

The Path to Happiness

Divine Principle Lecture Series

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Lecture 5

The Standard of Original Value

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I'm Tyler Hendricks, your host for Unification Principle study. Welcome to session 5, "the standard of original value." Our last session showed that we find happiness by fulfilling God's three great blessings... individual maturation, devoted family life and care for the creation. We concluded with these questions:

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How can we have good relationships? How can we decide what has value and what doesn't, what is good and what is not good?

The answer has to do with value. How do we decide the value of a person or action? We need a standard by which to measure value.

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The standard determines whether an object partner is

- right or wrong,
- beautiful or unattractive,
- good or bad,
- important or unimportant.

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What is that standard?

→ In this chaotic and confusing world, the value we place corresponds to how we feel, or to the tint in the lenses by which we view the world. If we have rose-colored glasses, everything looks rosy. If we have blue glasses, everything is blue. Reality changes according to the condition of the window of one's heart.

→ Most people have a look at the world centered on themselves. When this self-centered value encounters the self-centered values of others, we end up with relativism, or the negation of value altogether. So this confusion about everything leads to conflict, sadness and pain.

→ It can be compared to a driver at an intersection, who causes a huge traffic jam because he couldn't choose which direction to go.

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Our sense of values is formed through our daily experiences and education. The reason we learn and study the Unification Principle is to actually apply it and put it to practice in daily life,

- by learning the core standard by which we can recognize
- what is true love and false love,
- principled and unprincipled,
- unselfish and selfish,

→ original and artificial. Unification Principle education provides us this essential insight.

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We can differentiate substantial value and psychological value.

- Substantial value refers to the value of
- physical things, such as commodities.
- We measure these in relation to our common physical needs.
- Psychological value refers to
- truth, beauty, and goodness.
- We measure these by our intellect, emotion and conscience.

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And in either case, the value of anything cannot be determined in the abstract. It is always determined within a relationship.

- Value is always measured in relationship to the subject partner's needs.
- Value is determined by whether or not the object partner satisfies the subject's needs, and these can be external or internal—substantial or psychological.

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Therefore, value is assessed in relationships to the subject partner's motivation and purpose. For example, a knife's value differs greatly based on whether it is used for a medical operation or as a weapon for robbery. So it is important to include the elements of motivation and purpose in order to determine value.

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The intellect, emotion and conscience reflect the original values of the creation—the true, the beautiful and the good. The subject partner of original value is God, and they are measured in relation to God's purpose and motivation. The values of the original creation arise from God.

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Therefore, human beings, in the subject partner position, need to center on God's purpose of creation in their relationship with object partners.

- A man or woman in the subject position, who is centered on God's purpose of creation, seeks the values of truth, beauty, goodness and love in their object partner, according to the function of their intellect, emotion and will. Doing so, we establish the purpose of creation through our object partner.
- The object's partner's original value is realized when it stands as the absolute object partner to human beings in the subject partner position. Thence come forth its truth, beauty and goodness. This original value is determined always through the four-position-foundation centered on God.
- So the unification of the subject partner's desire to pursue value and the object partner's desire to display value takes the fourth object partner position. Therefore, the original value of creation is revealed when the subject partner's desire to pursue value and the object partner's desire to display value combine, centered on God's purpose of creation.
- At this moment, since God is the center of the four-position-foundation, the standard of value is also God Himself. In this respect, the value of the original creation is absolute.

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Likewise, the absolute value is realized when God's ideal of creation is achieved through the Three Great Blessings.

- At this point, the vertical force that the subject partner gives to the object partner is called love, and the vertical force that the object partner returns to the subject partner is called beauty. The power of love is

active, and the stimulation of beauty is passive. In a relationship between God and human beings, God is the subject of love and the human beings are the object of beauty.

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When we see a man and woman, a man becomes the subject of love and a woman becomes the object of beauty. But if the subject partner and the object partner enter a state of harmonious oneness, love can exist within beauty and beauty can exist within love.

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In the world of creation, human beings become the subject of love and the world of creation becomes the object of beauty.

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In the relationship among the nation and the citizens, the beauty that the citizens return to the nation's love appears as the value of loyalty.

- The beauty that a subordinate returns to one's superior appears as the value of loyalty.
- In the parent-child relationship, beauty appears as the child's filial piety towards the parents.
- And in the husband and wife relationship, the beauty that the wife returns to her husband appears as the value of fidelity. Should fidelity be only from the wife to her husband? The husband should also return fidelity to his wife.
- This is absolute sexual ethics.

