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PREFACE

When Master's party visited Japan in 1967, we first introduced the original Divine Principle lecture to Japanese members. At that time I felt the necessity of writing a study guide of the Divine Principle for Japanese members, since some Japanese members told me that they wanted the book. I began to write the text in the Japanese language from July 16th and the book, which had 232 pages, came out on July 31st, after I worked day and night continuously. Since that time, that book has been used as a study guide in Japan, and to some extent, in Korea.

However, I always felt the necessity of making a book which can serve in giving an easy and accurate understanding of the Divine Principle to the members, as well as a lecture guide for lecturers. Many people say that the Divine Principle is very difficult to understand. So, I wanted to make it as easy as possible for beginners to understand and to apply, and present as a lecture.

However, when I was in Korea, it was very difficult for me to find the time to work on this book, and I could not start it there. Then I accompanied Master on his fourth world tour, and from March 1st, 1973 we held a training session with members from many different nations. I already gave the Divine Principle lectures several times to American members in previous training sessions, and I found that giving the lecture alone is not enough to make the members really understand and to make them good lecturers quickly. I also experienced this in Korea and Japan.

To make the international trainees understand the Principle better, and to make the training session more fruitful, I decided to use this period to write the study guide. Because I wrote this in the time between lectures, I could cover only Part I. To put it in better order for study, many additions, revisions, alterations and new diagrams were made. Even though I am not content with this book, I am looking forward to the time when I can make a better one. If you have suggestions about any part which is not clear or difficult to understand, I will be happy to have them.

I hope this study guide helps our members to understand the Divine Principle more thoroughly, and helps to make them good lecturers quickly, so that we can accomplish our goal of restoration providence soon.

When I get back to Korea, I hope I can finish Part II and present this to our members.

In making this book, Ron O'Keefe helped greatly in English, Phyllis Yamato did all the typing, and Jurgen Helms made all the diagrams. I am very grateful for their hard work in making this book possible.

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INTRODUCTION

Religion came into existence on the assumption that God exists. If there were no God, religion would have no meaning.

Does God really exist? It is possible to prove the existence of God logically, but man would not be completely convinced by a logical explanation alone.

In science, man proves the existence of things by studying phenomena and effects. In our lecture we will prove the existence of God by studying facts and historical phenomena and systematically explaining them. (Refer to Part II: Principle of Restoration)

Scientists first advance a hypothesis, and then they develop theories to explain the phenomena which they are studying. When they find that these theories explain the phenomena accurately, their hypothesis is defined as a theorem.

We will apply the same method to prove the existence of God.

Starting from the hypothesis that God exists, we will develop a logical explanation, and when all the questions of life, the universe, and history are fully explained, the listener can judge the existence of God for himself.

God exists	————— Principle of Creation	True view of life and the universe
Hypothesis	————— Logic	Can explain all things
	Hypothesis	————— Theorem

We can apply the above method to prove the existence of God.

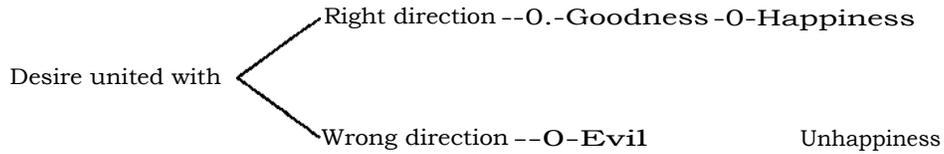
When man tries to understand God and His relationship to man, he first has to examine man himself, and then religion, human history, and truth.

I. MAN

The original mind of man, which is the source of conscience, wants happiness. When this desire is fulfilled, he feels happiness.

However, our desire is easily moved to take the wrong direction rather than the right direction because we have a contradictory nature within ourselves, and spend our lives in evil environments and circumstances.

Reality of man



The desire to go in the wrong direction does not come from man's original mind, because when this desire is fulfilled, we feel pangs and agony in our conscience. Even bad parents and teachers do not want their children to grow up to be evil.

Man's original mind takes the objective position to God; because of this, it hates evil and is destined to do good. However, modern man has two contradictory minds within himself. With his original mind, he wants to do goodness, but with his evil mind, he is driven to do evil. There is a war between the original mind and the evil mind - this is the contradictory nature of fallen man.

By this struggle he enters into a state of destruction. We call this the Fall of Man.

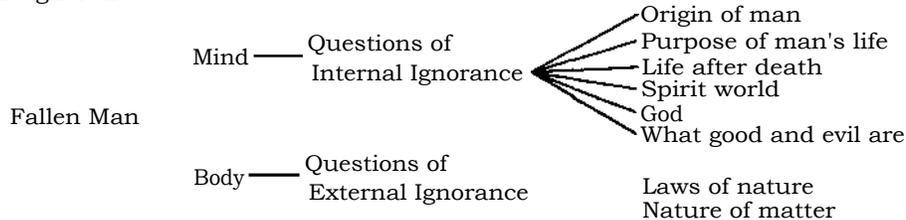
We can compare man to a cup. The structure of a cup is designed only to contain liquids, not to spill them. If there is a hole in the cup, the cup will not contain liquid, but will spill the liquid. The cup will then be of no use, because that cup will have two contradictory purposes.

Man was originally created only to do good, and not to do evil. When man comes to have two opposing purposes, good and evil, man exists in a state of conflict, and has no value. Because of this, man's history has been a history of misery and continuous struggle between good and evil.

Man is created to have a purpose of the right direction. He could not have been created with two opposing purposes. When he has two opposing purposes, he cannot act to fulfill either of them. He then becomes a man of failure, and lives in tragedy. Man could never have come into existence with an inherent contradiction.' r-

Through the fall, man fell into a state of contradiction and ignorance. He does not know the source of his two minds, his original mind and his evil mind. He does not know the basic cause of the contradiction within his nature.

Man has mind and body. Man's mind is ignorant of fundamental internal knowledge, and of external knowledge. There are many questions which man must answer to get out of his ignorance.



II. RELIGION

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A. Religion and Science

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History is the course of the restoration of fallen man from a state of the fallen nature into a state of the nature of goodness, and from a state of ignorance into a state of knowledge.

To explore internal truth, religion developed. To explore external truth, science developed. People have said that religion and science have opposing purposes, but this is not true. When religion and science are united like the mind and body of one man, then true happiness for all mankind can come about.

Fallen man has tried to solve his problem fundamentally in two ways: by religion and by science.

1. Man has been absorbed in studying the world of effect and phenomena in order to solve all the problems of life, so science has taken the position of the almighty God for many people who are concerned with the material world. But material things alone cannot satisfy spiritual desires. Therefore, science must also explore and study the internal nature of man and the world of cause.

2. Man has also studied the nature of cause and the essential world to solve the fundamental problems of life and the universe; therefore, many different philosophies and religions with various ideologies have evolved. But despite so many religions and philosophies, man is not given the true view of life and the universe, and does not know where to go and how to live. Therefore, these various religions and philosophies increased the confusion, rather than being the solution to man's questions, and became a burden to man. So, religion must give the true view of life, the true view of God which can be accepted by all men. Also, it must relate God and man closely, and must show the true value of life which will lead man to come to religion and to God. Thus, the teachings must be related to man's daily life and the betterment of human society, and bring man to fulfill God's blessings.

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B. Situation of Modern Christianity

The spiritual strength of the early church and the zeal of the religious reformation are almost gone. The churches have lost their power to revitalize people. They have become too formalized. Since they have lost their ability to put the beliefs which they advocate into reality, their work of salvation has almost come to a standstill.

1. Materialistic ideologies (Communism, etc.) have emerged to fill the void created by the weaknesses within churches. Present Christian churches have no means for directly overcoming these corrupting, God-denying, materialistic influences. Materialism considers man as a purely material being, and treats man as a machine.

2. The conflict caused by racial discrimination is at its height. This intense discrimination could never have come about if Christians had truly loved all men as their brothers and sisters, and developed a way of life for all men based on this love.

3. Immorality is prevailing, and the Christian churches are unable to persuade people to be steadfast in observing God's laws and teachings. Many people today say they are religious, but live only to satisfy their own desires.

C. Why are Modern Religions Disabled?

1. The ideal world can come about when the spirit world and the physical world are united like mind and body. The spirit world is the internal world of essence and is the subject to the physical world, the world of phenomena.

<u>World of Essence (Spirit World)</u>	<u>World of Phenomena (Physical World)</u>
World of mind	World of body
Invisible	Visible
Internal	External
Cause	Effect
Subject	Object

The spirit world does not exist separately from the physical world. So, there cannot be spiritual pleasure without true happiness of the physical body. However, present religions deny the physical world, and people in these religions just wait for the world after death, without realizing the importance of fulfilling their missions to establish God's ideal world on earth. Because of this, religion is getting further and further away from man. Physical life is important because it is the preparation for the world after death. If man does not develop his spirit, and experience both God's love and love for other men on this earth, he will have great difficulty in the world after death.

2. Man's heart and intellect have become highly developed through history and science. For man to act he must have logic which is based on evidence. Then he can gain understanding and knowledge, and he can have the confidence to act.

Man gains knowledge in two ways: from his spirit man and from his physical body.

Man is given the Bible to have knowledge of God. Jesus performed miracles so that all men would know that Jesus was the Son of God.

A religion which is a composite of the spiritual and the physical, of faith and experience, is needed to appeal to the nature of modern man. Modern religions have not essentially changed from early times in their understanding of the truth, but became formalized and have not developed a powerful and zealous life of faith. They also lack rational and logical explanations, and cannot convince modern man to believe in God.

III. HUMAN HISTORY AND TRUTH

A. Human History

Human history is the providential history of the restoration of man to God. When man is saved and restored to perfection in the love of God, the ideal world of creation will be restored. When man fell, he came to have a fallen nature and his character became low and degraded; thus the world became a world of evil. Because of man's fallen nature and ignorance, the evil world has been free to multiply and increase.

By the providence of salvation, man comes from a state of selfishness into a state of desiring to serve and love others, and from a state of ignorance into a state of knowledge. With the improvement in his nature and this knowledge, he will cut off his evil mind, thus freeing himself to follow his original mind. Then, by uniting the world of essence and the world of phenomena, the ideal world of God's purpose of creation will be established.

From the above we can see history as the history of restoration.

B. Necessity for a New Expression of Truth

1. Religion exists so man can overcome his internal ignorance, and science exists so man can overcome his external ignorance. In order to achieve the purpose of goodness, we need a truth which can unite religion and science in a harmonious relationship.
2. Truth is unique, eternal, unchanging and absolute. The Bible is a guidebook to the truth or knowledge of God. Man's spirit and intellect develop as time passes; therefore, the guidebook to truth must also develop in its expression and teaching methods.

Old Testament

New Testament ---)-New Revelations

3. The purpose of religion is to lead man to follow his original mind, which is seeking God, and thus to attain the purpose of goodness.

All highly advanced religions have this goal of goodness.

Because of differences in the missions of the religions, the time of their development, and the different backgrounds of the people, many diverse religions have evolved. Modern religions have almost lost their ability to lead man to life and the goodness of God. Therefore, if God does exist, He must give a new expression of truth to make these religions fulfill their original intention.

4. Biblical foundation:

John 16:25

"I have said 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 16:12

"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. "

C. The Mission of the New Truth*

The mission of the new truth is:

1. To unite internal truth, which is the goal of religion, with external truth, which is the goal of science. When this is accomplished, we can resolve the contradictory nature of man.
2. To let man know the existence of God, and let man feel God's heart.
3. To elevate internal truth to a higher dimension, so that it can absorb the atheistic ideologies, and unite all the different religious beliefs, by providing a common base and relationship to God.
4. To unite all mankind as brothers and sisters, centering on God, and to establish one world family.
5. To explain all the fundamental questions of the Bible.
 - (1) The origin of the fall of man
 - (2) The goal of the providence of salvation
 - (3) The true meaning of the Last Days
 - (4) The true meaning of the resurrection
 - (5) The reason why the restoration providence has been prolonged
 - (6) God's formula for restoration providence in history
 - (7) The reason why the Lord must come again

* "New Truth" means "new expression of truth". This abbreviation will be used throughout this book.

CHAPTER I
PRINCIPLE OF CREATION

Introduction

Man has never known the true meaning of life, or the purpose of the universe. This ignorance will end when man knows the fundamental principle of creation through which God created man and the universe. To understand the creation of the effect, one has to know the cause. Man is a created being. In order to understand himself, man needs to know about his creator. So, man's relationship to God must be clarified. The key to solving the mysteries in man's life and in the universe lies in knowing God and His principle of creation.

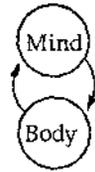
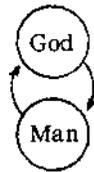
Section 1
The Nature Of God And The World Of Creation

A. Nature of God

1. The Relationship between God and Man

God is invisible and cannot be perceived by the five senses of the physical body. Therefore, any person who emphasizes only the physical senses cannot know the existence of God.

God created man in His image. Therefore, when man reaches perfection, he becomes God's perfected image, which is God's substantial body. Therefore, the relationship between God and perfect man is like the relationship between man's mind and body.



God is invisible and the mind is invisible.

Man is visible and his body is

The body is the expression of the mind.

Perfect man is the expression of God.

The body moves only by a relationship with the mind. Without receiving orders from the mind, the body cannot live properly. When our body moves according to the directives of our mind, both our mind and body will be pleased.

This is the relationship between mind and body. The same relationship exists between God and perfect man.

Perfect man cannot move without a relationship with God. Without knowing God, man cannot live properly. When man lives according to the directives of God, both God and man will be pleased.

Man is unable to solve the problems of life because of his ignorance of God, the subject of man.

In the relationship between mind and body, mind is the subject and the body is the object. Likewise, God is the subject and man is the object.

Example 1: In modern medicine physical diseases are often treated by psychological methods, because the mind is the subject over the body.

Example 2: A mother's thinking influences her baby in her womb.

When a man's physical body is perfect, but his mind is not sound, he cannot be called a man of character. Even if man's physical body is not perfect, but his mind is sound, he is called a man of character. So, man's value lies in his mind, not in his body. Therefore, mind is subject, and body is object.

2. How does the Substantial Object come into Being?

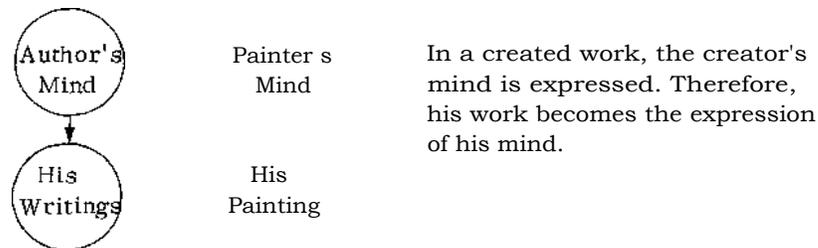
When man makes something, he first forms an idea in his mind: from his ideas, his works come into being. Likewise, God's idea is formed from God's nature and the idea comes to have substantial form in His creation.

Thus, the invisible idea takes a substantial form.

How did God create the physical world?

We know from modern science that particles transfer into energy, and from energy particles are formed. So, the physical world is essentially made of energy, which is invisible. Therefore, the First Cause also must be an invisible being.

Man has emotion, intellect, will, and other aspects of character; and man is effect. Therefore, the First Cause, which made man, must also have emotion, intellect, will, and other higher aspects of character. We call this First Cause, God.



To know man, we study his works and behavior. When we study historical man, we study his works and achievements in his lifetime. Likewise, to know God we study His works; that is, His creation and His role in history.

This is why the Apostle Paul said in Romans 1:20:

"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. "

By studying the effect we can know the cause. We must study man and the creation- in order to know and understand God. By studying God's creation and His salvation history, we can understand His Nature.

We will investigate the universal common factors among all the creation.

3. Dual Characteristics of Internal Character (Sung-Sang) and External Form (Hyung Sang)

Effect	Man	Mind	Body (Cells)	* Inherent Directive Nature
	Animal	: Animal Mind	Body (")	
	Plant	: Plant Mind	Body (")	
	Molecule:	(I. D. N.)*	Body (Atoms)	
	Atom =	(I. D. N.)	Body (Particles)	
	Particle :	(I. D. N.)	Body (Energy)	

Cause { God	Internal Character	External Form
	Sunj' Sang	 Hyung -Sang

God's creation can be divided essentially into six categories: man, animal, plant, molecule, atom, and particle.

Man has an invisible mind and a visible body. The invisible mind directs the life of man's visible body. The body also resembles man's invisible mind. So, man's body is the expression or manifestation of his mind.

Therefore, we can say that man's mind is the internal character of man which makes man's body its external form. Without the directives of the mind, the body of man cannot exist, act and multiply.

The body of man is made of physiological cells.

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Animals also have an invisible part, which gives out instinct, and a visible body.

This invisible part of an animal is like man's mind, and is called the animal mind. This animal mind directs the life of the body of the animal. The body of the animal also resembles its invisible animal mind. So, the body of an animal is the expression or manifestation of its animal mind.

Therefore, we say that the animal mind is the internal character which makes the animal's body its external form. Without the directives of the animal mind, the body of the animal cannot exist, act and multiply.

The body of the animal is made of physiological cells.

The plant also has an invisible part which gives out all the natures of a plant, such as the directive nature, and a visible body. This invisible part is like the animal mind of the animal, and is called the "plant mind" by many scientists. This plant mind directs the life of the body of the plant. The body of the plant also resembles its invisible plant mind. So, the body of the plant is the expression and manifestation of its plant mind.

Therefore, we say that the plant mind is the internal character which makes the body of the plant its external form. Without the directives of the plant mind, the body of the plant cannot exist, act and multiply.

The body of the plant is made of physiological cells.

The bodies of men and animals are made of physiological cells, and are directed by the orders of their invisible mind. Therefore, the body of the plant, which is made of similar physiological cells, must also be directed by the orders of its invisible source, which is its plant mind.

Is this also the case with molecules, atoms and particles?

Molecules, atoms and particles are also made of invisible parts and visible parts. Their invisible parts are the sources of their inherent directive natures, and can be compared to the plant mind. The visible parts are like their bodies, and are made of lesser elements, such as atoms, particles or energy. The invisible parts of these molecules, atoms, and particles direct the existence and actions of their visible parts. Their visible parts resemble their respective invisible parts. So, the visible parts are the expression and manifestation of their respective invisible parts.

Therefore, we can say that the invisible parts are the internal character which makes their own visible parts their external forms. Without the directives of the invisible part, the visible part of the molecule, atom or particle cannot exist, act and multiply.

The physiological cells of man, animal and plant are also made of molecules, atoms, particles and energy. The bodies of man, animals, and plants receive directives from their respective invisible minds.

Therefore, the visible parts of molecules, atoms and particles, which are made of similar atoms, particles and energy, must also receive directives from an invisible source, which is each of their respective invisible parts.

By this we can understand that all beings and things are made of two parts: the invisible internal character and the visible external form. The visible external form is made after the image of the invisible internal character. The internal character is invisible but it has a certain invisible form. Therefore, the internal character comes to have an external form.

Every being has internal character and external form. We call the internal character sung-sang and the external form hyung-sang. Sung-sang is the invisible, internal essence which is the cause and determinant of the external form. Hyung-sang is the visible external form which is the expression of the invisible, internal character. Together, we call these the dual characteristics of sung-sang and hyung-sang.

Then, from where do these dual characteristics of the sung-sang and hyung-sang of all beings come? They must have come from one source because these characteristics are the same in all beings and things. We call this one original cause God.

Since the dual characteristics of sung-sang and hyung-sang in all the things and beings in the creation come from God, God is the original source of the dual characteristics of sung-sang and hyung-sang. We call God's dual characteristics of sung-sang and hyung-sang "God's Original Dual Characteristics of Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang."

God is the Original Cause who made all things, projecting His Dual Characteristics of Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang into them. Therefore, He must have all the sung-sangs and hyung-sangs of all these things.

Man's sung-sang is his mind, and his hyung-sang is his body. The mind is the invisible character while the body is its visible form. We can perceive things about man's mind or character through palmistry, physiognomy, analysis of bone structure, and similar methods. This is possible because the body is the expression of the mind.

* In philosophy and theology, the word "dual" is often used to describe the duality between good and evil. The doctrine that the universe is under the dominion of two opposing principles, one of which is good and the other evil, is known as classic dualism.

The word dual means "consisting of two parts", and is used in the Principle of Creation to describe the dual characteristics of God and the creation. Another word to describe these characteristics is "polarity".

Thus, there should be no confusion between the use of the word "dual" in the Principle of Creation and classic dualism.

4. Dual Characteristics of Positivity and Negativity

Effect	Man :	Man	Woman
	Animal :	Male	Female
	Plant :	Stamen	Pistil
	Molecule:	Cation	Anion
	Atom :	Positive*	Negative
	Particle :	Positive	Negative
Cause	God	Positivity Masculinity	Negativity Femininity

All the creations from man to the smallest particle, can be divided into male and female, or positivity and negativity. So, we come to the conclusion that every creation is made of the elements of male and female or positivity and negativity. Together, we call these "the dual characteristics of positivity and negativity. "

Then, from where do these dual characteristics of positivity and negativity of all creations come? They must have come from one source: God, their creator, because they are all alike.

God is the Original Cause, who made all things, projecting His Dual Characteristics of Positivity and Negativity into them. Therefore, He must have all the positivity and negativity, and all the masculinity and femininity of all these things within His Nature, We call God's dual characteristics of positivity and negativity, "God's Original Dual Characteristics of Positivity and Negativity", or "God's Original Dual Characteristics of Masculinity and Femininity. "

5. The Relationship between Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang

<u>Sung-Sang</u>	<u>Hyung-Sang</u>
Invisible	Visible
Internal	External
Vertical**	Horizontal
Cause	Effect
Subject	Object

Atoms can be divided into two kinds: those with positive valence, and those with negative valence.

** Vertical is the nature which enables a being to have a relationship with a higher cause, like man's relationship with God.

Horizontal is the nature which enables a being to have a relationship with other beings on an equal level, like man's relationship to man.

Example: Man's mind and body

<u>Mind</u>	<u>Body</u>
Invisible	Visible
Internal	External
Vertical	Horizontal
Cause	Effect
Subject	Object

6. The Relationship Between Positivity and Negativity

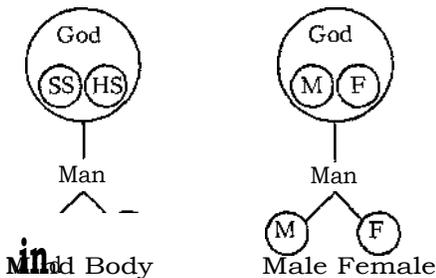
<u>Positivity (Masculinity)</u>	<u>Negativity (Femininity)</u>
Internal Subject	External Object

Gen. 2:22 "And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. "

7. Biblical Foundation

Gen. 2:18 "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him. "

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



If there were no Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang in God's nature, there could not be mind and body, or sung-sang and hyung-sang in man.

If there were no male and female characteristics in God's nature, there could not be male and female in man, who is the image of God.

8. Relationship Between Dual Characteristics of Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang, and Dual Characteristics of Positivity and Negativity

In man, the fundamental structure is mind and body, and the dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity come out of this. This means man is first, and male and

female next. Both male and female have mind and body. Therefore, mind and body is the fundamental structure of man.

It is the same with God.

Therefore, the Dual Characteristics of Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang is the fundamental nature of God, and is internal, and the Dual Characteristics of Positivity and Negativity is an attribute of His Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang, and is external.

9. God

What, then, are God's ultimate Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang? They are God's infinite Spirit of heart and love, and His energy. God's heart and love, and energy are expressed through beauty, truth and goodness in His creation, man and the universe. This is fully expressed when perfect parents give unconditional love to their children. So, God is our source, the Creator of all things.

We call God's Sung-Sang "His Original Sung-Sang", and God's Hyung-Sang "His Original Hyung-Sang", God's Positivity "His Original Masculinity;" and God's Negativity "His Original Femininity".

God is the original subject of heart and love, and energy, and is the harmonized subject of the Dual Characteristics of Original Sung-Sang and Original Hyung-Sang; and He is also the harmonized subject of the Dual Characteristics of Masculinity and Femininity.

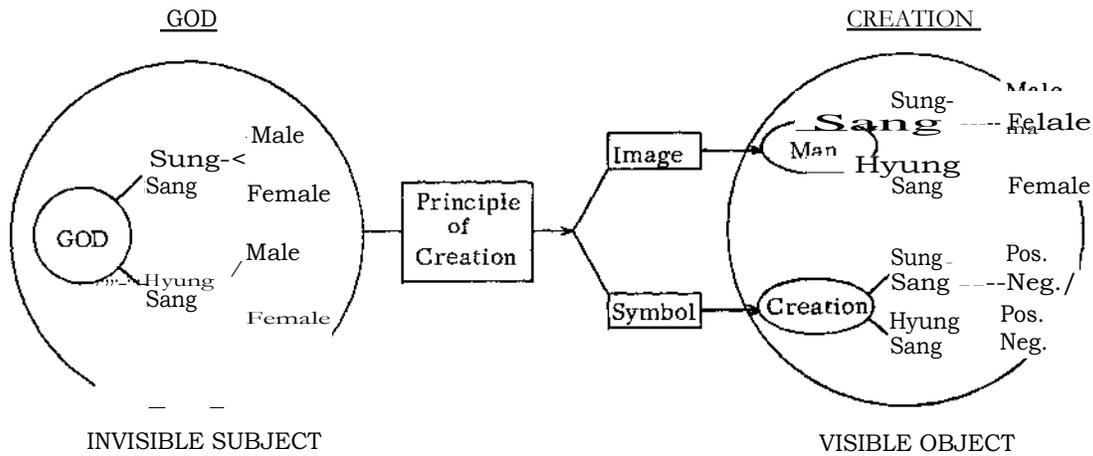
Thus, God is more than just sung-sang and hyung-sang, positivity and negativity.

- (1) Parents' heart and love for their children is unchanged by time and place, regardless of race, nation, or culture. Where does this heart and love of parents come from? It comes from God. So, God is a God of Heart and Love.
- (2) All men have a conscience, which drives them to seek beauty, truth and goodness. Where does this power of conscience come from? It comes from God. So, from this we can understand that God is a God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness.
- (3) In all creation we see order, law and principle. There is order in all movements from the heavenly bodies down to the cells of our bodies, down to atoms and particles. Where do these principles and laws come from? God created them. So, God is a God of Order, Law and Principle.
- (4) Man seeks eternal, unchanging, and absolute value. This is because God is an eternal, unchanging, absolute being, and He created man, His object, to be an eternal, unchanging and absolute being. So, God is an Eternal, Unchanging, Absolute God.

B. The Relationship between God and Creation

The perfect universe centering on God is like a perfect man centering on his mind, and is one perfect organic body which moves only in accordance with the purpose of God's creation.

The universe is the substantial object of God, who is the invisible subject, and consists of individual truth bodies which reflect God's dual nature. Every being is an individual truth body. We call any being that has sung-sang and hyung-sang, and positivity and negativity, an individual truth body.



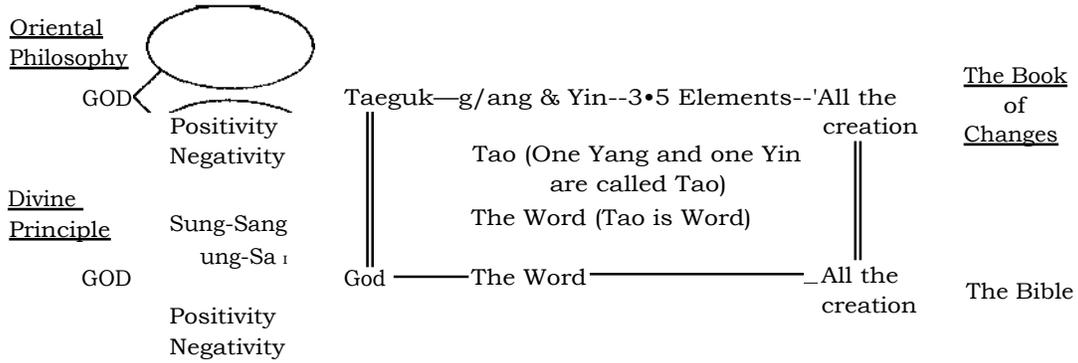
Man was created in the direct image of God. The creation was made as a symbol, a representation of God's nature, after the image of man.

When God and creation are viewed as one harmonious whole, God is the Sung-Sang, masculine subject to creation; and the creation is the Hyung-Sang, feminine object to God. That is, the creation is the visible, external form of God. Man is the center and lord of the creation. For this reason, God said that man was created in His image.

God	<u>Creation</u>
Invisible	Visible
Internal	External
Vertical	Horizontal
Cause	Effect
Sung-Sang	Hyung-Sang
Male	Female
Subject	Object

C. The Principle of Creation and Oriental Philosophy

The foundation for Oriental Philosophy is the "I Ching", or the Book of Changes. It says: from Taeguk (origin), came Yang and Yin (Positivity and Negativity), and from these two came five elements (metal, wood, water, fire, earth). From these elements all the creation was made.



John 1:1-3 ^a In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

Oriental Philosophy understands God as a being who only has the dual characteristics of Positivity and Negativity. It does not know that God is a being of Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang, which are more fundamental than Positivity and Negativity. By having Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang, God becomes the God of will, feeling, heart and character. Therefore, Oriental Philosophy could not understand the providence of God or the purpose of creation, and could not develop into a higher religion. It has been basically a means of self-betterment.

Also, Oriental Philosophy does not explain the origin and nature of evil.

Therefore, Oriental Philosophy needs to be fulfilled by an understanding of the Principle of Creation.

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Section 2
The Universal Prime Force, Give And Take Action
And The Four Position Foundation

A. Universal Prime Force

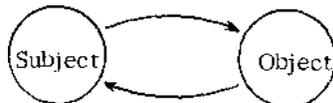
God is an eternal, self-existing and absolute being. Therefore, the force which enables God to exist, must also be eternal, self-existing, and absolute. This original force was not created, but simply existed with God from the beginning. This force we call the Universal Prime Force. Within God, heart and love is God's sung-sang, and the Universal Prime Force, which is energy, is God's hyung-sang.

The Universal Prime Force forms the foundation for God's power or force. Just as all the creation came from God, the creator, so all the forces necessary for the existence of creation come from the Universal Prime Force.

B. Give and Take Action

Every being consists of subject and object. They exist as subject and object only in relationship to each other. The subject and object come to have a relationship through the Universal Prime Force. The action between subject and object caused by the Universal Prime Force is called give and take action.

When the subject and object are prepared to have give and take action, we say they have formed a correlative standard (e. g. engagement). When subject and object perform give and take action through the Universal Prime Force, the state of unity which is attained is called the correlative base (e. g. marriage). Through give and take action the forces of existence, action, and multiplication are generated. These forces are called the Forces of Give and Take Action.



Forces of Give & Take Action

existence
action
multiplication

God: God's dual characteristics perform give and take action within Him through the Universal Prime Force, and generate all the forces necessary for His existence, action and creation.

Creation: Subject and object, through Universal Prime Force, form a correlative standard, and perform give and take action, forming a correlative base (existence base). From this give and take action all the forces necessary for the creation to exist, act and multiply are generated.

The necessity of give and take action for existence, action and multiplication can be seen in examples throughout the creation, from the smallest to the largest.

Atoms	Proton-	'Electron	_____	existence and all actions of atoms
Molecules :	Cations	Anion	_____	existence and all actions of molecules
Plants	Stamen	istil	_____	existence, action and multiplication of plants
	Xylem,	Phloem		
Animal	Assimilation	'Dissimilation	_____	existence, action and multiplication of animals
	Inhale	'Exhale		
Man	Arteries	Veins		existence, action and multiplication of man
	Sympathetic	Parasympathetic		
	Nervous Syst."	Nervous Syst.		

Without give and take action, no being or thing can exist, act, and multiply.

When a plant stops give and take, the plant dies. Animals also need to have give and take. Man is the same. To exist he must have give and take action within his body. On the human level, too, give and take is universally necessary for harmony and progress.

Man	:			
Family :	Husband..7_†Wife	Parents	-- Children	____Brothers____Brothers____ & Sisters ' & Sisters
Society .	Man ' Man	____Family____	'Family____	Group ' Group
Nation :	People —',People	Government ' People		
World :	People „, People	Nation	_Nation	

If there is no good give and take action among family members, there is no happiness in family life and the family cannot be maintained well. To have a harmonious and prosperous society, all the members must cooperate for the common goals. A nation can prosper only when perfect communication exists in both directions between the leader and the people and among the people themselves. If there is no positive give and take, the nation will be divided and destroyed. The same is true for the world.

There must be good give and take action among the peoples and nations which make up the world.

But good give and take action can only come about between individuals, families, nations, and in the world, when man is able to have perfect give and take action with God. God created man to have a perfect give and take relationship with Him.

1. Relationship between the Universal Prime Force and the Forces of Give and Take Action

<u>Universal Prime Force</u>	<u>Force of Give & Take Action</u>
Invisible	Visible
Internal	External
Vertical	Horizontal
Cause	Effect
Subject	Object

The forces of give and take action are generated from the Universal Prime Force. Therefore, the Universal Prime Force is the cause and subject to all the forces of give and take action, which are the effect and object. The Universal Prime Force is within God, and the forces of give and take action are seen in the operation and existence of all beings in the creation. So, the Universal Prime Force is invisible, internal and vertical; while the forces of give and take action are visible, external and horizontal.

2. Force of Conscience

The force of conscience acts in everyone and leads man to do good. When one does evil, he gets pangs in his conscience. What is the source of the force of conscience? All forces are generated by give and take action; therefore, the force of conscience must also be generated by give and take action. There must be a subject for conscience to perform give and take action with, and that subject is God, or truth, which is the expression of goodness.



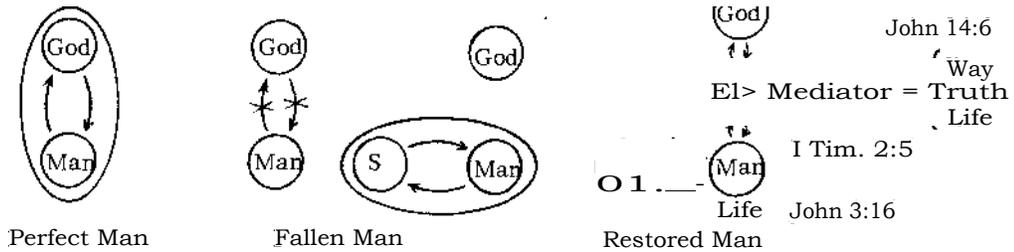
Fallen man is cut off from God because of the fall. Man was originally created to assume the objective position to God. Therefore, even the original mind of fallen man wants to take the objective position to God. This desire is manifested in man's conscience. Fallen man does not know God and His will, but because of the direction of man's original mind, his conscience always wants to head toward that which he thinks is good.

When man's view of truth deviates from the original truth, his deeds, which are done according to his conscience, also deviate from the original standard of goodness.

3. Fall and Restoration Seen from Give and Take Action

(1) Man

Perfect man has full give and take action with God. But fallen man is cut off from God, and performs give and take action with Satan, taking the objective position to Satan. God is not included in this relationship.



Since man's fall, God has been carrying out the restoration providence. The purpose of the restoration will be fulfilled when people believe in, and unite with the Messiah who appears on earth. If man has full give and take action with the Messiah, then Satan will be completely cut off from man. The Messiah works in this situation as a mediator between God and man, becoming the Way, and the Truth, and the Life for man.

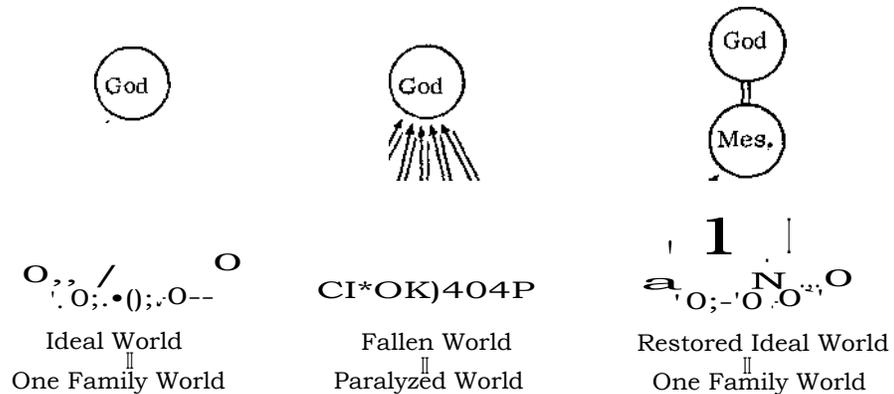
(2) World

In the ideal world, all men are perfected and have give and take action with God, becoming one with Him. Therefore, they become the bodies of God, and live according to His will. These people can be compared to cells in one perfect human body, which move according to the way in which man's mind directs his body.

Then they have give and take action among themselves and unite, as all cells unite in one body. A person's neighbor is then his "Second I". We call this the One Family World, in which all people become brothers and sisters.

In the fallen world, vertical give and take action between God and man is cut off. Therefore, mankind lost its common subject, God, and the horizontal give and take action among them was also cut off so that they could not perform give and take action as they were supposed to. So this is a world of division, distrust and struggle.

In order to reestablish give and take action with God, the Messiah comes. He can bring man to a perfect state. He is the one who will save the individual, family, society, nation and world. When all men are united in vertical give and take action with God through the Messiah, men will be united horizontally with each other, in one family.



4. Biblical Verses Emphasizing Give and Take Action

Matthew 7:8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

Matthew 7:12 "So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them."

Matthew 10:32 "So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven ..."

