

*We dedicate this publication to
the Reverend Sun Myung Moon
whose lifelong devotion to God and
fellow man is unsurpassed.*

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Foreword

Based on the Divine Principle teachings of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, this series of presentations has been developed by Rev. Alan Feldsott* to convey the principles by which God has created the world and how He relates to His children with the heart of a loving Father. With the Bible as our guidebook, the clear and colorful diagrams along with supporting quotes and explanations help bring these eternal principles to life. Our hope is that these presentations can bring light to an often dark and confused world, leading the hearts of all people to connect deeply with the heart of our Heavenly Father.

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The Principle of Creation



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Book 1

INTRODUCTION

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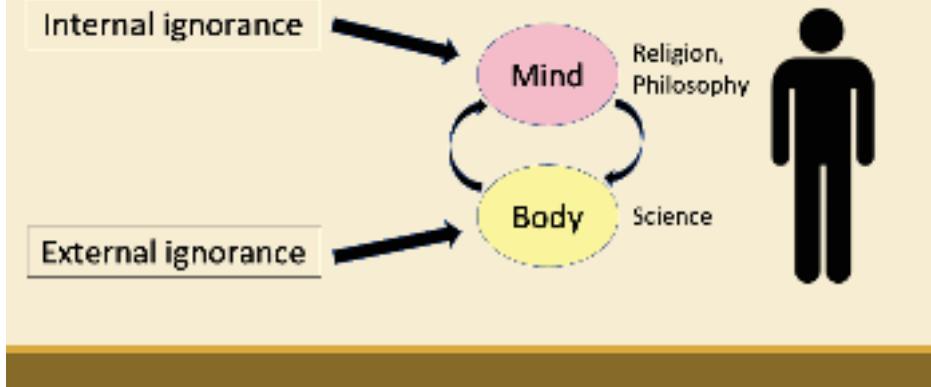
The Purpose and Value of Life

The world we live in today is one full of conflict and confusion, leading many to question the value of their own lives. This plays out in the realms of education, economics, politics, health, and personal relationships.

The fundamental issue we are dealing with is understanding the purpose and the value of life itself. Perhaps the most basic question we could ask is, "What is a human being, and for what purpose do we exist?" All adult human beings have the capability of participating in the creation of a new human being through a sexual relationship. This is an amazing and truly miraculous reality of human life.

However, the fact is that many people do not deeply value their own lives, and therefore do not value the lives of others. This lack of purpose and sense of value results in suicidal thoughts and actions, as well as the almost casual killing of babies in the womb. What is truly missing from our human experience is a deep appreciation of the Purpose and Value of Life itself.

Two Kinds of Ignorance



People have sought answers through many forms of belief systems, including philosophy, religion, and science. However, all we have to do is to look at the reality of the world to realize that, until now, no teaching or way of life could bring about a solution to human suffering and conflict. Many people ask whether this was the kind of world God intended when He created it – or even whether God exists at all.

If you think about products created by people – especially complex products (washing machine, microwave oven, automobile, etc.) – the product manual explains the purpose of the product and shows us how to fully maximize the product's potential. We may wish that such a product manual existed for human beings – one that can clarify the reason for our existence, explain why life is full of suffering and contradictions, and show us how to resolve the conflicts we see within ourselves and our world.

Especially in the western, democratic world, we look for answers in the Bible, which we could call the handbook of the Judeo-Christian culture. Based upon the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, let me share with you some of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's insights into the fundamental principles behind God's original purpose of creation, the cause of evil and suffering, and the path of restoration.

Why study the Bible? We study it not only to learn how God has worked in history, but so that we may understand and apply to our lives today the Principles contained within this precious book.

WHY GOD CREATED US

The Purpose of Life

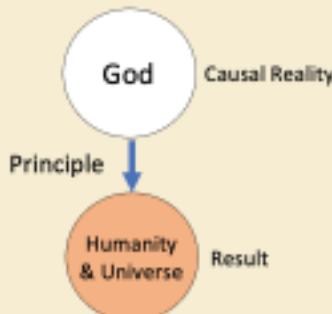
Why God Created Us

Perhaps the most important question we can ask ourselves is, "Why do I exist? Why did God create me?" Each of us is certainly unique in our abilities, our personalities, our strengths and our weaknesses. However, there must be a fundamental purpose for which God created the universe and, in particular, the purpose for which God created us human beings. Think about it. How much of the Bible is about God and His children before sin was committed, before man fell into darkness and confusion? Remarkably, it's just the first two chapters of the first book of the Bible, Genesis.

Then what is the rest of the Bible about? It's about man deviating from God by committing sin, and God's effort to restore His children back to His bosom. Have you ever thought about how things would have been different if Adam and Eve had actually obeyed God's commandment, and if the Fall had never taken place?

In other words, what was the nature of human life and the world God envisioned when He created it? Do we have a clear picture of that original plan of God? This is so important to understand. No parent would give birth to children with a plan for them to fail and to suffer. When God instructed Adam and Eve NOT to sin, what was His intention? His intention must have been for them NOT TO SIN. He was expressing His Will for them – what they must do in order to fulfill their purpose for being created. And since we understand God to be absolute and unchanging in His nature and His Will, whatever His purpose and desire was for them in the beginning must be exactly the same as His desire for His children now. So what was that original purpose?

How can we know our purpose?



How is it possible to know our purpose?

Human beings didn't design or create themselves. In fact, we only understand a tiny fraction of how we and the universe function. (Can you explain how all your body systems work together, or even how one cell works? How about your parents? Can they explain it?)

If human beings and the universe we live in came to exist through intelligent design, that means we do not determine our own purpose of existence.

Purpose is determined by the creator, not by the created being – for example, a coffee maker, bicycle, or hammer. Each was designed a certain way to best fulfill a particular purpose.

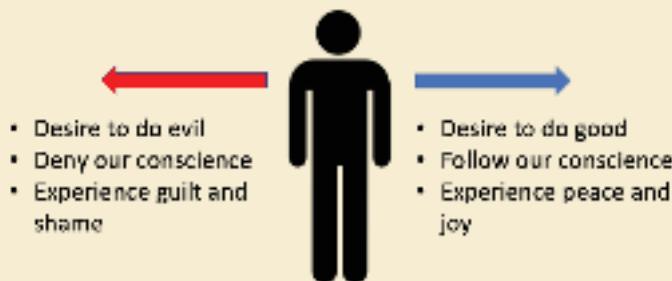
It is the same for human beings and the universe in which we live. We did not determine our own purpose. Our purpose is determined by our creator, whom we call God.

Although many different names have been given to God, all great cultures and religions have recognized that human beings must have a creator. And even modern science is beginning to recognize the limitations of Darwinian theory, which cannot explain the complexity and interrelationships of life and the universe.

THE CONTRADICTORY NATURE OF HUMAN BEINGS

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Romans 7:21-24 Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.



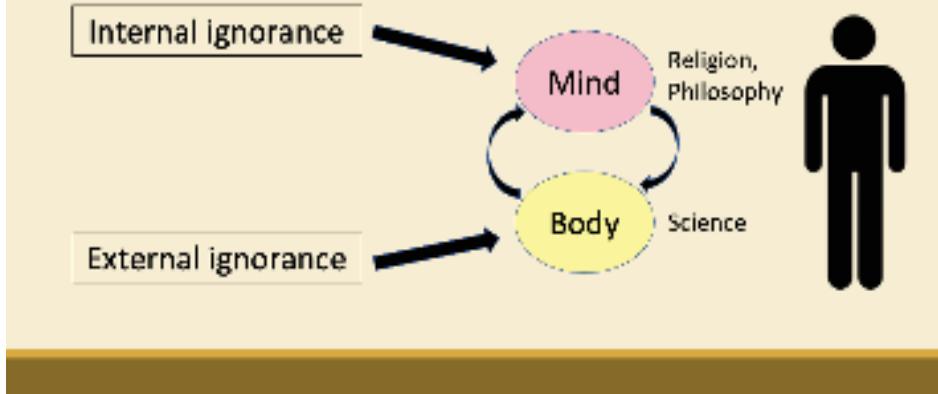
Let's take a look at the reality of human beings as we are today and as we have been for thousands of years. While we all desire peace, harmony, and love, we experience a contradictory nature within ourselves, as well as conflict between ourselves and others.

Romans 7:21-24: I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

While we desire to act out of love and goodness, we often act out of selfishness and evil. Rather than feeling joy and satisfaction, we feel guilt, shame and emptiness. This struggle between good and evil within human nature has been expressed through religion, literature, art, and music throughout the long course of human history.

The Principles that we will study today, rooted in the Bible, explain the original nature and purpose of human beings, the origin of the contradiction within us, and the process through which we can be restored to our true nature and way of life in line with God's original plan.

Two Kinds of Ignorance



We must come to the conclusion that we human beings are quite ignorant about many fundamental aspects of life. We have a desire to answer the deepest questions about who we are and why we're here. Since human beings have both mind and body, truth should satisfy the desire for knowledge of both the mind and the body. We can see that that these correspond to the two major areas of ignorance – internal ignorance and external ignorance.

Through science, human beings have sought to understand the external world - the laws and principles by which the physical universe works - in order to improve the physical condition of man, provide for our bodily needs and desires, and achieve physical happiness.

Through religion, human beings have sought to understand the internal world - the nature of the human spirit, the purpose of life and human relationships, the nature of the Creator, and the way to solve the problem of good and evil. Can anyone be truly satisfied if his body is happy, but his mind is miserable?

Since man is both spiritual and physical in nature, true and lasting happiness can only be achieved when man's ignorance of questions related to both the external world of material and the internal world of spirit can be resolved. If God is truly a God of love and goodness, wouldn't he want His children to experience both internal and external joy?

