Exposition of the Divine Principle

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

Also, in my teens, I started to think deeply about the following basic questions about life: Who am I? Where did I come from? What's the purpose of life? Does life go on after death? Does God exist? Is God omnipotent, or is He just incompetent? If God is omnipotent, why doesn't He remove the problems of the mankind? Why do so many pains exist in the world? Since I knew that these problems cannot be resolved by human power, I judged that if God exists, we should follow His Will and take the path that can take us beyond the human limits.
At sixteen, I had a mysterious experience. In the morning of Easter, after I made a long tearful prayer, Jesus Christ appeared to me and gave me many revelations and teachings. He told me much about deep and amazing things. He said that God is grieved because of the suffering humanity.

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

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

Ever since that special meeting, I have been conversing with the saints of the spiritual world including the living God and Jesus. Little by little, God taught me the amazing truth. It was as if the morning sun was rising after a long and dark night. In this truth, I could see
the dawn of the glorious new culture. This special revelation, based on the New Testament, has the power to bring all the religions together. Today this revelation is called the Divine Principle, and I have received an order from God to spread the Divine Principle to the ends of the earth.

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

After the publication of the one-hour manual, this manual is produced with more detailed contents according to the Rev. Moon's direction to publish a three-hour manual. We believe that this volume will help the students and teachers of the Divine Principle deepen their understanding of the Principle.
Everyone is struggling to attain happiness and avoid misfortune.
How, then, does happiness arise?
People feel joy when their desires are fulfilled.
Within the self-same individual are two opposing inclinations: the original mind that desires goodness and the evil mind that desires wickedness.

They are engaged in a fierce battle, striving to accomplish two conflicting purposes. Any being possessing such a contradiction within itself is doomed to perish.

Christianity sees this state of destruction as the result of the human Fall.
Considered from the viewpoint of the intellect, the human Fall represents humanity's descent into ignorance.

People are composed of two aspects: internal and external, or mind and body;

In the same way, there are two types of ignorance: internal ignorance and external ignorance.
• Humanity through religion has followed the path of searching for internal truth,
• and through science has followed the path of seeking external truth.
• Religion and science, each in their own spheres, have been the methods of searching for truth in order to conquer ignorance and attain knowledge.
Religion and science, setting out with the missions of dispelling the two aspects of human ignorance, have seemed in the course of their development to take positions that were contradictory and irreconcilable.

However, for humankind to completely overcome the two aspects of ignorance and fully realize the goodness which the original mind desires, at some point in history there must emerge a new truth which can reconcile religion and science and resolve their problems in an integrated undertaking.
○ What **missions** must the new truth fulfill?

○ The new expression of truth should be able to reveal the **reality** and Heart of God: His **heart** of joy at the time of **creation**; and His **heart** of striving to **save** humankind throughout the long course of history.
This truth must be able to embrace all historical religions, ideologies and philosophies and bring complete unity among them.

Unity starts with the unity of mind and body and the unity of husband and wife.
New truth should guide fallen people to return to their original state.
The new truth and the Rev. Sun Myung Moon

- Revelation from God
  (Rev. 10:11)

- This ultimate life-giving truth, however, cannot be discovered through an exhaustive investigation of scriptures or scholarly texts; nor can it be invented by any human intellect.

- As is written in the Book of Revelation, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings," (Rev. 10:11) truth must appear as a revelation from God.
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• Revelation from God (Rev. 10:11)

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

• God has sent one person to this earth to resolve the fundamental problems of human life and the universe. His name is Rev. Sun Myung Moon.
Part I
Throughout history, people have anguished over the fundamental questions of human life and the universe without arriving at satisfying answers.
This is because no one has understood the root principle by which humanity and the universe were originally created.
To approach this topic properly, it is not enough to examine resultant reality. The fundamental question is that of the causal reality.

Problems concerning human life and the universe cannot be solved without first understanding the nature of God.
Section 1  The Dual Characteristics of God and the Created Universe

The nature of God

- Character of an artist
  - Manifestation
  - Works of art

- Nature of God
  - Manifestation
  - Rom. 1:20
  - Creation

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

Every entity possesses dual characteristics of yang (+) and yin (−) and comes into existence only when these characteristics have formed reciprocal relationships, both within the entity and between it and other entities.
For instance, atoms display either a positive or a negative valence. Plants propagate by means of stamen and pistil, and animals multiply and maintain their species through the relationship between males and females. Finally, human beings are either a man or woman.
However, there is another, more fundamental pair of dual characteristics in reciprocal relationship. Every entity possesses both an outer form and an inner quality.
The visible outer form resembles the invisible inner quality. The inner quality is called *internal nature*, and the outer form or shape is called *external form*.