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The result of an action to pursue God's purpose of creation centered on God is good, and the result of an action to pursue Satan's purpose centered on Satan, is evil.

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Good and evil start at the same point: human desire, but the difference is the motivation, purpose and direction of that desire.

- When the desire is to establish the purpose of goodness, righteousness is the result.
- On the other hand, when the desire is selfish, whether centered on one's self, one's own family, or race, or nation, then the result is unrighteousness.

In order for us to manifest our original value, we need to direct our desires toward the good, according to

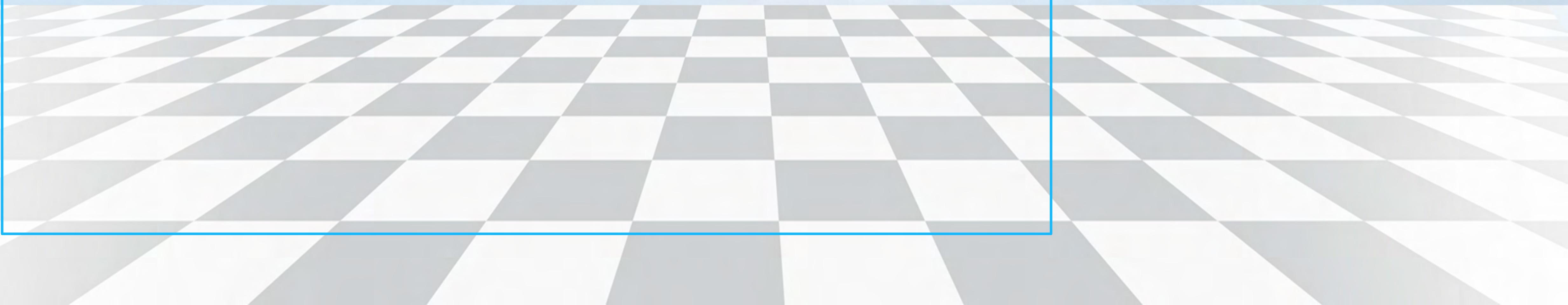
- the conscience and the God-centered four-position foundation based on loyalty, fidelity and filial piety.
- This is the standard that can guide our lifestyle to achieve human happiness.

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Ladies and gentlemen! I pray that God can recognize your value and be able to say, 'You are righteous,' and I hope that you can live a life of goodness with loyalty, filial piety and fidelity.

- But we all admit that we need to do some growing to get to that place.
- How do we grow? Is it by our own self-discipline? Is it by God's grace? How do we reach full maturity? Our next sessions will cover this topic. Thank you very much.

The Standard of Original Value



How can we have good relationships?

What has value, and what doesn't?

What is good, what is not good?

The answer comes from our values

A standard to measure value

Our standard determines...

Right

Wrong

Beautiful

Unattractive

Good

Bad

Important

Unimportant

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**The reason to study Unification Principle
is to apply it in practice in daily life.**