Internal Ignorance

- Purpose of life
- Life after death
- Existence of God
- Good and evil



These are things that are related to our invisible mind and heart, that go beyond the physical things we have or the physical circumstances in which we live. However, without solving these issues, human beings cannot find true happiness and fulfilment.

External Ignorance

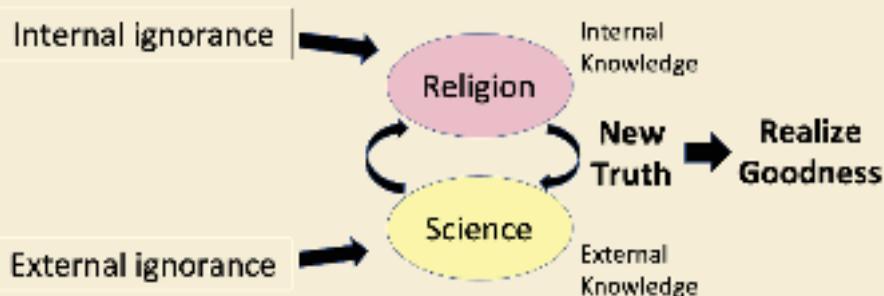
- Origin and nature of the universe
- Causes and cures of diseases
- Sustainable use of the environment



God would want us to experience good health, abundance and creativity in the physical world which He created for us. Yet human beings have also been ignorant of external truths, such as ...

THE NEED FOR A NEW EXPRESSION OF TRUTH

Need for New Expression of Truth



Historically, religions have come into existence in various cultures around the world that have sought to satisfy man's desire for Internal Knowledge and resolve the internal contradiction that can be found within all human beings. At the same time, our scientific knowledge of the physical world has increased over the centuries, helping to improve our external existence through improvements in areas such as medicine, engineering and technology.

Truth should not only satisfy the questions of the invisible mind. Nor should it only help us fulfill the material desires of the body. A full understanding of truth should enlighten human beings regarding the entirety of our existence.

Especially in modern times, many people don't take the Bible seriously. They think it is a collection of religious stories and myths that have no connection to reality or to their lives. They do not look to the Bible as the source of authority for anything. For those of us who have come to love and appreciate the Bible, we find that it teaches us profound truths about God and human life. So we have the Bible to guide us, right? The fact is that Jesus himself told us 2,000 years ago that he could not reveal the full truth at that time, and that more truth would be revealed later.



God wants us to understand

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32

"I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." John 16:12-13

"I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father." John 16:25

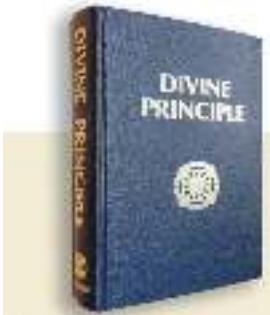
*Sometimes we are told that Truth is a mystery – that we don't have the capacity to understand. So why even ask? However, ignorance about fundamental matters of life is not a normal state. We should know what and who we are, so that we know how to live our lives. As will become clearer during our course of study, human beings came to be ignorant of these things because of sin and separation from God. In **John 8:32**, Jesus tells us, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

*It is God's desire that His children not only believe in His existence, but that we have a deep understanding of who He is and how we are meant to relate to Him. Later, in **Chapter 16**, Jesus tells us that additional teaching of the truth would be revealed. (verses 12-13 and 25)*

In other words, God would reveal, at a later time, an understanding of truth that the people listening to Jesus were not ready to hear. Jesus explains that a new understanding of Truth will be revealed at a time to come, when he can speak more "plainly" about the Father.

The new expression of truth will deepen our understanding of life and our relationship with our Creator. So while the Bible is full of incredible Truths and stories of God working with human beings to accomplish His will, we cannot conclude that ALL the truth is in the pages of the Bible.

Jesus said God would reveal more – much more.



Divine Principle

- Bible-based teachings of Rev. Sun Myung Moon
- Unlocks secrets of Bible
- Received after years of studying scripture, prayer, fasting and incredible suffering
- Systematic explanation of:
 - The purpose of life
 - The origin of evil and cause of suffering
 - The process of returning to our original purpose

How does God reveal His Word? He speaks to us through His chosen representatives, sharing prophecy and revelation.

The Principles which we will study in this series are a systematic presentation of the basic teachings of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon – principles which were revealed to him over a period of 9 years through countless hours of prayer, fasting, and incredible suffering.

The Divine Principle taught by Rev. Moon presents a clear explanation of the purpose of life, the origin of evil and suffering, as well as a detailed explanation of the path of restoration and salvation.

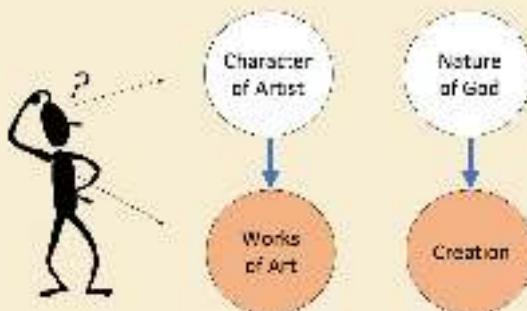
THE NATURE OF GOD

The Principle of Creation is the **first major part of the Divine Principle**. It outlines **why** God originally created human beings and the universe in which we live.

It is essential that we have a clear understanding of the **original standard** in order to **understand how we deviated from it**.

By understanding the original ideal and purpose, we can clearly understand **the ultimate goal for God and for man**, which **is returning to that original standard**.

How can we know the divine nature of the invisible God?



How is it possible to understand the nature of God, who is invisible to our eyes? The nature of invisible mind of the artist is reflected in his visible artwork, and is a Cause-Effect relationship.

The nature of the Cause of the universe must be reflected in what has been created. This principle is expressed in the book of Romans.

Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse...

Romans 1:20

The Bible tells us that all we have to do to see evidence of God's existence and nature is to look at the things He has made. So that would seem to be a good place to start.



This painting by the artist Vincent Van Gogh, “Starry Night,” reflects the feeling and imagination of its creator, how he views the creation and its many myriad elements - stars, moon, movement of the wind - and all integrated with the strokes of his brush.



In this photograph, we see an image of God’s own beautiful handiwork. We use phrases like the “glorious dawn” or the “glory of creation,” and the “majestic mountains and hillsides adorned

with wildflowers.” And from the Bible we see that all such things derive their magnificence and beauty from the Glory and Majesty of the Creator. If we look closely at Creation, we can see a visible manifestation of God’s nature there.

The Dual Characteristics of Creation

Primary Dual Characteristics

	Internal Character	External Form
HUMANS	Mind	Body
ANIMALS	Animal Mind	Body
PLANTS	Plant Mind	Body
MOLECULES	Inherent Nature	Energy/Matter
ATOMS	Inherent Nature	Energy/Matter
PARTICLES	Inherent Nature	Energy/Matter

Romans 1:20 tells us that we can see the nature of God in His creation. So what do we find in creation? If we study multiple paintings by the same artist or sculpture, we would expect to find some common elements, wouldn’t we?

We would then describe the artist based on those common elements. If we look carefully, we can find a basic pattern that exists throughout all levels of creation.

These common pairs of characteristics are what is called in the Principle the “dual characteristics.”

The primary dual characteristics of internal character and external form define the type of being and are the more essential dual characteristics.

We can know the internal character by the way it is expressed by the external form.

The internal character and external form of any being are simply two aspects, or “dual characteristics,” of a single being.

The Dual Characteristics of Creation

	Primary Dual Characteristics		Secondary Dual Characteristics	
	Internal Character	External Form	Masculinity/Yang	Femininity/Yin
HUMANS	Mind	Body	Man	Woman
ANIMALS	Animal Mind	Body	Male	Female
PLANTS	Plant Mind	Body	Stamen	Pistil
MOLECULES	Inherent Nature	Energy/Matter	Positive	Negative
ATOMS	Inherent Nature	Energy/Matter	Positive	Negative
PARTICLES	Inherent Nature	Energy/Matter	Positive	Negative

The Secondary Dual Characteristics are those of masculinity/yang/positivity, and femininity/yin/negativity. These dual characteristics are attributes of the primary or essential dual characteristics.

In other words, any type of being is first defined by the Primary Dual Characteristics. A human being, for example, is fundamentally defined as having a human mind and a human body. Secondarily, the person is either a man or a woman.

God's Original Internal Character

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7

God is both a personal God with intellect, emotion, and will, and the Subject of love at the same time. We know this clearly. We know that the God of love is the center of heavenly heart and we know that the center of heavenly heart cannot vacillate.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon (Cheon Seong Gyeong p. 62)

Above are some words from the Bible and from Rev. Moon's teaching where he talks about the internal nature of God.

God's Original External Form

Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name. Jer 33:2

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.

Exposition of the Divine Principle

God's external form and power are manifested in the creation of the universe.

Adam and Eve are Manifestations of God's Original Dual Characteristics

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen 1:27

And the LORD God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help mate for him. Gen 2:18

Adam and Eve were created to be the most direct and complete manifestations of God's dual characteristics. They were created in God's image.

They embody God's essential primary characteristics (internal/external), as well as the attributes which are the secondary characteristics (masculinity/femininity).

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMANS AND GOD

Our Primary Relationship with God

- Judge?
- Doctor?
- Teacher?
- King?
- Savior?

What is the fundamental relationship between God and human beings? We will relate to someone or something based on what we believe that person or thing to be.

While God may manifest Himself in many ways to us, it is important to understand what is the most important or essential relationship with Him. How would God have us related to Him?

God Needs a Partner to Experience Joy

- Love cannot exist on its own. Love requires an object which can receive and respond to it.
- The heart of God seeks an object to love.
- In order for God to experience the highest joy, He needed to create an object who could fully respond to His love.

