

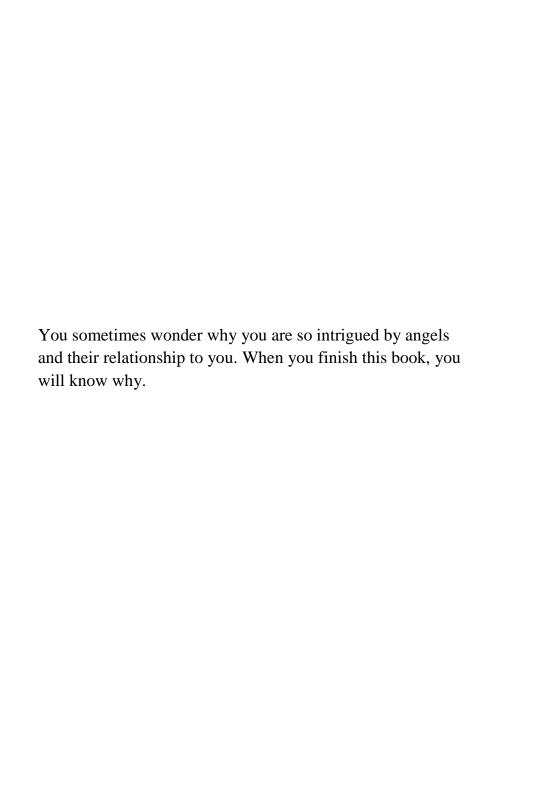
Angelic DNA

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avid and Christi were high school sweethearts. They dated for two years before they decided to move in together. David got a job on construction. Christi stayed in school, hoping to get at least a bachelor's degree.

They had a good relationship compared to some others, but they made sure they kept control of their own space. David had his own pursuits, as did Christi. He liked to hang with his high school buddies and go to the stock car races. When football season came, he was all-in. He liked to dress up his own wheels, too. He put a lot of time and money into those wheels. He made sure his car was unique and turned heads.

Christi was a looker and always made sure she was holding her own with the competition on the campus. They discussed marriage from time to time, but decided not to take the leap. It just seemed like an unnecessary commitment since they already had each other. They discussed children, too. But, Christi really didn't feel the call to motherhood, and David felt society was just not a good place to raise kids. In all honesty, David didn't really have a hunger to have any rug rats in his life. It would just cramp his lifestyle too much.

Christi saw herself as a professional girl. She was studying Business Administration, hoping to get a good job somewhere in a tall office building. It was a man's world, but that's where the security and the money were. So, she felt she had to go after it.

Between his time at the track and with the guys, and her homework, they found it a little challenging to find quality time together. He paid the bills and she kept the apartment livable and made a few home-cooked meals. They looked forward to their time spent together.

Their two worlds didn't have a lot of overlap, but they got by until Christi graduated from college. It was a great day. Christi got a good job at a respected company, putting in her 40 hours. Now their combined income offered more room to get more "stuff" and a bigger apartment. David got a new sports car to dress up, and Christi got a big, impressive wardrobe and lots of shoes.

Later, Christi was drawn to a Christian church by one of her friends, and she became pretty active and devoted. David never picked up on it, himself. But, he let her have her own newfound salvation. It didn't crowd his own space that much. Her salvation was all about her, and his life was all about him.

After a few more years, they kind of drifted apart, him deeper into his world, and her deeper into hers. They had never

really bonded into one spirit. They had never really experienced a love in which they 'lived for each other.' And since they didn't really make a formal commitment to each other in marriage or have children, they found it relatively easy to eventually go their own ways and start new lives.

David later moved in with a woman who had two older kids from a previous marriage, and after some time, he married her. Bonding between the step-children and David was a challenge. In reality, it never really happened. But, they stayed relatively happily together until David retired and soon thereafter died of cancer.

Christi married a quiet, stay-at-home accountant that she met at work. They never had children. As Christi aged, she felt her appeal as a woman slipping through her fingers. Her religious faith filled in the gap to a great extent, so she found happiness in life into her old age through her own personal relationship with Jesus. Her husband was not a part of it, but he gave her the room she needed for her spiritual fulfillment. They grew old together, quietly, but relatively happy.

You may think David and Christi lived pretty normal human lives; as good as one could expect. There are reasons why you think that way. Read on....

2. Where do we begin?

The author assumes you do not doubt the existence of God and angels. If that is not the case, this book is probably not for you. No attempt will be made to prove their existence. So, let's begin our out-of-the-box, mind-blowing journey on that premise.

We are all very familiar with the physical universe that God designed, but he also designed a spiritual universe in which we also currently live and will eventually live in, eternally. Most people are not so familiar with that universe. That's the overriding purpose of this book. Let's explore and learn about it together.

The spiritual universe is all around us and complete with unbelievable mountains, colorful rivers, vast deserts, creative trees, imaginative flowers, wild new fish and birds, sunsets and even visible music, etc. In some ways it's very similar to the physical universe we know, while in other ways it's very different and far more amazing. The spiritual universe is not bound by the same restrictions of time and space as the physical universe, and it's form is shaped by compassion, thoughts and desires.

Since both of these universes are a manifestation of God's creativity and love, they exist apart from him. At the same time, God's spirit can be experienced within them, both in the physical universe as well as in the spiritual universe. You cannot find Picasso in any of his paintings, but we can experience something of his spirit within them.

Not only does God exist outside of what he created, he does not have a tangible form or body. For this very reason God created angelic beings with a human-like spiritual form or body so he could express himself through them in developing, managing and caring for his creation. God has used them to give messages and directions to humans and perform tasks. He expressed his dreams, thoughts, desires and goals to and through the angels, and they helped him to create and manifest his ideals.

God imbued angels with many of his own characteristics. They are intelligent, creative, stubborn, emotional, etc. and they have free will. Angels are happy and fulfilled in their relationship with God. They serve him, worship him, adore him, love him; not because God has a super ego that he created them to stroke, but because he loves them. Both God and the angels have celebrated and enjoyed the love they have shared. And, the angels have rejoiced with each other about the love they have felt from God.

But, God's ultimate goal of creation was human men and women, sons and daughters whom he designed and intended to grow and mature to fully and completely emulate himself. We were not an afterthought. God was very much involved in every step of the evolutionary processes of creation, from simple to complex, plus the endless variety of it all.

Man is the ultimate expression of not only his logos, but of his heart. Therefore, Jesus is described in the Bible as the Word (logos) made flesh. But, this was God's original intention for every human being, not only for Jesus.

So, why did God go to all the work and bother to create a material universe for physical humans to live in, and for such a brief period of just 80 or 90 years? After all, scientists now tell us there are roughly as many stars out there as there are cells in our body - trillions. Why couldn't God have spared himself the enormous time and effort of creating the physical universe and human beings and been satisfied with billions and trillions of angels with whom to commune?

God wasn't a "weekend warrior" with this project. This was not his "hobby". He invested all of himself into it, 100%. Why? What's so incredibly important about those 80 or 90 years that we live here? And, what's so important about this physical universe that God invested so much of himself in creating it for us?

Angels can create a loving bond of love with God directly, but they do not develop a profound bond of love with one another. Angels are not related to each other. They don't have families. They don't know the ideally profound heartistic bonding of a human family, nor of an extended human family. They can only imagine the feeling of nursing at a mother's breast. They don't grow up from being infants. They don't get carried around by their mothers for 15 months. They don't need bathing or diaper changes. They don't need to be spoon fed or taken for walks. They don't have brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, or cousins. Angels are individual, task-oriented creatures.

Therefore, to make possible a much more profound experience of love in which God could more completely participate and resonate, he created humans in a physical universe wherein we could reproduce his own parental heart and nature in an intimate relationship and bond of love through families. Thus, the love of God, which should grow, deepen and expand without limit in both the physical and the spiritual worlds, must first take root and mature in the soil of the human family during our physical lifetime on earth.

