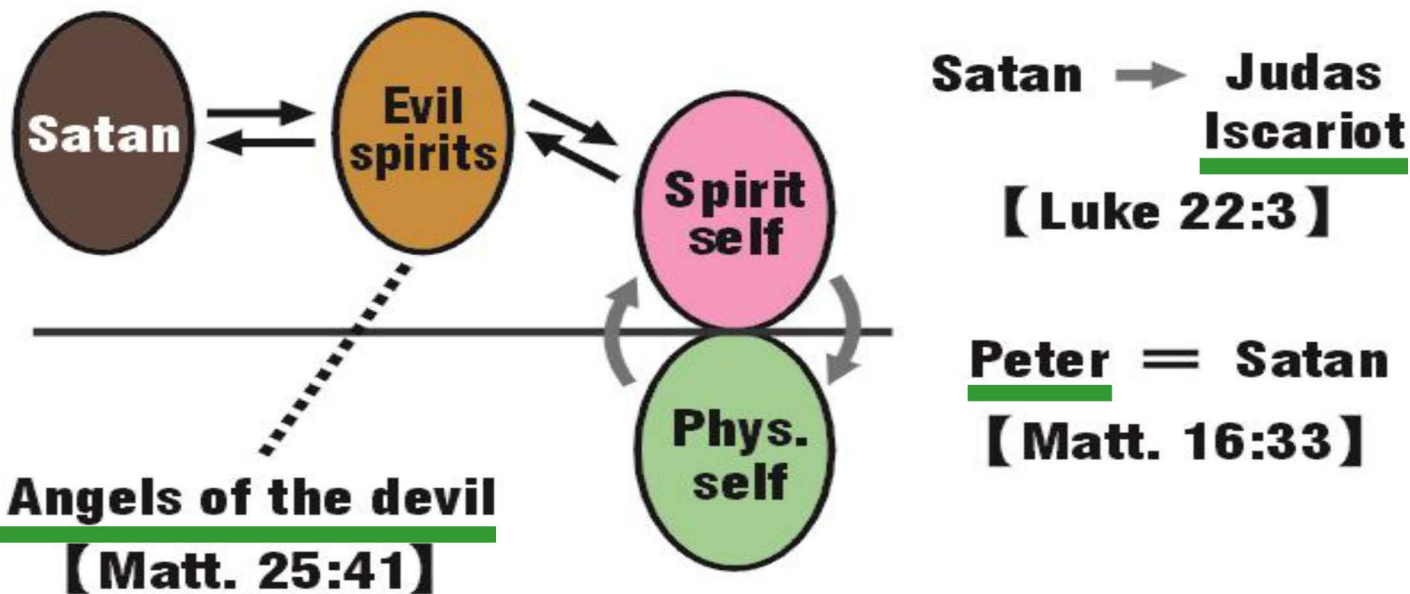
- This is why Jesus said to the people, you are of your father the devil, (John 8:44)
- and called them a brood of vipers." (Matt. 12:34, 23:33)
- The Bible calls Satan "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31) and "the god of this world." (II Cor. 4:4)

Satan's activities in human society



- Satan cannot perpetrate his evil activity unless he first finds an object partner with whom he can form a common base and engage in give and take action.
- Satan's object partners are evil spirits in the spirit world. The object partners to these evil spirits are the spirit selves of evil people on earth, and the vehicles through which these evil spirit selves act are their physical selves.
- Accordingly, the power of Satan is conveyed through evil spirits and is manifested in the activities of earthly people.

Satan's activities in human society



- For example, Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, (Luke 22:3)
- and Jesus once called Peter "Satan." (Matt. 16:33)
- In the Bible, the spirits of evil earthly men are called "angels" of the devil. (Matt. 25:41)

Sin

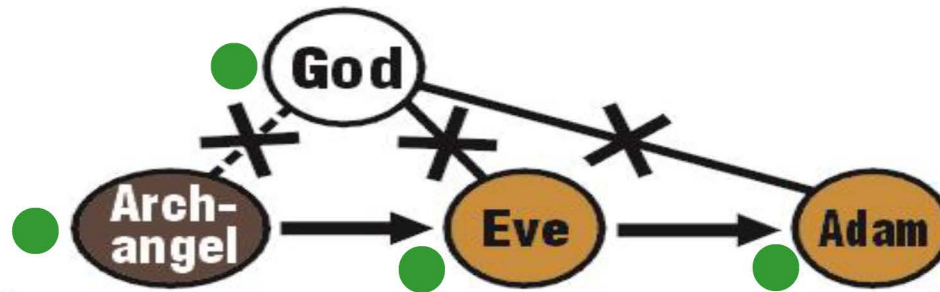


Classification of sin

- ① Original sin
- ② Hereditary sin
- ③ Collective sin
- ④ Individual sin

- Sin is a violation of heavenly law which is committed when a person forms a common base with Satan, thus setting a condition for give and take action with him.
- Sin can be classified into four kinds:
 - ① Original sin
 - ② Hereditary sin
 - ③ Collective sin
 - ④ Individual sin.

The primary characteristics of the fallen nature

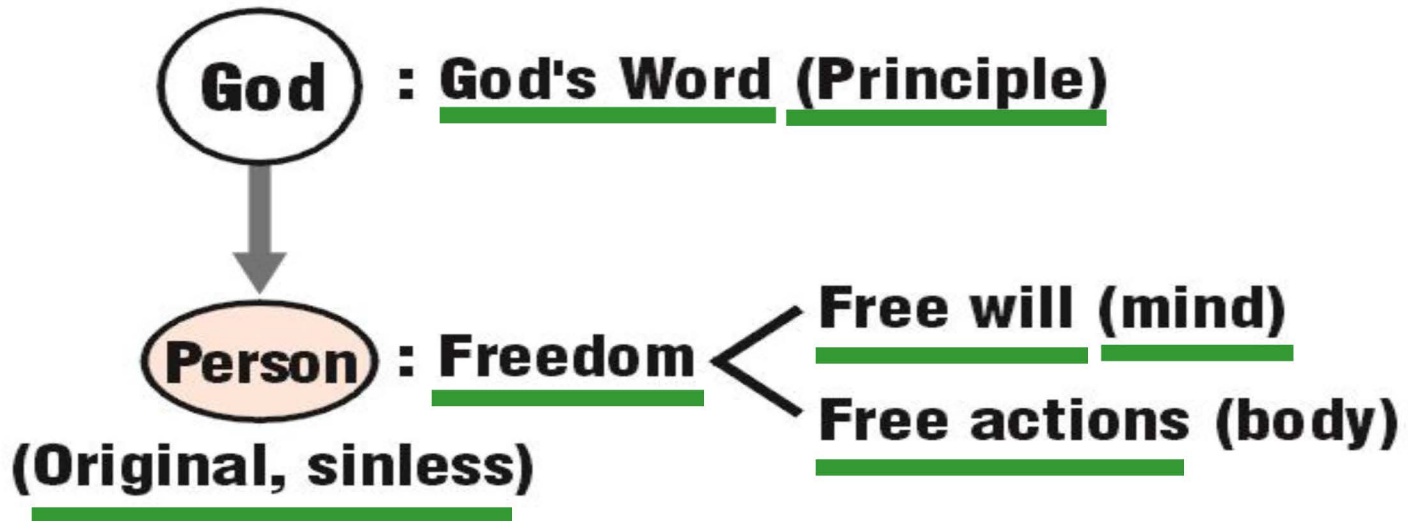


- ① Failing to take God's standpoint
- ② Leaving one's proper position
- ③ Reversing dominion
- ④ Multiplying the criminal act

- Eve inherited from the Archangel all the proclivities incidental to his transgression against God when he bound her in blood ties through their sexual relationship, and Adam in turn acquired the same inclinations. These proclivities have become the root cause of the fallen inclinations in all people. They are the primary characteristics of our fallen nature.
- The primary characteristics of the fallen nature can be divided broadly into four types .

Section 5 Freedom and the Human Fall

The meaning of freedom from the viewpoint of the Principle



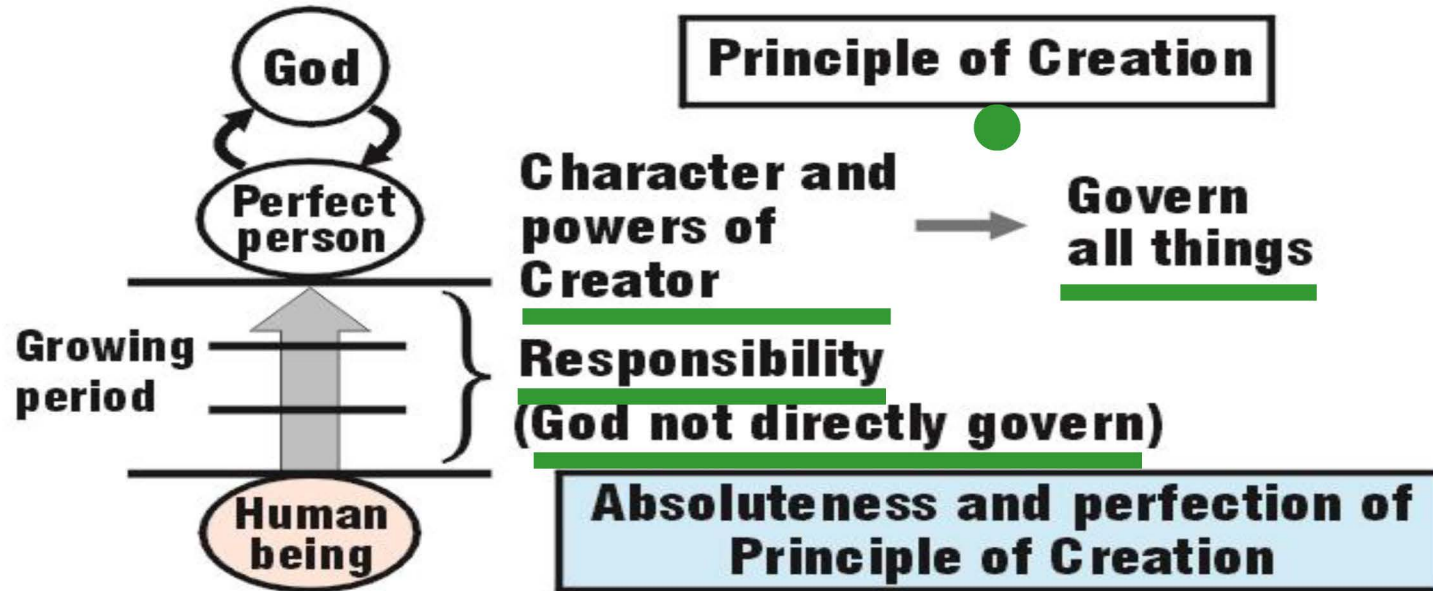
- Freedom requires both free will and the free actions pursuant to that will. Therefore, there cannot be any free action without free will, nor can free will be complete without free actions to accompany it .
- Free will is an expression of the mind.
- Since the mind of an original, sinless person cannot operate outside of God's Word, that is, the Principle, it will never express free will or generate free action apart from the Principle.

The meaning of freedom
from the viewpoint of the Principle

- ① There is no freedom outside the **Principle**.
 - ② There is no freedom without **responsibility**.
 - ③ There is no freedom without **accomplishment**.
- **Freedom** could not possibly have caused human beings to **fall**.

Section 6 The Reason God Did Not Intervene in the Fall

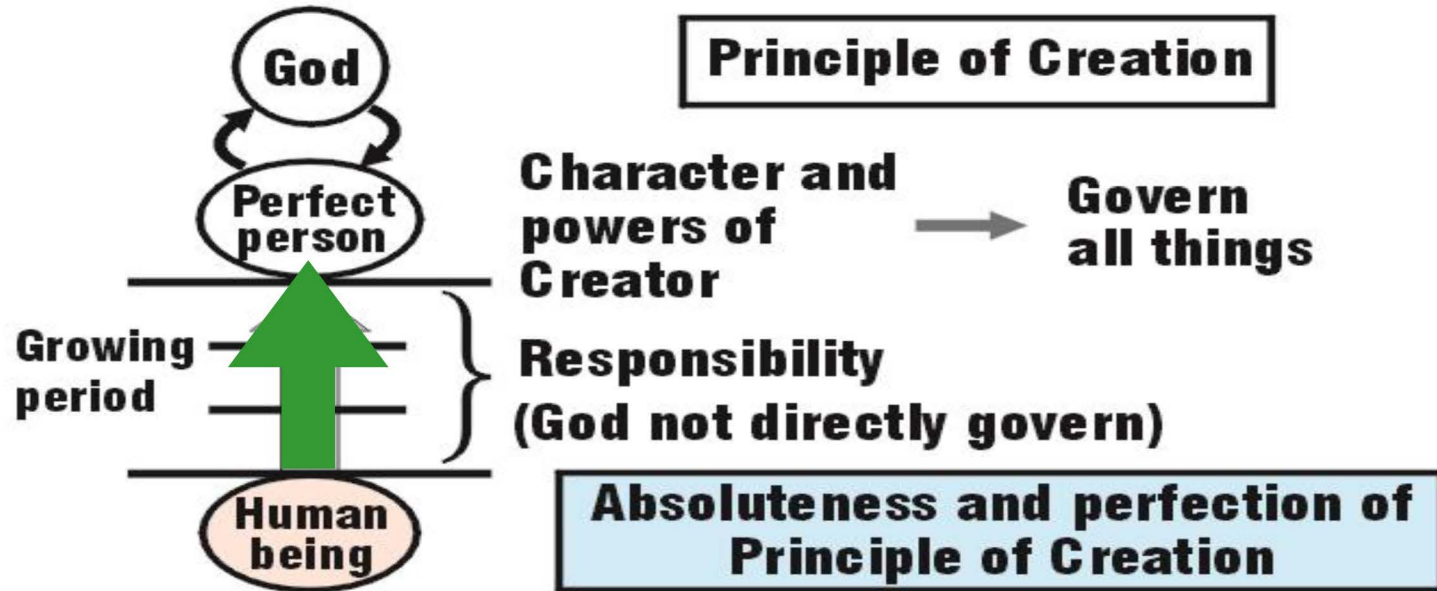
① To maintain the absoluteness and perfection of the Principle of Creation



- Why did the omniscient and omnipotent God not intervene to prevent the Fall ?
- In accordance with the Principle of Creation, God created human beings in His image, with the character and powers of the Creator, intending that they govern over all things as He governs over humankind .
- However, for human beings to inherit the creative nature of God, they must grow to perfection by fulfilling their portion of responsibility. Hence, while people are still in this realm, God does not directly govern them.

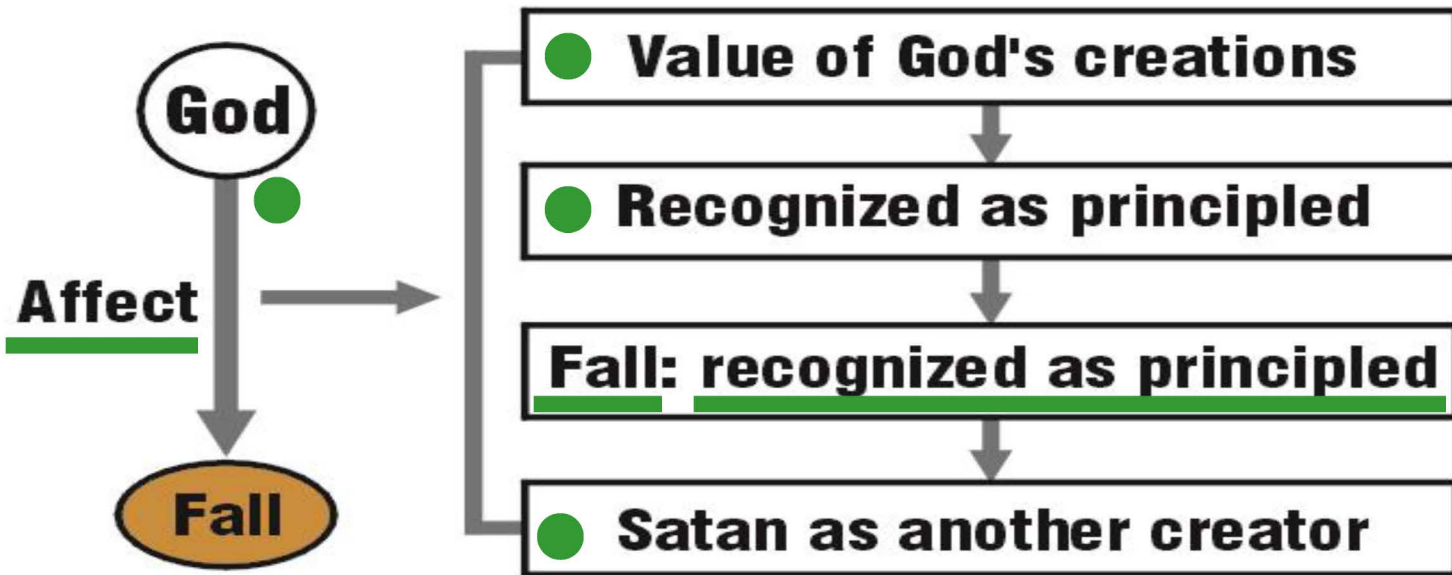
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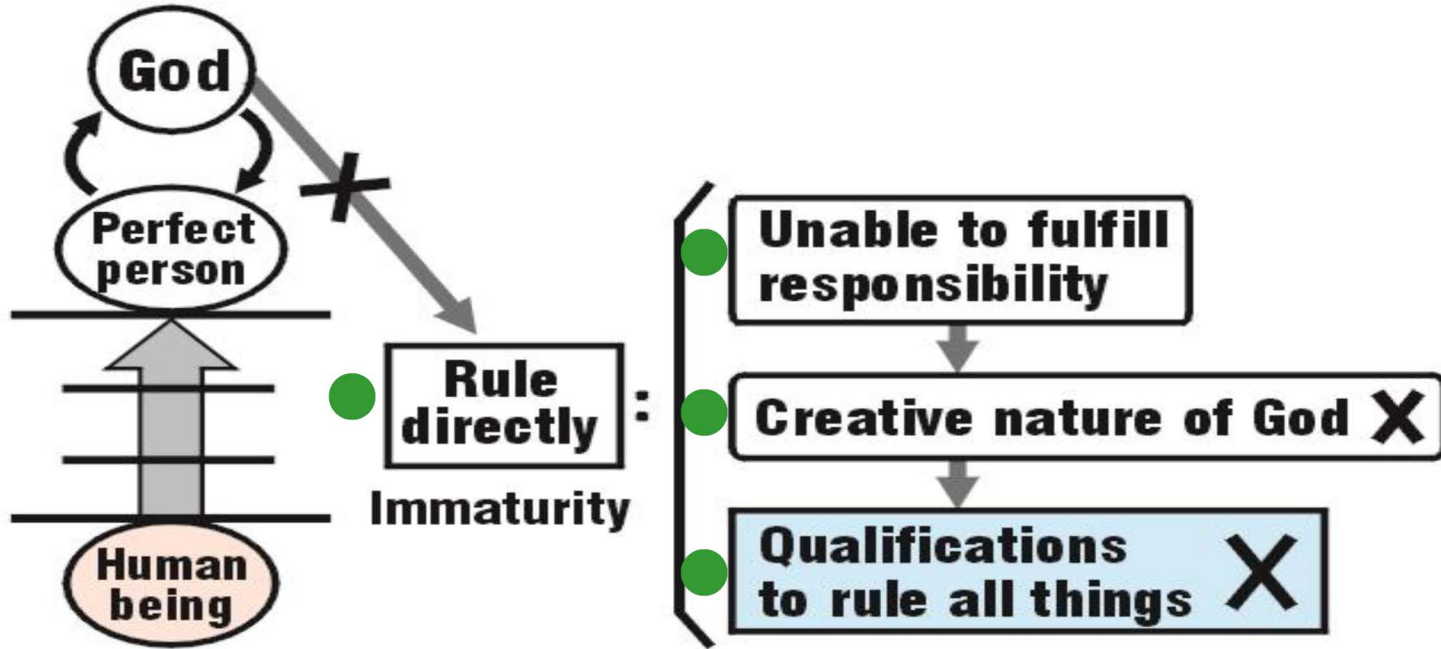
- If God were to interfere with human actions during their growing period, it would be tantamount to ignoring the human portion of responsibility. In that case, God would be disregarding His own Principle of Creation.
- If the Principle were ignored, then its absoluteness and perfection would be undermined. In order to preserve the absoluteness and perfection of the Principle of Creation, God did not intervene in the acts that led the human beings to fall.

② That God alone be the creator



- If God were to affect the course of unprincipled beings or acts, then they would necessarily be given the value of God's creations and be recognized as principled.
- Consequently, if God were to have intervened in the Fall of the first human ancestors, He would have been attributing to those acts the value of His creations and recognizing them as principled.
- Then, Satan would stand as the creator of all the fruits of the Fall. Therefore, in order that God remain the sole Creator, He did not intervene in the human Fall.

③ To make human beings the lords of creation



- If God were to rule directly and control the lives of human beings who are still in the state of immaturity, this would make them unable to fulfill their own portion of responsibility, and as a result, they would fail to inherit the creative nature of God and thereby fail to gain the qualifications to rule all things.
- Consequently, it was in order to bless human beings as the lords of creation that God had to restrain Himself from intervening in the acts of immature human beings.

Chapter 3 Eschatology and Human History

Human history

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Bible

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- **Meaning of Fall**
- **Goal of restoration**

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- We dwell in ignorance of history, uncertain about its origin, the direction in which it is heading, and its final destination.

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- Concerning eschatology, or the doctrine of the *Last Days*, many Christians believe literally what is written in the Bible: "the heavens will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire"; (II Pet. 3:12) and "the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." (I Thess. 4:16-17) One pertinent question for Christians is whether these events will take place literally or whether the verses are symbolic, as are many parts of the Bible.

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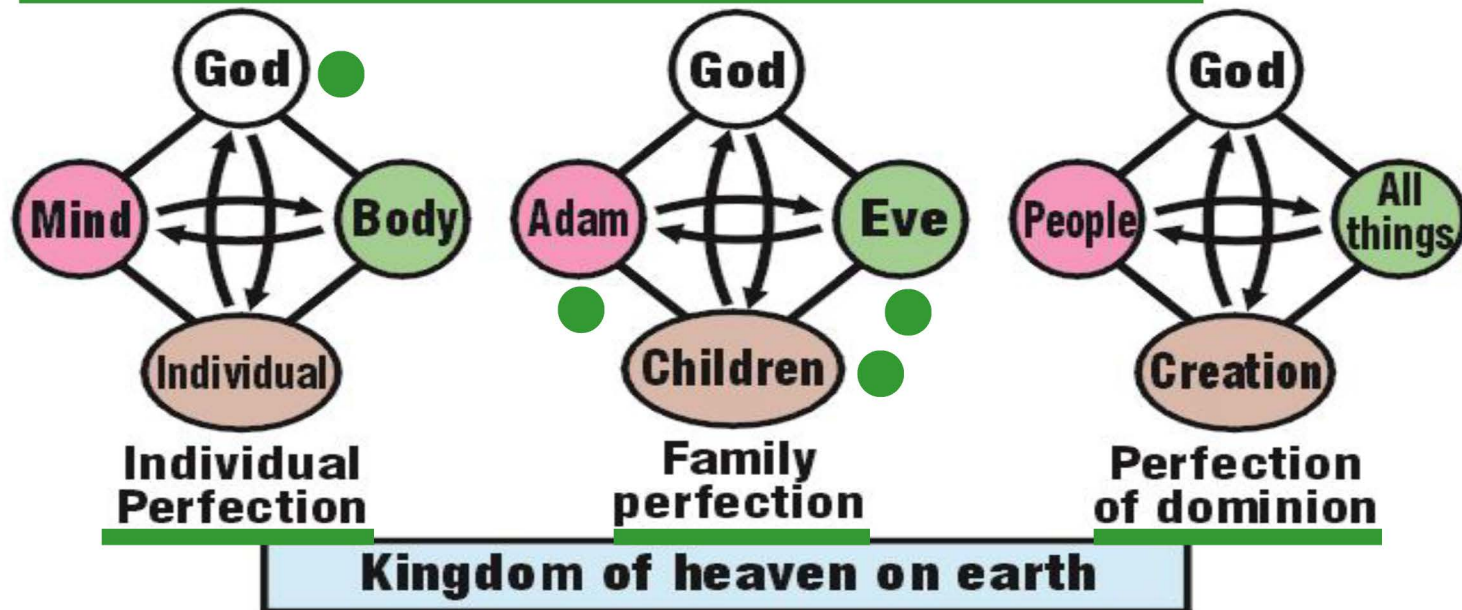
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- To address this issue, we should first understand such fundamental matters as the purpose of God's creation, the meaning of the human Fall, and the goal of the providence of restoration.