Since internal nature and external form refer to corresponding inner and outer aspects of the same entity, the external form may also be understood as a second *internal nature*. Therefore, the internal nature and external form together constitute *dual characteristics*. 
Let us take human beings as an example. A human being is composed of an outer form, the body, and an inner quality, the mind.

Mind is the internal nature and body is the external form.

Mind and body are two correlative aspects of a human being; hence, the body may be understood as a second mind. Together, they constitute the dual characteristics of a human being.

Similarly, all beings exist through the reciprocal relationships between their dual characteristics of internal nature and external form.
The First Cause must also possess the dual characteristics of internal nature and external form, which stand in the position of subject partner to the internal natures and external forms of all beings.

We call this First Cause of the universe God, and we call God's internal nature and external form the original internal nature and original external form.
It is only natural to surmise that God, the First Cause of all things, also exists based on the reciprocal relationship between His dual characteristics of yang and yin.
What is the relationship between the dual characteristics of internal nature and external form and the dual characteristics of yang and yin?

God's original internal nature and original external form each contain the mutual relationship of original yang and original yin. Therefore, original yang and original yin are attributes of original internal nature and original external form.
God is

to be a Subject in whom the dual characteristics of original internal nature and original external form are in harmony.

At the same time, God is the harmonious union of masculinity and femininity, which manifest the qualities of original internal nature and original external form, respectively.

In relation to the universe, God is the subject partner having the qualities of internal nature and masculinity.

In recognition of God's position as the internal and masculine subject partner, we call Him "Our Father."
God is the invisible subject partner, and the universe as a whole is a substantial object partner to God. In accordance with the Principle of Creation, God's dual characteristics manifests itself symbolically or in image as individual embodiments of truth, which constitute the universe.

Since individual embodiments of truth are all substantial object partners to God—resembling His original internal nature and original external form—they each possess within themselves both internal nature and external form, and likewise both yang and yin.
God, the Creator of all things, is the absolute reality, eternal, self-existent and transcendent of time and space.

The fundamental energy of God's being is also eternal, self-existent and absolute.

It is the origin of all energies and forces that allow created beings to exist.

We call this fundamental energy universal prime energy.
Through the agency of **universal prime energy**, the **subject** and **object** elements of every entity form a common base and enter into **interaction**. This interaction, in turn, generates all the **forces** the entity needs to **exist**, **multiply** and **act**.

The interaction generating these forces through this process is called **give and take action**.
The process in which out of **God**, the **Origin**, two entities are separately manifested and **reunited** in oneness is called **origin-division-union** action.
Any of the four positions resulting from the origin-division-union action, namely, the origin, subject partner and object partner, and their union, may assume the position of subject partner and engage the other three as its object partners, forming a communion of three object partners.

When each of the four then acts as the subject partner and enters into give and take with the other three, they fulfill the three object purpose.
When the origin, the subject partner and object partner projected from the origin, and their union all fulfill the three object purpose, the four position foundation is established.
This foundation is:

1. Root of the principle of three stages because it involves three stages of God, husband and wife, and children.
2. Root of the number twelve because each of the four takes on three object partners, twelve object partners are created.
3. Fundamental foundation of goodness and realization of God's purpose of creation.
4. Fundamental foundation for the life of all beings, providing all the forces necessary for their existence.

The four position foundation is God's eternal purpose of creation.
Section 3  The Purpose of Creation

The purpose of the creation of the universe

(Gen. 1:4-31)

God

Creations

Object partners of goodness

Delight

- It is recorded in the Bible (Gen. 1:4-31) that after God completed each day of creation, He saw that it was good.

- This suggests that God wanted His creations to be object partners embodying goodness that He might take delight in them.
God's joy

Three blessings (Gen. 1:28)
- Be fruitful
- Multiply
- Have dominion over creation

: Kingdom of Heaven

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

- Had Adam and Eve obeyed these three blessings and built the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no doubt that God would have felt the greatest joy as His sons and daughters rejoiced in the world of His ideal.

- Hence, the ultimate purpose of the universe, with human beings at its center, is to return joy to God.
• All entities have dual purposes.

• Every entity has dual centers of movement, one of internal nature and another of external form. These centers pursue corresponding purposes - for the sake of the whole and for the sake of the individual - whose relationship is the same as that between internal nature and external form.
In God's ideal, there cannot be any individual purpose which does not support the whole purpose, nor can there be any whole purpose that does not guarantee the interests of the individual.