3. Original human nature

God intended for us to become more-and-more like him as we matured. Why? Because God wanted a partner who could share and fully experience his own unconditional, parental love and return it back to him, creatively, sincerely and spontaneously. The Biblical prophet Malachi said that God sought "godly offspring." 2 St. Paul said that creation is "awaiting the revealing of the sons of God." Nature has not experienced the love of those literal "sons of God" yet. It is said in the book of Genesis that he made man "in his image and likeness." Does that mean that God has a nose and two ears? No. It means that our heart and character resemble and have the same attributes as God's own heart and character. That's why Jesus' famous "Sermon on the Mount" was all about heart and character, and his admonition was, "You therefore must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect,"5 referring to heart and character. So, as human children of God, we are to develop and mature virtues and love and express them through our creativity and physical and spiritual capabilities.

Man's maturity in God's image was to grow naturally. Bibles, churches, mosques and synagogues were not in the original plan. Neither was prayer and salvation. Man was supposed to naturally mature through intimate experiences of heart in the family, which was intended to be the 'school of love' for all human beings, and also through their experiences with nature. Humans were originally intended to become fully mature in heart, as much as possible as individuals and spouses, *before* raising children - by the time they reached their early twenties. This was the pre-requisite for marriage and family.

This is hinted at when the Bible says God directed his first human children to: "be fruitful and multiply." Notice it's first, "be fruitful" and second, "multiply." These two words do not mean the same thing. "Be fruitful" referred to maturing and growing to fully reflect the heart and character of God. And, "multiplying" was to commence on the foundation of that accomplishment. This was the qualification for men and women to become parents and raise children. If you step back and think about it, only humans are multiplying without first realizing their internal potential for maturity. Aside from humans, all living creatures fully mature before reproducing.

On the other hand, angels have no experience of 'growing' in the way that humans do. They're not created as infants, nor are they raised by parents within a family to become adults. They never 'grow up.' Thus, the influence of angels in our lives has not helped us to come face-to-face with the importance and value of the human spiritual and heartistic growth process.

4. The bonding of love

While angels resemble humans in almost every way, they do not have, nor ever have had, a physical body. They have a spiritual body and often resemble humans so much as to sometimes be mistaken for us. Since they are not limited by physical restrictions in their appearance, they can change how they appear, at will. They are individual, task-oriented creatures. They are mission-oriented. They were created to serve God and man. They get their joy and fulfillment in doing what God needs them to do.

While they do not know the human experience of 'bonding,' they do bond with God. God gives them tasks to do, they perform them to the best of their ability, and God loves and blesses them accordingly. They are happy with this arrangement. Like any of God's creatures, they are content being who and what they are.

However, even in their bonding with God, it is different from human bonding. Their bonding with God might be compared with the spiritual and religious bonding with God that a human orphan might experience; a child who never knew what a family was like. Imagine bonding with your "heavenly father" when there had been no one in your life who could give you the experience of what a 'father' is, let alone a mother.

The amazing thing is, because of the differences in environment and circumstances, an angel can live for millions and billions of years and still never achieve the maturity of heart and love that Jesus told us we *must* achieve. In contrast, God's intention was that human beings should be born into his divine love and live a full life experiencing that divine love in the context of a human family. As we said before, humans were supposed to achieve full heartistic maturity before becoming parents, themselves. That means by our early twenties we were supposed to have cultivated in ourselves universal and unconditional love; i.e., the love of God.

The human family was intended by God to be the 'school of love.' Ideally, twelve types of love were to be experienced in the nuclear human family, alone. They include: God's love for the husband and the husband's love for God; God's love for the wife and the wife's love for God; the husband's love for his wife and the wife's love for her husband; the husband's love for the children and the children's love for the husband (or father); the wife's love for the children and the children's love for the wife (or mother); and finally, God's love for the children and the children's love for God. Obviously, the extended human family, including aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces, plus friends, could ideally provide even more

opportunities to expand and deepen the human experiences of love.

You can see why God was so excited to create the human family, and also why angels can admire the human situation. The human family was supposed to be like a 'love factory.' Since the Bible says "God is love," he must have had tremendous hope and expectations for the love he was expecting to experience and participate in with his human children.

So, God invested everything in creating for humans a relatively short-term environment for the perfection and expansion of love. When we die, God intended for us to carry that matured love with us into our eternal lives in the spiritual universe and experience the fullness of love, joy and freedom there, relating with God, angels, other humans and the rest of the spiritual universe on the foundation of our earthly human bonding experiences.

Great plan! But, how about angels? Angels were intended to observe, learn, taste and inherit that divine love from human beings as we live our mortal lives on earth and grow our hearts and character to more fully resemble God.

5. The School of Love became an endless, unbreakable cycle of immaturity

As we grow and develop on earth, there are four realms of the heart that we are to go through and graduate from. The first realm of heart is that of an infant. Ideally, God intended infants to experience the fullness of the love of God primarily through their fathers and mothers. God's plan was that the parents first fully mature their love, at least as individuals and to a greater extent as spouses, before having children.

On that foundation, an infant was intended to grow into the next realm of heart, which is the sibling's, or social realm of heart. In this realm, the child, youth or teenager would experience sharing and building and expanding upon the divine love of God that he or she should have experienced as an infant, but now with brothers and sister, playmates and friends. Of course, those playmates and friends were to also be standing on the foundation of having experienced God's divine love in their own families. Therefore, the social experience of youth was supposed to be purely one of God's divine love in expanding and growing dimensions and proportions. The scars, betrayal, hurt and disappointment we experience during our youth, in our social relationships, was not part of the plan.

The third realm of heart is the spousal realm. On the foundation of a social life of rich experiences of God's love, a young man and young woman were to marry and give each other all of the love they had experienced thus far in life, and more. They were not to share leftover love after 'playing the field.' They were to give each other 100% of their hearts, and God was looking forward to experiencing all of it together with them.

Finally, the day was to naturally come when the parental realm of heart would commence with the birth of a new child of God. Here, the cycle of love was to start all over again. It was to be an endless, unbreakable cycle of God's love.

However, as a consequence of the human Fall, these four realms of heart became seriously compromised and distorted. The result was that each flawed realm became the foundation for the next realm in every person's life, and each generation inherited an endless and unbreakable cycle of imperfection and damage, immaturity and hurt, lovelessness and abuse. That doesn't mean that life became meaningless and totally worthless. But, it's easy to feel that life is not what it was intended to be, or what it could potentially be.

Instead of the ideal, we commonly have infants who experience beautiful love from their mothers, and hopefully also their fathers, but not fully matured love as shown by Jesus,

for example. Then, on that compromised foundation the child enters his or her social life with other children who may or may not have experienced as much love as they have, themselves. There are all kinds of less-than-ideal family situations out there. Throughout man's fallen history, and today, children have experienced many social situations that are very far from the ideal, the plan. Sometimes children and teenagers are deeply hurt by others, both within and without their own families.

Contemporary society encourages them to find the love they hunger for by 'playing the field.' This does not improve the situation. On the foundation of many compromises of the heart, a young man and young woman may choose to live together, or ideally marry. Challenges are guaranteed. Hopefully they are not insurmountable. At some point, little "Mary" comes along and they do their best to raise her well. And, the less-than-ideal cycle starts all over again, and is likewise unbreakable.

Why are we explaining this? Because angels do not even have these crucial realms of heart to experience and build upon. They were to inherit the critical and vital lessons of the heart and love from their human counterparts. But, the human process became seriously damaged. It was the four realms of heart that were to produce humans on an entirely different and higher heartistic plane than what angels could achieve by themselves. The four realms of heart were the reason God

created human beings and the entire physical universe in the first place. As a result of this breakdown, instead of angels becoming more human-like through learning and growing with us, humans have tended to become far more angelic than they were ever intended to be.

6. A womb for our eternal spirit

The decades of experience with the mature love of God that we are ideally supposed to have in our human family on earth is literally a second 'womb' for our spirit, according to the teachings of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, referred to hereafter as Father and Mother Moon. If we fail to fully mature our love when we have the opportunity on earth, we will enter the spiritual world unprepared and unequipped for our eternal life there, similar to an incompletely formed baby born from it's mother's womb here.