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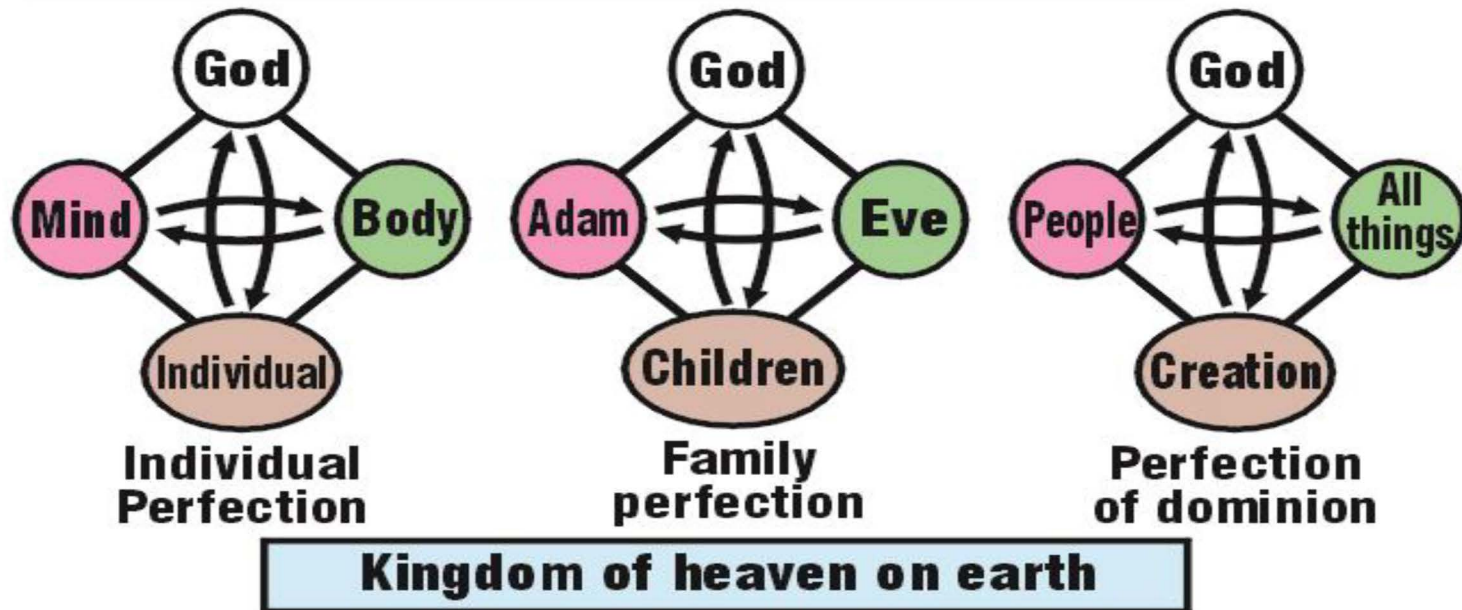
The completion of God's purpose of creation



- A person who has emotional sensitivity to the Heart of God, intuition and reason to comprehend His Will, and the requisite abilities to practice it has perfected his individual character .
- Had Adam and Eve reached perfection, they would have borne good children and founded a sinless family and society in complete concordance with God's blessings. They would have founded one great family with the same parents .
- People of perfected character should advance science and create an extremely pleasant social and living environment (perfection of dominion).

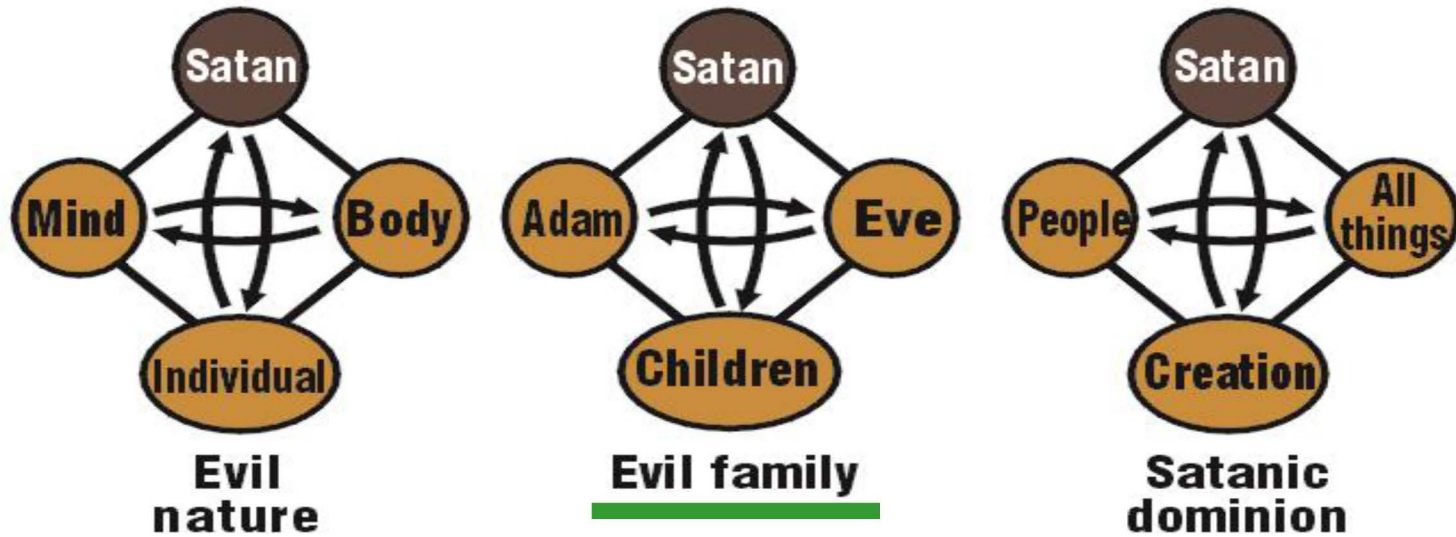
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The completion of God's purpose of creation



- Kingdom of Heaven on earth is where such an ideal is realized. God's purpose of creation is to build the Kingdom of Heaven first on earth.

Consequences of the human fall

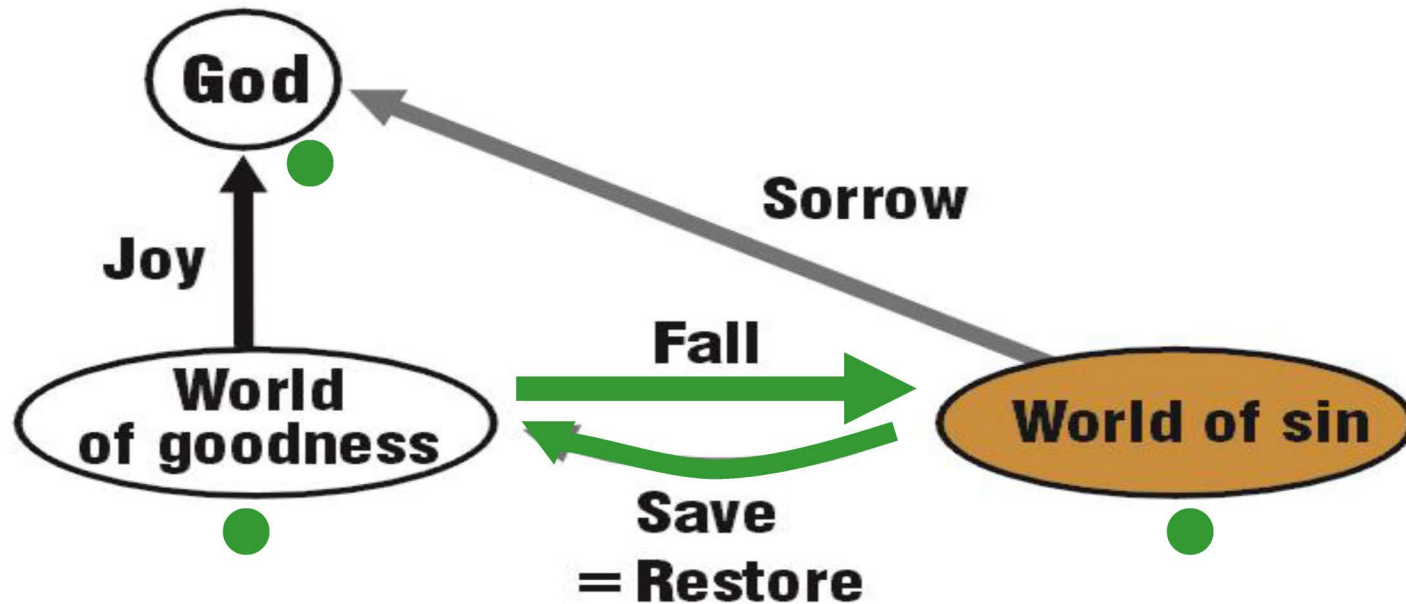


Hell on earth = Sovereignty of Satan

- Due to the Fall, human beings united with Satan and became his dwelling places, acquiring an evil nature.
- People with evil nature have propagated evil through their children, constituting evil families, evil societies and an evil world.
- This is the hell on earth in which we have been living. We have established the sovereignty of Satan.

Section 2 God's Work of Salvation

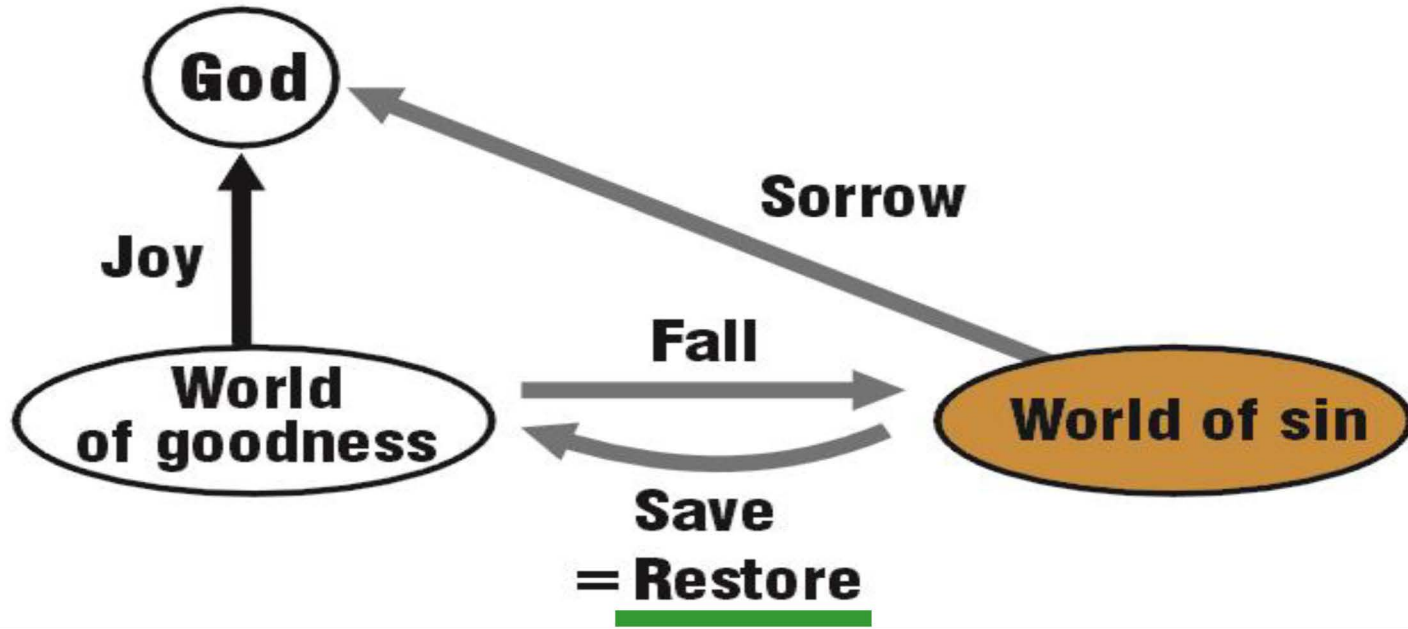
God's work of salvation is the providence of restoration



- God intended to create a world of goodness and experience from it the utmost joy; yet due to the human Fall, the world came to be filled with sin and sorrow.
- If this sinful world were to continue forever in its present state, then God would be an impotent and ineffectual God who failed in His creation. Therefore, God will save this sinful world, by all means.

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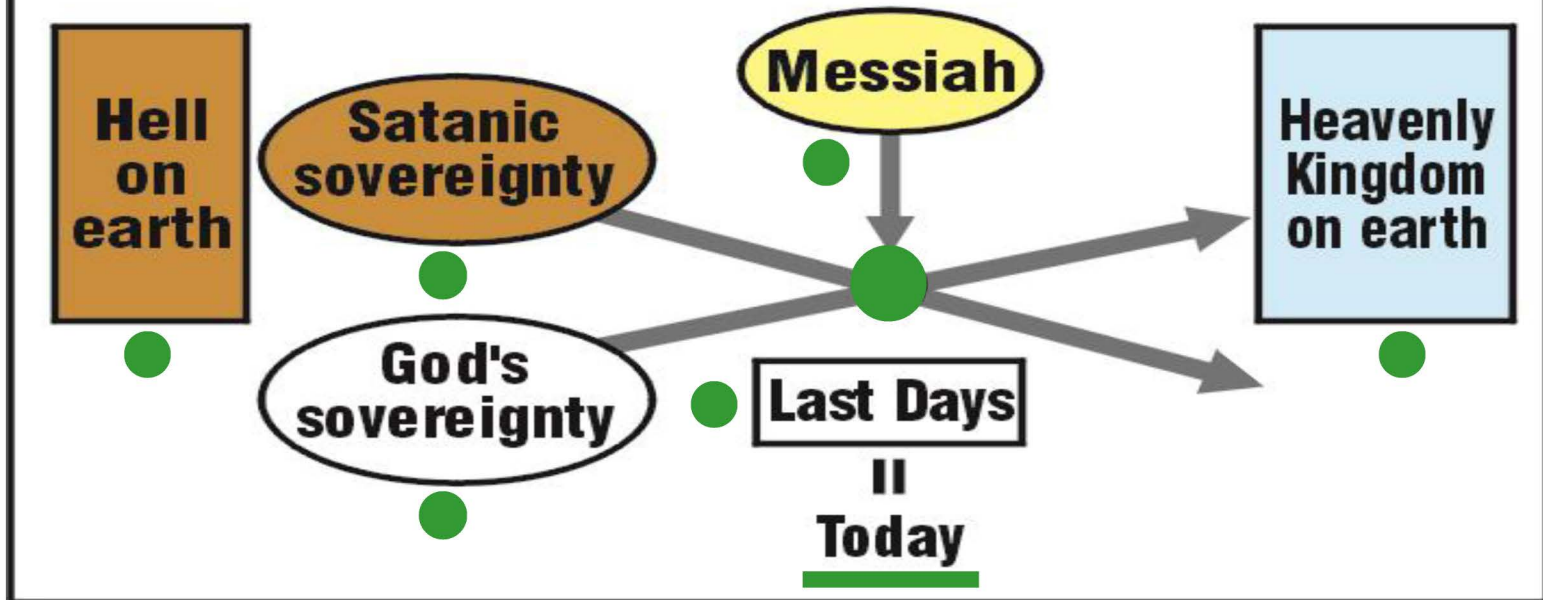
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- To save a person suffering under the yoke of sin means to restore him to his original, sinless state.
- In other words, God's work of salvation is the *providence of restoration*.

Section 3 The Last Days

The meaning of the Last Days



- The Last Days is this time, when, with the advent of the Messiah as the turning point, the evil world under satanic sovereignty is transformed into the ideal world under God's sovereignty.
- Hell on earth will be transformed into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.
- Therefore, it will not be a day of fear when the world will be destroyed by global catastrophes, as many Christians have believed. In fact, it will be a day of joy, when the cherished hope of humankind, the desire of the ages, will be realized.
- Today is the Last Days.

Bible verses concerning the signs of the Last Days

- **Judgment by fire:**

"...heavens will be kindled and dissolved..."
(II Pet. 3:12)

- **Word is like fire.** (Jer. 23:29)

Judgment by fire = Judgment by God's Word

- What is the meaning of the prophecy that "the heavens will be kindled and dissolved and the elements will melt with fire" (II Pet. 3:12) in the Last Days ?
- It is written, "Is not my word like fire, says the Lord?" (Jer. 23:29) Therefore, judgment by fire represents judgment by the Word of God .

“Then we shall be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

[I Thess. 4:17]

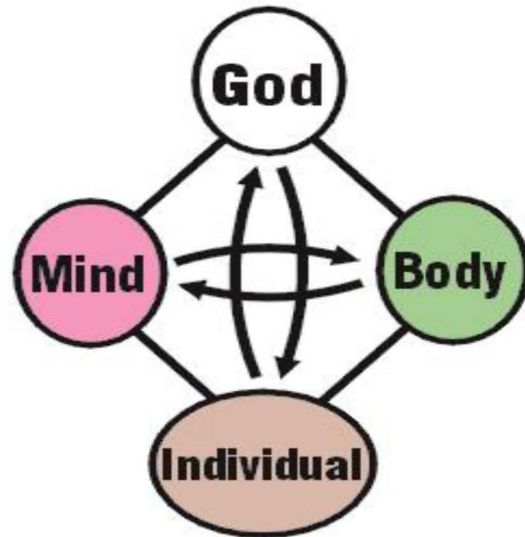
- **Air (Heaven)** ——— **Sinless world of good sovereignty**
- **Earth** ————— **Fallen world under evil sovereignty**

Receive the Lord in the world of good sovereignty

- The "air" mentioned in I Thess. 4:17 does not refer to the sky over our heads .
- In the Bible, "earth" is often a symbol for the fallen world under the sway of evil sovereignty, while "Heaven" is often a symbol for the sinless world of good sovereignty.
- Meeting the Lord in the air means that the saints will receive the Lord in the world of good sovereignty when Christ comes again and restores the Kingdom of Heaven on earth by defeating the kingdom of Satan.

Section 4 The Last Days and the Present Days

Signs of the restoration of the first blessing



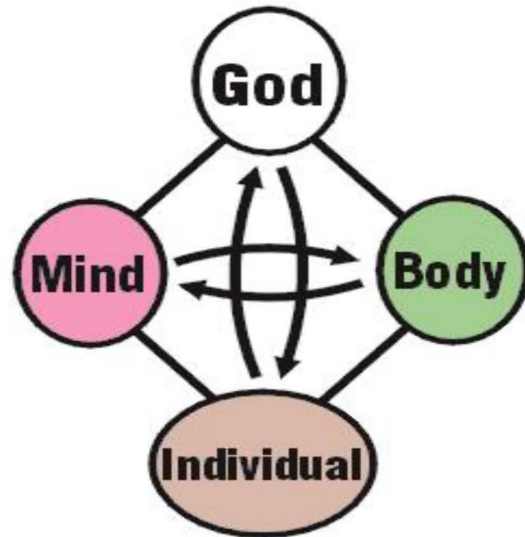
- ① **Spirituality**
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- ③ **True human value**
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Individual perfection

- We can deduce that today is in fact the Last Days by examining the various circumstances of the present age. We can recognize in these circumstances the restoration of the three great blessings, which God has purposed in His providence of restoration .
- The first blessing is perfection of individual character. We see signs of the restoration of the first blessing in that:

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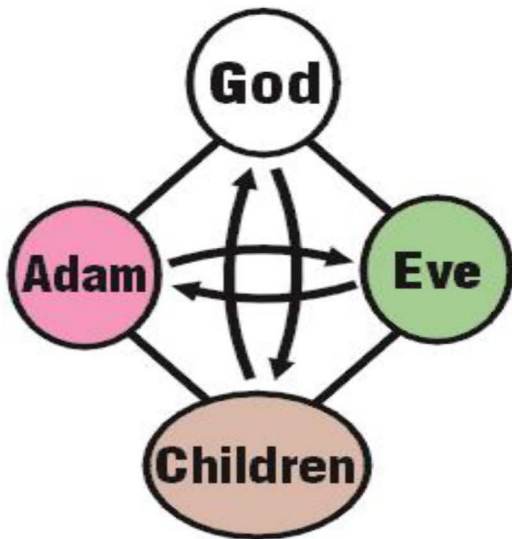


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- ① The spirituality of fallen people is being restored.
 - ② History moves toward the recovery of the freedom of the original mind .
 - ③ True human value is being restored.
 - ④ Original, true love in fallen people is being restored.
- From this we can see that the present time is the eve of the Last Days, when we can reach perfection of individual character .

Signs of the restoration of the second blessing



Family perfection

Internal: development of cultural spheres

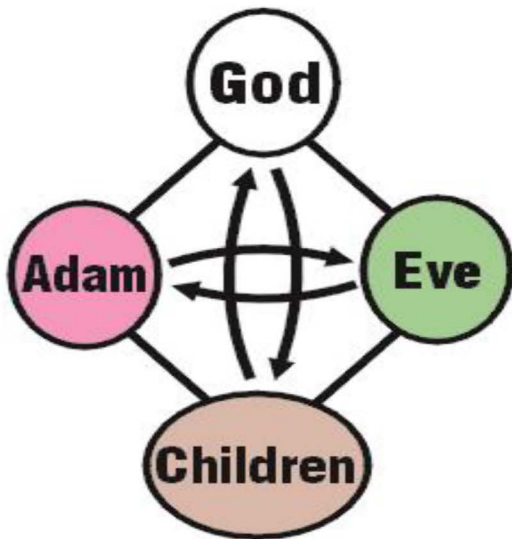
(Brothers and sisters in Jesus)

External: rise and fall of nations

(Democratic and communist worlds)

- God's second blessing was for Adam and Eve to form a family, society and world where goodness reigns.
- Accordingly, the signs of the internal and external restoration of God's sovereignty signify the restoration of the second blessing. These are manifested as trends in the history of the development of cultural spheres and in the history of the rise and fall of nations.

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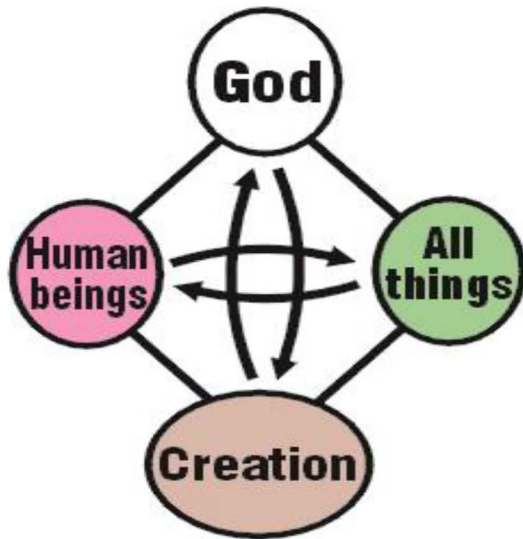
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- Internally, all races and peoples are increasingly coming to stand side by side as brothers and sisters under the love and guidance of Jesus Christ.
- Externally, at present, our world is divided into two: the democratic world, which seeks to create societies on God's side, and the communist world, which has been establishing regimes on Satan's side. These opposing forces are at the point of intersection.
- Hence, the present age is the Last Days because the second blessing is being restored.

Signs of the restoration of the third blessing



Perfection of dominion

Internal dominion:

Dominion of the heart

- Religion, philosophy, ethics
- Elevated spirituality
- Govern creation through heart

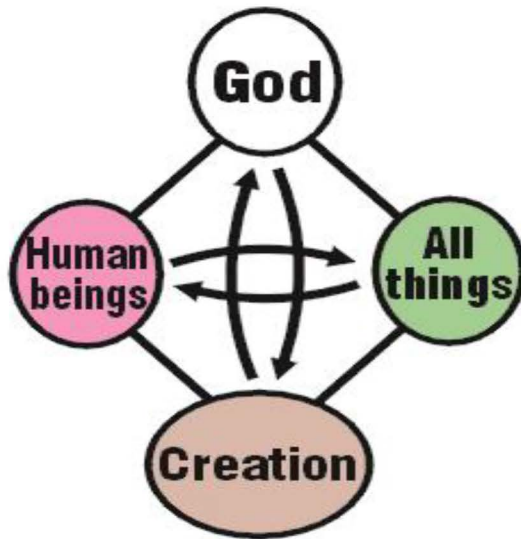
External dominion:

Mastery through science

- Economic progress
- Pleasant living environment

- The third blessing means gaining dominion over the natural world .
- Internal dominion denotes dominion of the heart, and external dominion denotes proper mastery of the creation through science and technology.

Signs of the restoration of the third blessing



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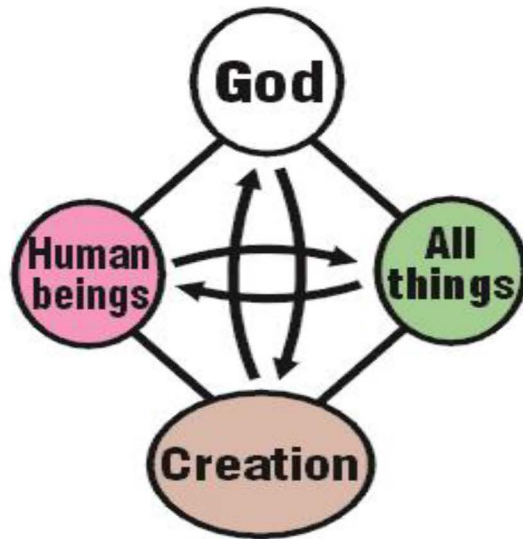
External dominion:

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- **Economic progress**
- **Pleasant living environment**

- Internally, God's providence of restoration through religion, philosophy, ethics and so forth, has gradually elevated the spirituality of fallen people toward God. In the modern world, there is evidence that people are regaining the worthiness to govern the creation through heart .