Matthew 10:41-42 "He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

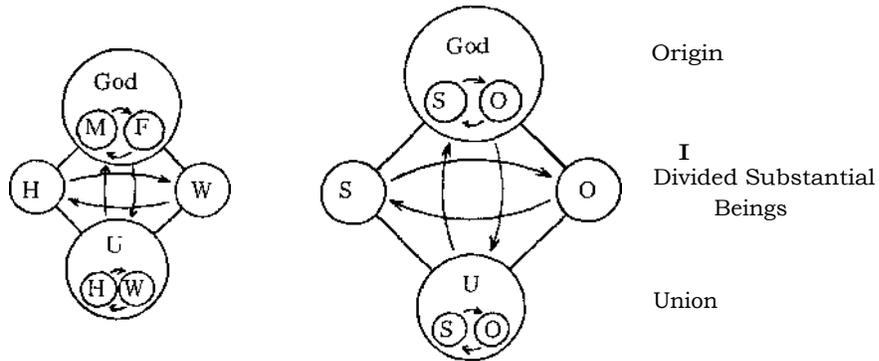
C. Origin-Division-Union Action, Triple Objective Purpose and Four Position Foundation

1. Origin-Division-Union Action

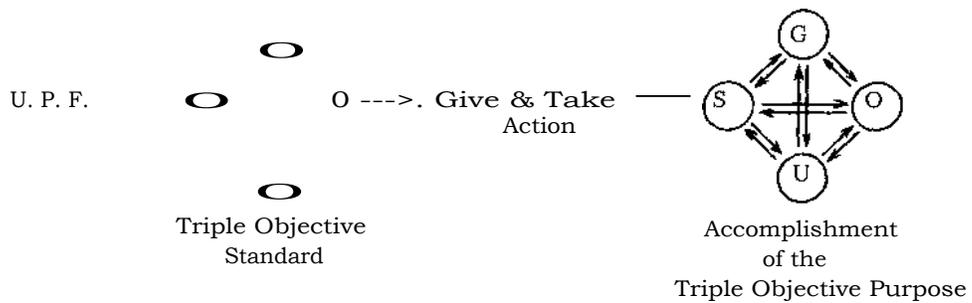
When the dual characteristics within God perform give and take action through the Universal Prime Force, man and woman are created as two divided substantial *beings*, subject and object. When man and woman reach perfection, they have give and take action, as husband and wife, and unite in oneness. This united being takes the third objective position to God.

God's dual characteristics (Origin) multiply, through give and take action, into two divided substantial beings (Division), and these two beings again become one (Union) through their give and take action. The Union takes the third objective position to God. This process is called Origin-Division-Union (O-D-U) action.

All multiplication takes place through this O-D-U action.



2. Triple Objective Purpose



Each of the four beings - the origin, subject, object and union - wants to take the subject position to the other three, and unite with them. Each also wants to serve the other three from the objective position. This state is called the Triple Objective Standard.

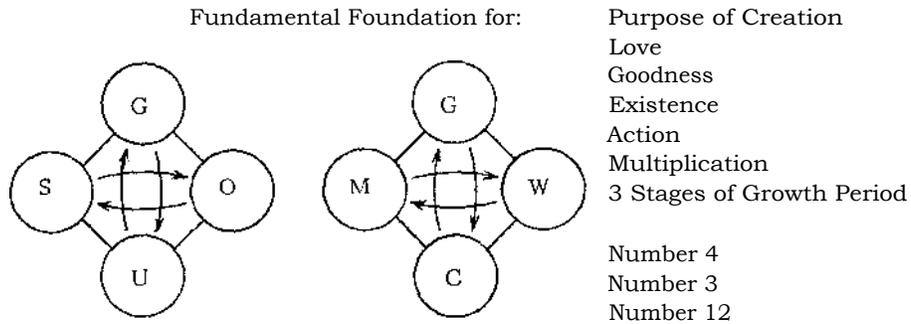
The purpose for which the subject wants to unite with three objects is called the Triple Objective Purpose. When each subject unites with three objects through give and take action, they accomplish the Triple Objective Purpose. These are relationships which exist only among God and men.

3. Four Position Foundation

Through O-D-U action, when a man, his wife, and their children accomplish the triple objective purpose centered on God, they form the Four Position Foundation. This is the pattern by which the subjects and objects of all beings and things can center on God and form their union.

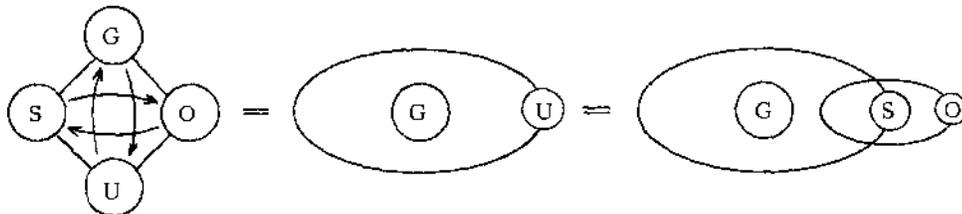
This pattern for all beings and things is also called the Four Position Foundation.

The Four Position Foundation is God's eternal purpose of creation, because it is the fundamental foundation for all love, goodness and the ideal. It is also the fundamental foundation for all existence, action, multiplication and the three stages of the growth period.



The Four Position Foundation is the basis for the significance of the number 4, the number 3, and the number 12. This is because there are 4 positions, 3 objective purposes, and 12 objects: 3 objects for each of 4 subjects.

4. Movement within the Four Position Foundation



In the four position foundation, all four are united through give and take action with God as the center, and they perform an ellipsoidal movement together.

Ellipsoidal movement centering on God means that man lives in a six directional relationship with people in the physical world, and also communicates with the spirit world.

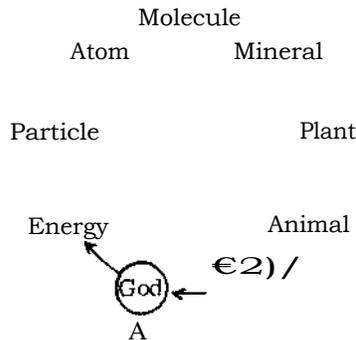
The six directions are up and down, front and back, and right and left. Up and down is like your parents and your children, or when working, like your superior and your subordinates. Front and back are like more and less accomplished or experienced people. Right and left are like brothers and sisters, or those on an equal level with you.

The infinite variety of beings in creation are the result of the different qualities and quantities of the subject body and object body, the distances between subject and object, and the variations of energy, speed, timing, angle, form, etc. , of give and take action within the four position foundation.

Man is the center of the universe, and God is the center of man. Therefore, God is the center of the ellipsoidal movement of the whole creation.

5. Relationships among God, Man and All Things

(1) Hierarchy of creation



God projected His heart and energy to form particles. The purpose of particles is to form atoms, atoms to form molecules, molecules to form minerals, minerals to serve plants, plants to serve animals, and animals to serve man. This is why the Bible says in Genesis 1:28, that man is to subdue the earth and have dominion over creation. Then, finally, man is to serve God and become one with Him.

God created the universe for man, and man for God. Without man, the universe is like a museum without any visitors.

(2) Relationship between man and creation

Man is the hyung-sang center of the creation. The physical body of man is a microcosm of the physical creation, which was created as a living environment for man. So, man's body which is his hyung-sang part, contains every physical element of the creation. These elements are the hyung-sang part of creation. Because of this, man is stimulated by the beauty of creation.

Man is also the sung-sang center of the creation. Man's physiological elements, which are made of matter, respond to his emotion, intellect and will. So, all matter must have elements corresponding to emotion, intellect and will through which it can respond to man's emotion, intellect and will. These elements are called the sung-sang part of creation.

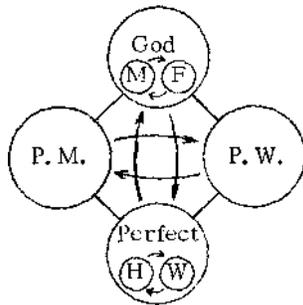
The sung-sang desire of creation is to give joy to man. Therefore, St. Paul said:

Romans 8:19-21 "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. "

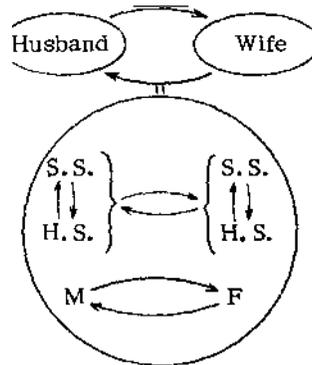
For these reasons the creation has a sung-sang part by which it responds fully to the emotion, intellect and will of man, who is the hyung-sang and sung-sang center of the creation.

(3) The first marriage of perfect man and woman

In the give and take action between perfect husband and wife, all the sung-sangs, hyung-sangs, masculinities and feminities interact and form complete oneness. Therefore, the husband and wife become the perfect form of God by their dual characteristics of sung-sang and hyung-sang and masculinity and femininity.



Perfect Form of God



A perfect man is a substantial being who represents the sum total of all the subjects of creation. A perfect woman is a substantial being who represents the sum total of all the objects of creation. Therefore, when the first perfect man and woman unite as husband and wife, the creation also becomes united, centering on man.

Thus, the place where God and this perfect husband and wife unite becomes the center of the cosmos.

When the first perfect man and woman unite as perfect husband and wife, the cosmos, which is created with dual characteristics, also responds in harmony. This becomes the center of goodness, where God, the subject of love, and man, the object of beauty, unite to fulfill the purpose of creation.

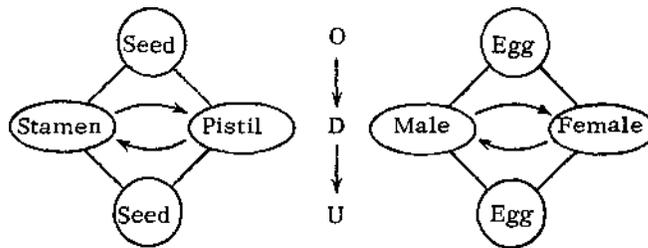
Here, God, our Parent, dwells in the men who developed and grew as His perfect children, and rests eternally. Man becomes the object who eternally receives God's love, and from him God receives joy eternally. In this place, the center of the cosmos, a perfect husband and wife become the center of truth and of the original mind.

6. Omnipresence of God

All the creation is formed in God's image, and consists of subjects and objects. In the ideal world, a subject and object automatically perform give and take action through the Universal Prime Force and form the four position foundation centering on God. God therefore exists and works in every creation.

7. Multiplication of Physiological Bodies

The multiplication of physiological bodies occurs through O-D-U action. In the case of plant life, starting with a seed, the stamen and pistil grow to maturity, unite, and produce a new seed. That seed then becomes the origin of the next generation of plant life. The same process is true in the case of animals.

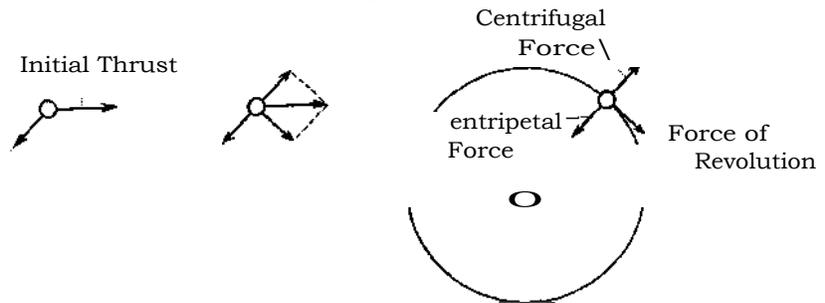


8. The Reasons Why All Beings are Made with Dual Characteristics

- '1) For a being to exist, force is needed. This force is generated by give and take action, and this action is performed between a subject and an object. So, there must be subject and object in order for anything to exist.
- (2) All beings have an eternal nature, and eternity exists in circular motion. This is produced by the give and take action of subject and object.

The subject exerts centripetal force on the object, and the object exerts centrifugal force on the subject. By the balance of these two forces, the object maintains its orbit around the subject.

Example:



When a man throws an object on a string, there is the force of the initial thrust, and there is the force of pulling on the string. The force of the initial thrust can be broken down into centrifugal force and the force of revolution. The pulling force then becomes centripetal force, which must balance the centrifugal force in order to make the object revolve around the subject in circular motion.

Therefore, there must be subject and object for anything to exist eternally, and all beings are made with dual characteristics.

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Section 3
Purpose Of Creation

A. God's Motivation for His Creation

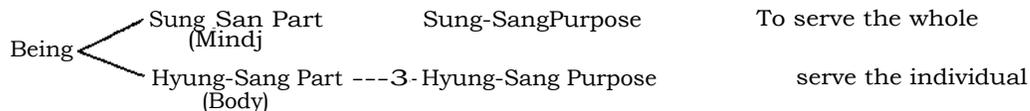
What was God's motivation for beginning His creation? We can understand this by investigating man's desire for life, and his motivation for creative work. Man does not want to be isolated. Man always wants to have an object with which he can perform give and take action to produce joy. From this we know that man's desire is to have joy and happiness. Where does this desire (nature) come from? This comes from God's nature.

From this we can understand that God also wants to have joy. Therefore, God's motivation for His creation was to produce joy. Whenever God finished some part of His creation, He said it was good (Gen. 1:4-31). So, God is joyful when He sees His creation. But God has complete joy only when man lives in perfect joy by establishing the kingdom of heaven on earth and in the spirit world.

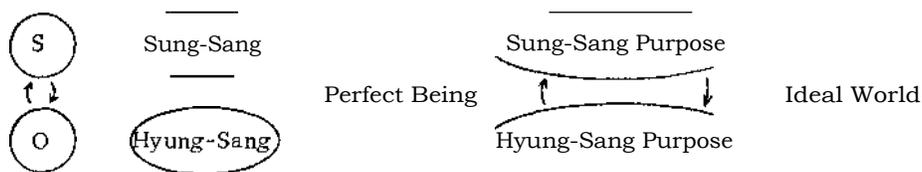
B. Sung-Sang Purpose and Hyung-Sang Purpose

Every being of creation has a purpose, which is also the purpose of the Creator of that being. The purpose of any being or thing is given by its creator, not by itself.

Every being has dual parts of sung-sang and hyung-sang, and each part has its own purpose, a sung-sang purpose and a hyung-sang purpose.



The sung-sang part pursues the sung-sang purpose, and the hyung-sang part pursues the hyung-sang purpose. Man's sung-sang is represented by his original mind, which is manifested in his conscience, and his hyung-sang is represented by his body. Conscience always desires to do goodness for the whole. Therefore, the sung-sang purpose has the desire to serve the whole, while man's body always seeks individual satisfaction. Therefore, the hyung-sang purpose is the purpose to serve the individual.



For a being to be perfect, its sung-sang part (subject) and hyung-sang part (object) must have good give and take. Likewise, to have an ideal purpose, the sung-sang purpose (subject) and hyung-sang purpose (object) must have good give and take action.

By the Principle of Creation, the sung-sang purpose should be given a higher priority since it is the subject, but in the fallen world, man puts more emphasis on fulfilling his hyung-sang purpose. This is the reason why the fallen world became the world of selfishness, disharmony and struggle.

To have a harmonious and prosperous world of beauty, truth and goodness, the sung-sang purpose must become the leading purpose of man's life.

When man puts more emphasis on his sung-sang purpose, he becomes a man of service and love to other people. If every man becomes such a man, the world will become a world of peace and love. This is the ideal world.

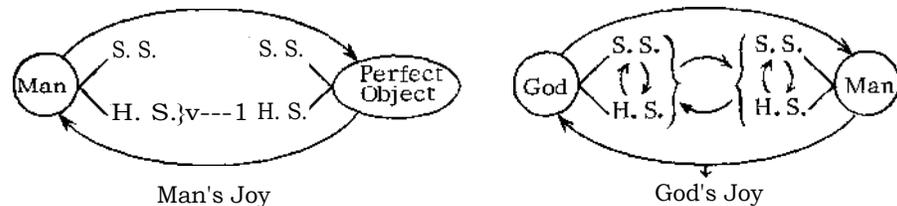
In the ideal world, there cannot be a hyung-sang purpose apart from the sung-sang purpose, nor can there be a sung-sang purpose which does not guarantee the hyung-sang purpose. Therefore, the ideal world is one huge organic body, interwoven with the dual purposes of all the creation.

C. Objects of Goodness for God's Joy

1. How is Joy Produced?

When man's desire is fulfilled, man receives joy.

Joy is produced when a being has an object which reflects his dual characteristics and which gives stimulating sentiments to his sung-sang and hyung-sang, fulfilling his desires. A being also feels joy when his dual characteristics are complemented by his object's dual characteristics.



When an artist projects his sung-sang and hyung-sang fully into the sung-sang and hyung-sang of his created works and receives stimulating sentiment to his own sung-sang and hyung-sang from his creation, then he feels the greatest joy.

Man gains joy from the stimulating beauty of nature and by his own creative work.

For man the most perfect object which can reflect man's dual characteristics of sung-sang and hyung-sang is man. Therefore, from man he can receive the greatest joy.

Man is the highest object for God to have give and take with, and can fully stimulate God's Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang. But by the fall, man lost his objective position to God.

2. God's Suffering After Man's Fall

By the fall of man, God lost His beloved children who were created in His image as His substantial bodies. When God saw that man fell, He could not bear it. His heart was broken and He felt the greatest sorrow. God created man to be such a loving being, and God poured out everything He had, His heart, love and energy to make men His children, the masterpieces of all His creation. Man was created as such a valuable being that without man, God's ideal could not be realized. However, God lost His children by the fall.

Also, God lost all the creation, because the lords of creation, men, were taken by Satan. God's purpose and ideal of creating man and the universe was to receive joy and happiness by having perfect give and take action with them. God lost everything, and because of this, God came to have no object which fully reflects His own Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang to perform give and take action with. Thus, God could not realize His purpose of creating man and the universe.

Instead God saw the most hateful relationships develop between fallen people and Satan. The men who were created to be God's children became Satan's children. The men who were created to be the lords of all creation became the servants of servants. However, fallen men do not know of their miserable state, and are content with it. Fallen men deny the existence of God, and do all kinds of evil against God, realizing the world of tragedy. So, God lost not only His children, but God's children came to stand against Him as His enemies. God repented that He created man, and said that it grieved Him to His heart (Gen. 6:6).

God stands in a paradoxical position; He cannot hate fallen men because they were created as His children originally by Him, and He cannot fully love them, because they became children of Satan. He cannot destroy them, but must work to save them from the fallen state to the original state of creation.

When God sends His representatives and even His beloved Son, fallen man just opposes them, stoning and killing them. Therefore, the purpose of God's creation was never accomplished, but on the contrary, the opposite results came about, increasing God's sorrow.

Isaiah 1:3 "The ox knows its owner, and the ass its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people does not understand. "

God's expectation for man was so great when He started His work of creation that the disappointment and sorrow and anguish which God felt when man fell were very great. We cannot find any man or being more grievous than God. Whenever God sees His fallen children and creation, it reminds Him of the fall of man and makes God sorrowful. God desperately wants to have His children restored and wants to love them. For this He is doing salvation providence.

Therefore, we must ease His suffering and comfort Him, and return joy to God by restoring our original position as His children.

3. The Objects of Goodness for the Joy of God

When does God experience joy?

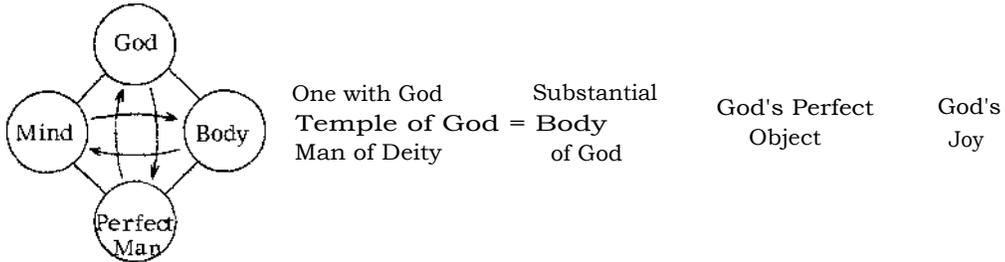
God created man in His image. Therefore, perfect man is His body and His perfect object. God wanted to experience joy from as many objects in as many circumstances and environments as possible, in order to produce the greatest joy. This is the reason why He gave man the three blessings (Gen. 1:28).

Man experiences the greatest joy when he fulfills God's three blessings in the ideal world of God. God experiences the greatest joy when man does that, because man is His substantial body.

Therefore, the fulfillment of each of His three blessings becomes the object of goodness for God's joy.

(1) Fulfillment of the first blessing of God

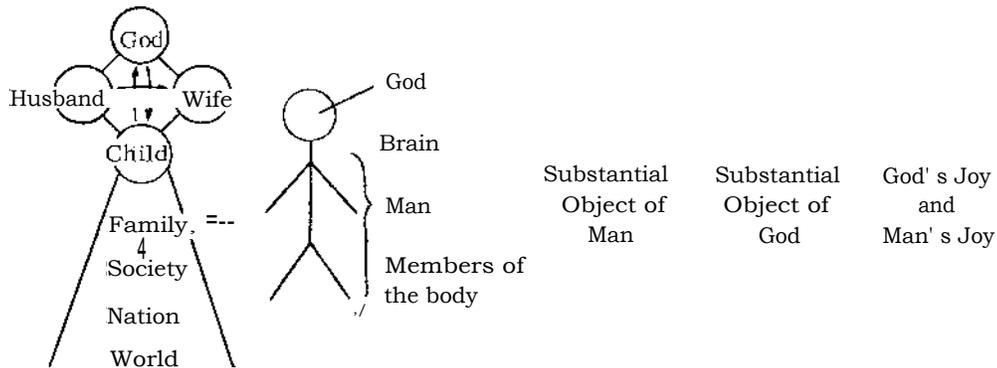
God's first blessing is the perfection of individual man. Perfect man is a substantial object of goodness to God; his mind perceives God's heart and moves according to God's will, and his body moves by the directives of his mind. When man is perfected in this way, he becomes one with God, feels the heart of God, and comes to possess deity, or God's nature. From this perfect object God experiences stimulation to His own Sung-Sang and Hyung-Sang, and joy is produced.



In I Corinthians 3:16, Paul speaks of perfected man with the words, "You are God's temple and God's spirit dwells in you." Likewise, Jesus himself (John 14:20) talks about man's achieving perfection, saying "... in that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you", and "you must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Because perfected man feels the heart of God, he will not think of doing anything that would cause God sorrow.

(2) Fulfillment of the second blessing of God

The second blessing of God is the multiplication of children of goodness. When perfect man and perfect woman unite in marriage, they produce perfect children, who are not only objects of goodness to the parents, but are also one in heart with the ideals of God. From ideal homes there arises an ideal society. When maximum unity and order are achieved, the society resembles the body and mind of a perfected man, and is capable of functioning as one perfected man. God, as the directive force of the society, is comparable to the mind of a perfected man. The members of the society are comparable to the members of the body. In this situation, the brain provides direction, and all the various parts of the body function effectively and harmoniously as a whole. Such a society is a substantial object of goodness to God. A perfected society gives rise to a perfected nation, and perfected nations make up the perfected world. Give and take between this world and God results in the stimulation of the sung-sang and hyung-sang natures of both God and man, bringing about their mutual joy.



(3) Fulfillment of the third blessing of God

God's third blessing is man's dominion of the creation.

If man is going to exercise dominion over the creation, it is necessary that man and the creation have elements in common. Therefore, all things in the creation are made after the image of man, reflecting his sung-sang and hyung-sang characteristics.

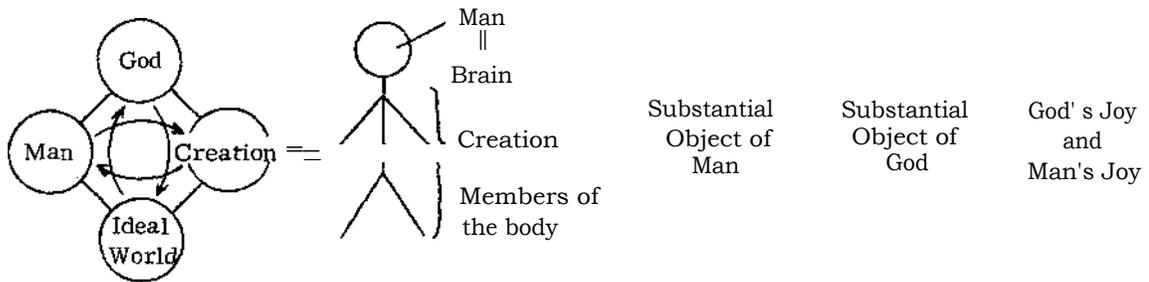
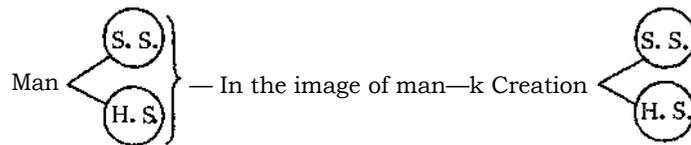
Man and animals: All the elements, structures, functions and natures within animals are also found within man. There are many examples of this: all the sounds produced by animals may be imitated by man's vocal cords; the forms of all created things can be seen in man's body; the internal organs of animals resemble those of man, although man's are more complex; even the cellular structure of an animal resembles that of a man.

Man and plants: Likewise, man possesses within himself all the elements, structures, and functions found within the plant kingdom. For instance, the cells of plants resemble those in man's body. A plant's leaves can be compared to man's lungs, its trunk to man's heart; the xylem and phloem to arteries and veins, and the roots, to man's stomach: each pair has a similar function.

Man and minerals : Man's body is likewise composed of all the elements found in the mineral kingdom.

Man and earth: The overall structure of the earth may be compared to man's body: the grass and vegetation comparable to man's hair, the earth's crust to man's skin; the earth's layers to man's musculature, underground waterways to blood vessels; rocklayer and iron core to bones, and the earth's molten center to the bone marrow of man. In this way, the earth resembles man.

God created the universe in order to allow man to experience joy by receiving stimulation to his sung-sang and hyung-sang from the universe, which is the substantial object for man's sung-sang and hyung-sang. The ideal relationship of man, the universe, and God is illustrated in the following diagrams.



When perfect man exercises dominion over the creation, man and the creation become one. In this case, man works as the brain of the perfect man's body, and creation as the body's members, taking the form of one perfect man. Man directs and controls all the creation of God, who is one with perfect man. In this way, God's ideal world is formed.

Since this world has the form of one perfect man, it becomes the substantial object of man, and in turn becomes the substantial object of God. Therefore, both God and man receive stimulation to their sung-sang and hyung-sang from this world, and feel great joy.

(4) Conclusion

The ultimate purpose of creation will be realized when the kingdom of heaven is established both in the physical world and spirit world.

The kingdom of heaven is like a perfect man. In the perfectly functioning body the brain directs the nervous system, and all members respond harmoniously to achieve the purpose for which they were created. Also, in the heavenly society God will direct perfect man, who will respond harmoniously to God, thus achieving His ideal world of creation.

The purpose of God's creation of man and the universe is to receive the greatest joy.

Man and nature, man and his creative work, man and man, brothers and sisters, husband and wife, parents and children, and God and man all feel joy through give and take action.

When man feels the greatest joy, the creation also feels the greatest joy, and ultimately God also feels the greatest joy.

Therefore, the purpose of man's life and the universe is to return the greatest joy to God.

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Section 4

Creation Process Of The Universe, And The Growth Period Of Creation

A. The Creation Process of the Universe

1. God Created the Universe in Six Days (Gen. 1:31), Which Represent Six Stages

These days are not actual 24 hour days, but the six days represent six epochs of time. These are similar to the geological periods known as the Cosmozoic (Cosmic), Azoic, Archeozoic, Proterozoic, Paleozoic, and Cenozoic eras.

In II Peter 3:8, it says that with the Lord one day is as 1, 000 years and 1, 000 years as one day, so the time element used is symbolic.

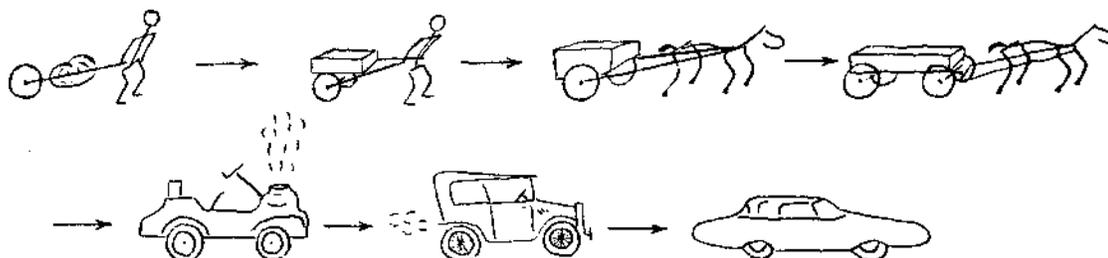
1st Day	2nd Day	3rd Day	4th Day*	5th Day	6th Day
Light	Firmament	Sea	Sun	Fish	Mammals
Darkness	Upper Water	Land	Moon	Birds	Man
	Lower Water	Plants	Stars		

' Due to great changes, a layer of gases, smoke and clouds had covered the earth and was dissipated at this time; and the sun, moon and stars, created on the first day, became visible from the earth.

2. Sequence of Creation

(1) Man's Creative Work

Let us take a good look at the development of the automobile. A log became a wooden wheel, which multiplied into two, Man pulled this two-wheeled carriage, but his position was usurped by the horse, who was a much better means of locomotion anyway. Three wheels, then four, evolved. The horse-pulled carriage turned into a car with a steam engine, which evolved into an internal combustion engine. From this came the sleek, modern automobile.



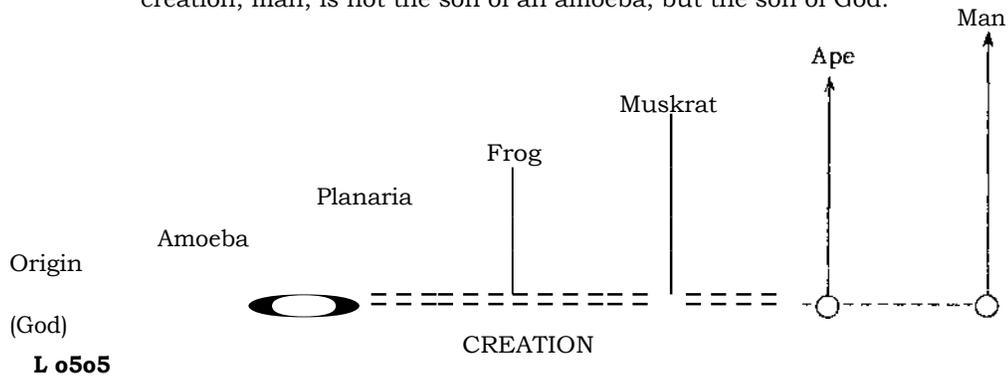
The evolutionary point of view is that each carriage survived the previous one by adapting to a changing environment. Thus, the wooden wheel shattered on the new cobblestone streets and evolved, in order to survive, into a rubber wheel. Manpower was the locomotion for this primitive carriage, until the tender soles of man's feet could not adapt to the changing environment; thus man evolved into a higher form of locomotion, the horse. The horse evolved into a steam engine because of environmental pressures. The steam engine could exist in situations in which the horse could not exist. The internal combustion engine was one of the children of the steam engine, which was unable to survive the adverse environmental situations.

To one who discovered these elements of the automobile without seeing the actual process, this explanation would seem very logical.

However, we know that the jump from each stage to the next was brought about by man's desire and purpose for that being. It was brought about by the continuous addition of man's energy, heart, intellect, will, skill and various materials to each previous being.

(2) God's Creative Work

Each being came from the origin, God, and was multiplied from the union of the Dual Characteristics within God. The fact that all beings seem to resemble each other does not mean that an amoeba mutated into ... and that into a planaria, into ... and from there into a frog, which went from ... to ... into a muskrat, and then into a ... which made an ape, which evolved into a man. The transition between lower beings and higher beings cannot take place by the energy and elements of a lower being alone. These beings resemble one another because they all come from one origin - God. Their development from lower beings indicates the continuous addition of God's energy, heart, intellect, will and creativity, to each being. Therefore, the highest creation, man, is not the son of an amoeba, but the son of God.



B. Growth Period of Creation

1. Necessity of a Growth Period

Every being needs time to reach a state of maturity or perfection. When a cause exists, it takes time to bring about the effect.

Cause ————— (Time) ————— > Effect

All the physical and chemical changes of matter require time to bring about effect. For the creation of the universe, time was also needed.

We call the time which is required for any being to reach perfection the growth period. All the creation reaches perfection after going through a growth period.

Evidence for the Growth Period

- (1) If there were no growth period in the creation process, it would not have taken any time for God to create the universe.
- (2) From the state of Adam and Eve before their fall:

Gen. 2:17 says not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and if you eat of it, you shall surely die. This means if you don't eat, you shall live. God did not create man as an already perfected being.

	Eat	—————	Die
Adam & Eve	Don't Eat		Live

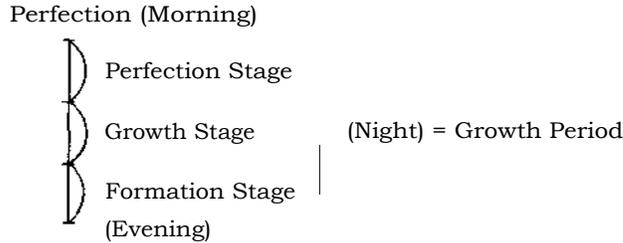
This stage was an unstable, unperfected state. Therefore, a warning was needed for Adam and Eve, which shows they were unperfected or immature.

- (3) There cannot be a fall after reaching perfection. If there was no growth period, Adam and Eve should have been mature and perfected from the beginning. Then they could not have fallen, because God is perfect and His creation should also be perfect. If a perfected being falls away, God cannot be a perfect, almighty God.

Therefore, Adam and Eve fell during their growth to perfection. If perfected men fall, there cannot be an ideal kingdom of heaven on earth. Salvation would not mean anything, because there would always be the possibility of a fall even after man receives full salvation.

2. Three Orderly Stages of Growth Period

The growth period is made of three stages: the formation stage, the growth stage, and the perfection stage.

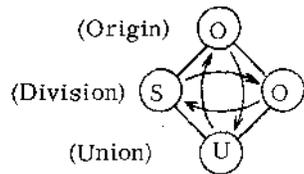


The Bible says there was evening and there was morning and it was one day. (Gen. 1:5)

Between evening and morning, there is night. This time corresponds to the growth period. Evening is the time when God's idea is realized in its smallest substantial form, with all the elements necessary to reach perfection. During the night time, which is the growth period, the being's self-contained potential to become perfect develops to its fullest extent. Morning is the time when it reaches perfection and is ready to fulfill its purpose of creation.

The Foundation for the Three Stages of the Growth Period

God: Male, Female, Union
 Four Position Foundation:



Parents, Husband & Wife, Children

Origin, Division, Union Action

Accomplishment of the Triple Objective Purpose

Eternity: Eternity is represented by circular motion, and a circle is determined by three points.

Stability: At least three supportive points are needed for stability.

Cubic World: By moving a point, a line is formed. By moving that line, a plane is established. By moving that plane, a cube is formed.

Some Examples of the Number 3 are :

Natural World :	Three Kingdoms : Animal, Vegetable, Mineral Three States of Matter : Gas, Liquid, Solid Plants : Roots, Trunk, Leaves Animals : Head, Body, Legs Earth : Earth layer, Rock layer, Lava layer Three Primary Colors Three Main Nutriments
Bible :	Growth period of evening, night, and morning Trinity : Father, Son and Holy Spirit Three Stages of Paradise, three archangels Three sons of Adam, three sons of Noah Three decks of Noah's Ark Three flights of doves from Noah's Ark Three kinds of sacrifices by Abraham Three days before reaching Mt. Moriah Three days of darkness in Egypt Moses' life of three times 40 years Three day course of Moses' exodus Jesus' preparation period of 30 years Jesus' three years of public ministry Three wise men, three gifts to Jesus Three major disciples. Three temptations Three prayers at Gethemane Peter's three denials Three hours of darkness on the cross Three days in the tomb Three questions to Peter The life of man mother's womb, physical world, spirit world

3. Indirect Dominion of God

(1) Indirect Dominion of God

God is perfect. To become the object of a perfect God, the object must also be perfect. An imperfect being cannot become the object of God. Therefore, God cannot control imperfect beings directly.

All creations go through a growth period to reach perfection. During this period, they are not perfect, so they cannot receive God's direct control.

God created the Principle first; then the creation. By the force of the Principle, all creation goes through a growth period to reach perfection. During this period, man's physical body and the creation grow to maturity automatically, through the controlling nature and autonomous power of the Principle itself. God controls the Principle, and therefore, they receive God's indirect control through the Principle. We call this the indirect dominion of God.

Every creation except man reached perfection through the force of the Principle. But only man fell, because he did not keep God's commandment. Man was created to reach perfection by keeping God's commandment as his own portion of responsibility.

Then, why did God give His commandment to man and not to other creatures?

Creation : Force of Principle _____ Perfection

Man : Force of Principle + God's Commandment--..Perfection
(Man's Portion of Responsibility)

Reasons why Man has to Fulfill his Portion of Responsibility

a. To give man creativity:

Man is created as the body of God, as the son of God, and as the representative of God. For man to become the son of God, he must have all the characteristics of God. Among God's characteristics, the most important one is creatorship. Therefore, man must inherit this creatorship from God, in order to become His son. Man, as a created being, cannot have creatorship or creativity without fulfilling a special condition. For this purpose God gives man responsibility to participate in his own creation. When man fulfills his responsibility, he becomes the co-creator of man, together with God. Thus, he comes to have creativity or creatorship.

b. To make man lord over all the creation:

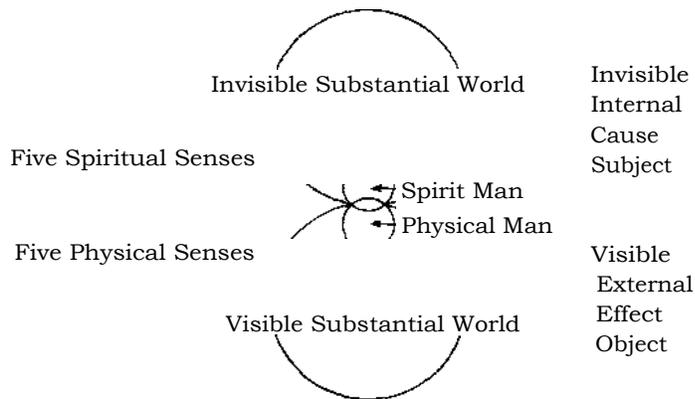
God wanted to make man lord over all the creation as His representative. To give man lordship, He had to make man superior to all other creations by letting him go through a course which no other creation could. For this purpose, God gave man alone his own portion of responsibility.