The atmosphere there is one of love, not air, Father Moon said. If you don't learn to feel, give and receive mature love here, he said, your life will be seriously impaired there. We need to develop the 'lungs of love,' so to speak, to breathe and live in that world.

Tragically, this is the state of most people who have gone before us. That's why the lowest realm of the spiritual universe, called "hell," is so heavily populated. Religions were supposed to help us prepare for our eternal lives. In reality, they often distracted their followers with rituals, doctrines and dogmas, with little real emphasis on spiritual and heartistic

transformation and maturity. Sometimes they even engendered negative prejudices, pride and narrow-mindedness, detracting from or further damaging our ability to love.

This physical world 'womb' for our spiritual and heartistic maturity was created with another critical design element, aside from the human family. An angel exists in a free environment without the same limitations of time and space that we have in the physical universe. An angel, for example, can only experience what humans call 'patience' by experiencing it through a human who is stuck in time and space and has to wait for something. Similarly, an angel can only experience 'tolerance' by experiencing it through a human who is stuck in time and space and must 'tolerate' something or someone who is annoying. Other character traits and virtues fit the same pattern.

Unfortunately, humans after the Fall have not developed these and other qualities to perfection, either. We have the environment in which to develop the virtues we need as a foundation for that mature divine love, but we too often find ourselves cursing the circumstances which God put us in to help us grow. We complain when we have to wait for anything. We persecute people who are different from us. We hold onto our intolerance, impatience, disrespect, and jealousies, poisoning our own spiritual maturation processes. We scorn at

deferred gratification, an essential virtue that every child needs to learn.

7. Man's acquired angelic natures

a) Only God is holy and good

Fallen human beings have come to believe that ONLY GOD can be considered holy, pure, divine and good, and that angels are superior to humans. While there is truth in this perspective because of the human Fall, man's intrinsic design was such that we were intended to be fully like God in every respect. Before the Fall, God said he "made man in his image." We have not grasp the profound meaning of that. God intended for every mature human being to be fully mature in heart, fully good, pure and holy, like himself. He intended to fully resonate with each mature human being in their minds and hearts. Thus, humans should have the understanding that they are intended to be as holy and good as God, himself.

Angels were not designed to achieve this kind of maturity without the assistance of human beings as their models and mentors of love. Thus, it would be reasonable for angels to put God on a higher, unreachable plane and consider God, and ONLY GOD, to be holy and good. Since human beings fell and did not become the models and mentors that could enable angels to also achieve heartistic resonance with God, and since imperfect angels have continued to manage and administer

God's providential interaction with fallen man, we inevitably adopted this angelic perspective from them.

b) Perfection is alien to us

Human beings are designed to mature to a state of 'perfection' in a heartistic sense. This has been confusing to many fallen people because we tend to think psychologically (another angelic tendency) instead of heartistically about 'perfection.' Jesus admonished us, saying in his famous Sermon on the Mount, "You therefore must be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect." He was not talking about making no mistakes in life. The context of his statement clearly indicates that he was speaking of virtue and love, rather than faultlessness and infallibility. Humans were designed to be born into, and grow up in, a 'school of love.' Therefore, perfection of virtue and love should be the norm for fully matured, adult humans.

However, because of the Fall, perfection has not only been impossible to achieve for humans, it therefore also became impossible to achieve for angels who were to learn it from their human mentors and models. Thus, while perfection has become alien to both angels and humans, the typical human attitude toward perfection has become more angelic than human because we see it as a psychological and behavioral state of

being that we cannot possibly achieve on our own. This should not be the human perspective. It is the angels who can rightly say that they cannot possibly achieve it on their own, but only in partnership with their human models and mentors. Thus, we are taking more of an angelic perspective toward our own potential maturity and perfection than a human one.

c) We are so individualistic

Angels are individual, task-oriented creatures by design. How about us? Humans were to be shaped into profoundly social beings through their experiences of growing up in an ideal family. Radical individualism is sub-human. Humanity was to distinguish itself through the intimate, familial relationships we should all be sharing, both within and without our nuclear families. Instead, fallen human beings often feel estranged from each other, and therefore become overly individualistic.

In addition, we often also tend to get far too much of our perception of self-worth and value from the things we make, the things we fix, the skills we master and perform, the way we look, how much money and material we amass, and how smart we think we are, etc., rather than from 'the quality of our very being' and 'who we are' as God's sons and daughters. The external, materialistic and task-oriented ways we seek value in our lives make it seem like we are more angelic than human.

d) Temporal marriage

Why has marriage among human beings been temporal - "'til death do us part?" Jesus said when we die we will no longer be as husband and wife, but live separately "like angels." What is the reason for this? To quote a popular song: "If love isn't forever, then what's forever for?" The reason for this is that the damage to humanity from the Fall has resulted in mankind being unable to "become as one" as we are admonished to become in both the book of Genesis and also by Jesus, himself; 11 not only one in flesh, but also one in heart and spirit.

Many couples do achieve a high degree of spiritual and heartistic oneness, but still not to the extent God had intended for husbands and wives. Father Moon described the intended state of marital oneness such that the husband and wife in the spirit world after death would literally become one spiritual unit. When the husband expresses himself, his image will appear; and when the wife expresses herself, her image will appear. They just meld into each other in love. We sometimes see beautiful couples on their way to reaching this level of heartistic oneness. Such couples will have reached ultimate oneness of heart and spirit.

That kind of oneness requires total removal of the effects of the Fall, and a complete and pure sanctioning of the marriage by God. This was not possible in Jesus' day. Only through the grace given by God through the True Parents, Father and Mother Moon, has this state of eternal oneness finally become possible. Thus, for marriage to exist only during our earthly lives and not continue on with the one we love when we die, and to degrade to an angelic, individualistic state, is not what God ever intended for humans.

e) Married without kids

How many couples have chosen not to have children? Granted, they often have many rational and practical justifications for this choice. However, it is the bonding of love within familial relationships which makes us fully human, as opposed to angelic. To limit our existence to an individual state or even a couple state, without children, is clearly not human thinking. It is surrendering to an angelic-style existence.

In the future angels will be given spouses. But, they will never have children. They will never have a direct experience of family relationships. In this sense, when we marry and choose not to have children, we are side-stepping a big part of our humanity.

f) Parents as just friends

How many parents are trying to deepen their relationship with their children by structuring their family ties in terms of simple friendship? Perhaps this is a reaction to austere, authoritarian parenting of a previous generation. In any case, raising one's children to consider them as just 'John and Judy instead of Father and Mother goes beyond language. It shows a conscious effort to depart from the vertical, parental relationship.

Angels have friends among other angels. They just don't have family. Instead of addressing and fixing the dysfunctional relationships we have in our families, we are perhaps "throwing the baby out with the bath water" by trying to flatten the family into a simple peer structure.

No one can argue against our parents being our friends. They should be our *best* friends. But, if they are not more than that, then we are negating the 'school of love' that God blessed human beings with. Without that, even the angels will not be able to perfect their love in cooperation with their models and mentors on earth. Clearly, to emulate this angelic thinking here is a step in the wrong direction.

g) Be celibate to get close to God

In the Christian world, priests, nuns, monks and other ascetic believers have chosen to be married to God or Jesus instead of taking a human spouse and having a family. They believe this will enable them to achieve a closer relationship with God. How contrary is that? In fact, it is the human family which enables God's love to be expanded and matured and perfected, and which thereby enables human beings to become fully resonant with God, who is both our heavenly Father and heavenly Mother.

Also, since many believe that angels are closer to God than fallen humans, they think we should ideally emulate the life of an angel. Angels may attack you for thinking like that. It is undermining the original design of creation. Before angels can become perfect in love and character, in the complete image of God, humans must do so; and it happens only in the context of the human marriage and family. Have we not seen enough social problems and perversions within the celibate lifestyle to realize there is something less than ideal about it?

h) God is apart from us - out there!