Signs of the restoration of the third blessing



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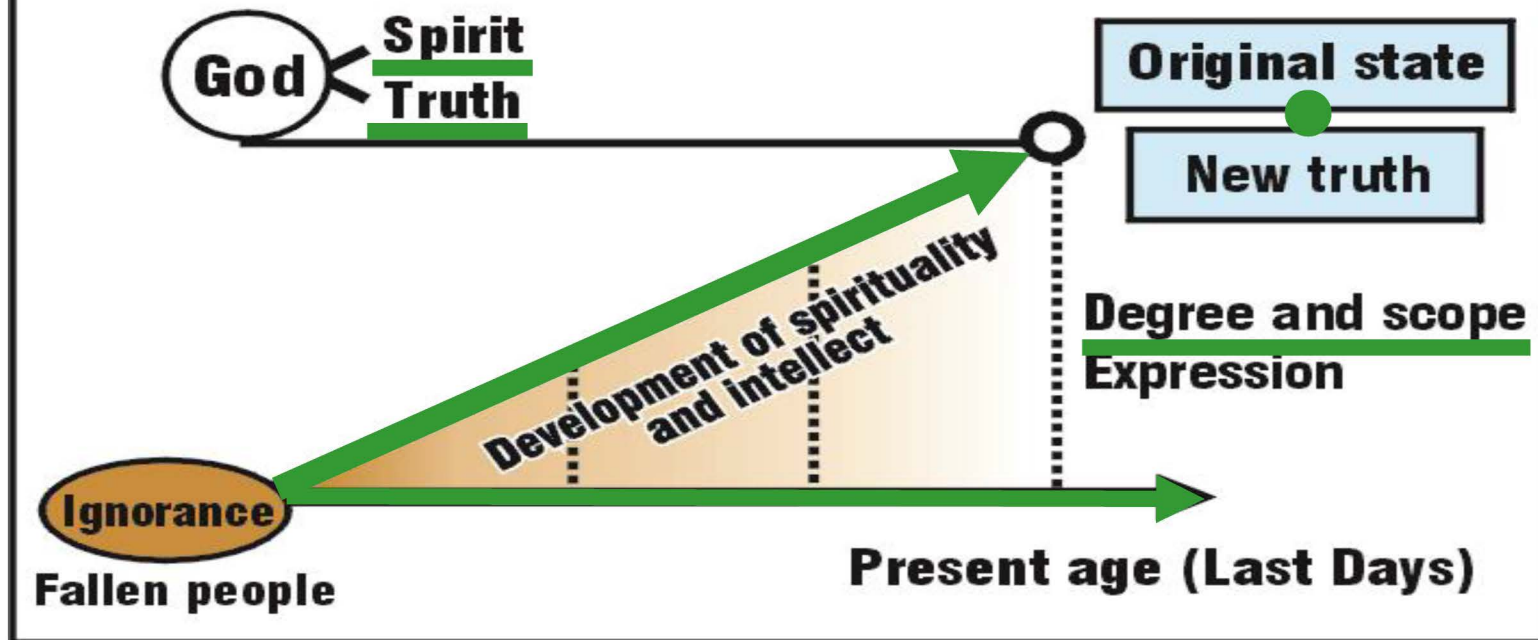
Mastery through science

- **Economic progress**
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- Externally, modern people have built an extremely comfortable and pleasant living environment through the economic progress that has accompanied scientific development.
- Observing signs of the re-establishment of God's third blessing, we are assured that the present era is the Last Days.

Section 5 The Last Days, the New Truth and Our Attitude

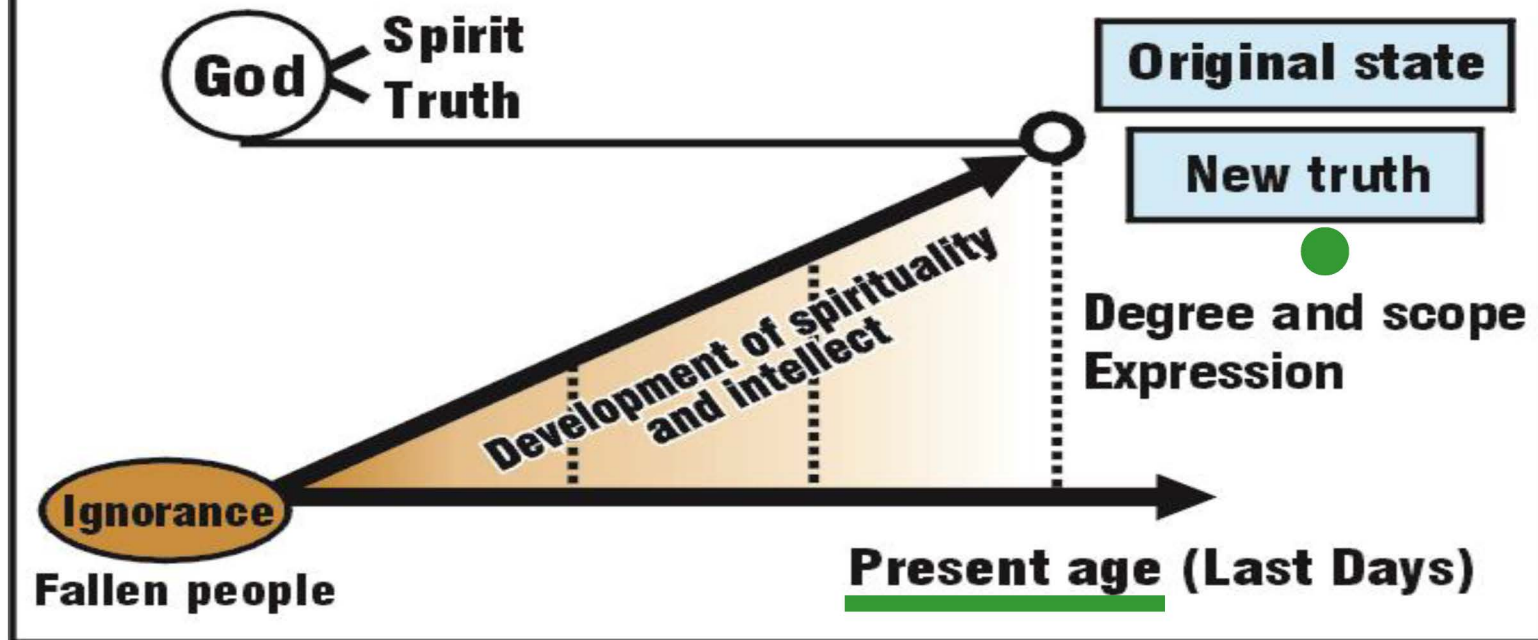
The Last Days and the new truth



- God assists ignorant, fallen people to elevate their spirituality and enlighten their intellect through spirit and truth. By these means, God conducts His providence to restore people to the original state before the Fall.
- Spirit and truth are unique, eternal and unchanging. However, the degree and scope of their teaching and the means of their expression will vary from one age to another as they restore humankind from a state of utter ignorance.

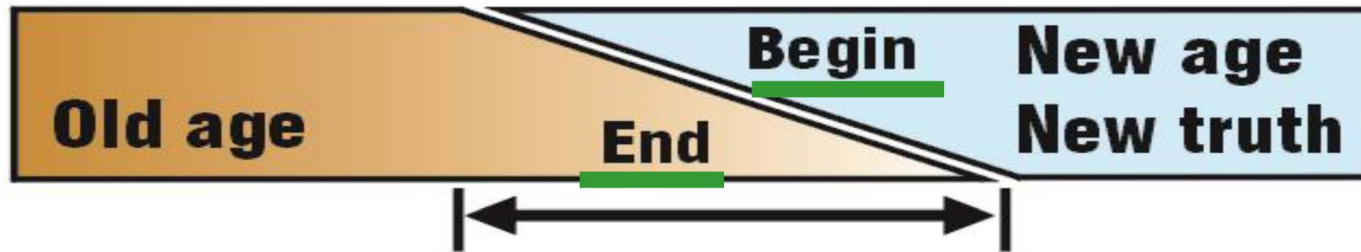
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- For modern, intellectual people to be enlightened in the truth, there must appear another textbook of higher and richer content, with a more scientific method of expression. We call this the new truth.

Our attitude in the Last Days

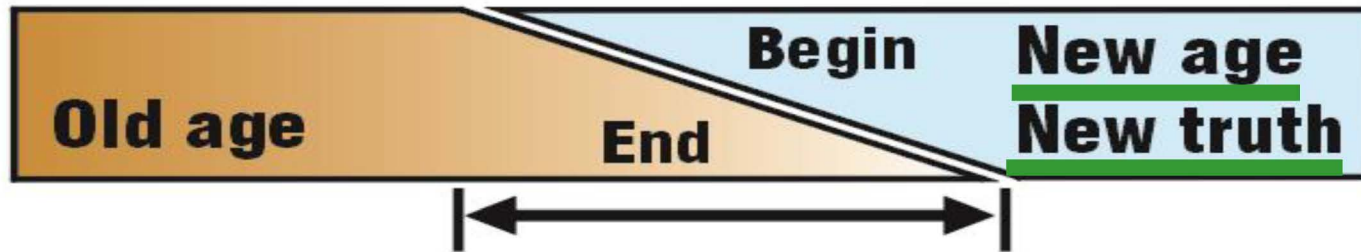


- Internally: absence of a guiding ideology
- Externally: strife and battles

New age: center of good sovereignty

- A new dispensation begins when the old dispensation is about to end.
- Those who live in this period suffer internally from anxiety, fear and confusion due to the absence of a guiding ideology or philosophy. They suffer externally from strife and battles fought with fearsome weapons .

Our attitude in the Last Days

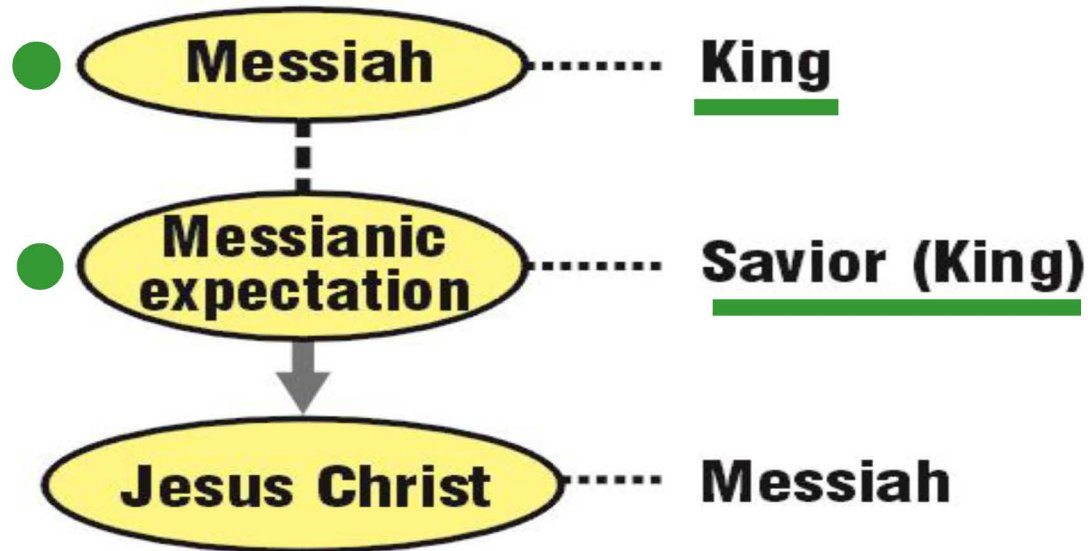


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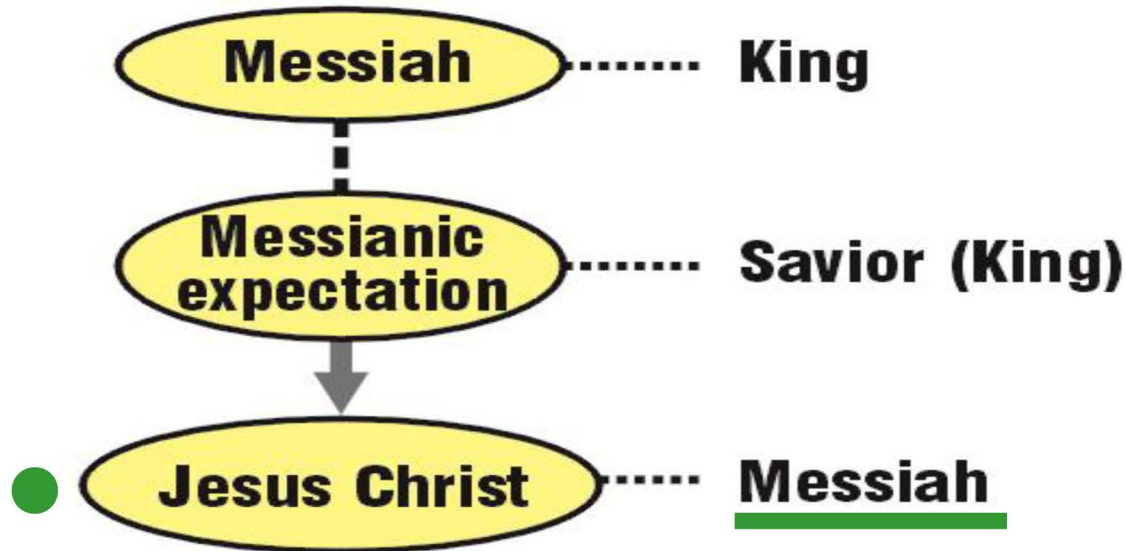
- In the midst of such wretchedness, God without fail will establish the center of the emerging good sovereignty in order to usher in a new age.
- We should not be strongly attached to conventional concepts, but rather should direct ourselves to be receptive to the spirit, in order that we may find the new truth which can guide us to the providence of the new age.

Chapter 4 The Messiah: His Advent and the Purpose of His Second Coming



- The word "Messiah" in Hebrew means the "anointed one," signifying a king .
- The chosen people of Israel believed in the Word of God as revealed through the prophets, which promised that God would send them a king and savior. Such was their messianic expectation.

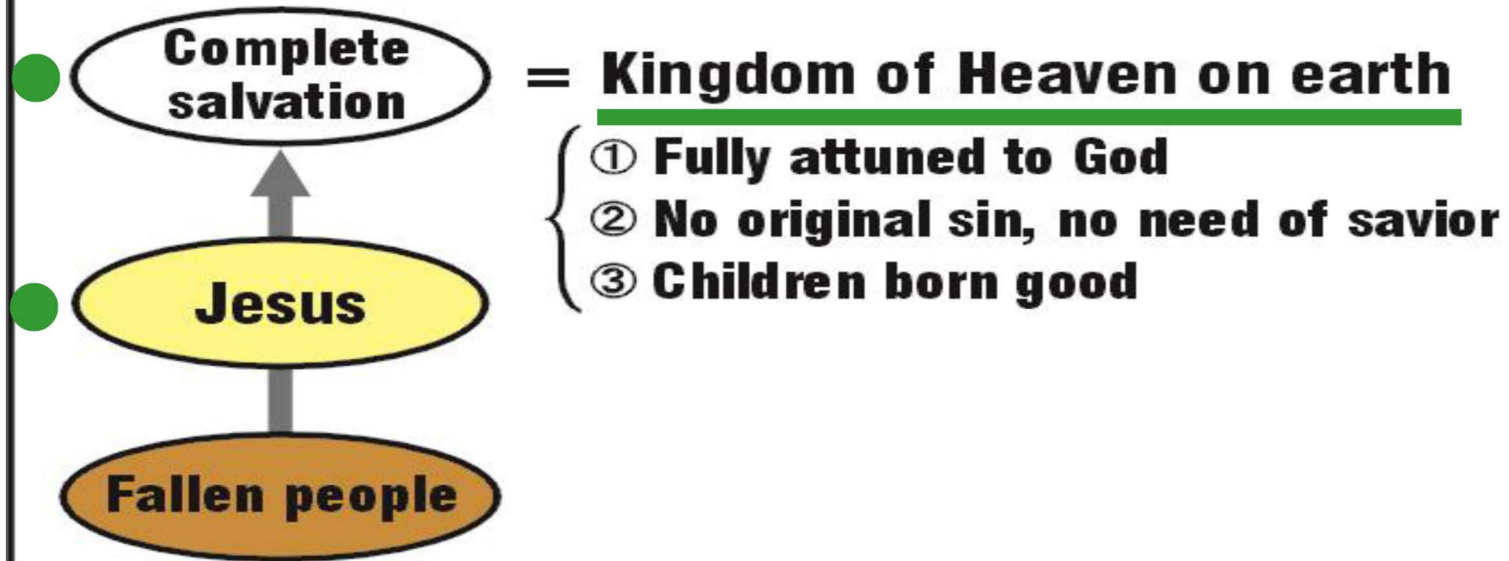
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- God sent this Messiah in the person of Jesus Christ. "Christ" is the Greek word for Messiah.
- The Messiah comes to fulfill the purpose of God's work of salvation.

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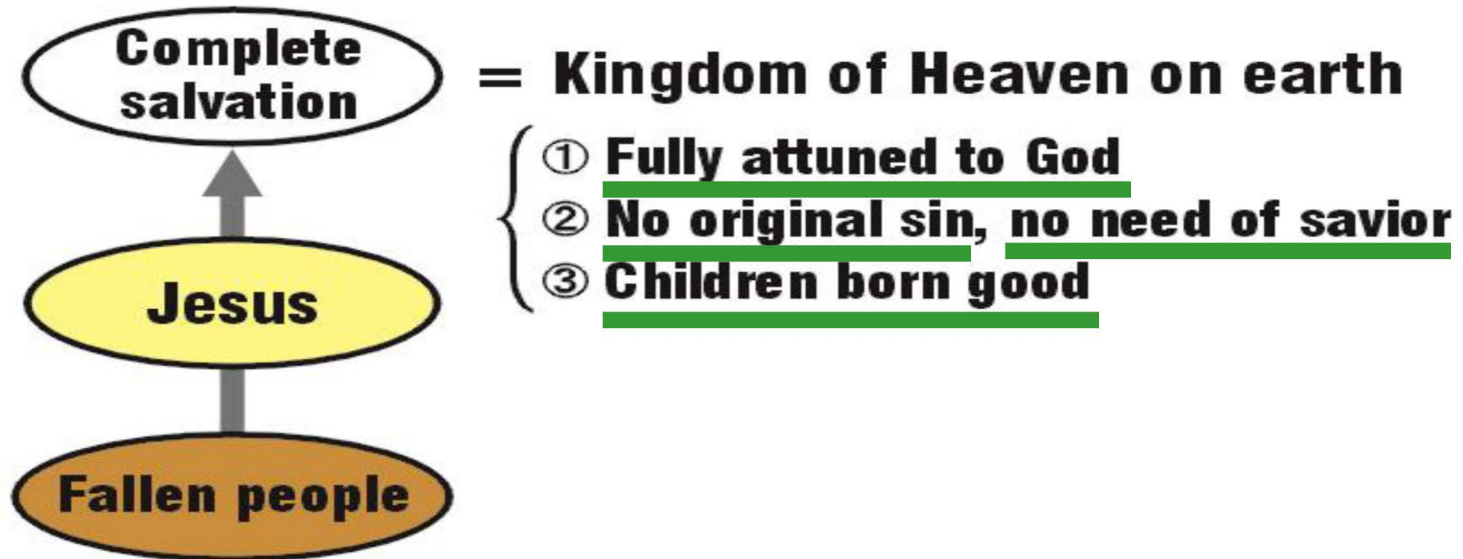
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- Jesus came as the Messiah for nothing less than the complete salvation of humanity and the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven, first on the earth.

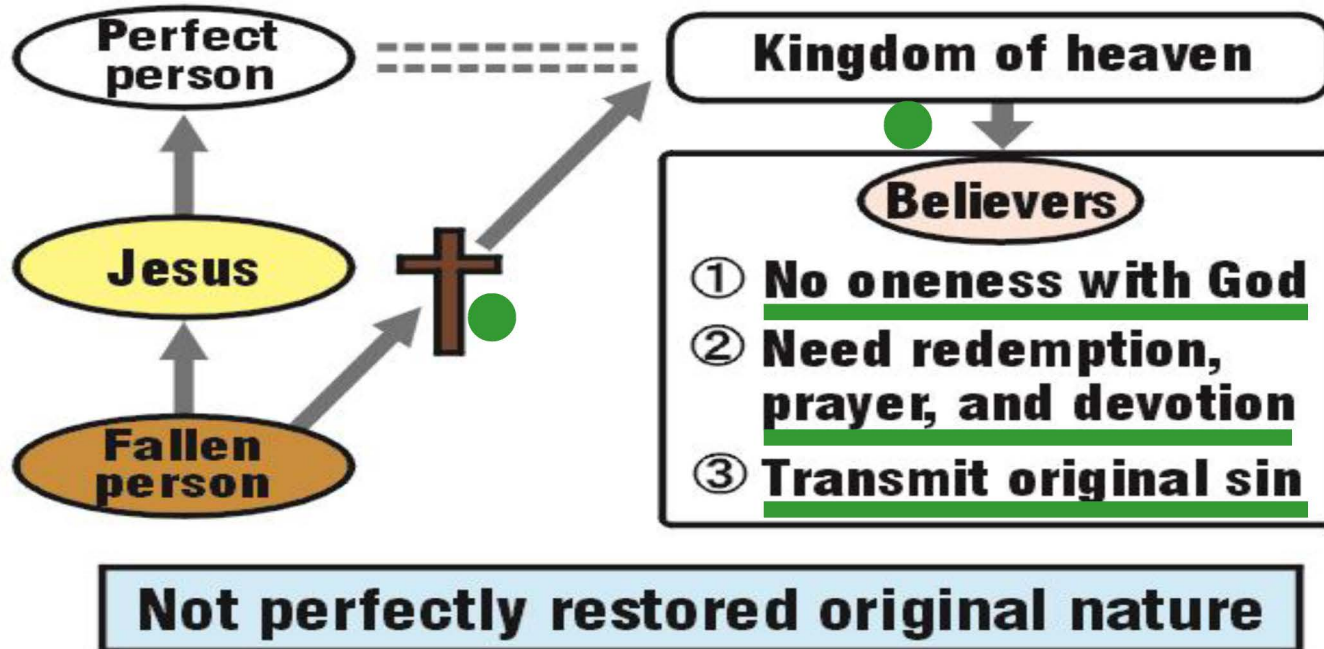
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- ① Perfect people are fully attuned to God and experience God's Heart within their innermost self. They possess a divine nature and live their life with God, inseparable from Him.
- ② Moreover, they do not have the original sin, and hence are not in need of redemption or a savior. They do not need to pray arduously or practice a faith, both of which are necessary for fallen people as they seek God.
- ③ Furthermore, since they do not have the original sin, their children are naturally born good and sinless and likewise have no need of a savior for the redemption of their sins.

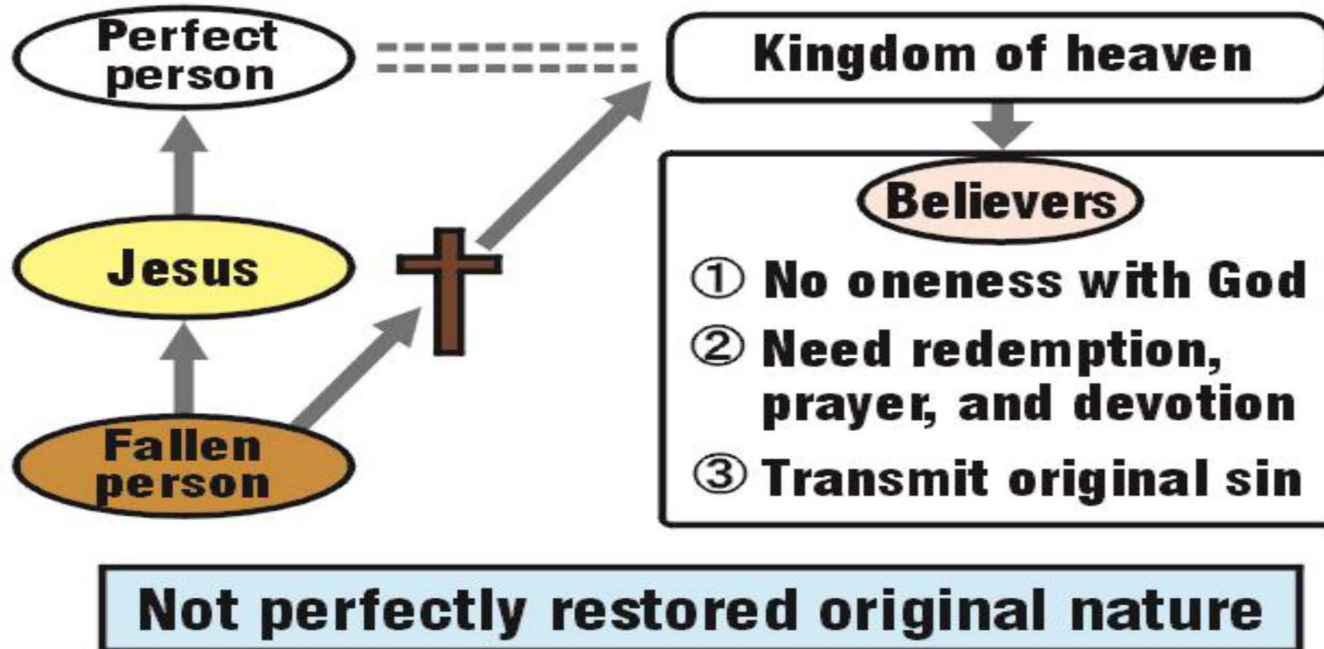
Was salvation completed through the cross?



● Did Jesus' crucifixion fulfill the purpose of the providence of restoration? If so, faithful believers in Jesus would have restored their original nature and built the Kingdom of Heaven on earth .

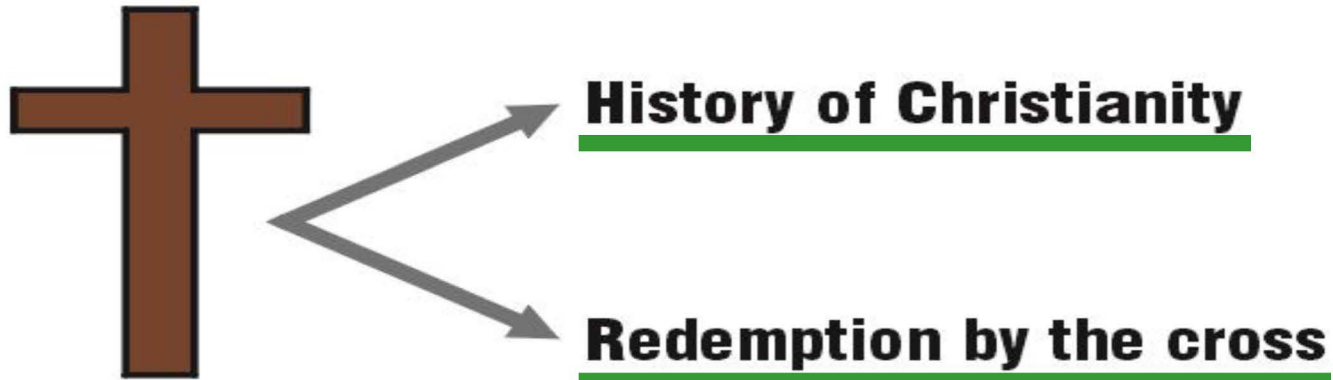
- ① Yet in the entire history of Christianity, there has been no one, no matter how devout, who lived his life in inseparable oneness with God.
- ② There has never been a believer who had no need of redemption or a life of ardent prayer and devotion.
- ③ No matter how devout, Christian parents continue to transmit the original sin to their children.