Section 5

The Invisible Substantial World And The Visible Substantial World, Centering On Man

A. Relationship between the Invisible Substantial World
and the Visible Substantial World

Every being is made in two parts, a sung-sang part and a hyung-sang part. So, the cosmos must also be made in two parts, the sung-sang side of the cosmos and the hyung-sang side of the cosmos. We call the sung-sang side of the cosmos the Invisible Substantial World or Spirit World, and the hyung-sang side of the cosmos, the Visible Substantial World or Physical World. The Invisible Substantial World is invisible, internal cause and subject, and the Visible Substantial World is visible, external effect and object.



The Invisible Substantial World is the environment for the spirit man, and the Visible Substantial World is the environment for the physical man. The two worlds are made after the pattern (image) of man, who has dual characteristics from God.

The Invisible Substantial World can be perceived by the five spiritual senses of man, and the Visible Substantial World can be perceived by the five physical senses of man.

Evidence for the Invisible Substantial World and the Spirit Man

(1) From Spiritual Phenomena

- a. There are many things which we cannot perceive through our five physical senses, but by examining the effect, we can come to know the existence of its cause.

For example, mind, force, electricity, high-frequency sound waves, radio waves, infra-red rays, ultra-violet rays, x-rays, gamma rays, cosmic rays, etc., cannot be perceived by man's five physical senses, but we know that they exist.

The existence of x-rays was discovered by the photographic effect of x-rays on the film.

If we apply the same method, then, by seeing spiritual phenomena, we have to admit the existence of the invisible substantial world and the spirit man.

- b. Scientists apply this method only to natural phenomena and not to spiritual phenomena because of the following two reasons:

Natural phenomena:

- i. can be reproduced by experiments
- ii. can be known by any man

Spiritual phenomena:

- i. cannot be reproduced by experiments
cannot be perceived by any man, but only by a limited number of people

- c. Why are spiritual phenomena not like natural phenomena?

Natural phenomena:

- i. According to the Principle of Creation, all creation is put under the control of man. Therefore, man can control natural phenomena and reproduce them at will.
- ii. Natural phenomena occur in the physical world. Therefore, any man can perceive them with his physical senses.

Spiritual phenomena:

- i. In man the spirit man is the subject and the physical man is the object. The spirit man is created to control the physical man, and not the physical man to control the spirit man. Therefore, man cannot reproduce spiritual phenomena at will.
- ii. Spiritual phenomena occur in the spirit world. Through the fall, give and take action between the spirit man and the physical man was cut off, and fallen man's spirit man could not grow. Therefore, most fallen people do not know the existence and work of spirit man, and have lost their perception of spiritual phenomena. This is the reason why only a limited number of people can perceive spiritual phenomena.

(2) From Biblical Verses

Luke 9:30 "And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah. "

Matt. 17:3	"And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him."
Gen. 2:7	"Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."
II Cor. 12:2	"I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows."
Eccles. 12:7	"And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."
I Cor. 15:44	'It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body:'

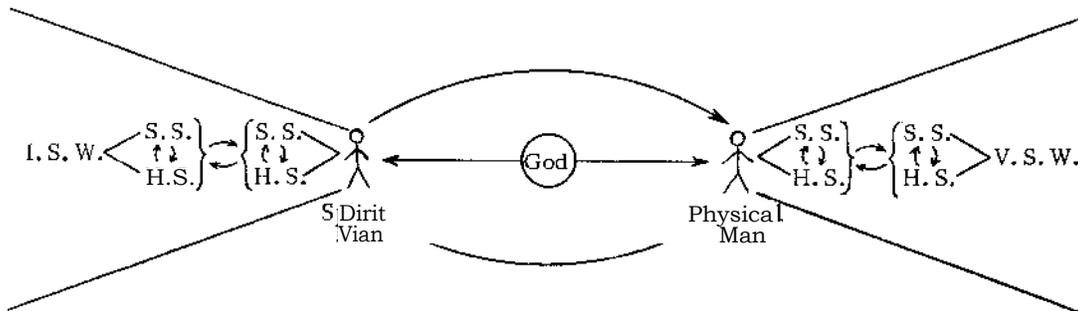
B. Position of Man in the Two Worlds

1. Man is a Microcosm of the Whole Cosmos

By projecting the sung-sang and hyung-sang of man's spirit man into a substantial form, God created the Invisible Substantial World. Therefore, the spirit man is the microcosm of the Invisible Substantial World.

By projecting the sung-sang and hyung-sang of man's physical man into a substantial form, God created the Visible Substantial World. Therefore, the physical man is the microcosm of the Visible Substantial World.

Man consists of the spirit man and the physical man. The cosmos also consists of the Invisible Substantial World and the Visible Substantial World. Therefore, perfect man is a microcosm of both worlds, and is the total substantial image of God.



We call the physical world and the spirit world together, "chunjod"(heaven and earth). So, man is a micro-chunjoo.

2, Man is the Lord of the Two Worlds

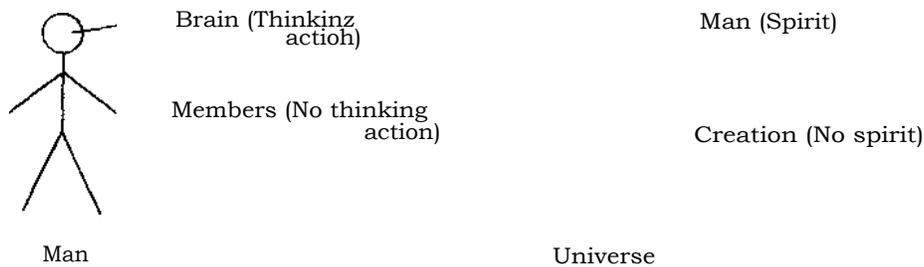
The spirit man and the Invisible Substantial World are made of the same elements, and the Invisible Substantial World is made after the pattern of the spirit man. Therefore, the spirit man is the subject to the Invisible Substantial World, and the spirit man can control the Invisible Substantial World. So man was created as the lord of the Invisible Substantial World.

The physical man and the Visible Substantial World are made of the same elements, and the Visible Substantial World is made after the pattern of the physical man. Therefore, the physical man is the subject to the Visible Substantial World, and the physical man can control the Visible Substantial World. So man was created as the lord of the Visible Substantial World.

Thus, perfect man is the lord of the two worlds.

3. Man is the Mediator and the Center of Harmony of the Two Worlds

The Visible Substantial World takes the form of one perfect man.



In man, only the brain thinks. The other members do not have that role.

Likewise, in the Visible Substantial World, only man has a spirit, and other creation does not.

The Invisible Substantial World and Visible Substantial World are created as subject and object, and they must have give and take action between them. But the Visible Substantial World, itself, cannot perform give and take action with the Invisible Substantial World, because it has no spiritual perception.

The Invisible Substantial World is all spirit, and the Visible Substantial World is all material. These two worlds are different realms. Therefore, in order to have give and take action between them, they need a mediator. This is perfect man.

Spirit man and the Invisible Substantial World are made of the same elements, therefore, they can have give and take action.

Physical man and the Visible Substantial World are made of the same elements, therefore they can have give and take action.

In perfect man, his spirit man, which is subject, and his physical body, which is object, can have perfect give and take action.

Thus, only through a perfect man can the Invisible Substantial World and the Visible Substantial World communicate with, and respond to, each other. Here, perfect man is called a mediator and a center of harmony between the two worlds.

The spiritual function of man is like that of a radio or television set.

If man reached perfection, he could freely perceive spiritual phenomena whenever he wanted, just as a perfect radio or television set would receive radio or television waves.

But through the fall, man became broken and lost his perception. A life of faith is the process of repairing broken man. When broken man is repaired to a certain degree, he regains his perception of the Invisible Substantial World. This is spiritual communication.

Through the fall, man lost his original position as microcosm, lord, mediator and center of harmony between the two worlds. This position will be restored to men when they become children of God.

Rom. 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. "

C. Correlation between Physical Man and Spirit Man

1. The Structure and Function of Man

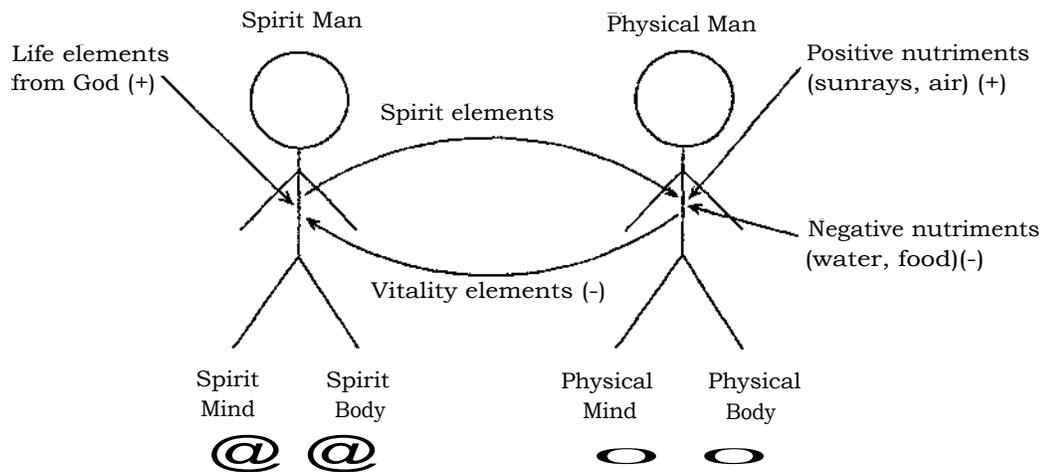
(1) The Physical Man

The physical man has a physical mind and a physical body. The physical mind is subject; the physical body is object. The physical mind controls the instinctive actions for existence, action, multiplication, sensation, and protection of the physical body.

For the growth and life of the physical man, it needs nourishment: positive nutriments and negative nutriments.

Positive nutriments are without form, and come from the sky (sunrays, air). Negative nutriments have form, and come from the earth (water, food).

The physical man gives vitality elements to the spirit man.



(2) The Spirit Man

The spirit man consists of spirit mind and spirit body. The spirit mind is subject, and controls the spirit body, which is object. Spirit mind is the most valuable part of man, and is the place where God can live. Because of this, man becomes the son of God and the lord of all creation.

Spirit body is the body of spirit man. The spirit man is subject to his physical man, which is object. The spirit man has the same appearance as the physical man. The spirit man can be perceived by man's five spiritual senses. The spirit man is lord of the spirit world. It can communicate with God directly. Also, it lives eternally in the spirit world after physical man's death.

For the growth and perfection of the spirit man, it needs nourishment: positive nutriments and negative nutriments. The positive nutriments are the life elements from God - basically God's love. This is like the parental love which children need to grow into maturity. However, through the fall, man left God's realm of love, and fell into the dominion of evil where he could not receive God's love. So, fallen man's spirit man cannot receive God's life elements and cannot grow to perfection. Fallen man must be restored to the original dominion of God's love by the Messiah, through his faith and fulfillment of responsibility. The negative nutriments for the growth of the spirit man are the vitality elements from the physical man. When the physical man follows the directions of the spirit mind centering on God's will, then the physical man gives stimulating energy for growth to the spirit man.

The spirit man gives spirit elements to the physical man. These are the elements to produce spiritual joy, or give new energy to the physical man.

2. Relationship Between the Physical Man and the Spirit Man

The physical man and the spirit man of every person have an active and varied relationship. This relationship is mutually beneficial to both the physical man and the spirit man.

The following relationships exist by the give and take action between the physical man and the spirit man.

- (1) The spirit man cannot grow without the vitality elements from the physical man. Therefore, the spirit man needs a physical man in order to fulfill its purpose and reach perfection.
- (2) Actions which contribute toward the fulfillment of God's purpose for man give good vitality elements to the spirit man, who becomes good. If man acts contrary to God's will, then evil vitality elements are given to spirit man, and he becomes evil.

The spirit man also returns to the physical man the same quality of spirit elements as those of the vitality elements received from the physical man.

Good vitality elements _____ Good spirit elements

Spirit man becomes better and better.

Evil vitality elements _____ Evil spirit elements

Spirit man becomes worse and worse.

- (3) Since everything a man does is transformed into vitality elements and transmitted to his spirit man, all of one's life is recorded in the spirit man. The spirit man is like a video tape recorder on which a man's entire life may be seen.
- (4) Man commits crimes with his physical body, and gives evil vitality elements to his spirit man. Then the spirit man cannot grow and becomes ugly. To compensate for this, man must do good things which redeem his crimes, by giving good vitality elements to his spirit man. If man fails in doing this while he is with his physical body on the earth, he loses his chance for compensation.

Man fell during his lifetime on earth by committing the original sin. Therefore, this sin can only be redeemed on earth.

Man is created to become perfect while on earth; both the physical man and the spirit man. There cannot be a perfect spirit man without a perfect life on earth.

So, the kingdom of heaven will be opened on earth first, then in the spirit world.

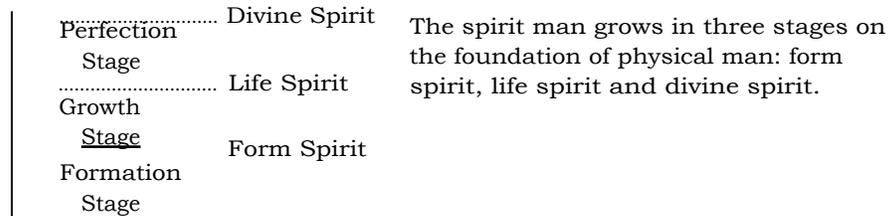
This is the reason why Jesus came to earth, and left the keys to the kingdom of heaven with man on the earth, and said "whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matt. 16:19, Matt. 18:18)

- (5) Spirit man's perception of love is cultivated in man's life on earth. In order to feel God's love fully, one must become perfect both in his physical body and his spirit man, and establish the four position foundation centering on God. There he experiences all types of God's love: parental love, conjugal love, and children's love. By doing so, his spirit man can also feel God's love fully after entering the spirit world.

The place where man can experience these three types of God's love on earth is the kingdom of heaven on earth. The Messiah comes to establish the God-centered four position foundation on earth. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven on earth must be established by the Messiah first, and then the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world will be opened.

From this we can understand why Jesus and the Lord of the Second Advent must come to the earth.

- (6) Growth of the spirit man



- (7) In the man of original creation, the spirit man perceives all things of the spirit world with the five spiritual senses. Because of the give and take action between the spirit man and the physical man, this perception is felt by the physical man as biological phenomena, and this is perceived by the five physical senses of the physical man.

- (8) Life of physical man and life of spirit man

Life of physical man _____ > 100 years

Life of spirit man _____ Eternity

All people want profit. But what is true profit? Many people think of profit in terms of money, material things or physical love. But true profit is spiritual, and is the attainment of the true value of man. The true value of man is in the perfection of the spirit mind, and this perfection is achieved by receiving God's love (life elements). Therefore, true profit is the perfection of the spirit man. True wisdom is to know this truth.

The spirit man in the spirit world knows this fact, but because he no longer has a physical body, it is too late for him to utilize his knowledge to perfect his own spirit man on earth.

Fallen man on earth cannot know this truth by himself. Therefore, even though he has a physical body, fallen man cannot utilize it to perfect his spirit man.

Who is the happiest man? The happiest man is the man who knows this truth through the Messiah, and can utilize his physical body to perfect his spirit man while he lives on the earth.

The life span of 100 years on earth is just a brief second in eternity, and man's perfection must come during this time. Each moment of the physical life is a most valuable opportunity to have perfect give and take action with God. This is the way to gain true, eternal life and happiness.

Example : Buddha gave up his luxurious life in a palace to go into the mountains and seek the Way of man. Jesus and Confucius taught the way of suffering to seek goodness rather than material happiness on earth.

(9) Destination of spirit man

God does not determine whether a spirit man goes to the kingdom of heaven or to hell. This is determined by the stage of development which the spirit man attains on earth.

(10) Multiplication of spirit men

The multiplication of spirit men is possible only during physical life on earth. This is the miracle of childbirth: that a spirit man is reproduced in the physical world. The spirit man begins to form in the womb at the time of conception, develops through gestation, and begins life when the child begins to breathe after birth.

3. Relationship Between Fallen Man's Spirit Man and Physical Man

For the growth of the spirit man, life elements from God and vitality elements from the physical man are needed. The life elements are positive and subject, the vitality elements are negative and object. From this we can understand that the life elements are more important for the growth of the spirit man.

By the fall, fallen man was cut off from God and God's dominion of love and life elements. So, fallen man cannot receive the life elements from God. Because of this, however much he receives good vitality elements from his physical body by doing good deeds, he cannot return the same quality good spirit elements to his physical body.

Good spirit elements are made by the combination of the life elements and good vitality elements within the spirit man.

The power to perform good deeds is generated by the good give and take action between good vitality elements and good spirit elements. But fallen man is not receiving good spirit elements corresponding to the vitality elements. Because of this, it is very difficult for him to continue his life of good deeds.

Without receiving life elements from God, the spirit man cannot grow properly, even though the physical body of the man may grow to perfection.

In this case, fallen man, with his impeded spirit man, cannot return the same quality of good spirit elements to the physical body for the good vitality elements which he receives from his physical body when he performs a good action.

As man gradually restores his original position, he comes to receive a certain amount of God's life elements according to the degree of growth he has achieved.

Satan is confining fallen man under his dominion, cutting off fallen man from God's dominion of love and life elements.

As fallen man gradually restores his original capacity by the merit of the restoration providence and salvation, it becomes easier for him to break through the confinement of Satan, and thus he comes to receive some portion of God's life elements.

Through this process, fallen man's spirit gradually grows.

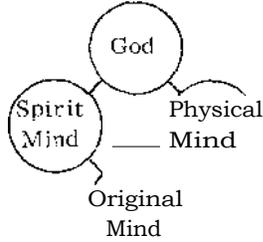
Even though man is fallen, God sometimes gives certain people the power to heal physical diseases. Such a man receives this gift by his hard prayer and efforts in making conditions to break through Satan's confinement, and according to his natural abilities and talents. He performs the healing by giving strong spirit elements to the physical body of the patient.

There is a limit for fallen man to receive life elements from God. This limit will be eliminated by the Messiah, when man believes in him and unites with him.

D. Man's Mind Seen from the Relationship of Spirit Mind and Physical Mind

The relationship between the spirit mind and the physical mind is a relationship of sung-sang and hyung-sang. Man's mind is the union of his spirit mind (sung-sang) and physical mind (hyung-sang) through give and take action.

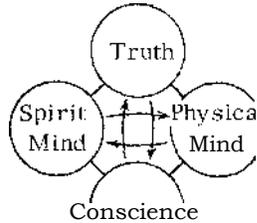
(1) Original Mind



In perfected man of original creation, his spirit mind and physical mind perform give and take action centering on God. We call this union man's original mind.

Even though man fell, because of the work of his original nature given by God at the time of creation, man's spirit mind and physical mind want to take the objective position to God and direct man toward goodness by performing good give and take action centered on God.

(2) Conscience



Spirit mind and physical mind perform give and take action, centering on the truth, and become one. We call this unity the conscience of man.

If man had not fallen, he could possess the perfect truth which is one with God. For a perfect man, the original mind and conscience are united into one.

From the difference between the truth and fallen man's view or understanding of the truth, the deviation between the original mind and conscience occurred. When this is reconciled, conscience and original mind become one.

The original mind is the sung-sang element of the mind, and conscience is the hyung-sang element of the mind.

(3) Evil Mind



After man fell, fallen man came under the dominion of Satan, and became one with Satan. Therefore, in many cases fallen man's spirit mind and physical mind perform give and take action against his original nature, centering on Satan.

We call this union of the spirit mind and the physical mind centering on Satan, the evil mind.

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Section 6
Original Value

A. Definition and Determination of Value

We have already explained that God has the dual characteristics of sung-sang and hyung-sang, and the dual characteristics of positivity and negativity. Therefore, all of the beings in the creation also have the dual characteristics of sung-sang and hyung-sang and the dual characteristics of positivity and negativity.

Here, sung-sang is subject and hyung-sang is object; positivity is subject; and negativity is object.

Without subject and object, nothing can exist as a being. Then, what is the relationship between the subject and the object?

The subject exists for the object, and the object exists for the subject. Each of them exists for the other, and without its counterpart neither one can exist.

The subject is in the central position and it controls the object.

Then, how is the value of a being determined?

The value of a being is the quality or nature which gives meaning to the existence of that being and enables the being to achieve its purpose as either God or perfect man or both desire.

Every being comes to have its value and manifest this value when the subject and object unite, centering on the subject, in accordance with God's will.

All the beings in creation are made by God with a purpose. Therefore, only when the subject and the object of a being perform give and take action as God desires, can they become beings of value or form a being of value.

1. Value of Man and His Objects

(1) Value of man

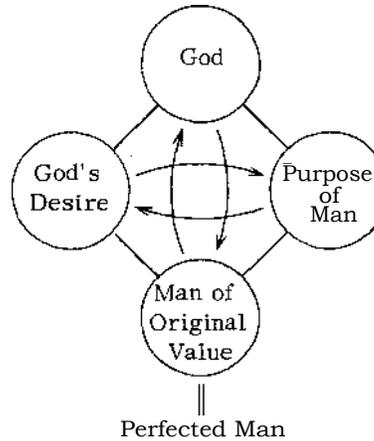
Man has mind and body. Mind is subject and body is object. The mind exists for the body and the body exists for the mind. But the mind is in the central position and must control the body. When man's mind and body are united through the give and take action between them, centering on his mind which is one with God, he comes to have the value of a perfected man.

God created man, and God is like the mind and man is like His body. God is the subject of man, and man is the object of God. God exists for man, and man exists for God, but the central position is held by God.

Therefore, when God and man unite through the give and take action between them, centering on God, man comes to have the value of perfected man of God.

When we see this relationship from the standpoint of God's desire for man, and the purpose of man, then we can explain it as follows.

When man's purpose is objective to God's desire and they become united through give and take action centering on God, then man comes to have the value of perfected man.



This man of original value, perfected man, takes a third objective position to God and thus the four position foundation is established. The center of the four position foundation is God, and therefore God is the absolute standard for determining the value of man.

Man exists as male and female. Both man and woman reach perfection through the growth period, and when they are united into one as perfected husband and perfected wife, the husband becomes the subject and the wife becomes the object. The perfect husband exists for his wife, and the perfect wife exists for her husband. When they perform good give and take action centering on the husband, the value of the perfect couple comes to exist.

(2) Value of man's objects

There are many positions for man to stand in as subject or object. Man's value becomes the highest when man stands as the object before the greatest subject, or stands as subject before the greatest object.

mangy "'himself	man'his nation
man_, <u> </u> his family	man'world
man his relatives	man'cosmos
man his society	<u>man</u> ' <u> </u> ;God

If a man lives for himself alone, he becomes a selfish man and nobody will respect him. He becomes a man of the least value.

If a man lives for his family, then his family members will be grateful for him and love him, but other people will not feel this way.

If a man lives only for his relatives, he will become a man who is bound to his relatives and who is loved only by them, not by other people.

If a man lives for his society, he will become a man who is loved only by the society he lives in, but not by people outside his society.

If a man lives only for his nation, then he will be loved by his people but not by the people of nations other than his own.

If a man lives only for the physical world, then he will not gain a high place in the spirit world, and he will not be welcomed and loved by the spirit men in the spirit world.

If a man lives for the world and the cosmos, then he lives for God. If he lives for God, then a man lives for all these things: the cosmos, world, nation, his society, his relatives, his family, and himself. He then becomes the man of the greatest value.

God loves man and the universe; therefore, He wants man to love Him by loving all mankind and the universe. Therefore, when man loves all mankind and the universe as a representative of God, he comes to love God.

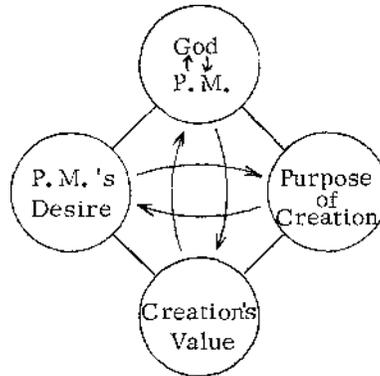
(3) Value of the creation

God made all the creation for man, and man was created as the lord of all the creation. Man is the subject and creation is his object. Man exists for the creation as its subject, and the creation exists for man as his object.

When perfect man and the creation perform good give and take action centering on man who is one with God, the value of the creation is determined. This value is the combination of man's controlling effort and the creation.

When we see this relationship from the standpoint of man's desire for the creation, and the purpose of creation, then we can explain it as follows.

When perfected man's desire in the subject position and the purpose of creation in the object position perform give and take action and unite into one, the creation's value is determined. Then the value of the creation takes the third objective position to God, forming the four position foundation. Since perfected man is the substantial God, the perfected man becomes the standard of value for creation.

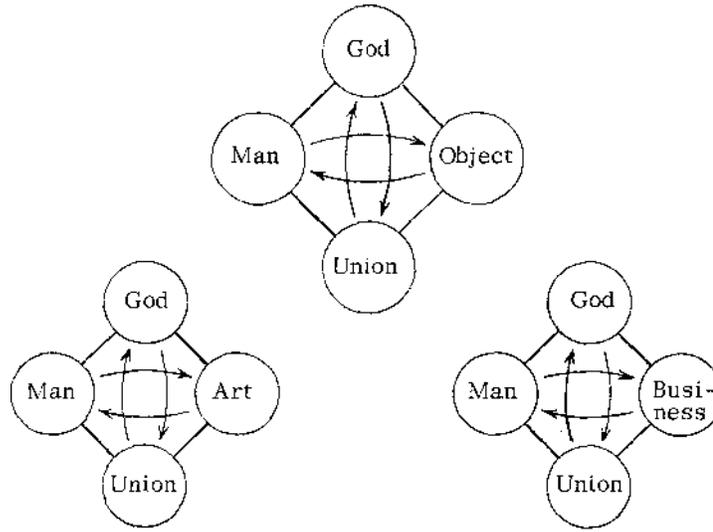


(4) Standard of Value

In the ideal world of God's creation, the standard of value is God, who is absolute. Therefore, once any being fulfills its purpose and takes an objective position to God, it comes to have absolute value.

Example:

- a. When an artist of perfected nature has give and take action with paints and canvas, he produces a painting. This painting is the union of the subject, man, and his object, the materials he uses. When this painting satisfies man's desire which is one with God's desire, it then comes to have the creation's value, and takes the third objective position to God.
- b. When a perfected man looks at a painting, the man is in the subject position and the painting is his object. Their union is the man's appreciation of the painting; when this appreciation satisfies man's desire to receive joy, which in turn satisfies God's desire, it comes to have the value of the creation, and takes on absolute value.



In today's world, the standard of value varies according to ideology, and fallen man does not have a perfect ideology, because fallen man is cut off from God, and the perfect ideology can only come from God. So, we cannot find an absolute standard of value in the fallen world.

The man of value is the man who works for all mankind and the universe to achieve the purpose of God's creation as God desires.

2. Original Value of Perfected Man

Man is created to be God's substantial body, God's image, God's child, and God's representative to the creation. So, when man reaches perfection through the growth period, he takes an objective position to God and performs give and take action with Him, uniting in oneness with Him.

Thus, God dwells in man's spirit mind and directs his life.

Therefore, the perfected man becomes one with God, a temple of God and a man of deity, inheriting God's nature. So, we say that perfected man is:

- (1) A man of God's value. Perfected man reflects God's nature just as body reflects mind.
- (2) A man of eternal value. Perfected man is object of the eternal God, and exists eternally with his spirit man in the spirit world with God.

- (3) A man of unique value. Every individual man is one unique part of God's Infinite Nature.
- (4) A man of cosmic value. The cosmos is created after the pattern of man. So, we say that man is the total substantial image of the cosmos.

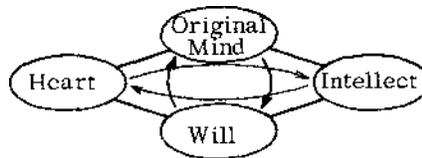
This man of original value is the man God wanted to have on earth and in the spirit world. Such a man is a man of truth and authority. All men have wanted to become like this man. All creation has longed for this man. This man establishes the Dominion of Love.

B. Emotion, Intellect and Will: Beauty, Truth and Goodness

Man's mind has three major functions: emotion, intellect and will.

Heart is the root of emotion, and is deeper than emotion. Emotion is one expression of the heart.

Within the original mind of man, there is give and take action between the heart and intellect. By this give and take action, the will is formed.



Through his emotion, intellect and will, man seeks beauty, truth and goodness respectively.

The original subject of man is God. Therefore, man's mind pursues original beauty, truth and goodness when it responds to the original emotion, intellect and will of God.

GOD :	EMOTION	INTELLECT	_____	WILL
MAN :	EMOTION	INTELLECT	_____	WILL
	BEAUTY	TRUTH		GOODNESS

Among these three functions of mind, the most fundamental one is emotion. God's motivation for the creation of man and the universe is His emotional desire for joy.

Intellect is the guide to reach the goal of bringing joy to God, and will gives the direction and encouragement for the fulfillment of joy.

From man's mind, art, science and religion are developed. Art is the fulfillment of the desire for beauty, science is the fulfillment of the desire for truth, and religion is the fulfillment of the desire for goodness. These three fields will fulfill three functions of man's mind.

	Man's Mind	
Emotion	Intellect	Will
Art	Science	Religion

The ideal world is the world where all the purposes of religions and sciences are already fulfilled.

Therefore, in this world, the creativity of man can be fully developed and realized to the highest degree in cultural and artistic accomplishments. This world is the world of beauty, truth and goodness.

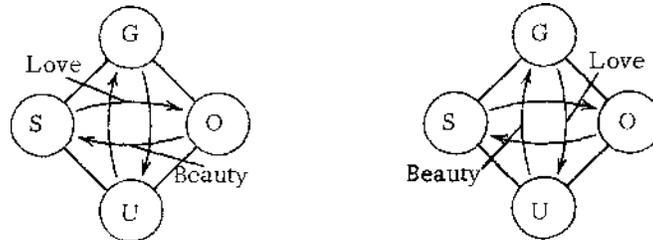
C . Love and Beauty

1. Love and Beauty

When the subject and object perform give and take action and establish the four position foundation, we call the emotional force which the subject gives to the object love, and we call the emotional force which the object returns to the subject beauty.

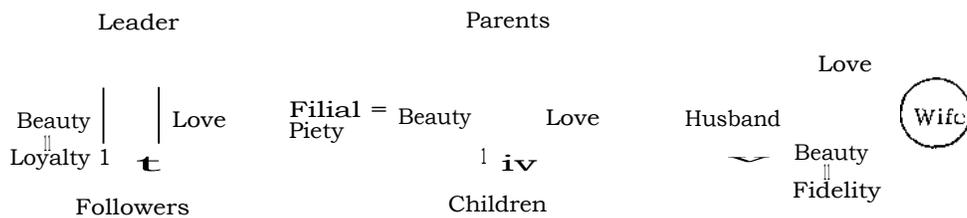
The force of love is active and the force of beauty is passive.

When the subject gives love to the object and the object responds in beauty, they become one. When this occurs, the subject and object may freely change positions, each standing in the place of the other.



Love is the determining factor for ownership. The man with a pure heart who loves something more than anyone else is entitled to own that thing.

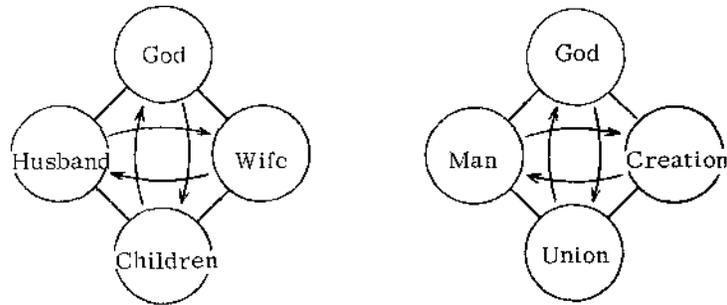
2. Loyalty, Filial Piety, Fidelity



3. Purpose of Love and Beauty

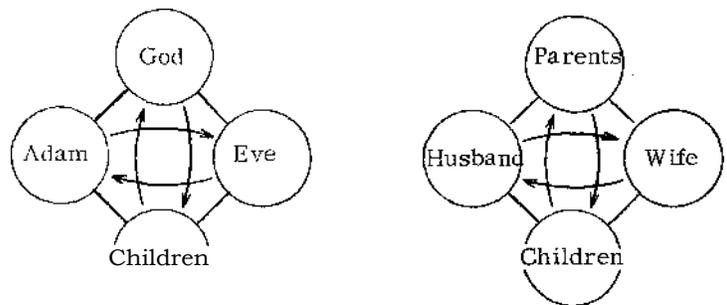
The purpose of love and beauty is fulfilled when the subject becomes one with the object, and when the origin (God, the central figure) becomes one with the union (children), by having give and take action between them. This establishes the four position foundation, which fulfills the desire for joy of both God and man.

So, the purpose of love and beauty is to fulfill the desire for joy of both God and man by establishing the God-centered four position foundation.



4. Love of God

God's purpose of creation is to establish a God-centered four position foundation. The four position foundation is the accomplishment of the triple objective purpose, and it can be realized by the give and take action of the three types of objective love: parental love, conjugal love, and children's love toward the parents.



The love of God is composed of these three objective loves, and is the subjective love in the four position foundation.

The four position foundation is the object of beauty and joy by which man can feel the perfect love of God, and is the fundamental base of goodness which completes the purpose of creation.

5. Heart of God

Man has a spirit man and a physical body. The spirit man is an immortal being which goes to the spirit world, and the physical body is a mortal being which returns to earth. The spirit man consists of the spirit mind and the spirit body. The spirit mind is the sung-sang part of the spirit man and is the essence of man, or man himself. Man's value is in his spirit mind. When man's spirit mind works, it manifests itself as his heart. Spirit mind is invisible and has no form.

What is the essence of God? It is like man's spirit mind. It is invisible and has no form. It is the source of man's spirit mind. We call it God's infinite spirit of heart and love. When God's spirit works with His children, men, and the creation, it manifests itself as His heart. God's heart is fully expressed wherever God's three blessings to man are realized, and a God-centered four position foundation is established.

Man becomes perfect when his spirit mind grows to perfection. For spirit mind to reach perfection, it needs to receive parental love from parents, and God's life elements, God's heart and love to man, from God. The full development of man's heart comes after the perfection of man's spirit mind. The perfection of spirit mind is the beginning time of its proper function, and of the further growth of heart. For example, a tree can only bear perfect blossoms or fruit after reaching perfection.

When man's spirit mind reaches perfection, that is the point where man and woman can get married by the blessing of God as husband and wife. From that point, a new experience of life starts, and the heart begins to blossom to its full capacity. Man's heart is further developed by experiencing conjugal love and marital life, and also by giving parental love to his children, receiving love from them, and experiencing parental life with his children.

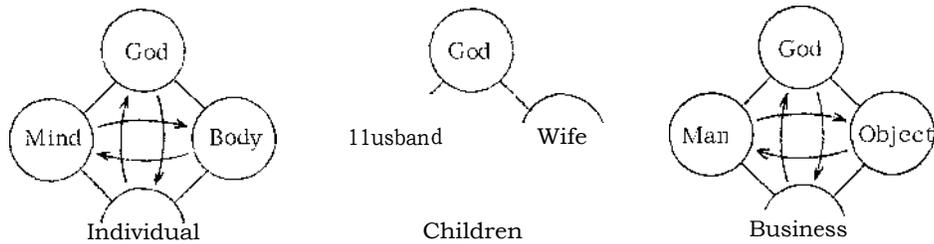
In a God-centered four position foundation, God's position is the parents' position. Therefore, when man and woman come to take the parents' position in the God-centered four position foundation, they come to take God's position. By taking God's position, their hearts inherit all the attributes of God's heart. So, perfection of man's heart is reached when man and woman take the position of parents by going through the position of children, the position of husband and wife, and then giving birth to their own children and raising them as the children of God.

The essence of God's love and man's love is the heart of God. Love is the base by which heart can work. Therefore, the God-centered four position foundation is the foundation of both God's heart and love. When man establishes God-centered four position foundations on earth, man comes to live in the world of God's heart and love. This is the kingdom of heaven. To be the leaders of the kingdom of heaven, men must be equipped with God's heart and love for their people.

D. Good and Evil

Goodness is the activity which fulfills the purpose of God's creation. This is done by the give and take action between subject and object in forming the four position foundation. Goodness is also the result of that action.

Evil is the activity, or results of activities, which are contrary to the fulfillment of the purpose of God's creation. Evil is carried out by forming Satan-centered four position foundations.



Completion of God's first blessing:

Perfect man
The activities to become a perfect man

Completion of God's second blessing:

A perfect family, society, nation, or world
The activities which form these things.

Completion of God's third blessing:

Dominion of creation
The activities to gain dominion

The activities which change evil into good are also good.