The infinite variety of beings in the universe form one vast organic body interwoven by these dual purposes.
Joy is not produced by an individual alone.

Joy arises when we have an object partner, whether intangible or substantial, in which our internal nature and external form are reflected and developed. Our object partner stimulates us and helps us to feel our own internal nature and external form.
God feels the fullness of joy when He is stimulated by His substantial object partners to feel His original internal nature and original external form through them.

When the Kingdom of Heaven is realized—through the fulfillment of the three great blessings and the establishment of the four position foundation—it becomes the good object partner that gives joy to God.
The key to God's first blessing is the perfection of individual character. An individual's mind and body are discrete projections and object partners of God's dual characteristics. In order for an individual to perfect his character, he must form an individual four position foundation whereby his mind and body become one (individual) through give and take action with God as their center.
In fulfilling God's second blessing, individually perfected Adam and Eve should construct a God-centered family four position foundation by joining in loving oneness as husband and wife and raising children.
God's third blessing means the perfection of a human being's dominion over the natural world; for this, a God-centered four position foundation of dominion must be established through human beings and natural world becoming completely one (creation).
Had God's purpose of creation been realized in this way, an ideal world without even a trace of sin would have been established on the earth. We call this world the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

In the Kingdom of Heaven, God's direction will be conveyed to all His children through the True Parents of humankind, guiding everyone to live as one.
The original value of an entity is determined when it participates as an object partner in a God-centered four position foundation by relating with a person as its subject partner.

Since the center of this four position foundation is God, it is God who sets the standard for its value. Since God is absolute, the original value of an object partner determined in relation to this standard must also be absolute.
The universe did not suddenly spring forth complete. In fact, its origin and development took an enormous length of time.

The biblical period of six days for the completion of the universe is not to be reckoned by the number of literal sunrises and sunsets. It symbolizes six ordered periods of time in the creation process.
When the first day of creation is completed, the Bible states, "There was evening and there was morning, one day." (Gen. 1:5)

One would think that the arrival of the morning after the passage of an evening and a night would be reckoned as the second day, yet it is referred to as the first day. The Bible states "one day" to show that a created being must pass through a growing period, symbolized by the night, before it reaches perfection in the morning. Then, as it greets this new morning, it can step forward and realize its ideal of creation.
All creation reach perfection by passing through three ordered stages of growth: the formation stage, the growth stage and the completion stage.
Human beings could not fulfill the purpose of creation because they fell without completing the three stages of the growing period. Hence, in their renewed efforts to realize their purpose, human beings must pass through these three stages.

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

All things reach perfection after passing through the growing period by virtue of the autonomy and governance given by God's Principle.

Human beings, however, pass through the growing period and reach perfection by fulfilling their own portion of responsibility, in addition to the guidance provided by the Principle.
God endowed human beings with a portion of responsibility for the following reason. By fulfilling their given portion of responsibility, with which even God does not interfere, human beings are meant to inherit the creative nature of God and participate in God's great work of creation.

God intends human beings to earn ownership and become worthy to rule over the creation as creators in their own right, just as God governs over them as their Creator.

This is the principal difference between human beings and the rest of creation.
The realm of direct dominion

Direct dominion: purpose of goodness realized

Realm of perfection

- Human beings abide in the realm of direct dominion when, as subject partner and object partner, they unite in the love of God to form a four position foundation and become one in heart with God. In this realm, they freely and fully share love and beauty according to the will of the subject partner, thus realizing the purpose of goodness.
- Hence, the realm of direct dominion is the realm of perfection.
Section 6  The Incorporeal World and the Corporeal World Whose Center is Human Beings

The incorporeal world and the corporeal world

- The universe was created after the pattern of a human being, who is in the image of God's dual characteristics.
- Therefore, corresponding to the human mind and body, the universe consists of the incorporeal world and the corporeal world, both of which are real and substantial. The two worlds together form the cosmos.
- When we shed our physical bodies, we enter the incorporeal world as spirits and live there for eternity.
① God created human beings to be the rulers of the universe,
② Mediator and center of harmony of the cosmos, and
③ Encapsulation, in a substantial form, of the essence of everything in the cosmos (microcosm).
The reciprocal relationship between the physical self and the spirit self

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

- The physical self consists of the dual characteristics of the physical mind and the physical body.
- Our spirit self consists of the dual characteristics of spirit mind and spirit body.
- The spirit can grow and reach perfection only while it abides in the body.
- The spirit becomes good only through the redemption of sins granted during earthly life.
- It is not God who decides whether a person's spirit enters heaven or hell upon his death; it is decided by the spirit himself.
All people have an original mind, which inclines them to pursue goodness. Yet, even without our being aware of it, we are driven by evil forces to perform evil deeds, which we do not want to do.