**Standard
to recognize**

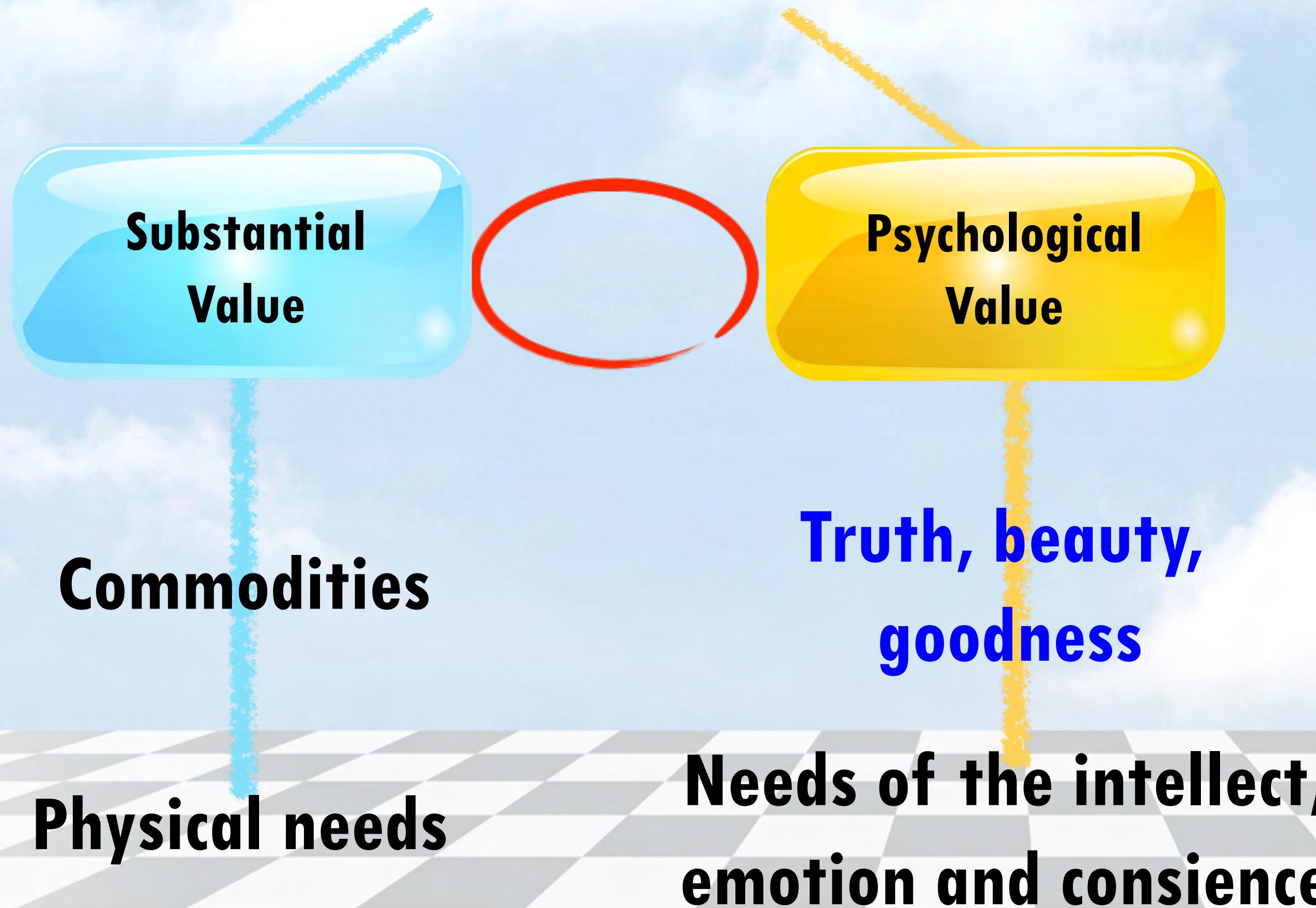
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principled vs. unprincipled