God originally intended to resonate with the heart and mind of mature human beings and live 'in us and among us.' he never intended to live 'out there' somewhere as if he were watching us through binoculars to see how we are behaving. It sounds too much like a child's notion of Santa Claus. Human intimacy with God was to be created by our lifelong experience of family, both nuclear and extended. God wanted and expected to resonate with and virtually live within the heart and mind of his mature children, not in terms of location, of course, but in spirit.

While angels can also feel the closeness of God, their experience is much more distant or indirect since they have no personal experience with the intimacy of familial relationships. If you were an orphan, and never experienced having had a father, how might the potential intimacy between you and your 'heavenly father' be impacted? If you never had a child of your own, how can you really feel the full potential intimacy of being a parent, like God? The conclusion: Stop living 'for God.' Start living 'with God.' The conclusion: Stop living 'for God.' Start living 'with God.' Sleep 'with God.' Play golf 'with God.' Etc. You will experience a huge difference. We are humans, not angels.

i) We can only be God's 'object'

Angels are objects to God. They were created as his messengers and servants. They worship and adore him. They consider God to be their 'master.' They are comfortable with that. They were made for that relationship. They like it and are not having an identity crisis over it. They are not wishing they were humans.

But, humans are different. God created humans to be his sons and daughters. Mature sons and daughters can take even a subjective position in relation to God and comfort his broken heart, tell him jokes, inspire him, impress him, surprise him, hurt him, disappoint him, and upset him, etc. God said, after the Fall of Adam and Eve, that he was "sorry he made man on the face of the earth and it grieved him in his heart." Wow! We did that to him! He was the object of our betrayal and disappointment. We have disappointed God countless times throughout history, as attested to throughout the Bible. We have done plenty of the negative things, but we are also in a position to do far more of the positive ones. Humans, therefore, are not simply God's objects. This common concept is incorrect.

j) Evaluating people by works

Karl Marx wrote of the "labor theory of value" which ascribed to a human being a value equivalent to the amount of labor that he performed. Many people everywhere think their value comes primarily from what they DO. Thus, if you don't do anything, you have no value. There is some truth in it, since there are many types of value which we have, including utilitarian value. For example, we can say that we have intrinsic value as God's sons and daughters. We also have potential value, eternal value, practical value, social value, political value, economic value, etc. Certainly, the things that people do can add to their personal sense of value, as well as their social value, etc.

However, many people's sense of their intrinsic and eternal value as God's sons and daughters is very weak. How many people have you met who will inevitably work themselves into the grave, even though they may already have a very healthy retirement set aside for themselves? I personally knew a successful businessman who was worth \$200 million. But, he was still going to the office at 3 am each morning to 'read the mail' before coming home to breakfast with his wife, even when he was sucking on an oxygen tube during the last months

of his earthly life. No doubt he is still living that way, even after dying.

Even many religions reinforce this misconception by promising eternal happiness to those who perform properly through a variety of prescribed religious rituals and functions of the faith. In a very real sense, 'If you just jump through these certain hoops, there is a bone waiting for you on the other side.' This detracts from the understanding of God as our parent and we as his sons and daughters. It puts such believers into a role similar to someone's pet. It loses the essential concept of spiritual transformation and heartistic maturation which is supposed to be the crucial outcome of a religious life.

What if a person were confined to a wheel chair? Would they lose their value before God? We need to reflect on how much we try to find our value in what we do and how much we don't see our value in who we are as God's son or daughter.

Angels derive their value in performing tasks and assignments given by God. Angels are designed as individual task-oriented creatures. We have adopted their value perspective to a great extent. How angelic we have become.

k) A piece of nature or caretaker of nature

The more we grow to resemble and resonate with God, the more we can experience his emotions, thoughts, ideals, etc. For that reason, every aspect of nature does NOT have equal value. All things have some divine value because they are an expression of God's own creativity. But, the more fully a being resembles God, the more divine value it can be said to have.

Therefore, an earthworm has divine value in that it was designed and created by God and is an expression of God's own nature in a very simple form. And, both God and the earthworm may be able to share and experience God's love in some very simple way with each other. But, obviously a human being can both receive and also return to God a much more sophisticated experience of his love and character than an earthworm. If this seems politically incorrect, try working and living in a daycare facility, 24/7 for 40 years, and see if you don't find yourself craving another adult to relate with and talk to.

Thus, mankind was intended to grow and mature to be loving caretakers over the rest of the natural world, and not just another equal piece of it. Humans are the only living creature that does not spend the vast majority of his life rummaging for food. But, we have not been the loving caretakers of which we

speak. Thus, we have created damage and resentment. St. Paul even said, "the creation is groaning in travail, awaiting the revealing of the sons of God." That is precisely the point. The "sons of God" were intended to bring fulfillment to the rest of the natural world by being the bridge, bringing God's own love to it in new and creative ways.

Herein, our reference to the natural world includes the angels. Angels were never intended to become the "lords of creation." That role was reserved only for humans in their maturity and perfection. Unfortunately, we never became fully qualified for this role. Thus, our confusion with 'who we are' is just one more remnant of our tutelage by the angelic world.

1) Unisex culture

There is no reference in the Bible to female angels. Those who have been able to explore the spiritual universe and report on it, such as Father Moon and many many others, have confirmed that to be the reality. Angels can change their form at will. Angels may choose to look feminine, or even resemble female humans. But, since angels do not yet have their female counterparts with whom to share their eternal existence, they have no way to fully exercise the masculinity God imbued them with. In fact, some people believe that angels long ago took human women and had sexual intercourse with them, of course outside of the proper realm of the angelic world. While the male angels await their female counterparts from God, they exist more like a fraternity of God's workers, not conscious of, nor able to act on, their masculinity. In that sense, they are all the same.

In the 1970's on American campuses there was a brief, but striking, phenomena called the 'unisex era.' During this period, young men and woman had the notion that they were all just 'humans.' They were genderless. They disregarded the physical and internal distinctions between male and female and instead

chose to look totally identical. They donned the same clothes, same hairstyles, sometimes both wore a little light makeup, and Wallach! We're all just 'people.' Well, as you can see, it didn't last very long. But, it was a curious phenomena that harkened back to the mono-gender reality of the angelic realm.

m) Women's identity

If there are only male angels, and angels that choose to imitate female humans, then these emissaries of God to humans offer little help with mankind's apparent difficulty in identifying the 'Divine Feminine.' Female gods are common within the mystical traditions of Hinduism and Greek mythology, among many others. Within Catholicism, it is Mother Mary who offers the hope of getting a glimpse at God's holy expression as a woman. However, she was not of the same category as her perfected son, Jesus. In reality, Mary was like all the rest of us in that she was an imperfect human being of the fallen human lineage, as spoken of by Jesus himself.¹⁴ There are many women who cling to Mother Mary with a passion, seeking to identify with the Divine Feminine through her. But, she was not it. Women have yet to find their model of divine perfection and maturity of character and heart as a woman, like that offered by Jesus for men. Mother Teresa was a wonderful model and example of a sacrificial nun, and servant of humanity and God. But, she was neither married nor a mother in her own rite.

It is the belief of many that Mother Moon has been raised up as the fulfillment of that role in our own lifetime. For the first time in human history, that would enable women to experience the Divine Feminine and identify themselves with it.

A second contributing factor in this human search for the Divine Feminine is that the angelic world has no direct experience with the femininity of God. Therefore, while men could resonate somewhat with angelic masculinity, women had no such benefit. They have unfortunately been wandering in a spiritual void until now, surrounded by immature male angels and immature fallen men, with no model of the divine feminine to look to and identify with.

n) Knowledge-centered

Angels know all the practical knowledge there is to know. Knowledge is not hard to get in the spiritual world. Humans have often become obsessed with facts, information and knowledge, feeling that it is the key to happiness. However, intellectual pursuits cannot fill man's hunger and need for love. Father Moon once said that the purpose of truth is to lead us to the love of God. It is not for truth itself, he said.

Many people focus their entire lives on intellectual pursuits. People scour through stacks of books, trying to find fulfillment. Not that we don't pursue money and power in the same ways and for the same reasons, but we have become top-heavy, intellectually-obsessed creatures, giving up on finding satisfying love or putting it on the back burner. Even our religious traditions have become overly intellectualized and focused on doctrines and dogmas instead of transformation and maturation of the heart and character.