Was salvation completed through the cross?



- It teaches us that the grace of redemption by the cross has neither fully uprooted our original sin nor perfectly restored our original nature.

Was Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for naught?



- Without the cross, Christianity would not have brought forth its illustrious history.
- Furthermore, our own personal experiences in faith make it plain how great is the grace of redemption by the cross.
- Then, what is an accurate assessment of the extent of salvation through the cross? To answer this, we must re-examine Jesus' death on the cross.

Jesus' death on the cross

① **Feeling among disciples** (Acts 7:51-53)

② **God's providence**

③ **Jesus' words and deeds**

(John 6:29 Matt. 23:37 John 10:38)



: ignorance and disbelief of Jews

- Was Jesus' death on the cross the most desired Will of God?
- ① There was one unanimous feeling evident among the disciples concerning the death of Jesus: they were grief-stricken and indignant (Acts 7:51-53).
- ② From the viewpoint of God's providence, God called the chosen people of Israel and prepared them to receive the Messiah.
- ③ Jesus' words and deeds were meant to engender belief on the part of the people that he was the Messiah (John 6:29 Matt. 23:37 John 10:38).

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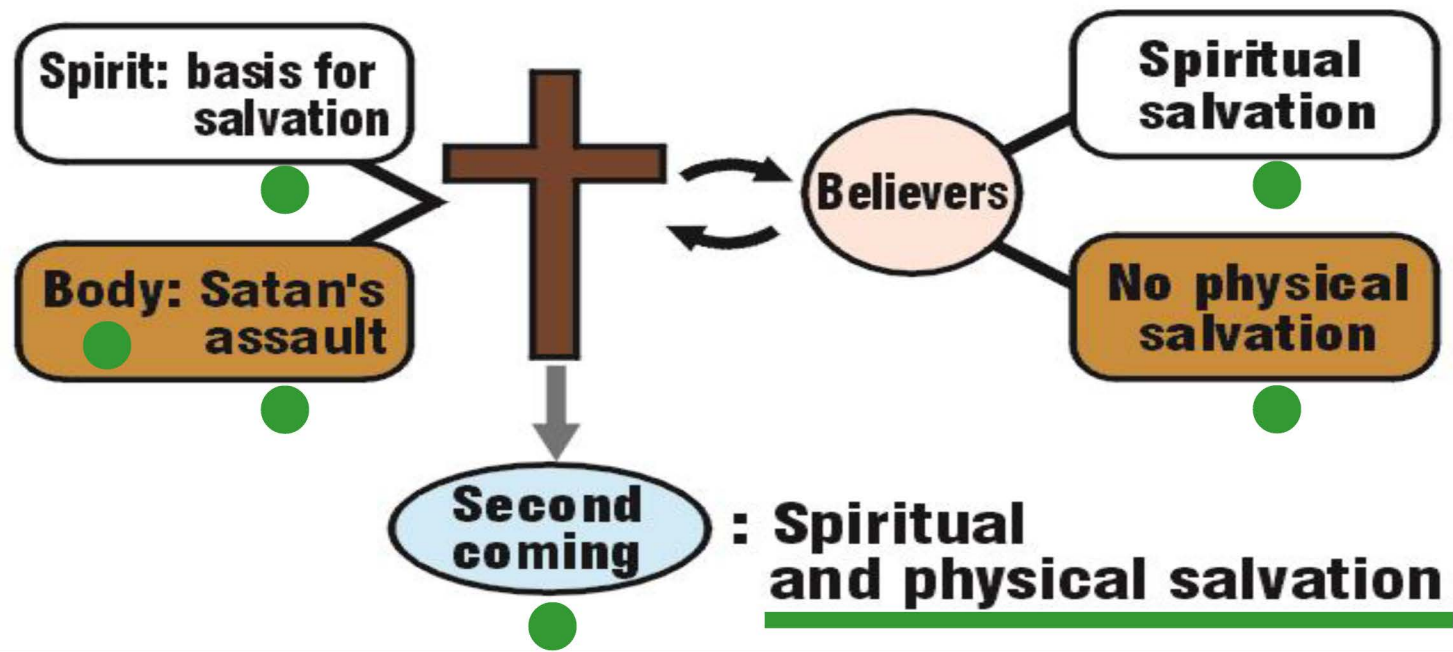


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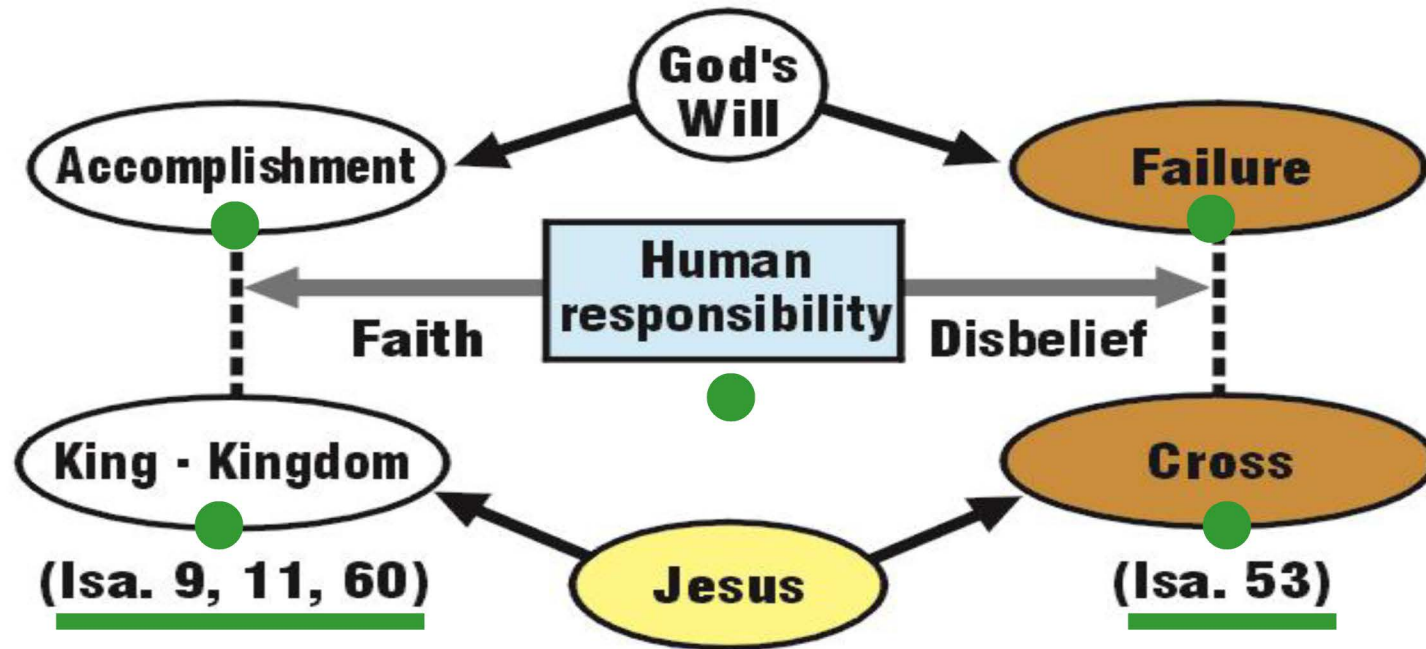
- These considerations indicate that Jesus' death on the cross was not necessitated by God's Will but due to the ignorance and disbelief of the Jews.

The limit of salvation through redemption by the cross and the purpose of Jesus' second advent



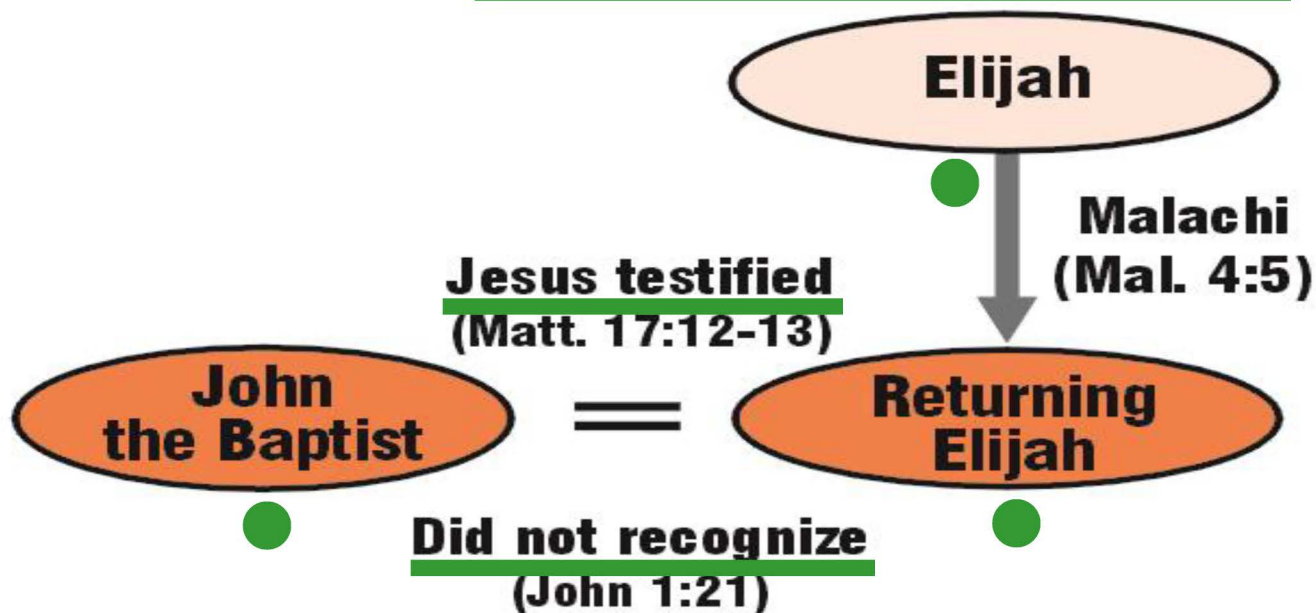
- The people did not believe in Jesus; instead they led him to the cross. Jesus' body was exposed to Satan's assault, and he was killed. Consequently, Christians cannot attain physical salvation.
- However, Jesus laid the basis for spiritual salvation by securing the victorious foundation for his resurrection through the redemption by his blood on the cross. As a result, all believers since his resurrection have received the benefit of spiritual salvation, but not physical salvation .
- To complete the work of spiritual and physical salvation, Jesus must come again on earth.

Two kinds of prophecies concerning the cross



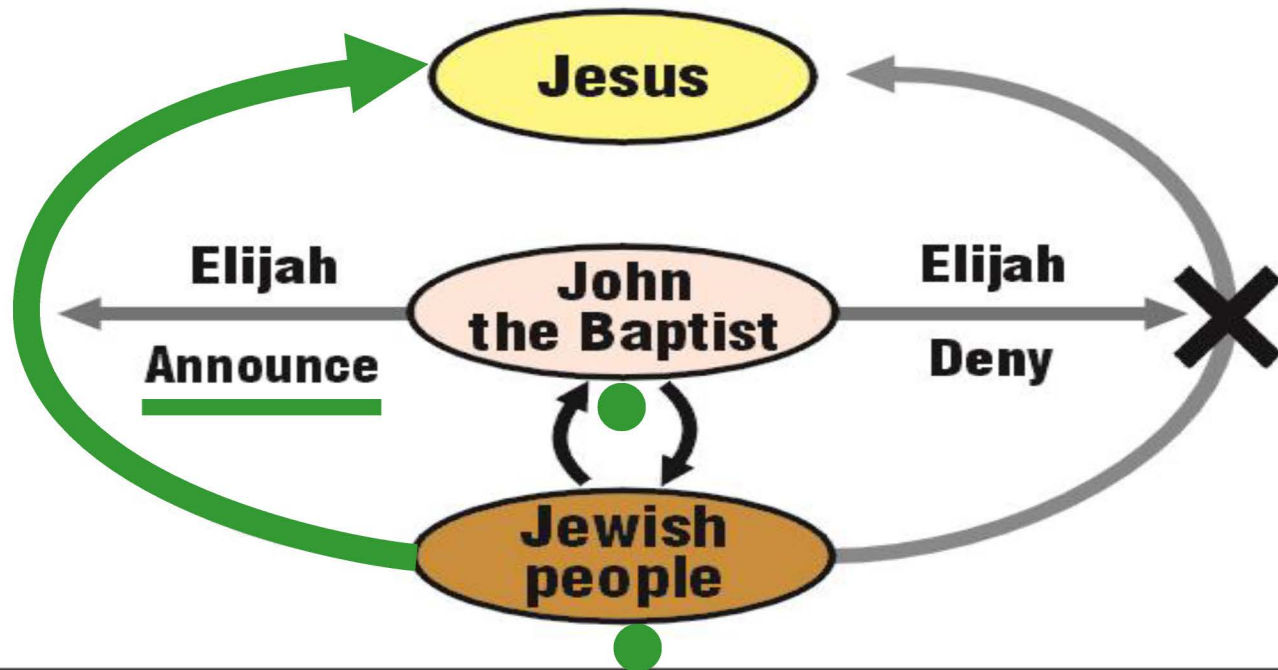
- It was prophesied in Isaiah 53 that Jesus would suffer the ordeal of the cross; in Isaiah 9, 11, 60, however, it was foretold that Jesus would become the king of the Jews in his lifetime and establish an everlasting kingdom on the earth. Let us investigate why God gave two contrasting kinds of prophecies concerning Jesus .
- The nature of the fruits human beings bear depends upon whether or not they fulfill their portion of responsibility. For this reason, God gave two kinds of prophecies concerning the accomplishment of His Will.

Section 2 The Second Coming of Elijah and John the Baptist



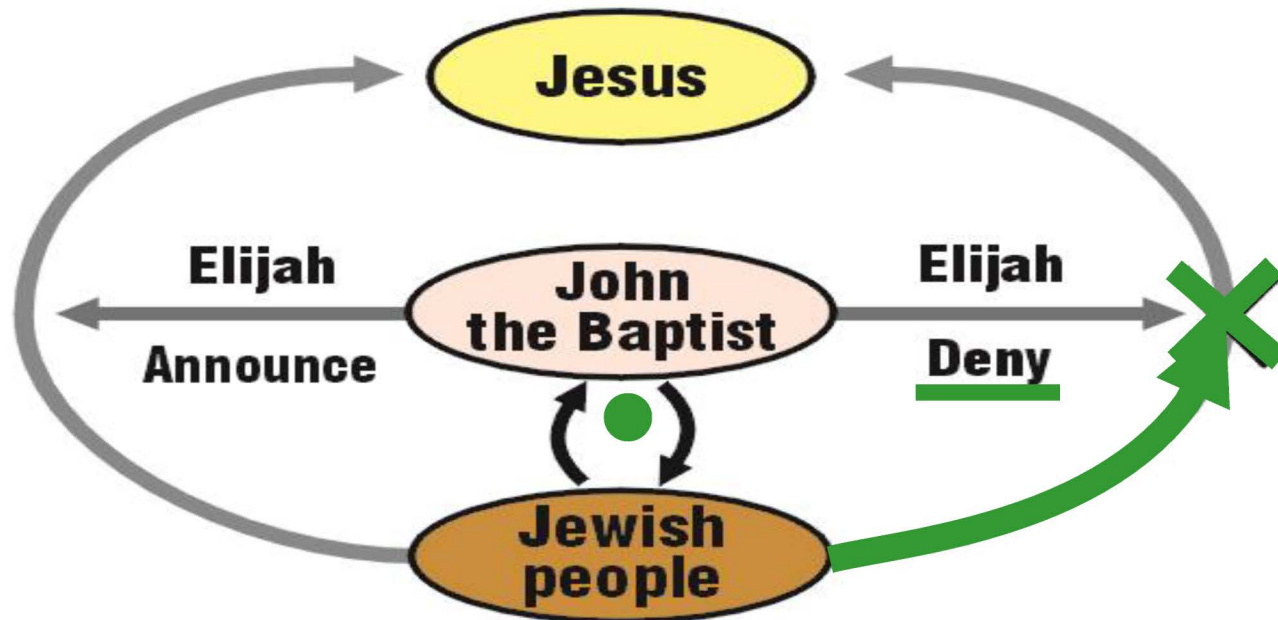
- The prophet Malachi foretold that Elijah would come again before the Messiah (Mal. 4:5) .
- Jesus testified that the prophesied coming of Elijah was realized in none other than John the Baptist (Matt. 17:12-13).
- Nevertheless, John the Baptist did not recognize himself to be the second coming of Elijah (John 1:21).

The faithlessness of John the Baptist



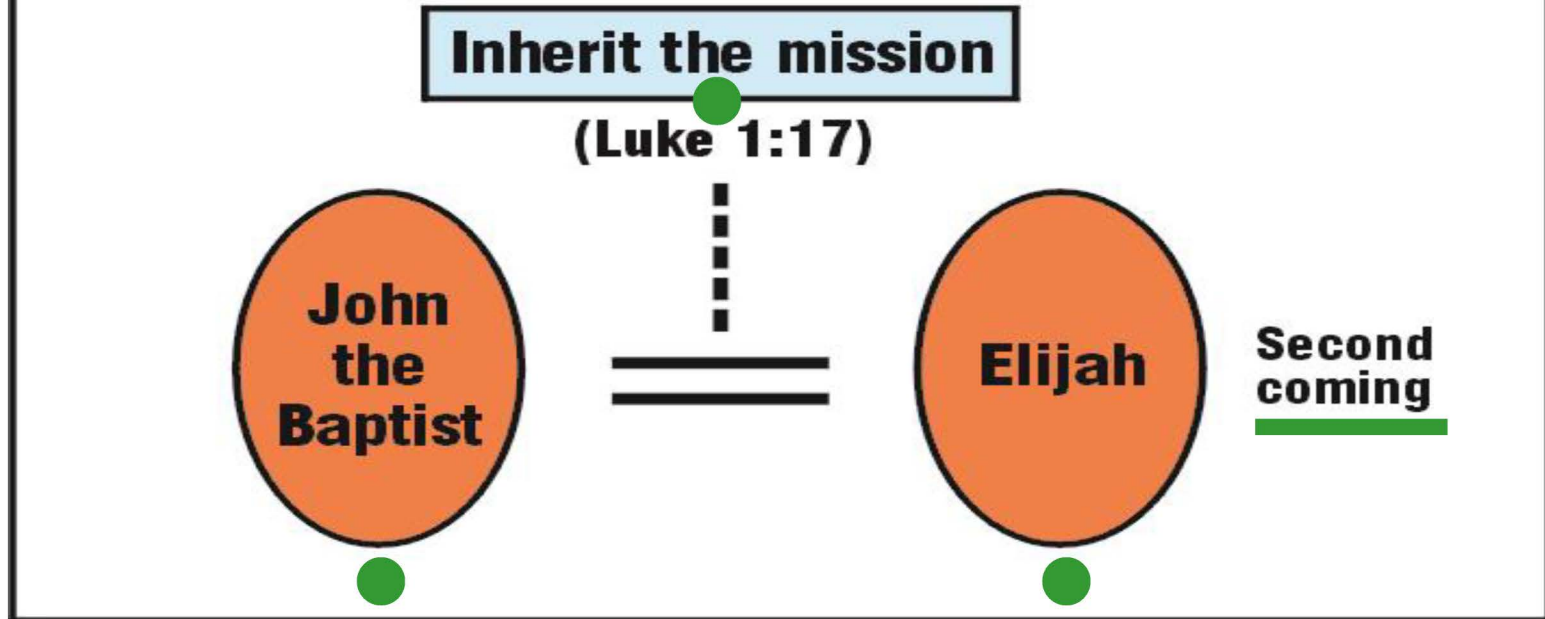
- Many among the Jewish leadership and people of Jesus' day had the highest respect for John the Baptist; some even thought of him as the Messiah.
- Had John the Baptist announced that he was Elijah, as Jesus had testified, all the Jewish people would have readily believed John's testimony and flocked to Jesus.

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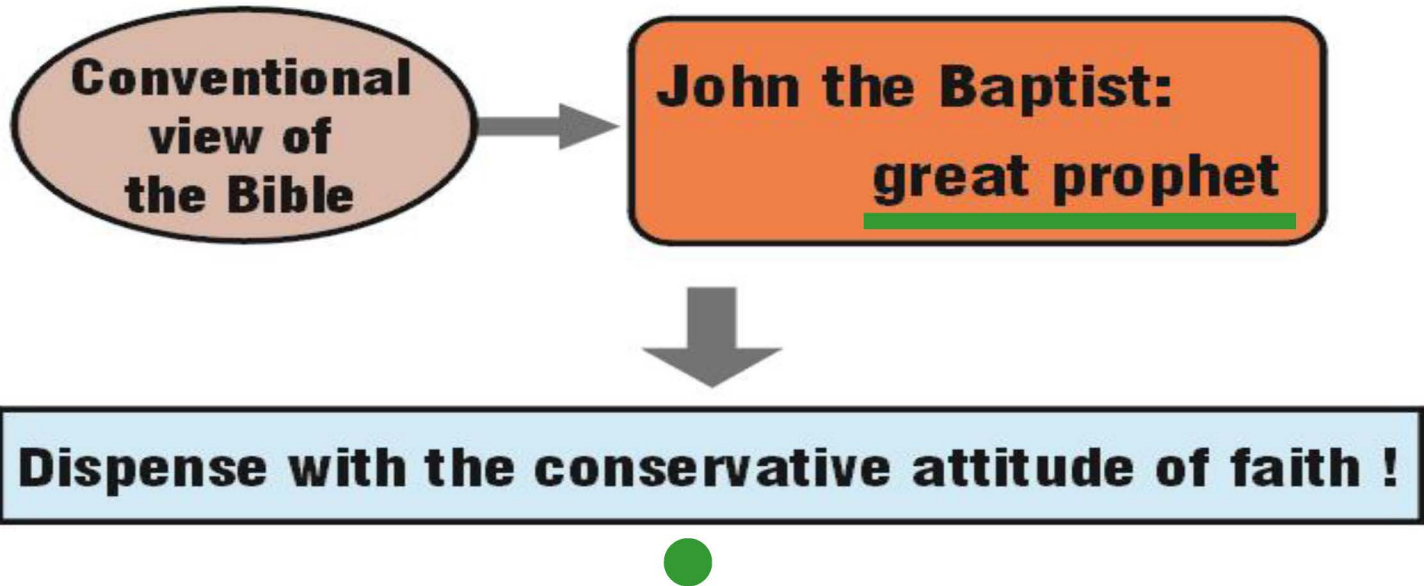
- Instead, John's ignorance of God's providence, which led him to deny his being Elijah, became the principal reason why the Jewish people did not come to Jesus.
- Here we have come to understand that the main reason why Jesus had to die on the cross was the failure of John the Baptist .

The sense in which John the Baptist was Elijah



- As recorded in the Bible, John the Baptist was to inherit and complete the mission which Elijah had left unfinished on earth (Luke 1:17).
- Hence, in terms of his mission, John was the second coming of Elijah.

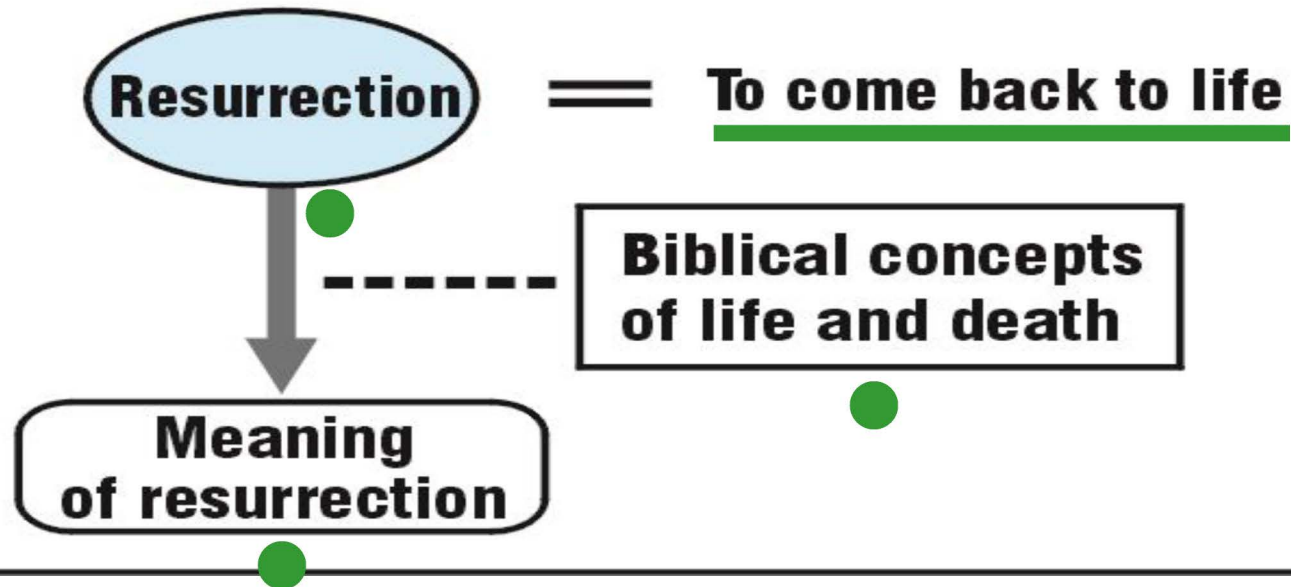
Our attitude toward the Bible



- Until today, no one has ever uncovered this heavenly secret.
- This is because we have been reading the Bible based on the unquestioned belief that John the Baptist was a great prophet.
- We should dispense with the conservative attitude of faith which makes us afraid to question conventional beliefs and traditional doctrines .