In Christianity, the master of these evil forces is known as Satan.

To extirpate evil by its root, and thereby end sinful history and usher in an era of goodness, we must first expose the motivation and origin of Satan and recognize the destruction he has wrought in human life.

This explanation of the human Fall will clarify these issues.
Section 1  The Root of Sin

No one has known the root of sin.

Christians, on the basis of the Bible, have held to a vague belief that Adam and Eve's eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the root of sin.

They have thought that the fruit was that of an actual tree.
But would God, the loving Parent of humanity, make a fruit which could cause the Fall to look so attractive? Would He place it where His children could reach it so easily?
• How can something one eats cause the original sin, which can be transmitted to one's descendants?
• Would the God of love test humans so mercilessly by a means that could cause their death?
• Adam and Eve would not have risked their lives and disobeyed God only to obtain some delicacy.
• Therefore, we can surmise that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil could not have been an ordinary fruit. Rather, it must have been something so extraordinarily stimulating that even the fear of death did not deter them from grasping it.
Many important parts of the Bible are in symbolism and metaphor.

To learn what the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents, let us first investigate the tree of life, which stood next to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:9).
The tree of life symbolizes an ideal man, who has fully realized the ideal of creation. It thus symbolizes perfected Adam.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents the ideal woman, perfected Eve.

The Bible refers to Jesus using the metaphors of a vine (John 15:5) and a branch (Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5). Likewise, to give us a hint about the secret of the human Fall, God provided the symbolism of two trees to represent perfected Adam and Eve.
The identity of the serpent

[ Gen. 3:4-5 ]

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2. Caused the Fall of humans
3. Knew the Will of God

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In the Bible we read that a serpent tempted Eve to commit sin (Gen. 3:4-5).
1. The serpent described in the Bible was able to converse with people.
2. It caused the Fall of humans, who are spiritual beings.
3. Furthermore, the serpent knew the Will of God, which strictly forbade human beings to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
The identity of the serpent

[Gen. 3:4-5]

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

4. As it is written, “The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, he was thrown down to the earth,” (Rev. 12:9) it lived in heaven before it was thrown down.

5. Even now, it can transcend time and space to dominate the human soul.
This is compelling evidence that the being which the serpent symbolizes was a spiritual being.

The spiritual being represented by the serpent was originally created with a good purpose, but later fell and became Satan.

There are no beings endowed with such characteristics other than angels.

Therefore, the serpent is an angel (II Pet. 2:4).
The fall of the angel and the fall of human beings

Angel's sin  Adam and Eve's sin

Illicit sexual relationship + Sexual parts = Illicit sexual relationship

(Jude 6-7)  (Gen. 3:7)  (John 8:44)

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

The fruit = love of Eve

Period of growth

- Good fruit = Godly love → Good children
- Evil fruit = Satanic love → Evil children

- The fruit signifies the love of Eve.
- Eve should have borne good children through her godly love. Instead, she bore evil children through her satanic love.
- Eve was created in an immature state; she was to reach full maturity only after going through a period of growth. Thus, it was possible for her to bear either good fruit or evil fruit through her love.
Accordingly, Eve's eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil denotes that she consummated a satanic love relationship with the angel which bound her in blood ties to him.
The root of sin is that the first human ancestors had an illicit sexual relationship with an angel symbolized by a serpent. Thus, they multiplied Satan's evil lineage.
Section 2  The Motivation and Process of the Fall

The relationship between angels and human beings

- God
  - Created as children
  - Dominion over creation
  - Rule over angels

Human beings
  - Created prior to other creation
  - Retainer, servant (Rev. 22:9)
  - Honoring and praising God

Angels

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

God created human beings with two components: the spirit self and the physical self. The human Fall likewise took place in two dimensions: the spiritual and the physical.

The fall which took place through the sexual relationship between the angel and Eve was the spiritual fall, while the fall which occurred through the sexual relationship between Eve and Adam was the physical fall.
God assigned Lucifer to the position of archangel.

However, after God created human beings as His children, He loved them many times more than He had ever loved Lucifer, whom He had created as His servant.
Motivation of the spiritual fall

- Archangel
- Felt decrease in love
- Wanted same central position

- God's children
- Loved more

- In truth, God's love toward Lucifer did not change; it was the same before and after the creation of human beings. Yet he felt as if there had been a decrease in the love he received from God.

