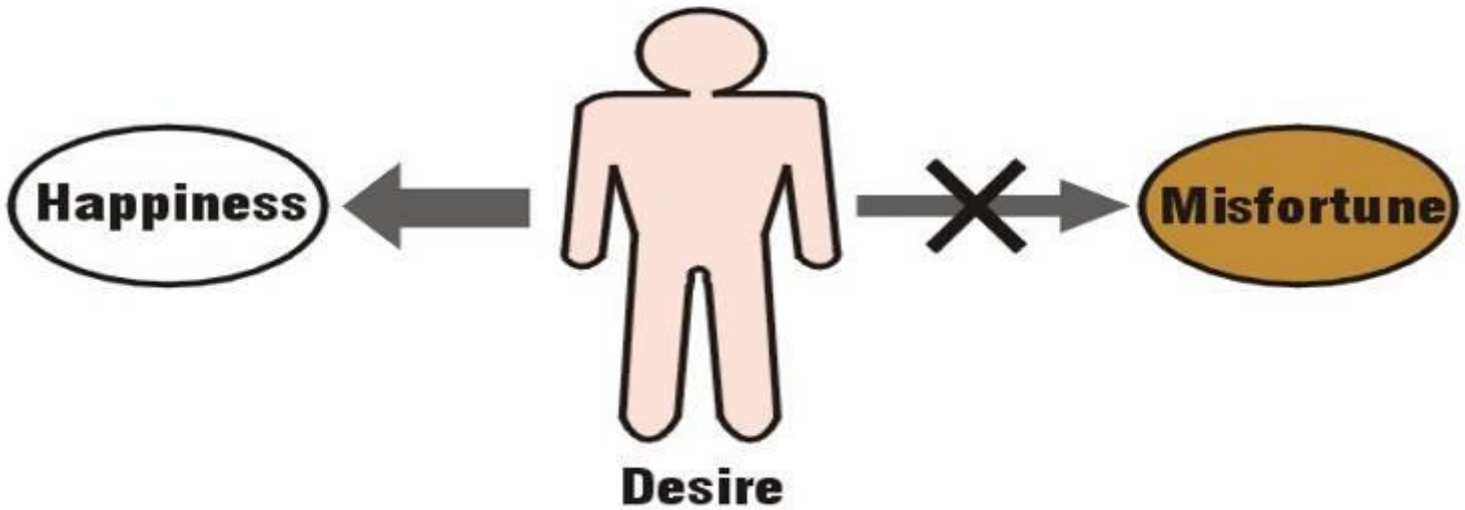
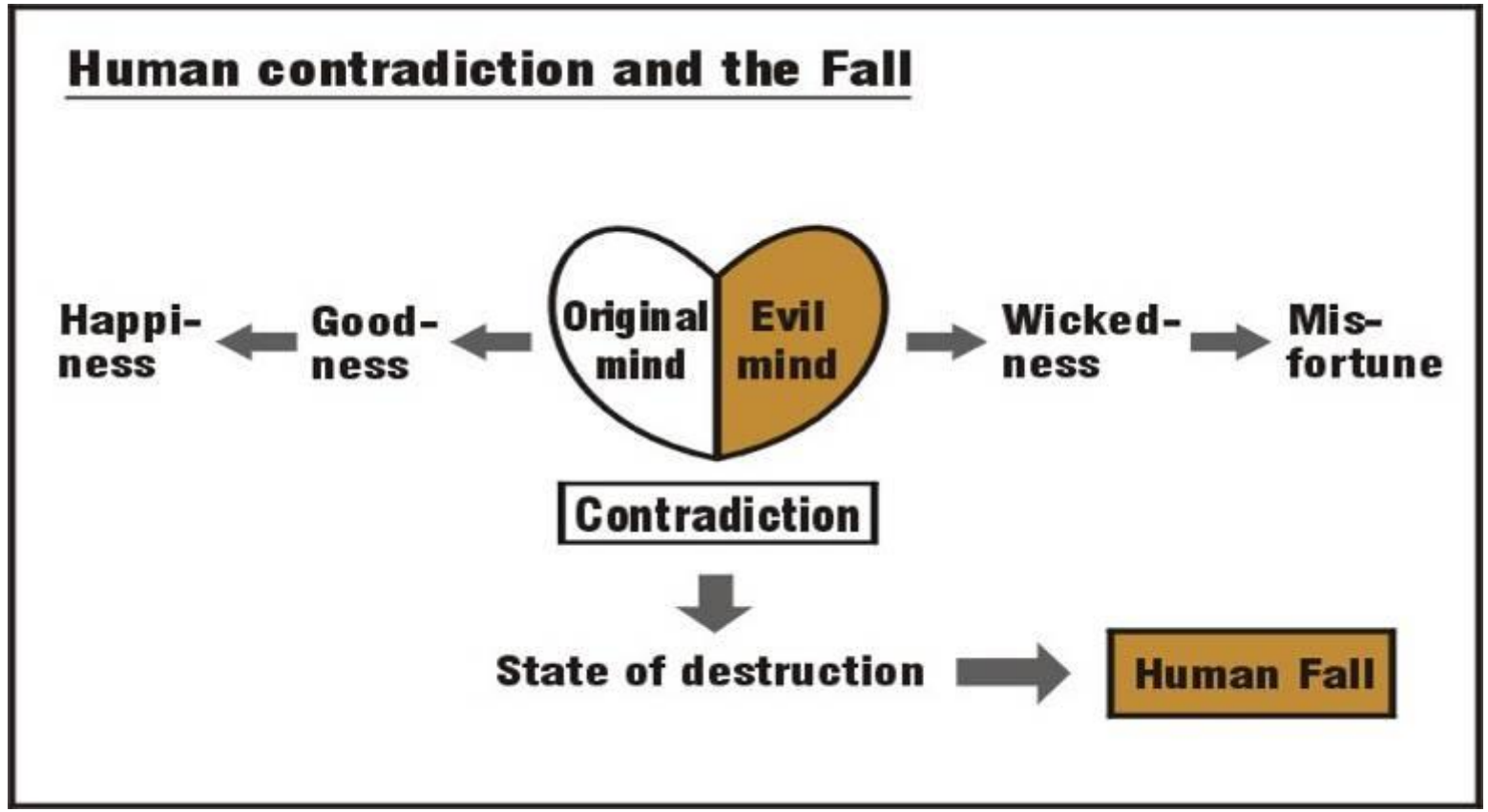
Introduction

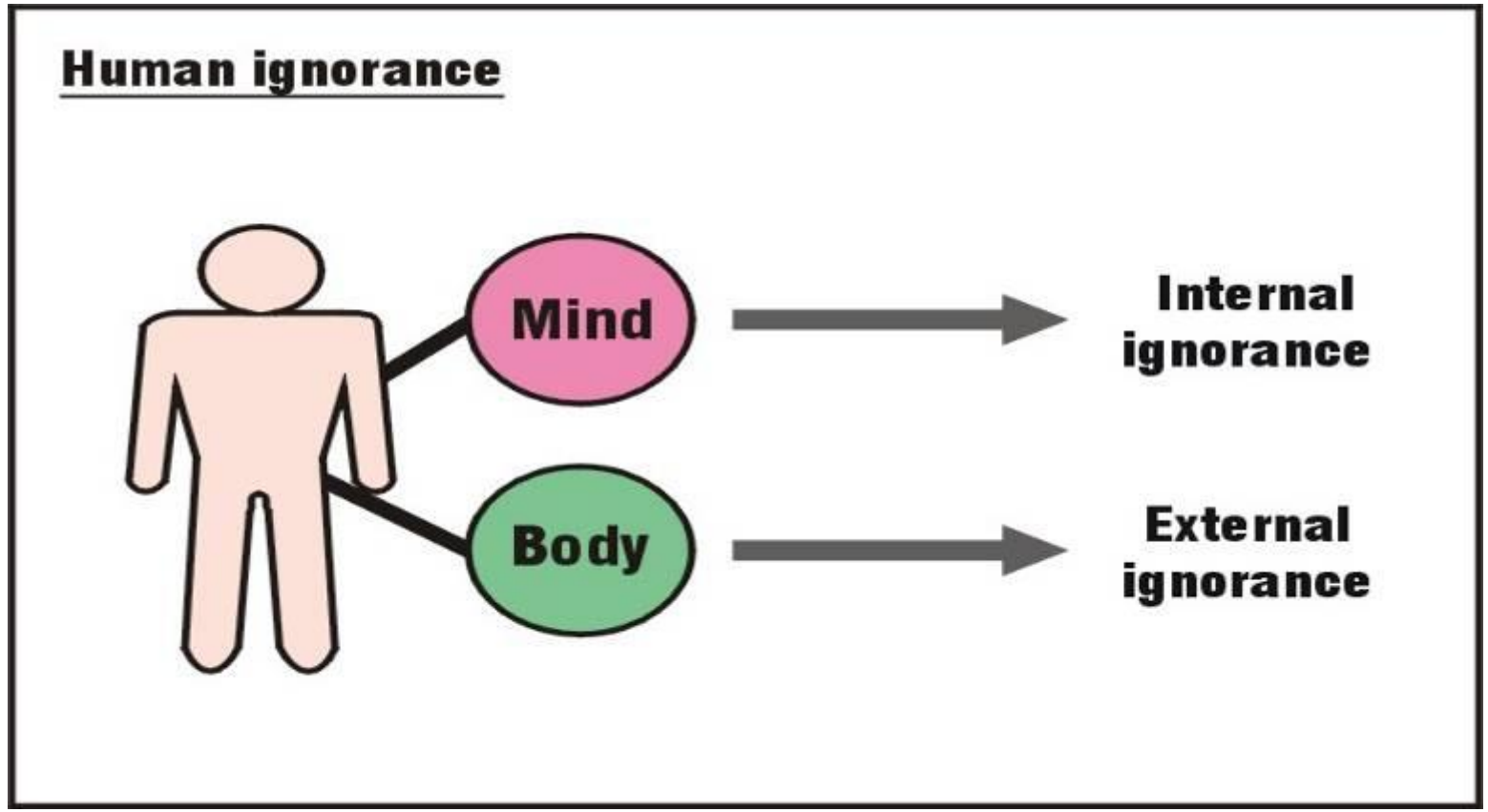
Human happiness



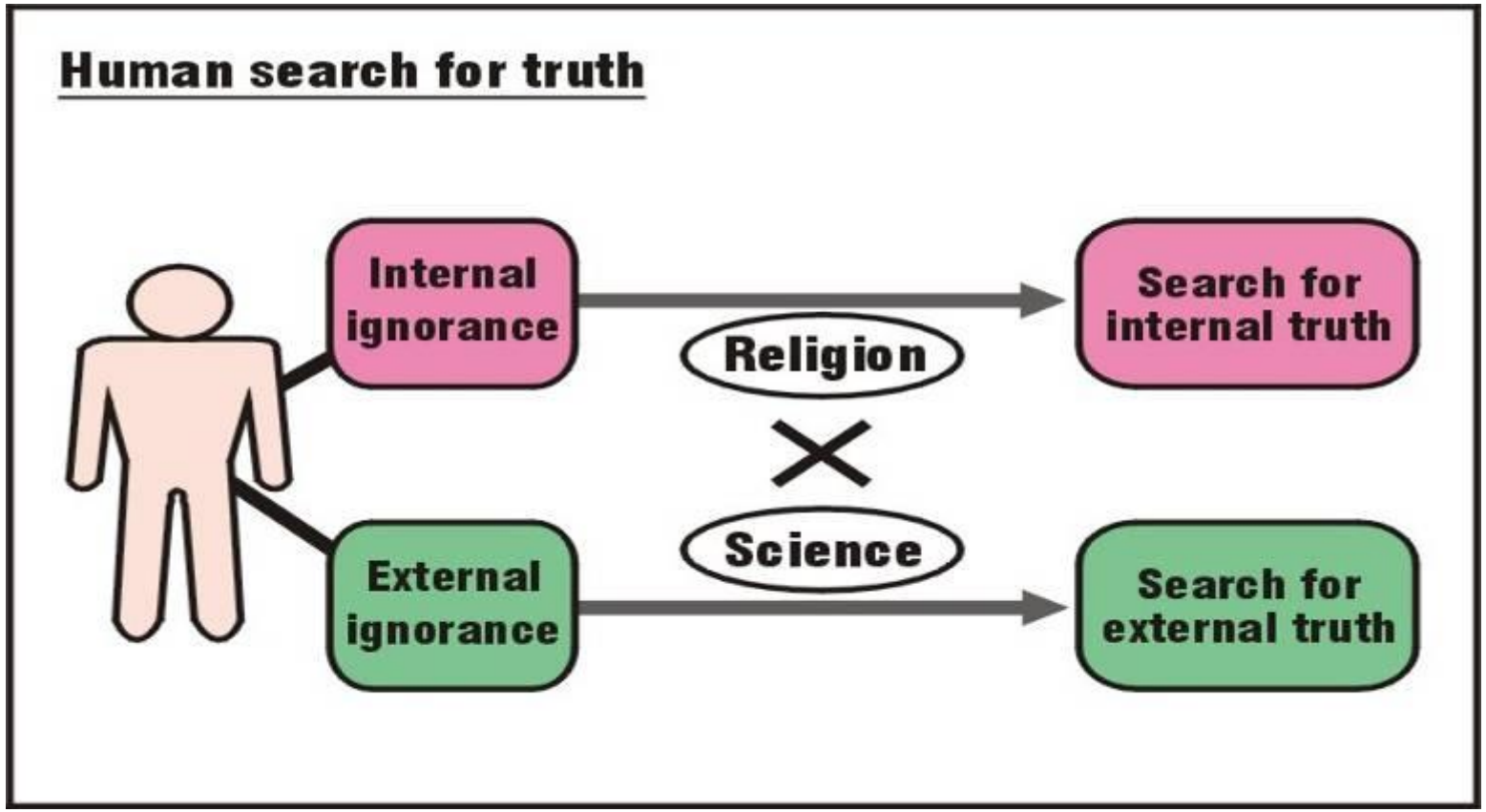
- Everyone is struggling to attain happiness and avoid misfortune.
- How, then, does happiness arise?
- People feel joy when their desires are fulfilled.