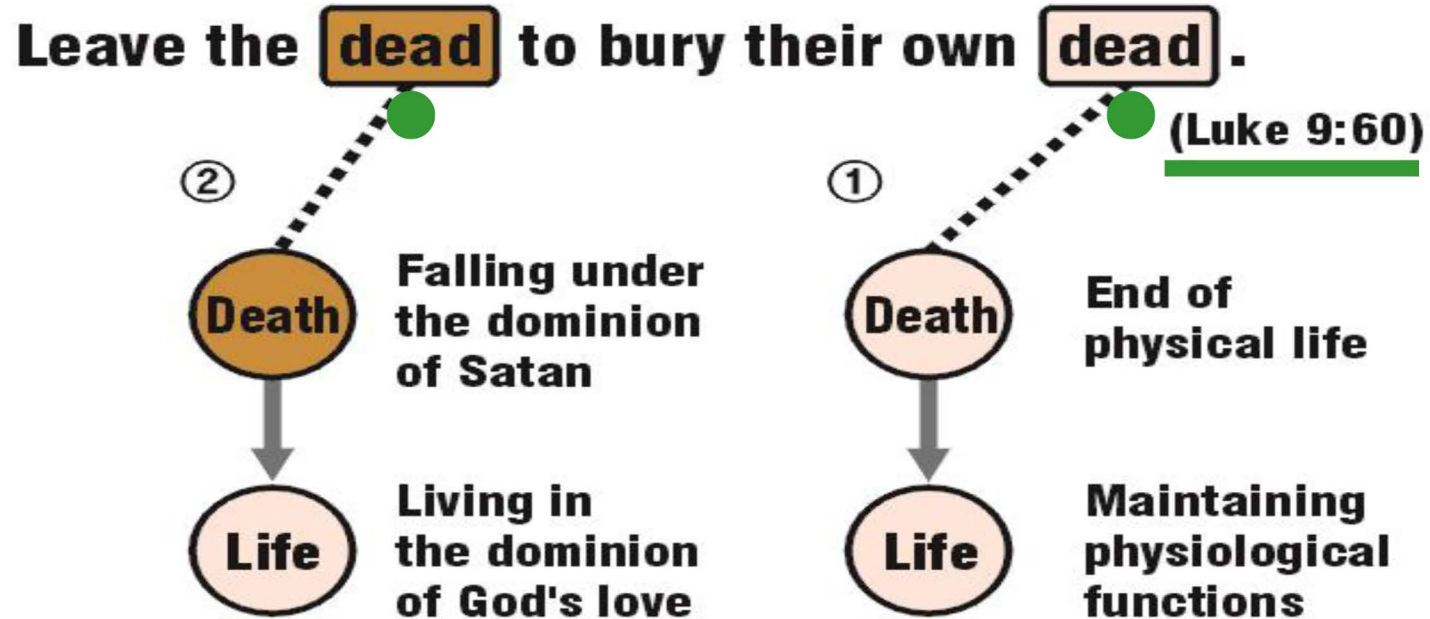
Chapter 5 Resurrection

Section 1 Resurrection



- Resurrection means to come back to life. To come back to life implies that we have been dead.
- Therefore, to fathom the meaning of resurrection, we must clarify the biblical concepts of life and death.

The biblical concepts of life and death

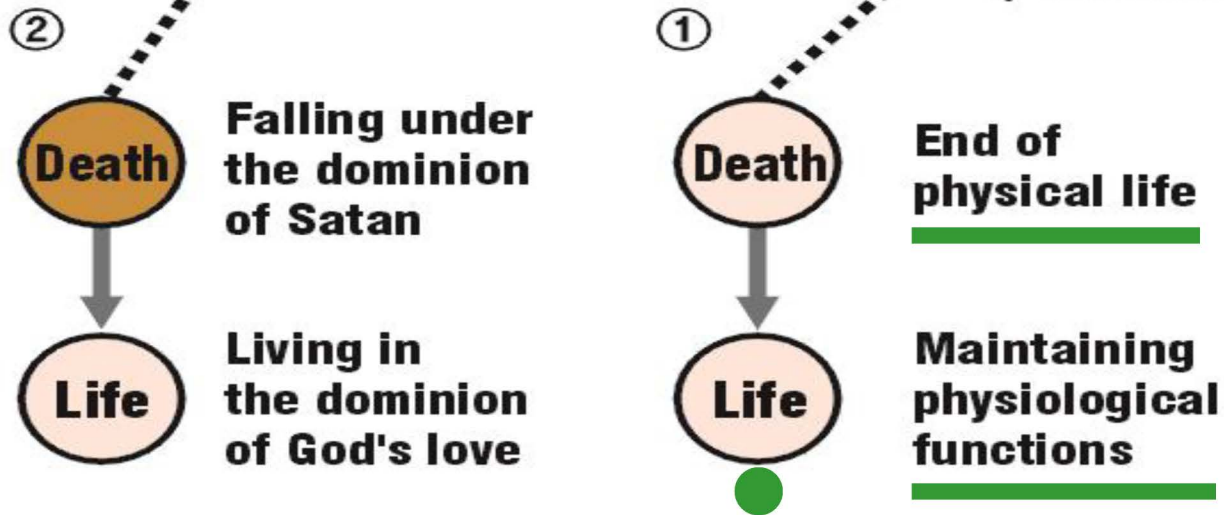


- Jesus said, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead." (Luke 9:60)
- From these words of Jesus, it is clear that the Bible contains two different concepts of life and death.

The biblical concepts of life and death

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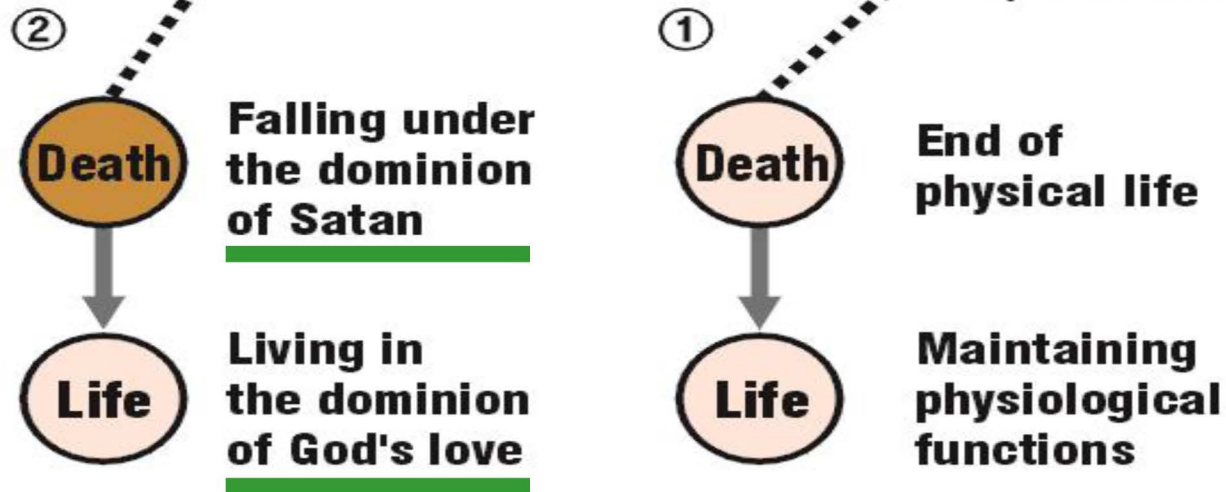


- ① First, "death" means the end of physical life, as was the case of the disciple's deceased father who was to be buried. "Life" in that sense means the state in which the physical self maintains its physiological functions.

The biblical concepts of life and death

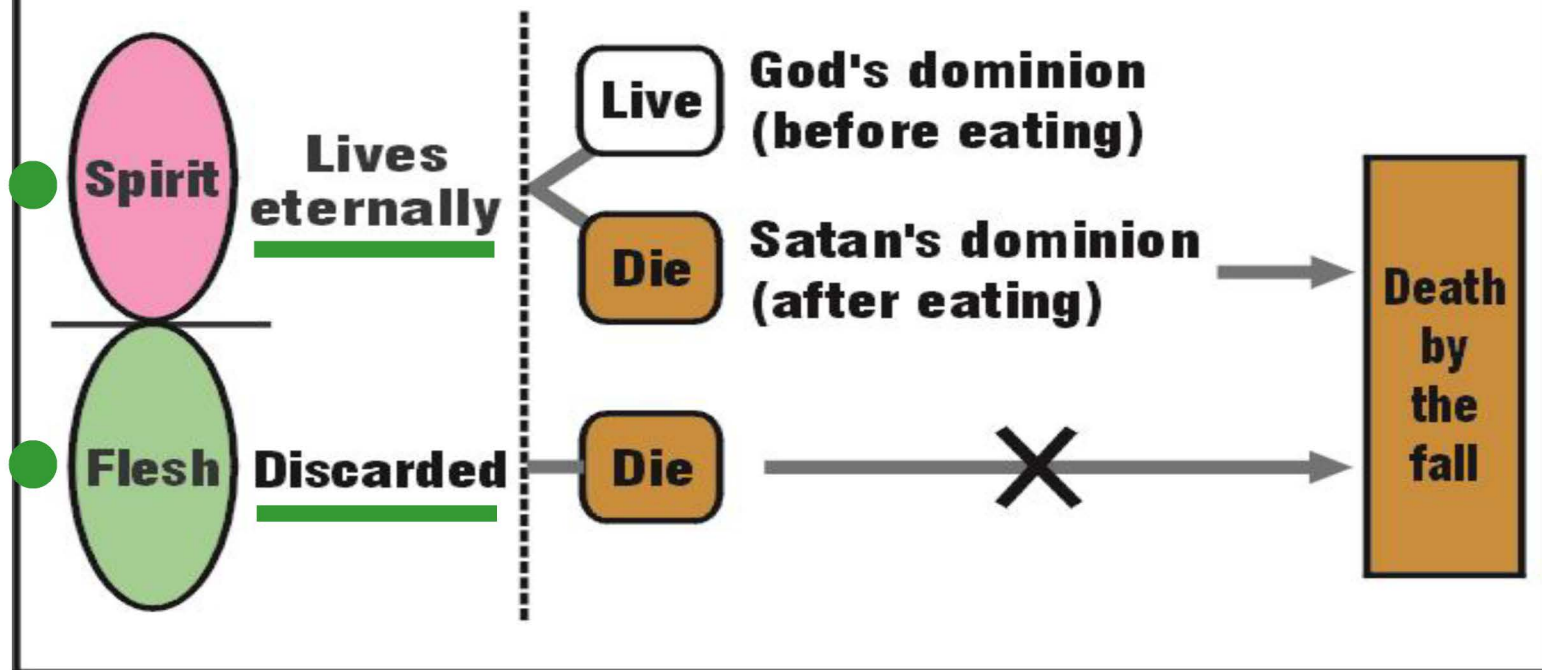
Leave the **dead** to bury their own **dead**.

(Luke 9:60)



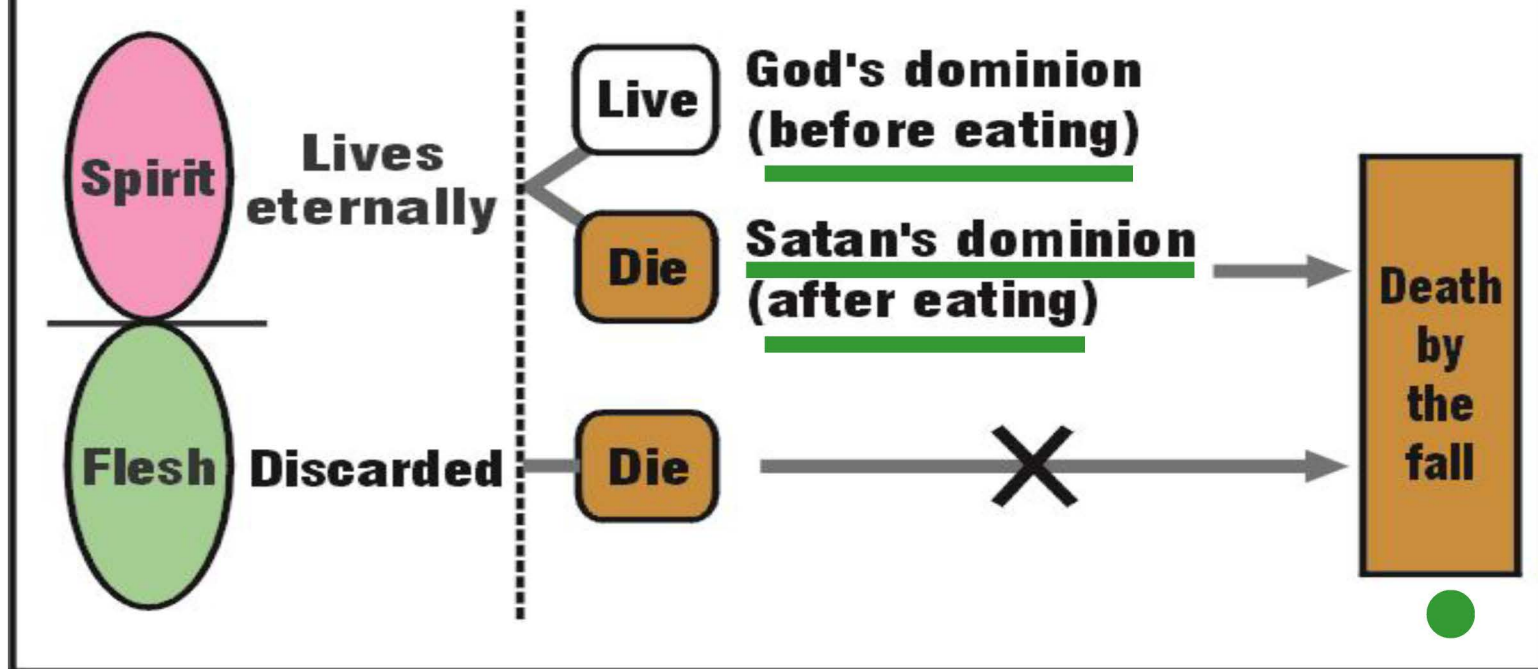
- ② The second concept of life and death concerns those living people who had gathered to bury the deceased man; this death refers to leaving the bosom of God's love and falling under the dominion of Satan. The corresponding concept of life refers to the state of living in accordance with God's Will, within the dominion of God's infinite love.

The death caused by the human fall



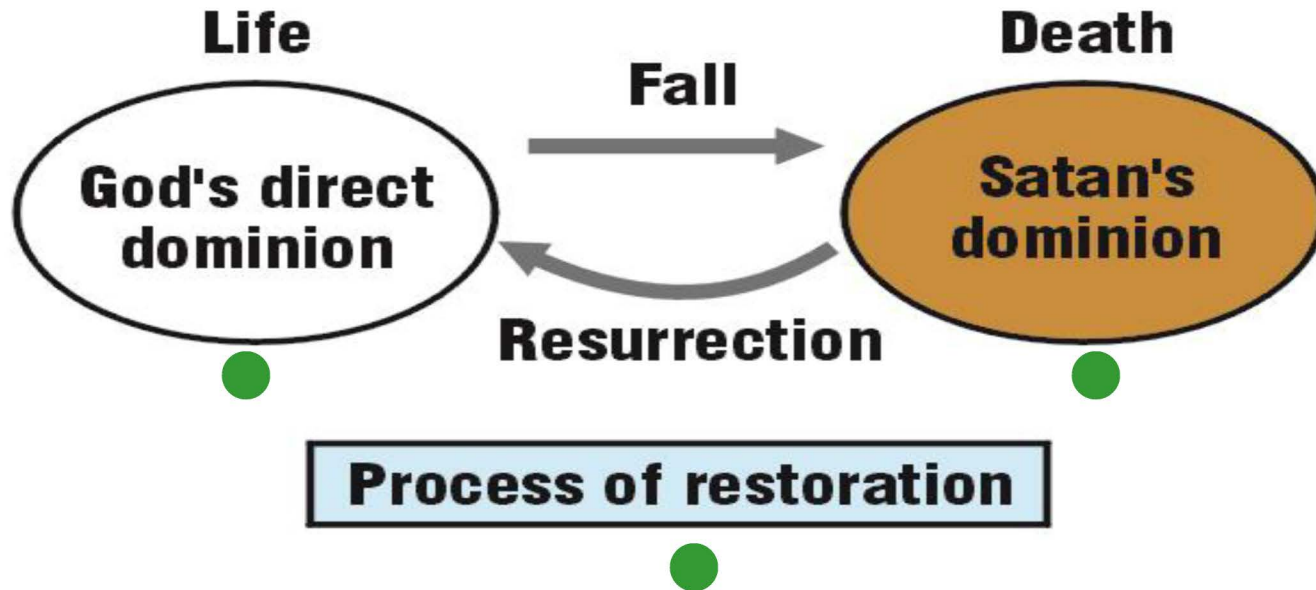
- Which of the two refers to the death brought about by the Fall of the first human ancestors?
- According to the Principle of Creation, the flesh is the clothing of the spirit. Just as one discards worn-out clothes, the flesh is to be discarded when it has grown old and weak. Only the unclothed spirit self enters the spirit world and lives there eternally.

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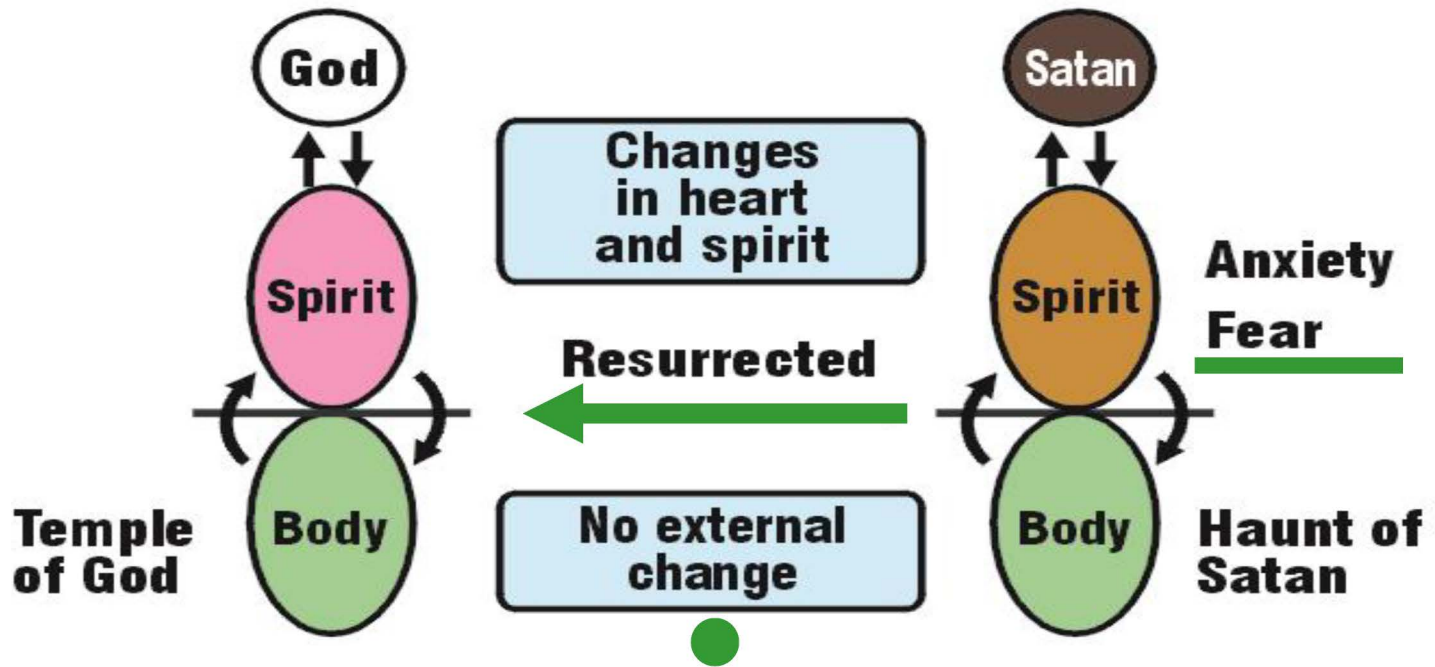
- The death caused by the Fall does not mean the end of physical life, but rather the descent into the evil dominion of Satan.
- God told Adam and Eve that on the day they ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they would surely die. (Gen. 2:17)
- Hence, before eating the fruit, they were alive, and after eating the fruit, they were dead.

The meaning of resurrection



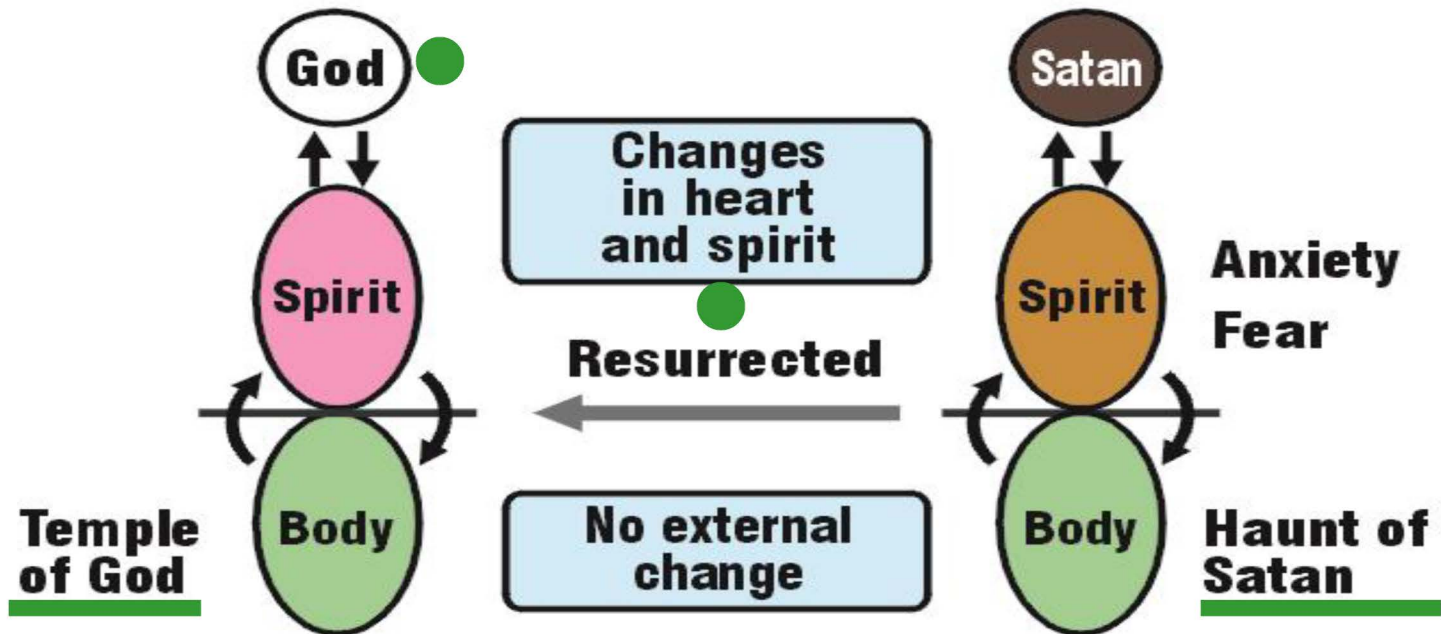
- Resurrection may be defined as the process of being restored from the death caused by the Fall to life, from the realm of Satan's dominion to the realm of God's direct dominion, through the providence of restoration.

What changes does resurrection cause in human beings?



- Adam and Eve died when they ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Nevertheless, no significant external change took place in them. At most there were momentary changes in their countenances due to the anxiety and fear they felt over having fallen.
- Likewise, no significant external changes should be expected to take place in fallen people when they are resurrected to the state prior to the Fall.

What changes does resurrection cause in human beings?



- Jesus was truly a man who fulfilled the purpose of creation. Nevertheless, judged by his outward appearance, Jesus was not noticeably different from ordinary people.
- The changes a person experiences when he is resurrected and enters the governance of God take place in his heart and spirit. These internal changes also purify his body, transforming it from a haunt of Satan into a temple of God.

Section 2 The Providence of Resurrection

How does God carry out his work of resurrection?

Providence of resurrection = Providence of restoration = Providence of re-creation



● The providence of resurrection is the providence of restoration, and thus providence of re-creation. Thus, the providence of resurrection is carried out in accordance with the Principle of Creation :

- ① First, the merit of the age has increased in proportion to the foundation of heart laid by the prophets, sages and righteous people who came before us, and the subsequent generations benefit from the merit of the age.
- ② Second, God's responsibility is to give us His Word and guidance, and our responsibility is to believe and practice it.