original mind vs. evil mind

original value vs. unprincipled value

Two Kinds of Value



Value is Measured by Needs

Substantial

Pyschological

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Value of a knife



For a Surgery



For a Robbery

Intellect

True

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Emotion

Beautiful



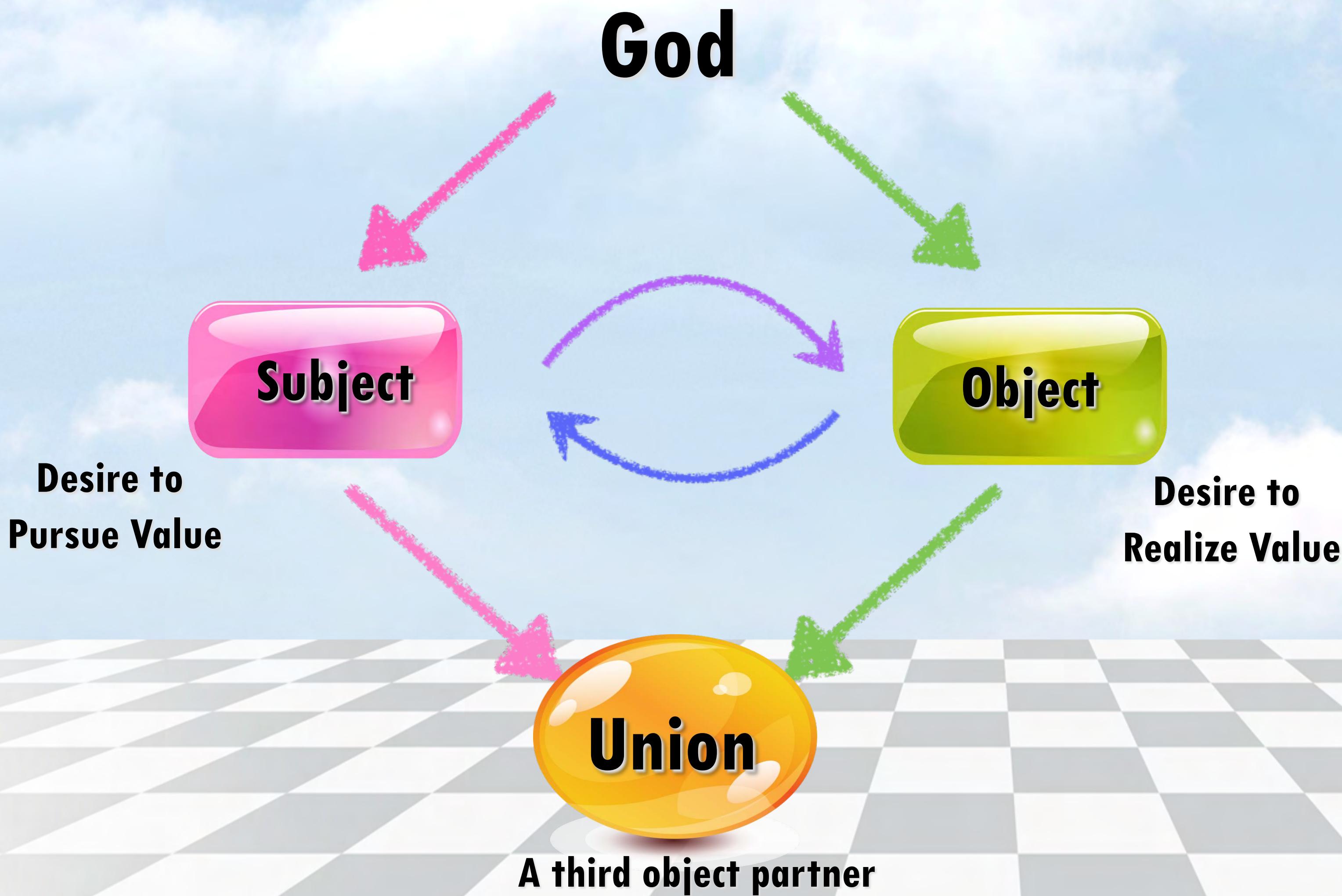