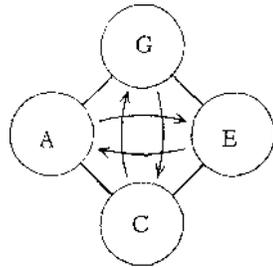
E. Value of Society

1. Unit of Society

Many people believe that the individual man is the basic unit of society. This may be true from the standpoint of social structure, but from the standpoint of man's purpose of life (fulfillment of joy) one man cannot be the basic unit of life. The unit for joy should be the unit for life, and the unit for joy is the family. Therefore, the unit for life is the family. The family unit is established by the four position foundation. Within the family, man's desire for love of parents, husband and wife, and children can be fulfilled.

2. Ideal Family

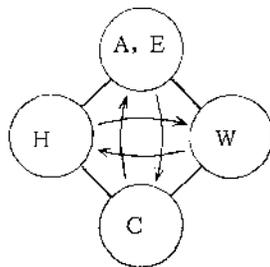
- (1) First Family - If Adam and Eve had reached perfection without falling and had married by the blessing of God, they would have established the Four Position Foundation making the First Family of mankind.



Parent : God
 Husband & Wife : Adam & Eve
 Children : Children of God

God is the Parent. Adam and Eve are the divided substantial beings of God. Adam and Eve grow to perfection by believing in God's word and uniting with Him in their hearts. After they reach perfection, they become husband and wife by the blessing of God. Through the give and take action, they unite and become the substantial body of God. That is, they become the substantial God. Adam represents the Masculinity of God, and Eve represents the Femininity of God. Their children become God's children.

- (2) Second Family (Family of the Second Generation)



Parents : Adam & Eve
 Husband &
 Wife : Children of Adam & Eve
 Children : Children of God

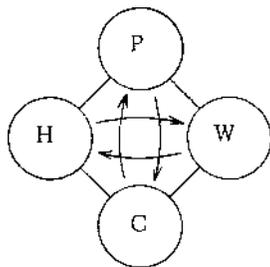
Adam and Eve of the First Family inherit the position and role of God in the Second Family by uniting with God, who was the Parent of the First Family.

The children of Adam and Eve are the divided substantial beings of their parents. Children of Adam and Eve grow to perfection by believing in the word of their parents and uniting with them in their hearts. When they reach perfection, they get married by the blessing of their parents. The husband is the representative of their father and the wife is the representative of their

mother. Children are born from husband and wife when they unite in love, taking the form of God. But man is an instrument to give birth to a child, and the power of creation of children comes from God. Therefore, when husband and wife are united in God's love, they give birth to God's child. Thus, children of this family also become God's children.

(3) Third Family (Family of the Third Generation)

The husband and wife of the Second Family must unite with their parents to inherit the positions and role of the parents in the Third Family. By this they come to take the position of God in this family.



Parents : Children of Adam & Eve
 Husband & Wife : Man & Woman
 Children : Children of God

Children of the Second Family grow to perfection by following the words of their parents and uniting with them in heart. They also get married by the blessing of their parents and become husband and wife in the Third Family.

In every family of the ideal world, parents are in the position of God, and children can go to the Kingdom of Heaven by following their words and uniting with them in love. This means parents have great responsibility to be united with God in their hearts and must educate their children as children of God to reach perfection. If parents fail in uniting with God perfectly or fail in educating their children to make perfect children of God, they will be accused by God and their children.

If children do not love their parents and do not follow their words, children have no way to go to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Parents can be parents only when they can give both physical life and spiritual life to their children. So, they have to fulfill their responsibility until they see the perfection of their children.

Husband and wife are the representation of their father and mother. As man cannot change his parents who gave birth to him, once a man and woman are married in the blessing of God by their parents, they cannot be divorced. They are husband and wife on this earth and also in the spirit world, for eternity.

To a husband, his wife has three roles: mother, wife and daughter. To a wife, her husband also has three roles: father, husband and son. Therefore, they have to respect each other, love each other and take good care of each other. They have to cooperate in fulfilling God's three blessings given to man.

In the ideal world of God, all people are one with God and are children of God. Therefore, younger people love and respect older people as their own parents, people of similar ages as their own brothers and sisters, and older people love and take good care of younger people as their own children.

So, this ideal world is like one huge family.

All morality comes from the traditions established by these first three families.

Three virtues: (a) Filial Piety, (b) Fidelity, and (c) Loyalty will be considered of the highest value in this ideal world.

- a. Filial Piety: The love, respect and devotion of children to parents is called filial piety.
- b. Fidelity: Husband and wife should love, respect and be faithful to each other. This is called fidelity.
- c. Loyalty: A leader of the world, a nation or a society represents God in his particular area. The response of the people to him for the sake of the whole is called loyalty.

The structure of this ideal world comes to have the form of one perfect man.

3. Hierarchy of Heart

In the ideal family, the parents are the center of the family and they are subjects to their children. Men are equal and have equal value, 'All parents are parents; and children are children. So, this means children would respect their parents as their center. Likewise, the younger generation would respect the older generation for their accomplishments and the inheritance given to them, while the older generation would love and respect the children as children of God. So, without an older generation, there could not be a younger generation, and without the younger generation, there could not be a future.

4. Fallen World

By the fall of the first ancestors, Adam and Eve, a God-centered First Family could not be established on earth. By uniting with Satan, a Satan-centered fallen family was

realized. From this first family, mankind has multiplied, establishing Satan-centered families all over the earth.

Therefore, there is no tradition of God's ideal. This world became the world of sin, disbelief and conflict.

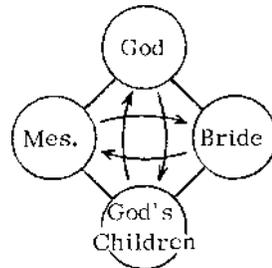
5. Restored Ideal World

The purpose of God's restoration providence is to realize His ideal on earth, and in the spirit world, by fulfilling His three blessings to man. This will be carried out by the Messiah when he appears on the earth.

The beginning of God's ideal world is perfected man and woman, and their divine marriage by the blessing of God. That is, from the first couple of perfected husband and wife centered on God, the ideal world can begin.

This is the reason why the Messiah comes as the Last Adam (I Cor. 15:45). The Messiah will take his bride, and they will be blessed by God to form the restored first family of God as the restored first ancestors of mankind. (Rev. 19:7)

6. Restored First Family



Parent : God
Husband
& Wife : The Messiah and his Bride
Children : Children of God

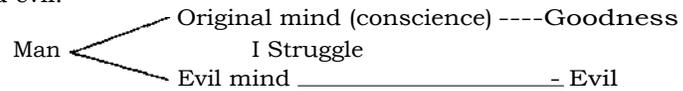
The Messiah and his bride will restore the Kingdom of Heaven on earth by working with God in oneness proclaiming the Word and the Heart of God. Here, they are the divided substantial beings of God's Dual Characteristics, and are the substantial bodies of God. They go to the Kingdom of Heaven in spirit world automatically, because they are one with God.

For fallen man to be saved, he must be born again. (John 3:3)

CHAPTER II
THE FALL OF MAN

Introduction

Man finds two opposing minds within himself: an original mind or conscience, and an evil mind. The original mind and the evil mind direct man in directions opposite to each other: goodness and evil.



Because of this, man has become a being of struggle and contradiction.

Where did man's contradictory nature come from?

God is a God of goodness, and He does only good. He would not create man with a built-in contradiction which is contrary to His ideal. Therefore, man must have come into this state after his creation; that is, he must have fallen into evil or sin.

Throughout history, man has tried to eradicate sin, but he could not succeed. This was because man did not fully understand the origin of sin.

Section 1
The Origin Of Sin

Most religions have spoken of the fall of man, but no religion has disclosed the cause of the human fall. The biblical story of Genesis explains the cause of the fall in symbolic terms.

Many parts of the Bible are written in symbols.

Examples:

Matt. 13:34 "All this Jesus said to the crowd in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable. "

Matt. 21:33-43 The parable of the vineyard

Book of Revelations

The Bible says that the first man and woman (Adam and Eve) ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and that this was the original sin. To understand this we have to understand the meaning of this "fruit", and the meaning of the tree which produced it - the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A. The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

1. Is the "fruit" of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil literal or symbolic?

Fruit	literal?
	symbolic?

Let's examine some evidence concerning the nature of the fruit.

(1) God, the Parent of Love: Would a loving parent deliberately place a desirable fruit, which would cause the death of his beloved children, in front of them, and merely tell them not to eat it? Even fallen human parents would not do this. Therefore, the fruit cannot be literal.

(2) Matt. 15:11: "Not that which goes into the mouth defiles a man, but that which comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man. "

From this verse we can understand that the "fruit" which defiled man was not material food.

(3) Sin Inherited through Lineage : The sin committed by Adam and Eve was passed on to their children and continues to be inherited today. What one inherits comes through blood lineage. Food eaten by man cannot be inherited. Therefore, it cannot be a literal, edible fruit.

(4) Food for life Man was created to live by eating food. Man's instinct is for life. Man would not eat a poisonous food. Even cattle do not eat the poisonous grasses that grow in their areas, because their natural instinct is for life. Therefore, the fruit cannot be a literal fruit. (.,t - · · ; s 1 . 9

(5) Test from God: Many people believe that God put the fruit in the Garden to test Adam and Eve. But they cannot explain the following things:

- a. God would be very unjust to impose death on His innocent children for failing a test.

- b. Why should an all-knowing God, who already knows His children, test them? Even if God had tested them, He would not impose the punishment of death on His beloved children for their mere disobedience. Even fallen parents would not test their children and give death as a punishment.
- c. Adam and Eve were sinless and pure at the time of this test. If the punishment for their eating a fruit was death, how can God ever save fallen people from original sin, disobedience, crimes, and even hostility against God? But we know God is working to save fallen men because of His love for them.

From this we can understand that the placement of the fruit in the Garden could not have been a test.

(6) Punishment of death.

God imposed a punishment of death for eating a "fruit". Therefore, this "fruit" must have symbolized something very important to God and man; it was not just a simple fruit.

(7) DeFire for fruit stronger than the desire for life?

Man's desire is for life, not death. Man will always choose life over death.

What desire of man could be stronger than his desire for life? Could man's desire for food be even stronger than his desire for life?

From this evidence we can understand that the "fruit" was not a literal fruit, but was a symbol of something else.

2. The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

To know the meaning of the fruit, we have to know the meaning of the tree which produced it. Symbolic fruit does not grow on literal trees. Therefore, the two trees also must be symbolic. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is mentioned only one time in the Bible (Gen. 2:9), but reference to the tree of life is found in many places. So, we must find the meaning of the tree of life.

(1) Tree of life

Prov. 13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. "

The desire of men in the Old Testament Age was to reach the tree of life,

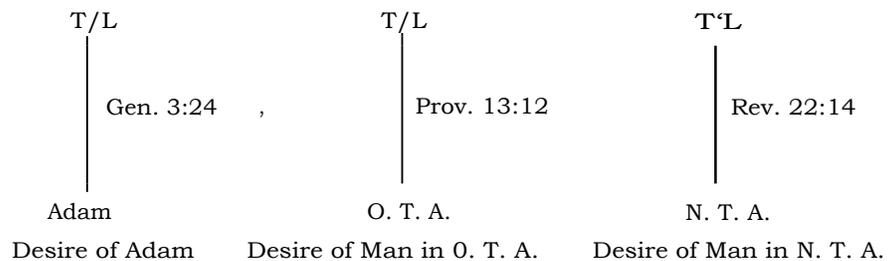
Rev. 22:14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life. "

The desire of the New Testament Age men also was to come to the tree of life.

Why was the desire of the people of the Old and New Testament Ages to reach the tree of life?

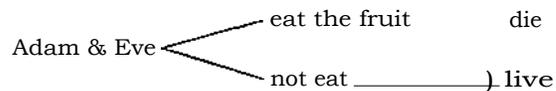
Gen. 3:24 "God drove out man and at the east of Eden, he placed the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. "

From this, we understand that the desire of Adam before the fall was to attain the tree of life. But through the fall, he could not come to the tree of life, and could not fulfill his desire. Because of this, the desire of Adam's descendants, the people of the Old and New Testament Ages, was to reach the tree of life.



What does the tree of life symbolize?

- a. God's first blessing to man was that of individual perfection ("Be fruitful"). In Gen. 2:17, God said to Adam and Eve, "If you eat of it you shall die. " This means "if you don't eat of it, you shall live. "



At this time, they were still in an unstable state ... they could go either way. So, Adam and Eve were not yet perfect or spiritually mature. They were in a period of growing to perfection.

Then, what would have been the desire of Adam at this stage?
It must have been to reach perfect manhood.

Therefore, the tree of life is the symbol of a perfected man, or perfected Adam.

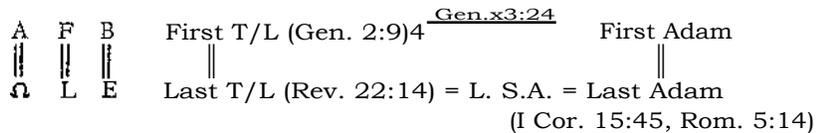
b. In the Bible, a tree is often used as the symbol of man :

Prov. 11:30	"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. "
John 15:5	"I am the vine, you are the branches. "
Isaiah 5:7	"For the vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting ... "
Rom. 11:17	"If some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the richness of the olive tree, ... "

c. Therefore, the tree of life is the symbol of a man of life, a perfected man, or perfected Adam.

Tree of Life = Man of Life = Perfected Man (Adam)

d. Another explanation of the tree of life :



Rev. 22:13 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. " Jesus said, "I am the first and the last." Therefore, the first tree of life is the same as the last tree of life. The first tree of life in the Bible is in the first book of the Bible, Gen. 2:9. The last tree of life in the Bible is in the last book of the Bible, Rev. 22:14. The last tree of life is understood as a symbol of Jesus at the Second Advent, and Jesus is several times described in the New Testament as the "Last Adam" (e. g. I Cor. 15:45, Rom. 5:14). Since the last tree of life refers to the last Adam, the first tree of life must be a symbol of the first Adam in perfection. We can infer, then, that the tree of life in Revelations and the tree of life in Genesis are the same tree.

Because of the fall, the first Adam failed to become a tree of life. That is why the last Adam must come to fulfill the tree of life.

(2) Tree of the knowledge of good and evil

God created two human beings in the Garden of Eden, and there were two trees in the middle of the Garden.

Since we now know that the tree of life symbolizes perfected Adam, what would the tree of knowledge of good and evil represent? It stood beside the tree of life in the middle of the Garden, and its fruit was eaten before God had allowed it to be eaten. We can conclude it was a symbol of Eve in her present, unperfected state.

B. Identity of the Serpent

I. Animal, or Spiritual Being?

Gen. 3:1 "Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'"

The serpent was a subtle being, and it tempted Eve to eat of the "forbidden fruit". Many Christians believe that the serpent was a literal animal.

Characteristics of the serpent:

- (1) No member of the animal kingdom can talk to man. This serpent not only talked, but knew about God's commandment to Adam and Eve. God is a spiritual being. Only one who was also a spiritual being, with spiritual senses, could perceive God and understand His commandment. Therefore, the serpent must represent a spiritual being.
- (2) This serpent deceived the lord of all creation, man, who was a spiritual being, and caused him to fall. Even the most foolish man has never been deceived by a snake. A reptile may bite a man, but it cannot deceive or tempt a person. Therefore, the serpent must represent a spiritual being.
- (3) Rev. 12:9 - "And that great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. "

- a. The home of this "serpent" was originally heaven (Rev. 12:7-8). Heaven is the dwelling place of spiritual beings, not snakes.
- b. The serpent was called the Devil and Satan. The Devil or Satan works spiritually, not through animals.
- c. The serpent had angels under his dominion.

Therefore, the serpent must represent a spiritual being.

From this, we understand that "serpent" is a symbolic name for a spiritual being called Satan.

2. Origin of the Serpent

(1) Did Satan exist from the beginning?

Some people believe that Satan has existed with God from the beginning. If this were true, we would be living in a dualistic universe in which the struggle between good and evil would be inevitable and everlasting. This viewpoint is called "Dualism".

This would mean that God's work of salvation, which is to separate man from Satan, could not be accomplished. There would be no hope to eliminate evil. No one could ever reach perfection.

But God has been carrying out His salvation work. God's purpose of salvation has been to destroy Satan. If Satan had existed from the beginning, God would surely have destroyed him before the creation of man. This would have been much easier for God, and there would have been no suffering for man.

Therefore, Satan must have come into being after God.

(2) Is Satan one of God's creations?

God is a God of goodness. He does not create anything evil. Therefore, Satan cannot be one of His original creations.

God has been working to destroy Satan. If Satan was originally created by God, why would He destroy him? Therefore, Satan cannot be one of God's original creations.

We must come to the conclusion that an originally good being, created by God, fell and became Satan.

Example: Man was created to be a man of goodness, but by the fall he became a man of sin.

A baby is born innocent, but can be influenced by evil environments and people and become a criminal.

3. Who was the Serpent?

To discover the identity of the "serpent" or Satan, we must look among the created beings of God, for a spiritual being with these characteristics.

- (1) One who could converse with man;
- (2) One who could know God's will;
- (3) One who deceived man;
- (4) One whose home was originally in heaven;
- (5) One who, even after his fall, has been able to dominate fallen man throughout history.

In God's creation there are only two kinds of spiritual beings: men and angels. God first created angels, then the universe and man. At the time of the fall, Adam and Eve were the only human beings. Therefore, Satan had to be an angel.

II Peter 2:4 "For God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell. "

Rev. 12:9 "... the Devil and Satan, ... and his angels were thrown down with him. "

Satan was a leader of angels:

Isaiah 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of Dawn!
How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low. You said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will make myself like the Most High!
But you are brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the Pit. "

Therefore, the "serpent" in the Garden was Lucifer, the archangel, who sinned against God and fell from his home in heaven to become Satan.

C. The Fall of the Archangel and the Fall of Man

1. The Fall of the Archangel

Jude 6-7 "Remember too the angels, how some of them were not content to keep the dominion given to them but abandoned their proper home; and God has reserved them for judgment on the great Day, ... Remember Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighboring towns; like the angels, they committed fornication and followed unnatural lusts; ... "

From this we can infer that the sin by which the archangel fell was the sin of fornication. But fornication cannot be committed alone; another being is necessary.

To investigate the being with whom the archangel committed fornication, we will study the fall of man.

2. The Fall of Man

Before the fall, Adam and Eve were naked and unashamed (Gen. 2:25). However, after they ate the fruit, they felt ashamed of their naked bodies and hid their lower parts with aprons (Gen. 3:7).

It is human nature to hide what is wrong with oneself: (Job. 31:33 "...I have concealed my transgressions like Adam, by hiding mine iniquity ... "). Thus the parts which Adam and Eve concealed were the parts involved in the evil action of the fall - the sexual parts. Shame was the result of their loss of innocence.

The only desire strong enough to cause man to risk death is the desire for love. Therefore, it was love that led to the fall of man.

3. The Relationship between the Fall of the Archangel and the Fall of Man

- (1) The sin of the archangel was fornication.
- (2) The sin of Adam and Eve was committed with the lower parts of their bodies.
- (3) The "serpent" - the archangel - tempted Eve, and Eve tempted Adam.
- (4) There were no other spiritual beings in the Garden who could have had fornication besides Adam and Eve and the angels.

- (5) The Bible tells us that fallen man has a close "blood" relationship with Satan.

John 8:44	"You are of your father the Devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. "
Matt. 3:7	John the Baptist said to them, "You brood of vipers! ...
Matt. 12:34	Jesus said, "You brood of vipers! ... "
Rom. 8:23	" ... but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. "

Man, as the son of the Devil, must be adopted into the family of God. This implies that we come from another lineage - Satan's.

We conclude that the fall of man occurred through an act of adultery, an illicit sexual relationship between man and the archangel.

D. The Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

1. The Fruit of the Tree

A fruit tree multiplies through the fruit, which contains seeds. Man multiplies through love. Here, man is symbolized by a tree, and love is symbolized by fruit. So, the "fruit of the tree" symbolizes the "love of man".

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is a symbol of Eve. Therefore, the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil means the love of Eve.

Eve's love	Centered on God--3-Good children (good fruit)
	Centered on Satan--I-Evil children (evil fruit)

By the love of Eve, either good children or evil children could be born. This was the reason why Eve was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

2. The Meaning of Eating the Fruit

Man forms his physical body by eating food. Man should have eaten the fruit of goodness and multiplied descendants of a good blood lineage.

Eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil through the temptation of Satan means that man had a sexual relationship with Satan, and has multiplied an evil blood lineage.

3. God's Curse to the Angels

Gen. 3:14 "The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you above all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. "

This means that the angels were thrown down from heaven and became miserable. These angels live by receiving evil elements in hell. They were the angels who stood with Lucifer at the time of the fall.

4. The Origin of Sin

The origin of sin was an immoral sexual relationship between Adam and Eve, the first ancestors, and the archangel.

E. Evidence that the Fall was Adultery

By examining some of the consequences of the fall, we can find additional evidence that the original sin was an act of adultery.

1. The original sin has been transmitted by the act of love, from generation to generation, down to the present day.

Inheritance is transmitted through ancestral blood lineage.

2. Every major religion has placed adultery and fornication among the greatest of sins. Many have even advocated a life of celibacy in an effort to completely avoid the occasion of these sins.

3. Jesus and St. Paul emphasized not getting married.

Matt. 19:12 ... there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it. "

I Cor. 7:38 "So that he who marries his betrothed does well; but he who refrains from marriage will do better."

They emphasized celibacy because man fell by the misuse of love and has multiplied fallen children, creating a world of evil which has caused God much sorrow.

4. God is love. He created man and woman to multiply good children through their love, to fulfill His blessing to man. Therefore, love should be the most precious and holy thing in life.

But throughout man's history, the act of love has been regarded as mean and lowly. This is because man fell by the misuse of love.

5. The chosen people practiced the rite of circumcision. The Mosaic laws are the laws of equal payment (Ex. 21:23: "If any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth"). Man fell by the misuse of his sexual parts and inherited Satan's lineage. To make restitution for this, a male child's foreskin was cut.

6. Sexual crimes have caused the downfall of many great men and nations throughout history (e.g. the decline of the Roman Empire).

7. In the fallen world, many crimes can be traced to broken homes, or to a failure or distortion of love between man and woman, and parents and children.

8. Many crimes and evils can be eliminated by the advancement of science and economy, and by the employment of new and highly developed political and social systems. But fornication and adultery cannot be eliminated through the progress of civilization alone.

Sexual acts can be committed in privacy.

Therefore, to cut off this immoral activity God must come into man's life, and people must be informed of the dreadful results of such immoral acts in man's eternal life. This cannot be done by fallen people. To achieve this purpose, the Messiah must come.

The first crime was a sexual crime, committed by the first ancestors. This crime will also be the last crime to be eliminated. It will be cleansed by the last Adam, who comes in the place of the first ancestor, to fulfill God's ideal on earth. The Messiah is the one who comes as the first ancestor, the last Adam.

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Section 2
The Course And Motivation Of The Fall Of Man

A. Angels

1. Creation of Angels

All beings were created by God. Genesis 1:26 states: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. " God was speaking to beings other than himself. He was speaking to the angels, who were created before man.

2. Mission of Angels

God created the angels to serve Him as messengers and servants. There are many references to their various roles and interaction with man in the Bible.

(1) Messenger

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| Gen. 18:10 | An angel came to Abraham and told him that his wife Sarah would have a son. |
| Matt. 1:20 | An angel told Joseph not to fear to take Mary. |
| Luke 1:31 | The angel Gabriel announced Mary's conception of Jesus. |

(2) Servant

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| Acts 12:7-10 | An angel came to Peter while he was in jail and released him. |
| Heb. 1:14 | Angels are called "ministering spirits". |
| Rev. 22:9 | An angel refers to himself as a servant. |
| Rev. 5:1 | Angels are praising God. |

3. Relationship between Angels and Man

Let us examine the relationship between angels and men in light of the Principle of Creation.

God created man to be His children and lords of creation. Therefore, man is to assume dominion over the angels.

GOD	In I Cor. 6:3, it says "Do you not know that we are to judge the angels?"
MAN	
ANGELS	

So we can see that in the Garden of Eden, angels were to be servants of Adam and Eve, and were to minister to them as they grew to maturity.

B. The Course of the Fall

The archangel, who was a spiritual being, seduced Eve, who had a spirit body, and Eve "ate the fruit". This was a symbolic expression of their relationship, which was the spiritual fall. Eve then went to Adam, and tempted him to eat, also. This brought about the physical fall.

Archangel + Eve	Spiritual Fall
Eve + Adam _____	Physical Fall

1. Spiritual Fall

(1) Possibility of spiritual fall

One might reasonably ask how it would be possible for a human being to have a sexual relationship with an archangel. As was explained earlier in the Principle of Creation, man has five spiritual senses, as well as five physical senses. Before the fall Eve's spiritual senses were fully open, and she could relate with Lucifer spiritually as easily as she could with Adam. Thus, it was entirely possible for her to have a love relationship with Lucifer.

Also, there is biblical evidence that angels had relationships with man.

Gen. 18:7-8 : Angels came to Abraham's house and ate a meal with him.

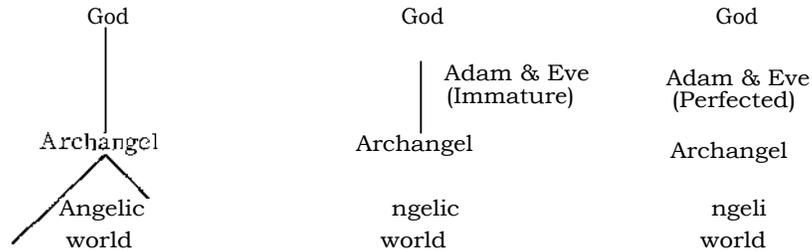
Gen. 19:5: Two angels came to Lot and were mistaken for men by the people of the town.

Gen. 32:25 : An angel wrestled with Jacob and put his thigh out of joint.

(2) Motivation of the Spiritual Fall

When God created the angelic world, He put Lucifer, the archangel, in the highest position. Because of his high position, Lucifer appeared to monopolize God's love.

However, after creating Adam and Eve as His children, God loved them much more than He had ever loved Lucifer, who was created as a servant.



In actuality, Lucifer was still receiving the same amount of love from God. However, when he saw that God loved Adam and Eve more than him, he thought that he was receiving less love than he had before. It was only natural for God to love Adam and Eve more, because they were His children, whereas Lucifer was only a servant.

Originally, Lucifer had no evil intentions. He wanted to compensate for the amount of love which he felt was lessened after he realized God loved man more than him. So, he was drawn to Adam and Eve, to seek more love.

Because Lucifer had been created first and participated in God's creation, he had much more knowledge than Adam and Eve, who were immature and in their growth stage to perfection. Lucifer could take Eve and show her the creation, and tell her how God had made many of the things in the Garden.

Adam was not mature yet; thus he did not have the knowledge Lucifer had. So, to Eve, Lucifer seemed to be greater than Adam at this time. As Lucifer and Eve had increasing give and take action between them, their friendship grew into love.

As the archangel felt more love toward Eve, he became jealous of Adam because he knew Adam was to be Eve's husband when they reached maturity. These feelings gave the archangel a stronger desire to possess Eve; in order to achieve his purpose of gaining more love, he wanted to take over Adam's position.

Love is the source of life, happiness, and beauty. The more love a person gets from God, the more beautiful he or she becomes. So, Adam and Eve looked very beautiful to Lucifer. Eve was especially more beautiful and stimulating to Lucifer, because she was of the opposite sex.

When the archangel and Eve had increasing give and take action between them, it multiplied their love, and their love grew stronger and stronger. If Adam had watched over Eve more closely and spent more time with her, this would not have happened.

Lucifer had a desire for more love and Eve had a desire for complete love, though she was immature. These desires had give and take action, and by the force of this action of love they went past the point forbidden by God's commandment and united.

According to the Principle of Creation, when two beings unite as one in love, each takes on characteristics of the other. Lucifer knew very well that he had violated God's Principle by seducing Eve, and because of his rebellion, he became fearful.

The sense of fear from Lucifer's guilty conscience and his wisdom were transmitted to Eve when they united, and Eve came to have fear and wisdom. She did not receive the wisdom of God, but prematurely received the knowledge of love from the archangel.

Lucifer's fear and wisdom

Eve's fear and wisdom

2. Physical Fall

After Eve received the knowledge of love, she knew that Lucifer was not her rightful mate, and that Adam was to be her mate. She was deeply sorry and regretful, and desired very much to come back to God. Eve was alarmed, and in her fear, she turned to Adam for comfort. She saw how beautiful and good Adam was, how he was still close to God, and she knew that she was supposed to stand beside him to fulfill God's ideal.

Hoping to rid herself of fear and guilt, and trying to regain her position with God by uniting with Adam, Eve tempted Adam to behave as her husband.

Adam and Eve had been living together as brother and sister, not as husband and wife.

By responding to the temptation of Eve, Adam left his position as God's son and united with Eve prematurely, before he had reached individual perfection. This act was in violation of God's Principle of Creation. So Adam, by uniting with Eve, took on all the elements that Eve had received from Lucifer.

Eve's fear and wisdom _____) Adam's fear and wisdom

They felt ashamed of what they had done, concealed their lower parts, and hid themselves from God.

This was the physical fall.

If Eve had fallen and Adam had not, but had gone on to reach perfection, he could have been a mediator between Eve and God. If that were the case, Eve might have been restored to God through perfected Adam.

Section 3

The Reason The First Ancestors And The Archangel Did Not Prevent The Fall

1. The Force of the Principle

God created the Principle first, before He created the universe and man. Man was created through the Principle, and was created to live according to the Principle. Thus, the Principle is a guiding force which leads man through the three stages of growth to perfection.

Force of the Principle Through the growth stage —' -Perfection

Therefore, as long as the force of the Principle alone works in man's life, man cannot fall. For man to fall there must be another force which is stronger than this force of the Principle. We may compare this to a train riding along railroad tracks, man being like the train and the period of growth through the Principle being like the tracks. The force of the Principle is like the force of locomotion moving the train. The force of the Principle will guide the train to its proper destination along the tracks, unless some other force intervenes to derail the train. In man's case, there is only one force stronger than the force of the Principle: the force of love.

2. The Force of Love

God created the force of love stronger than the force of the Principle.

Force of love Force of the Principle

Why did God make the force of love stronger than the guiding force of the Principle?

(1) God desires to remain united in oneness with man

God's creation of man is fulfilled when man reaches perfection and enters into the direct dominion of God's love.

God wanted to control man through His love and reach oneness with Him after man had reached perfection.

In order to enable a perfected man to remain united in oneness with Him, and to keep him from falling or deviating from his position, God made the force of love greater than the force of the Principle. Then, once perfected man became one with God, no separation could be possible.

(2) God wanted man to be the happiest of all beings

Love is the source of life, joy and happiness for man and creation. God wanted to make man the happiest of all beings with a life of love. Because of this, God made the force of love greater than the force of Principle.

Man was created to reach perfection by going through a growth period. During this period of growth God cannot control man directly with His love, because man is not yet a perfected object of God.

3. God's Commandment

While Adam and Eve were still growing, and not under the direct control of God's love, God saw the possibility of their falling.

This is why God gave the commandment :

Gen. 2:17 "Of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat. "

(1) The reason for giving the commandment to man :

a. To prevent the fall of man

Force of love between Archangel & Eve > Force of Principle

Since God created the force of love to be stronger than the force of the Principle, the Principle alone was not enough to prevent the fall of the archangel and Eve through a love relationship. Therefore, God gave Adam and Eve the commandment.

Force of love between < Force of Principle + Commandment
Archangel & Eve

If Adam and Eve had kept the commandment, they would automatically come to have give and take action and become one with God's word. Since the commandment was from God and one with God, by becoming one with the commandment, man could become one with God indirectly.

God →', Commandment "'Man Oneness

This oneness with God combined with the force of the Principle would have been stronger than the force of Lucifer's love. Thus, they would not have fallen.

However, we see that Adam and Eve did not keep the commandment, and this led to their fall through unprincipled love.

Force of love between > Force of Principle + Comrr ndment
Archangel & Eve

b. To give man creativity

God gave the commandment to man so he could have creativity in fulfilling his portion of responsibility by keeping the commandment.

Only when man fulfills his portion of responsibility, can God raise man to perfection. Adam and Eve could have fulfilled this by keeping the commandment with faith in God's word.

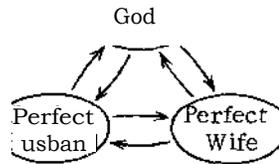
(2) The period in which the commandment was necessary

One might wonder how long the conditional period of keeping God's commandment was to last. The answer is that man would have to show his obedience only while he was immature and under the indirect dominion of God.

If Lucifer had not intervened, there would have been little danger of Adam and Eve falling. While they were immature, Adam and Eve were living together as brother and sister. When they reached perfection, they would gain the knowledge that they were to become husband and wife. This is the point at which they would receive the blessing of marriage from God.

However, since Eve and Lucifer fell, Eve gained this knowledge prematurely.

If they had not fallen, Adam and Eve would have married and entered into a bond of absolute love with God. This is the direct dominion of God's love, and nothing could have caused them to fall after that point. Neither Lucifer's love, nor any other force in creation is stronger than the bond of marital love which exists between a man and a woman who have reached perfection, centering on God.

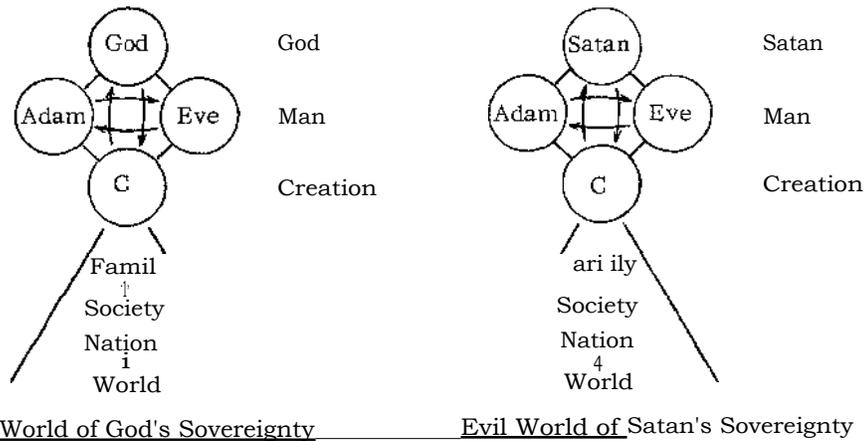


Force of love between Archangel & Eve < Force of love between perfect husband and perfect wife

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Section 4
The Results Of The Fall

1. Satan and Fallen Man



- (1) If Adam and Eve had perfected themselves and united to form a foundation of four positions centering on God, an ideal world would have been realized.
- (2) However, man fell while still immature, thus forming a foundation of four positions centering on Satan. In this way, the world was brought under satanic sovereignty.
- (3) Satan rules the universe through fallen man.

John 12:31 : Satan is "the ruler of this world. "

II Cor. 4:4 : Satan is called the "god of this world. "

In this way Satan came to dominate man, who was created to be the lord of creation. Because man became the child of Satan, Satan came to dominate the entire universe through him.

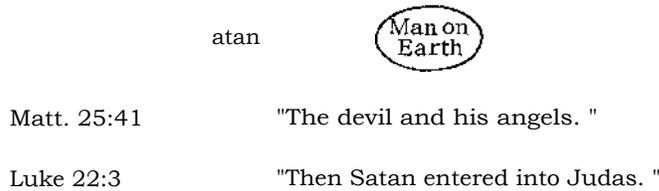
Rom. 8:19 says that the creation is waiting with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. So even creation is longing to be ruled in love by perfected men and women - the true children of God.

2. Satan's Activities in Human Society

For Satan to work, he must have power. In order to produce his power, Satan must perform give and take action. For this he needs objects. His objects are evil spirits and evil men on earth.



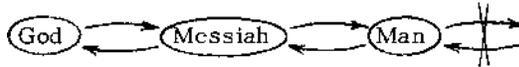
The direct objects of Satan are evil spirits. The objects of the evil spirits are the spirits of fallen men on earth. The objects of the spirits of fallen men are their own bodies, which they use to commit evil deeds.



In Matt. 16:23, Jesus called Peter "Satan". Yet, Peter was obviously not Satan himself; Satan was working through Peter, a man.

To restore the kingdom of heaven on earth is to bring about a world in which Satan cannot function.

Man can only do this by uniting with the Messiah, who has the power to cut off Satan from man, and establishing a reciprocal relationship with God.



Many people have wondered why the salvation of man has been prolonged for such a long period of time.

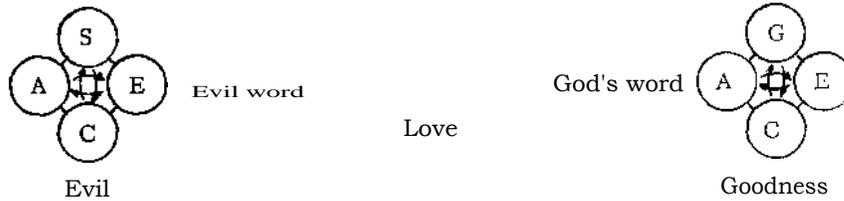
God created the universe with the ideal of freedom. Therefore, He cannot carry out restoration providence by compulsory methods. God cannot control fallen man without a condition. God also cannot destroy Satan directly, because the archangel was created to be under man's control. God has been waiting for the time when man can subjugate Satan. (I Cor. 6:3)

Man has free will, and God cannot force salvation on him. The crime of Satan will be revealed at the coming of the Messiah. He will subjugate Satan as a man, and establish a pattern for all men to defeat Satan.

3. Good and Evil Seen from the Standpoint of Direction

If Adam and Eve had followed God's commandment, they would have formed a God-centered family, and realized a life of perfect goodness. This would have taken them in the direction of goodness.