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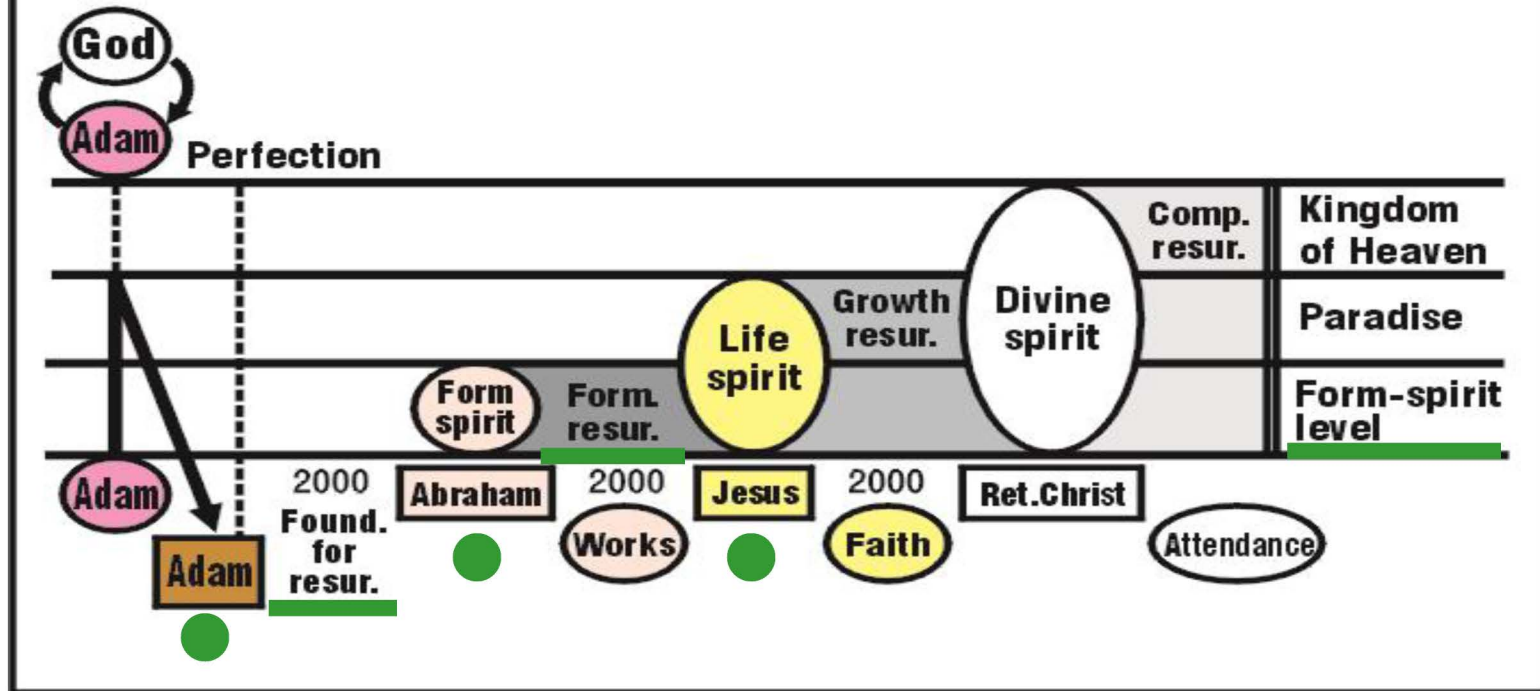
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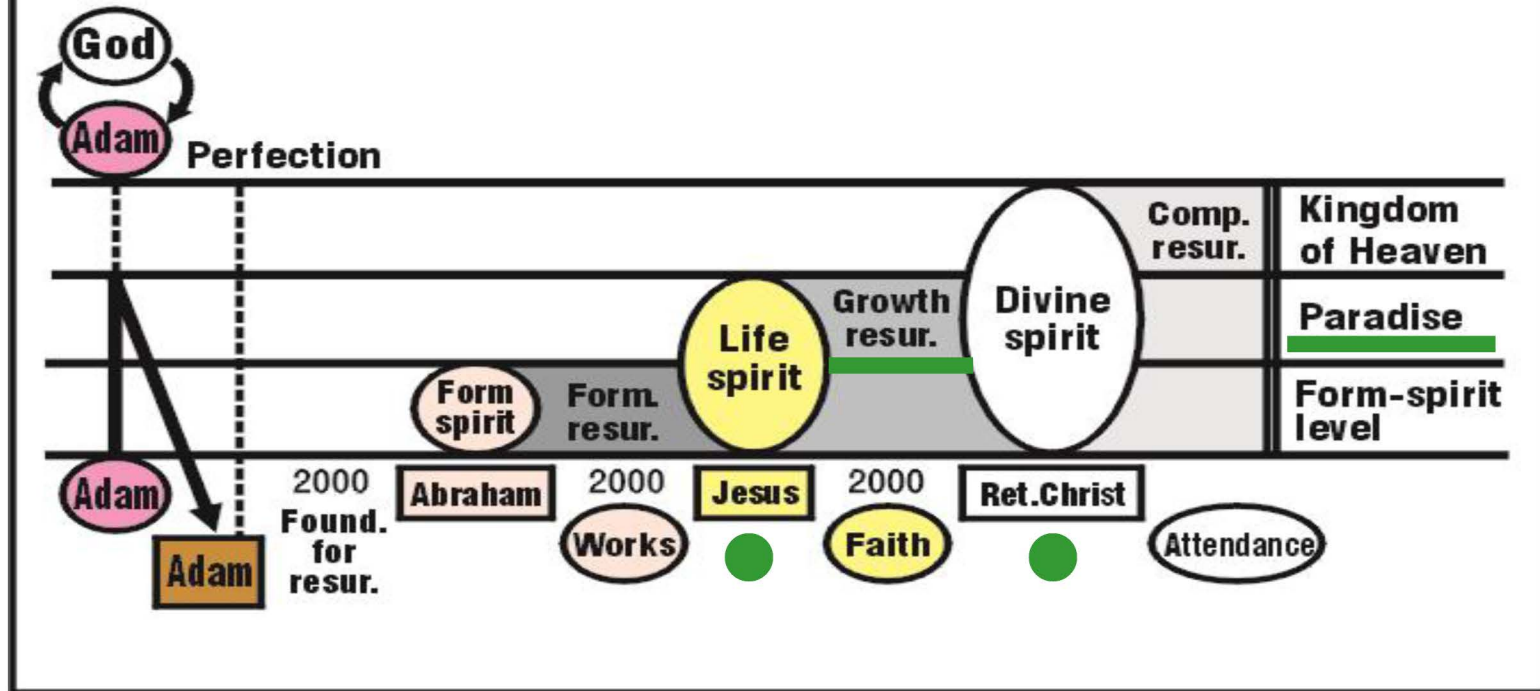
- ③ Third, the resurrection of a spirit can be achieved only through earthly life, in the physical self.
- ④ Fourth, the providence of resurrection is to be completed through three ordered stages.

The providence of resurrection for people on earth



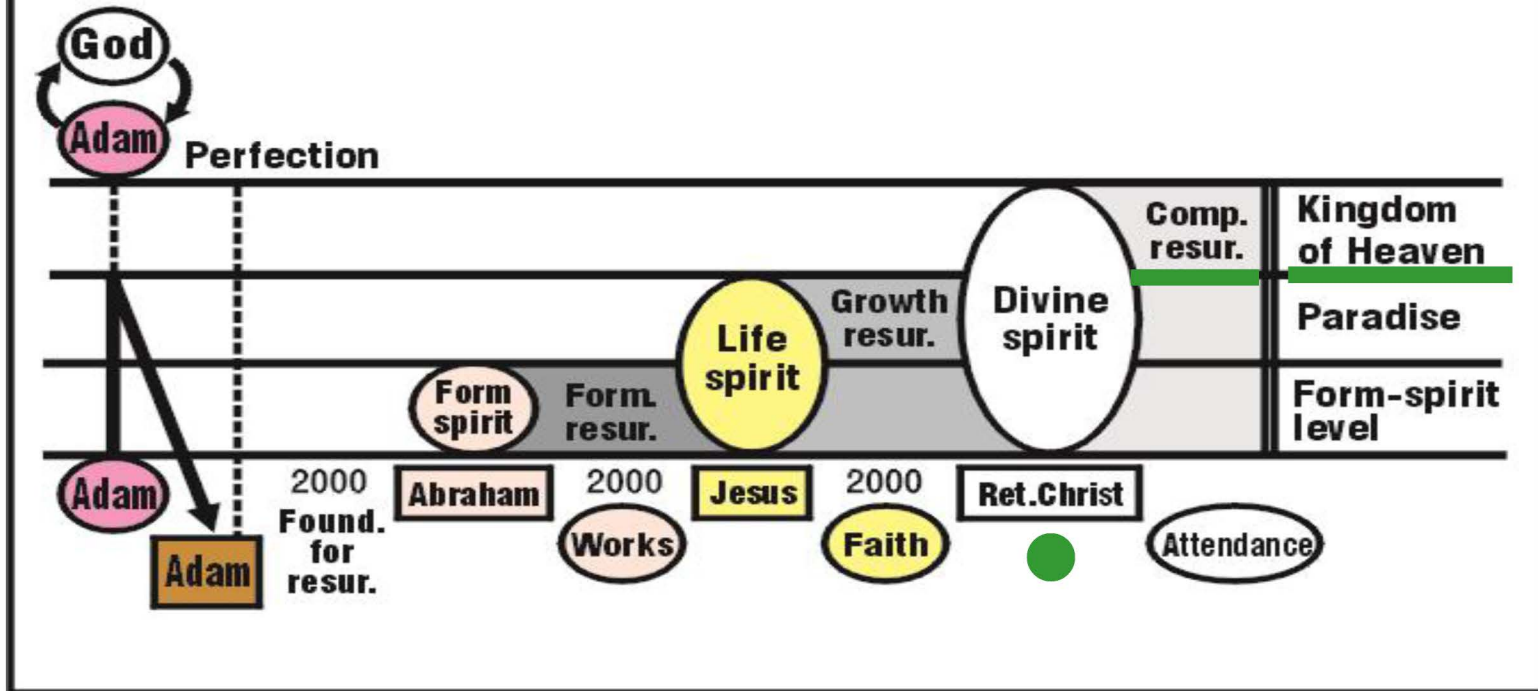
- The 2000 years from Adam to Abraham may be called the age of the providence to lay the foundation for resurrection.
- The 2000 years from Abraham to Jesus may be called the age of the providence of formation-stage resurrection (age of justification by works). Upon their death, the believers of this era entered and abided in the form-spirit level of the spirit world.

The providence of resurrection for people on earth



- The 2000 years from Jesus to the returning Christ may be called the age of the providence of growth-stage resurrection (age of justification by faith). Upon their death, the believers of this era enter and abide in Paradise, the life-spirit level of the spirit world.

The providence of resurrection for people on earth

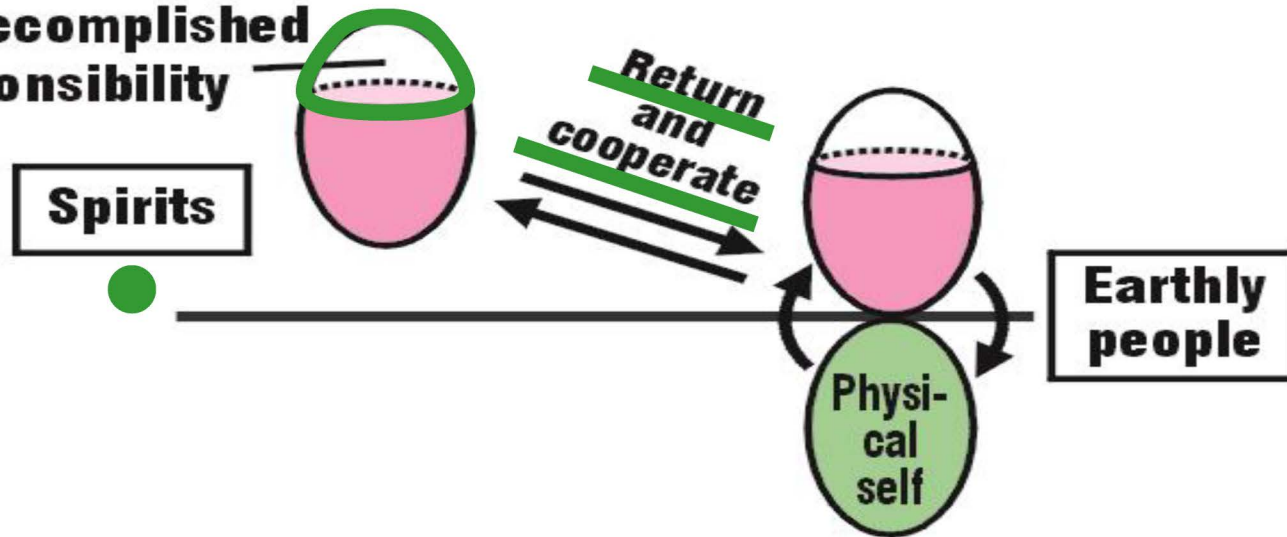


- The era when people are to complete the providence of resurrection through the returning Christ is called the age of the providence of completion-stage resurrection (age of justification by attendance). Upon their death, the believers of this era will enter and abide in the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven, which is the divine-spirit level of the spirit world.

The providence of resurrection for spirits

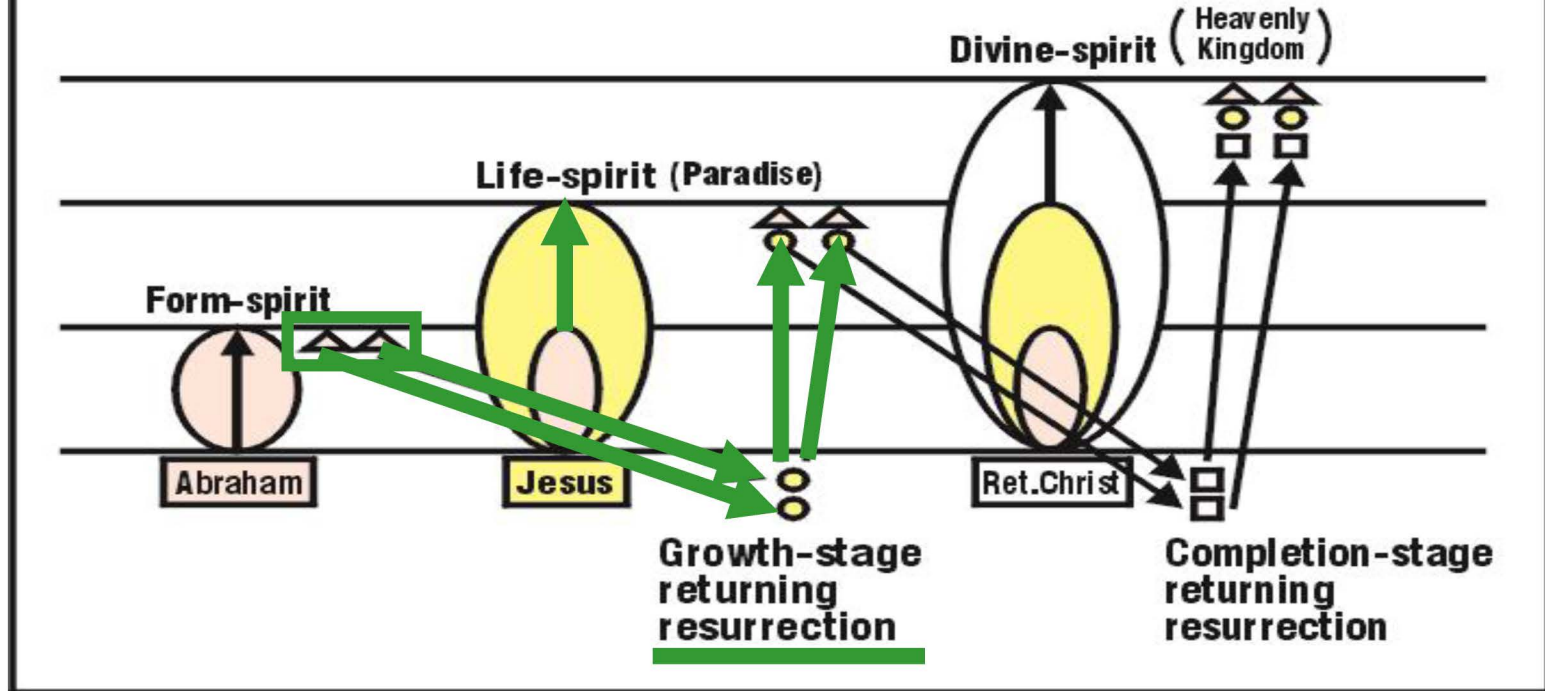
Purpose and way of returning resurrection

**Unaccomplished
responsibility**



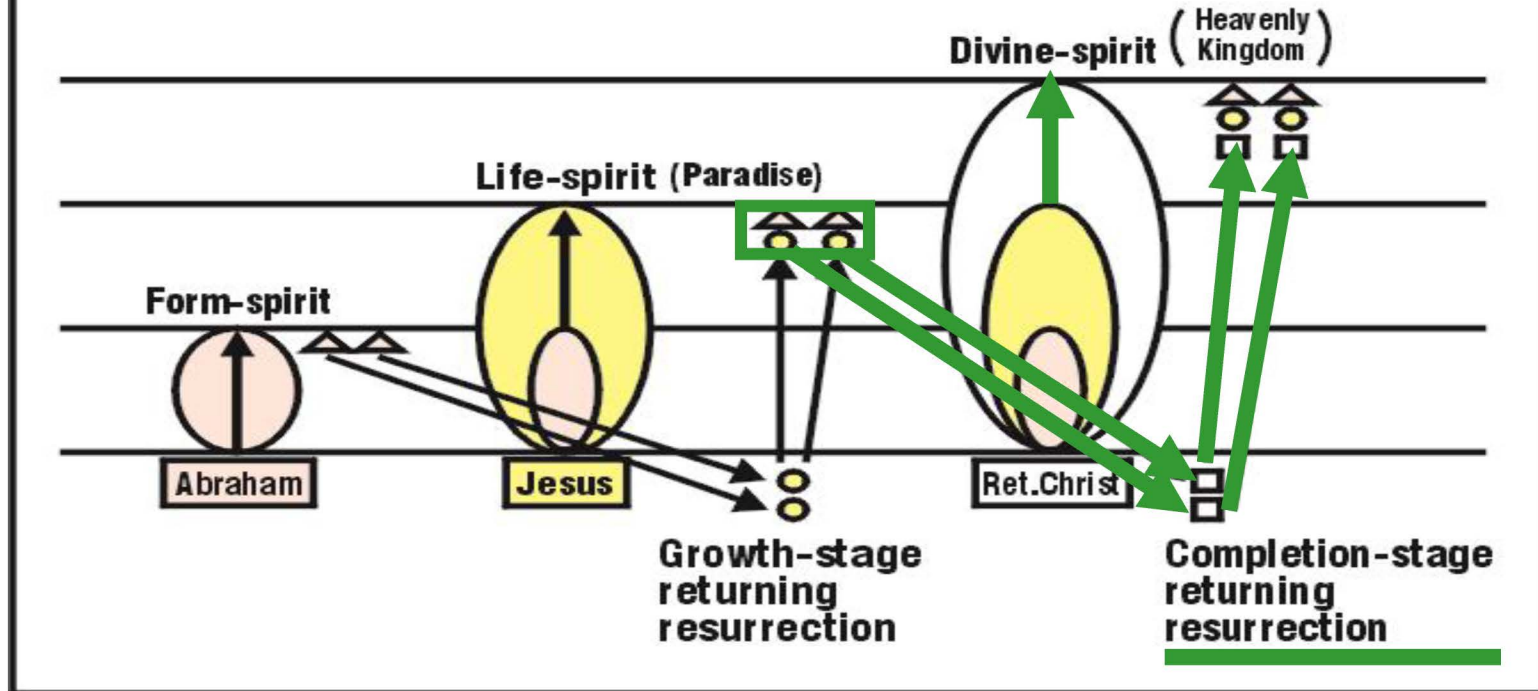
- The spirits of people who died before they could reach perfection during their earthly life can be resurrected only by returning to earth and completing their unaccomplished responsibility through cooperation with earthly people .
- We call this process returning resurrection.

The returning resurrection of the spirits of Israelites and Christians



- After the advent of Jesus, the form spirits of the Old Testament Age (\triangle) all returned to earth and assisted faithful people on earth (\circ) to attain the level of life spirit. By this, they too received the same benefit: entered Paradise together. We call this growth-stage returning resurrection.

The returning resurrection of the spirits of Israelites and Christians



- After the Second Advent, the life spirits of the New Testament Age (○, △) will all return to the earth to help faithful people on earth (□) to attain the level of divine spirit. By this, they too will receive the same benefit and enter the heavenly kingdom together. We call this completion-stage returning resurrection .

The returning resurrection of spirits who abide outside paradise

Spirits of other religions

Spirit

Descends and guides

People of same religion

Good spirits

Good spirit

Good people

Evil spirits

Evil spirit

Earthly people

Fulfill purpose of providence → Same benefit

- A spirit who believed in a religion other than Christianity during his lifetime seeks a counterpart among the earthly people of the same religion as he believed during his earthly life. He descends to the person of his choice and guides him. When he helps that person fulfill the purpose of the providence of restoration, they both receive the same benefit.

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- Good spirits who lived a conscientious life descend to good people on earth and cooperate with them. In the process, the spirits receive the same benefits as the people they have helped.

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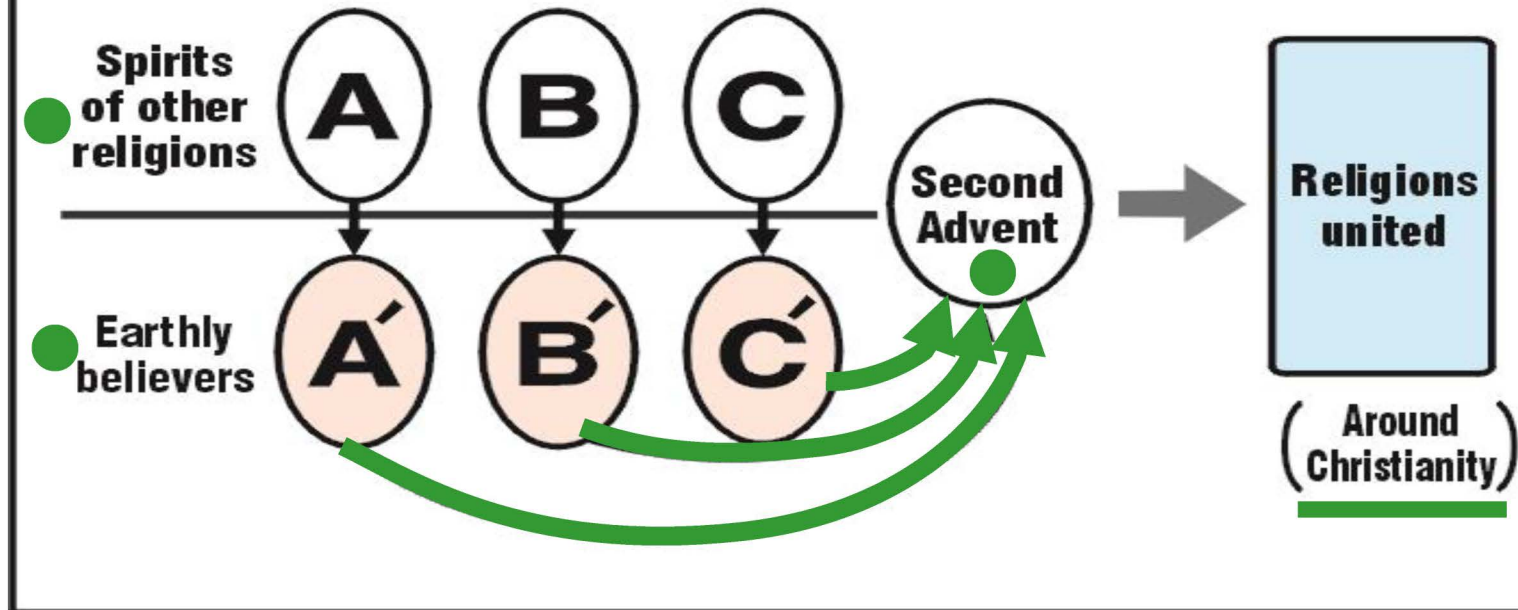
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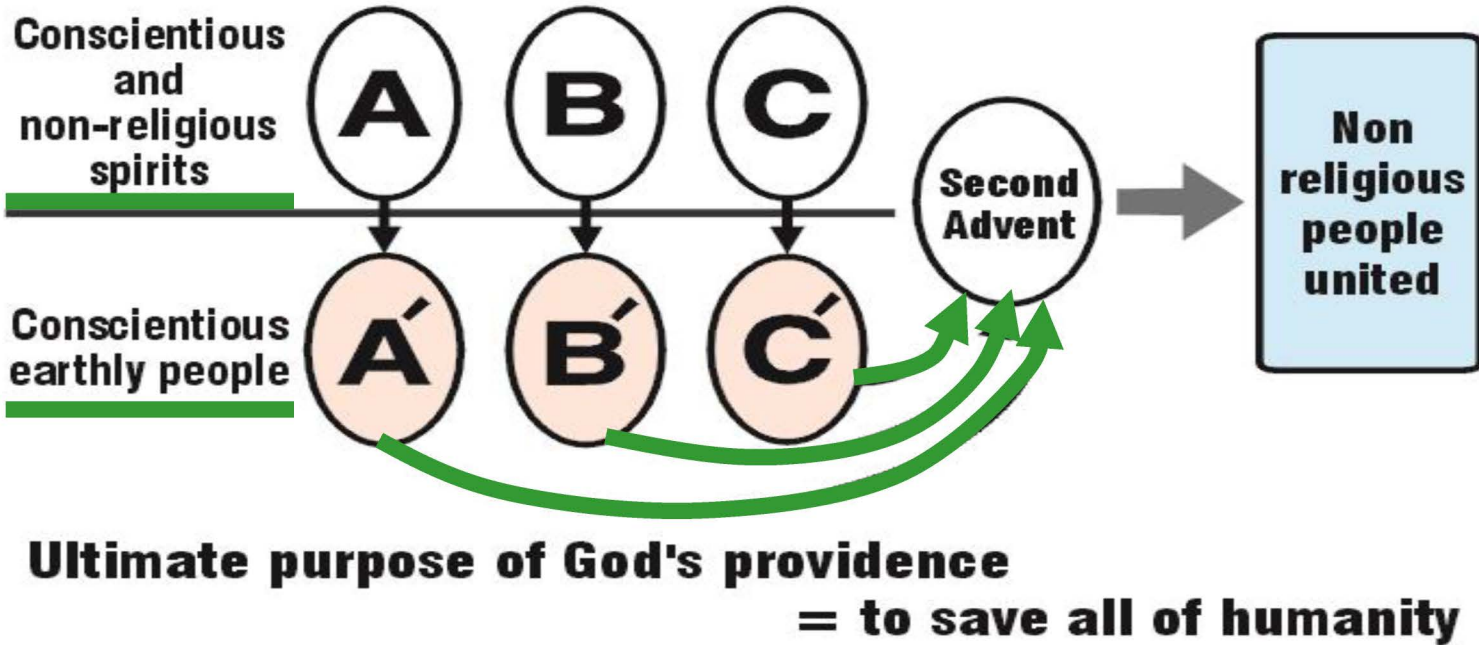
- In order for evil spirits to receive the benefit of returning resurrection, their works must have the effect of punishing earthly people to help them make conditions to indemnify their failures which have frustrated God's past efforts to cleanse them of their sins.