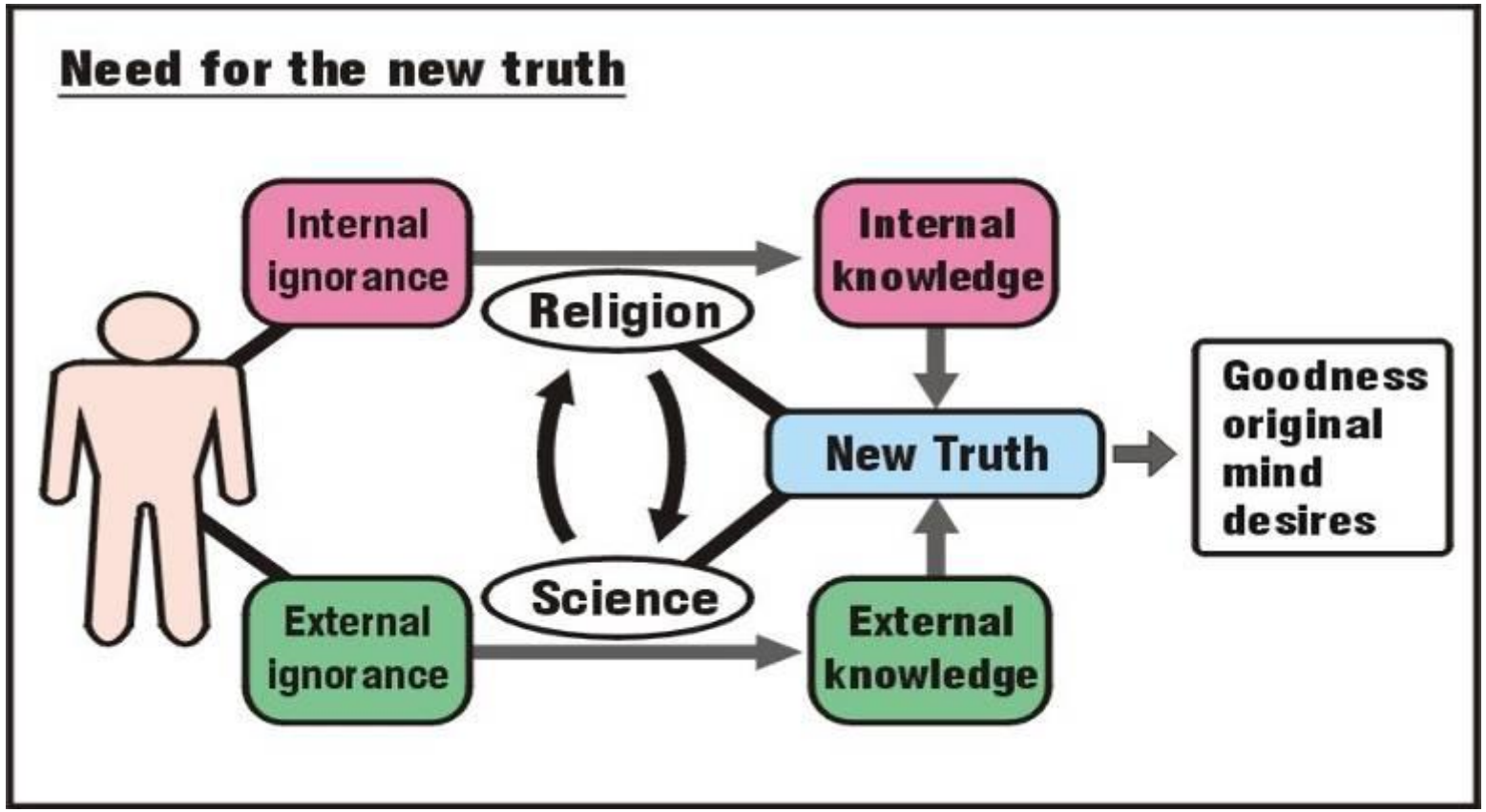
- Within the self-same individual are two opposing inclinations: the original mind that desires goodness and the evil mind that desires wickedness.
- They are engaged in a fierce battle, striving to accomplish two conflicting purposes. Any being possessing such a contradiction within itself is doomed to perish.
- Christianity sees this state of destruction as the result of the human Fall.



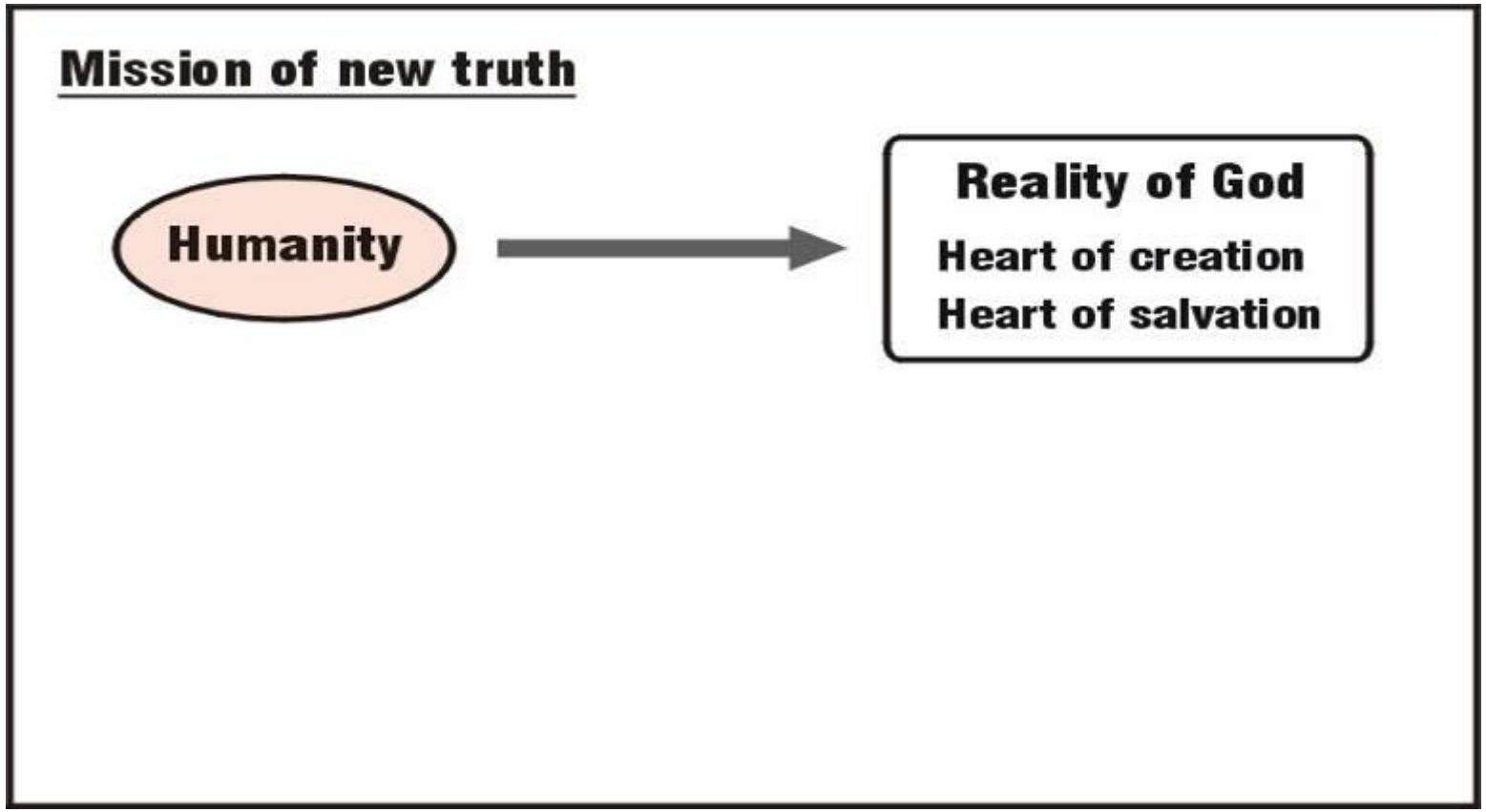
- Considered from the viewpoint of the intellect, the human Fall represents humanity's descent into ignorance.
- People are composed of two aspects: internal and external, or mind and body;
- In the same way, there are two types of ignorance: internal ignorance and external ignorance.



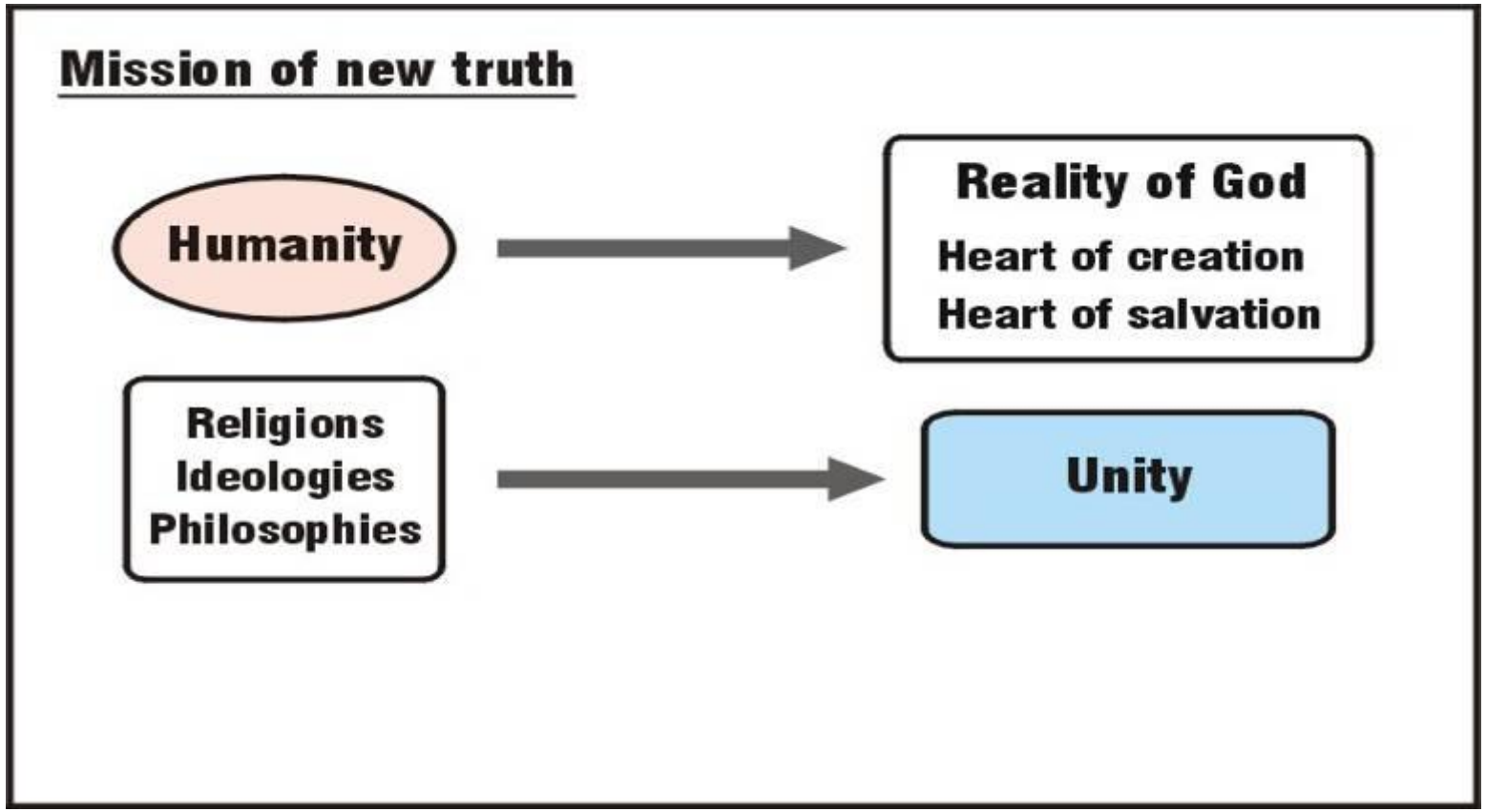
- Humanity through religion has followed the path of searching for internal truth,
- and through science has followed the path of seeking external truth.
- Religion and science, each in their own spheres, have been the methods of searching for truth in order to conquer ignorance and attain knowledge.