This does not mean humans should give up intellectual pursuits or be stupid. It's a matter of balance, priorities and values. Man, like God, should be motivated and led by his heart while he engages in his important intellectual pursuits. But, the

heartistic realm is, by far, much more important in the eternal scheme of things. By loosening our grip on the heartistic plane and increasing our emphasis on the intellectual plane, we have weakened our humanity and instead emulated the angelic creatures who are here to learn from us.

As we have said more than once, God made the physical universe for us to live in for a short period of time. Here we live in a soup of slowed-down time and space, full of natural frustrations to facilitate the development of virtues and ultimately love. God expected and planned for us to live in this physical environment with both feet firmly on the ground; even barefoot. He created this place where we could make mistakes, experience the consequences of those mistakes, learn from our experiences, and hopefully grow.

Reading good books along the way is a very wise thing to do. It can augment and enhance our growing experiences and bring added entertainment and fun to our life. Books can be important tools to kickstart and stimulate our own path to discovery and learning.

But having said all that, books cannot replace that very personal and intimate path of discovery and learning. Trying to live our life in libraries and book stores is a serious mistake and even a devastating thing for a human being to do. There are those who continually seem to gravitate to the safety of the book world. In reading books there are no bloody noses, no skinned knees and no bullies to make you feel hurt. If you don't like a book, you can put it down and be rid of it forever.

The authors of the books we read may have experienced and learned from many uncomfortable and painful things. We may think we can safely absorb the lessons they gleaned from their lives and move on to the next safe book. We may also be thinking that if we venture out and live even a rich, eventful and successful life, it will only be one solitary life. But, if we read hundreds of books, it will be as if we lived hundreds of lifetimes and we will be so much wiser, smarter and richer. This is flawed thinking.

The problem is, we deceive ourselves into believing that we are learning the lessons that life has to offer by reading what others have experienced. In reality, we are absorbing only our own limited and subjective perception of the conclusions that an author gleaned from living his or her own rich and eventful and even tumultuous life. If an author describes how he or she overcame their fear of failure, for example, how can we, the reader, understand all the emotions and nuances that are really behind those words? We cannot. You had to *be* there. We are not experiencing the process by which they learned those lessons. Therefore, we end up being rather hollow, superficial people who have inherited only conclusions, but not so much about real life itself, or about the nitty gritty processes of how

those conclusions were arrived at. The multitude of successful businessmen who failed dozens or hundreds of times will tell you that the majority of what they actually learned in life was in their times of failing; not in their success.

Not only that, but upon what experiential foundation did the authors write? What were their premises? Did they grow up in the lap of God's love in their families or were their childhoods marked by abuse in a dysfunctional family and community? Did they grow up in a well-rounded manner, discovering the ever-elusive balance in their lives? Did they have any subtle prejudices or skewed perspectives? Hopefully they learned from the negatives as well as the positives throughout their lives, but how will such experiences affect their conclusions and writings, no matter what kind of 'expert' they may be? And how will these affect you? It is too often said, "You are what you eat." It applies to the authors of the books we read just as much as it applies to us, the readers.

No one learns to play the piano by reading about it. In the same way, we cannot learn other skills and crafts, dance, painting, sculpture, throwing clay on a wheel, singing, driving a car, flying a plane, etc., by simply reading a book about it. But far more importantly, we cannot learn to live and to love, or to experience and share love with others, by reading about it in a book. If we try to live our lives in libraries and book stores, we will find ourselves transitioning to the spirit world

resembling an angel more than a human being; heavy on head knowledge but light on the wisdom that earthly life experience has to offer. If all we needed to do to grow up and mature ourselves was to read books about life, then God could have dispensed with the billions of years he spent creating the physical universe and simply made a vast library in the spirit world for angels to mentally feast on, like in the movie *What Dreams May Come* starring Robbin Williams. But, God did not do that. There must be a reason.

Many of those who offered the greatest wisdom in human history, Jesus, Buddha, Confucius, etc., did NOT glean their wisdom simply from whatever reading they may have done. St. Paul said that Jesus became who he was "by his challenges and sufferings." ¹⁵

The point is, DO NOT raise your children to think that all the answers to life's questions can be found in the library or bookstore. You will be pulling the rug out from under their feet. Take them to a park. Go fishing. Go camping under the stars and in the rain. Get your hands and feet dirty. Don't get obsessed with germs. Skin some knees. Don't just read about it. An excessive amount of time in books can be a serious distraction from the purpose of the one physical lifetime we are given.

I am blessed to have read some good books in my life, but I also thank God every day that I did not try to live my life in a library or bookstore. I could potentially have ended up not having lived life at all and gained very little beyond head knowledge, resulting in my becoming overly angelic instead of human.

Always grab a good book to read on the train or plane? Face in the cell phone, tablet or reader all day? You only get one life. Let go of your fears. Take the plunge. Talk to somebody. You just might make a new friend. It's called life. Put some skin in the game. You need a few bruised knees and a bloody nose once in a while. Read many good books, but don't forget to live your life.

o) Man is God's servant

As stated before, while many faithful people call themselves 'children of God,' in reality they tend to think of themselves and behave more like God's pets. In a similar manner, some people and cultures hold a strong affinity to a servant-like relationship with God. He is seen as their 'master.' The penalty for not doing a good job in this life is eternal suffering in hell. We must then appeal to his mercy without ceasing. It does not match well with the image of God that we get from Jesus' parables of the Prodigal Son and of the Lost Sheep. ¹⁶ Needless to say, this is clearly more of an angelic perspective than a human one.

p) Angelic worship

It is said that the angels worship God. Humans also worship God. Should both of these expressions of worship be identical, or should they differ in some way?

God, as the object of the worship, is the same in both cases. But, the subject of the worship is very different. Angels are servants and messengers for God. God is their master. He is also their father in a sense, but they have no direct frame of reference for that realization.

Humans, on the other hand, are not servants of God. Humans are God's children; sons and daughters. This is very different. We have the blessing of being born into and growing up in families, where God's love and personality was to be initially represented to babies by their fathers and mothers. We are designed to have intimate, heartistic experiences of love in our relationships in which we are to bond deeply with one another and then expand God's love in infinite dimensions.

Then, why do some forms of human religious worship seem so angelic in nature? Why are many people worshipping God as if he were their 'master' instead of their Parent? Simply put, we don't know clearly who we are and what our relationship to God should be. We simply learned about worship from our angelic intermediaries, who only know God as their master.

q) Jesus should marry?

"Perish the thought!" Many people have been conditioned to think such a possibility would be totally scandalous and even dirty. How could the son of God stoop down to such a despicable level as to marry, share conjugal love with his wife and even have children? Isn't the Church to be his bride wherein the book of Revelation talks of the Marriage feast of the Lamb?¹⁷

We are so stuck in the mindset of angels. Being human has been an illusive reality for us because we are spiritually and heartistically crippled, and fulfilling our human potential has been beyond our reach. So, we have been wandering in search of our true identity.

To make matters worse, we then imparted our limitations even onto the model of a true, divine human being in the person of Jesus. Does not the Bible indicate that Jesus was to come and "rule over the house of Jacob forever and ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end"?¹⁸ How might that be possible? Only if either Jesus was to live forever in his physical body, or if he should have a lineage of descendants through which his kingdom would carry forth.

Father Moon teaches that Jesus was absolutely supposed to marry and have children. That was God's greatest desire and plan for him. Had he done so, according to Father Moon, we would have seen the reality of God's intended beautiful and loving society on earth by now, created through his descendants.

Only in recent decades, through movies and books, has the idea of Jesus potentially having a family emerged. It is welcome in a world that has been stuck in too much angelic thinking.

r) We are responsible

Humanity has never understood the extent of its portion of responsibility in relation to God. We are in a partnership with him. When Cain asked God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" God did not answer him. The answer is yes, we are. But, Cain was in no psychological or emotional position to receive that answer from God.