Section 3 The Unification of Religions through Returning Resurrection



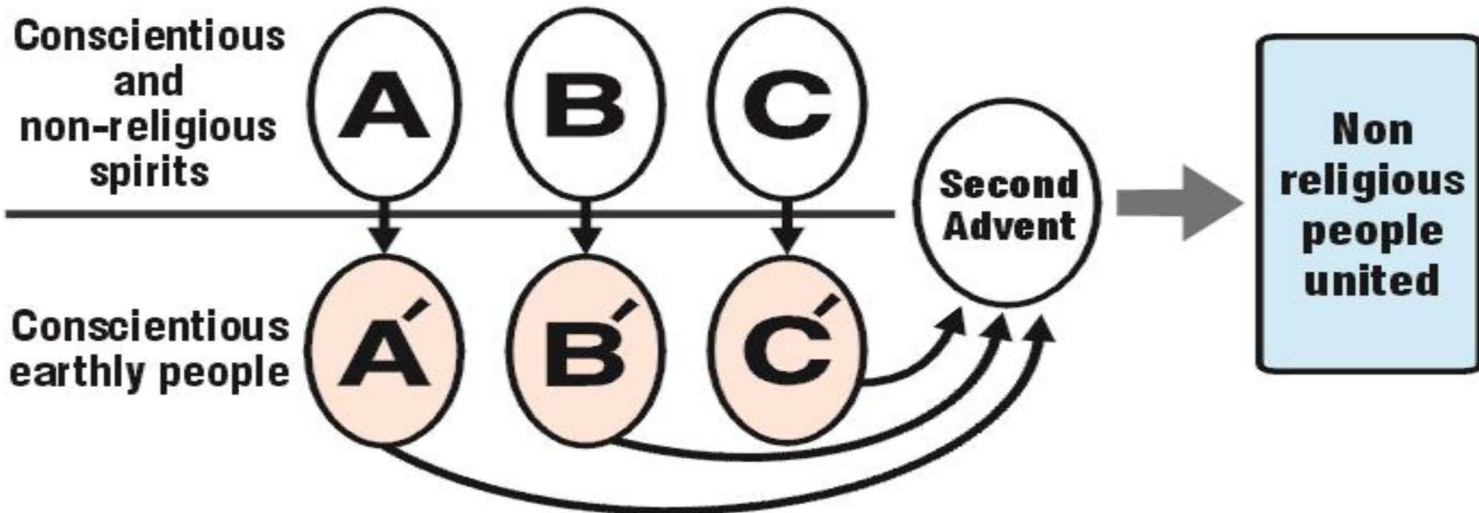
- Christ at the Second Advent is the central figure whose advent is expected in other religions as well.
- Consequently, all spirits who believed in religions other than Christianity during their lifetime must guide the earthly believers of their respective religions to Christ at the Second Advent and assist them to believe in him and attend him in his work to fulfill God's Will, even though the timing will vary depending upon their spiritual position.
- All religions will eventually be united around Christianity .

Unification of non-religious people through returning resurrection



- Spirits who, in their lifetime, led a conscientious life but did not believe in any religion will also return to earth at the granted time to receive the benefit of returning resurrection.
- They will guide conscientious earthly people to seek out Christ at the Second Advent, attend him, and assist him in fulfilling God's Will.

Unification of non-religious people through returning resurrection



Ultimate purpose of God's providence

= to save all of humanity

- The ultimate purpose of God's providence of restoration is to save all of humanity. Therefore, God intends to abolish hell completely.
- By participating in these various dispensations over a long course of time, all people will gradually converge toward the goal of God's ideal world.

Chapter 6 Predestination

- **Prosperity and decline, happiness and misery**
- **Salvation and damnation**
- **Rise and fall of nations**

● **Affirm predestination**

Rom. 8:30

Rom. 9:15-16

Rom. 9:21

Rom. 9:11-13

● **Refute predestination**

Gen. 2:17

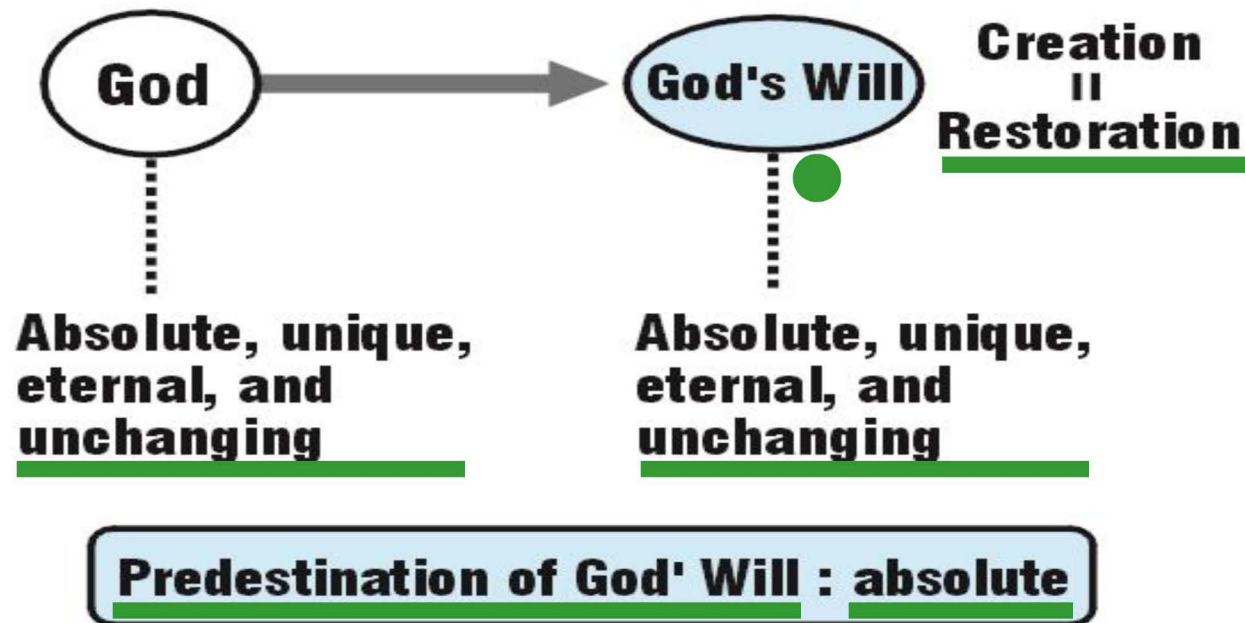
Gen. 6:6

Matt. 7:7

James 5:14-15

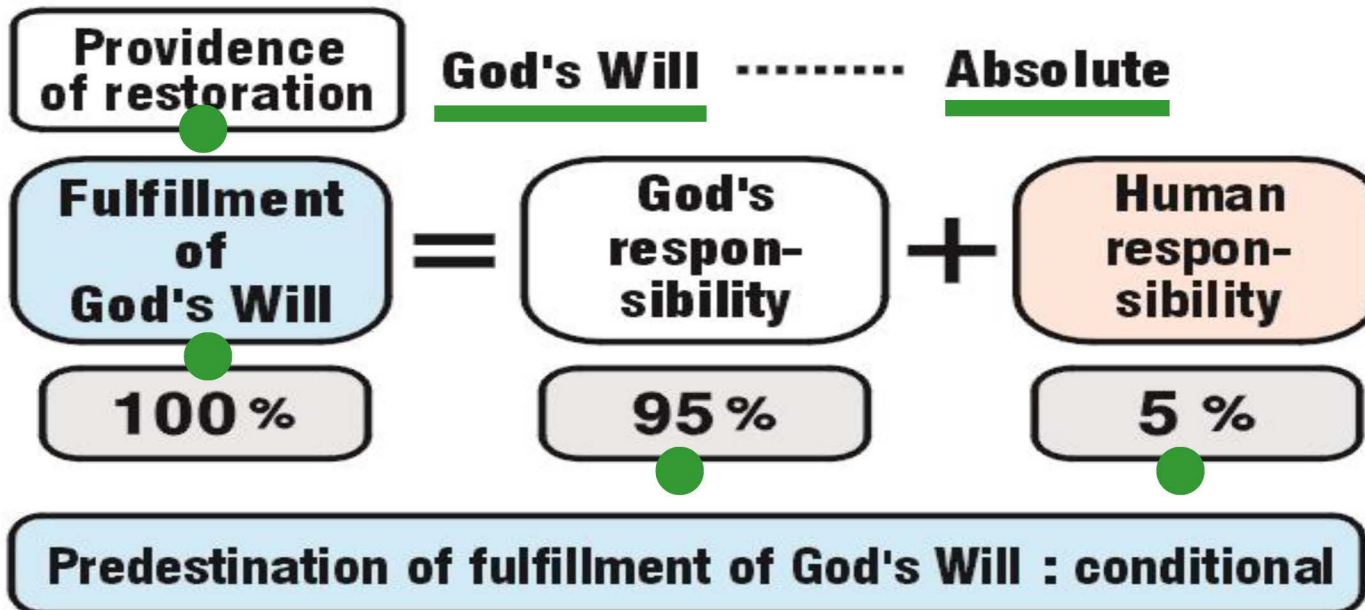
- Theological controversy over predestination has caused great confusion in the religious lives of many people .
- In the Bible, we find many passages which are often interpreted to mean that everything in an individual's life comes to pass exactly as predestined by God.
- Yet we can find sufficient evidence in the Bible to refute the doctrine of absolute predestination .
- How can the Principle solve this problem?

Section 1 The Predestination of God's Will



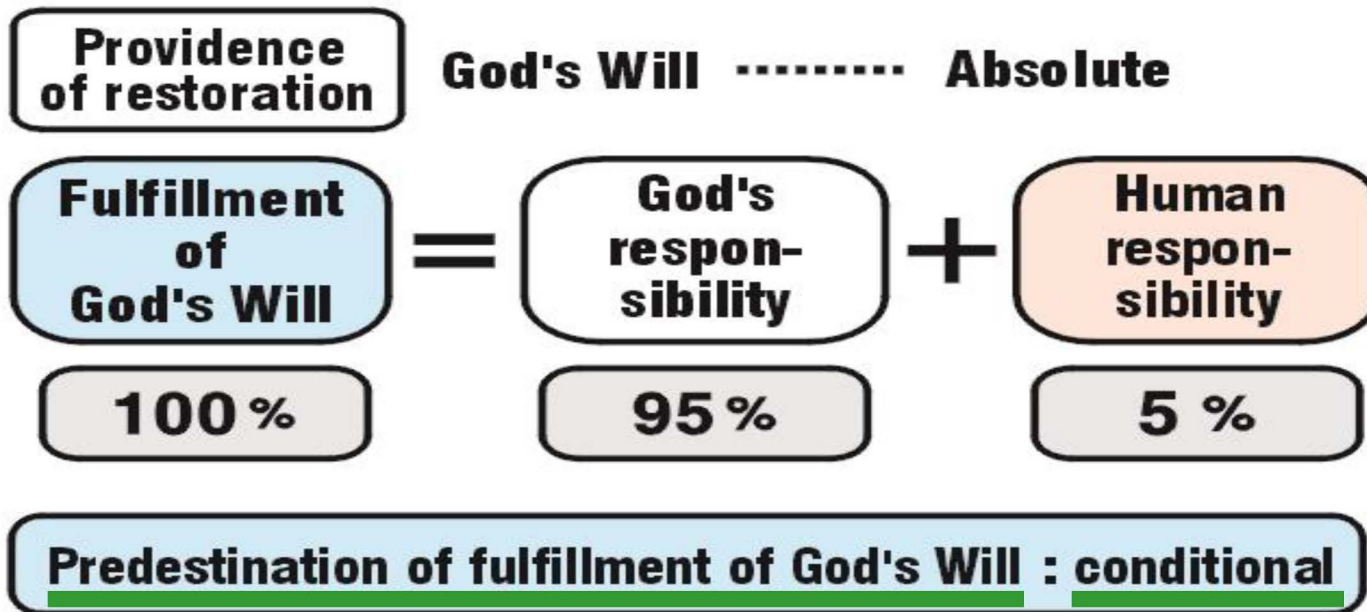
- God could not accomplish His purpose of creation due to the human Fall. Accordingly, God's Will is still to accomplish the purpose of creation. In this sense, God's Will is that restoration be accomplished .
- God is the absolute Being, unique, eternal and unchanging; therefore, His Will must also be absolute, unique, eternal, and unchanging.
- God's predestination of His Will is absolute.

Section 2 The Predestination of the Way in Which God's Will Is Fulfilled



- Although God's Will of the providence of restoration is absolute and beyond human influence, its fulfillment necessarily requires the accomplishment of the human portion of responsibility .
- God predestines the process of its fulfillment conditionally, contingent upon the five percent responsibility of the central figure, which must be completed in addition to the ninety-five percent responsibility of God .

Section 2 The Predestination of the Way in Which God's Will Is Fulfilled



- The proportion of five percent is used to indicate that the human portion of responsibility is extremely small when compared to God's portion of responsibility. Yet for human beings, this five percent is equivalent to one hundred percent of our effort.
- The predestination of the fulfillment of God's Will is conditional.

Section 3 The Predestination of Human Beings

Predestination of human beings : conditional

God's providence of salvation :

One point → Whole

Central figure

- ① **Chosen people**
- ② **Ancestral line with good accomplishments**
- ③ **Requisite character**
- ④ **Necessary qualities**
- ⑤ **Time and place fitting to God's need**

- If a person does not complete his responsibility, he cannot become the person God has purposed him to be. Hence, predestination of human beings is conditional.
- God's providence of salvation begins from one point and gradually expands to cover the whole. Therefore, in the providence of salvation, God first predestines one person to be the central figure and then calls him to a mission.

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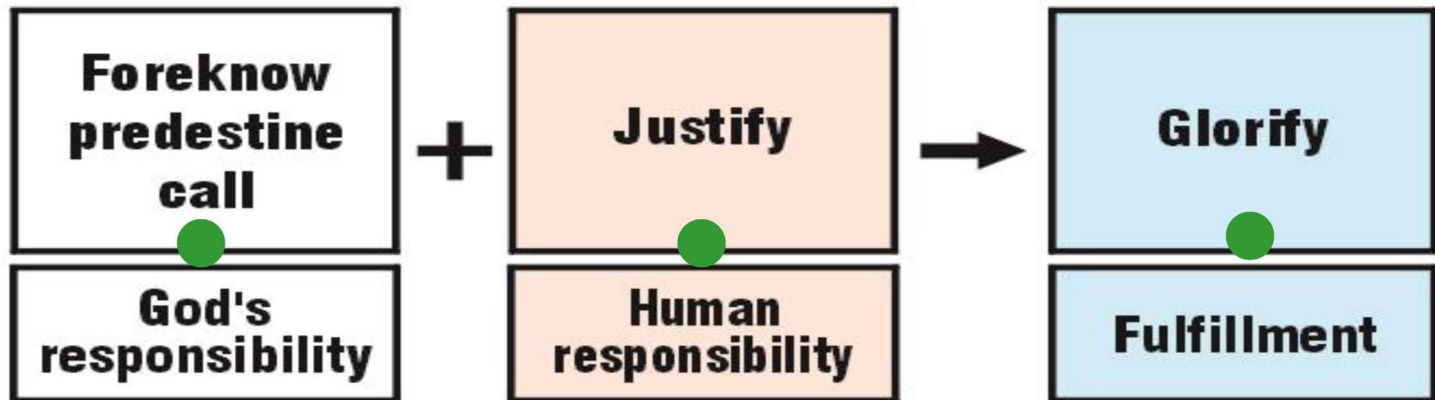
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- What qualifications should the person possess to merit such a calling ? He must be born into the chosen people. He must come from an ancestral line with many good accomplishments. He must be endowed with the requisite character. He must develop the necessary qualities during his early life. He must live in a time and place most fitting to God's need.

Section 4 Elucidation of Biblical Verses Which Support the Doctrine of Absolute Predestination

Rom. 8:29-30

→ **Not mention human responsibility**

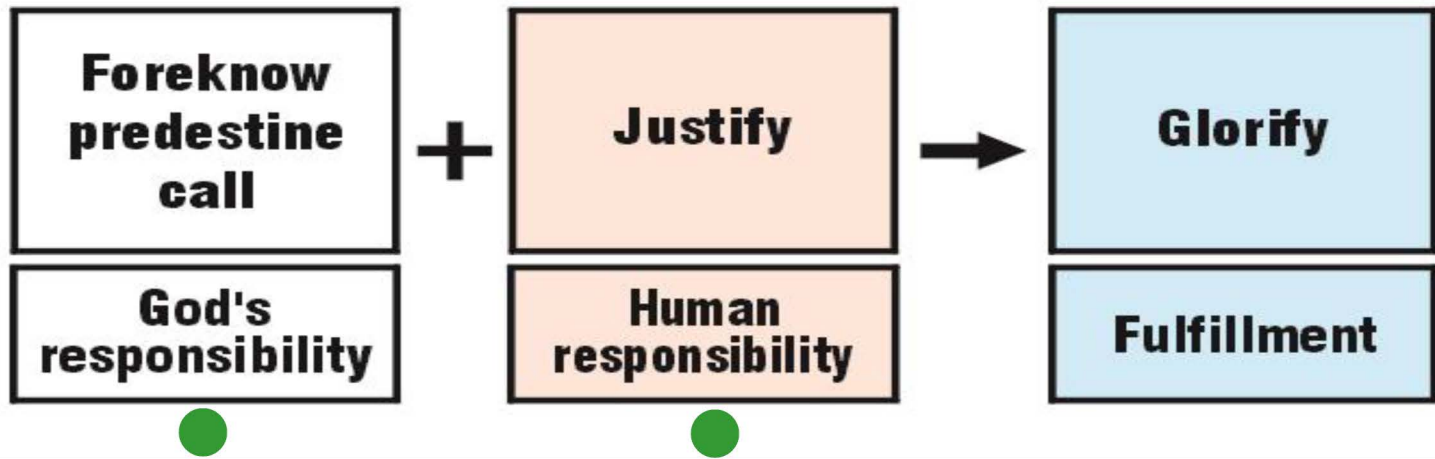


- The book of Romans says: "For those whom He foreknew He also predestined... those whom He predestined He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified." (Rom. 8:29-30)

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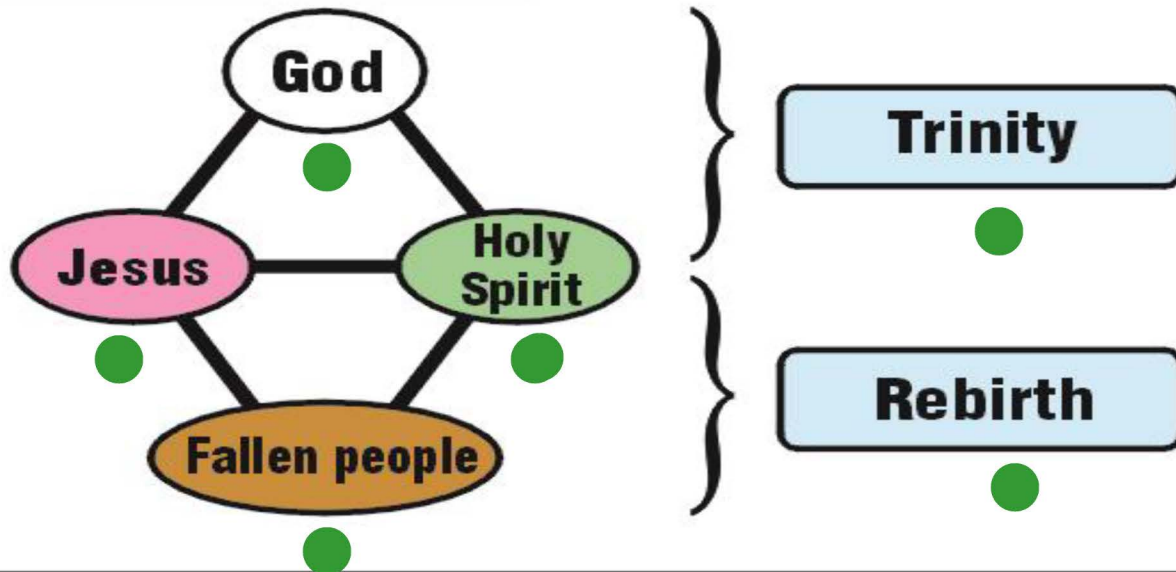
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- God predestines those whom He foreknows; then He calls upon him to fulfill the purpose of the providence. Calling the person is God's responsibility, but only when the person completes his responsibility after being called by God is he justified and then glorified.
- Because the biblical verse does not mention the human portion of responsibility, people may misinterpret it to mean that all affairs are determined solely by God's absolute predestination.

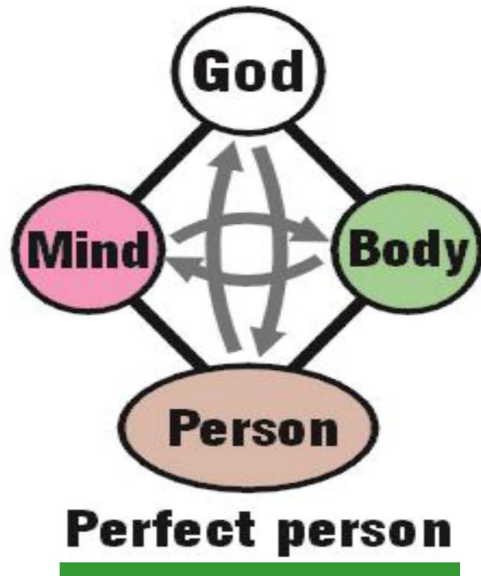
Chapter 7 Christology

Issues of Christology



- Issues which fall within the scope of Christology include the Trinity, which deals with the relationship between God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, as well as rebirth and the relationship between Jesus, the Holy Spirit and fallen people .
- Until today, the controversies surrounding these issues have never been clearly settled. Consequently, considerable confusion remains in Christian doctrine and ways of faith.

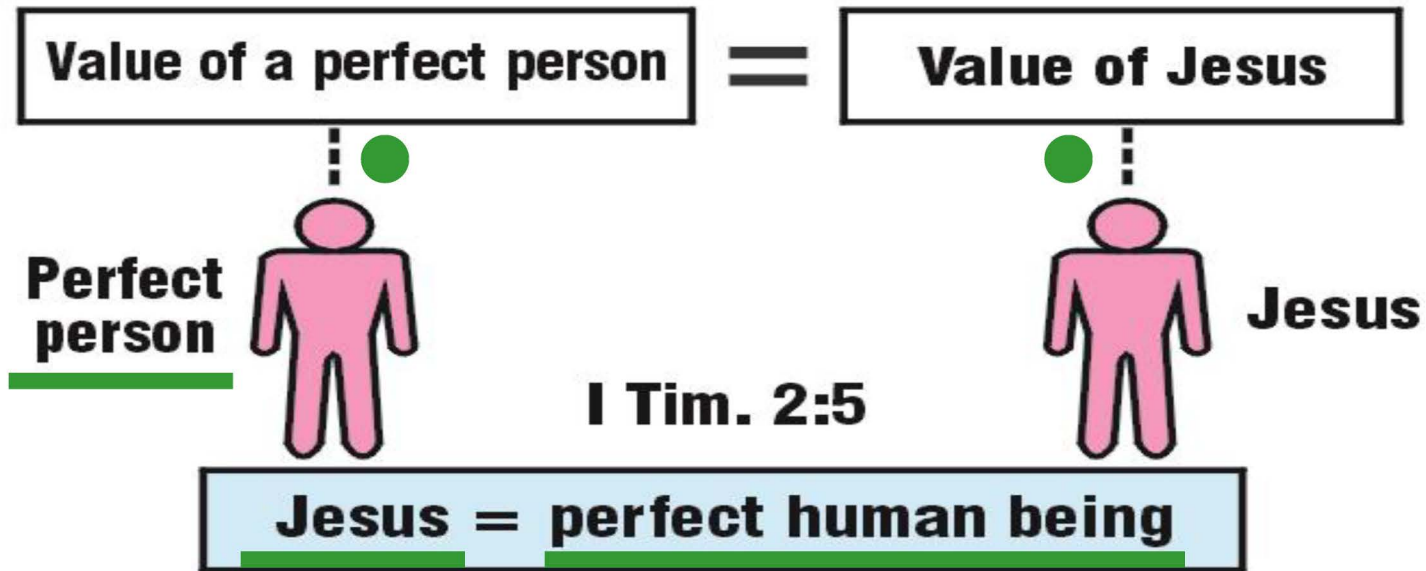
Section 1 The Value of a Person Who Has Realized the Purpose of Creation



- ① **Divine value** (Mat. 5:48)
- ② **Unique existence**
- ③ **Value of entire cosmos**
(Mat. 16:26)

- The key in approaching these matters is to understand the original value of human beings.
- A person who has realized the purpose of creation (perfect person)
 - ① assumes a divine value, comparable to God;
 - ② is a unique existence in the cosmos;
 - ③ has the value of the entire cosmos.