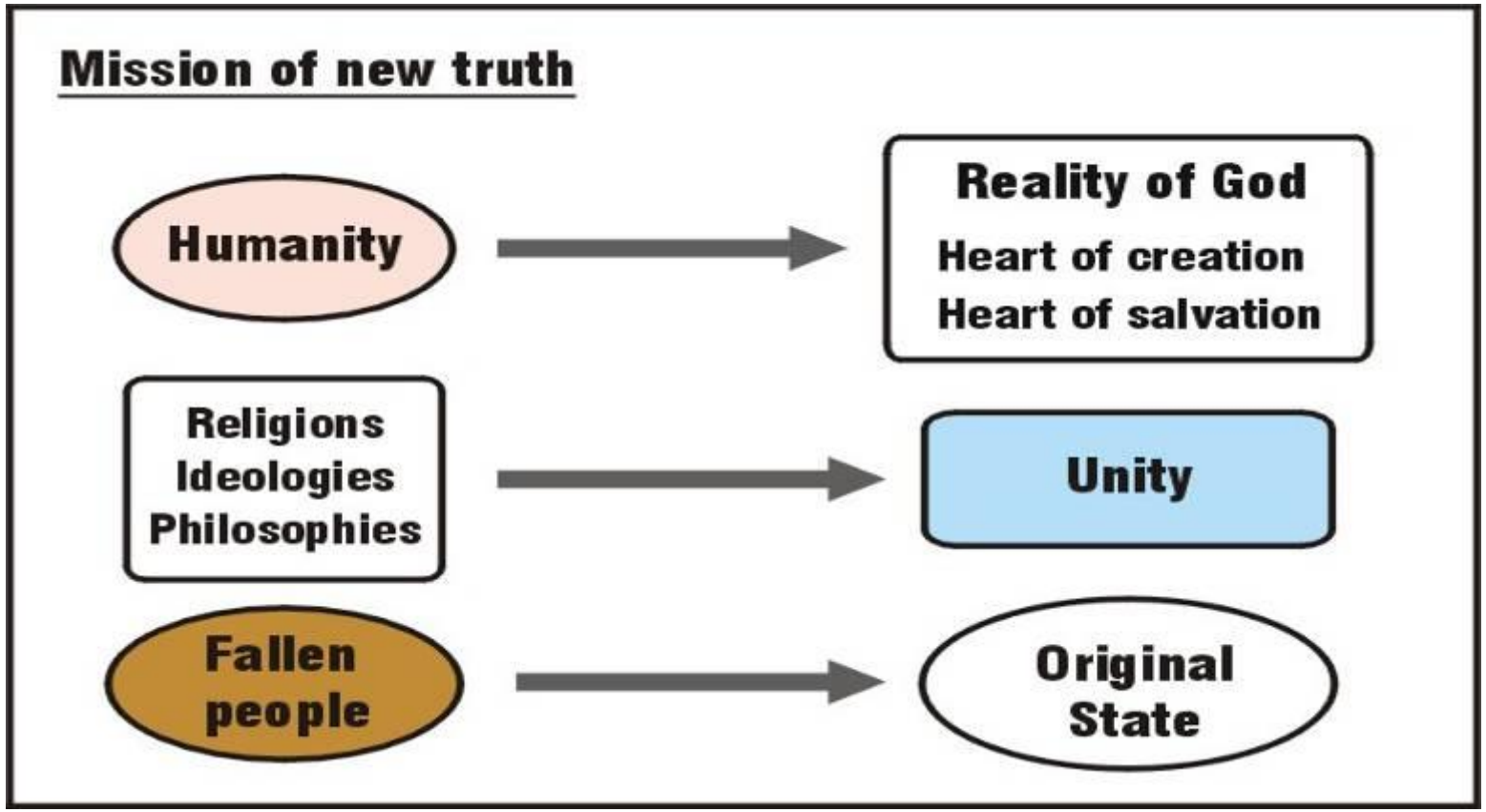
- Religion and science, setting out with the missions of dispelling the two aspects of human ignorance, have seemed in the course of their development to take positions that were contradictory and irreconcilable.
- However, for humankind to completely overcome the two aspects of ignorance and fully realize the goodness which the original mind desires, at some point in history there must emerge a new truth which can reconcile religion and science and resolve their problems in an integrated undertaking.



- What missions must the new truth fulfill ?
- The new expression of truth should be able to reveal the reality and Heart of God: His heart of joy at the time of creation; and His heart of striving to save humankind throughout the long course of history .



- This truth must be able to embrace all historical religions, ideologies and philosophies and bring complete unity among them.
- Unity starts with the unity of mind and body and the unity of husband and wife.



- New truth should guide fallen people to return to their original state .

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- This ultimate life-giving truth, however, cannot be discovered through an exhaustive investigation of scriptures or scholarly texts; nor can it be invented by any human intellect .
- As is written in the Book of Revelation, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings," (Rev. 10:11) truth must appear as a revelation from God.

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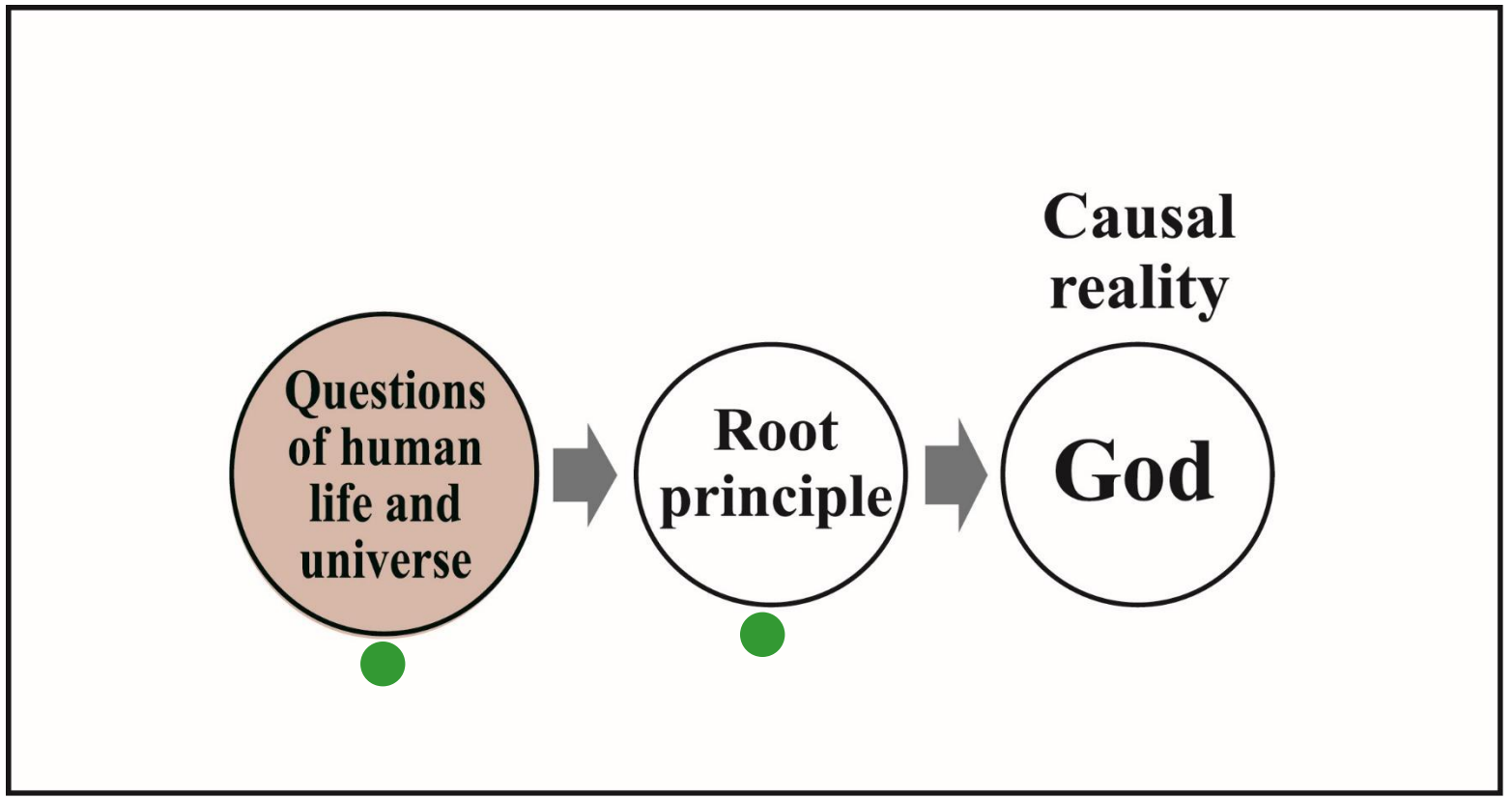
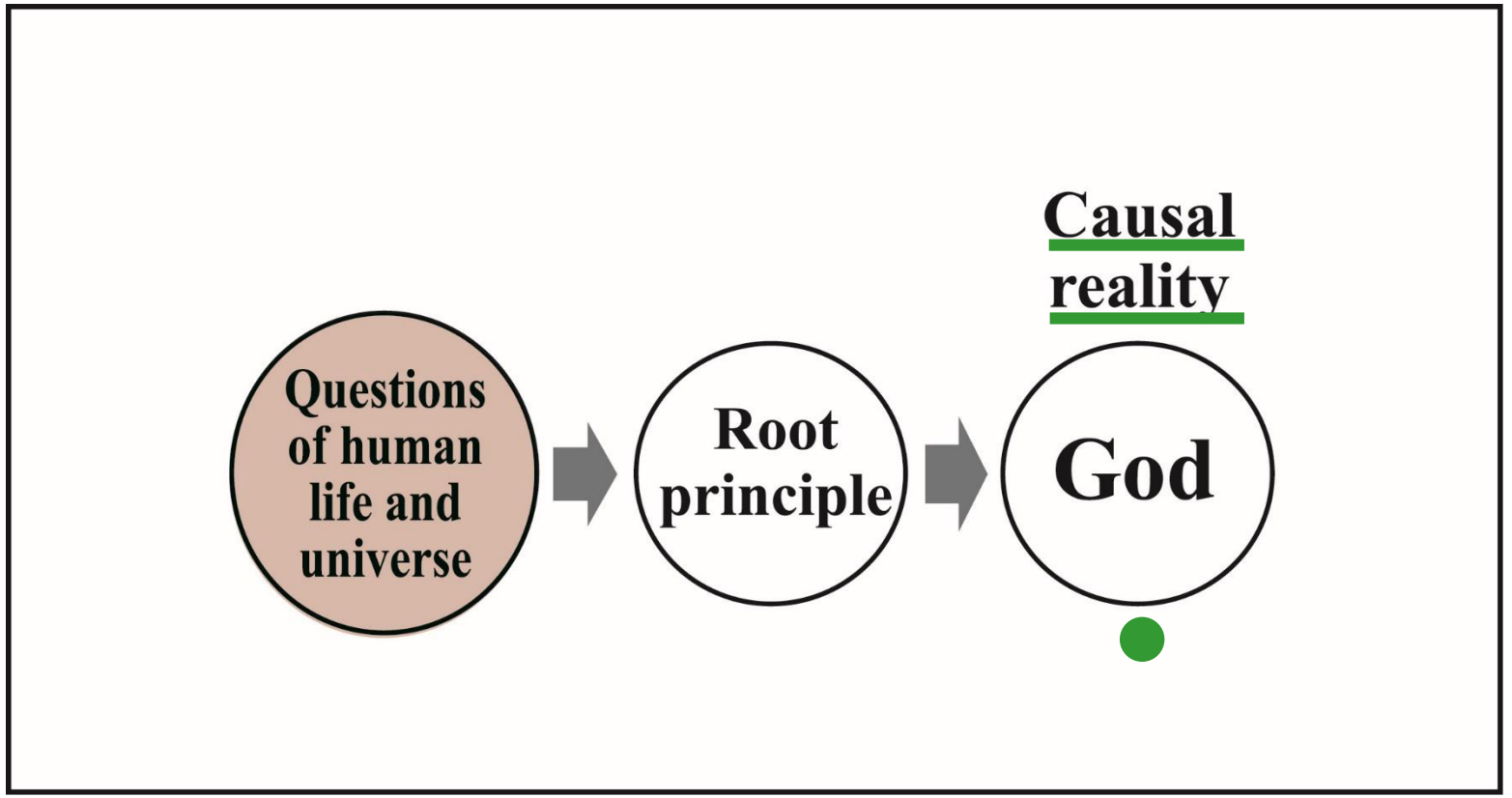
- God has sent one person to this earth to resolve the fundamental problems of human life and the universe. His name is Rev. Sun Myung Moon .