No matter how great God may be, He cannot experience love by Himself. Love always requires an object to receive it and respond to it. The Heart of God longs to experience joy by giving and receiving love.

In order for God to experience the greatest joy, the object of God's love should have a similar quality of love as God.

Although human beings can feel a certain degree of love through loving a mountain, loving a tree, or loving an animal, we need another human being who can reflect the full nature of our love. It is the same with God. God needed to create a being like Himself to love – in other words, His child.

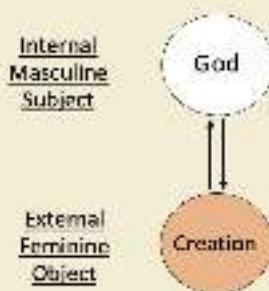
Human Beings inherit the nature of our Creator and Father, God. We have the desire to love and to be loved, as well as the impulse to create and to share. We can experience joy through seeing ourselves reflected in others, especially in our own children.

God created human beings because of love. Why were we created? We were created because of love. We differ from other things in creation because we were created as God's sons and daughters. In other words, we were created as God's object partners who can receive God's direct love. This is the privilege of human beings.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon (Cheon Seong Gyeong)

The entire physical world was created by God out of love for his sons and daughters, who were created in His image. While the rest of Creation was designed to receive God's love indirectly through His children, human beings were created to receive God's love directly, and to have dominion over the entire creation, which includes both the visible, physical world and invisible, spiritual world.

Jesus called God “Heavenly Father”



*Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name...
Look at the birds of the air ... your
heavenly Father feeds them.*

Matt 6:9,26

Within God exist the elements of both masculinity and femininity, in the relationship of subject and object. In relationship to His creation, God is the internal, masculine subject, while the Creation is the external, feminine object. Therefore, God is referred to as our Heavenly Father. Human beings were created as God's children. Jesus taught us to pray to “Our Father.”

Matthew 6:9 “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.”

Matthew 6:26 “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”

Give and Receive Action



... Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6:38

Let's take a closer look at the nature of relationships, and how they fit into God's original plan of Creation. All things are created to exist in relationship, centering on the heart and love of God. All relationships are initiated by what we call the "subject." The being that responds to, or revolves around the subject, is called the "object."

In **Luke 6:38**, Jesus says... "Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Depending on the type of relationship being established, any particular being may be in the subject position or in the object position. For example, while the mind may be subject over the body, which is object, the mind is designed to be in the object position to God, who is the ultimate subject.

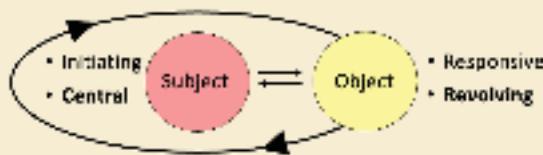


While we may normally think of the parent-child relationship as having the relationship of subject and object, there are situations where the child can become subject. Imagine if the child gives a bite of his ice cream to his mother. Then the mother responds with joy and happiness that the child is sharing that ice cream with her. This demonstrates the beautiful, dynamic nature of true love. All things are created to exist in relationship, centering on the heart and the love of God.

GIVE AND RECEIVE ACTION

Give and Receive Action

Dynamic Model



Another way we can look at the subject-object relationship is from the Dynamic Model perspective. The subject can be seen to be at the center of the relationship, while the object revolves around the position of the subject.

We can say metaphorically that the body is meant to revolve around the direction and values of the mind.

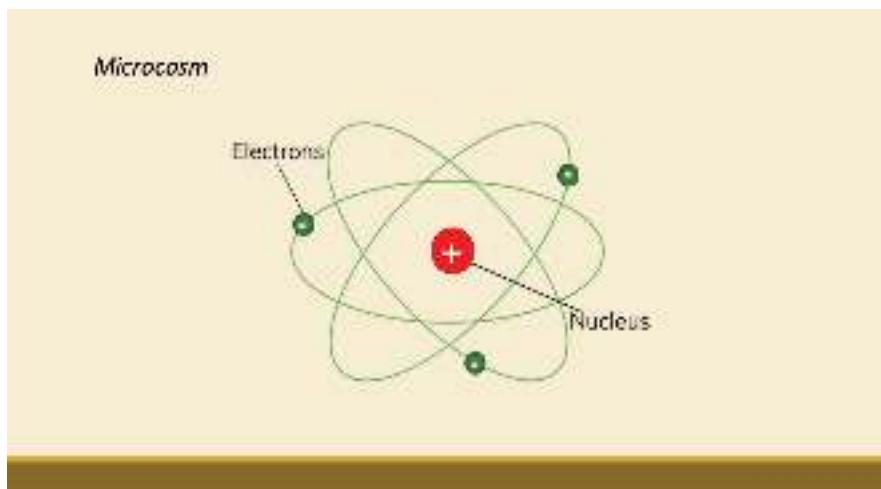
Often in nature we see this dynamic relationship manifesting this way quite literally.



God created all beings to exist in the relationship of subject and object. When subject and object become one, they become a new being. That new being takes the object position to a greater subject.

For example, the moon revolves around the earth. Together they form something greater than the individual parts. (Could the earth support life without the moon? Without the tides, what would become of the oceans and ocean life?)

Then the earth revolves around the sun, helping to form the solar system. God is the ultimate subject and center around whom all beings in the cosmos were created to revolve.



Even in the tiny atom, on a microcosmic level, God's Principle and Nature is clearly shown. There is a center, which has a positive charge and is in the subject position.

The negatively charged electrons, in the object position, revolve around the positively-charged center. When they form a perfect, harmonious relationship, an atom, with its unique qualities, is created.

Although both positive and negative elements are essential to the existence of the atom, without that orderly subject/object relationship, no atom could exist. The universe would be constantly in chaos.



To perform a beautiful symphony, all the musicians in the orchestra must be focused on and united with the spirit and rhythm of the conductor. If each musician played their instrument without regard to the conductor and the other musicians, the result would be chaotic noise, rather than beautiful, harmonious music.

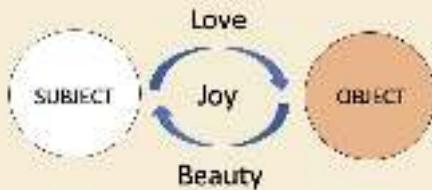


To perform a beautiful ice-skating dance, the skaters must be focused on the music and united with the same spirit. Their jumps and spins must occur in perfect unison. The male skater leads, guides, and supports the female skater who also performs her own unique jumps and spins, often utilizing the strength of her male partner to propel her round and round and into the air.

The ultimate purpose of the subject-object relationship is to create beauty and bring joy to others. When subject and object unite centered on a heavenly purpose and true love, we may conclude that this becomes the dwelling place of God.

HOW JOY IS CREATED

How is Joy Created?



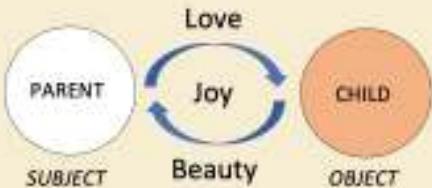
RESEMBLANCE → JOY

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Gen 1:1-31

It is the give and take of love and beauty that produces joy.

In the first chapter of Genesis, we read the story of how God planned and carried out the creation of the universe, up until the creation of human beings. In the last verse of **Chapter 1**, it says: “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good.**” After investing all His love in His work, God Himself experienced joy to see the beautiful creation He made, with all its beautiful dynamics and expressions of love and beauty.

Greatest Resemblance Brings Greatest Joy



The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise child will delight in him. Prov 23:24

“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” Matt 17:5

We've discussed the desires of all human beings to experience joy through the give and receive action of love and beauty.

As human beings, we can certainly experience that through loving everything in the natural world, from the rocks, to the oceans, to plants, and to animals.

But how is the greatest love expressed? The fact is that it is only through the experience of loving our own child - another human being most closely resembling our own nature – that we can experience the most profound joy of life.

In this relationship, the parent is in the subject position and is the initiator of love. The child is in the object position, responding to the love of parent.

Children grow and develop to maturity through the love of the parents, eventually becoming adults and parents themselves.

When parents see their own child grow up to become a loving parent of unconditional love, that is when the joy of the parent

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise child will delight in him. Proverbs 23:24

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Matthew 17:5

And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 John 3:22

A parent feels joy when the children are humble, obedient and serving, growing to resemble the good character of the parent. In the same way, God experiences joy when we are obedient, and come to reflect His loving character.

THE THREE BLESSINGS



Here we can see examples of this principle so clearly at work - parents giving their love and encouragement to their children. The baby and small child respond to the love of their parents in their own joyful, happy way! Through the experience of receiving unconditional, parental love, children will grow in their own ability to love others.

The Three Blessings

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." Gen 1:27-28

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Gen 1:31

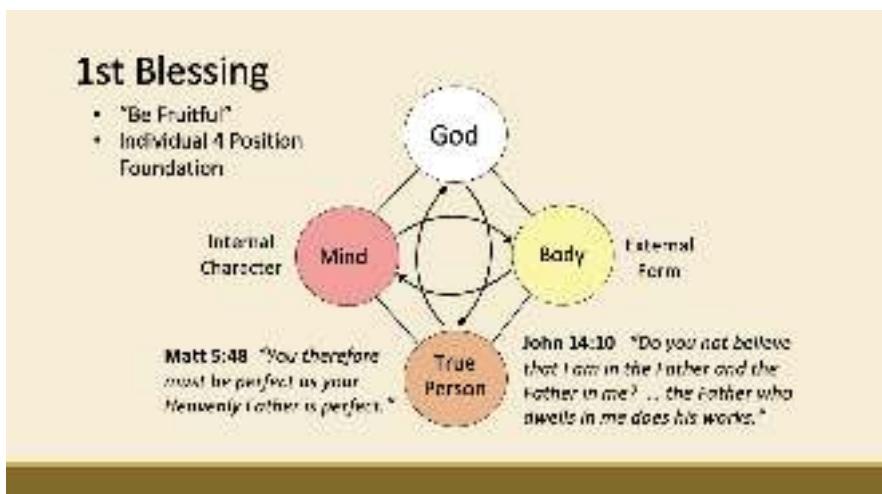
Let's get back to the story of Creation in the Bible. This is where it all began. Genesis 1 tells the story of Creation, beginning with the creation of the universe and all things in it. After each of the first 5 days, "God saw that it was good."