Angels are servants. They do what they are asked to do. Man is intended, in his maturity of virtue and love, to have dominion. The responsibility is great. Whoever and whatever a person of mature love perceives is in need of his care and love, that becomes his responsibility. As long as there is one person suffering from the lack of God's love and the practical ramifications of that, a man of love will strive to satisfy that need, either directly or indirectly.

Many wise spiritual leaders populate the earth, but none have demonstrated a burning passion to save all of humanity. Only Jesus and Father and Mother Moon have shown that burning passion. Wise words won't do it. Books won't do it. Billboards won't do it. Prayer, alone, won't do it. Meditation won't do it. Even famous spiritual leaders have publicly stated that they feel their only responsibility is to "believe." To just

"believe" is angelic. It's all just intellectual. To 'know' and then to 'become,' especially in the critical realms of the heart and character, is what makes humans special and divine. 8. More on Angels...

a) Why God has used angels to communicate with us

It's no surprise that the ultimate expression and manifestation of God's heart and logos in the *spiritual* universe - angels - resemble God's ultimate expression and manifestation in the *physical* universe - humans. Angels and human beings are the fullest expression of God's heart and logos. Granted, angels can alter their appearance and form at will, unlike humans, but the highest expression of God's heart and logos is found in human beings. Thus, we can read in the book of Genesis that God told the angels: "*Let us make man in our image.*" ²⁰

Simple forms of creation can express simple aspects of God's nature, but more sophisticated creations are needed to express more sophisticated aspects of his nature. A wild flower can express a simple form of God's love to you. But, your beloved pooch can express a more sophisticated form of God's love to you. On the other hand, a loving mother or father can express a *far more* sophisticated form of God's love to you.

Certainly God can express his profound love to you through something as simple as a summer breeze. But, God expresses his most sophisticated desires and helpful instructions and messages through beings most closely resembling himself, as his representatives. Thus, angels are often referred to in the Bible as "lord."

God manifested himself to Moses through an angel in a burning bush.²¹ Sometimes God borrows the form of Jesus to manifest himself, both to mortal humans and also in the spiritual universe. Sometimes he uses the form of Jesus' mother, Mary, or others. The form he uses to relate to us largely depends upon the person(s) he seeks to communicate with, and how they will respond and relate to it. He will manifest himself to a Muslim through the image of Mohammad, and to a Hindu through the image of one of their many gods.

Jesus is the literal Son of God, and as such, God's mind and heart resonate with Jesus' own mind and heart. Thus, we could say that Jesus was the Temple of God and that God was manifesting himself through the person of Jesus. Jesus was unlike any other human being before him. He was not just a prophet. He was not just an inspired fallen human being, either. He was born in a special way, not of the spiritual lineage of fallen mankind. He grew through his trials and sufferings to perfectly embody God's love.²² Thus, Jesus could represent

God to us perfectly as a man, in the image and likeness of God the creator.

But, before and after Jesus, there was no human being that could represent God as purely and profoundly. Fallen man, even those called by God, cannot claim to be a living Temple of God purely; fully resonating with the Father, himself. Thus, before and after Jesus, God related to fallen man through the best representative of himself that he had available - his servants, the angels.

An angel was caring for, protecting and raising Adam and Eve. It was an angel who spoke to Hagar, Abraham, Jacob, Balaam, Moses, Gideon, and Manoah. An angel was used to commence destroying Jerusalem in David's time; spoke to Joshua, Zachariah, Mary, the Wise Men, Joseph, Peter, Jesus, and to John the Revelator, etc. After Jesus, angels also brought revelations to Mohammad, Joseph Smith, and many others. And, beyond these instances, many believe that each of us are assigned an angel to guide and protect us.

b) The 'fearsome' pre-Jesus God

Fallen man has an excessively elevated view of angels. We might think it a blessing and benefit that God used angels to relate to human beings before and after Jesus. However, as you have already seen, it came with some negative consequences.

God's essence is love. It would not be wrong to say that God 'just wants to love us – all the time and everywhere.' But, God is also a God of order and principle. So, there is order in the expression of his love. His love is not 'anything goes' love. In other words, God loves you all the time, no matter how you may behave. But, he may not *express* his love to you the same, no matter how you may behave. In that respect, he is like any human parent. That's why Jesus gave us insight into the nature and heart of God through his famous parables of the Prodigal Son and the Lost Sheep.²³ He is truly the loving Parent of us all.

Father Moon taught that the real living God has no concept of enemies, and wants to restore everyone in hell and even the fallen angel who betrayed him and ruined his entire plan for us. He added: "He loves, and then forgets that he gave love, and then seeks to give his love again and again." We are all his

beloved children, no matter what choices we may have made in our lives. He only wants to love us and bless us, without limit.

How is it, then, that this loving God, parent of all humanity, came to have such a fearsome image and reputation as we are often presented with in the Old Testament of the Bible? There are two fundamental reasons for this. The first key to understanding this lies in God's own nature.

As we have already said, God does not have a body. Even in the spiritual world, while God is an obvious reality to all who inhabit that realm, he has no form. He is not visible as a shape or form. In fact, Father Moon taught that God intended for mature humans to become his visible form, the expression of both his masculinity and his femininity in both the physical universe and, after they died, also in the spiritual universe. Thus, God wanted to live in, and resonate with, our hearts and minds and then express himself through our physical and spiritual bodies. Indeed, this indwelling of God's spirit in human form would extend to all fully matured human beings. This does NOT mean that he would dominate his children, or usurp their free will or independence at all. Rather, God and mankind would become resonant beings in heart and mind.

Nor was this intended as a one-way street. Not only would man benefit from being resonant with the living God, but God would participate in the lives of men and women, experiencing things that he could not otherwise experience by himself, nor even with other created beings such as angels. The experience of birthing, raising and bonding with a human child opens a new world of experiences of the heart that could not be experienced before by God, even with monkeys or other wild creatures. God could not experience what it was like to have grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, or nieces, etc., until human beings had them and he could experience it with us. Thus, experientially, God himself continues to grow and develop.

That was the plan, at least. In reality, it was greatly compromised by the events that transpired in the the very beginning of human history, as the Bible simplistically relates it. God lost his intended, resonant body in his human children. He was left with the next best substitute, which were his angels. But, angels were not yet fully matured in heart or perfected, and could never reach the dimensions of love that humans were intended to reach, by themselves. Plus, after the human Fall, angels had no means by which to reach full maturity since the human 'school of love' was corrupted and damaged. So, God had no choice but to express himself through immature angels whose relationship with him was that of a servant, rather than as intimate children.

Thus, when angels came to man, representing God, they conveyed to man the image of God that they knew, which was

that of a strict but loving Master, rather than of a compassionate Father as shown and described by Jesus. Jesus was the new Adam. ²⁴ He knew God's heart much more intimately and deeply than angels could, as a son. Thus, before and after Jesus, man got a very rough "master-servant" image of the compassionate God due to the necessary intersession of angels.

The second key to understanding why God has been given such a harsh image in history, at least before Jesus, lies in our understanding of fallen mankind. Since man's relationship with God was damaged through the rebellion and seduction which marred our first ancestor's experience with love, all subsequent generations have wandered in a sea of speculation and theories about 'Who is God?' And, since God is the literal source of love, our damaged connection and relationship with him left fallen mankind with a relatively limited experience of love with which to relate with each other. The 'school of love' was left with no model, no mentor, and relatively blind teachers leading relatively blind students. Thus, we have tended to impose our own self-centered, egotistical, immature and sometimes hurtful motivations upon God, himself, effectually painting God in the image and likeness of fallen man. In this way, man brought God down to his own fallen level.

Fallen mankind has been immersed in Cain's point of view – "Am I my brother's keeper?" ²⁵ – rather than a mature Adam's point of view, as we received from Jesus and from Father Moon.