Chapter 1

The Principle of Creation



- Throughout history, people have anguished over the fundamental questions of human life and the universe without arriving at satisfying answers.
- This is because no one has understood the root principle by which humanity and the universe were originally created.

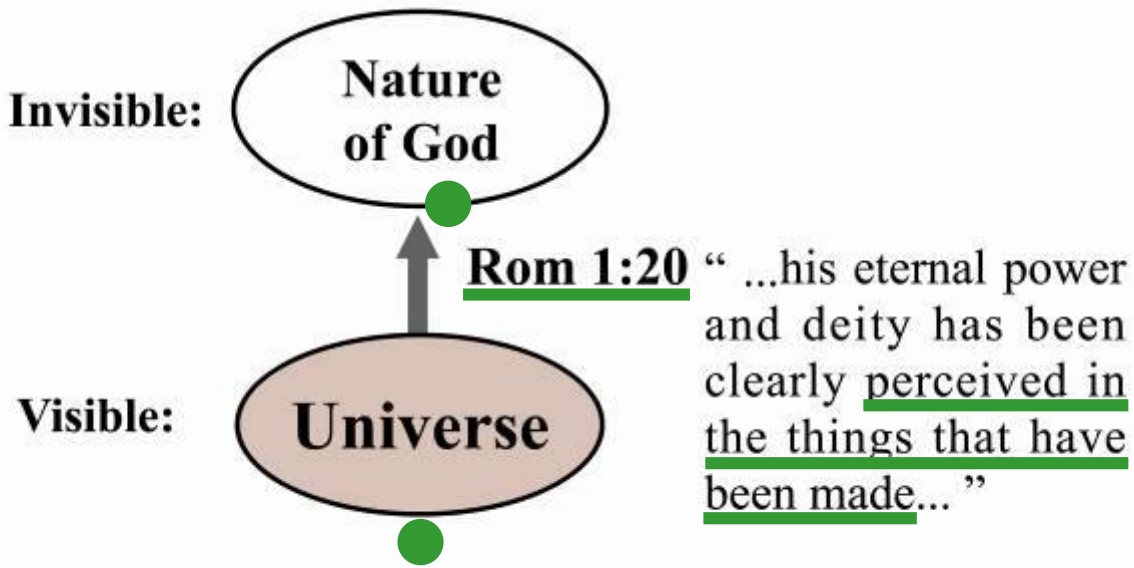


- To approach this topic properly, it is not enough to examine resultant reality. The fundamental question is that of the causal reality.
- Problems concerning human life and the universe cannot be solved without first understanding the nature of God.