Instead, they did not follow God's commandment, and followed the evil word of Satan. Thus they brought about a world of conflict and evil. This took them in the direction of evil.



Thus, we see that good and evil have the same starting point.

No basic aspect of human nature is inherently evil. Good and evil are a matter of direction.

Desire is the original nature of God's creation given to man. Joy comes when man's desire is fulfilled. Desire itself is not evil.

Man has the desire to receive more love from God, the desire for life, the desire for goodness, and the desire for development. These desires are good.

Desire is, in itself, neutral - neither good nor evil.

If man's desire is to do God's will, then man brings about results of goodness.

If man's desire is to do Satan's will, then man brings about evil results.

The direction and use of desire determine whether it is good or evil.

If man changes the direction and center of life from Satan to God, then the world of goodness can come. Because of this, hell on earth can be restored to the kingdom of heaven on earth.



Goodness

4. Standard of Goodness

(1) Fallen World

In the fallen world, good and evil are relative and always changing. The standard of goodness in the fallen world is the ideology of fallen man's sovereignty. In the fallen world, if man is obedient to the ruling ideology, he is considered good. If he is disobedient to the ruling ideology, he is considered evil.

As history progresses, man's heart and intellect develop. Whenever men find that the standard of goodness is not right, then they want to change it. The development does not take place everywhere at the same time. Therefore, the standard of goodness changes by time and place. Due to the different views of the standard of goodness, the struggle of the world continues until the absolute standard comes.

(2) Ideal World

In the ideal world, God is the ruler. Since God is absolute, His ideology is also absolute. Therefore, the standard of goodness is absolute. When the Messiah comes, he comes with God's ideology, and he will bring an absolute standard of value. Only when we have this universal standard of value will we have the true world of peace and happiness.

Cosmic ideology of the Messiah .	Absolute standard of goodness
	Eternal peace and happiness

5. The Work of Good and Evil Spirits

Good spirits are God, good spirit men and angels.

Evil spirits are Satan and evil spirit men.

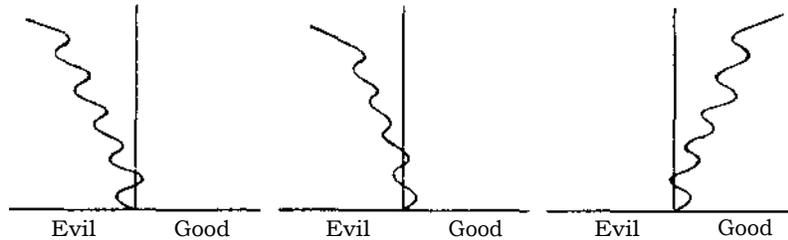
In the initial stages, the phenomena of good spirits and evil spirits all look alike. But in the later stages, the difference becomes more apparent and greater; and they go in opposite directions.

The works of good spirits promote peace, justice, health and happiness.

The works of evil spirits promote conflict, selfishness, greed, disease and misery. Man's mind vacillates in his life because of his fallen nature and evil spiritual influences of the fallen world.

Even when man starts with the work of a good spirit, in most cases, he cannot maintain it long enough since his mind changes from good to evil so often. Because fallen man lives

under the dominion of Satan, where evil forces are giving a strong influence to fallen man, man's mind changes from good to evil very easily. When his mind changes from the good side to the evil side, the good spirit cannot stay, and an evil spirit can easily take over and replace the good spirit. This keeps man on the evil side, and he becomes worse and worse.



Without knowledge of the Divine Principle and the spirit world, man cannot discern the work of the spirit, whether it comes from a good spirit or an evil spirit. Also he cannot direct spiritual phenomena to the good side, and cannot maintain it on the good side.

With a good spiritual leader, fallen man can be led to the good side.

6. Sin

Sin is anything which makes a condition to have give and take action with Satan.

- (1) Original sin: This is the sin inherited from the first ancestors by their relationship with Satan.
- (2) Inherited sin: These are the sins which are committed by man's immediate ancestors and are transmitted to their descendants for restitution.
- (3) Collective sin: This is the sin for which all members of a particular group are responsible.

Example: Sin of crucifying Jesus

- (4) Personal sin: These are the sins committed by each person in his life.

Because original sin is the root, or source of all sins, no one can rid himself of sins completely until he is free from the original sin.

The original sin was caused by the first ancestors, and this sin is passed on to their descendants. As fallen men they cannot eradicate the original sin, however hard they may try, by themselves. Only by uniting with the Messiah, who comes as the first ancestor of goodness without original sin and who cuts off Satan completely, can fallen man be freed of the original sin.

7. Fallen Nature

Fallen nature comes from the fallen archangel and has been transmitted from generation to generation, and affects all people today. This nature has four aspects.

(1) Failure to take the same standpoint as God:

The archangel was created to be the servant of God and man, therefore he had to love Adam as God loved Adam, taking the same standpoint as God. But he did not love him, and he stood apart from Adam and God, feeling jealousy towards Adam. This became the first fallen nature of fallen man.

(2) Leaving his proper position:

Lucifer left his original position in order to go up higher to fulfill his unrighteous desire. By this, he violated the order which God had intended. Fallen man wants to go up, disregarding his obligations and position, and violate order to fulfill his unrighteous desire. This is also inherited from the fallen archangel. This became the second fallen nature of fallen man.

Jude 6-7: "... angels that did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling. "

Isaiah 14:12: "How you are fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of Dawn ... You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God. '"

(3) Reversal of dominion:

Lucifer was to serve Adam and Eve as their servant, being controlled by them. But Lucifer controlled immature unperfected Eve and Adam by tempting them to go against God's word. The archangel took the position of Adam, reversing the dominion. The fallen world is the world started by the reversing of dominion by the fallen archangel.

Fallen man has such tendencies to control others who are not supposed to be controlled by him. Arrogance is an example of this.

Isaiah 14:14: "I will make myself like the most high. "

(4) Multiplication of sin:

Lucifer made Eve fall by transmitting the evil word. By the give and take action centering on the evil word, they brought about the fall of Adam. This was the multiplication of sin.

Fallen man also wants to gather his colleagues and induce them to commit sins along with him.

Section 5
Freedom And The Fall

Man is different from creation or machines which move exactly according to laws. Man was created to reach perfection by fulfilling his portion of responsibility by his own free will. If it had not been so, there would be no necessity for the warning "not to eat of the fruit, " and Adam and Eve would have no possibility to fall. Therefore, freedom was one of the factors in the fall of man.

1. Significance of Freedom from the Viewpoint of the Divine Principle

(1) No freedom apart from Principle and God's word

- a. God is a God of freedom, but He does not violate His Principle. Therefore, God's freedom always comes within the Principle.

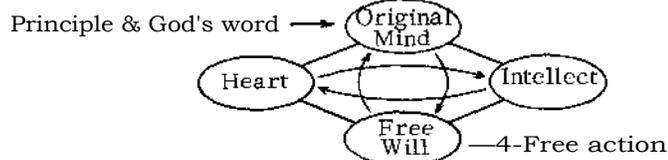
Man's freedom is a special blessing of God. By freedom, man is differentiated from all other beings in the creation. For men to become the children of God, they must have freedom as God has.

Man's creativity is also gained by the use of his freedom. Man can inherit God's creativity only by fulfilling his portion of responsibility through his own freedom.

Therefore, by this we can understand that freedom is absolutely necessary for men to become the children of God and to inherit God's creativity.

- b. Man has mind and body, and the mind directs the action of the body. Therefore, for complete freedom there must be the freedom of will and the freedom of body or action.

God created man to live according to the Principle. Therefore, man's original mind develops and is formed by the force of the Principle and by keeping and living God's word, which is truth.



Free will is formed by the give and take action between the heart and intellect within man's original mind. Free will develops as man's original mind grows to perfection. From free will comes free action. Therefore, free will cannot exist apart from the Principle and God's word.

Therefore, for the man of original creation, there cannot be any freedom apart from the Principle and God's word.

Example: The American Constitution guarantees freedom for every man, but man can only gain this freedom within the Constitution, by observing the laws of the Constitution.

- c. God's ideal of creation is also based on freedom. God never does His work by compulsory methods.

The providential history of salvation has been the history of the liberation of fallen men from Satan's bondage. By the fall man lost his freedom, and came under the dominion of Satan where there is no perfect freedom.

Even if man is under Satan's dominion, the freedom of the original mind acts as a compass to lead man back to God, the source of life and freedom.

Freedom of the original mind--•God of life and freedom

When perfect freedom is maintained, man cannot fall.

(2) Freedom cannot exist without responsibility

Freedom is not given to destroy man, but to give man more joy and happiness. For man to receive joy he must become a perfect man by realizing God's three blessings to man. For man to become perfect, he must fulfill his portion of responsibility by using his freedom. Therefore freedom must help man to fulfill his portion of responsibility in perfecting himself. Once man reaches perfection, he uses his freedom to fulfill his portion of responsibility in realizing and maintaining God's three blessings.

Therefore, there is no freedom without responsibility.

(3) Freedom pursues accomplishments which give joy to God

The purpose of God's creation of man was to receive joy. To make the joy God receives from man more abundant and varied. God gave men freedom so that man can develop different personalities, abilities, talents, and accomplishments which reflect different parts of God's nature.

The purpose of man is to return joy to God by fulfilling the three blessings. By using his freedom, man can take part in his own individual perfection, can multiply children by forming a perfect family, society, nation and world, and can assume a dominion of love over the creation.

Therefore, the freedom of man always pursues accomplishments which return joy to God.

2. Can Man Fall by His Freedom?

Freedom functions within the Principle; it assumes responsibility, and pursues accomplishments which can return joy to God.

Therefore, the free action which comes from free will only brings results of goodness. When he acts with perfect freedom, man cannot fall.

II Cor. 3:17 - "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. "

If freedom had been the cause of the fall of man, there would always be the possibility of man's fall, even after he reaches perfection, as long as man continues to have freedom. Then, there would be no ideal world, because freedom and the misery of the fall would come to exist together.

Then, what is perfect freedom?

In man, mind is subject and body is object. Therefore the freedom of will is subject and freedom of action is object. This means free will must control free action, and free action must follow the control of free will.

Subject:	Mind	Free Will
Object:	Body	Free Action

The fall of man is caused by the reversal of control and dominion. If the desire of the body controls and dominates the original mind, man can fall; that is, if free action controls and dominates free will, man can fall.

The Freedom of Original Mind:

When Eve fell, the freedom of her original mind caused her to feel unrest and fear, and worked to stop her fall. But the force of love between the archangel and Eve was greater than the force of her original mind, and she fell.

Force of the freedom of the original mind	▪	Keeping God's Commandment	>	The force of love between the archangel and Eve
Force of the freedom of the original mind	+	Disobeying God's Commandment		The force of love between the archangel and Eve

Even after Eve's fall, her original mind worked to direct her to God.

The directive force of the free original mind of fallen man God's restoration providence

Because of the directive force of the free original mind of fallen man, God can work to restore fallen man to the original state of His creation. By the direction of man's original mind, man fought to obtain freedom, even sacrificing his physical body to reach this goal, as history progressed.

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When a young man and woman are passionately in love, and the circumstances in society do not allow them to be together, if they think that they cannot find anyone else whom they can love with the same feeling, then they may commit suicide because they have lost their freedom to love.

Example: The suicide of a ruined businessman.

The suicide of a ruined businessman comes because he thinks he has lost his freedom to continue life as he knew it. He kills himself because he finds no way to cope with his problems and retain his social standing.

4. Freedom, Fall and the Restoration Providence

Man contacted the archangel through his free will and action, performed give and take action centering on the word of the archangel, and by the force of the unprincipled love between them, man fell.

Fallen man can contact God through his free will and action, and perform give and take action with Him centering on His word. By the force of the principled love between God and man, man can be restored to his original position.

Man's desire for freedom comes from the directive nature of man's original mind, which wants to restore his original nature and position.

5. Restoration of Freedom and Social Reformation

By the fall, man fell into ignorance. Because of this, he does not know God's heart and does not know how to direct his life so that he can return joy to God.

By the restoration providence, man's spirit grows and receives more truth through the merit of the age, and man grows closer to God's heart. This restores the freedom of his original mind, which is directed toward the realization of the purpose of creation.

When man's heart and will develop, man comes to expand the freedom of his original mind. If social circumstances do not allow the realization of this freedom, the reformation of society becomes inevitable. This reformation continues until man restores the full freedom of his original mind.

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Section 6
The Reason God Did Not Intervene
In The Fall Of Man

God is omniscient and omnipotent. Therefore, God must have known that Adam and Eve were falling. Because of this He should have been able to intervene and prevent it if He wanted to. But from the fact that the fall of Adam and Eve took place, we can understand that He did not intervene, even though He knew it was happening.

Then, why did He not directly stop the fall? Why didn't He intervene in the fall? Why does He try to save Adam and Eve only after their fall?

There must have been reasons which prevented God from intervening in the fall.

1. To Give Inviolability and Perfection to the Principle

God is perfect, therefore His Principle should also be perfect. God created the Principle first, in the beginning. According to the Principle of Creation, God is to control perfected man through His love. He cannot control an immature or unperfected being.

The fall of Adam and Eve took place during their growth period, during which they had to grow to perfection by the force of the Principle, and by fulfilling their portion of responsibility. Therefore, if God intervenes in their fall, He comes to control them while they are in an immature or unperfected state. He then comes to disregard and violate His Principle, which limits God's direct control only to perfect beings. The Principle which is disregarded or violated by God cannot be the perfect Principle, but it becomes imperfect. If the Principle which was created by Him becomes imperfect, the creator of the Principle also becomes an imperfect being. But God cannot be an imperfect being.

Therefore, to give inviolability and perfectness to His Principle, He could not intervene.

2. God Alone is the Creator

God controls or intervenes only in things which are created by Him.

Therefore, if any being or thing comes to receive God's control or intervention, it comes to have the value of being created by Him. This is the reason why God does not directly intervene with Hell or evil deeds, so that they will not become a part of His creation.

The falling action was not created by God. If God intervenes in the action of falling, this falling action comes to have the value of being created by God. This would make the falling action of Adam and Eve an action of the Principle.

The actual creator of the action of falling was Satan. Therefore, if God acknowledged the fall as part of His creation by intervening in it, a new Principle would be created which makes an evil action an action of Principle. This evil action was caused by Satan. Thus, Satan also becomes a creator of a new Principle.

God cannot allow Satan to become a creator along with Him. Therefore, for God to be the only creator, He could not intervene in the action of the fall of Adam and Eve.

3. To Give Man the Qualification to be the Lord of all Creation

All the creation reached perfection. For man to be the lord of all creation, he must also be perfect. As immature or unperfected man, he cannot control perfected creation. When man receives God's control, he receives at that time the qualification of being a perfected man, because God controls only perfected beings. Therefore, if God would intervene in man's fall during his growth stage, He automatically comes to *give* the qualification of perfection to immature, unperfected man. Then immature, unperfected man becomes the lord of all creation, without the proper qualifications. This cannot be so.

Therefore, in order to make man a qualified lord of creation, God could not intervene in the falling action of Adam and Eve.

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CHAPTER III
CONSUMMATION OF HUMAN HISTORY

Introduction

The Bible says that the Last Days will come, and that there will be various phenomena occurring at that time. Also, the Lord of the Second Advent will come at that time. So, the Last Days is the time of hope. On the other hand, it is the time of fear too, because man does not really know what will happen in the Last Days.

Then, exactly what are the Last Days, why must they come, and what will really occur at that time? What should we do to prepare for them? We have to find answers for all of these questions.

In order to solve these problems, we have to understand the development of history, the process and goal of history, and know what the motivating force of history is. Also, we must understand man's role in history, and know the stage of history we are in at this time.

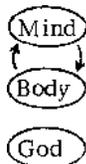
Section 1

Providence of Salvation

A. The Purpose of God's Creation and the Fall of Man

1. The Accomplishment of the Purpose of God's Creation

Man, through accomplishing the purpose of God's creation, becomes a perfected individual. The relationship between God and a perfect man is like that between the mind and body.



Mind and body become one.
The body is the temple of the mind.
The body becomes the expression of the mind.

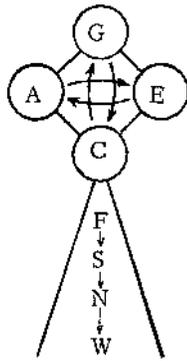
God and perfect man become one.
Perfect man is the temple of God.

(Man) He becomes a man of deity.

John 14:20 "I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. "

I Cor. 3:16 "You are God's temple and God's spirit dwells in you."

A perfect man could never fall.



If perfected Adam and Eve had become husband and wife and had given birth to their children under the blessing of God, their children would also have become men of deity, inheriting the good nature of their parents. By the multiplication of these people, there would have been established a God-centered, sinless family, society, nation and world, in which all people would live together as one huge family.

This would be the kingdom of heaven on earth. Those who live in the kingdom of heaven on earth will go to the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world when they leave their physical bodies. These two worlds together are called the good world of God's sovereignty.

2. The Fall of Man

Through the fall of man, man had give and take action with Satan.



Fallen man and Satan became one.
Fallen man became the dwelling place of Satan.

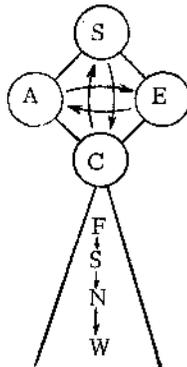
Fallen man then became a man of evil nature.

John 12:31

... now shall the ruler of the world be cast out. "

II Cor. 4:4

"... the God of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers. "



Fallen Adam and Eve became husband and wife centering on Satan and gave birth to their children. Their children inherited evil nature from their fallen parents, and became men of original sin and evil nature. By the multiplication of these people, a Satan-centered family, society, nation, and world was established.

This is the world of evil which is cut off from God's love and is controlled by Satan. We call this world hell. The fall took place on earth, and hell was established on earth. When fallen men leave their physical bodies, they go to hell in the spirit world. These two worlds together are called the evil world of Satan's sovereignty.

B. The Providence of Salvation

1. The Providence of Salvation is the Providence of Restoration

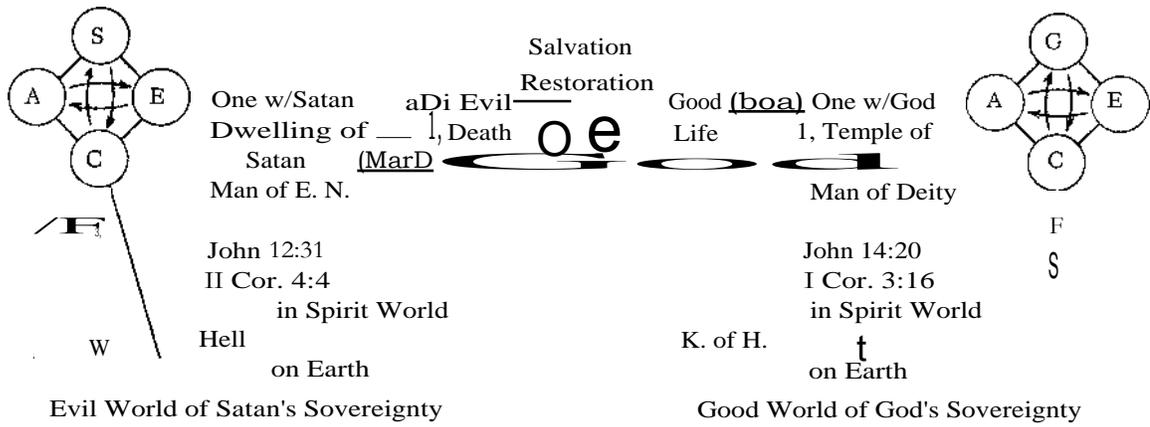
God grieved after man fell.

Gen. 6:6 "And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on earth, and it grieved him in his heart. "

God is doing salvation work.

Is. 46:11 "I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass, I have purposed and I will do it. "

(1) The purpose of salvation providence



- Matt. 5:48 "You, therefore, must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. "
- Matt. 6:10 "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. "
- Matt. 4:17 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. "
- Acts 1:6 "... Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
- Matt. 17:11 "Elijah does come and he is to restore all things. "
- Acts 3:21 "... until the time for establishing all that God spoke ... "

By the fall of man, God lost His ideal world, and Satan established the Satan-centered evil world. However, God never changes His purpose, and He is carrying out the work of salvation to destroy the evil world and to establish His ideal world.

Therefore, His salvation providence is the providence of restoration.

The purpose of salvation providence is :

- a. To restore fallen man to the state of perfect man;
- b. To restore hell on earth and in the spirit world to the kingdom of heaven on earth and in the spirit world; and
- c. To restore the sovereignty of Satan to the sovereignty of God.

Example : The salvation of a sick man is to restore him to his original health.

(2) The reasons why God is working to save fallen man

- a. God is almighty.

If by the fall of man, God fails in establishing His ideal world, He becomes a God of failure. To be the almighty God, He must establish His ideal world with the men He created. Because of this, He works to save fallen men.

- b. God created man as His children.

God is the Father of men. As a father, He feels the sorrows and pains of His fallen children, and He wants to save His children because He loves them. Because of this, He works to save fallen men.

- c. God created man's spirit man as an eternal being.

Therefore, even though man fell, God cannot destroy man. Because of this, He works to save fallen man.

2. Human History is the Providential History of Restoration

Throughout history, God has been working to save man. Therefore, history is the providential history of salvation, that is, the providential history of restoration.

Evidence:

(1) From the development of the history of cultural spheres

Man has an original mind. Even though man fell, because of the workings of his original mind, he wants to leave evil and follow goodness.

Because God, the subject of goodness, created man as a substantial object of goodness in order to achieve the purpose of goodness, man pursues goodness even though he is prevented by Satan from living a good life, due to the fall.

Therefore, the ultimate goal of human history is a world of goodness.

Religion is brought about from the work of man's original mind. The original mind seeks goodness in the world transcendent of time and space, since it cannot be found in the world of reality under Satan's sovereignty.

Whenever a new religion appeared, a new cultural sphere was formed.

Historians say that in the past there have been 21-26 cultural spheres, and they were absorbed into superior cultural spheres as history progressed. Now we are living in a world of four cultural spheres: the Judeo-Christian cultural sphere, the Moslem cultural sphere, the Hindu cultural sphere, and the far eastern cultural sphere.

These four cultural spheres are headed toward one cultural sphere because of the desire of people who want to have a peaceful and harmonious world of unity. When this desire of mankind is fulfilled, we can have a world of one culture. This is the world of God's ideal.

Because of the development of the history of cultural spheres, human history is the providential history of restoration.

(2) From the direction of religion and science

The purpose of religion is to lead man to the ideal world of one culture.

The purpose of science is to bring about a highly developed civilization and to provide man with ideal living conditions. Today, science has developed to the highest degree, and externally, mankind is in the stage prior to the ideal world.

When religion and science are united by a new religious movement, we can realize the ideal world. We are now expecting this new religious movement.

Because of the direction of religion and science, human history is the providential history of restoration.

(3) From the history of struggle

Man is directed towards goodness by his original mind. But because of the differing views of goodness and the selfish attitude of fallen men, men fought with each other. The history of mankind became a history of struggle. History has gone through the stages of struggle between individuals, families, clans and nations, and now we are in the stage of world struggle.

The world is roughly divided into two worlds: the Free World and the Communist World. This division is the state previous to the realization of one world.

After World War I, all the defeated nations released their colonies. After World War II, all the victorious nations gave up their colonies, and now all nations have become brother nations.

By the advent of a new religious truth which can overcome materialism, we can make one ideal world. Now is the time when we are expecting this new religious truth.

Because of the history of struggle, human history is the providential history of restoration.

(4) From the Bible

God's purpose of salvation is to restore the Tree of Life mentioned in Gen. 2:9 which was lost through the fall of man (Gen. 3:24), by the Tree of Life, mentioned in Rev. 22:14.

Rev. 21:1-5 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.... Behold the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them and they shall be His people. "

Rom. 8:19-22 "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God ... "

From this we can understand that the purpose of history is to restore the Eden of the original creation through the Lord of the Second Advent, who comes as the Tree of Life.

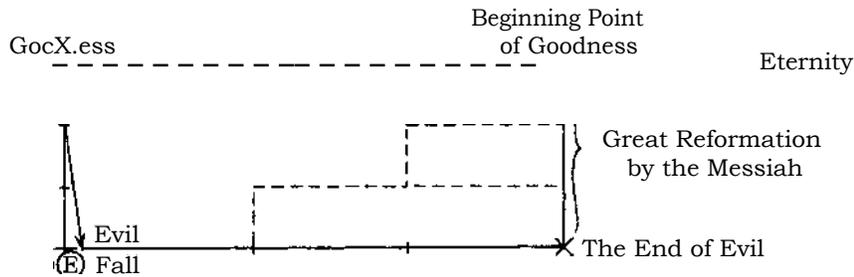
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Section 2
The Last Days

1. The Significance of the Last Days

If history had started from a source of goodness, it would be eternal, and there would be no end. But history started from an evil source. Therefore, this history must come to an end, because God's purpose of creation was originally good. Evil cannot be eternal.



The Last Days is the time of transition when evil ends and goodness begins. Therefore, in the Last Days, the Messiah comes to destroy evil and establish goodness on behalf of God. There will be a great judgment and reformation carried out by the Lord of the Second Advent. It is a time of great joy for man.

In the Bible, the Last Days have come several times.

(1) At the time of Noah

It was the time of the Last Days.

Gen. 6:13 ... I have determined to make an end of all flesh,
for the earth is filled with violence through them.
Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. "

(2) At the time of Jesus

It was the time of the Last Days.

Mal. 4:1 "For behold, the day comes, burning like an oven,
when all ... will be stubble. "

John 5:22 "The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment
to the Son. "

(3) At the time of the Lord of the Second Advent

It is the time of the Last Days.

Rev. 19:15 "From his mouth issues a sharp sword, with which to smite the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. "

Luke 17:26 "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man. "

The reasons why there were several Last Days.

God's portion
of responsibility

Man's portion
of responsibility

Accomplishment
of God's will

God's will is realized only when both God's portion of responsibility and man's portion of responsibility are fulfilled.

God prepared everything in order for man to achieve the purpose of the Last Days at the time of Noah and at the time of Jesus, but man did not fulfill his portion of responsibility. Because of this, it has been prolonged to a third time. Man must fulfill his portion of responsibility at the time of the Lord of the Second Advent in order to accomplish God's will.

2. Phenomena of the Last Days

(1) The earth will be destroyed

II Peter 3:10 "... and the elements will be dissolved with fire and the earth ... will be burned up. "

But in the Bible there are other verses which say that the earth will not be destroyed.

Eccl. 1:4 "A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. "

Ps. 78:69 "He built his sanctuary like ... the earth, which he has founded forever. "

Both verses must be right. Therefore, the destroyable earth and the eternal earth must refer to different things.

a. What is the eternal earth?

Let us think of the Garden of Eden, the creation, earth.

(i) The Garden of Eden

If man had not fallen, there would have been no war, struggles, or severe diseases which caused the reduction of the world population. Science would have developed quickly, and would have provided better living conditions and circumstances for mankind. Therefore, there would have been more people living on the earth than the present population. The Garden of Eden should have been the place on earth where unfallen men started their lives; it would have covered the whole earth and lasted eternally.

(ii) All the creation, apart from man, reached perfection.

The creation is not responsible for man's fall. Therefore, God will not destroy the creation, which did not do anything evil.

(iii) God cannot be a God of failure.

If God destroys the earth, He becomes a God of failure who could not achieve His purpose of creation because of Satan's power.

Therefore, "eternal earth" refers to the literal earth.

b. Then, what is the destroyable earth?

(i) Cannot be literal, must be symbolic

God said that He would destroy the earth at the time of Noah and at the time of Jesus, but there was no change in the earth at those times.

Gen. 6:13 "... Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. "

Is. 24:19 "the earth is utterly broken, the earth is rent asunder, the earth is violently shaken. "

(ii) The symbolic earth and symbolic heaven.

Heaven also has two meanings: there is a literal heaven for the literal earth, and a symbolic heaven for the symbolic earth.

The literal heaven is the sky.

Then, what is the symbolic heaven?

John 3:13 - "He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. "

Jesus was born on earth, so this heaven refers to a symbolic heaven.

(iii) Then why did Jesus say he came down from heaven?

We call God "Father in heaven". This heaven does not mean the sky.

The reason that Jesus said he came down from heaven and we say God is in heaven is because God and Jesus are far different from fallen man and the fallen world.

When used in reference to God and Jesus, heaven means goodness, holiness, truth, being of high value, and the kingdom of heaven.

(iv) The symbolic earth is the opposite of the symbolic heaven.

So, the symbolic earth means evil, profanity, falsehood, being of no value, and hell.

Therefore, the destroyable earth stands for evil, profanity, falsehood, being of no value, and hell. Ultimately, it means the lord of these things, Satan, and his evil sovereignty.

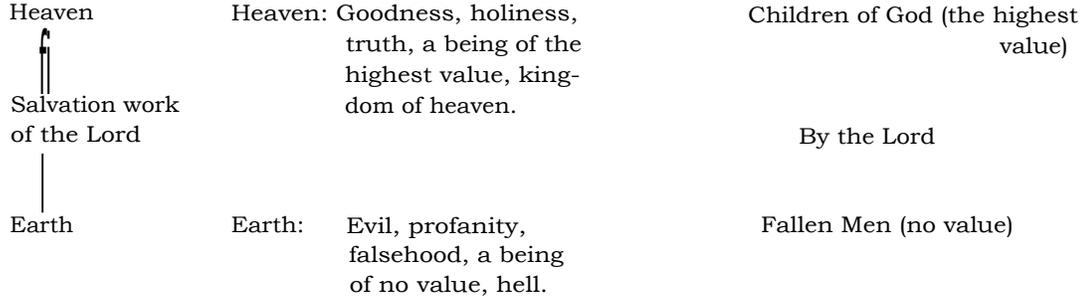
The fact that the earth will be destroyed stands for the destruction of the satanic power which is ruling this fallen world.

(2) Devout Christians will be caught up into heaven

I Thess. 4:17 - "Then we who are alive ... shall be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. "

Man will be caught up into heaven from the earth by the merit of the Lord.

Fallen men, who are of no value, will be restored to children of God, who are of the highest value, by the salvation work of the Lord.



To be caught up into heaven means that man's value will be elevated from the point of no value to the point of the highest value and men thus become the children of God.

This does not mean that man's physical body will be lifted up into heaven. Physical bodies cannot stay in the air without the help of an airplane.

Example: When a man goes to a higher grade, we say he goes "up. " This does not mean that he is physically raised from the earth, but means that his value is elevated.

(3) The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will fall down

Matt. 24:29 "... the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven... "

The earth is eternal. Therefore, the heavenly bodies must also be eternal. Furthermore, most stars are much bigger than the earth; they cannot literally fall down upon the earth.

Is. 24:23 "Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed... "

Similar things were said in the Bible about the time of Jesus, but no such changes ever took place among the heavenly bodies.

This is also a symbolic expression.

What do these expressions mean?

Gen. 37:5-11 "... Behold, I have dreamed another dream, and behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars were bowing down to me, but ... his father rebuked him and said ... shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow before you?"

The sun was a symbol of the father, the moon of the mother, and the stars represented the brothers.

In the Old Testament Age, Moses and the Mosaic Laws gave life to the believers as the sun and the moon. Moses was in the position of father, and the Mosaic Laws were in the position of mother.

In the New Testament Age, Jesus and the Holy Spirit gave spiritual life to the believers as the sun and the moon. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are working spiritually as father and mother with the followers of Jesus.

In the days of the Lord of the Second Advent, the Lord will appear on earth. He and his bride will give new life to fallen man as the eternal father (Is. 9:6, Matt. 16:27) and mother on earth.

The fact that the sun and moon will be darkened in the Last Days means that the spiritual work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit will be ended when the Lord of the Second Advent appears on the earth. He will bring the world of light, which is the kingdom of heaven on earth. In the time of Jesus, Moses and the Mosaic Laws lost their light when compared to the brighter light of the gospel of Jesus. (Is. 24:23)

Saying that the stars will fall down means that many Christians may stumble and fall away at the time of the Lord of the Second Advent, just as the leaders of Judaism stumbled and fell by opposing Jesus.

Matt. 7:22-23 "On that day many will say to me, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name? And then I will declare to them 'I never knew you, depart from me, you evildoers. '"

Luke 18:8 "... nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

(4) Judgment by fire

II Peter 3:12 "... the heavens will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire!"

Earth and the creation are eternal. Therefore, they cannot be melted down by literal fire.

This fire is also symbolic.

James 3:6 "... the tongue is a fire ... "

Tongue means word. Therefore, fire means the word of God.

Judgment by fire means the judgment by God's word.

- Is. 11:4 ... he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. "
- Mal. 4:1 "For behold, the day comes, burning like an oven, when all ... will be burned up ... "
- Luke 12:49 "I came to cast a fire on the earth; and would that it were already kindled. "
- John 12:48 the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. "
- II Thess. 2:8 "... the Lord will slay him with the breath of his mouth... "
- II Peter 3:7 "... by the same word, the heavens and the earth ... have been stored up for fire ... "
- Rev. 19:15 "From his mouth issues a sharp sword, with which to smite the nations. "

At the time of Jesus, there was no judgment through literal fire.

"Rod of his mouth", "breath of his mouth", and "mouth issues a sharp sword", are all figurative expressions for the word which comes from the mouth of the Lord.

The reason why God brings about the judgment through His word:

God created man through His word and gave him the commandment to keep. But man did not keep it and did not live by His word, and fell. Therefore, in order to save fallen man, God gives the word of re-creation, and judges whether man has kept God's word and lived by His word. This is the reason why God brings about the judgment through His word.

Judgment through God's word does not mean the punishment which follows the judgment.

(5) Corpses will rise from their tombs

Matt. 27:51-52 "the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep, were raised. "

Thess. 4:16 "... and the dead in Christ will rise first ... "

Such a belief came about by a literal translation of the above verses.

If the things mentioned in Matt. 27:51-52 had really happened, those risen people should have testified to Jesus as living men. There would have been no one who would not have believed and followed Jesus after hearing the testimony of the risen men. Then the disciples of Jesus would not have been persecuted as they had been.

Also, records of their works should have been kept in the Bible, but there are no such records found anywhere in the Bible.

So this was not an actual event; it was a symbolic expression. This will be explained fully later in the chapter on resurrection.

From this we can understand that the Last Days is not the time of the occurrence of destructive phenomena or supernatural phenomena. It is the time of the establishment of a new heaven and earth with new order, truth and love of God.

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Section 3
The Last Days And The Present Days

Before Jesus left, he said he would return very soon. (Matt. 10:23, Matt. 16:28, John 21:18-22)

Because of this, Christians lived with the expectation that the Last Days would come very soon.

However, the Last Days is the time prior to the realization of God's three blessings on the earth. Therefore, by examining things which are taking place in the present days, we can come to understand whether or not this time is indeed the Last Days.

1. From the Phenomena of the Restoration of God's First Blessing

God's first blessing is the blessing for individual perfection.

(1) The restoration of man's spiritual capacity

Before man fell, he had open conversation with God. Perfect man is one with God, and can perceive God's heart.

But through the fall, man lost his spiritual perception. Fallen man became ignorant of God and the spirit world.

Through the salvation work of God, fallen man is restoring his spiritual capacity. In our times we witness more spiritual phenomena occurring than in any other age. This is a sign that man is nearing the original state of spiritual communication.

Acts 2:17 "And in the last days ... I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. "

Therefore, this is the time of the Last Days.

(2) Restoration of the freedom of original mind

Original man should have enjoyed the freedom of his original mind, but through the fall he lost his freedom and entered into the confinement of Satan's world.

Through the providence of restoration, man has been fighting to restore the freedoms of his original mind.

In our days we have such freedoms as the freedom of speech, assembly,

and worship. Man's desire for freedom is becoming greater. This is because the present time is the stage previous to the original world of God's creation.

Therefore, the present days are the Last Days.

(3) Restoration of the original value of man

Men were created as the children of God. But through the fall, man lost his original value and became the servant of servants. Throughout history, man has been restoring his original value.

Examples : The emancipation of slaves, the liberation of suppressed people, equal rights for men and women, the development of democracy, civil rights and the equality of all mankind.

We are now in the stage previous to the Age of the Children of God.

Therefore, the present days are the Last Days.

(4) Restoration of the love of God

Man should have lived receiving the full love of God in the kingdom of heaven, but through the fall, man was cut off from God's love. Throughout history, man has been struggling to restore this love by separating himself from Satan's bondage.

In the present day, man is seeking genuine love, and the spirit of brotherhood is being felt by more and more people. This is the phenomenon of the restoration of the original love which man was to receive from God and men.

Therefore, the present days are the Last Days.

2. From the Phenomena of the Restoration of God's Second Blessing

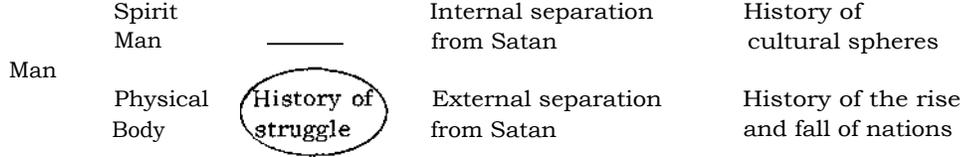
God's second blessing is the blessing of the multiplication of children of goodness.

If man had fulfilled God's second blessing, children of goodness would have been multiplied, establishing the good world of God's sovereignty.

Through the fall, man multiplied children of evil nature and established the evil world of Satan's sovereignty.

God's providence of salvation is to restore fallen men to God by separating them from Satan.

Man has spirit man and physical body. For the internal separation of man from Satan, religion came about. For the external separation of man from Satan, a history of struggle came about.



(1) History of cultural spheres

As was previously mentioned, the 21-26 cultural spheres which previously existed have been absorbed into four main cultural spheres. In the present days, the trend among these four spheres is to make one cultural sphere.