Thus, these new Adams had to tell us such basic things as "love your enemy" ²⁶ and informed us that God is actually our "Father in heaven," ²⁷ The enmity of Cain was only partially resolved in the reunion of Esau and Jacob²⁸ (with jealous Esau representing Cain in the relationship between the two) and also in the reunion of Joseph and his jealous brothers²⁹ (again, with the jealous brothers representing Cain). Cain's mission has been to resolve and overcome the jealousy, anger and resentment which humanity ultimately inherited from the rebellious angel in the Garden of Eden. But, since Cain's mission is still not fully accomplished in humanity, the 'victimized' viewpoint of Cain lingers on, and we project it onto each other, and also onto God.

9. Dave and Christi

How many people are similar to Dave and Christi? They lived in their own individualistic angelic worlds. Their two individual worlds intersected each other, but they had no mind to even try to become 'one,' as was God's original design and intention. The same followed in their later relationships. It was just a personal way of life.

Marriage, when they did opt for it, remained a temporal, worldly thing; nothing eternal or too serious. And kids? No. Especially not for David. He had no room in his angelic persona for that. He was too caught up in himself and had nothing to give a crying child. Bonding with his step-children didn't work, either.

And Christi found herself trying to play the game and make it in a man's world, like so many others feel compelled to do. Companionship was a real need for Christi, but children were not a part of her world, either. Her solitary relationship with God was there. But, without a family, it seemed rather angelic.

We are not here to fault them for these things. They are not to blame. Like everyone, they were doing the best they could with the cards they were handed, trying to make the right decisions and choices every day. They were simply products of a human society tainted with angelic DNA.

But, there is a way out of this 'matrix.' God would not have been so tirelessly working to save us if there were no way out. But, don't be tempted to look for a magic pill, either. That would be more angelic wishful thinking.

10. Enhancing the quality of life and problemsolving

It's more than common for spiritual leaders on all levels to invest their lives and energies into improving and saving the lives of their flock. In too many cases, however, the all-important message people need is conveyed on an intellectual level with the hope that change and action will result. Often, this seldom produces action or change.

The angelic realm operates primarily on the intellectual plane, whereas human beings are designed differently. Humans are motivated by heart and emotion, and by experiences and information which have impacted their hearts. Thus, of the ministers who retire or resign each year, many cite an inability to effect change in people's lives. Action steps, personal testimonies, mission work, and other experiential methods can produce much more effective change in people, because through these the human heart can be impacted, resulting in action and/or change. The more angelic-style, intellectual approach is not so effective with humans.

Also, improving the human quality of life has been largely focused on the individual 'self;' i.e., self-improvement, self-

realization, salvation of myself, the 'self-made man,' etc. Where do we find schools teaching how to become the effective and virtuous subjects and objects that can function well in every social structure they will experience in their lives? Certainly, we can appreciate the ideal of the human family as the 'school of love,' but we need to transfer our experiences in the family to a much bigger environment.

In all fairness, some cultures are much worse at this than others. But, we cannot deny that too many people are abandoning their beloved parents in warehouses called nursing homes when they perceive their individual happiness and comfort potentially being compromised or threatened. This is not to ignore those who really do need nursing care, but many who end up in nursing homes do not need specialized, professional care. It has become a symptom of a hollow humanity.

Instead of trying to cultivate ourselves into people who can make marriages and families more successful and joyful, we go the other way and protect our independence with pre-nuptial agreements, contracts and long-term care insurance.

Instead of encouraging the cultivation of virtue in society, we try to make up for the lack of it with endless regulations and lawmaking, seeking to control every nuance of our neighbor's lives through laws and courts.

Instead of trying to create a virtuous society in which people genuinely trust each other and are trustworthy, we create intrusive, gigantic spy agencies and systems which monitor our every movement, conversation, email, text, post and tweet.

Do you see where this is heading? We are suffocating and drowning ourselves due to our excessively individualistic, angelic DNA.

11. What can be done about it?

To discern and separate out the angelic DNA in all of us, we first need to be able to contrast it with the pure Adamic perspective. Where do we get the know-how to do that? We can only get it from Adam. Jesus was called Adam by St. Paul³⁰ when he compared him with the first, unsuccessful Adam. Jesus was the first successful Adam in human history, as an individual. He demonstrated none of the angelic qualities of which we have spoken here, except he taught that fallen mankind is subject to temporal marriage and he was a celibate man. Jesus implored and even commanded us to become like himself.³¹ He knew how angelic we had become and came as the first truly Adamic man for us to learn from and be saved by.

The reason Jesus spoke of temporal marriage is because he was prevented from opening the way to eternal, divine marriage due to his own untimely death as a single man. Through the "marriage feast of the lamb," which should have happened 2000 years ago, the victorious Adam was to open the way to eternal, divine marriage for all of humanity.

This is underscored by the fact that Adam needs Eve for the full plan of God to unfold. Adam also needs Eve for his own greater fulfillment and completion and to propagate the divine, human lineage which God had sought from the beginning.

Women need to experience and embody the Divine Feminine in substance in order to transform themselves into resonant daughters of God. Eve also needs Adam for her own fulfillment and completion, as well. They are each complete in their becoming 'one' because as was said, "God is one." 32

So, why should they become 'one?' Because in God, all of the attributes that he has manifested in us are 'one.' God is "one." Therefore, for us to resemble and resonate with the living God, we must become as 'one.' That 'oneness' must ultimately be manifested as a 'oneness' of mind and body, husband and wife, parents and children, subject and object, etc.

This is not to be understood on an intellectual level alone. This must manifest on the heartistic level, where God dwells in us. All of the human virtues described by Jesus, and others, must become the very substance of our being; not just something 'religious' or peripheral to our lives. Our human spirituality is not a Sunday morning thing. It's a 24/7 thing. All human beings are spiritual. There is no switch. It cannot be turned off. No matter how much you may not want to live a spiritual life, you are and will. The stubborn individualism and relatively shallow view of love common in humanity and

exemplified in our narrative of Dave and Christi, must be purged from the mature human experience.

How to do this is described in clear, practical and systematic steps through the teachings of Father Moon, called *The Divine Principle*. Each of us literally needs to transform ourselves from being the angelic beings we have become into the heartistic and mature children of God who genuinely and sincerely live for the sake of others. Thus, the Adamic viewpoint is critically important in order for us to discern the unwanted angelic thinking we harbor, and then to purge it from our persona.

Even more important than this discernment and subsequent purging process is the magical "engrafting" which St. Paul spoke about in the Bible³³. Jesus is called the "tree of life."³⁴ This is a living tree. It is meant to have buds and shoots and new branches. It is not meant to be a dead tree. The buds and branches were to be Jesus' spiritual and physical offspring,³⁵ and all those who are cut off from the old 'tree of death' (the lineage of the first Adam) and literally made a living part of the new "tree."

For this engrafting process, Jesus (the new Adam) also needs his new Eve. As was said, Jesus was to marry and create a new lineage of descendants into which all of mankind would eventually engraft through marriage. It is for this reason that the book of Revelation speaks of the "Marriage feast of the Lamb." ³⁶ It was not to be the marriage of Jesus to his church, unless the reader takes that to mean his disciples. It is actually referring to Jesus' literal marriage. This is how Jesus was originally to "rule over the house of Jacob, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁷ His earthly kingdom, which was clearly and repeatedly prophesied, ³⁸ was to be perpetuated by Jesus' descendants; not by force or tyranny, but because mankind would eventually insist that it be so.

Since Jesus was killed before he was able to marry and perpetuate the 'tree of life' through his descendants, he and the Holy Spirit stand as the new spiritual parents for all reborn and adopted Christian 'children.' Jesus will complete his messianic mission through a man and a woman whom he calls and ordains for that very purpose.

In studying the life and ministry of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, it is clear to many that he was called to fulfill that very role. Father Moon was visited by Jesus at the age of 15 and asked to complete Jesus' unfinished mission to begin the literal and physical engrafting of humanity, and establish the foundations for God's earthly human world. Rev. Moon raised his wife to fulfill the long-sought role of Eve, and together they began the "redemption of the body" spoken of by St. Paul, and the literal engrafting process which Jesus spoke of 2000 years ago. They have been doing this through their unique authority and

through large international, intercultural group wedding ceremonies conveying this unprecedented grace. They were called and are fulfilling the roles of the new Adam and Eve for the healing and engrafting of humanity. This discourse is a result of their insight and incredible life course.