God invested his entire heart, energy, and nature into creating a beautiful and dynamic world of nature. He sees and experiences His love reflected in His creation, returning as beauty and goodness. However, there was nothing in the natural world that could fully resemble God's nature.

God created man in His own image. This was a creation on a totally different level than what He had previously created.

When God finished with his creation of Adam and Eve, the Bible records God's pleasure in his entire creation. **Genesis 1:31** says, – And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

He saw and experienced His own nature in the creation, but most completely in Adam and Eve, who were created as His children in His own image and likeness. Thus, goodness itself is defined as whatever God's children do that reflects God's own nature and fulfills His purpose of Creation: In other words, man and woman fulfilling these Three Great Blessings.



The First Blessing expresses our calling and ability as individuals to create a mature, perfected personality – to grow to resemble God as an individual and to become an ideal or “true” person.

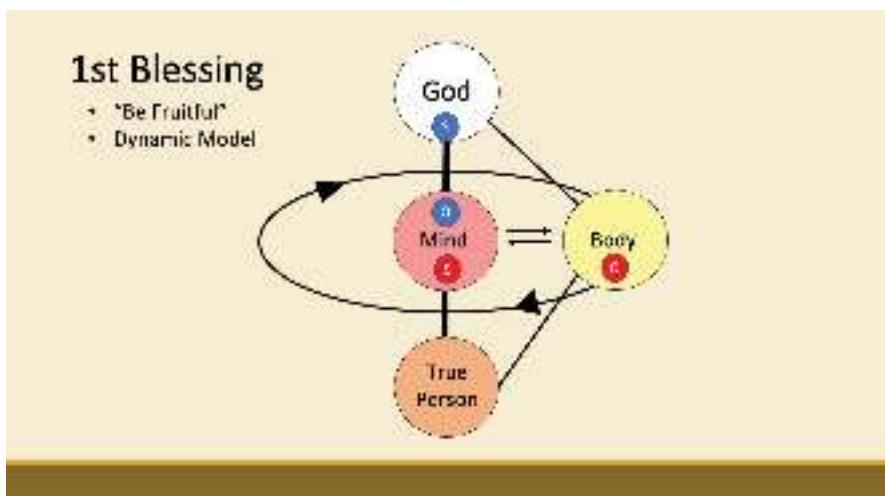
Biblically we see this ideal represented in scripture when Jesus says in **Matthew 5:48**, “You therefore must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.”

Jesus is encouraging us, teaching us that we are created to become like our Heavenly Father – perfect in love.

In **John 14:10**, Jesus says “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.”

As children of our Heavenly Father, we are designed to become one with God in mind and in body. This innate drive to reach our full potential can be seen in our fundamental ambition for self-development and improvement in everything we do.

This unity of mind and body means to bring harmony between our words and deeds, especially to have moral integrity. The mind reflects the Internal Character of God, while the body reflects God’s external form. A Four-Position Foundation is established between God, mind and body, and the resultant completed creation – a True Person.



The body is only able to fulfill its purpose of existence when it stands as a perfect object to the God-centered mind. Only then can a True Person exist as an object to God. How does an individual form a relationship with God, in order to grow toward perfection of heart?

The mind must become a true object to God, responding to God's heart and will. The mind must then maintain its subject position in relationship to the body, which is in the object position. In this Dynamic Model, we can see how the mind is in the central position, while the body figuratively revolves around the command of the mind. When they come into total unity, they are no longer seen as two things – but rather they become one harmonized individual.

Divine Principle: Figuratively speaking, the body then revolves about the mind and attains complete oneness with it. People who have realized the purpose of creation exist as three-dimensional beings who always lead their lives in spherical relationships centered on God.

Divine Principle: When a person abides in the state of individual perfection, he lives as the substantial object partner to his mind. Because the center of his mind is God, he also lives as the substantial object partner to God.

True Person

- Embodies God's Heart
- Actions Follow Original Mind
- Rejects Falsehood and Temptation

Matt 5:48 "perfect as your Father in Heaven"

1 Cor 3:16 "temple of God"

John 14:9 "He who has seen Me has seen the Father"



When Jesus said, "You must be perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect," He wasn't just talking about Himself – he was talking about all of us. He said "You" must be perfect. Why? Because we are created in God's image, and therefore we should be like Him. That is our potential and our purpose. **I Corinthians 3:16** – Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

The fulfillment of the First Blessing would enable God to live fully within an individual – making each of us a temple of God. In **John 14:9**, Jesus said, “**He who has seen Me has seen the Father.**” Since God was able to fully dwell within Jesus, by looking at him and seeing his actions, we were seeing Heavenly Father.

In such a state of oneness with God, we feel God’s heart instantly. Our Original Mind would never want to entertain any thought or commit any action which would bring pain to God, our Heavenly Father. Based on our understanding of God’s Word, our actions would always be guided by our conscience, which reflects the inherent moral laws of the universe derived from God. Realizing such potential requires us to resist falsehood and unprincipled things. It demands self-control and discipline of mind and body according to the standard of divine love.

Fulfillment of the 1st Blessing

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matt 22:37

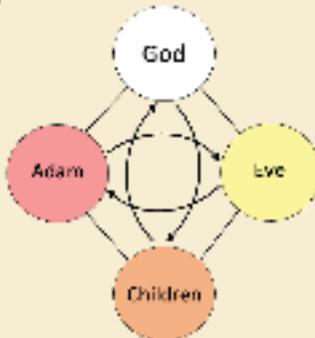
Also, Jesus exhorted them to love God most, fulfilling the 1st Commandment (**Matthew 22:37**), and to revere truth, goodness, and true love.

This is the essential meaning of the First Blessing – that we should perfect our character to resemble that of God.

As individuals, this is the first goal and purpose of our lives. Shouldn’t all human beings know that?

2nd Blessing

- "Multiply"
- Family 4-position Foundation



We are not created or designed to live only as individuals. We are meant to multiply our love within the family, society, and world.

The Second Blessing bestowed by God is the potential to expand our love by establishing a family harmonized by the true love of God.

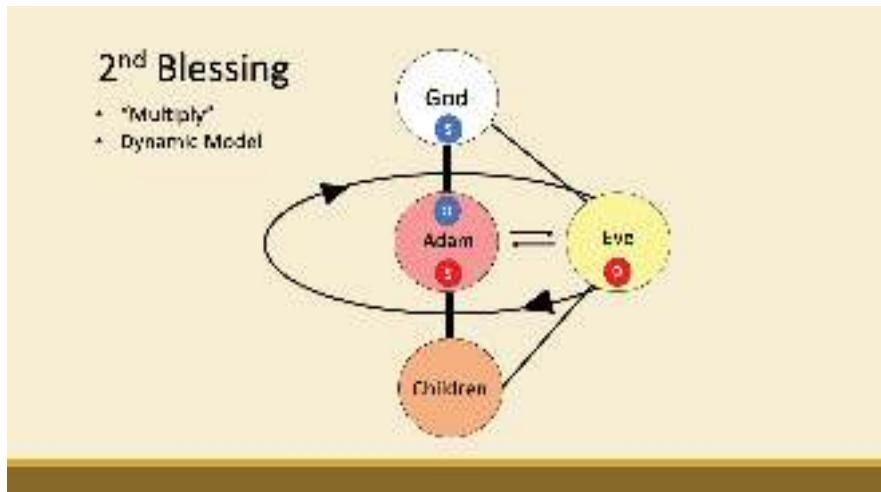
After reaching spiritual and physical maturity as individuals, we are still incomplete until we unite in harmony with one of the opposite sex; after all, God is a beautiful synthesis of both masculinity and femininity characteristics.

A mature man and mature woman can join together in a powerful bond of love as husband and wife.

As the fruit of that true love, their children can grow to perfection of character through the love and example of their parents. God can be seen even more fully through an ideal family than through an ideal individual.

It is within the family relationship involving husband and wife, parents and children, that the give and take of God's love and His own nature can be most fully expressed.

Thus, the Family 4-position Foundation furthers God's ultimate plan to completely manifest Himself and dwell with His children on earth.



God stands as the center and masculine subject of the universe and is called “Our Father.” In the family, the husband/father is the masculine subject, representing the position of God or Christ to the rest of his family. When a true woman, who reflects the feminine object aspect of God, stands in the position of true object to her husband, who stands as God’s representative, the man and woman become one in heart and body, and together stand as an object to God. When they become one in this relationship of true love, together they fulfill the ideal of God’s love, and can stand in the position of true parents to their children.

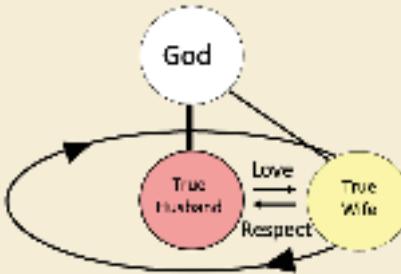
Divine Principle: Yang and yin thus have the following mutual relationships: internal and external, cause and result, subject partner and object partner, vertical and horizontal. For this reason, it is written in Genesis that God took a rib from the man, Adam, and created a woman, Eve, to be his helper.