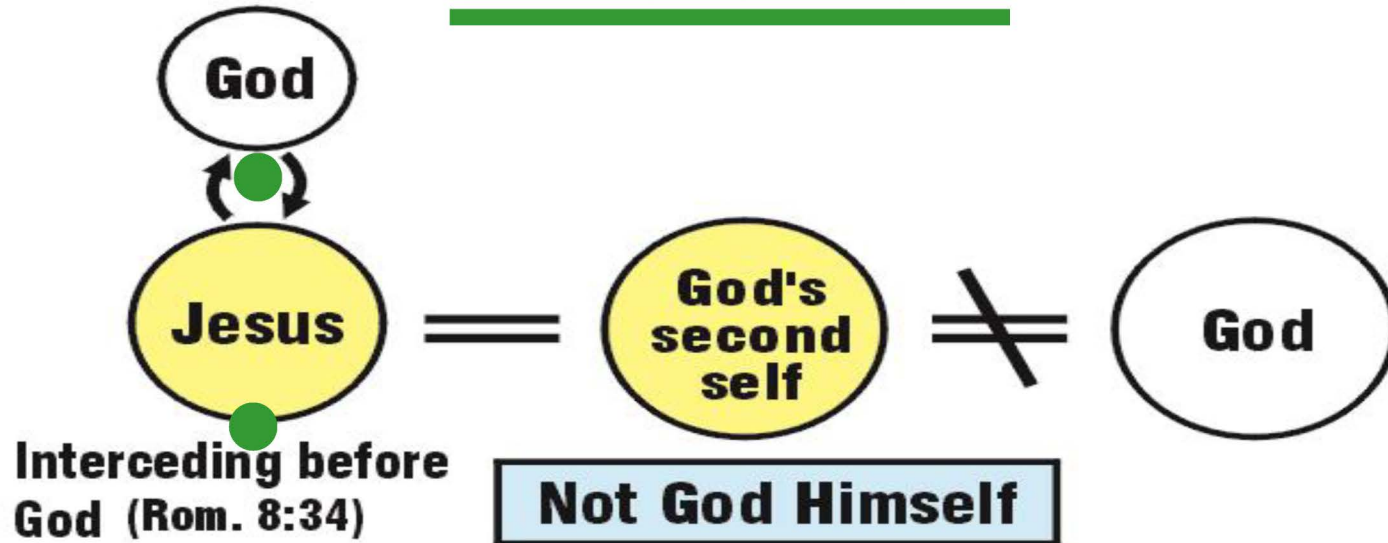
Section 2 Jesus and the Person Who Has Realized the Purpose of Creation



- A perfect person has the same divine nature as God. He is unique in all the cosmos. Furthermore, he possesses the value of the cosmos.
- There is no greater value than the value of a person who has realized the ideal of creation. This is the value of Jesus, who surely attained the highest imaginable value .
- Thus, Jesus is a human being who realized the ideal of creation on the individual level.

Is Jesus God himself?

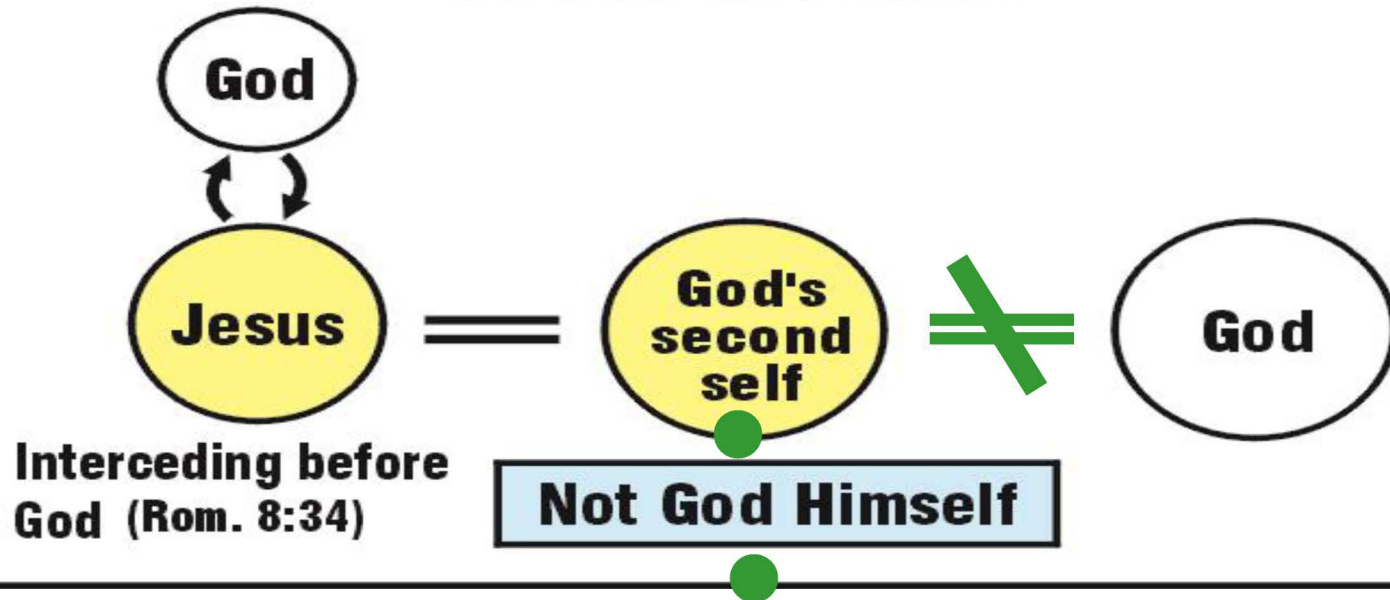
John 14:9-10 He who has seen me has seen the Father...



- When Phillip asked Jesus to show him God, Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show me the Father?'" (John 14:9-10) Based on such biblical verses as this, many Christians have believed that Jesus is God, the Creator .
- Jesus may well be called God because, as a man who has realized the purpose of creation and who lives in oneness with God, he has a divine nature. Nevertheless, he is not God Himself.

Is Jesus God himself?

John 14:9-10 He who has seen me
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- The body may be understood to be the mind's second self; but it is not the mind itself. By analogy, Jesus may be understood to be God's second self; but he is not God.
- It is written that since his resurrection, Jesus has been interceding for us before God (Rom. 8:34) as he did while he was on earth. This tells us that Jesus was not God Himself.

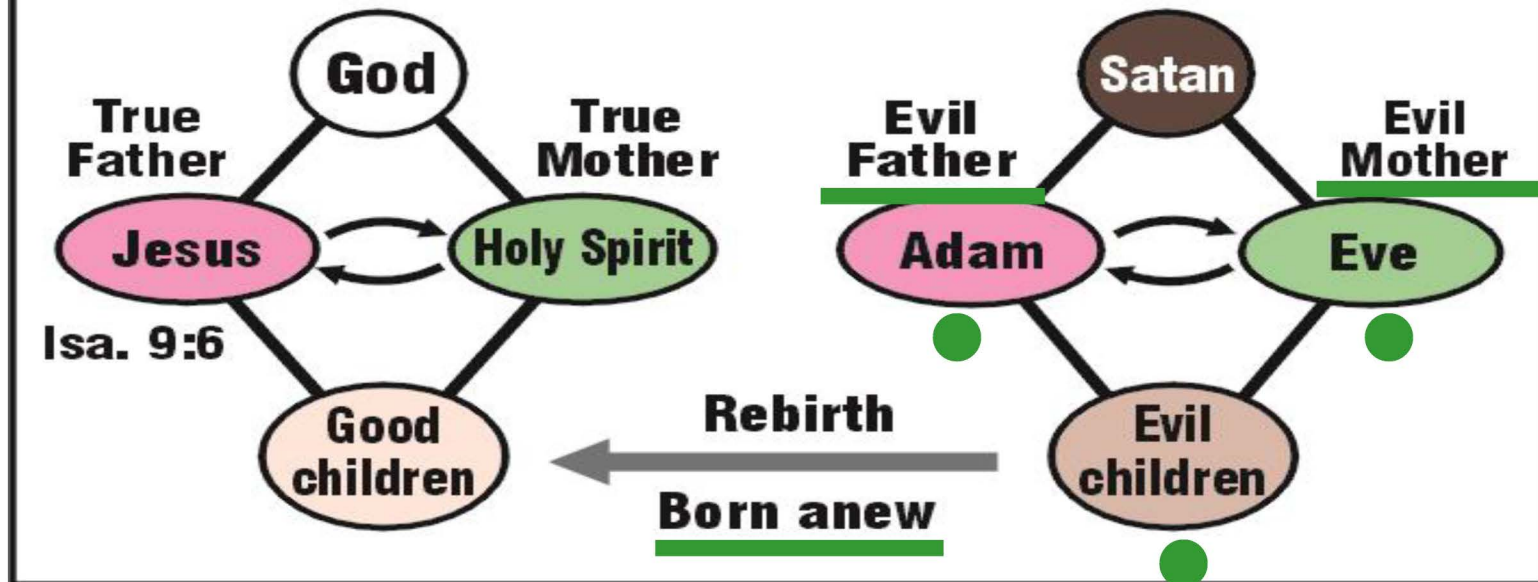
Section 3 Jesus and Fallen People

<u>Fallen person</u>	<u>Jesus</u>
① Has <u>nothing of the value</u> of a true person who has completed the purpose of creation.	① Came with the <u>full value</u> of a true person who has completed the purpose of creation.
② Has fallen to such a <u>lowly status</u> that he looks up to the <u>angels</u> .	② <u>Angels</u> and all things were put in his <u>dominion</u> .
③ Is with <u>original sin</u> and stained with the condition through which <u>Satan can attack him</u> .	③ Had <u>no original sin</u> and no condition in himself for <u>Satan</u> to invade him.
④ Cannot fathom the <u>Will and Heart of God</u> . At most, he can catch only a glimpse of them.	④ <u>Experienced God's Heart</u> as his own reality in his daily life.

- A person has virtually none of his original value as long as he remains in the fallen state. If, however, he were to be rebom through Jesus, the True Parent, and become his good child cleansed of the original sin, he would be restored as a true person who has perfected the purpose of creation, like Jesus Christ himself.

Section 4 Rebirth and Trinity

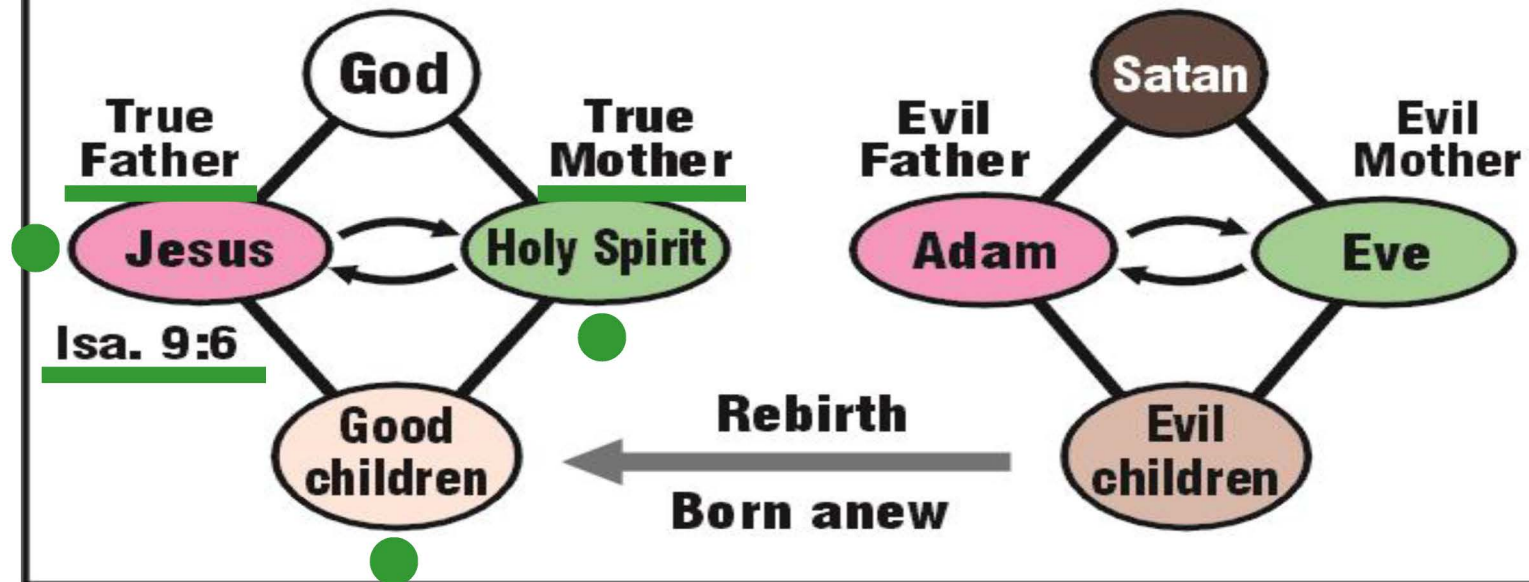
Jesus and the Holy Spirit and their mission to give rebirth



- Jesus told Nicodemus, "Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3) Why must fallen people be born anew?
- Adam and Eve fell and became evil parents, multiplying evil children. Hence, fallen people must be born anew as children without original sin.

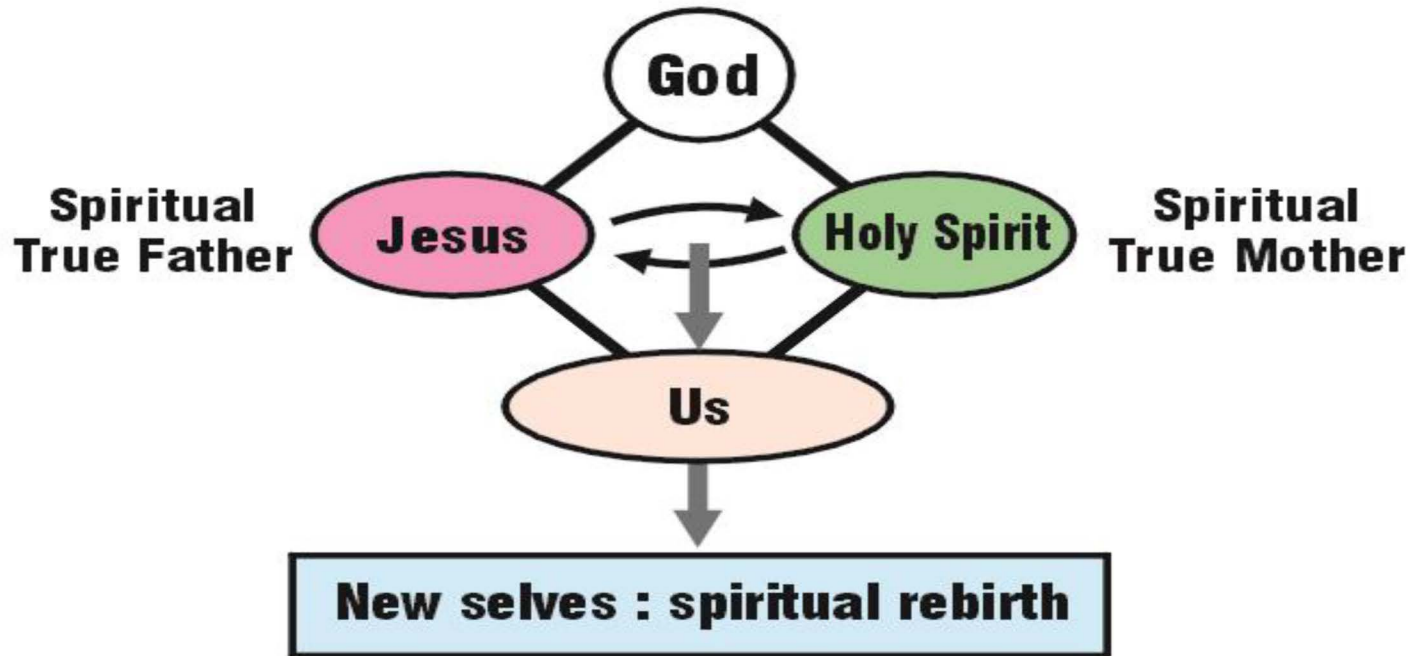
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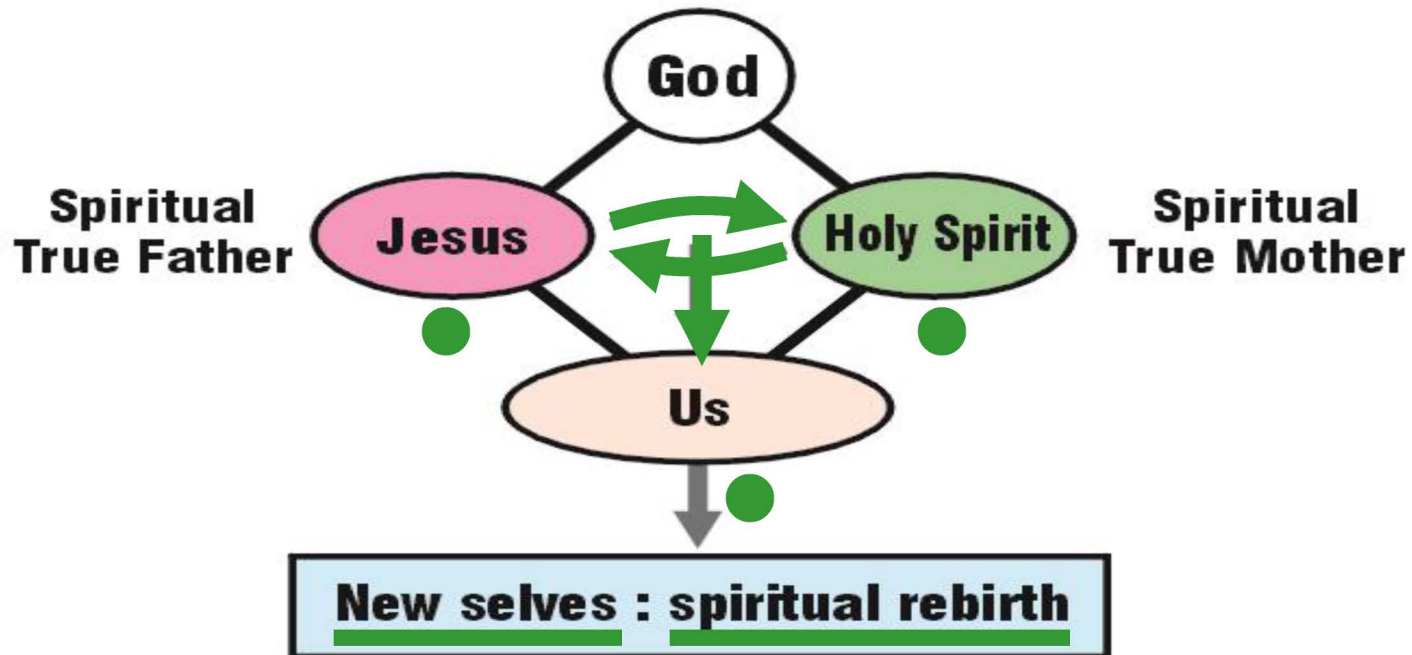
- Jesus came as the True Father in order to give rebirth to fallen people, transforming them into good children, thoroughly cleansed of original sin. The Holy Spirit came as the True Mother.
- For this reason, Isa. 9:6 speaks of him as the "Everlasting Father."

Spiritual rebirth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit



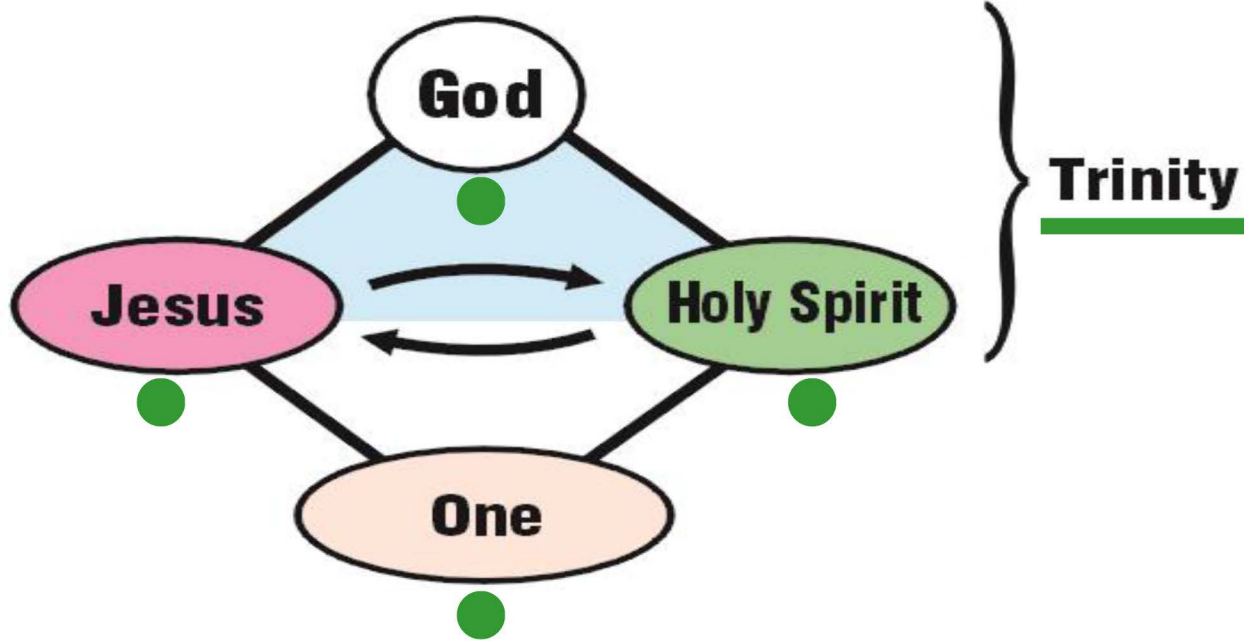
- Jesus said that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born anew through the Holy Spirit (John 3:5).
- Being feminine, the Holy Spirit consoles and moves the hearts of people (Rom. 5:5).

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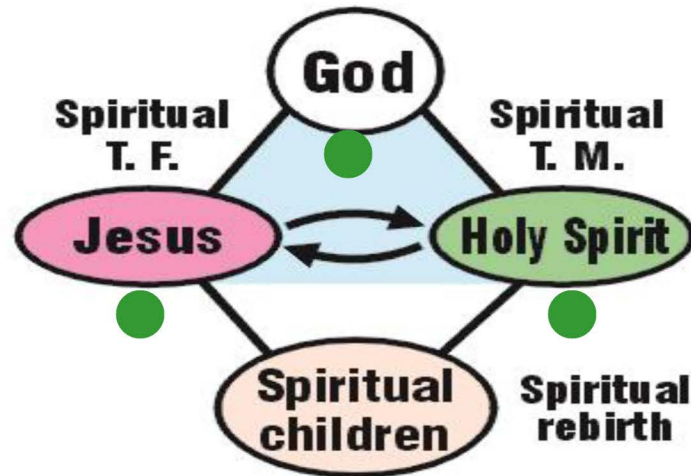
- When we believe in Jesus as the Savior through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
- We receive the love of the spiritual True Parents, generated through the give and take between Jesus and the Holy Spirit .
- Through this love, new life is infused into us, and our spirits are reborn as new selves.
- This is spiritual rebirth.

The Trinity

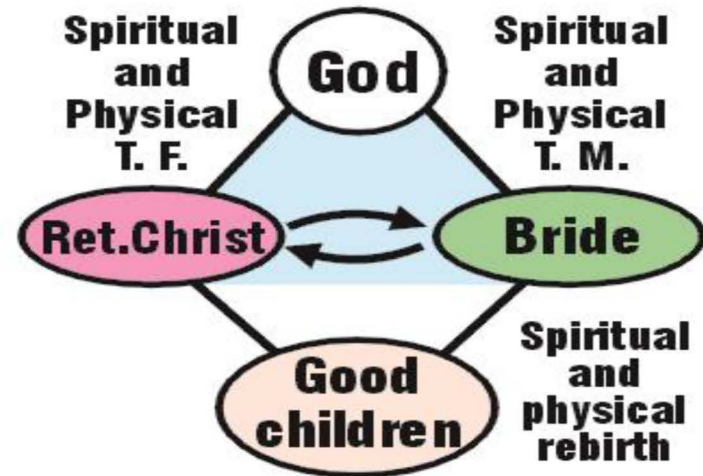


- To fulfill the purpose of creation, Jesus and the Holy Spirit stand before God as object partners who separately manifest the dual characteristics of God. They unite through give and take with each other with God as the center and form the four position foundation .
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit thus become one centering on God, and this oneness constitutes the Trinity.

Spiritual and perfect trinities



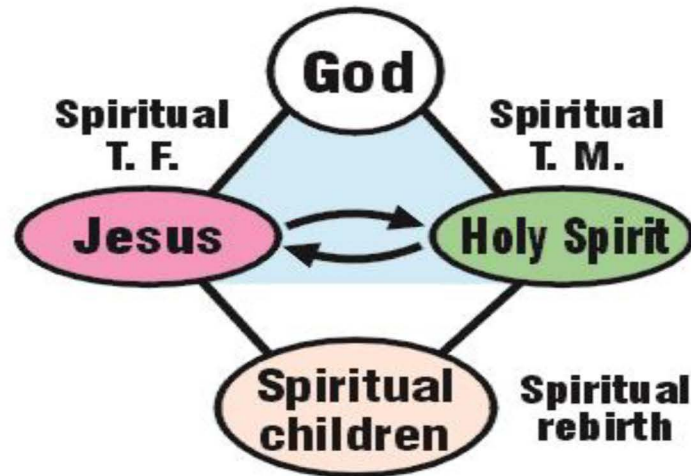
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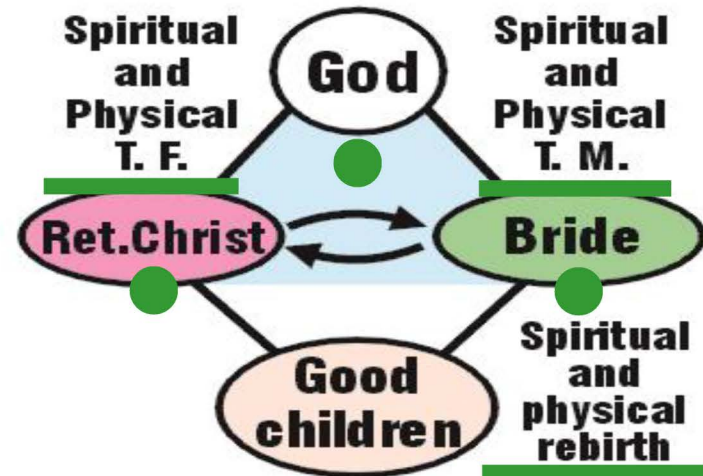
**Become True Parents spiritually and physically
Build Kingdom of Heaven on earth**

- Jesus and the Holy Spirit in oneness with God could form only a spiritual trinity. They could fulfill only the mission of spiritual True Parents.

Spiritual and perfect trinities



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**Become True Parents spiritually and physically
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- Christ must return in the flesh and find his Bride. They will form on the earth a perfect trinity with God and become True Parents both spiritually and physically. They will give fallen people both spiritual and physical rebirth, removing their original sin and enabling them to build trinities on earth with God as the center.
- Then, we will finally be able to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth where God's three great blessings are fulfilled.