Let's be clear. Only a crazy person could expect you to believe this proposition at face value. You must investigate carefully and confirm it for yourself, as the author of this book has done for over 44 years of his life. Second-hand opinions and 'googling' will not suffice. The contemporary scribes and Pharisees will tell you that anyone claiming such things must, by definition, be a charlatan and heretic, just as they did with Jesus. That is to be expected. Those who have eyes to see and ears to hear will know otherwise. Seek to know and you will find the answers you are looking for. God wants you to know and to be fully transformed into his pure and fully mature son or daughter.

With the Adamic viewpoint given to fallen mankind once again, even more clearly and comprehensively than ever before, and with the opportunity to literally engraft ourselves into the restored Adamic lineage, mankind will soon see a new humanity unfolding before it. It will take several generations to complete. Everyone's immediate choice will be to either become part of the solution, or remain part of the problem. I sincerely hope you will make the right choice.

13. The New Dave and Christi

avid and Christi had always felt an unexplainable attraction for each other. They came from very different backgrounds. Dave grew up in America; his father from an Irish Catholic family near Chicago, and his mother from a Jewish French family in Philadelphia. Christi was born south of the border to a Hispanic father and an Asian mother. Their differences were enchanting to them both. They harbored no racial feelings, having come from such mixed cultures.

Dave's boyhood experiences were rich in heart, thanks mostly to his Jewish mother. She smothered all of her 9 children with her affection and passion, not to mention lots of chicken soup. She taught them all rich values of love, respect, honesty, and what was 'Kosher.' The lessons stuck with Dave, as learned them and practiced them from when he was a child.

The faith traditions of his parents gave Dave some unique experiences as he grew up. Neither the Catholic community nor the Jewish community really accepted his family with open arms, but as they would participate from time to time in both cultures, Dave grew to appreciate each of them and could easily

stand with one leg in one tradition and the other leg in the other. He was comfortable with it all. He could see that there was only one God, anyway.

Christi had a rich childhood, also, albeit quite different from Dave's. Her mother was always close to her, protecting her and trying to instill in her the ethical mindset of her own background. Her father was passionate and hot-blooded, finding life in his friends and family and communicating it with lots of hugs and back slaps.

Dave and Christi found fascination in each other. Not only that, but when Dave graduated from high school, he spent two years with the Peace Corps in Guatemala, laughing and dancing and crying with families and children who barely knew what a toothbrush was. This gave him a special connection with Christi, since she grew up closer to that reality than Dave.

As they spent more and more time together, Dave fell more in love with Christi. But, despite what everyone around him was saying about sex, Dave just couldn't get enough of Christi's heart and sparkling eyes and smile. She was everything in life for him. And, his love was so innocent. This is what captured the heart of Christi. She adored his innocent heart toward her, and the way he treasured her as a person, and not as a sex toy.

Of course they got married, but they both came to the altar with all of their pure hearts to give each other. They had not 'played the field' and had no interest in practicing married life before tying the knot. They just wanted to give all they had to each other. He was really not thinking of what he would receive in the marriage. He was only thinking of how he could love her and make her happy. She was the same. They were in it with both feet.

They each found jobs. They weren't college grads, so Dave found work in a car repair shop and Christi cleaned houses for a few old ladies. Since she grew up around her grandparents, she had a heart for old people and they loved her for it. The newlyweds didn't care so much about the fact that they didn't have white collar jobs. They were getting by and they had each other. She would sometimes call him at work and arrange to meet him for lunch at a small café next to his shop. Dave was often thinking about her while changing tires and fixing flats.

It wasn't long before children came along. They eventually had five; two boys and three girls. Dave was such a happy father. With the birth of their first child, Christi would sometimes slip away into another room, hiding a warm tear as she watched her husband play with the baby for hours on the floor after work.

Christi invested as much as she could in her children when she didn't have to be at work. She tried to be a stay-at-home mom, but she had to work because Dave just couldn't get a good enough job to support the family. When the kids were all away at school, she had more time to contribute her share of the support.

They didn't have a lot, but they had each other. What little budget they had seemed to go a long way at the nearby thrift stores. They found they could live well by frequenting Goodwill and others.

They had fun with each other's birthday parties, and Christi tried to make holidays fun, too. The children not only shared two small bedrooms with bunk beds, but they grew up being close to each other in other ways.

They also learned from their mom and dad that other people were important, too; not just those in their own family. When neighbor kids needed someone to care for them, Christi was always available. Her door was always open. And, even if they were short on groceries, she would welcome people to eat lunch or dinner with them, somehow always making the food stretch. Dave would often be found down the street, helping someone with a car problem. The children saw their parents sacrificing and working to support them, and they saw them living for others. This made a huge impression on the kids.

Sometimes they all packed up and went to Church. Well, in fact, sometimes they went to the old Catholic church down the street, and a few times they went to a nearby Synagogue. Having the variety of grandparents that they had, the kids were used to being with many different kinds of people. So, the kids felt far more comfortable in these environments than the people they were sitting with felt about them. For the kids, it was simple: God was God, and people were his children. No other distinctions need be made.

The children grew up with a healthy respect for those of the opposite sex. They loved their brothers and sisters, so other people seemed to naturally take a similar place in their lives. Academics were a challenge for several of the children. Some were musical. Some were athletic. Some were artistic. Those who were better at one thing helped those who weren't. It was a healthy dynamic.

The kids really loved the rare occasions when grandma and grandpa came to visit. The kids gladly gave up their rooms and slept on the second-hand couches and floor. No one complained. It was family.

Dave took some night classes at a nearby vocational school and gradually worked his way up to some better jobs over the years. And, Christi kept doing what she could to help. They never found time or money for a vacation or anything like that. That was a dream; something for people in another world.

Eventually, one-by-one, the kids grew up and married off. The closeness they experienced with each other continued on. There was never an empty house. It seemed like one of the kids and their families were always visiting. Dave and Christi sometimes wondered if they would ever have a quiet, emptynester life. But, it was not clear whether either of them really wanted that, anyway. The clan grew and grew, and Dave and Christi grew older and older, but they never drifted apart. In fact, they grew closer and closer, taking care of each other in their older years. They became one of those cute old couples that you always see together. They didn't know how to live without each other. They could not imagine what that would be like, and didn't even try. It was the furthest thing from their minds.

Even now, while they are no longer with us, their warmth and spirit fill the homes and hearts of their grown children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They are somehow still here, with us.

Endnotes

All Biblical references are taken from the Revised Standard Version of the *Holy Bible*. However, other versions generally maintain the same meanings.

¹ Jn 1:14

² Mal 2:15

³ Rom 8:19

⁴ Gen 1:27

⁵ Mat 5:48

⁶ Gen 1:28

⁷ 1Jn 4:8

⁸ Gen 1:28

⁹ Mat 5:48

¹⁰ Mk 12:25

¹¹ Gen 2:24; Mat 19:5

¹² Gen 6:6

¹³ Rom 8:19

¹⁴ Jn 8:44

¹⁵ heb 5:7-9

¹⁶ Lk 15:4, 15:20

¹⁷ Rev 19:7

¹⁸ Lk 1:33

¹⁹ Gen 4:9

²⁰ Gen 1:26

²¹ Ex 3:2-6

²² heb 5:7-9

²³ Lk 15:4, 15:20

²⁴ 1Cor 15:45

²⁵ Gen 4:9

²⁶ heb 5:7-9

²⁷ Mat 6:9

²⁸ Gen 33:10

²⁹ Gen 45

³⁰ 1Cor 15:45

- ³¹ Mat 5:48
- ³² Gal 3:20
- ³³ Rom 11:17
- ³⁴ Rev 22:14
- ³⁵ Jn 15:5
- ³⁶ Rev 19:7
- ³⁷ Lk 1:33
- ³⁸ Is 9:6, Mat 2:6
- ³⁹ Rom 8:23

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