Divine Principle and Its Application, p.9 - Young Oon Kim: God is not between subject and object, but is with the subject at the center. Therefore, the subject which is at the center of spherical movement represents God...The object revolves around the subject. The subject, then, is not only the center of revolution, but is also in the position of governing the object. God created Adam to play the role of His representative to Eve as her center.

2nd Blessing

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. 1 Cor 11:3

... Let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Eph 5:33



The ideal family is, indeed, where divine love is meant to be expressed and experienced as a reality in our lives.

Through learning how to be a principled son or daughter, brother or sister, and then an ideal spouse and parent, we come to know more and more of God's Heart.

1 Corinthians 11:3 – But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Ephesians 5:33 – Let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

The Second Blessing is the establishment of God's love, life, and lineage on the earth in a substantial form.

A God-centered couple, a true husband and wife, can stand in the position of True Parents only when they establish the true subject-object relationship as God intended. Only then do they exist as a true object to God.

Divine Principle – Had Adam, the first human ancestor, reached perfection, he would have embodied all the subject elements in the things of creation. Had Eve attained perfection, she would have embodied all the object elements in the things of creation. The way for any object partner to stand as an object partner before God is by making oneness with its subject partner.

Colossians 3:18-20 – Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:22-28 – Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

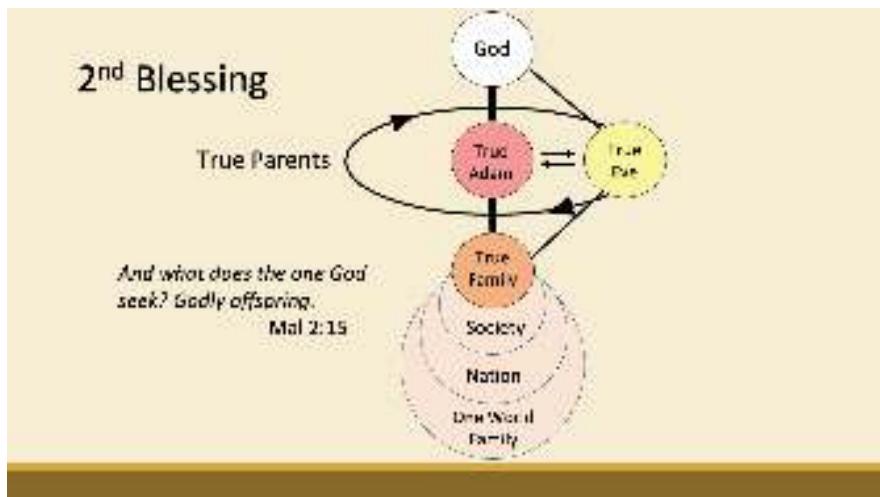
So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

True Couple

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Gen 2:24

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her. Eph 5:25

In the book of Genesis, God instructs mankind to establish the union of man and woman in order to fulfill the Second Blessing. Although Jesus himself didn't marry, he showed the example of a bridegroom in the way he poured out all His love to His disciples and the church.



God's desire was that our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, accomplish the Second Blessing according to God's original plan. If they did, they would have achieved the eternal position of the True Parents of mankind and the root of all the Godly offspring for eternity.

They would not have given birth to the sinful lineage of fallen mankind, but rather to sinless children and descendants. Through learning how to be a principled son or daughter, brother or sister, and then an ideal spouse and parent, we would all come to know more and more of God's Heart. The Second Blessing is the establishment of God's love, life, and lineage on the earth in a substantial form.

Malachi 2:15 – Has not the one God made and sustained for us the spirit of life? And what does he desire? Godly offspring. So, take heed to yourselves and let none be faithless to the wife of his youth.

This verse from Malachi reminds us to be faithful to our spouses, filled with gratitude for the tremendous joy and blessing we received from God when we were first blessed in marriage. When we live our lives with a heart of unconditional love towards our spouse, our children can experience the original parental love that God intended all children to experience as they grow to resemble the image of God.

4 Types of Love in the Family

1. Children's love
2. Fraternal (sibling) love
3. Conjugal (husband-wife) love
4. Parental love

It is in the family unit that the four realms of love and heart are grown and nurtured - namely, children's love, sibling love, conjugal love, and parent's love.

As children, we first experience being loved unconditionally by our parents – the same way that all human beings are loved by God, our Heavenly Father.

When we have brothers and sisters, we learn how to give and receive with our brothers and sisters. Although when we're young, our love is not fully mature, we experience multiple dimensions of love, including older and younger siblings, boys and girls.

After we mature, we can then experience the Blessing of Holy Marriage by entering into a husband-wife relationship. We become one with our spouse, becoming one in heart and love.

Finally, when we have our own children, we experience parental love in the same way that God, our Heavenly Father, sees all His children.

God' nature is reflected in us and He loves us unconditionally with 100% of His love.

True Family

- Adam and Eve were to become the True Parents of humankind.
- Mature parents are the root of the family.
- The family is the school of love.
- The God-centered family is the building block of the Kingdom of Heaven.

God made the Creation as an environment in which He could manifest Himself substantially, creating an object in whom He could invest all His love.

That first substantial manifestation of God was none other than Adam himself. God then created Eve to be Adam's true wife and the perfect object of His love.

If Adam and Eve had matured and reached oneness with God in obedience to His commandment, God, through Adam, the masculine subject, would have experienced perfect joy and happiness through loving Eve as a true wife and object of love.

As True Husband and Wife, Adam and Eve were to have established God's sinless lineage on the earth, thus fulfilling the promise expressed in **Malachi 2:15**. They would have become the True Father and True Mother of humankind for all of eternity. The ideal family that God intended is where divine love is meant to be expressed and experienced as a reality in our lives. It is the place where we learn the joys and responsibilities involved in respecting and loving others as God loves us.

Therefore, the true family is the school of true love, and the basic, irreducible unit of a model society and the blueprint for establishing the ideal world.

Fulfillment of the Second Blessing

But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children — with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Psalm 103:17-18

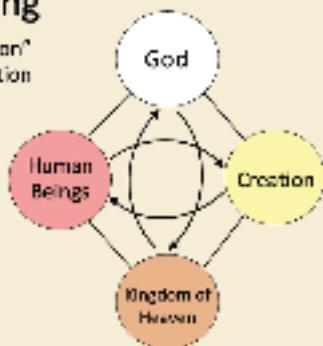
How is the Second Blessing fulfilled?

Through becoming parents ourselves, we can experience the heart and feelings towards our child which God experiences in creating and loving us as His children.

In turn, through us, our children can feel God caring for and embracing them. The ideal family is the place where the invisible God becomes substantiated in His Creation.

3rd Blessing

- "Have Dominion"
- Cosmic 4 Position Foundation



For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God: ... because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now...

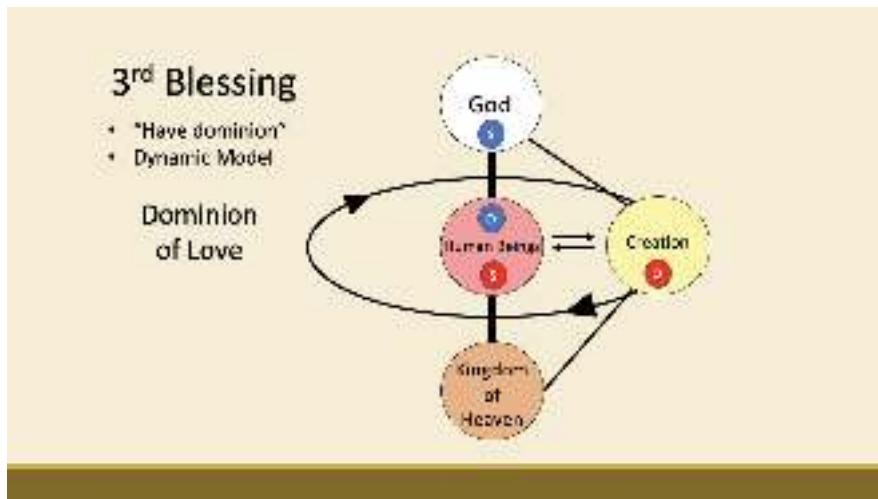
Romans 8:19-22

God created an incredible, beautiful environment in which true families could live and grow.

Although God designed and created all things of the universe, the creation cannot fully experience the love of God except through true men and women who fulfill the Three Blessings.

The entire cosmos was created as a place for God's children to live, multiply, and be creative.

This is why the Bible says in **Romans 8:19-22** – For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation but we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit grown inwardly as we await for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.



God's children were created to be the center of the cosmos – the center of love and authority.

Human beings were to take the position as the true subjects of love, exercising dominion over the creation in accordance with the universal standard of love.

Our relationship with our environment should be filled with a sense of love, gratitude, and wonder toward the beauty, harmony, and purpose of all the varied elements and life forms in the creation.

We can especially experience this in our relationship with the animal kingdom as they sense this loving exercise of dominion and natural affinity grows.

As subjects of love and with the universe as our object, we are thus able to establish harmony with each created being by pursuing our artistic, intellectual, athletic, and other creative desires in a respectful and loving way.

All things were created to resemble various aspects of God, and therefore of God's children.

Man was created as the microcosm of the universe, to be the center of the cosmos, having the capability to relate to all things of Creation.

Fulfillment of the 3rd Blessing

*...what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?
Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority—*

Psalm 8:4-6

This quote from the book of Psalm expresses the wonder and blessing of the relationship between God, His children, and the universe.

True Dominion

- As God's son and daughter, Adam and Eve would have become caring rulers over His creation.
- They would have governed over both the physical and spiritual realms, including the angels.
- Through Adam and Eve, the entire universe would have become a good object partner, returning joy to God.



Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? 1 Cor 6:3

To have dominion over creation is to fulfill one of the key aspects of the purpose for which God created us.

I Corinthians 6:3 says: Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

God created us as His representatives in His creation to exercise of a dominion of love as the Lords and Ladies of Creation.

Although we have traditionally thought of the angelic world as higher than human beings, the Bible says we shall judge the angels.

We are created to exercise a loving dominion of the entire spiritual realm, including the angels, who are in the position of servants to God and to man.



The Original Kingdom

- As the Creator, God is the owner and King of the Universe.
- Adam and Eve, as God's children, were given the blessing to have dominion over all the creation, which includes both the spiritual and physical realms.
- As God's image, substantial body and ruler of creation, Adam was meant to become the first king of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Eve was to have been the first queen.
- The lineage of Adam was meant to have been the lineage of God's royal family.

Finally, what would the Kingdom of God have looked like had Adam and Eve fulfilled the Three Blessings?

THE ROLE OF THE KING

-The sovereign Kingdom has a King, a constitution-based government, land, and people.

-The King of God's Kingdom is not like the self-centered kings who ruled during the thousands of years of the fallen history of mankind.

-The King of God's Kingdom is God's substantial representative body on the earth.

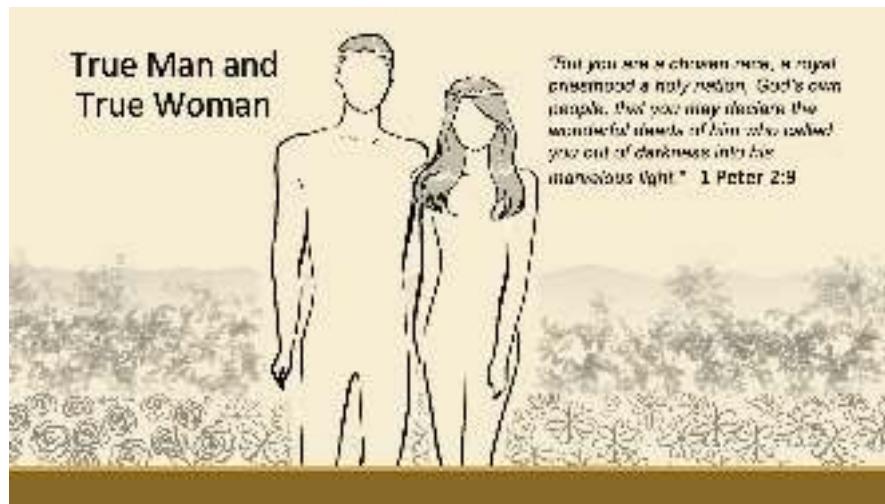
-Embodying the true Heart of God, the role of the King is to protect and defend the God-given rights and freedoms of the citizens of the Kingdom, while promoting and supporting the heavenly standards reflecting God's Heart and Will.

-Human beings will always have free will and responsibility. However, once the kingdom is established and the fruits of God's principles are apparent, people will naturally choose the Godly way of life in order to experience the joys and benefits of living in God's presence.

The Three Blessings are the Essence of the Kingdom

- **First Blessing** – Individual maturity as a child of God; experiencing the love and peace of God in our daily lives
- **Second Blessing** – Establishing an eternally loving relationship between husband and wife, parents and children; expanding that love to our community, nation and world
- **Third Blessing** – Creativity and harmony with God's creation; owners of the Kingdom, a dominion of love

To summarize, the essence of the Kingdom of God is the fulfillment of the Three Great Blessings.



We were originally created by God in His image to resemble Him: to resemble the King of Kings.

Psalm 47:7 – For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

All of us were originally meant to be part of God's Royal Family.

This was to have begun with Adam and Eve, whom God intended to become a True Man and a True Woman – the ancestors of God’s royal lineage.

As we read in **Revelation 5:10** – And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.

THE PROCESS OF CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE

The Process of the Creation of the Universe

- 6 “days” of creation (Genesis 1:4-31)
- Science – Universe started from single point and developed over orderly time periods
- Corresponds to the biblical order of creation



A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by.
Psalm 90:4

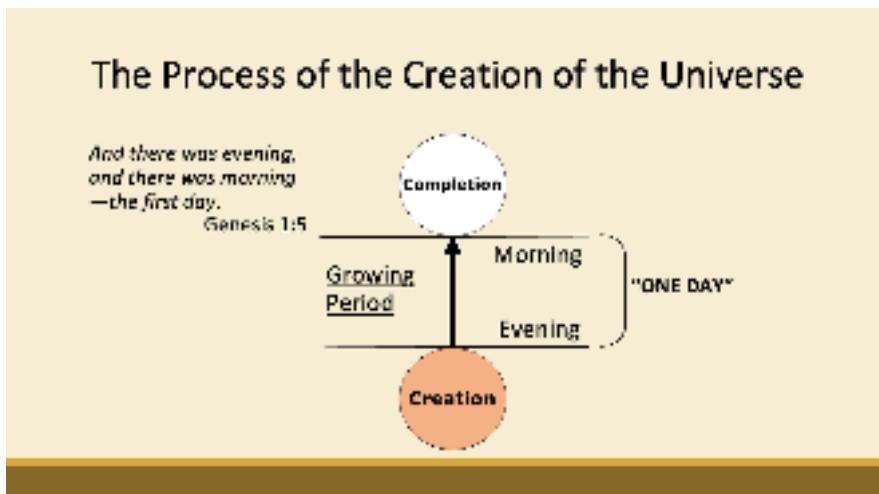
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 2 Peter 3:8

God did not just snap His fingers and create the universe in an instant. God created the physical universe using the principles of time and space. When we read the Bible, in the book of Genesis, it describes this step-by-step creation process as six days of Creation.

Most modern scientists believe that the physical universe started from one single point. Then, after a Big Bang, the universe developed in several stages over the course of billions of years. The expansion and development of the universe in stages correspond to the “days” described in the Bible.

We read in **Psalm 90:4** – A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by. **2 Peter 3:8** says – With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

Regardless of whether the days were literal or figurative, it is clear that the process of creation took place over a period of time.



Genesis 1:5 – God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Even in the work that God did each “day,” the Bible doesn’t say God accomplished each day’s work in an instant. Rather, it took a period of time, described as “evening” until “morning.” This implies that there was a process involved in each stage, or day, of creation.



All living beings are not created (or born) complete or mature. They are created with the potential to become mature, but have to go through a process of growth over a period of time to reach that maturity.

A growing apple tree starts as a seedling, soaking up soil, water and sun. It barely resembles what it is designed to become.

When the tree reaches full maturity, it is able to bear delicious fruit for others to enjoy. The fruit also contains the seeds for multiplication.



All things of creation grow automatically according to the laws and forces of nature.

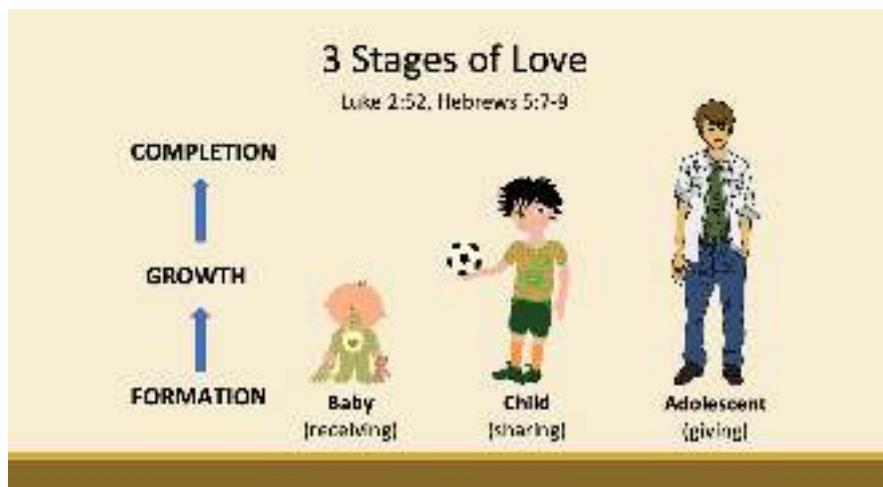
Within the seed, the DNA contains the blueprint for what the being will be when it reaches maturity.

But without receiving the proper positive and negative type elements, the being will never reach its true potential.

Sunshine and air, the positive elements, gives the things of creation the environment for existence, and are an essential foundation for growth.

However, it is what we call the negative elements – food and water – that add substance to each growing thing so they can continue to develop and reach maturity.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH 3 STAGES OF LOVE



Like the living things in God's creation, human beings are not created, or born, mature. Human beings are created uniquely as God's children, in His image. However, there is a process of growth that takes place – both of the mind, or spirit, and the body.

People don't often think of Jesus in this way, but **Luke 2:52** tells us clearly that even the sinless Son of God grew internally and externally: And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man. In the same way, all human beings, beginning with Adam and Eve, were created in such a way that a time period was required for them to reach maturity spiritually and physically.

The physical body functions and grows the same way as all other living things in creation. As long as we receive sunshine, air, food, and water, our bodies can live and grow to maturity. At the same time, human beings have a spiritual self that must grow along with the physical self.