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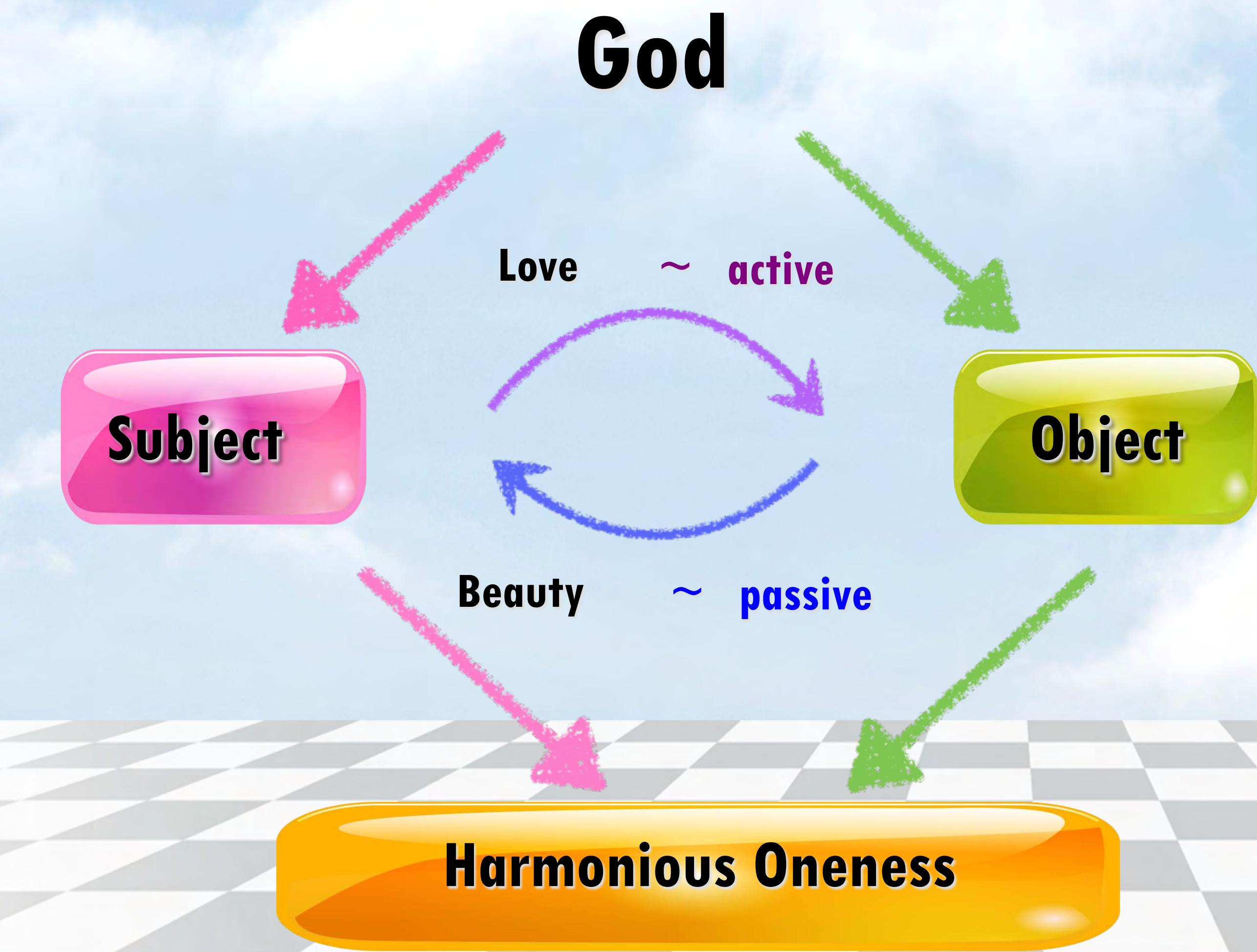
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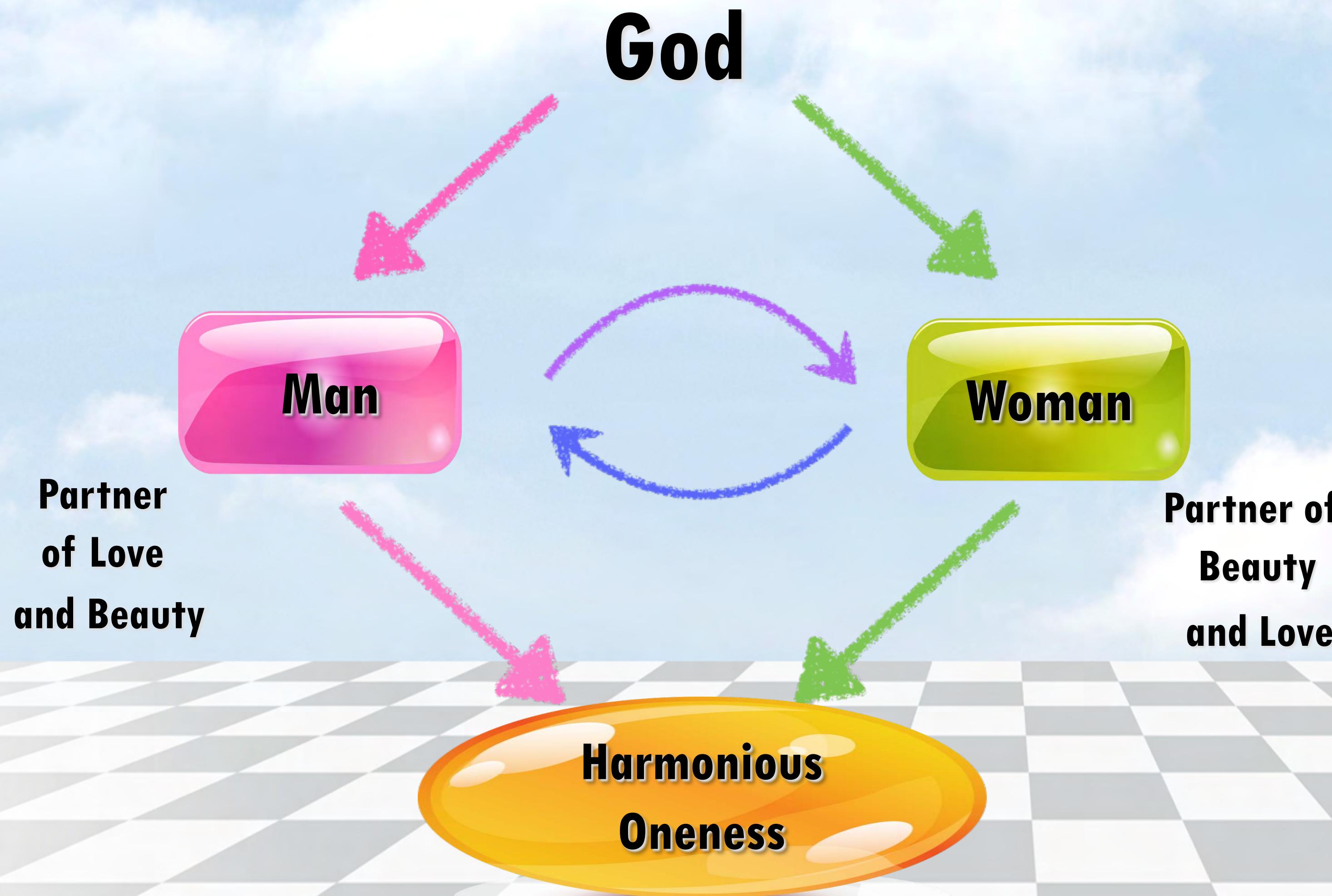
The values arise from God.

