

We are all God's children? Not really.

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This idea was floated recently and in the light of universal salvation something of original nature must remain as a base for salvation or renewal even in evil people, but we are not all God's children. The modern world is well versed in things like using consciousness to explain everything, but consciousness studies, for example, don't deal well with the idea of the divided self which is an idea common to the history of theology and numerous studies in psychology.

What was posited in the discussion was the Original Mind in God's image is eternal and it or a part of it always remained no matter what. I don't disagree the original mind or some seed of original value remains as universal salvation means something must be there to work with. I have always supported that. But this raises the question of how much the false self interacts with the original self and to what ends. Divine Principle suggests the spirit body is adversely affected by negative activities and thoughts and vice-versa says positive "nutrients" helps the spirit body to grow. So there's a question there.

However failures of the original mind and original self are not the only issue defining whether we are all God's children or not. We tend to be arguing about mind or consciousness but there is more to consider.

Particularly from the Blessing there is a change of 'blood lineage' taking place, which removes one from the fallen world to reinstall the self onto a heavenly lineage -- to become through this, God's children in full measure. So those remaining in the fallen world are children of another god so to speak, the people of the divided self. All those people are potentially God's children but have not made the journey of transition from a world of delusions and illusions to the clear world of God's original creativity, intention and heart. They have not understood the three objective purpose Divine Principle p 25.

Neither do they understand why procreation is modeled on that creativity which mirrors the trinitarian approach God takes i.e. heart, love and intention to multiply goodness throughout creation and to do so through marriage and the family. This model says God extends himself to masculine and feminine

creative principles to give birth to the cosmos, so male and female also work together in creating goodness through giving birth to their children. Principle described as absolute Monism is often compared to yin-yang where the greater circle of God which emerges from love and unity is represented by the outer ring. Three in one is there too like the original creative model. Anything else falls short. Heaven as they say is about synthesis, about the generation of love and beauty.

If a person has not gone through this process of Blessing, or has left and by doing so has dissolved their blessing in the process, they reject the pledge made to incorporate this God of creativity and love into their lives so they fall back into the world of lesser values. They would not be considered God's children, rather children of another world. To make their way back again though, I think there are mechanisms for this, such as a forgiveness ceremony but if interested or concerned contact the FF nearest you for info on this and the processes set before re-blessing, rather than take my word for it.

There is a second serious problem concerning what happens to us in the after-life. Like the Principle nothing bends to suit humanist thinking. There are principles and laws concerning all of nature. Indeed from the founder, in the spirit world Principles are clearer and even less pliable so if one is out of sync with the basic values of God's principles there is no entry to heaven or higher realms in the spirit world. One simple requirement of 'heaven' is that love must exist as one factor and couples are another. One cannot enter heaven alone or full of resentment or any kind of hostility. So we read, what we do is what we build for ourselves here and in the life to come. God does not judge but we make our bed and we lie in it so we read:

- What is hell? Hell is a place that has no relationship to God's love, life or lineage or even to God Himself. (201-97, 1990.3.11)

- You decide whether you go to heaven or hell. I do not decide. God does not decide. You are the one who decides. If you complain, it is hell. If you go with a grateful heart to places where you would have complained, it is heaven. (96-122, 1978.1.2)

- Heaven is a place which you cannot enter alone. You can enter heaven only after you realize the ideal of a couple. Therefore, to enter heaven, fallen human beings must go through the dispensations of restoration, resurrection and re-creation. To give the Blessing to you is to open wide the gates of heaven. Through the Blessing, I am opening the closed gates of heaven for you. (152-240, 1963.5.25)

- We are destined to go to the spirit world whether we like it or not. It is a fact of life. We are like a wanderer who is moving ever closer to that destination. What becomes the issue is whether you have lived more for the sake of others or for yourself. If you have lived more for others, you will go to heaven. If the opposite is true, you will go to hell. You may not want to believe this fundamental formula given your present situation, but when you die you will come to understand. (74-51, 1974.11.27)

The change of lineage and the nature of the spiritual afterlife, unless we have restored our fallen selves, says we are not all the Children of God. It is a serious question to consider and not one answered by the fashionable presentations and humanist thoughts the contemporary world often fields. Many people are in the business of leading us astray and into shallow waters full of snares.