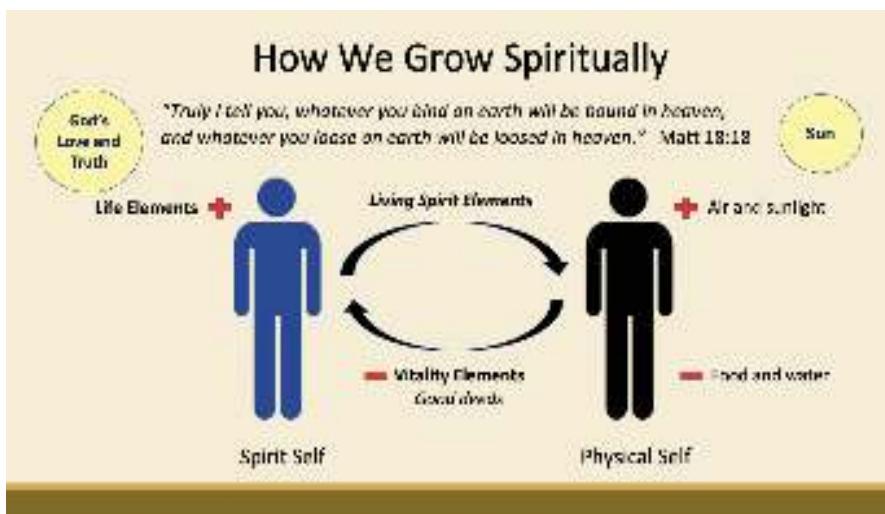
When we are babies, we do not practice giving love to others. Babies can receive the love of their parents, and respond to that love, producing joy. As we grow both physically and spiritually, we gradually learn to shift our love from self-centered love to living for the sake of others.

As children, we learn how to share with each other ("I'll give you this if you'll give me that.")

As we approach maturity, we learn how to give love unselfishly, experiencing the joy of seeing our love reflected in those who are able to receive and respond to it.

When we reach the level of mature love, we then become spiritually qualified to become parents who can give 100% unconditional love to our children and those around us.

When we develop the heart of a parent ourselves, we can also begin to understand the parental heart of God, our Heavenly Father.



God created human beings to grow to maturity, both spiritually and physically. Then what is required for us to reach that maturity? Our physical bodies require what we call positive elements, such as air and sunlight, which is readily available without effort.

Our bodies also need food and clean water, the negative elements, for which we need to make effort to grow and obtain. Similarly, for our spirit selves to grow and mature, we need both positive and negative elements.

God gives His parental love and His truth freely to His children, beginning with our first ancestors, Adam and Eve.

These are the positive, or “Life” elements, corresponding to air and sunlight for our physical selves. Then how do we receive the negative or “Vitality” elements? Just as with food and water, human beings must make effort to obtain these.

We are unique in that God created us with free will. We do not automatically follow truth or practice goodness. If we did, it would have been impossible for man to fall or commit evil acts. We must choose and make effort to do what is right and Godly.

When people choose to go against what they know to be right - against their own conscience – they can poison their spiritual selves, just as if they ate poisonous or unhealthy food. This is why it is so critical that we remain in the realm of God’s love, and act in accordance with His Word.

Our relationship with God and the spiritual growth we experience during our physical lives molds and nourishes our eternal Spirit Self.

As Jesus said in **Matthew 18:18** – “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”



ACHIEVING ONENESS WITH GOD



Just as everything in God's creation goes through three stages of growth, the same applies to human beings. We go through these stages over a period of time in order to reach maturity and oneness with God. It is only after that child grows up and reaches maturity that the child can fully relate to the heart of the parent.

In the same way, God and human beings can only fully relate when human beings embody mature, unselfish, parental love. The period prior to maturity is the period we call indirect dominion, meaning we relate to our Creator through receiving God's truth from the Bible, parents, and others.

The child must be taught truth, understanding his purpose, and knowing the difference between right and wrong. Even Adam and Eve, our first human ancestors, were given a commandment, and would bear the consequences of their actions.

Genesis 2:17 – “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Purity and Perfection in Man

Purity – Having no sinful nature

- God, who is pure, cannot create anything that is not 100% pure.
- God created Adam and Eve in a pure state, having no element of sin.
- Jesus was born as the pure, sinless Son of God.

Perfection (Completeness) – the state of maturity; becoming one with God

- God Himself is Eternal, Absolute and Unchanging.
- God made all things to reach perfection through stages of growth over time.
- Everything was created by God to fulfill its Purpose of Creation.
- Human beings have a Portion of Responsibility in perfecting themselves; becoming absolute and unchanging in their relationship with God.

Matthew 5:48 “You therefore must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.”

1 John 3:2 “... we are children of God ... we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

In order to understand God's purpose for human beings, it is important to understand the difference between purity and perfection.

In **Matthew 5:48**, Jesus told us that we must be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. That means we should be in a state of absolute and unchanging love and oneness with God. While Adam and Eve were created pure, they were not created in a totally mature, or perfect state of oneness with God. Their character and their love had not matured.

How do we know this? If they were already in a mature, perfect state, they would not have been able to commit the sin of the Fall. But in fact, they fell, even though they were pure.

God CANNOT sin, because He is perfect. If we are perfect, or mature, we also CANNOT sin, because we are one with God. However, unlike the things of creation, God gave us a portion of responsibility to accomplish that state of spiritual maturity, perfection, and oneness with God.

Once we have reached this oneness of heart with God, there is no possibility for us to rebel against God or commit any sin. God wants us to know that we were created for perfection, meant to be like Him. **1 John 3:2 says:** Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

WHY GOD GAVE FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Why God Gave Human Beings Freedom and Responsibility

God created human beings in order to experience a love relationship with His children. Love cannot exist without freedom and choice. He did not create us to be robots.



The exercise of responsibility requires free will.

God did NOT create us to be robots. The rest of creation was not given a portion of responsibility (*no commandment*).

Why God Gave Human Beings Freedom and Responsibility

- By participating in their own creation, human beings would stand in a unique position to govern the rest of creation.
- By fulfilling their given portion of responsibility, with which God will not interfere, human beings are meant to inherit the creative nature of God and participate in His great work of creation.

*"You are gods,
And all of you are children of the Most High..."*
Psalm 82:6

Once human beings fulfilled their responsibility, they would have a special position in front of God and the rest of the universe. No other being in creation is responsible for its own completion. Human beings are unique in this regard. As children of God – not just creations – we are given the right of true creativity and divine nature.

Why God Gave Human Beings Freedom and Responsibility

By fulfilling our portion of responsibility, human beings can grow to maturity of love and perfect our relationship with God.



Because we truly have free will, God CANNOT interfere with our portion of responsibility. If He did, He would be contradicting His own Principle of Creation, which is based on Absolute Love. That means God could not interfere with Adam and Eve's responsibility to obey the commandment. By fulfilling our portion of responsibility, human beings can grow to maturity of love and perfect our relationship with God.

Obedience to God and Christ is Our Portion of Responsibility

*"If you love me,
you will keep my
commandments."*
John 14:15

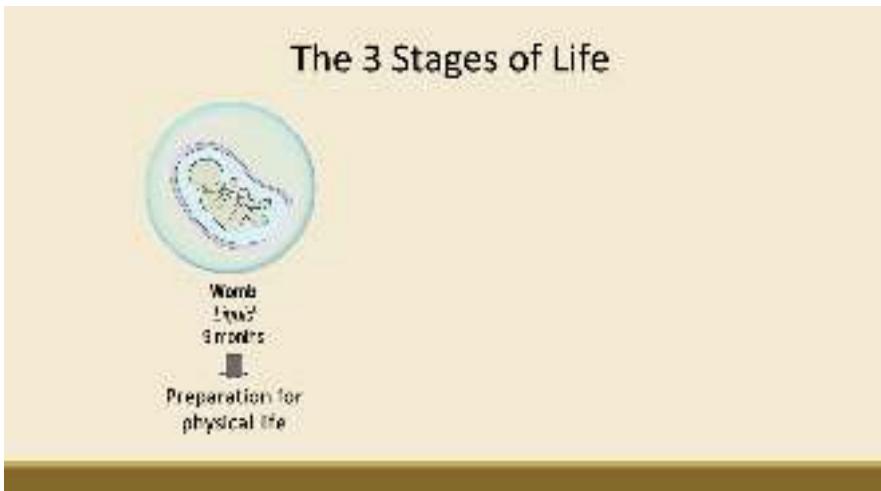


Being able to receive salvation of our souls through faith in Christ requires an element of our own choice, our own responsibility. It was God's responsibility to grant the

benefit of resurrection through the crucifixion of Jesus, but to believe or not to believe is strictly the individual person's own portion of responsibility. Jesus also told us that to love him means to keep His commandments.

John 14:15 – “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” That doesn’t mean that we earn our own salvation. Faith and obedience to God’s Word is only our 5%. The other 95% is God’s love and sacrifice.

THE 3 STAGES OF LIFE



Just as we go through three stages of growth while on earth, we are also created to go through three fundamental stages of life – In the womb, in the physical world, and finally in the spiritual world.

Each of these stages is critically important to our existence, our growth, and our relationship with God. In each stage, we experience a different reality of existence, as well as different aspects of God’s love. In the first stage, we are surrounded by the warm liquid in our mother’s womb, listening to the muffled sounds of our parents’ loving voices.

All of the nutrients we need for our growth and development are provided to us through the umbilical cord. If, for some

reason, we were unable to get the nutrients we needed, we could be crippled or even die. Imagine you're in the womb, wondering, "Is there life after birth? I have a feeling there is, although I'm not really sure. I can't imagine exactly what it will be like."

Would you worry, "When I am born, I will no longer be protected by the amniotic fluid. I will no longer be fed through my mother's umbilical cord. There's no way I could survive. You might as well give me my last rites."

But in reality, we are simply graduating from one stage, and going to the next. We are graduating from life in our mother's womb, to our life on "Mother Earth."

The 3 Stages of Life

The diagram illustrates the three stages of life as follows:

- Womb** (represented by a circular icon of a fetus) is labeled "Dwelling".
- Physical World** (represented by a circular icon of a family) is labeled "AY" and "91 yrs.".
- Spirit World** (represented by a circular icon of people) is labeled "Preparation for the spirit world".