The Purpose of Creation

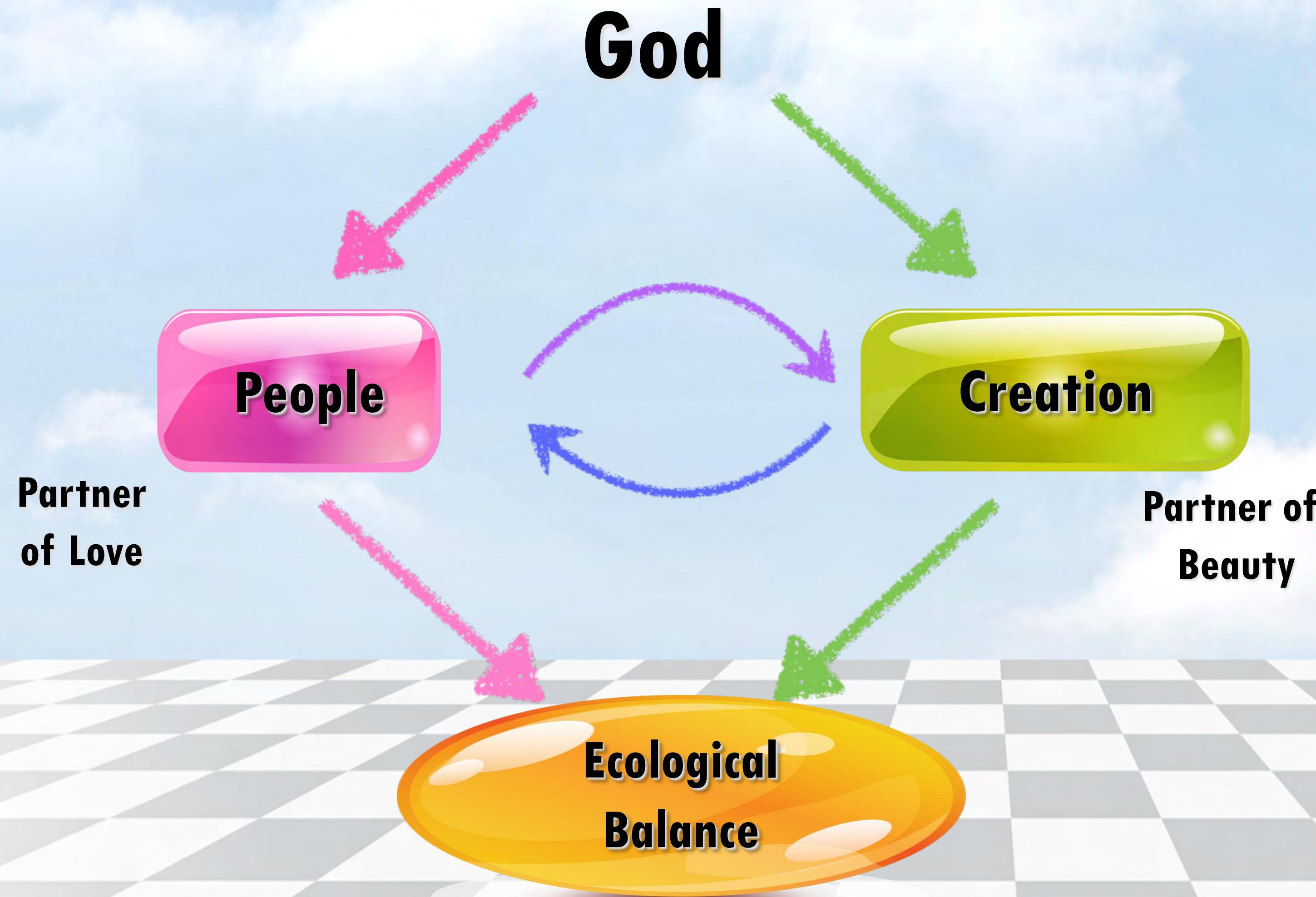




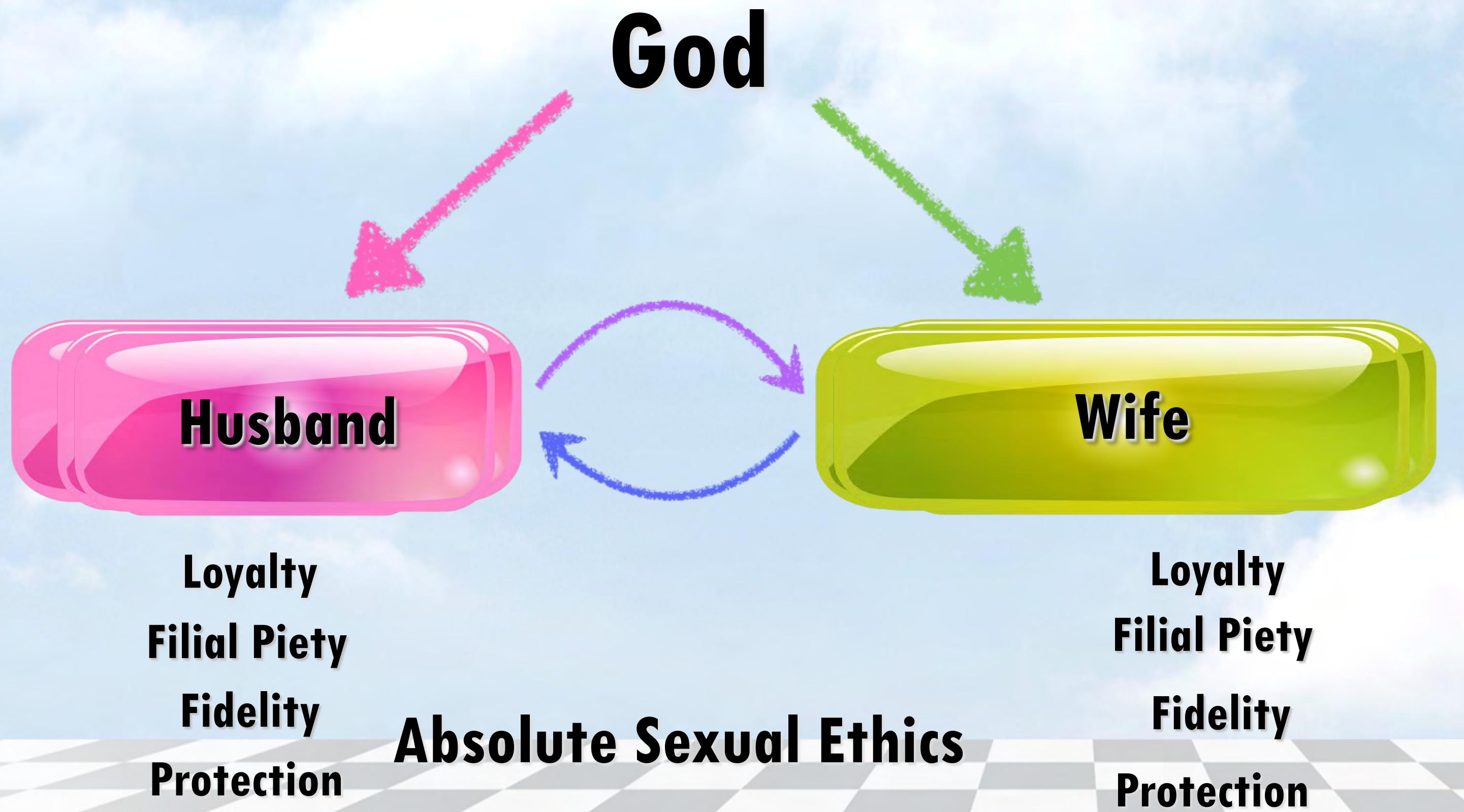
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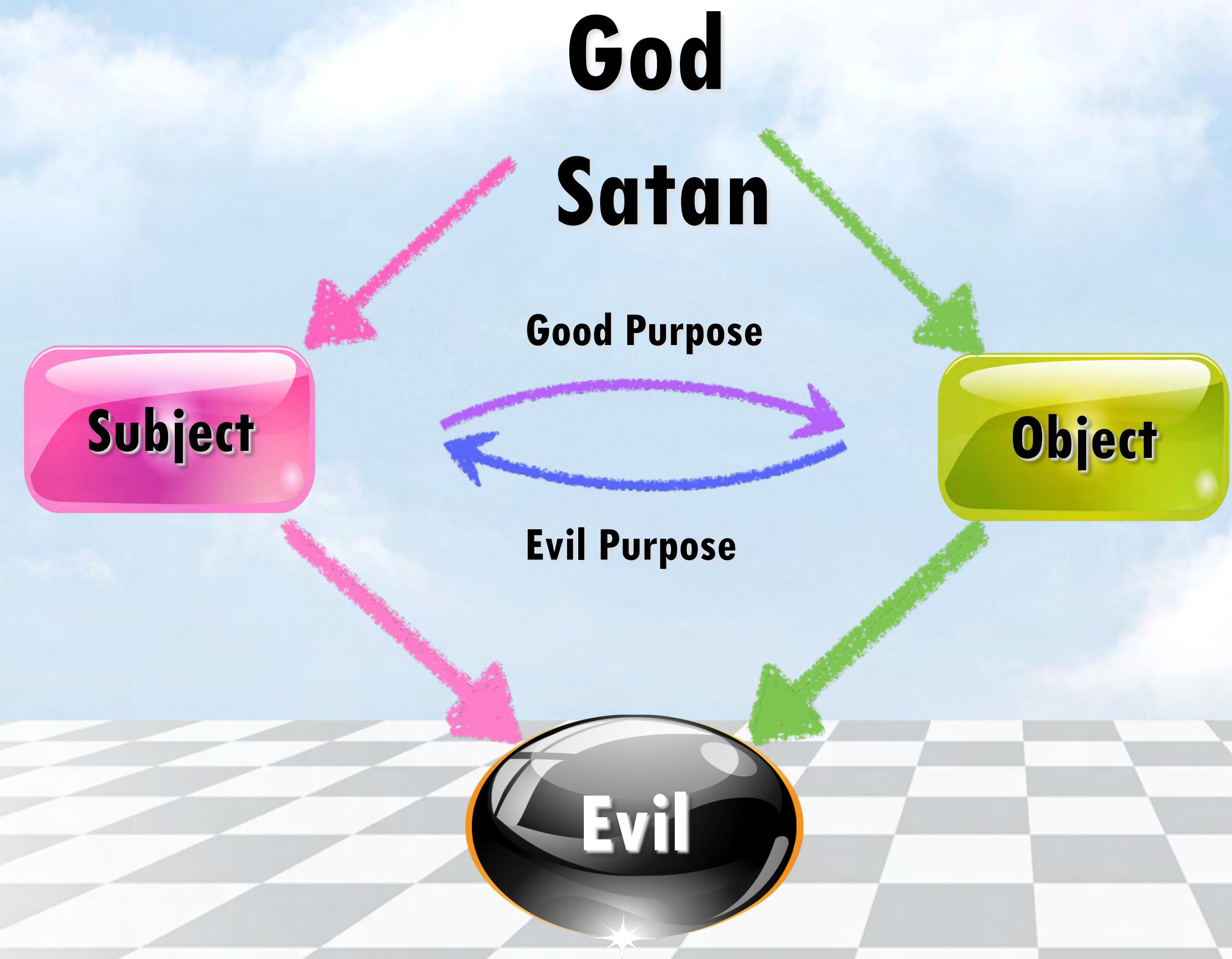


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Human Desire

Conscience



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Unrighteousness

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