God's purpose through Christianity is to give rebirth to mankind, to restore them to the children of God through the Messiah, and to restore the original one family world of God's creation.

Christianity must fulfill this responsibility by taking the initiative in making one cultural sphere in order to make all people children of God.

This is the phenomenon of the restoration of the second blessing.

At this time, the mission of Christianity must be fulfilled.

Therefore, the present days are the Last Days.

(2) The history of the rise and fall of nations

God has been trying to establish goodness by destroying Satan, the source of evil. For this purpose, fighting between goodness and evil was inevitable. Goodness can only be obtained after destroying evil. So, human history has been a history of struggle between goodness and evil.

The struggle for separation from Satan started on the individual level and expanded to the family level, tribal level, societal level, national level, and finally to the world level. At the same time, political systems have developed from tribalism to feudalism, monarchism, and democracy. Now, the world is divided into two blocks, the world of God's side which is democracy, and the world of Satan's side which is communism.

The communist world is based on communism, which is an atheistic ideology. Communists consider man to be a purely material being, and they give value

to a man only when they find him useful in achieving the materialistic purposes which are in agreement with their policies.

The communist world does not admit the freedom of the individual; man is not allowed to develop his nature as he wants. Therefore, man cannot realize his purpose of creation by exercising the freedom of his original mind, or by his free action in the communist world. The freedom of the original mind is completely neglected because communists do not believe in the existence of God, the spiritual value of man, and the original purpose of life.

Communists deny that God is the source of goodness, freedom and value, and that God is the absolute standard of goodness. Their values are based on materialism, and they say that all things develop and achieve their purpose through conflict and class struggle. Through this ideology man cannot find true goodness, freedom, value, love, peace and the absolute standard of goodness, which all come from God.

Thus, communism is hindering men from achieving God's purpose. For this reason we call the communist world the world of Satan's side or the evil world.

As a man, a communist himself is not evil; however, the communist ideology is evil. People of the free world should not hate the people of the communist world, but hate the false ideology which keeps man in ignorance and prevents him from realizing his true purpose.

The democratic world was originally established with freedom for all men, and sought to establish the foundation of spiritual freedom by which all men could freely serve God and fulfill his three blessings. The democratic world also considers men beings who are created equal as the children of God. For this reason we call the democratic world the world of God's side. In the democratic world, the center of men's life should be God, and the spirit of brotherhood and love with which democracy was founded should be put into practice in everyday life, so that democracy can fulfill its role as the world of God's side.

The people of the free world must restore the people of the communist world by giving them the ultimate truth and love of God, and bring them to an understanding of the responsibility of man, and the true purpose of life and the universe.

However, the democratic world which advocates freedom for all people, as well as its core, Christianity, is leaving its original position and putting more emphasis on a material-centered life. Individuals in the democratic world increasingly think only of their own interests and do not think of the interests of other people. In the same manner, the democratic nation is

becoming more concerned with its own interests and ignoring the needs of other nations. Also, the sense of justice among people of the democratic society is disappearing as self-centeredness increases. God is neglected in the lives of most people. Even Christians are living apart from God's purpose of creation, compromising with the world of evil.

If the democratic world is to be the free world, the people must put more emphasis on spiritual values and culture and stress the importance of the spiritual side of life. By this practice, man's spirit, which is subject, can control the material world, which is object, in the way God originally intended.

This spiritual purpose will not be fulfilled automatically, because this world is still a world of evil, and is opposing the fulfillment of God's purpose. A victory for God can only come when the people of the democratic world can unite around a higher spiritual purpose which benefits all mankind. Evil will be conquered when all mankind unites around this higher spiritual purpose. Thus, the battle between good and evil will not be a physical battle, but primarily a spiritual one.

Christianity was to be the vanguard in the movement to attain the goal of establishing the world of spiritual values and purpose. Throughout history, God has worked hard to establish Christianity as His base, and to lead Christians in the direction of goodness.

God placed His hope in Christianity. However, if Christianity does not fulfill its mission, Christians will be chastized just as the people in the Old Testament Age were punished whenever they failed to follow God's will. God chastized them in various ways, and always made a movement of purification to renew the strength and faith of His people.

Present Christianity has lost its purpose, power and zeal, and fallen into confusion. Today, Christianity does not know what to do in order to fulfill its purpose of establishing God's world. Therefore, God is beginning His movement of purification and renewal. This movement will come forth in the Last Days, bringing a new truth which tells all men about the purpose of life, the responsibility of man, and the way to establish a world of brotherhood and love, making the world into one family. This truth will raise Christianity to a higher dimension and give it the power and zeal which it needs to achieve God's purpose.

The present days are the time of confrontation between the two worlds: the communist world, which has atheistic materialism as its core, and the democratic world, which has Christianity as its core.

The Last Days is the time of the crossing point between good and evil. This is a time of great confusion among ideologies. Even Christians do

not know whether Christianity or communism is the solution for the problems of mankind.

This crossing point between goodness and evil existed at the time of Noah, at the time of Jesus, and exists again at the time of the Lord of the Second Advent, who comes to establish the one ideal world of God's sovereignty.

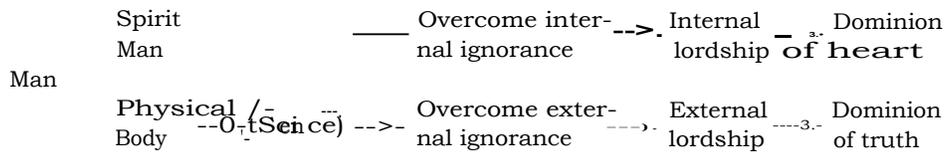
Therefore, we can understand that the present days are the Last Days.

3. From the Phenomena of the Restoration of God's Third Blessing

God's third blessing is the blessing to subdue the creation.

If man had fulfilled God's third blessing, man would have become the lord of goodness over all creation, and would have established the kingdom of heaven on earth. But through the fall, man lost the position of lordship, and fell into ignorance, internally and externally.

For man to restore his lordship, he must restore dominion over the creation by overcoming his ignorance.



If man had not fallen, morality would have been developed to the highest degree, establishing the ideal world of God's family. Also, science would have developed to the highest degree in a short period of time, establishing the highest standard of living.

Today, religion and philosophy are seeking a new morality which can bring a peaceful and harmonious world to mankind.

Science has also developed highly, providing convenient living circumstances for mankind.

Religion is trying to establish one cultural sphere, political science is trying to establish one world government, economics is trying to establish one world trade system, and science is trying to establish the ideal environment for the one world family.

At this time, what mankind needs is a leader of goodness. He should be a leader of heart and love, like a father to the people. This is the Lord of the Second Advent, who comes as the eternal father on behalf of God. Through him we can have one world of unity, harmony and peace.

Therefore, the present days are the Last Days.

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Section 4
The Last Days, The New Truth, And Our Attitude

1. The Last Days and the New Truth

Religion worked to restore man's internal ignorance through spirit, and through truth about internal matters.

John 4:23 "... worship the Father in spirit and truth ... "

Science worked to restore man's external ignorance through truth about external matters.

The phenomena of the spirit world are apprehended by the five spiritual senses. These perceptions are then relayed to the five physical senses and experienced by the physical body.

The cognition which comes through this process is called "spirit."

"Truth" is the cognition which comes through man's five physical senses.

Therefore, cognition comes through two channels: from the spiritual senses and from the physical senses.

Man becomes perfect when his spirit man and physical body are perfectly united.

Likewise, perfect cognition comes when spirit, which comes from the spiritual channel, and truth, which comes from the physical channel, are perfectly united.

God's restoration providence is the providence to restore fallen man to his original state by developing man's heart and intellect through spirit and truth.

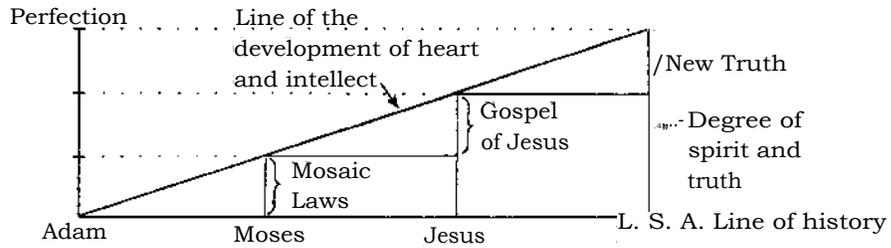
Reasons why the new truth must come.

(1) From the development of man's heart and intellect

Through the fall, man's heart and intellect lost their capacity to function fully.

By the merit of the restoration providence, fallen man's heart and intellect gradually grow in their ability to feel and understand more and more, as history progresses.

Ultimately, spirit and truth are one, eternal, and absolute; but during the process of their development, the degree and method of their expression can be changed to suit man.



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Perfect man and the kingdom of heaven

The purpose of spirit and truth is to lead man to perfection.

Therefore, as man's heart and intellect grows higher, more highly developed and logical expressions and methods to convey spirit and truth must come in order to persuade man by satisfying the desire of his heart and intellect.

This is the reason why God's providence developed from the pre-Old Testament Age, to the Old Testament Age, to the New Testament Age, to the final Age of the Lord of the Second Advent.

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life; and no one comes to the Father but by me. "

Jesus said that he was the way, the truth and the life; not his words. His words were simply the medium through which the truth was expressed; they were not truth itself.

Therefore, Jesus used different expressions, depending upon the people he was speaking to. Therefore, the Bible is not truth itself, but it is the expression of truth and the guidebook to the truth.

In our days, man's heart and intellect have developed to a higher degree, and many people have not been taught the true meaning of the Bible, and are not satisfied with the conventional interpretations of the Old and New Testaments.

This is the Last Days. To persuade the people of the Last Days and to lead them to God, a higher expression of the truth must come.

This is the reason why a new truth must come in the Last Days.

(2) From the purpose of God's restoration providence

The purpose of God's restoration providence is to establish one ideal world of unity.

God is working through Christianity to achieve this purpose. Therefore, all Christians must be united in order to fulfill this mission.

However, we know that Christianity is divided into over 400 different denominations and sects.

Then what is the main reason for the divisions within Christianity?

These divisions have come about because of the expressions in the Bible which are written in symbols and parables in many important places.

Men interpret these passages in many different ways because of differences in their mentality, knowledge, intellectual development, viewpoint, approach, background, flexibility, prejudice, disposition, open-mindedness, self-interest, spiritual experience, spiritual perception, and spiritual maturity.

God is working to save all people, not to destroy them.

Therefore, in the Last Days, there must come a new truth which can clarify all these controversies and interpret these passages in the Bible in a way which can be universally understood so that Christianity can be united into a higher dimension and fulfill its mission.

This is the reason why the new truth must come in the Last Days.

(3) From the Bible

John 3:12	"If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can I tell you heavenly things?"
John 16:12	"I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. "
John 16:13	"When the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth..."
John 16:25	"I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall not speak to you in figures, but tell you plainly of the Father. "

Rev. 5:1-5 "And I saw ... a scroll, written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals? ... the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals. "

Rev. 10:11 "And I was told, 'you must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings. '"

When the Lord of the Second Advent comes, he will reveal the truth which Jesus could not reveal in his time because the people could not bear it.

Therefore, the new truth must come in the Last Days.

2. Our Attitude in the Last Days

The Last Days is the time when all evil history ends, and the new history of goodness starts. It is the time of the crossing point between the sovereignties of good and evil on a world-wide scale.

People in the Last Days feel unrest, fear and confusion because of the lack of a sound ideology and a firm internal belief, and they are placed in a situation of external conflict and struggle.

Matt. 24:6-8 "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

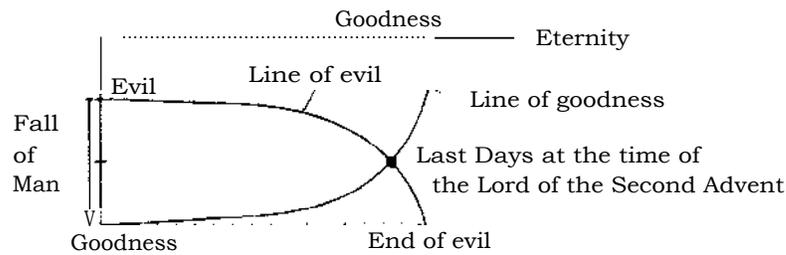
The occurrence of these phenomena is inevitable in clearing away the evil sovereignty and establishing the sovereignty of goodness.

(1) The importance of uniting with the central figure

At the time of transition in history, God always sets up a central figure representing the good sovereignty.

Example: Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus in each providential age.

At this time, men must find the central figure, and must unite with him.



At the time of Jesus, the devout followers of Judaism followed the line of goodness by observing God's commandments. But when they came to the Last Days, they did not recognize Jesus, the central figure, and they rejected him. Because of this, their past accomplishments were nullified, and they fell into the evil side.

But the right-hand thief who had followed the line of evil, committing crimes, recognized Jesus and had faith in him. Because of his faith and union with Jesus, his destiny was changed. He followed the line of goodness, and entered into paradise.

(2) The new age is opposed by the old age

The new age does not start after the old history has ended, but starts before the old history ends. It begins and grows in an environment of evil, and takes a stand which is opposed by the old age.

Therefore, the new providence cannot be understood from the standpoint of the conventional beliefs, traditional systems and the ideology of the old age.

Examples: The saints and sages were not welcomed by the people of their age, but instead were bitterly persecuted.

Jesus was rejected and crucified by the people of Israel.

Similar things will occur at the time of the Lord of the Second Advent.

Luke 17:25 "But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. "

Luke 17:26 "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man. "

(3) Man must have the attitude of a child in order to receive the new truth

The new truth receives persecution as being heretical and deceiving, and receives blame for destroying the established beliefs.

At the time of Jesus:

- Acts 24:5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, an agitator ... and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. "
- Matt. 12:24 "... it is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons. "
- Luke 5:38 "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. "
- Luke 17:33 "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but who-soever loses his life will preserve it. "

Man must abandon his old concepts, prejudices, and habits. He must have an innocent mind, like a child, in order to seek and accept the new truth.

- Matt. 18:3 "... unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "

(4) Man must decide his own way

The problems in a man's life must be taken care of by himself. Other fallen men cannot take that responsibility.

If the disciples had asked the chief priests, lawyers, and scribes about Jesus, they could never have followed him. They would have been told not to follow Jesus because he was a blasphemer.

Instead, the disciples listened to the voice of their original mind and decided their own path, which was to follow Jesus. Because of this they could obtain salvation.

From this we can understand that ministers and elders cannot take responsibility for a man's life.

When a man cannot make a decision by himself, he must decide through prayer. God is a living God, and if His children pray to Him with determination and with an open mind to find the way of life, He will surely show them the way.

Man is a spiritual being. Therefore, if he seeks to find his way with humility, leaving all social prestige, honor, position, and material interests, his original mind will lead him to the way of truth.

The spiritual perception of fallen man is dull, and he sticks to the old age views. Because of this it is very difficult for him to respond to the new truth.

Example : The fact that the leaders of Judaism opposed Jesus.

Those who spend much time in prayer and those people who are conscientious, sense spirit vaguely, even though they cannot grasp the whole picture, and want to follow the providence of the new age. But because they do not have the new truth with which they can subjugate their physical bodies, they feel anxiety.

Therefore, the people in the Last Days must pray hard, seek spirit and new truth with a humble mind, and must unite them, abandoning conventional ideas.

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CHAPTER IV
THE PURPOSE OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

Introduction

To understand the purpose of the coming of the Messiah, we have to know the purpose of the salvation providence of God and His will for man. We also have to find out about the situation of Jesus when he came, and know the reasons why Jesus was crucified. Also, we have to understand the mission of John the Baptist and whether or not he fulfilled his mission.

Section 1

God's Providence Of Salvation Through The Cross

1. The Purpose of Salvation History

As it is explained in Chapter 3, God's providence of salvation is the providence of restoration. Therefore, the purpose of salvation history is the same as the purpose of restoration history.



The purpose of salvation history is:

- (1) to restore fallen man to the state of perfect man
- (2) to restore hell on earth and in the spirit world to the kingdom of heaven on earth and in the spirit world

- (3) to restore the sovereignty of Satan to the sovereignty of God.

2. The Purpose of the Coming of Jesus

Jesus was sent by God as the Messiah to achieve God's purpose of salvation, that is, the purpose of the restoration of man to a state of oneness with God.

Therefore, his purpose was to save fallen man and restore him to the original state of perfection, fulfilling the purpose of the restoration providence.

Matt. 5:48 " You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. "

Also, he came to restore hell to the kingdom of heaven, as is found in Matthew 4:17, Matthew 6:10 and Matthew 3:2.

Matt. 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. '"

A completely saved man must be the same as a man who reached perfection without going through the fall. This perfected man is the man both God and Jesus wanted to have as the restored man.

What would the life of the man of the original creation be like?

- (1) He has no original sin.
- (2) He does not need constant prayer and a life of suffering and indemnity.
- (3) His children are able to enter the kingdom of heaven automatically.
- (4) He has no need for a savior.

The life of the man who has received full salvation must be the same as this.

3. Was Salvation Providence Completed Through the Cross?

Many Christians believe they are saved by believing in the crucified Jesus.

Then, what is the extent of the salvation they have by the merit of Jesus' crucifixion?

To understand this, let's examine the spiritual life of Christians.

- (1) Christians have not been freed from the original sin.

The man without original sin cannot be accused by Satan, and must be able to give birth to a child who is free from original sin. However, Christians know that they are not in this state.

No matter how devout a Christian may be, he still has original sin, and is bound to the law of sin.

Rom. 7:22-25 "For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, and making me captive to the law of sin ... Who will deliver me from this body of death? ... So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin."

I John 1:10 "If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and His word is not in us. "

Christians are waiting to be fully saved:

Rom. 8:23 "We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. "

Therefore, Christians have not been able to free themselves from the original sin.

- (2) Christians need to pray and lead a life of suffering and indemnity.

Christians are urged to "pray constantly" in order to be saved (I Thess. 5:17)

- (3) The children of Christians are not saved.

They are not saved automatically, but need to pray and lead a life of suffering and indemnity. No matter what the merit of their parents has been, the children still have to go through this course.

- (4) All Christians need a savior.

Jesus says, "I am coming soon" (Rev. 22:20). In order to enter into the kingdom of heaven, Christians must unite with the coming Lord (Rev. 22:14) who comes as the perfected Adam, the tree of life.

When we compare the life of Christians with that of the man of the original creation, we understand that Christians did not reach the perfection state.

From this we can understand that through faith in the crucifixion of Jesus alone, man cannot be completely saved. This is because Jesus was not fully able to fulfill his purpose of salvation as the Messiah through the cross, because of the disbelief of the people of Israel.

This is the reason why he promised to come back again.

Section 2
Death Of Jesus

1. The Death of Jesus on the Cross

Was the death of Jesus on the cross the original predestination of God?

We will examine this from various standpoints.

(1) The words and behavior of his disciples

Acts 7:51-53 "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you ... And they killed those who announced the coming of the righteous one, whom you have now betrayed and murdered. "

The disciples were very indignant and sorrowful at the death of Jesus, and even cursed those who crucified him. If the death of Jesus was the original will of both God and Jesus, the disciples could not be angry.

From this we can understand that Jesus did not come to be persecuted and die on the cross.

(2) The providence of God

God chose Abraham and multiplied the chosen people to make the foundation on which the Messiah could achieve his purpose, by their attendance of him.

Before the coming of the Messiah, God sent many prophets to foretell his coming, allowing the people to make preparations to receive him.

Also, God trained the people to unite with the coming Messiah by letting them go through the course of uniting with the tabernacle and holy temple, which were the symbol and image of the Messiah.

Even after Jesus was born, God sent three wise men from the east, the shepherds, Simon, Anna, and John the Baptist in order to testify that Jesus was the Messiah.

The will of God was to lead the Jewish people to accept Jesus as the Messiah; the mission of the Jewish people was to believe in Jesus and to follow him.

The Jewish people were under the oppression of the Roman Empire, and they had been waiting in this state of oppression for the coming of the Messiah to save them.

If they had known that Jesus was the Messiah whom they had made such a long preparation for, they would not have crucified him, but would have embraced him.

From this, we can understand that the crucifixion of Jesus did not take place according to God's will, but was the result of a crime which came from the ignorance and disbelief of the people of Israel.

So, Jesus did not come to be crucified.

(3) The sayings and works of *Jesus*

Jesus himself pleaded with the people to believe in him.

John 6:28-29 "What must we do to be doing the work of God?' Jesus answered them, 'this is the work of God, that you believe in him whom He has sent.

Luke 19:41-44 "And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, 'Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace. But now they are hid from your eyes ... because you did not know the time of your visitation. '"

Matt. 23:37 "'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!'"

John 5:39-40 "You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that bear witness to me; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. "

John 5:43-46 "I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. "

Jesus worked very hard by preaching the words of truth, but the people did not believe in him.

In order to take away the attitude of disbelief and lead the people to believe

in him, Jesus performed miracles and wonderful works.

John 10:38 .. even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father. "

But they did not believe in him and persecuted him, saying:

Matt. 12:24 "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons. "

Jesus was so angry because the people did not believe in him, due to the disbelief of the leaders of Judaism, that he poured out the words of a curse on the leaders:

Matt. 23:13-16 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. ... for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides... "

If the Jewish people believed in Jesus as the Messiah, as he desired, they would not have persecuted him and crucified him.

By this we can understand that God did not originally predestine the cross of Jesus to achieve the entire purpose of the coming of the Messiah.

St. Paul knew this, and said the crucifixion of Jesus was the result of the ignorance of the people.

I Cor. 2:8 "None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. "

(4) There are other verses which testify that Jesus did not come to be crucified.

Matt. 26:37 "And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. '"

If the way of the cross of Jesus were the predestination of God, Jesus wouldn't have prayed in this manner. Many Christians believe Jesus prayed such a prayer because of the weakness of his physical body; this is not true. If people in the fallen world willingly die for their nation, then would the savior of the whole world take such an

attitude of weakness when he is going the inevitable course of death in order to achieve his purpose of salvation? Jesus was not such a weak man. He was much greater than any fallen man. The interpretation by many Christians that Jesus cried out in weakness is a great insult both to him and to God.

Then, why did he pray to let the cup of suffering pass from him? There must have been reasons for this prayer.

The reasons are as follows:

a. For God

God had been working very hard to save fallen man by preparing the way for the Messiah. The Messiah came on behalf of God to achieve His will. God's great expectation and hopes were placed on the shoulders of Jesus. If Jesus died without fulfilling his whole purpose as the Messiah, then he would have felt humiliated before God. It would put God into deepest grief and sorrow again, just as He felt at the time of the fall of Adam. Jesus wanted to comfort and please his Father by accomplishing His desire. If he died, God would have to work hard again to prepare the foundation for the second coming, as He had to prepare for the first coming.

So, Jesus prayed to accomplish the purpose of his coming without dying, and to return joy to God by fulfilling His expectations as the Lord of glory.

b. For all mankind

There was no one who could go to the kingdom of heaven before the time of Jesus. As the Messiah, he was the pioneer to open the way to the kingdom of heaven. His path was the path for all people to follow in order to become the children of God. If Jesus accomplished his purpose without dying on the cross, his followers also could receive full salvation without suffering. If Jesus was crucified, then his followers had to follow the same way to receive even limited salvation.

He did not want his followers to go through such hardships; in order to give them the easy way to complete salvation, he prayed that the cup would pass from him.

c. For the chosen people of Israel

The chosen people of Israel had long suffered and gone through

many trials and the way of misery, and finally the Messiah came to them. But if the people would reject him and crucify him, they would lose their qualification as the chosen people; they would be destroyed and broken into pieces and persecuted by other nations because of their disbelief and crime against God.

Jesus did not want such a thing to happen to his people, and to prevent this, he prayed to have the cup pass from him.

John 3:14" And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up. "

When the people of Israel disbelieved Moses in the wilderness, fiery serpents came out and bit the people, killing them. To save these people of disbelief, Moses lifted up the bronze serpent on the pole; those who looked at the bronze serpent could then be saved.

Likewise, the people of Israel did not believe in Jesus; therefore, they were bound to fall into the dominion of Satan. To save these people of disbelief, Jesus had to be crucified on the cross, just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent; those who believed in the cross could then be saved spiritually.

Jesus spoke these words with a sorrowful heart because he foresaw that he had to go through the cross to give salvation to those who would believe in the cross.

Luke 19:44 —————"your enemies will... dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation. "

As Jesus foretold, the people of Israel were destroyed after the death of Jesus.

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder and his name will be called, 'wonderful counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, prince of peace. ' Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forever more. "

Luke 1:32-33 "He will be great, and will be called the son of the most high; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house

of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end. "

From these verses we can understand that God wanted to build the eternal kingdom of heaven on earth by sending Jesus as the Messiah.

(5) Historical facts

The miserable fate of the people of Israel

If the cross of Jesus was the will of God, then we cannot understand why the people of Israel had to go through such a miserable course in history after they accomplished God's will. This was the chastisement for their crime of crucifying Jesus against God's will and hindering the salvation providence which God wished to carry out through Jesus.

The suffering of Christians

Why did the followers of Jesus have to go through such suffering? Is God such a ruthless God that He would put His beloved Son on the cross and let His followers go through a miserable death and suffering? It was not God's original intention, but was the result of the disbelief and crime of the people in killing the Son of God. Since Jesus went through such suffering, all his followers had to go through the same course. It was also the punishment of mankind for the collective sin of killing Jesus, in which the Christians represented all mankind.

2. The Limit of Salvation Through the Cross, and the Purpose of the Messiah's Second Coming

(1) Full salvation

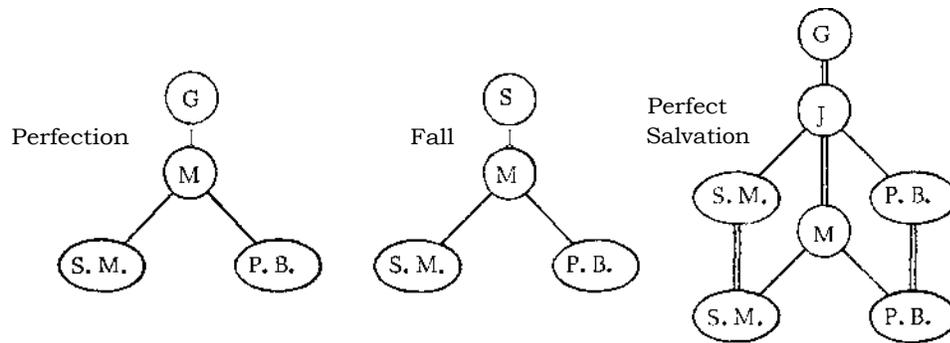
If the people had believed in Jesus, he would not have been crucified. If Jesus had not been killed, he could have realized his purpose of coming. His purpose was to restore fallen man to the state of the original perfected man, and to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth.

By the fall, man was cut off from God in both his physical body and his spirit man. Fallen man became one with Satan both physically and spiritually under the dominion of Satan.

For Jesus to achieve his purpose, he had to make fallen man leave his position in the satanic world and unite with Jesus in both physical body and spirit man.

When fallen man unites with Jesus completely, both physically and spiritually, he comes to be cut off from Satan completely, both physically and spiritually, thus restoring his original position under the dominion of God's love.

This is the full salvation which God and Jesus originally wanted to establish for all men, when Jesus came on earth. To unite with Jesus both physically and spiritually, man must believe completely in the living Jesus with his physical body and spirit man. When man has complete faith in Jesus, he lives according to the will of Jesus, as Jesus directs. By believing in Jesus, man can become one with him (John 14:20). Then his physical body and spirit man become like Jesus' own physical body and spirit man and unite into one with God. This is the state of perfect salvation.



John 14:20 "In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you.

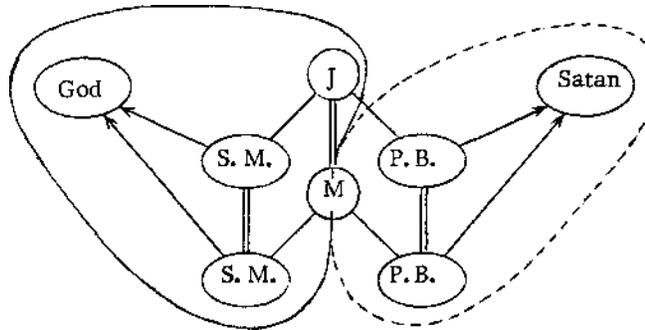
(2) Spiritual salvation

However, through the disbelief of the people of Israel, Satan invaded the physical body of Jesus and crucified him.

Satan controls both the physical bodies and spirit men of fallen men under his dominion. So, even though the followers of Jesus are one with Jesus by their faith, their physical bodies remain in the dominion of Satan, because the physical body of Jesus was destroyed by Satan.

From this we can understand that by the cross of Jesus, fallen man cannot have physical salvation, and the physical body remains under the dominion of Satan. This is the reason why St. Paul said, "I serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. " (Rom. 7:25)

Because of the redeeming merit of Jesus on the cross, the triumphant foundation for the resurrection was established, and this became the foundation for spiritual salvation. This was God's secondary will, the spiritual salvation which He brought about by the cross. Therefore, by believing in the resurrected Jesus, and by uniting with him, man can obtain spiritual salvation.



Physical salvation is not completed; therefore, the original sin is not cleansed.

This is the reason why Christians have not been able to get full salvation to the state of perfect man. (I Thess. 5:17, Rom. 7:22-25, I John 1:10)

The Messiah did not finish the physical salvation; therefore, he must come again to complete the salvation of man by giving physical salvation as well as spiritual salvation.

This is the reason why the Lord must come back again on earth.

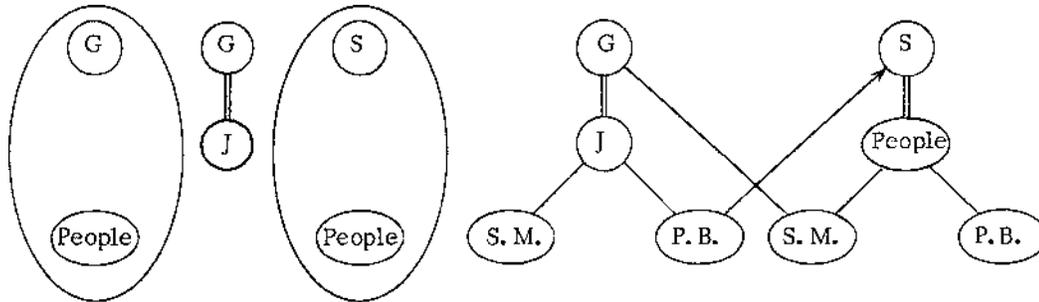
(3) Why did the cross of Jesus become the redeeming condition?

The people of Israel were chosen by God to work for the accomplishment of God's salvation providence, and were put on God's side.

Before the coming of Jesus, they belonged to God's side. If they had believed in Jesus, God, Jesus, and the people of Israel could have stayed together in oneness. But from the moment they rejected and persecuted Jesus, God had to leave the people because rejecting and persecuting Jesus was the same as rejecting and persecuting God himself.

So, the people of Israel turned to Satan's side.

God's purpose in sending Jesus was not to send the people to Satan's side but to bring them closer to Him by giving full salvation. However, by the disbelief and persecution of the people, the opposite thing happened. God had to take special measures to bring the people of disbelief back to His side. To achieve this purpose, God had to pay the price of giving the body of Jesus to Satan.



Satan's desire was to kill the Messiah when he came and to prevent Jesus from saving the people.

When he was on the cross, Jesus asked forgiveness for his enemies, and he loved those who were on Satan's side, even giving his life for them.

Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. "

By delivering Jesus, His only begotten son, to Satan, God loved the fallen people who were on Satan's side more than His own Son. Thus, the desire of Satan was satisfied.

Because of the love of God and Jesus, Satan had no basis on which to accuse Jesus.

Satan's accusation unto God was that he did not receive the full love of God and the full love of men, the children of God. But by receiving the love of God and the love of Jesus, Satan had to surrender and lost the base for his accusation.

Therefore, from this time on, Satan stood in the defensive position and God stood in the offensive position. Thus, God could exercise His power to resurrect Jesus without giving Satan a condition to accuse.

Therefore, the sphere of the resurrection of Jesus became the sphere of life which Satan could not invade. However, the resurrection of Jesus was spiritual. Therefore, the sphere of resurrection is a spiritual sphere; the sphere of spiritual life.

Those who believe in the resurrection of Jesus and unite with him can enter into the sphere of spiritual life, which is spiritual salvation.

Thus, the crucifixion of Jesus became the redeeming condition to give spiritual life to the people who fell under the dominion of Satan by their disbelief. This is done by restoring their faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

3. Two Kinds of Prophecies Concerning the Mission of Jesus

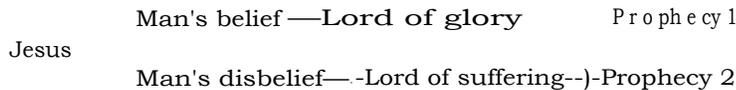
There are two different prophecies concerning Jesus in the Bible

- (1) Lord of glory: Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 11:4, Isaiah 60:1-22, Luke 1:32-33
- (2) Lord of suffering: Isaiah 53:1-12

Why did God give two different prophecies?

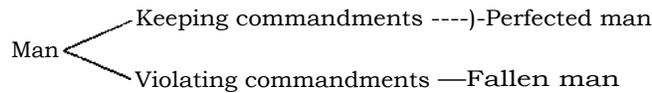
God's will can only be realized by the accomplishment of God's portion of responsibility and man's portion of responsibility. God always fulfills his portion of responsibility. However, for man's portion of responsibility, there are always two possibilities. One is accomplishment, the other one is failure; both are dependent on man's desire and efforts to respond to God's will.

This means that the accomplishment of God's will is dependent upon whether or not man fulfills his portion of responsibility. Because of these two possibilities, God gave two different prophecies.



Sending Jesus was God's portion of responsibility, and believing in Jesus was man's portion of responsibility. Man always has to fulfill his portion of responsibility for God's will to be realized.

Example: Gen. 2:17



Because man did not fulfill his portion of responsibility by believing in Jesus, the second prophecy, the lord of suffering, was fulfilled.

4. The Interpretation of Bible Verses which seem to Predict the Death of Jesus

- (1) Matt. 16:23 "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men. "

When Peter stopped Jesus' way of the cross, Jesus called him "Satan". Because of this, many people believed that the crucifixion of Jesus was the course originally predetermined by God. But when Jesus said this, it was a time when the disbelief of the people of Israel was an established fact, which Jesus found impossible to change. Man could no longer gain full salvation, which was both physical and spiritual salvation together, and Jesus already decided to go the course of spiritual salvation by bearing the cross himself.

If Jesus did not go through the course of the cross at this time, when the disbelief of the people was already established, then he could not give any salvation at all. This was what Satan would desire more.

in this instance, Peter was speaking for Satan's desire. Therefore, Jesus called Peter "Satan".

Because of the disbelief of the people of Israel, the way of the cross became inevitable in order to give the people of disbelief spiritual salvation.

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| a. | Jesus | + | Belief of people | Give full salvation
without cross | Physical and spiritual
salvation |
| b. | Jesus | + | Disbelief of people | Through the cross--3- | Spiritual salvation |
| | | | | Without the cross | No salvation |
- (2) John 19:30 "When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said 'It is finished. ' "

This does not mean that he finished his whole purpose of salvation through the cross. Jesus changed his course from full salvation to spiritual salvation only when he found that the disbelief of the people was established and unchangeable.

By saying this Jesus meant that he finished his mission of spiritual salvation, which became his secondary purpose, after the disbelief of the people prevented him from fulfilling his primary purpose which was full salvation.

Section 3
Jesus And John The Baptist

A. The Reasons The People of Israel Did Not Believe in Jesus

1. The Reason Elijah Must Come Again

In the age of the United Kingdom, King Solomon built the holy temple. However, in his later years King Solomon deviated from God's will, and became corrupt, allowing Satan to invade the ideal of the holy temple.

To restore this ideal of the holy temple, and to make the foundation for sending the Messiah who was the substantial holy temple, God sent four major prophets and twelve minor prophets to separate the people from Satan.

The prophet Elijah came to the Divided Kingdoms of North and South to carry out this mission. But because of the disbelief of the people, he could not fulfill his mission, and he ascended into heaven.

So, Satan had a condition to invade the Messiah when he came, if the people did not accept him.

To achieve the mission of separating Satan from the people, the second coming of Elijah was necessary. This is the reason why God promised to send Elijah before the coming of the Messiah.

Mal 4:5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes."

The people of Israel waited for the second coming of Elijah more than for the coming of the Messiah, because the Messiah could come only after the coming of Elijah.

II Kings 2:11 "And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. "

The people of Israel believed Elijah was in heaven, and therefore they expected Elijah to come down from heaven, just as present-day Christians await the coming of the Lord of the Second Advent from heaven.

When news of Elijah's second coming was not heard, Jesus called himself the Messiah, and it caused great confusion among the people of Israel. The people asked, if Jesus were the Messiah, then where was Elijah?

When the disciples of Jesus witnessed to the people, they were asked this question, and they could not give an answer because they were ignorant of the Bible. They brought this question to Jesus.

Matt. 17:10-13 "And the disciples asked him, 'Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?' He replied, 'Elijah does come, and he is to restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So, also, the Son of man will suffer at their hands.' Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist. "

Jesus answered that Elijah already came back, and he was John the Baptist. The disciples of Jesus already believed Jesus and they could accept anything Jesus said to them. But for the other people who did not know that Jesus was the Messiah, it was very difficult to accept what Jesus said about John the Baptist being Elijah.

Jesus himself knew that it was difficult for the people to accept what he said.

Matt. 11:13-14 "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come."