On the right, a biblical quote from Galatians 6:7-10 is displayed:

... for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life... Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Gal 6:7-10

What we can see and experience in the physical realm after birth is beyond anything we could imagine while in the tiny womb. "The earth is so huge! I am free to explore this entire earth, and experience people and nature."

Just like in the womb, while we are on earth, it is critical that we receive the proper spiritual and physical nutrients, and grow to spiritual and physical maturity. Without developing a relationship with God and an ability to give and receive love, we will not be able to function and live in the spiritual realm the way God meant us to live.

Developing our ability to give and receive God's true love with the four types of love is as critical as the development of our lungs in the womb prior to being born.

Our love lungs should be fully developed and functional before we pass on from this life in the physical world. The Bible teaches us to love God with all our heart, soul, and might. It also teaches us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

In Galatian 6, verses 7-10, Paul wrote: Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. The Bible is clear that what we sow during our lives on earth will be reaped in our lives in the eternal spirit world.



If we live apart from God in the physical world during our physical life, we have no relationship with God when we pass on to the spirit world. Being separated from God – unable to breathe God's love – is what we call spiritual death. While on earth, it may be hard to imagine that there is another world beyond our life on earth – beyond the physical realm. But ultimately we graduate from this physical world, and are meant to enter the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world. Transitioning from our life on earth to our life in the spiritual

world was not meant to be a sad or horrible thing – any more than a baby being born. It is the way God created life to unfold, and should be a joyful celebration of the successful completion of a person's life as they enter the eternal life of joy in Heaven with God.

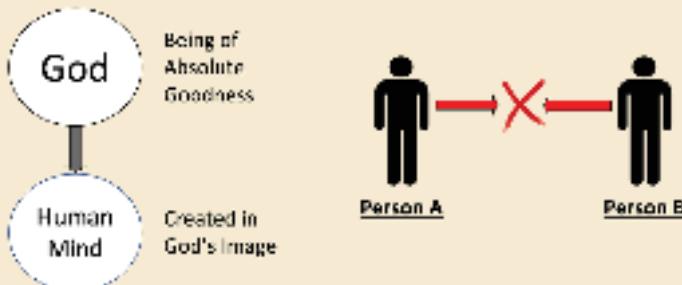
HUMAN CONSCIENCE AND THE ORIGINAL MIND

The Human Conscience and the Original Mind



Human beings were created in the image of God, who is a Being of absolute goodness. Therefore, the inherent desire of the human mind is to repel evil and pursue goodness.

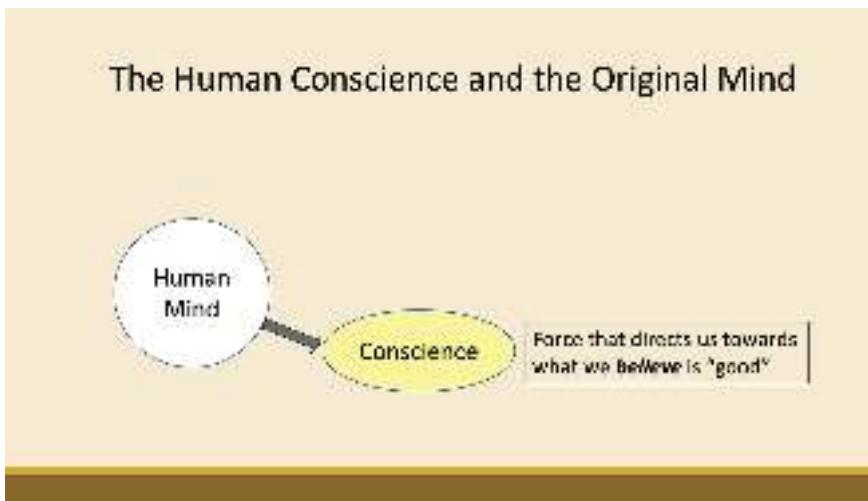
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However, we often find people of conscience in this world who are diametrically opposed to one another – even to the point of engaging in physical conflict.

If God's goodness is absolute, then how is it possible for conscientious human beings, created in God's own image, to conflict with one another?

Without solving this dilemma, it would be impossible to bring about a world of peace, harmony, and happiness.



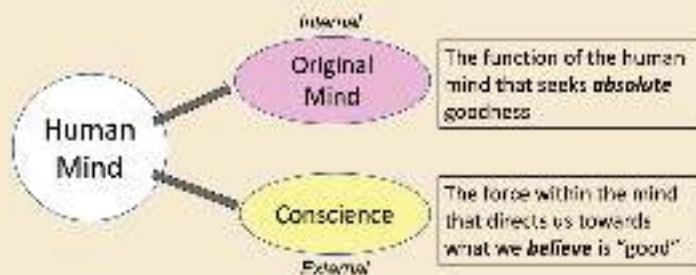
Every person has, as part of his inborn nature, a conscience which directs him to do what he believes is good.

However, due to the Fall, human beings have become ignorant of God and thus ignorant of the absolute standard of goodness. For this reason, we are unable to set the proper standard of judgment for our conscience.

As the standard of truth and goodness varies from person to person or culture to culture, the standard of our conscience also fluctuates.

As long as individuals hold on to varying beliefs and differing standards of goodness, they will continue to disagree and fight with one another, often in the name of doing what's right.

The Human Conscience and the Original Mind



Fortunately, God created all human beings with a deeper, more fundamental aspect of the human mind called the “Original Mind.”

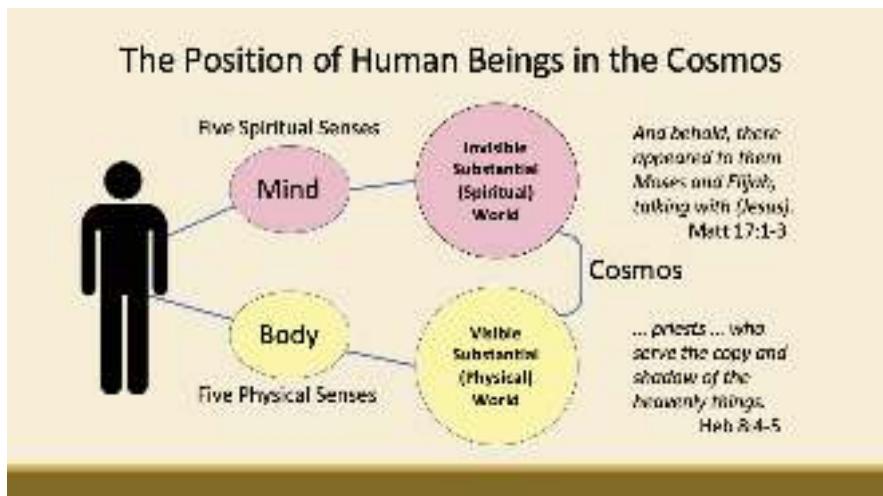
The Original Mind is the faculty of the human mind that seeks the absolute standard of truth and goodness which originates in our Creator, God.

The relationship between the Original Mind and the conscience within each human being is that of internal and external, subject and object.

Our Original Mind can never be satisfied with an ignorant or fallen view of the truth. Therefore, even as our conscience actively pursues what we believe to be good, our Original Mind constantly strives toward the absolute, eternal, and unchanging standard of goodness which originates from God.

It is only by restoring our relationship with God and coming into the full knowledge of truth that our conscience can fulfill its original purpose.

THE POSITION OF HUMAN BEINGS IN THE COSMOS



The Cosmos that God created includes not only the physical world we see, but also the invisible, spiritual world we cannot see with our physical eyes. Human beings were created not only with five physical senses to relate to physical world, but also with five spiritual senses to relate to the spiritual world.

Hebrews 8:4-5, tells us that the physical realm we can see is like a shadow of the invisible, Heavenly realm of the spiritual world.

In Matthew 17:1-3, we are told that on the mount of Transfiguration, the spiritual senses of Peter, James, and John were opened so they could communicate with Moses and Elijah, who had already passed to the spiritual realm:

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

The Position of Human Beings in the Cosmos



1. Ruler
2. Mediator and Center of Harmony
3. Microcosm

Rom 8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

1Cor 15:27 For God has put all things in subjection under his feet...

1Cor 6:3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

Then what is man's position in the cosmos according to God's original purpose of creation? Man was created to be the Ruler, Mediator, and Microcosm of the Spiritual and Physical worlds, creating harmony between the invisible and visible realms.

God, as Creator and King of the Universe, created Adam and Eve to be the center of the cosmos, having dominion over both worlds.

As Lords of Creation, Adam and Eve would have stood in the position to inherit God's authority as rulers over both worlds.

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The Kingdom of Heaven would be a physical and spiritual kingdom where Adam and Eve were created to rule as the substantial King and Queen, representing God in the created world, establishing the central lineage of Godly authority for all future generations.

GOD'S IDEAL OF CREATION IS HIS KINGDOM

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- If there had been no Fall, God's sovereignty would have been established on earth and in heaven.
- Through the fulfillment of the Three Blessings, God's royal lineage was to have been established on the earth.
- God's desire was to live with Adam, Eve and their descendants as a True Family for eternity.

"I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Ezek 37:27

The Kingdom of Heaven was created to be both a physical and a spiritual kingdom where Adam and Eve would rule as the substantial King and Queen, representing God on earth, establishing the heavenly lineage of authority for future generations. With the heart of a loving parent, God's desire was to live with Adam, Eve, and their descendants from the beginning and forever. Although many of us grew up reciting the Lord's prayer, which Jesus taught his followers to pray each day, we often fail to recognize the significance of these words: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 18:18, (Jesus said) "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven."

Ezekiel 37:27, "I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

We can have hope and confidence that our eternal and unchanging God will not abandon His original ideal and purpose of creation, and that He is working to establish the Kingdom of Heaven both on earth and in the spiritual realm.



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