- Lucifer, feeling as though he were receiving less love than he deserved, wanted to grasp the same central position in human society as he enjoyed in the angelic world, as the channel of God's love. This was why he seduced Eve, and this was the motivation of the spiritual fall.
Lucifer, who left his proper position due to his excessive desire, and Eve, who wanted to open her eyes and become like God before the time was ripe, formed a common base and began give and take action, which led them to consummate an illicit sexual relationship on the spiritual plane.
Fallen Eve then seduced Adam with the hope that by uniting with him, she could rid herself of the dread and once again stand before God. This was Eve's motivation which led to the physical fall.

Adam responded and formed a common base with Eve, standing in the position of Archangel, and they began to give and take action with each other. The power of the unprincipled love generated in their relationship induced Adam to abandon his original position and brought them together in an illicit physical relationship of sexual love.
Section 3 The Power of Love, the Power of the Principle and God's Commandment

Why God set up the commandment as an object of faith

For love to fulfill its proper role

Power of love ➔ Power of the Principle

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

Unprincipled love $\Rightarrow$ Fall

Human perfection $\equiv$ God's creative nature

Responsibility $\Rightarrow$ Dominion

Because the power of love is stronger than the power of the Principle, God foresaw that if they ever formed a common base with the Archangel, there was a possibility that they could succumb to the power of deviant, unprincipled love and fall. To prevent this, God gave Adam and Eve the commandment that forbade them from relating with the Archangel in this way.

God also wanted them to enjoy dominion over the natural world by inheriting His creative nature. In order to inherit this creatorship, they should perfect themselves through their faith in the Word as their own portion of responsibility.
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Commandment: while immature

God's commandment, "Do not eat of the fruit," was binding upon Adam and Eve only while they were immature.
Section 4  The Consequences of the Human Fall  
Stan and fallen humanity

- Satan is the name given to the Archangel Lucifer after he fell.
- When the first human ancestors fell, they bound themselves in blood ties with Lucifer. They formed a four position foundation yoked to Satan, and thus all humanity became the children of Satan.
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- God of this world  
  (II Cor. 4:4)
- Ruler of this world  
  (John 12:31)
- Of your father the devil  
  (John 8:44)
- Brood of vipers  
  (Matt. 12:34)

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

- Satan cannot perpetrate his evil activity unless he first finds an object partner with whom he can form a common base and engage in give and take action.
- Satan's object partners are evil spirits in the spirit world. The object partners to these evil spirits are the spirit selves of evil people on earth, and the vehicles through which these evil spirit selves act are their physical selves.
- Accordingly, the power of Satan is conveyed through evil spirits and is manifested in the activities of earthly people.
For example, Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, (Luke 22:3)
and Jesus once called Peter "Satan." (Matt. 16:33)
In the Bible, the spirits of evil earthly men are called "angels" of the devil. (Matt. 25:41)
Sin is a violation of heavenly law which is committed when a person forms a common base with Satan, thus setting a condition for give and take action with him. Sin can be classified into four kinds:

1. Original sin
2. Hereditary sin
3. Collective sin
4. Individual sin.
The primary characteristics of the fallen nature

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

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

- The primary characteristics of the fallen nature can be divided broadly into four types.
Section 5  Freedom and the Human Fall

The meaning of freedom from the viewpoint of the Principle

- Freedom requires both free will and the free actions pursuant to that will. Therefore, there cannot be any free action without free will, nor can free will be complete without free actions to accompany it.

- Free will is an expression of the mind.

- Since the mind of an original, sinless person cannot operate outside of God's Word, that is, the Principle, it will never express free will or generate free action apart from the Principle.
The meaning of freedom from the viewpoint of the Principle

① There is no freedom outside the Principle.
② There is no freedom without responsibility.
③ There is no freedom without accomplishment.

Freedom could not possibly have caused human beings to fall.
Section 6  The Reason God Did Not Intervene in the Fall

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

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

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

- If God were to affect the course of unprincipled beings or acts, then they would necessarily be given the value of God's creations and be recognized as principled.
- Consequently, if God were to have intervened in the Fall of the first human ancestors, He would have been attributing to those acts the value of His creations and recognizing them as principled.
- Then, Satan would stand as the creator of all the fruits of the Fall. Therefore, in order that God remain the sole Creator, He did not intervene in the human Fall.
If God were to rule directly and control the lives of human beings who are still in the state of immaturity, this would make them unable to fulfill their own portion of responsibility, and as a result, they would fail to inherit the creative nature of God and thereby fail to gain the qualifications to rule all things.

Consequently, it was in order to bless human beings as the lords of creation that God had to restrain Himself from intervening in the acts of immature human beings.