The Jewish people could not understand this, and they sent priests and Levites to find out the fact by asking this question to John the Baptist:

John 1:19-21 "When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him 'Who are you', he confessed, 'I am not the Christ'. and they asked him, 'What then, are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not!' 'Are you the prophet?' And he answered, 'No. '"

When John the Baptist was asked if he was Elijah, he denied, saying that he was not Elijah. This denial of John the Baptist made Jesus a liar and increased the disbelief of the Jewish people in Jesus. Because of the different sayings of Jesus and John the Baptist, the people had to choose one of these two to follow.

The man that the Jewish people should follow was to be decided by their views of Jesus and John the Baptist. If Jesus looked greater than John the Baptist, they would have followed Jesus. If John the Baptist appeared greater than Jesus, the people would have followed the words of John the Baptist.

We will look back at Jesus and John the Baptist from the standpoint of the Jewish people at the time of Jesus.

2. Jesus Seen from the Standpoint of the People who did not Believe in Him

(1) Jesus appeared to be a poor and ignorant young man.

Jesus was raised in the house of Joseph as a carpenter's apprentice, and he did not receive much education.

John 7:15 "The Jews marvelled at it saying, 'How is it that this man has learning when he has never studied?'"

(2) Jesus appeared to be a blasphemer of God.

He said he came down from heaven, even though he was born on earth.

John 6:42 "They said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

Also, Jesus said that he was the manifestation of God.

John 14:9-10 "He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me... The Father who dwells in me does His works. "

Also, he said he was greater than the holy temple, which the Jewish people esteemed as the most holy, and said he could rebuild it in three days.

Matt. 12:6 "But I say unto you, that in this place is one greater than the temple. "

John 2:19 "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. "

(3) Jesus appeared to be the destroyer of Mosaic laws.

He said he came to make the Mosaic laws complete. He meant that the Mosaic laws are imperfect, and he was greater than the Mosaic laws.

Matt. 5:17 "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. "

And he said he had the authority to forgive sins. Sins were determined by the Mosaic laws. Therefore, his saying meant that he was above the Mosaic laws which were considered absolute by the Jewish people.

Matt. 9:6 "... you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins. "

Luke 7:48-49 "And he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven. ' Then those who were at the table began to say among themselves, 'Who is this, who even forgives sins?'"

Also, Jesus called himself the lord of the Sabbath. He did anything he wanted on the Sabbath, violating the Mosaic laws; and angered the scribes and Pharisees, who accused him:

Matt. 12:2 "... Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath... "

He replied:

Matt. 12:8 "... the Son of man is lord of the Sabbath. "

He said he was before Abraham, the forefather of the Jewish people, was.

John 8:58 "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. "

He was called by the Jewish people a friend of publicans and sinners, people with whom most Jewish people did not associate.

Matt. 11:19 "The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. '"

He was accused by the people of being a man of Satan.

Matt. 12:24 "But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, 'It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons. '"

Jesus blamed the leaders of the Jewish people because of their disbelief and stiff-neckedness.

Matt. 21:31 "Truly I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of heaven before you. "

Jesus appeared to be a destroyer of the morality.

Jesus was a young bachelor, but he commanded those who followed him to love him more than anyone else. Because of this, many people thought he was destroying the family system under the Mosaic law.

Matt. 10:37 "He who loves father and mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. "

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers

and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. "

Many women followed after Jesus and ministered to him with their properties.

Because of this association Jesus should have been accused for offending the morality of the family system.

Luke 8:2-3 ...And certain women... Mary Magdalene... Joanna, the wife of Chuza... Susanna, and many others which ministered unto him of their substance. "

Jesus did many things which were not understood even by his disciples. He was much misunderstood because of these things.

Matt. 26:6-9 .. a woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head, as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying 'Why this waste?'

Jesus even denied his mother.

John 2:4 "And Jesus said, 'Woman, what have you to do with me?'"

Matt. 12:46-50 "... his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man that told him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?... for whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Because of these things, Jesus was considered as if he were a blasphemer of God, a destroyer of Mosaic laws, a disrupter of family morality, and was considered a national criminal worse than the robber Barabbas.

Matt. 27:20-22 "Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas'. Pilate said to them, 'then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified. '"

3. John the Baptist Seen from the Standpoint of the Jewish People

- (1) John the Baptist was born as the son of Zachariah, the chief priest.

From the time before his birth, there were miracles concerning his birth and all Jewish people were frightened.

Luke 1:13 "But the angel said to him 'do not be afraid, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. '"

Luke 1:20 "And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time. "

Luke 1:64-66 "And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God, and fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea. And all who heard these things laid them up in their hearts, saying, 'What then will this child be?' for the hand of the Lord was with him. "

- (2) John the Baptist lead an ascetic life in the wilderness, eating locusts and wild honey. His life was so different from other people and he seemed to great that priests and many people thought in their hearts that John the Baptist might be the Messiah.

Luke 3:15 "As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts, concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ. "

They even directly asked John the Baptist whether he was Christ.

John 1:19 "The Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed, 'I am not the Christ. '"

From the above comparison of Jesus and John the Baptist seen from the eyes of the Jewish people, we can easily understand that the Jewish people would have followed the words of John the Baptist and not the words of Jesus.

Because of this, to the Jewish people, the saying of Jesus seemed like false testimony to make himself the Messiah. The other sayings and behaviors of Jesus were misunderstood even more by the people, and increased their disbelief and hatred of Jesus.

By the denial of John the Baptist that he was Elijah, the Jewish people were led to desert Jesus; they thought that Elijah would come first, since they believed in the prophecy of Malachi in the Old Testament. If they were to believe in Jesus, they had to desert the words of the scriptures, which prophesied that the Messiah would come after the coming of Elijah. So, the people stood in the position to choose one of the two: Jesus or the scriptures, and they felt it was safer to choose the scriptures than to choose Jesus.

So, they chose the way of disbelief in Jesus.

B. Did John the Baptist Fulfill His Mission?

1. The Failure of John the Baptist

John the Baptist received the highest respect from the Jewish people (Luke 3:15, John 1:19). Therefore, if John the Baptist had proclaimed that he was Elijah as Jesus said, then all the people would have come to Jesus and followed him.

The reason God made John the Baptist look so great to the Jewish people was to make the Jewish people believe in the testimony of John the Baptist. If they believed his testimony, John could lead them to believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

Therefore, however humble Jesus might have appeared, as long as John the Baptist fulfilled his mission, it would not have been difficult for the people to follow Jesus as the Messiah.

However, the ignorance of John the Baptist that he was Elijah blocked the way for the people to follow Jesus as the Messiah.

Even though John the Baptist did not know that he was Elijah, he knew that he had a mission similar to that of Elijah.

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| Matt. 3:11 | "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I. " |
| John 1:23 | "He said, 'I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness 'Make straight the way of the lord', as the prophet Isaiah said. '" |
| John 3:28 | "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him. " |

And John the Baptist also received the testimony from heaven that Jesus was the Messiah.

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| John 1:33 | "I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. |
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The same Jesus testified that John the Baptist was Elijah.

Matt. 17:13 "Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist. "

Matt. 11:14 "And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. "

Even though John the Baptist was not aware of his being Elijah, he should have followed the testimony of Jesus, and he should have proclaimed that he was Elijah.

But John the Baptist denied the testimony of Jesus, and even after that he followed a different course from that of Jesus.

John the Baptist fulfilled his mission as testifier to Jesus by giving baptism to Jesus (John 1:31). But from then on, he should have become a disciple of Jesus and should have transmitted the gospel of Jesus to the people, sharing life and death together with Jesus.

John the Baptist, however, separated himself from Jesus, and continued to give baptism independently in his own way, and caused confusion among the Jewish people.

Finally John the Baptist invited a worthless death by his failure.

John 3:25 "Now a discussion arose between John's disciples and a Jew over purifying. And they came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you bore witness, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him. '"

When the quarrel occurred between the disciples of Jesus and John the Baptist concerning baptism, John the Baptist said the following words, in which he made it clear that he did not take the same destiny and share the same advances and setbacks as Jesus.

John 3:30 "He must increase but I must decrease. "

Some people say that John the Baptist said this from his humility. But this is not the expression of his humility.

John the Baptist was chosen by God for Jesus. Therefore, if Jesus increases, he must increase. If Jesus decreases, he must also decrease. He should have felt this way. If he really believed in Jesus as the Messiah, how can he decrease when Jesus increases?

The words of John the Baptist are a clear expression that he did not take the same course as Jesus. John had a complex feeling inside himself when he spoke these words.

John should not have continued giving out baptism independently, but should have realized Jesus was the Messiah and should have devoted his life to Jesus from that time on. John should have died for Jesus, not for the insignificant problem of King Herod.

John the Baptist, who doubted that Jesus was the Messiah, sent his disciples to Jesus, after he was imprisoned, and asked the following question:

Matt. 11:3 "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

Jesus did not give a direct answer that he was the Messiah, but talked about the things he did, and wanted to have John the Baptist solve the question himself.

Matt. 11:4-5 "And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see; the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached unto them. '"

The saying of Jesus that "the poor have good news preached unto them" is an expression of the sorrowful heart of Jesus. "The poor" does not mean the economically poor, but means those people who do not have any heavenly accomplishments and have not merited grace from heaven. The rich people were John the Baptist, priests, lawyers, scribes, and the leaders of the Jewish people who rendered much service to God's providence. Jesus wanted to give his truth and blessing to these rich people who had heavenly accomplishments and merit, but they did not accept him, and rejected him; therefore, Jesus had to find other poor people like the fishermen of Samaria, publicans, harlots, and sinners who had no accomplishments and merit in heaven, and deserved nothing, in order to give out his valuable gospel and grace, as he said in Matthew, Chapter 22.

Matt. 22:8-10 – The wedding is ready, but those invited are not worthy. Go therefore, to the thoroughfare, and invite as many people as you find. ' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. "

Then he gave out the word of judgment to John the Baptist.

Matt. 11:6 "And blessed is he who takes no offence at me. "

By this, Jesus meant that however great John the Baptist was, he already stumbled and lost his blessing by not believing in Jesus himself.

Then Jesus said:

Matt 11:7-10 "As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft clothes are

in king's houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.

Jesus said this to mean that all of the people went out to the wilderness to watch the scene in which John the Baptist testified to Jesus as the Messiah. All of the people had seen John the Baptist himself testify to Jesus. How could he have asked such a question at this time, after he had witnessed to Jesus as the Messiah?

Jesus continued, and said the following concerning John the Baptist.

Matt. 11:11 "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. "

The people in the kingdom of heaven are the men who are born through women, and went through life on earth. If a man was the greatest born from woman, then he should be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven as well. Then why did John the Baptist, who was the greatest born among women, become the smallest one in the kingdom of heaven?

All the prophets in the past testified to the Messiah far before the Messiah actually came. But John the Baptist had the mission to testify to the Messiah directly, living at the same time.

Therefore, in the sense of mission, John was the greatest one, but in attending Jesus as the Messiah, he was the least one because he did not follow him and serve him as the Messiah.

Without knowing that John the Baptist failed in his mission of attending the Messiah, this verse could not be understood. This is a good expression of the failure of John the Baptist.

Jesus continued and said:

Matt. 11:12 "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force. "

Jesus said this concerning the position of his chief disciple. If John the Baptist had fulfilled his mission in following Jesus, John the Baptist should have been chosen as the chief disciple of Jesus. But because of his failure, Peter, who endeavored hard, was chosen for that position.

Matt. 11:19 "...wisdom is justified by her deeds. "

If John the Baptist had the wisdom to know Jesus as the Messiah, he should have served Jesus as the Messiah, and he would have accomplished a great service in the kingdom of heaven. But because of his ignorance, he blocked the way of the Jewish people to come to Jesus, and made a great cause for the crucifixion of Jesus.

St. Paul also deplored this ignorance and said:

I Cor. 2:8 "None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the lord of glory. "

2. The Reason John the Baptist did not Believe in Jesus as the Messiah

- (1) He was ignorant of God's providence.

John the Baptist was a fallen man. He had a conventional adherence to the Bible. He could not know God's new providence. He was also ignorant of the value and the background of Jesus, and did not know about the second coming of Elijah. He himself waited for the coming of Elijah from heaven. Therefore, it was difficult for him to believe in Jesus, who appeared as the Messiah before the coming of Elijah.

- (2) He judged Jesus by a human standard.

Even though John the Baptist testified to Jesus as the Messiah, it was not from his knowledge of Jesus, but from the instruction from heaven given through revelation. The things taught by revelation without the foundation of knowledge do not last long. When man has the attitude of doubt, the revelation seems like a dream and has no convincing power.

John 1:33 "I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, he began to judge Jesus from a human standard.

Jesus was the younger cousin of John the Baptist. Therefore, John the Baptist knew about Jesus and his family for a long time, and he thought Jesus was inferior to him in many ways because of his education, ascetic life, achievements, and social standing.

- (³) He had the wrong view of the Messiah.

John the Baptist had a mysterious image concerning the Messiah.

Matt. 3:11 "...but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry... "

He thought that when the Messiah comes, he would look so holy and glorious that he could not approach close to him.

But the actual appearance of Jesus was so distant from John's preconception of what the Messiah would be like, that it was difficult for him to believe that Jesus was the Messiah.

- (4) He could not understand the sayings and works of Jesus.

Jesus came to start a new providence of a new age, and to build a new kingdom. Therefore, he spoke of new things which were not written in the Old Testament, and he did new works which could not be understood from the conventional ideas and standards of the Old Testament, so Jesus appeared to be a heretic.

Due to this, he could not believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

- (5) He had social prestige and standing.

He was the greatest teacher among the Jewish people, and was respected by all of them. He also had many disciples of his own. In order to become the disciple of Jesus, he had to give up his position as the greatest teacher and had to lower himself down to the position of a disciple with his own disciples, and had to surrender before Jesus, who was his younger cousin, with his disciples. This would be very difficult for him.

Because of this, he did not follow Jesus as the Messiah.

3. The Reason John the Baptist became the Elijah

John the Baptist and Elijah were different men. Elijah was in heaven (Luke 9:30), and John the Baptist was born on earth. So, John the Baptist was not Elijah himself.

But John the Baptist came with the mission of Elijah, to succeed him and complete his mission. And from the standpoint of mission, he became the second Elijah.

Luke 1:17 "And he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah... "

Elijah in the spirit world also came down to him and cooperated with him to fulfill his unfinished mission.

Because of this, John the Baptist became Elijah.

4. Our Attitude Towards the Bible

From the above, for the first time in history, we have explained about the failure of John the Baptist in his mission. Until now, no one had revealed such a heavenly secret. This was because all the people studied the Bible from the standpoint that John the Baptist was the greatest prophet and had fulfilled his mission.

We have to clear away in ourselves those conventional ideas and such a stubborn attitude of faith. We must try to grasp the true meaning of the Bible from the standpoint of God, in both spirit and truth, and try to hold a right attitude of faith, leaving all the human preconceptions behind.

CHAPTER V
RESURRECTION

Introduction

Christians believe that they will be resurrected when the Lord of the Second Advent comes. Then, what will happen at the time of the resurrection? The Lord comes as a savior to save fallen man; therefore, the resurrection comes through the salvation work of the Lord. From this, we know that there should be a close relationship between the significance of salvation and that of resurrection. To understand the true meaning of resurrection and the results of resurrection, we have to understand God's ideal of creation, the result of the fall, and the goal of salvation.

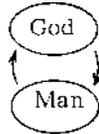
Section 1
Significance of Resurrection

1. God's Ideal of Creation and Salvation

"Resurrection" means to revive from the dead.

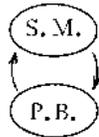
To understand the meaning of resurrection, we will examine the man of original creation, fallen man, and fully saved man.

(1) Man of the original creation



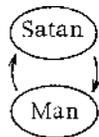
Perfected man is one with God, and a man of God. He is the man who deserves the full love of God, and is a man of life.

Perfected man has a spirit man and a physical body; the physical body is mortal, and lives on earth in the kingdom of heaven. When man's physical body returns to earth, then the spirit man which is immortal, leaves the physical body and enters the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world, where it lives forever, receiving God's love.



In perfected man, the spirit man which is the subject, and the physical body, which is the object, perform good give and take action. The physical man lives in conjunction with the spirit man and the spirit world.

(2) Fallen man



Man fell during his growth stage to perfection, and became fallen man. By the fall he lost his relationship with God, and was cut off from God's love. He became one with Satan, and

became a man of Satan; he does not receive God's love. Thus, he became a man of death.

Fallen man also has a spirit man and physical body. His physical body lives on earth in Satan's dominion, which is hell on earth. When his physical body ceases its function, his spirit man leaves his physical body and goes to the spirit world under Satan's dominion, which is hell in the spirit world.

In fallen man, the spirit man, which is subject, and the physical body, which is object, cannot perform good give and take action. Because of this, man does not know the existence of his spirit man and the spirit world.

(31) Salvation

Salvation is restoration; the purpose of salvation is to restore fallen man from the state of the man of death under Satan's dominion to the state of the man of life under the dominion of God's love.

Therefore, we can understand that salvation is a change of man's relationship from Satan to God, by the return of man to the quality of the original man.

2. Biblical View of Life and Death

Matt. 8:21-22 ' ... Lord, let me first go and bury my father. ' But Jesus said to him, 'Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead. "'

From this saying of Jesus, we can understand that Jesus used the word "dead" with two meanings. There are two concepts of life and death.

One concept is the concept of life and death concerning the physiological function. In this case, we say a man is dead when his physiological function stops. Regarding this death, we say that a man is alive when his physiological functions are working.

The other concept is the concept of life and death which calls a man dead when his physiological function was normally working. In this case, death and life has nothing to do with the physiological function.

The Biblical view of life and death is not the former one concerning physical life and death, but is the latter one concerning spiritual life and death.

Jesus called the people who could bury the dead body, "dead".

Why did he call these people "dead"? This was because they rebelled against Jesus, and they stayed under the dominion of Satan, where they are cut off from God's love.

The source of life is God, and the essence of God is love. Because of this, God's love is the source of life.

This death does not mean the death which refers to the ceasing of physiological functions, but the death of being separated from God's love, under the dominion of Satan.

Therefore, the meaning of life regarding this death is the state where man is living according to the will of God, in the dominion of God's love.

So, however active a man's physical body may be, if he is separated from God's dominion of love and stays in Satan's dominion, he becomes a dead man.

Rev. 3:1 "I know your works; you have the name of being alive, and you are dead. "

These people are living on earth with their physiological functions working, but they are dead because they are under the dominion of Satan, where they cannot receive God's love.

John 11:25 "...he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live. "

This is because even if man's physical body dies, when his =spirit man goes to the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world under God's dominion of love, he becomes a man of life.

John 11:26 "... and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. "

This does not mean that man lives on earth eternally, but means that even if a man leaves his physical body, his spirit man lives eternally in the spirit world in the dominion of God's love.

We know that however devout a Christian may be, his physical body dies. From this we can understand that Jesus did not mean that the salvation he offered gave eternal physical life, but gave eternal spiritual life in the dominion of God's love.

Therefore, the death of the physical body does not influence the eternal life of man.

Luke 17:33 "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it.

If man betrays God's will in order to preserve his physical body, he becomes a dead man, even though his physical body is alive.

On the contrary, if man sacrifices his physical body for the will of God, his spirit

man lives under the dominion of God's love, even though his physical body dies. By this he becomes a man of life, and preserves his spirit man in eternal life in the love of God.

3. Death Caused by the Fall

What is the death which was caused by the fall of the first ancestors?

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(1) Death of the physical body

According to the principles of creation, the physical body is created as the foundation of the spirit man, and is made to return to earth after it enables the spirit man to grow to perfection, and ages.

The spirit man alone is created to live eternally after leaving the physical body. It goes to the spirit world and lives there eternally.

Among the physiological beings, there is no single being which can live eternally with its physiological body on earth. Man's physical body is also made with the same elements as other physiological bodies. The cells of the physical body of man and the cells of plants and animals are almost the same. This is because man's physical body is made up of the elements which man takes in, through foods such as vegetables and meat of the plant and animal kingdoms. Therefore, man's physical body alone cannot live eternally. Iv

If man is created to live eternally on earth with his physical body, then there would have been no reason for God to create the spirit world.

The spirit world was not created after man's fall, to accommodate fallen spirit men, but it was created before the creation of man.

Therefore, the death of the physical body is not the result of the fall of man.

(2) The reason why fallen man has a strong desire for life in the physical world

Man was originally created to live eternally with his spirit man in the spirit world. By the fall, man became ignorant of his spirit man and the spirit world, and knows only about his physical body and this physical world.

Man is created with the desire for eternal life which was to be fulfilled by his spirit man, but he wants to fulfill this desire with his physical body in the physical world, because this is all he knows. l.

If man had not fallen, he could perceive the existence of his spirit man and the spirit world, and could also communicate with spirit men in the spirit world.

Therefore, leaving the physical body is not a complete separation from the physical world, because spirit men can communicate with physical men on earth. Leaving the physical body is a move from the physical world to the spirit world, which is man's eternal home. Thus, when man leaves his physical body, this is not a tragedy.

The kingdom of heaven in the spirit world is the world of ultimate beauty, happiness and love. Therefore, living in the spirit world is not an undesirable thing but is the highest state man can reach, if he goes after fulfilling God's three blessings while he lived on the earth.

However, after man fell, fallen man cannot go to the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world, but hell in the spirit world, where there is none of God's love, beauty and joy.

Because of this evil destination, fallen man does not want to leave his physical body. He is not sure of his destination, but he has a feeling that it is an evil place, even though he is not consciously aware of this.

(3) Death caused by the fall

Because the death of the physical body was not the result of the fall of man, we come to the conclusion that the death of falling into Satan's dominion was the result of the fall of man.

Death by the fall means the death which came from the eating of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil by the first ancestors.

In Genesis 2:17, God said, "When you eat of it, you shall surely die. " Therefore, at the moment they ate the fruit, they died.

But the dead Adam and Eve continued their physical lives on earth, and multiplied children, and established the fallen world of mankind.

From this, we can understand that the death which resulted from the fall was not physical death. but the death which removed man from the good dominion of God's love to the evil dominion of Satan, where God's love is cut off. 11.-k-
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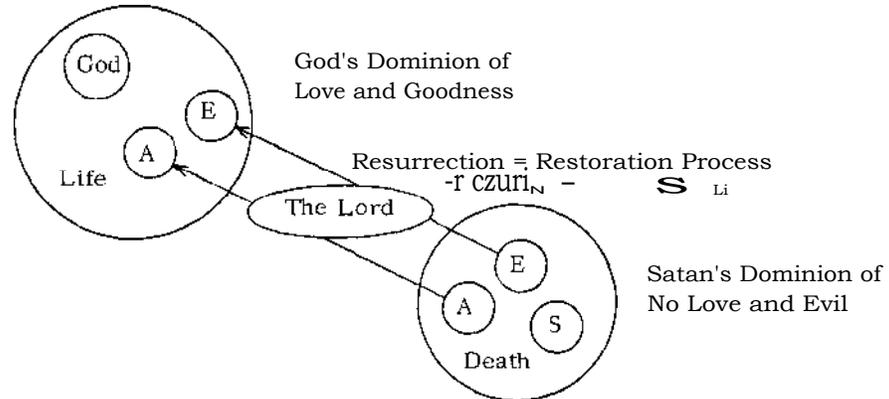
I John 3:14 "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love remains in death. "

Here, love means the love of God. It means that if man does not love other men in the love of God, he is a dead man, even though his physical body is alive.

Rom. 8:6 "To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the spirit is life and peace. "

4. The Significance of Resurrection

Resurrection means the process of reviving from the state of death caused by the fall, in which man is under the dominion of Satan, to a state of life, in which man is under the dominion of God, by the work of the restoration providence.



Therefore, if man unites with the Lord more closely by repenting of his sins and following the truth, and moves more toward goodness, then he comes to be resurrected more. The completion of resurrection is the return of man to the state of the perfect man of God's original creation.

Resurrection will be continued until man reaches this state of perfection.

John 5:24 "...he who hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. "

5. What Change Will Take Place by Resurrection?

There was no external change in Adam and Eve after they died by eating the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil.

Therefore, when man is resurrected to the state of man of the original creation, there will be no external change.

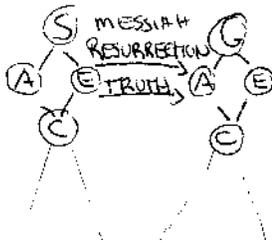
Example: There is no visible external difference between a reborn Christian and a criminal.

There is no external change in man before and after having faith in Jesus.

There was no visible external difference between Jesus and fallen man.

But, by the resurrection, an internal change takes place. Man's physical body is transformed from the dwelling of Satan to the temple of God; Satan is driven out and God enters. In such a sense, man's physical body becomes sanctified by resurrection.

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Section 2
Resurrection Providence

A. Principles of the Resurrection Providence

The providence of resurrection is the providence of restoration, and the providence of restoration is the providence of re-creation.

Therefore, the providence of resurrection is carried out according to the principles of resurrection.

There are four principles in the providence of resurrection.

1. Resurrection takes place by the merit of the age.

In the providential history of restoration, many people were chosen for responsible positions to carry out God's will. Even though they could not completely fulfill their portions of responsibility, they rendered their wholehearted service and loyalty for God's will, and expanded the foundation on which man and God could have a closer relationship of heart.

Therefore, the man who comes in the latter age comes to stand on the foundation of the accomplishments of his predecessors. ○ rooNoszvr 0NI

By this, man can get greater merit of the age as history progresses.

2. Resurrection takes place by believing in the truth and practicing it.

For man to be resurrected, he must have a higher truth, and must live according to it.

3. The resurrection of the spirit man takes place on the foundation of the physical body.

For the spirit man to grow, it must receive vitality elements from the physical body.

Therefore, without the physical body, the spirit man cannot grow and cannot be resurrected to perfection.

4. Resurrection takes place through the three orderly stages of the growth period.

For man to reach perfection, he must go through the three orderly stages of the growth period. Resurrection is re-creation; therefore, man must go through these three stages to be fully resurrected.

B. Resurrection of Man on Earth

1. Stages of Resurrection in History



Perfection Stage	C/T New Truth	Age of Attendance	Perfection Stage Resurrection	Divine Spirit → Kingdom of Heaven
Growth Stage	N/T Gospel	Age of Faith	Growth Stage Resurrection	Life Spirit → Paradise
Formation Stage	O/T Mosaic Laws	Age of Laws	Formation Stage Resurrection	Form Spirit → Form Spirit Stage Spirit World
Adam	Abraham (Moses)	Jesus	L. S. A.	

- (1) Providential age for the foundation of resurrection

This is the age from Adam to Abraham. In this age, God prepared the foundation for the resurrection which will take place in the following age. During this age there was no resurrection.

- (2) Providential age for the formation stage resurrection

This was the 2,000 year period from Abraham to Jesus. The people of this age received the merit of formation stage resurrection providence. By receiving and keeping the words of the Old Testament and the Mosaic Laws, their spirit men received formation stage resurrection, and grew into form spirits on the foundation of their physical bodies.

The form spirits went to the form spirit stage spirit world, after leaving their physical bodies.

- (3) Providential age for the growth stage resurrection

This is the 2,000 year period from Jesus to the Lord of the Second Advent. This is the age of faith in which man can receive the merit of growth stage resurrection providence by the spiritual salvation of the cross of Jesus.

Men who believe the New Testament and gospel of Jesus and fulfill their portion of responsibility receive growth stage resurrection, and their spirit men grow into life spirits on the foundation of their physical bodies.

Life spirits go to Paradise after leaving their physical bodies.

'4' Providential age for the perfection stage resurrection

This is the age when man can get full resurrection both in spirit and in the physical body by the merit of the Lord of the Second Advent, and complete the restoration providence.

The men living in this age receive the merit of perfection stage resurrection providence. By believing in the new truth, by directly attending on the Lord of the Second Advent, and by fulfilling their portion of responsibility, they get full resurrection, both in spirit and physical body, and their spirit men grow into divine spirits.

The place where perfected people live is called the kingdom of heaven on earth.

When perfected people leave their physical bodies, they go to the kingdom of heaven as divine spirits.

2. Kingdom of Heaven and Paradise

(1) Kingdom of Heaven

The kingdom of heaven is the world for divine spirits. Men who have reached the divine spirit level, and who have lived in the kingdom of heaven on earth, go to the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world.

There is no one who has gone to the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world, because it has not yet been established on earth.

(2) Paradise

Jesus came to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth, but by the disbelief of the people of Israel he was crucified and could not establish this kingdom. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world was also not opened.

But by the merit of the resurrection of Jesus, men could receive spiritual salvation and grew into life spirits.

Paradise in the spirit world is for life spirits, and is the place where they will stay until the kingdom of heaven is opened.

Luke 23:43 "Truly I say unto you this day you will be with me in Paradise."

The original purpose of the coming of Jesus was to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth. Therefore, when he first started his mission, Jesus talked

about the kingdom of heaven. But because of the disbelief of the people, Jesus saw that it would be impossible for him to bring full salvation, and he changed his course from the establishment of the kingdom of heaven to the establishment of Paradise. In the latter stages of his mission he did not speak about the kingdom of heaven because he knew that the establishment of the kingdom of heaven was not possible due to the disbelief of the Jewish people.

3. Spiritual Phenomena in the Last Days

Man fell at the top of the growth stage.

When a man is restored to this state, which is the state just before the fall of the first ancestors, by the growth stage resurrection providence, he may come to have spiritual communication just as Adam and Eve conversed with God. This is the reason why God has promised to pour out His spirit to men in the Last Days (Acts 2:17). Therefore, we can expect spiritual phenomena to increase at this time.

(1) The revelation which says "you are the lord"

In the Last Days, there will appear many men who will receive the revelation "you are the lord". This lord cannot mean the Lord of the Second Advent, because the Lord of the Second Advent is only one man and cannot be many men.

Then, why does God give such a revelation to a man who has reached the top level of the growth stage? There are two reasons for this.

- a. Each man has the responsibility to restore his dominion over the creation which was lost by the fall. Thus, he receives the revelation "you are the lord" when he reaches the point at which Adam and Eve fell and lost dominion.
- b. Men who have reached this state are the men in a position similar to that of John the Baptist before Jesus. They have a responsibility to prepare the way for the Lord. In their particular field of mission, they are like representatives of the Lord of the Second Advent.

For these two reasons, men who reach the top of the growth stage are given the revelation that they are the lord.

When a man receives this revelation, if he acts as if he were the Lord of the Second Advent, then he becomes a false Christ, because he does not know the Divine Principle.

This is the reason for the prophecy in the Bible that there will be many false Christs in the Last Days. 3:1-1 s cos-)

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Matt. 24:3-5 ... what will be the sign of your coming and the closing of the age?' And Jesus answered them, 'take heed that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying 'I am the Christ... '''

If man is not to make the mistake of becoming a false Christ, he must be modest and humble, and examine himself thoroughly. If he finds that he has no such qualification, then he must have the mind to refuse the revelation from heaven, no matter how often and how strongly the revelation comes. Then he will be given the right direction to follow.

For your reference, we will give some of the qualifications to become the Lord of the Second Advent.

(2) Qualifications to become the Lord of the Second Advent

- a. He comes to fulfill God's will on behalf of God. Therefore, he must thoroughly perceive and understand God's heart and situation, and must be able to realize God's will on earth.
- b. The Lord comes to establish the world of goodness. Fallen man is ignorant of the view of life and the universe; therefore, fallen men do not know the direction their lives should take. For the Lord to achieve his purpose, he must show all people the true view of life and the universe, and must be able to lead them in the direction of goodness in order to realize the world of goodness.
- c. The center of God's providence has been placed in Judeo-Christianity; therefore, the work of the Lord must be based on this trend in God's providence. He must clarify all the fundamental problems of the Bible, and clearly show the way for universal salvation.

(3) Conflict among spiritually attuned people

Spiritually attuned people are always fighting among themselves because they receive different revelations from the spirit world.

From this conflict, confusion arises.

Reasons for the confusion:

- a. Spiritually attuned people communicate with different realms of spirit world according to their different peculiarities of environment, position, intellect, spiritual development, heart, and so on. Therefore their perceptions and understanding of the spirit world differ, and each insists that his own understanding is the only right one, and that all others are wrong. 0--4'

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- b. They all have partial responsibility in the providence of God, but they only have vertical relationships in their mission field. Each one only knows a part, and does not know the entire work of God and the work of the whole spirit world. Therefore, they cannot have proper horizontal relationships with each other. Because of this, they hold different views.
- c. God gives them the revelation "you are number one. " God gives such revelation to expedite the fulfillment of their mission in their field. It may be true that they are number one in their respective fields of mission. But they do not understand the reason for this revelation, and they think that they are number one in the whole picture.

For these three reasons, they fight each other, and confusion arises.

To solve this confusion, they must have a new truth which explains the entirety of the spirit world and makes them understand their relationship to each other, so they can carry out proper relationships.

When this comes to pass, all the confusion will be wiped away. This truth will be brought by the Lord of the Second Advent.

Adam and Eve could not go beyond the top of the growth stage, and they fell by their temptation to eat of the fruit.

Likewise, those who reach this position are exposed to the same situation as the first ancestors, and are subject to the same temptations. This is a position of trial for man, because it is so easy to fall, since it is the position in which the first ancestors fell. Man cannot go across this point without knowing the Divine Principle, so many people fell at this high point of temptation.

4. The First Resurrection

The desire of Christians is to participate in the first resurrection of the Lord.

Then, what is the first resurrection?

The first resurrection is the first restoration of man to perfection by the Lord of the Second Advent for the first time in history. To participate in this, man must believe in the Lord, attend on him, and cooperate with him when he begins to undertake his work of world-wide restoration providence.

Those who will be cleansed of original sin, and whose spirit men will grow to divine spirits by the Lord, will participate in the first resurrection.

The Bible says there will be 144,000 people who participate in the first resurrection.

Rev. 14:3-4 "The 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth... as the first fruits for God and the lamb... "

The Lord of the Second Advent has the responsibility to restore horizontally in his generation the missions of all the central figures who have been invaded by Satan in the providential history of restoration. The number 144,000 represents those people in the history of restoration.

Jacob had 12 sons in order to restore the 12 generations from Noah to Jacob horizontally. Also, Moses had 12 tribes representing the 12 sons of Jacob. Jesus had 12 disciples who represented the 12 tribes of Israel.

The work of Jesus was centered on one nation, Israel. So, his 12 disciples represented the 12 tribes of Israel.

But the Lord of the Second Advent works on a world-wide foundation. So, he needs to have 12 nations which represent the world, each of which is represented by 12 tribes or 12 disciples.

Therefore, 144 tribes or disciples can represent all the nations of the world at the time of the Lord of the Second Advent. So, the number 144,000 does not mean that exactly that number of people will take part in the first resurrection.

For him to carry out his mission, he will need disciples just as Jesus needed disciples at his first coming. The number of his disciples will correspond to the number of tribes in the world, just as Jesus had a certain number of disciples which corresponded to the 12 tribes of Israel. These disciples will take part in the first resurrection.

C. Resurrection Providence for Spirit Men in the Spirit World

1. The Reason and the Method by Which Spirit Men Can Resurrect Themselves

All spirit men want to enter the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world. But the spirit men in the spirit world are not perfected spirit men. They also must be resurrected to be able to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

However, they have already left their physical bodies and they cannot grow by themselves. So, they must come down to the earth where there are many men with physical bodies, and must cooperate with these men to get vitality elements for their spirit men to grow to perfection.

This is the reason why the spirit men must come down on earth.

Because of this, we call the resurrection of spirit men "the returning resurrection of spirit men. "

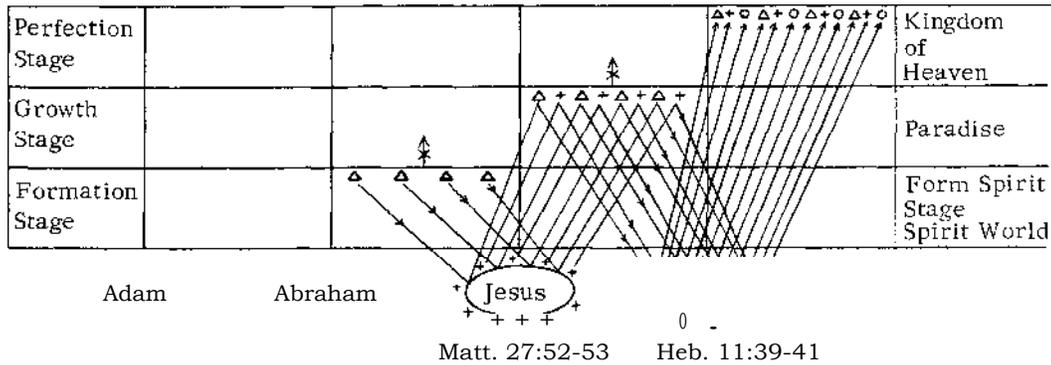
Jude 14 "Behold, the Lord came with his holy myriads, to execute judgment on all... "

This is the reason why all the spirit men come down in the Last Days.

For the spirit men to get the merit of the physical bodies of men on earth, they must come down to the men on earth and help them in fulfilling their mission. Spirit men can work only with the men on earth who are on the same level as they are, and the men with whom they can form a correlative standard.

At the time of resurrection, many people receive spiritual guidance from returning spirit men. Sometimes the cooperation of the spirit men is manifested through special gifts, such as the giving of holy fire, spiritual healing, trance, revelation, prophecy, speaking in tongues, automatic writing, and so on.

2. The Returning Resurrection of Spirit Men in History



(1) Growth stage returning resurrection

The Old Testament age form spirits who were in the form spirit stage spirit world, descended to earth after the coming of Jesus, and cooperated with the disciples of Jesus in doing the work of God's providence.

By the merit of the physical bodies of the disciples of Jesus on earth, spirit men could grow to life spirits. When the disciples left their physical bodies for Paradise, they went with them to Paradise.