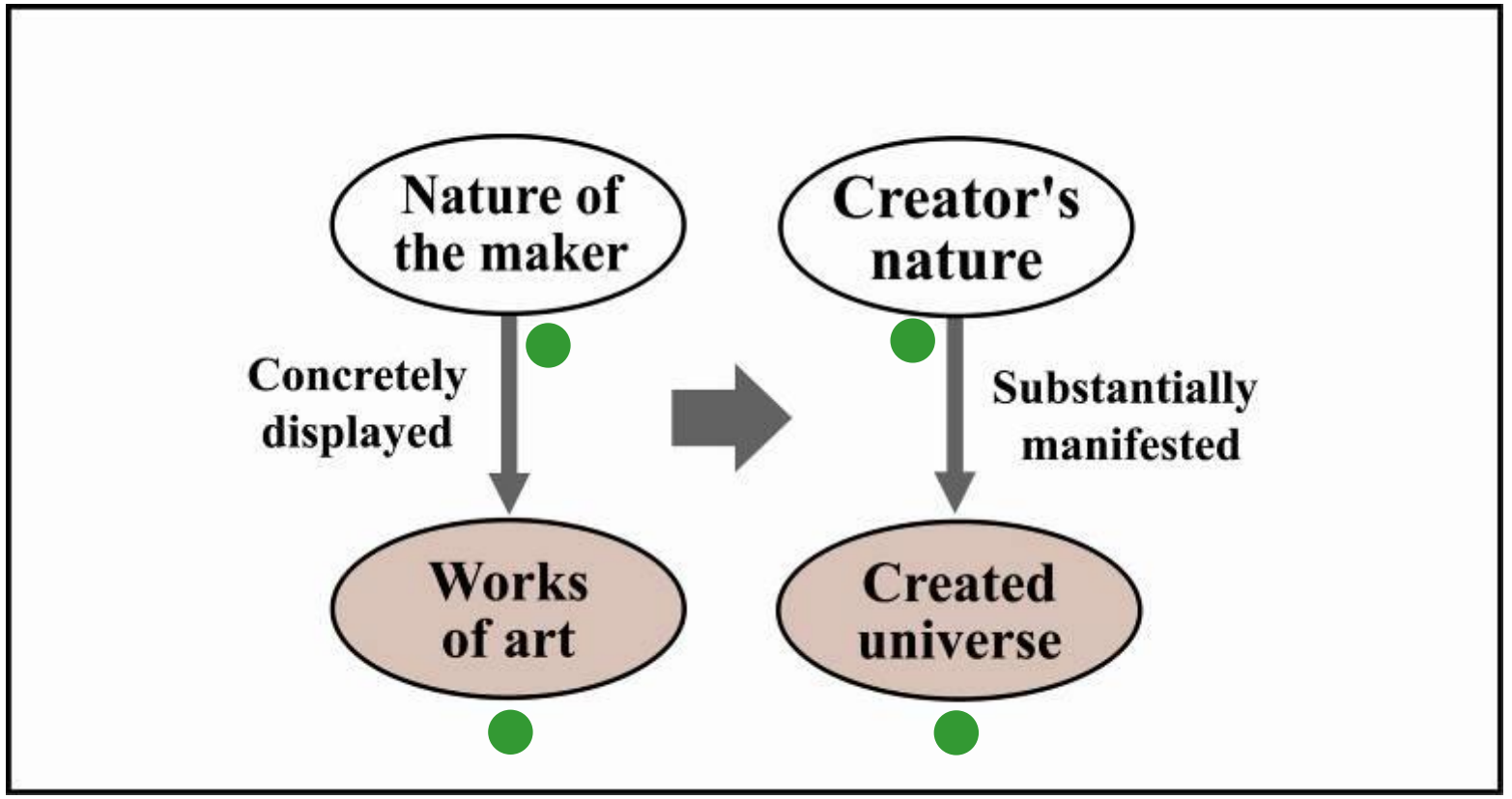
Section 1

The Dual Characteristics of God and the Created Universe

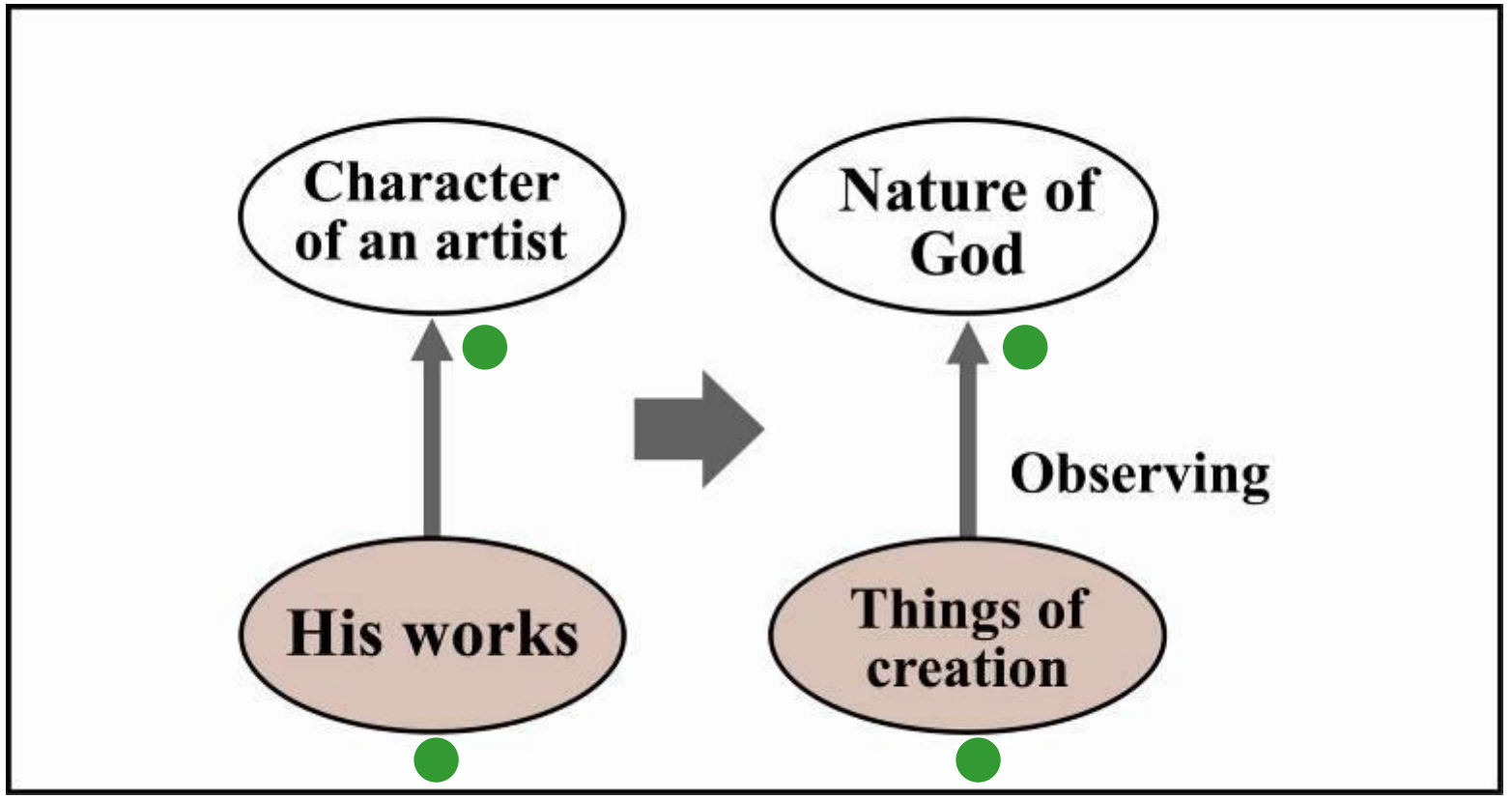
I. The dual characteristics of God



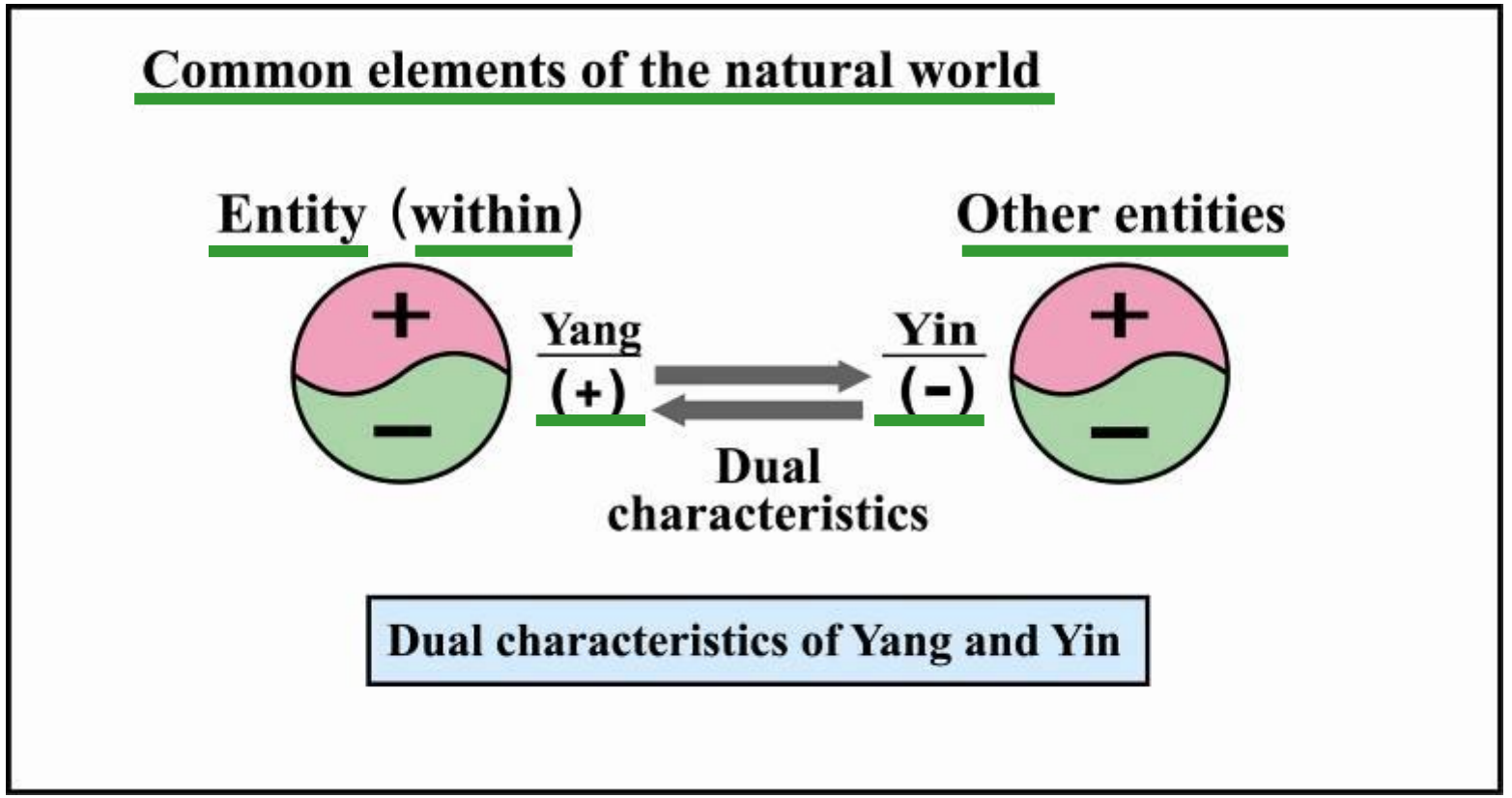
- How can we know the divine nature of the invisible God?
- One way to fathom His deity is by observing the universe which He created.
- Thus, St. Paul said in Rom. 1:20: "Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."



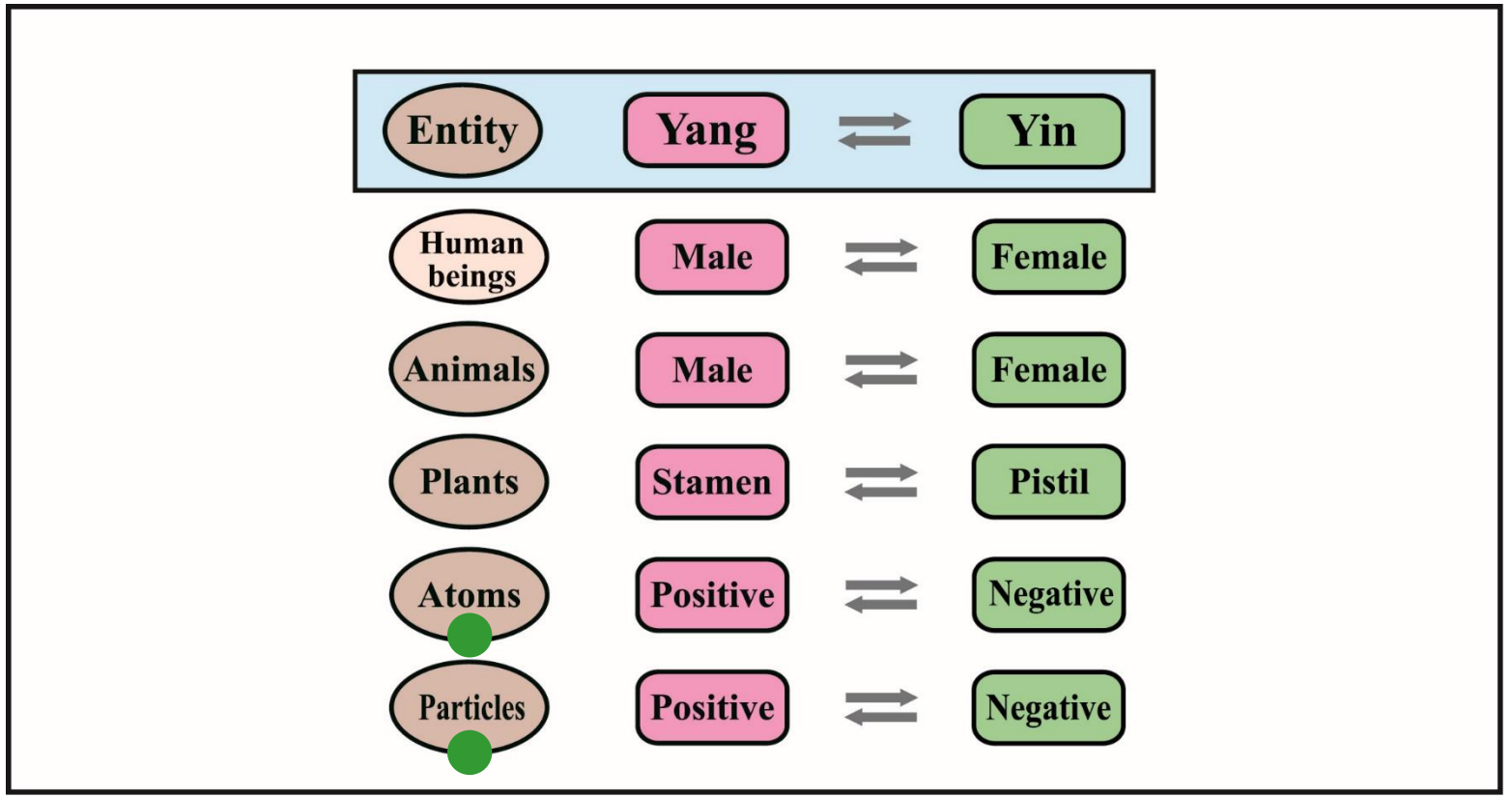
- Just as the invisible nature of the maker is concretely displayed in his works of art,
- Everything in the created universe is a substantial manifestation of some quality of the Creator's invisible, divine nature.



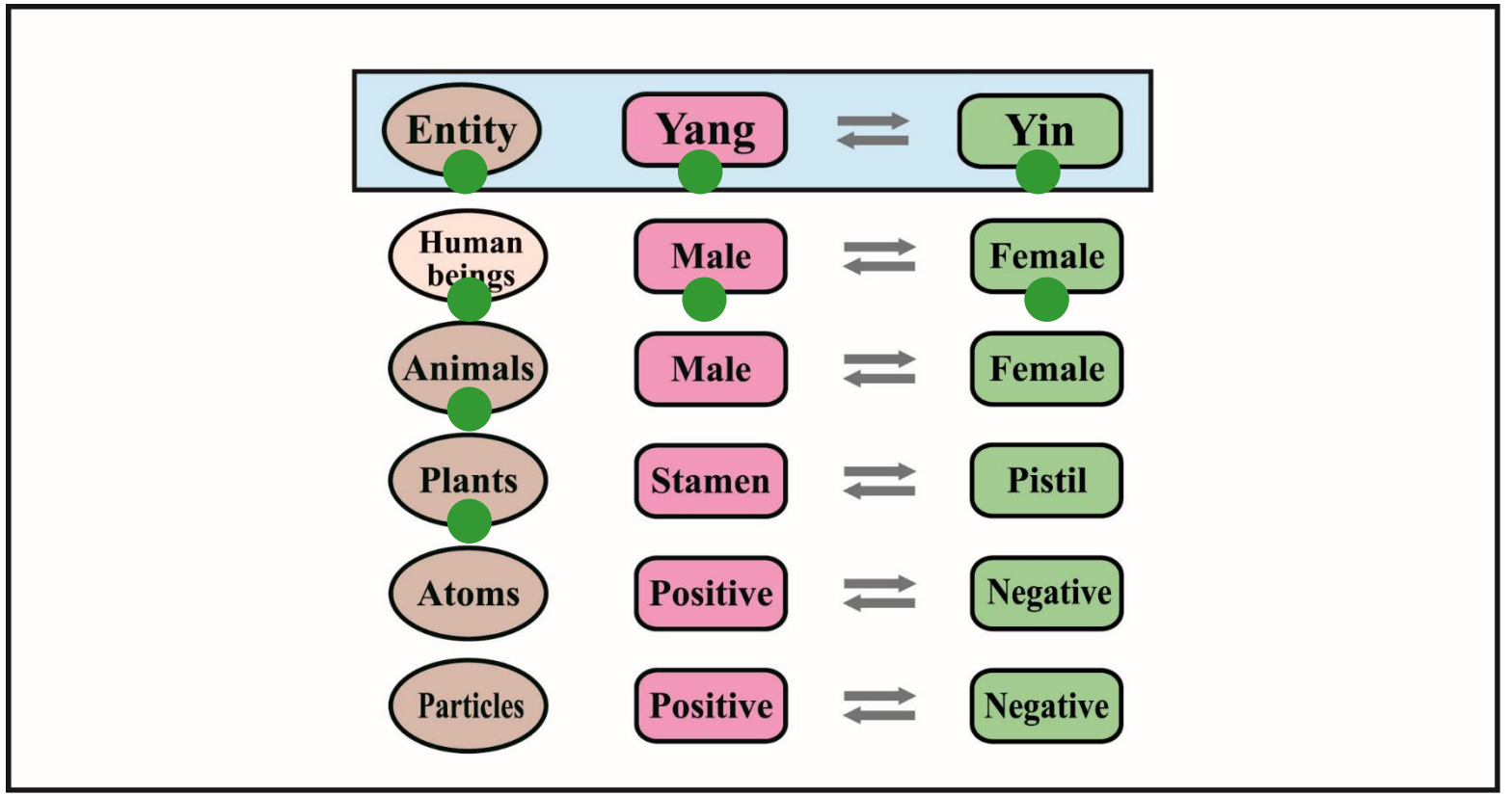
- Just as we can come to know the character of an artist through his works, so we can understand the nature of God by observing the diverse things of creation.



- Let us begin by pointing out the common elements which are found universally throughout the natural world.
- Every entity possesses dual characteristics of yang (positivity, masculinity) and yin (negativity, femininity) and comes into existence only when these characteristics have formed reciprocal relationships, both within the entity and between it and other entities.

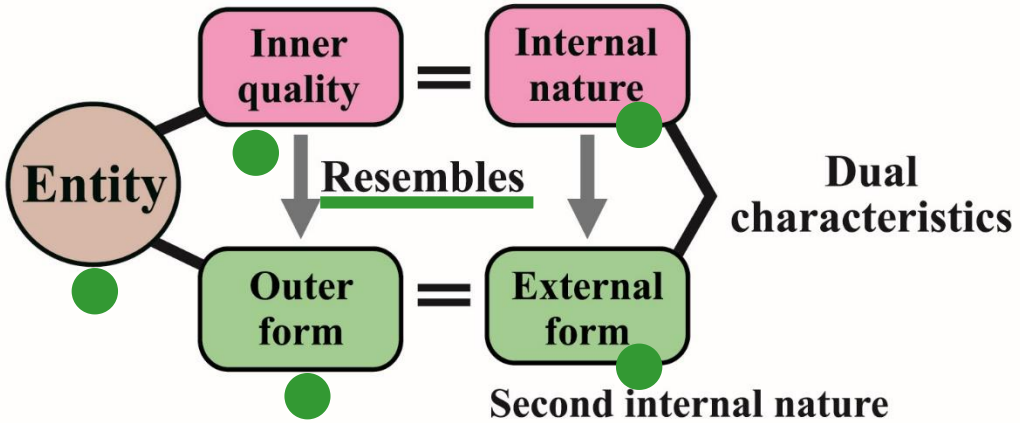


- For example, subatomic particles, the basic building blocks of all matter, possess either a positive charge, a negative charge or a neutral charge formed by the neutralization of positive and negative constituents. When particles join with each other through the reciprocal relationships of their dual characteristics, they form an atom.



- Plants propagate by means of stamen and pistil. Animals multiply and maintain their species through the relationship between male and female.
- As for human beings, God created Adam, a man, and Eve, his female counterpart.
- Thus, we can understand that every entity requires for its existence a reciprocal relationship between the characteristics of yang and yin.

More fundamental pair of dual characteristics



Dual characteristics of internal nature and external form

- There is another pair of dual characteristics in reciprocal relationship which is even more fundamental to existence.
- Every entity possesses both an outer form and an inner quality. The visible outer form resembles the invisible inner quality.
- The inner quality, though invisible, possesses a certain structure which is manifested visibly in the particular outer form. The inner quality is called internal nature, and the outer form or shape is called external form.

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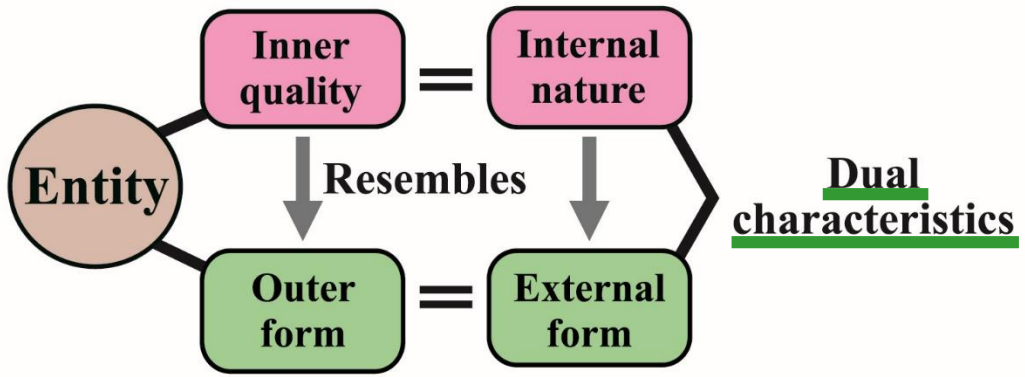
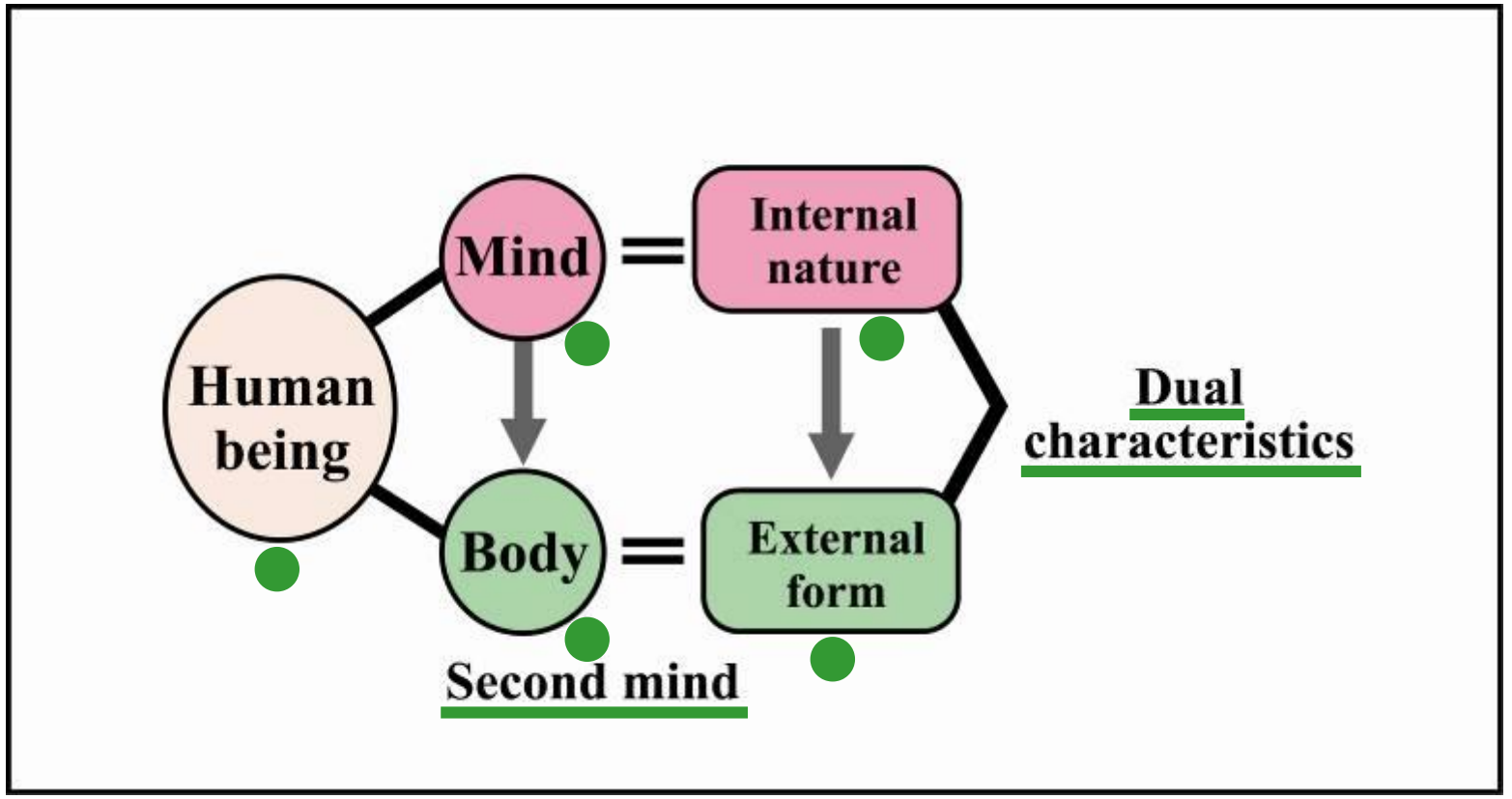


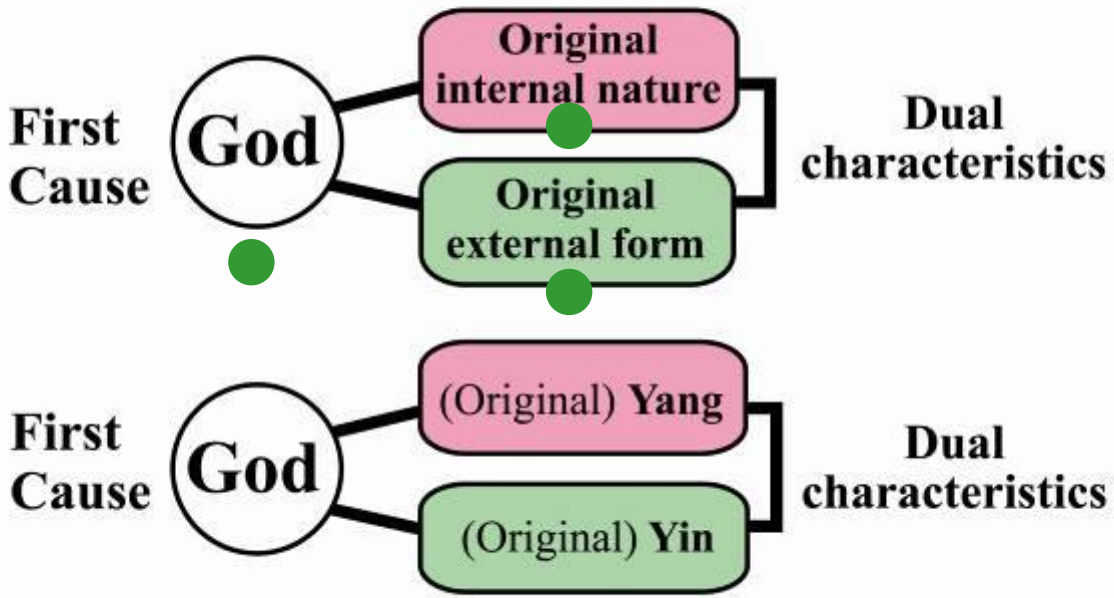
Dual characteristics of internal nature and external form

- Since internal nature and external form refer to corresponding inner and outer aspects of the same entity, the external form may also be understood as a second internal nature. Therefore, the internal nature and external form together constitute dual characteristics.

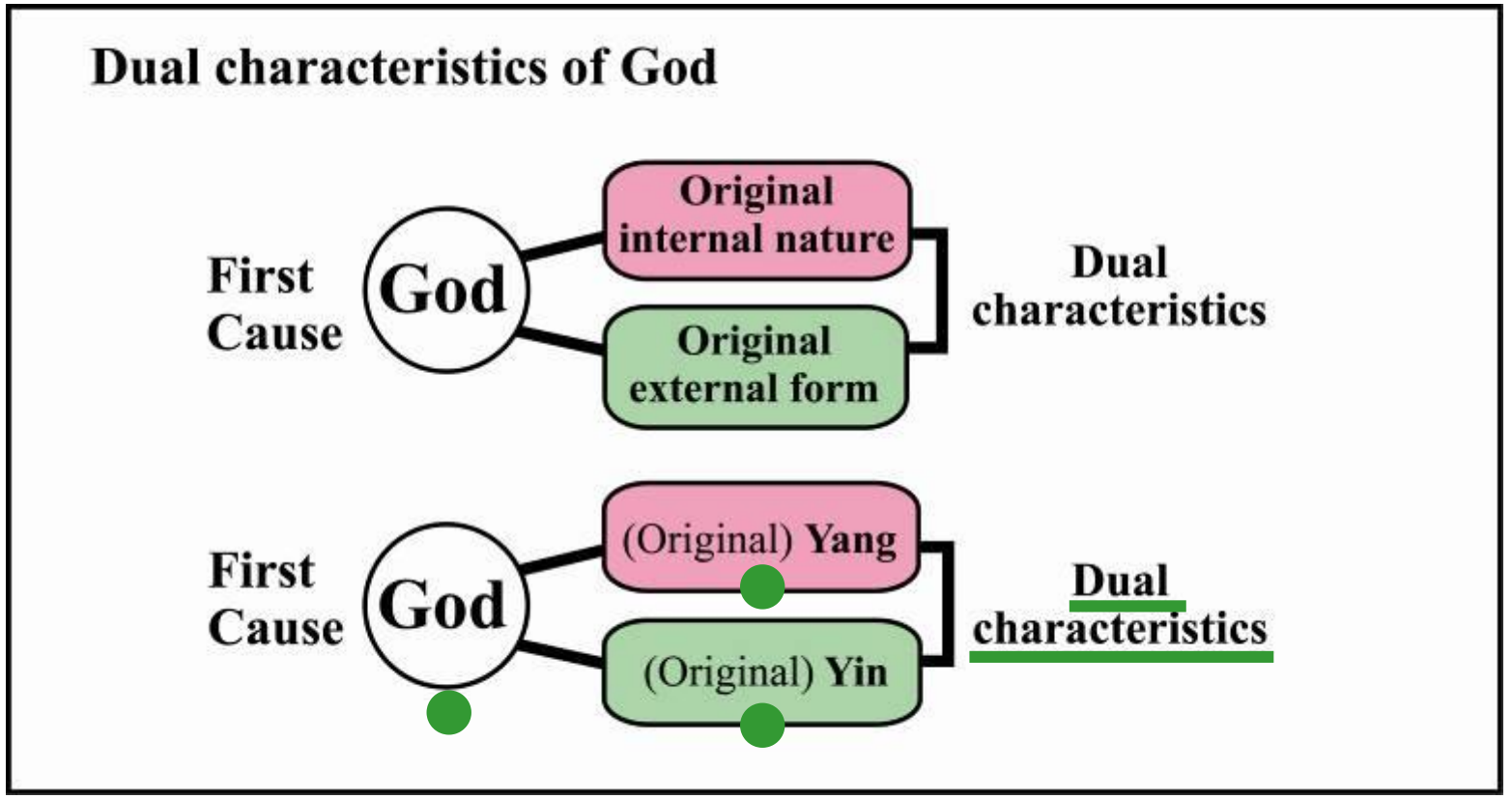


- For example, a human being is composed of an outer form, the body, and an inner quality, the mind.
- Here, mind is the internal nature and body is the external form.
- Since the body may be understood as a second mind, together they constitute the dual characteristics of a human being.
- Similarly, all beings exist through the reciprocal relationships between their dual characteristics of internal nature and external form.