We call this "the growth stage returning resurrection. "

Matt. 27:52-53 "... The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of their tombs after his resurrection> they went into the holy city and appeared to many. "

Here, "the saints who had fallen asleep" mean the form spirits of the Old Testament age, the "tomb" means the form spirit stage spirit world, and "holy city" means Paradise. This passage depicts the returning resurrection of spirit men in the form spirit stage spirit world who came down on earth and resurrected by cooperating with the disciples of Jesus.

If this thing actually happened, many Christians believe that Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and so on should have been among them. They should have testified to Jesus as the Messiah because they would have had mouths to speak. They would have wanted to testify to Jesus because they were saved by him. If this happened, all of the Jewish people would have listened to their testimony and believed in Jesus as the Messiah. Then, the disciples of Jesus should not have been persecuted as they were, and the work of Jesus would have been realized quickly at that time.

However, we know the disciples of Jesus continued to be persecuted and there was no change after this happened.

If they had really lived again, their works should have been recorded in the book of Acts, and they should be living on earth even today. But there is no record of their work in the book of Acts, and we cannot find any of them on earth today.

From this we can understand that this was not an actual event, but was the symbolic expression of the return of spirit men to get resurrection at the time of Jesus.

(2) Perfection stage returning resurrection

The life spirits in Paradise will come down on earth when the Lord of the Second Advent comes. They will cooperate with the disciples of the Lord of the Second Advent and will receive the merit of their physical bodies, and will grow to divine spirits.

When the disciples of the Lord of the Second Advent leave their physical bodies and go to the kingdom of heaven, these spirits will go to the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world together with them. We call this the perfection stage returning resurrection. "The kingdom of heaven in the spirit world will be opened by the Lord of the Second Advent when he enters.

Heb. 11:39-40 "And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. "

"What was promised" means the perfect resurrection, "something better" means the new way of perfect resurrection, "us" means men on earth, and

"they" means spirit men in the spirit world.

This passage testifies to the fact that spirit men cannot become perfect without the cooperation of men on earth, and means that they must come down to earth to be perfected at the time of the Lord of the Second Advent.

Matt. 18:18 "...whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. "

Matt. 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. "

This means when men on earth reach perfection, then the spirit men in the spirit world also can reach perfection by cooperating with the men on earth.

Also, this means that the kingdom of heaven on earth should be established first; only then will the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world will be opened. This is the reason Jesus left the keys of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

3. Returning Resurrection of Spirit Men Who are in a Place Other than Paradise

A spirit man can have returning resurrection only if he finds a man on earth who is on the same level as he is, with whom he can form a correlative standard. A spirit man can resurrect himself only at the time of the Lord's coming.

- (1) The spirit man of a certain religious background can come to a man on earth who has the same religious background, cooperate with him, and get the same merit as the man on earth receives.
- (2) A good spirit man with no religious background can come to a good man of conscience at the same level, who has no religious background, cooperate with him, and get the same merit as a good man of conscience receives. Here, a spirit man of more good nature than evil nature is called a "good spirit man. "
- (3) The returning resurrection of evil spirit men.

Evil spirit men also return to the earth to get resurrection, but the work of evil spirit men in itself does not make a condition to get the merit of the returning resurrection. They can have the merit only when their work is used by God to indemnify the sins of men on earth. Both evil spirits and men on earth can progress in this way only at the time of resurrection, which is established by the Lord.

For a man on earth to progress from the merit of the family level to the

merit of the tribal level by the merit of the providential age of resurrection, he has to make an indemnity condition to cleanse his own sins and the sins of his ancestors. At this time God gives punishment for those sins through the work of the evil spirit man.

If the man on earth overcomes the punishment given through the work of the evil spirit man at the family level, then he can progress to the merit of the tribal level. The evil spirit man also comes to have merit in proportion to the degree of merit achieved by the man on earth.

To carry out the restoration providence, men on earth must progress from the individual level through the family level, tribal level, national level and world level by the merit of the providential age of resurrection.

Whenever man on earth progresses from a lower level to a higher level, he must make an indemnity condition to cleanse the sins of himself and his family, tribe, nation, and the world. At each stage, evil spirit men cooperate in making the condition to cleanse the sin because their influence causes the man to pay indemnity.

There are two ways men on earth can make an indemnity condition through the work of evil spirits.

- a. Evil spirits can work directly with men on earth who are making the indemnity condition to cleanse sins.
- b. Evil spirits come to a man on earth who is about to commit a crime, and by working through the criminal, they can cause the punishment of the man who is making the indemnity condition to cleanse his sins.

In both cases, a man on earth, by overcoming the work of evil spirits, can cleanse the sins of his ancestors for them and go on to the new merit of a higher level in the restoration providence.

In this case, the work of evil spirits becomes a judgment of the sins of men on earth on behalf of heaven, and also becomes the way in which evil spirits can get merit through the providential age of resurrection.

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Section 3
Spiritual Phenomena And The Unification Of Religions
Seen From The Standpoint Of The Returning Resurrection

1. Reincarnation

As we explained in the Principle of Creation, man's spirit man is formed at the same time as man's physical body is created in the mother's womb.

This means whenever one physical body is created, then one spirit man is newly formed.

The old spirit man cannot go into the mother's womb and take on a new physical body.

Then, how did the theory of reincarnation come about? Many people believe in the theory of reincarnation.

This theory came about because of the returning resurrection of spirit men. As we explained in the previous section, in order for spirit men to grow and enter a higher level of the spirit world, they must come down to men on earth, and must cooperate with these men through their physical bodies. A spirit man can get vitality elements for his growth from the physical body of the man in whom he is residing.

When the man on earth is spiritually weak, his physical body is dominated by the spirit man who is residing in him. His physical body is led as the spirit man directs, and he behaves as if his physical body belongs to the spirit man.

When the man on earth is dominated by the other spirit man, he often calls himself by the name of the passed away spirit man who is dominating the man. Also, he tells about all the experiences he had when he was on earth, through the physical body of the man.

Therefore, when outsiders look at this man, he appears to be the reincarnation of a passed away spirit man.

There is another way spirit men can come down to a man on earth and cooperate with him.

In the restoration providence, certain individuals have certain missions to fulfill. When a man dies without fulfilling his mission, this mission is transferred to his successor who is a similar type of person. By continuing this transferral, the mission is gradually fulfilled and expanded to the world level. The scope of mission expands from the individual level to the family level, tribal level, national level and world level, on to the cosmic level.

Likewise, the mission of the individual man is also expanded from the individual level to the family level, tribal level, national level, and the world level, on to the cosmic level.

The spirit men who could not fulfill their mission while they were alive on earth come down to the man on earth who is succeeding them in their mission and cooperate with him. At this time, the man on earth who receives the cooperation of spirit men is working not only to fulfill his own mission, but also the mission of his predecessors who have passed away.

Therefore, from the standpoint of mission, the physical body of the man on earth becomes the physical body of the spirit men who are cooperating with him..

In this sense, the man on earth becomes "the second coming man" of these spirit men; thus he appears as if he is the reincarnated physical body of the spirit men.

The man on earth is sometimes called by the names of the spirit men who are cooperating with him. In the Last Days, there will come many people who will say they are Confucius, Buddha, St. Paul, St. Peter, King David, Moses, and so on.

In the Last Days, the man on earth who has a world-level mission in a specific field is in the position where he must succeed and complete all the responsible portions of the mission of the passed away spirit men who had worked before him in the same field.

Reincarnation theory is the result of the ignorance of men about the returning resurrection of spirit men. Men on earth have judged these phenomena only from the external appearances.

When a baby is born on earth, its physical body is created as the spirit man is formed in the mother's womb. If a passed away spirit man enters the womb and takes on the body of a newly born baby, then there can be no increase of men.

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2. Spiritual Phenomena Caused by the Evil Spirit Men

When a man on earth is weak in spirit, or has a condition for himself or his ancestors to be invaded by an evil spirit, then he is attacked by an evil spirit or evil spirits, and sometimes he becomes insane, diseased, or has accidents.

In many cases, when man on earth has an evil mind and wants to do something evil, then a corresponding evil spirit man comes down to him and occupies his physical body and drives him to commit the crime. The following are the spiritual phenomena caused by evil spirit men.

(1) Insanity caused by evil spirits

A man functions normally when his own spirit man controls his physical body. But when a man is controlled by another evil spirit man or evil spirit men, then he becomes an insane man. His physical body is controlled by an evil spirit and his actions are directed by the evil spirit man or evil

spirit men. So, his words and actions change from one extreme to the other because he alternates from being influenced by one evil spirit man, to being influenced by another evil spirit man, and so on, to returning to his normal state.

Also, when man is dominated by many evil spirits, then his words and actions are not consistent, but change according to the different evil spirit men who control his physical body.

When a man is possessed by an evil spirit, his five physical senses are opened to the evil spirit man, and he hears the voice of the spirit, talks with him, and acts as the spirit directs. This is the reason why an insane man appears to speak to himself, laughs for no reason, and does strange things.

In this case, the evil spirit man wants to take advantage of the man with a physical body on the earth, and he wants to fulfill through the physical man what he couldn't fulfill in his lifetime. Thus, the insane man becomes a sacrifice for the selfish desires of the evil spirit man.

There are two ways to cure an insane man. One is by the influence of a spiritually high and powerful man who is strong enough to drive the evil spirit man away from the physical body of the insane man. When the spiritually powerful man drives away the evil spirit, he has to pay some indemnity condition for the man who was insane. If the evil spirit man leaves the insane man, then the man is cured and returns to a normal state. However, if the insane man is attached to the spiritual experiences and longs to have a relationship with the spirit, then it is easy for the spirit to come back whenever the man leaves the strong spiritual leader.

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Another method is to treat the man by medication and environmental control in mental hospitals. This type of treatment is not too effective. It attempts to cure by the external approach, and it hinders the evil spirit man who comes to the man on earth, not allowing him to fulfill his purpose of using the physical body of the insane man. The man is not given freedom of action, but he is sometimes imprisoned and pain is inflicted by electric shock, medication, and so on.

This makes it difficult for the evil spirit man to remain in the physical body of the man on earth. But it is very difficult for the evil spirit man to find his counterpart, and it is also very difficult to come down to man on earth. Once the spirit man finds his counterpart, he does not want to leave, no matter how badly he is treated.

This is the reason why it is difficult to cure an insane man.

Example:

Matt. 8:15-16 "...he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and served him. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all those who were sick. "

(2) Diseases caused by evil spirits

There are two reasons for man to have diseases. One is the result of reasons over which he has some control, such as: malnutrition, fatigue, imbalanced diet, bad circumstances, accidents and so forth. These diseases can be cured by the medical treatment or by the correction of his living condition and circumstances.

But there are other diseases caused by the work of evil spirit men. These are very hard to cure, even with the proper medical treatment. They may be cured to a certain degree, but later the disease recurs. Diseases in which the cause is unknown, and unusual diseases are usually the work of evil spirit men.

To cure these diseases, there must be a man who is gifted in spiritual healing, and who can find the spiritual causes behind the diseases. This man can remove the condition for the evil spirit man to invade by his prayer, and by letting the patient make indemnity conditions.

When the indemnity condition is paid, and the evil spirit men are removed from the patient, then he can cure himself by taking good care of his physical body.

The Bible says that diseases are cured by prayer.

James 5:14-15 "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him,... and the prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him

Even in the case when the disease is not caused by an evil spirit, if the man receives a strong spiritual element from a spiritually powerful man, then it strengthens the vital force in his own physical body and expedites the cure. Sometimes the person spiritually gifted in healing can find the cause and method of the cure for the patient, and can help in the cure of the disease.

(3) Accidents caused by evil spirits

The evil man who died in an accident without completing his life becomes a wandering spirit after he leaves his physical body. He is bound to remain at the place where the accident occurred.

Before he can go to his proper place in the spirit world, he must leave the place on earth in which he was killed by making a condition to cleanse his resentment for being killed prematurely. He does this by putting another man in a situation similar to the one which caused his death.

This is the reason why the similar accidents repeatedly occur at the same place. When the wandering spirit leads the man into the dangerous situation, sometimes he loses his consciousness or loses his control, and is led by the evil spirit man. Or, in many cases he is deceived by the spirit man as to the real appearances of things and can be easily led into an accident. This is especially true when the spirit of the man is weak.

Also, when a man feels sad and depressed, if the man has a suicidal tendency, sometimes an evil spirit who passed away by committing suicide will come to him and lead him to commit suicide. Many cases of people committing suicide are done through this method. When this happens, the man usually is not aware that the evil spirit is controlling him.

(4) Crimes caused by evil spirits

In many cases, when a man has an evil intention or evil mind, a corresponding evil spirit man comes into him and makes him worse, leading him to commit a crime. The man is not aware that an evil spirit man is working inside him.

When a man commits a serious crime led by an evil spirit man, his eyes change. In the initial stages he commits the crime without knowing what he is doing, when he is not used to committing such a deadly crime. If he is not stopped at this stage, he grows worse and worse and becomes like the embodiment of the devil himself.

Luke 22:3 "Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot... he went away and conferred with the chief priests and captains how he might betray him to them. "

3. The Unification of Religions

God's original ideal of creation was to establish one united world of peace, freedom, love and happiness. God's providence of salvation is the providence of restoration. Therefore, His goal of salvation history is to restore the one united ideal world of peace, freedom, love and happiness.

To bring about the one united world of happiness, all mankind must be united; for all mankind to be united, all the different ideologies must be united first. Ideologies are based on a religious belief, and religion is man's search for an understanding of the fundamental cause of his life, the universe and good relationships among people. In this way, even communism which denies the existence of God, can be called a kind of God-denying religion. So, before the unity of ideologies can come, there must be unity among religions. Therefore, without unity of religions, God's providence of salvation cannot be fulfilled.

Then, how can the many religions which exist today be united into one?

It seems impossible for man to unite these various religions.

Various religions have come into existence for a reason.

All the higher religions have a goal of goodness, and the source of goodness is God.

Therefore, all the higher religions come from God, who is the source of goodness. God chose Abraham from all the people; from him He multiplied the chosen people, and through them He developed Judaism. On the foundation of Judaism, Christianity developed as the central religion of His providence.

God's ultimate purpose of salvation is to save all mankind. To prepare for this, God gave various religions to the people according to the differences in their situations, such as differences in their environment, way of thinking, development of intellect, character of people, and so on.

Through these religions, God gradually expanded His dominion of goodness.

All the higher religions say that the final man who will accomplish God's will through their religion is coming. Christianity says that the Lord of the Second Advent is coming, Buddhism says that the Maitreya Buddha is coming, Confucianism says that the new Confucius or the true man comes. Islam says that the Imam or the Amadhi comes. Each one says that this man comes to accomplish their purpose.

To establish God's purpose, that is, one united world of peace, freedom, love and happiness, the savior must be one man. When God created man He started from one man. Therefore, when He does His salvation work, which is re-creation work, He starts from one man.

Therefore, the consummator of all the religions must be one man. He is the man called the Lord of the Second Advent by Christianity.

(1) Unification of Christianity by returning resurrection

When the Lord of the Second Advent comes to earth, all the spirit men in Paradise will come down to earth and will cooperate with the Christians on

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earth. For the spirit man to get perfection stage resurrection, the men on earth who are their counterparts must be fully resurrected. Spirit men can get perfect resurrection only when their counterparts on earth get perfect resurrection.

Christians on earth may not know who the Lord of the Second Advent is, and when and where he comes. But spirit men in the spirit world know who the Lord of the Second Advent is, and where and when he comes.

Therefore, for their full resurrection, the spirit men must direct their counterparts to come to the Lord of the Second Advent, and to become his disciples, in order for them to get full resurrection.

So, when the Christians get perfect resurrection, the spirit men also will get perfect resurrection.

But the time of the cooperation of spirit men varies by man, according to their faith, attitude, nature, accomplishments of their ancestors, and so on.

The man whose ancestors have good accomplishments and who have given great service to God, are given this chance for resurrection first. However, if they do not respond to this opportunity, they will lose their chance and will be left out until a later time. Sometimes those who are loved by God will be chastized to be led to the Lord.

By the returning resurrection of spirit men, Christianity will eventually be united, centering on the Lord of the Second Advent.

(2) Unification of all the religions by the returning resurrection

The savior is one man, and he is called the Lord of the Second Advent by Christians, the Maitreya Buddha by Buddhists, the True Man or the New Confucius by Confucianists, the Immam or Amadhi by Islams, and so on with other religions. So, he is the central man of all these religions.

Therefore, when the time comes, the spirit men of all religions come down to the men of the same religion, and cooperate with them, and lead them to come to this central man.

When these people on earth get full resurrection by believing in the central man and working with him, the spirit men also get full resurrection.

Through the work of the spirit man, all the religions will be united, centering on one Lord.

The time of the coming of the spirit men differs according to their religion.

The time which they come will be decided by the accomplishments of their respective religions in the past, and by the work of the people of that religion on earth.

(3) Unification of non-religious people by the returning resurrection

God's ultimate purpose of the salvation providence is to save all mankind. God even wants to eliminate hell.

II Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow about His promise, ... not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. "

- a. Those conscientious spirit men who did not have religion in their lives on earth come back at the designated time to the conscientious people who did not have a religion, cooperate with them, and lead them to come to the Lord of the Second Advent.

Matt. 2:2 "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and we have come to worship him. "

- b. When the time comes, evil spirit men also will come down on earth to the same class evil men, and cooperate with them, and gradually lead them in the direction of completing the purpose of creation by working for God's will.

Matt. 8:29 "The demoniacs... cried out, 'What have you to do with us, O Son of God'?... "

Even evil spirit men testified to Jesus as the Son of God.

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CHAPTER VI
PREDESTINATION

Introduction

There are many Christians who believe everything is predetermined by God. But we know that man has his own portion of responsibility to fulfill. Then, to what extent does God predetermine His will, and what is the relationship between God's predestination and man's portion of responsibility? We will examine various Bible verses to find out the true meaning of predestination.

Section 1

God's Predestination Of His Will

1. General View of Bible Verses Concerning Predestination

There are two groups of verses in the Bible. One consists of the verses which seem to support the idea that everything is predetermined by God. There are other verses which say things which contradict this idea.

- (1) Biblical verses that seem to support the belief that everything is predetermined by God:

Rom. 8:30 "And those whom He predestined He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified. "

Rom. 9:15-16 "For He says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on those whom I have compassion. ' So, it depends not upon man's will or exertion, but upon God's mercy. "

Also, Romans 9:21, and Romans 9:11-13.

- (2) Biblical verses which are contrary to the above:

Gen. 6:7 "So the Lord said, ' I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the ground, man and beast and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. '"

Matt. 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Also, Genesis 2:17, and John 3:16.

If everything is predetermined by God, why should it be necessary to emphasize man's efforts?

James 5:14 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, ... "

If we admit the conventional theory of predestination, then all of man's efforts, such as prayer, witnessing, charitable activities, would not be any help to God's providence of restoration. This is because if anything is absolutely predetermined by God, then man's efforts cannot change anything.

2. God's Predestination of His Will

God's will is to complete His purpose of creation, and that is to accomplish His purpose of restoration providence.

- (1) God is the subject of goodness. So, His purpose of creation must be goodness, and His purpose of restoration providence must also be goodness.

Therefore, God predestines only goodness, and not evil.

Example :

God did not predestine the fall of man, or judgment of fallen man, or the destruction of the world, as many people believe.

God repented for such things as the fall of man, and for making Saul King, because these things brought about evil results.

Gen. 6:6 "And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He repented in His heart. "

I Sam. 15:11 "I repent that I have made Saul King, for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments... "

However, God did not predestine this evil. If evil results came from His predestination, then God cannot be a God of goodness. God cannot repent for an evil result which He predestined.

- (2) Whenever God does His work, He first makes His plan, and then sets out to accomplish it. Therefore, God first predetermines His will, which is His plan, and works to accomplish it.

His will for the accomplishment of the purpose of His creation became His

will for the accomplishment of the purpose of the restoration providence, due to the fall of man.

- (3) God is the unique, eternal, unchanging, and absolute God. Because of this, His will is also unique, eternal, unchanging, and absolute.

Therefore, God predestines His will 100% and this cannot be changed. God works continuously to accomplish His will until it is fulfilled.

- (4) God predestines a man to accomplish his mission. When the man predestined to accomplish God's will fails, God selects another man to take his place.

Example:

The first Adam fell; therefore, God had to send the last Adam in his place to complete His purpose of creation.

Adam's family failed to fulfill its mission, and they were replaced by Noah's family, who also failed. Noah's family was succeeded by Abraham's family.

Moses failed his mission when he struck the rock twice, and was succeeded by Joshua, who led the chosen people into Canaan.

Judas Iscariot became a miserable failure when he betrayed Jesus. His place among the apostles was taken by Matthias.

3. God's Predestination of the Accomplishment of His Will

God cannot fulfill His will by Himself. As is explained in the Principle of Creation, God's will can only be accomplished by the fulfillment of both God's portion of responsibility and man's portion of responsibility.

God's portion of
responsibility

Man's portion of
responsibility

Accomplishment of
God's will

Example:

God's creation
of man

Man's obedience to
God's commandments

Accomplishment of
God's will

God's predestination of the accomplishment of His will can be said to be 95%, which is the figurative percentage of God's portion of responsibility.

From this we can understand that the accomplishment of God's will is dependent

on whether or not man fulfills his portion of responsibility concerning God's will.

Mark 5:34 And he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease. "'

James 5:15 "And the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. "

Matt. 7: 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. "

4. God's Predestination of Man

- (1) God created man to become perfect by keeping the commandment. Therefore, for fallen man to become the fulfilled man of God's predestination, he must carry out his portion of responsibility. From this, we can understand that God does not predestine man 100%.
- (2) When God calls a man, He calls him on the foundation of His portion of responsibility. On that foundation, man must fulfill his own portion of responsibility which is figuratively 5%. By this he becomes a man of God's will.

Therefore, God's predestination of man is 95%, and this is the foundation on which he stands.

Example:

God predestined Moses to enter into the land of Canaan. However, because of his disobedience at Kadish, which constituted his failure to fulfill his portion of responsibility, he could not enter the promised land, and God's predestination was not realized through Moses.

Also, God predestined Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve apostles, but Judas betrayed Jesus against God's providence. Because of the failure of his portion of responsibility, he was removed from this position.

- (3) God first predestines a central figure, and calls him for a special mission.

The purpose of God's salvation providence is to restore the world of the original creation. So, God predestines everyone to be saved.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. "

However, His work begins from one man and expands to include the whole.

Therefore, in order to accomplish His purpose, God first predestines a central figure.

(4) The conditions which man has to meet in order to be predestined as a central figure: **Thy, O t, re- Cet. to -ir- C'ES**

a. He must be a man of the specific nationality which fits his mission.

At the time of Jesus, the men who were predestined to be the apostles of Jesus must have been members of the Israeli nation.

b. He must be a man of good ancestry who rendered great service to the accomplishment of God's will.

c. He must be a man born with a good tural disposition which suits the work of his mission. *ie-r*

d. He must be a man who has earned the proper qualifications, such as education, accomplishments, physical condition, and so on.

e. He must be the right age, and live at the right time in God's dispensation.

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Section 2
The Interpretation Of Bible Passages Which
Seem To Support The Doctrine Of Predestination

Rom. 8:30 "Those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. "

God is omniscient, and He knows the man who is fit for a specific mission in His providence. By this knowledge, He predestines the man and calls him. This is God's portion of responsibility. But by God's portion of responsibility alone, the man cannot be justified and glorified. He must fulfill his portion of responsibility at his chosen position before he can be justified and glorified.

Therefore, without man's portion of responsibility, there cannot be any justification and glory.

In the above passage, any word referring to man's portion of responsibility is missing. Because of this, it appears that everything is absolutely predetermined by God.

Rom. 9:15-16 "For He says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on those whom I have compassion. ' So, it depends not upon man's will or exertion, but upon God's mercy. "

The most fitting man for a certain mission of God's providence of restoration is known only by God, and God chooses the man by His foreknowledge. Therefore, it is God's privilege to choose a certain man to give mercy or compassion to, and it cannot be decided by man's will or exertion alone.

This passage is given to emphasize man's dependence on God's power and grace.

Rom. 9:21 "Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for beauty and another for menial use?"

Man became a worthless being, like refuse, by the fall. Therefore, fallen man cannot make any complaint against God, no matter how He treats man. This passage is to teach this fact to fallen man.

Rom. 9:11-13 "Though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad, in order that God's purpose of election might continue not because of works but because of His call, she was told, 'The elder will serve the younger. ' As it is written, 'Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated. '"

God said this in order to meet the special program of His restoration providence. Here, Esau was in the position of Cain, who was to receive hate from God, and Jacob was in the position of Abel, who was to receive God's love. (Refer to Part II, the Principle of Restoration)

However, whether God really loved them or hated them would be decided by whether they fulfilled their portion of responsibility or not. In fact, when Esau obeyed and surrendered to Jacob, Esau was transferred to the position where he could receive the same blessing of love from God as Jacob.

In conclusion, Calvin's theory of predestination came about because he thought all the accomplishments of God's will are done solely by God.

CHAPTER 'VII
CHRISTOLOGY

Introduction

In order to have the proper faith, we have to understand the object of our faith clearly. Is Jesus God Himself, or are Jesus and God different? The relationship of fallen man to God and Jesus must be understood by man in order for him to have the right direction of faith. If a man does not completely understand these points, it will not only be a great hinderance to his own faith, but will be a hinderance to bring other people to have faith. Also, the doctrines of rebirth and trinity should be clearly understood to avoid confusion.

Section 1

The Value Of The Man Who Has Completed
God's Purpose Of Creation

The value of the man who has completed God's purpose of creation is equal to the value of the perfected Adam.

1. From the Relationship of Dual Characteristics between God and Perfect Man

God is subject, and perfect man is His object; God is like sung-sang, and man is like hyung-sang.

Therefore, perfect man is one with God, is the temple of God, and is a man of deity.

This man is the man who is perfect as the Father in heaven in perfect. (Matt. 5:48)

- Therefore, perfect man is the man of God's value.

2. From the Structure of Perfect Man

Man has spirit man and physical man; the spirit man is subject and the physical man is object. The spirit man is an immortal being, and he perfects himself on the foundation of his physical body. When he perfects himself, he goes to the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world, and has give and take with God for eternity.

- .4 Therefore, perfect man is the man of eternal value.

3. From the Purpose of the Creation of Man

Every man is created with peculiar characteristics, so God can have certain stimulating sentiments to His particular portion of dual characteristics only from that one man who is the embodiment of those peculiar dual characteristics.

.4 Therefore, perfect man is the man of unique value.

4. From the Relationship between Man and the Universe

Perfect man is a microcosm and is the lord of the universe; he is the mediator and center of harmony between the Invisible Substantial World and the Visible Substantial World.

Perfect man is the total substantial being of the cosmos.

" Therefore, perfect man is the man of cosmic value.

Matt. 16:26 "For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his life?"

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Section 2
Perfect Man Of God's Purpose Of Creation,
Jesus, And Fallen Man

1. Perfect Adam and Jesus seen from the Restoration of the Tree of Life

Human history is the providential history of restoration to restore the lost tree of life (Gen. 2:9) in the garden by the tree of life (Rev. 22:14) in the Last Days, and to realize the kingdom of heaven on earth and in the spirit world.

The tree of life in Genesis 2:9 is the symbol for the perfected man of God's ideal of creation. By the fall of Adam, this was not realized (Gen. 3:24). To realize this, God sends the last tree of life (Rev. 22:14) who is the perfected man of God's ideal, and engrafts all the fallen people to him.

Therefore, the tree of life in Genesis 2:9 is the symbol for the perfected Adam, and is equal to Jesus, who is symbolized by the tree of life in Revelations 22:14.

Both trees of life are the symbols for the perfected man of God's ideal of creation.

Therefore, the value of perfected Adam is the same as the value of Jesus.

2. Perfect Man and Jesus seen from the Completion of God's Purpose of Creation

The value of the man who has completed God's purpose of creation is as follows:

- (1) A man of God's value ~~value~~ deity
- (2) A man of eternal value
- (3) A man of uniqu_eaghe
- (4) A man of cosmic value

4 The value of Jesus is the same as the value of perfect man.

We do not oppose the belief that Jesus is God, because perfect man is one with God. However, Jesus completed God's purpose of creation as a man.

I Tim. 2:5 "For there is one God, and there is the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. "

Rom. 5:19 "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many were made righteous. "

- I Cor. 15:21 "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. "
- Acts 17:31 "Because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed, and of this He has given assurance to all men by raising Him from the dead. "
- Luke 17:26 "As it was in the days of Noah, so it was in the days of the Son of man. "

From the above, the Bible clearly testifies that Jesus was a man.

3. Is Jesus God Himself?

In the Bible, there are passages which make Jesus appear as God the Creator.

John 14:9-10 ... He who has seen me has seen the Father; How can you say 'show us the Father?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me?"

Jesus was a perfected man of God's purpose of creation, and this man is one with God, a man of deity, the embodiment of God's nature, and the image of God.

From this standpoint, Jesus said that he who has seen him has seen God.

The relationship between God and Jesus is like that between mind and body, and the body is the image of the mind. But the body is not the mind itself. Likewise, Jesus is the image of God, but Jesus is not God Himself.

.. Therefore, we can say that he who has seen Jesus, has seen God; but this passage does not mean that Jesus was God Himself.

John 1:10 "He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. "

(1) In John 1:3, it says that the word was God, and all things were made through the word.

In John 1:14, it says that the word became flesh.

Therefore, we can say that the world was made through Jesus, who was the embodiment of the word. This does not mean that Jesus was God Himself.

(2' According to the Principle of Creation, the universe is created as the image of perfect man, after the pattern of man's sung-sang and hyung-sang.

Therefore, perfect man was the model for the creation of this universe. This means that the universe cannot be created without man, who is the original pattern for the universe.

In this sense, it is said that the world was created through Jesus.

(³) God gave man his portion of responsibility, and when man fulfills his portion of responsibility, he comes to have creativity and lordship over the creation.

Therefore, perfect man becomes the creative lord of the universe along with God. Because of this, it is said that the world was made through Jesus.

From the above, we can understand that this passage made it clear that Jesus was the perfected man, and it did not mean that Jesus was God Himself.

John 8:58 "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. "

Jesus was the descendant of Abraham from the standpoint of blood lineage, but he came as the perfected first ancestor to give rebirth to all fallen people.

Therefore, from the heavenly significance of God's providence, Jesus comes as the first ancestor of all mankind, including Abraham. This passage does not mean that Jesus was God Himself.

Other Bible Passages which testify that Jesus was not God Himself:

Rom. 8:34 "Is it Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?"

If Jesus was God Himself, then how can he sit at his own right hand? Also, how can he be the mediator between himself and man?

Matt. 27:46 "Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' That is, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'

If he was God Himself, how can he say this? Did he call himself "my God, my God" and ask why he had forsaken himself?

John 17:1 "When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee... "

If Jesus was God Himself, how can he ask this to himself, and how can he call himself "Father" and "Thy Son"?

Matt. 4:1 "Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. "

If Jesus were God, he could not be tempted by the devil.

4. Jesus and Fallen Man

Characteristics of fallen man:

- (1) Fallen man lost his original value of creation and became so degraded that he came to admire angels, which were created as man's servants.
- (2) Fallen man has original sin, and he is under the dominion of Satan, where he can be invaded by Satan.
- (3) He is ignorant of God's will and God's heart.

Characteristics of Jesus:

- (1) He had the value of original creation, and had the qualification to rule the angels and the whole universe.
- (2) He had no original sin, and he had no relationship with Satan.
- (3) He perceived God's will and God's heart thoroughly.

From the above we can understand that there is a vast difference, like heaven and earth, between Jesus and fallen man.

However, even fallen men can be reborn and get rid of original sin... because the _____ by belief in Jesus. Then, they can be restored to the men who perfected God's purpose of creation as Jesus did.

The relationship between Jesus and restored man is like that between father and son.

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. "

John 15:14 "You are my friends if you do what I command you. "

Rom. 11:7 "But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the richness of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. "

Here, Jesus was expressed as the olive tree, and fallen man was expressed as the wild olive tree. Fallen man should be grafted to Jesus to share the richness of the olive tree.

I Cor. 12:27 "Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. "

I Cor. 15:23 "But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. "

Eph. 1:22 "... and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church... "

I John 3:2 "Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him... "

Section 3
Rebirth And Trinity

A. Rebirth

1. Jesus and the Holy Spirit seen from the Mission of Rebirth

Rebirth means to be born again.

John 3:3 "Truly, truly, I say unto you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. "

Why did Jesus say that fallen man must be born again?

If Adam and Eve had reached perfection and become the parents of goodness, they should have multiplied children of goodness without original sin, and should have established the kingdom of heaven on earth.

But by the fall, Adam and Eve did not reach perfection, and became one with Satan. They multiplied children of original sin as fallen parents, establishing hell on earth.

So, fallen men with original sin cannot go to the kingdom of heaven in their fallen state. For fallen men to enter into the kingdom of heaven, they must be born anew as children without original sin. Fallen men cannot be born anew by fallen parents, because fallen parents with original sin cannot give birth to children without original sin.

Fallen men must have parents without original sin to be born anew. But among fallen people, no one can find parents of goodness without original sin.

Therefore, the parents of goodness without original sin must come from heaven. These parents were Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus came as the true father to give rebirth to make fallen men children of goodness without original sin.

Jesus was called the "Last Adam" in I Corinthians 15:45 and "Eternal Father" in Isaiah 9:6, because he came in the position of the true father which was not attained by Adam.

God said that He would send Elijah to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers in order to make them His children (Mal. 4:6). Also, Matthew 16:27 says that Jesus comes in the glory of the father to give rebirth to fallen children to make them children of goodness. There must be a true mother with the true father to give rebirth. The one who came as the true mother to give rebirth to fallen children was the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, Jesus said to Nicodemus that man cannot enter the kingdom of God without being born again by the Holy Spirit (John 3:5). The Holy Spirit is a mother spirit and the

spirit of the last Eve. So, there are many people who receive the revelation that the Holy Spirit is a female spirit.

Because the Holy Spirit is a female spirit, a man cannot stand before Jesus as a bride without receiving the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of comfort and consolation, and works to cleanse sins to indemnify and restore the position of Eve, who caused the fall.

Jesus, who is the subject, works in Heaven, and the Holy Spirit, who is the object, works on earth.

2. Jesus and the Holy Spirit seen from the Dual Characteristics of the Logos

In God there are dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity, and the Logos which came out of God also has the dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity. The embodiment of the masculine Logos was Adam, and he was to become the tree of life. The embodiment of the female Logos was Eve, and she was symbolized by the tree of knowledge of good and evil. When they reached perfection, they were to become true parents, realizing God's three blessings and the kingdom of heaven on earth.

But by their fall, hell was realized. To give rebirth to fallen man, it was necessary for the last Adam and last Eve to come as the last tree of life and the last perfected tree of knowledge of good and evil. These were Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

3. Spiritual Rebirth by Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Since Jesus was crucified, he could not achieve his purpose on earth as a father both in physical body and spirit. He was resurrected spiritually after his crucifixion, and worked on earth for 40 days to restore his run-away disciples. When the disciples met the spiritually resurrected Jesus, they repented, and were determined to follow him as the Messiah.

Thus, Jesus worked as a spiritual father.

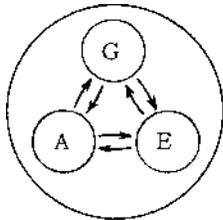
Therefore, the Holy Spirit is in the position of the spiritual mother. Christianity was established on the foundation of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who were the spiritual father and mother.

If Christians believe in Jesus as savior through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they get new spiritual life by receiving the love which comes from the give and take action between Jesus, who is the spiritual father, and the Holy Spirit, who is the spiritual mother. By this they are born anew spiritually. This is spiritual rebirth.

But the fall of man occurred both spiritually and physically. Therefore, man must receive physical salvation as well as spiritual salvation to cleanse the original sin. To achieve this purpose, the Lord of the Second Advent must come.

B. Trinity

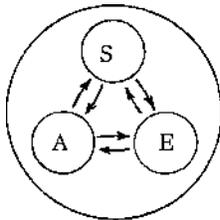
God's purpose of creation cannot be realized without a God-centered four position foundation which is the accomplishment of the triple objective purpose through origin-division-union action. To achieve this purpose, Jesus and the Holy Spirit must perform give and take action centering on God, and must be united into one to form the God-centered four position foundation. At this time, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit become one. We call this "Trinity".



Original Trinity

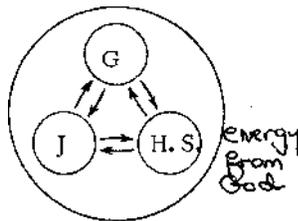
In the Garden of Eden, if Adam and Eve had reached perfection, perfect Adam and Eve should have performed give and take action centering on God, and become one. This was the original trinity. If the first ancestors formed the original trinity, their descendants also should have realized trinities centering on God.

But by the fall, this original trinity was never realized.



Fallen Trinity

Fallen Adam and Eve performed give and take action centering on Satan. Satan, fallen Adam, and fallen Eve became one. We call this the fallen trinity of Satan. The descendants of the fallen ancestors also came to form the fallen trinity.



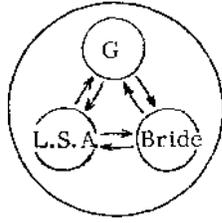
Spiritual Trinity

God's purpose of restoration is to restore this fallen trinity to God's original trinity. To achieve this purpose, God sent Jesus as father, but he became a spiritual father by the crucifixion, and he also restored the Holy Spirit as a spiritual mother.

The trinity of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is called the Spiritual Trinity of God.

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Restored Original Trinity

When the Lord of the Second Advent comes, he will come with his bride, who is the embodiment of the Holy Spirit. They, as the restored first ancestors, will perform perfect give and take action centering on God and become one with God. Then God, the Lord of the Second Advent, and his bride become one, restoring the original trinity centered on God.

Their descendants will also form trinities centering on God.

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