Dual characteristics of God

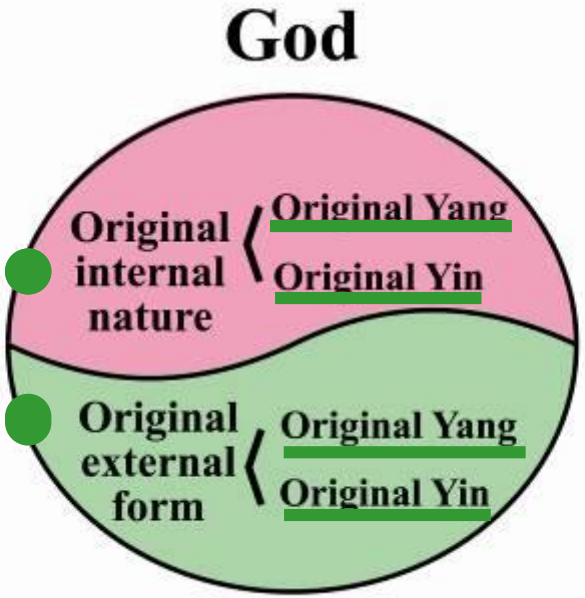


- The First Cause of all the myriad things in the universe must also possess the dual characteristics of internal nature and external form, which stand in the position of subject partner to the internal natures and external forms of all beings.
- We call this First Cause of the universe God, and we call God's internal nature and external form the original internal nature and original external form.



- God, the First Cause of all things, also exists based on the reciprocal relationship between His dual characteristics of yang and yin.

Relationship between God's internal nature / external form, and yang / yin

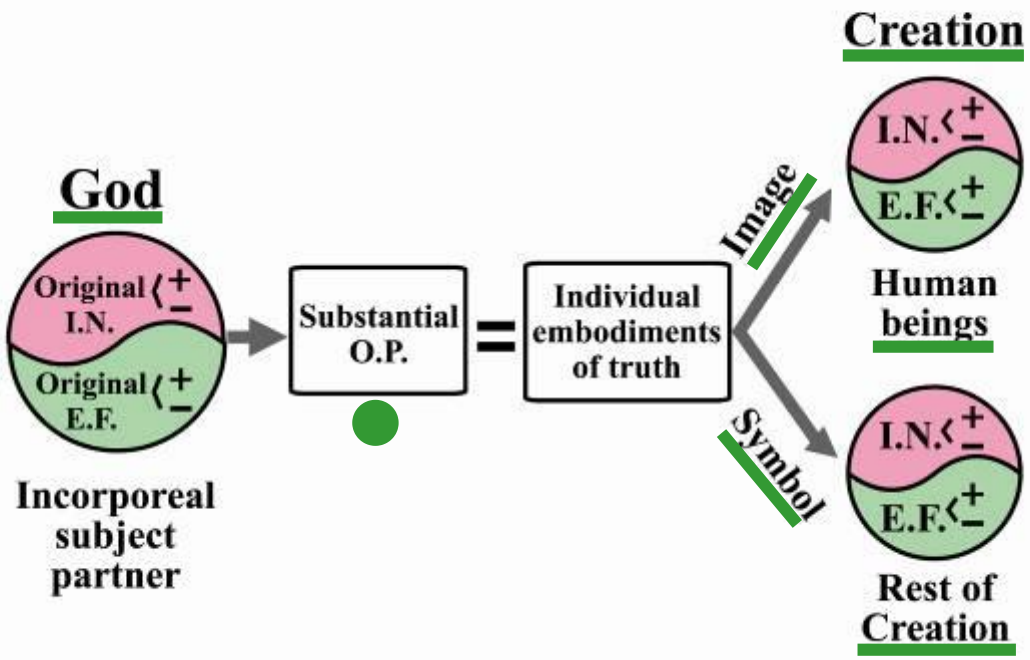


- What is the relationship between the dual characteristics of internal nature and external form and the dual characteristics of yang and yin?
- God's original internal nature and original external form each contain the mutual relationship of original yang and original yin. Therefore, original yang and original yin are attributes of original internal nature and original external form.

God is:

- The subject and harmonious union of original internal nature and original external form.
- The harmonious union of original masculinity and original femininity.
- The subject partner having qualities of internal nature and masculinity towards the universe.

II. The Relationship between God and the Universe



- Every creation is God's substantial object partner, formed in His likeness as a discrete projection of the dual characteristics of God, who exists as the incorporeal subject partner to all beings.
- Human beings are object partners embodied at the level of image, and the rest of creation are object partners embodied at the level of symbol.

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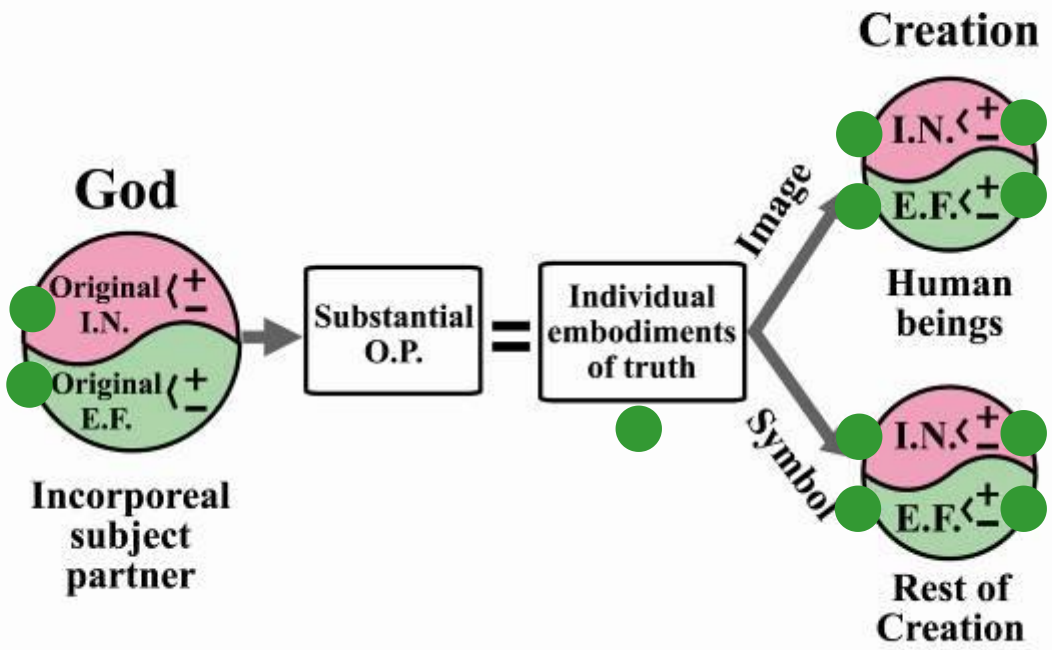
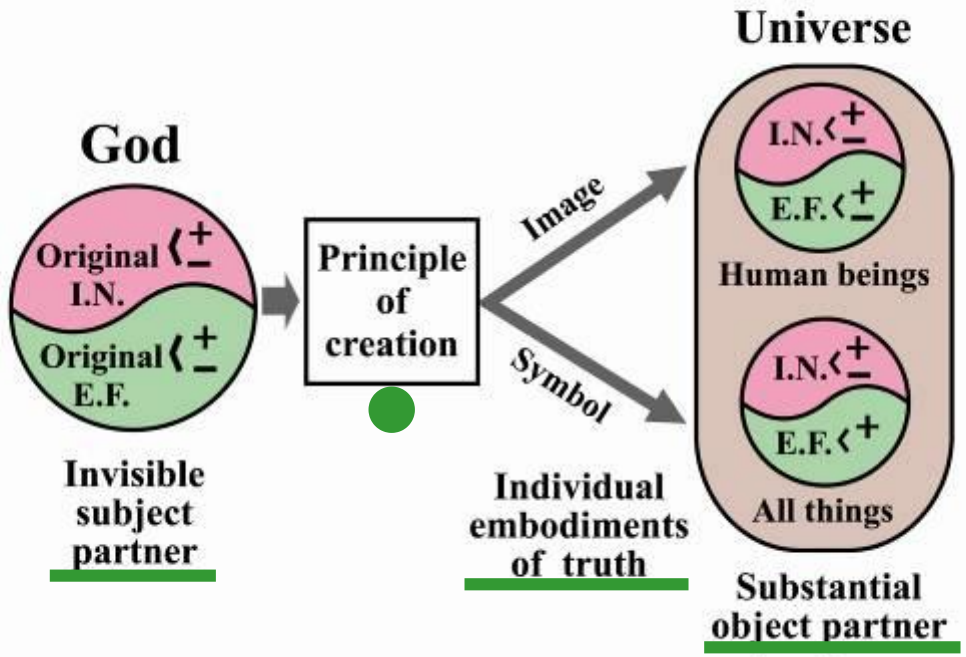
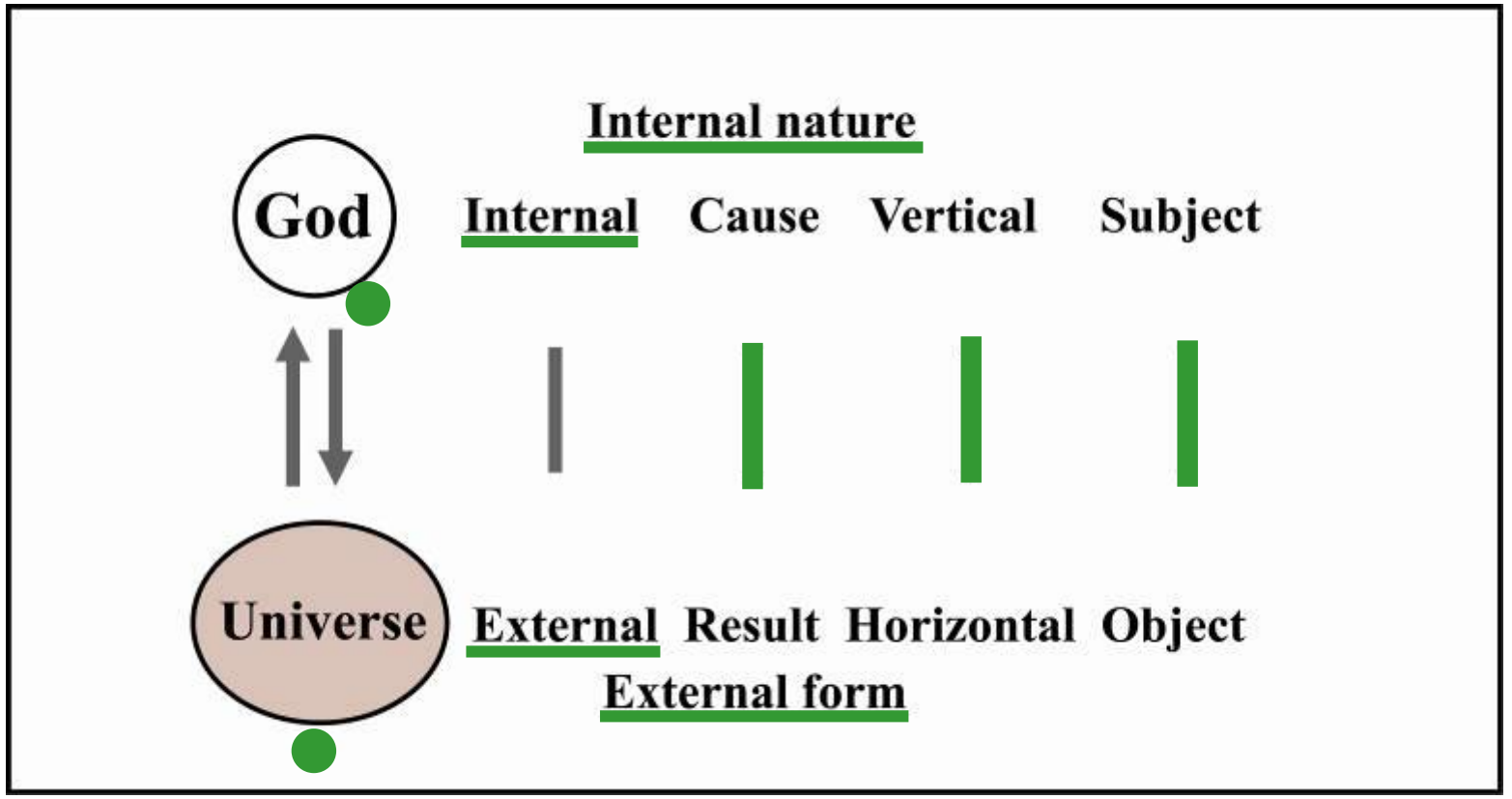


- These object partners are called individual embodiments of truth, in image and symbol.
- Since individual embodiments of truth are all God's substantial object partners- resembling His original internal nature and original external form-they each possess within themselves dual characteristics of internal nature and external form, as well as yang and yin.

Summary of the relationship between God and the universe



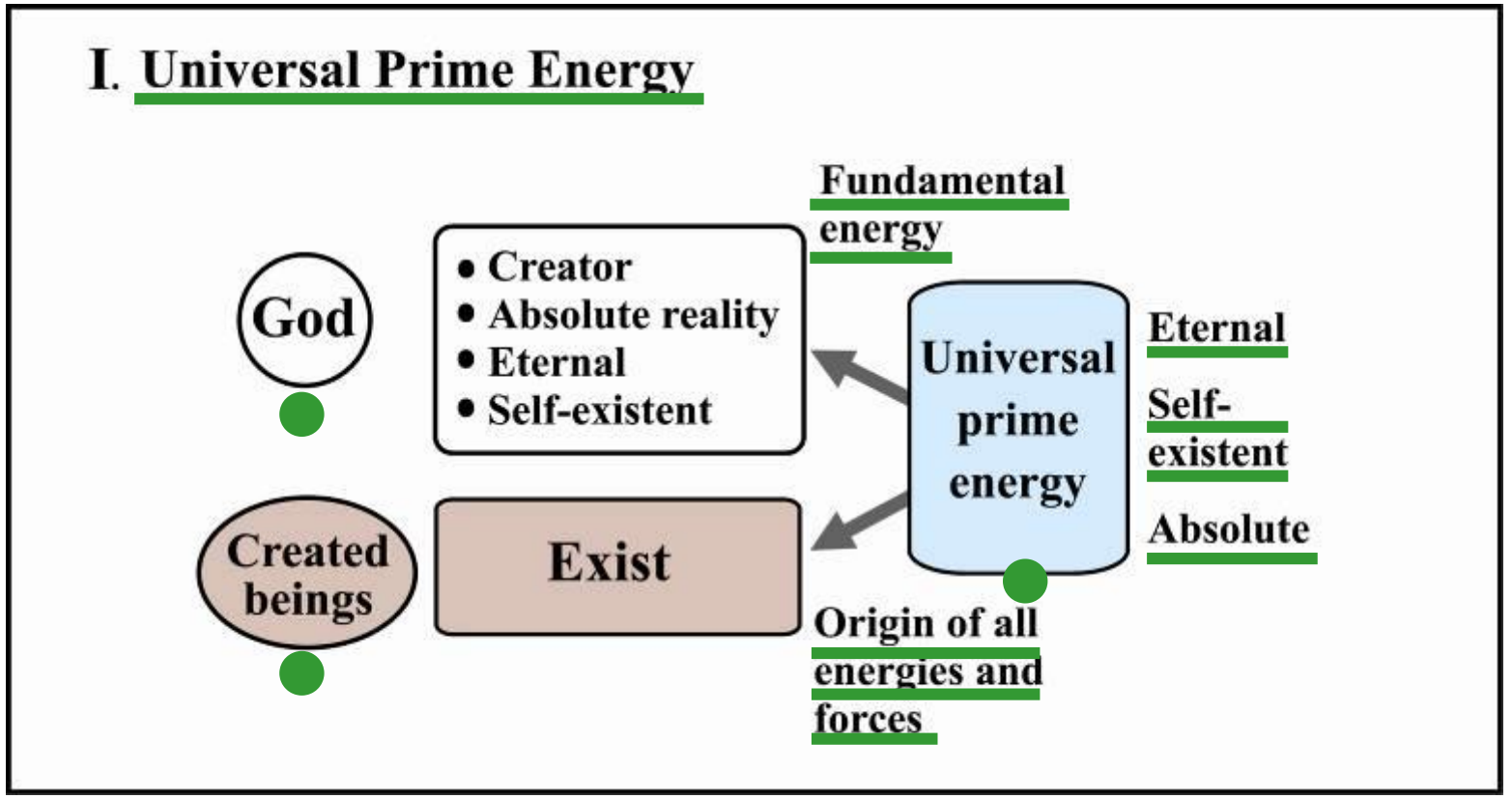
- The relationship between God and the universe can be summarized thus:
- God is the invisible subject partner, and the universe as a whole is a substantial object partner to God. In accordance with the Principle of Creation, God's dual characteristics manifest themselves symbolically or in image as individual embodiments of truth, which constitute the universe.



- The relationship between God and the universe is similar to that between internal nature and external form. It is a mutual relationship like that between dual characteristics: internal and external, cause and result, vertical and horizontal, subject partner and object partner, and so forth.

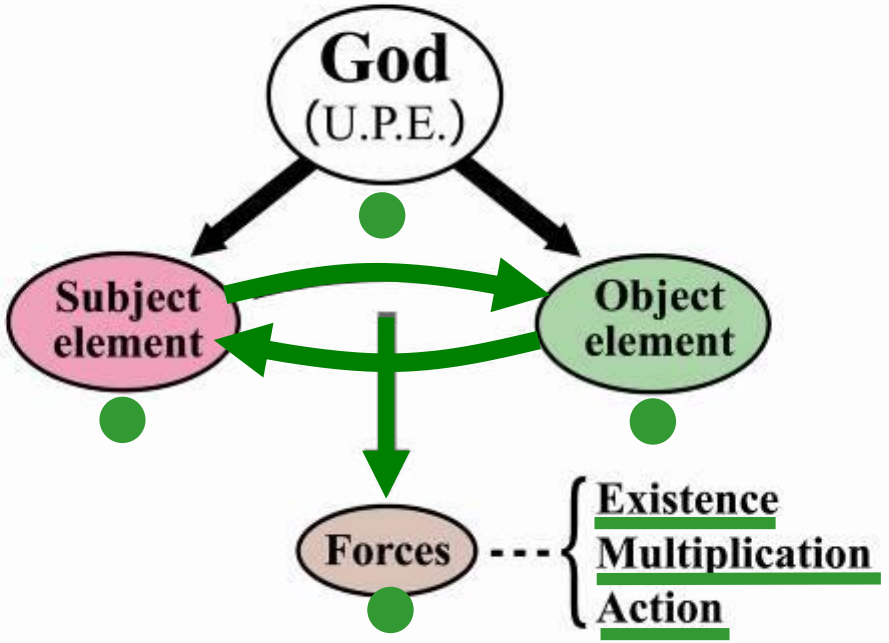
Section 2

Universal Prime Energy, Give and Take Action, and the Four Position Foundation

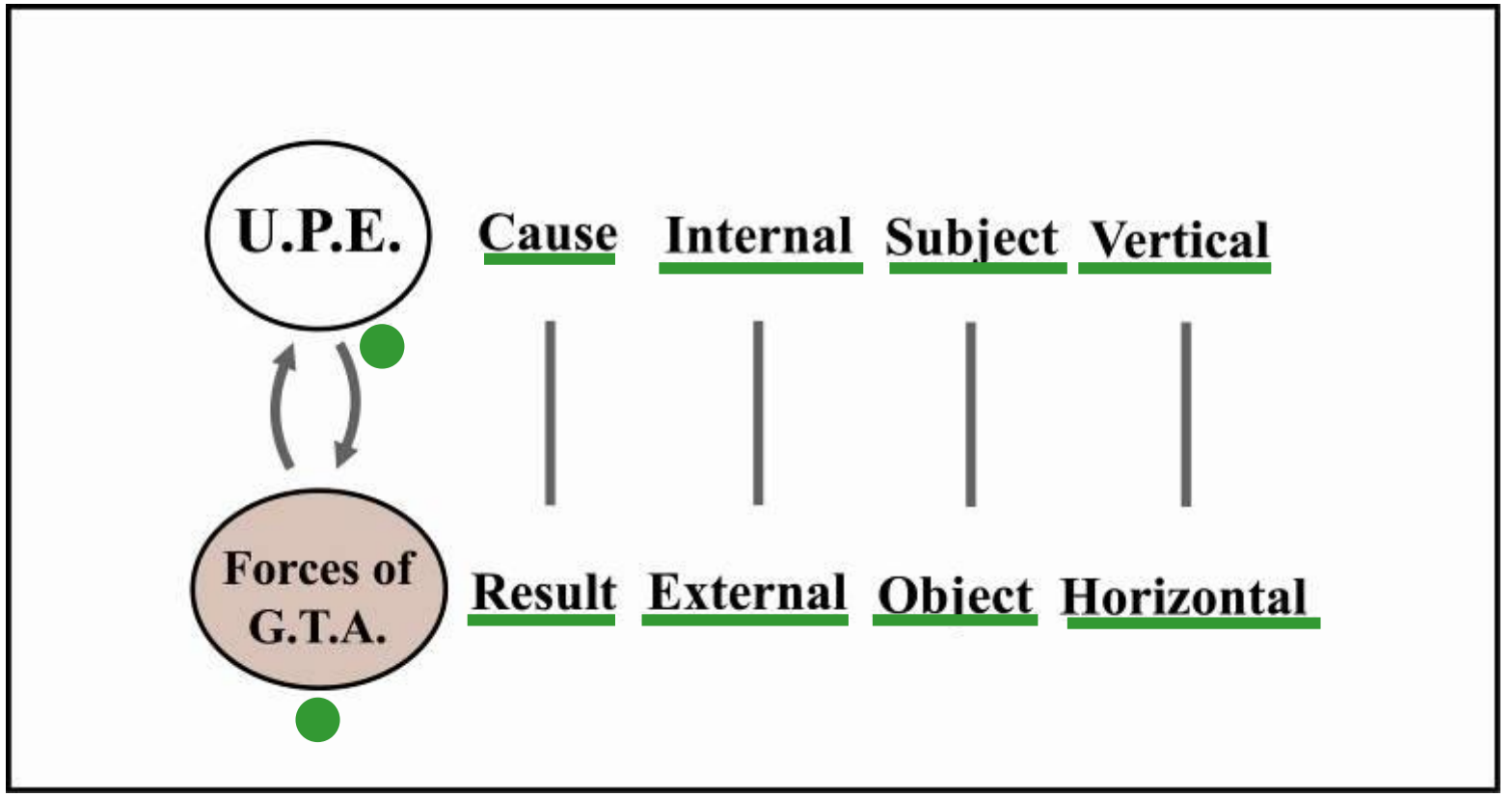


- God, the creator of all things, is the absolute reality, eternal, self-existent, and transcendent of time and space.
- The fundamental energy of God's being is also eternal, self-existent and absolute.
- It is the origin of all energies and forces that allow created beings to exist.
- We call this fundamental energy universal prime energy.

II. Give and Take Action

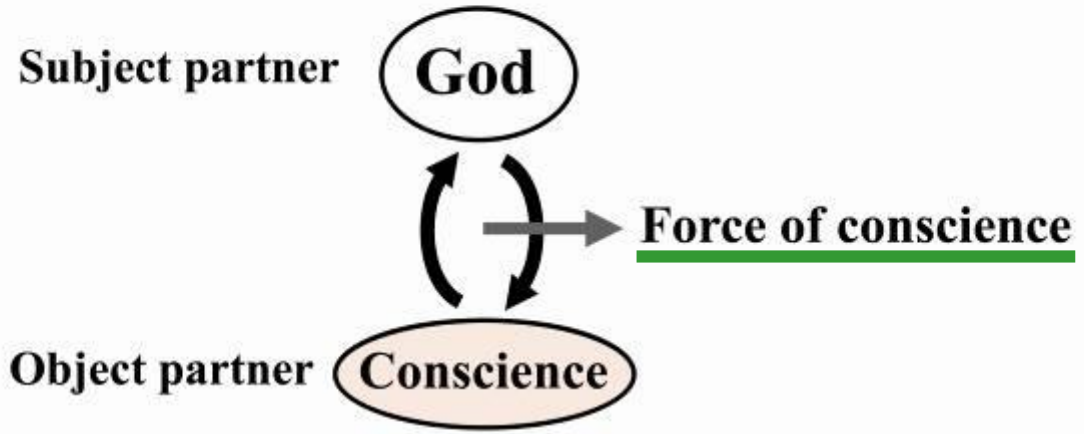


- Through the agency of universal prime energy, the subject and object elements of every entity form a common base and enter into interaction. This interaction, in turn, generates all the forces the entity needs for existence, multiplication, and action.
- The interaction generating these forces through this process is called give and take action.



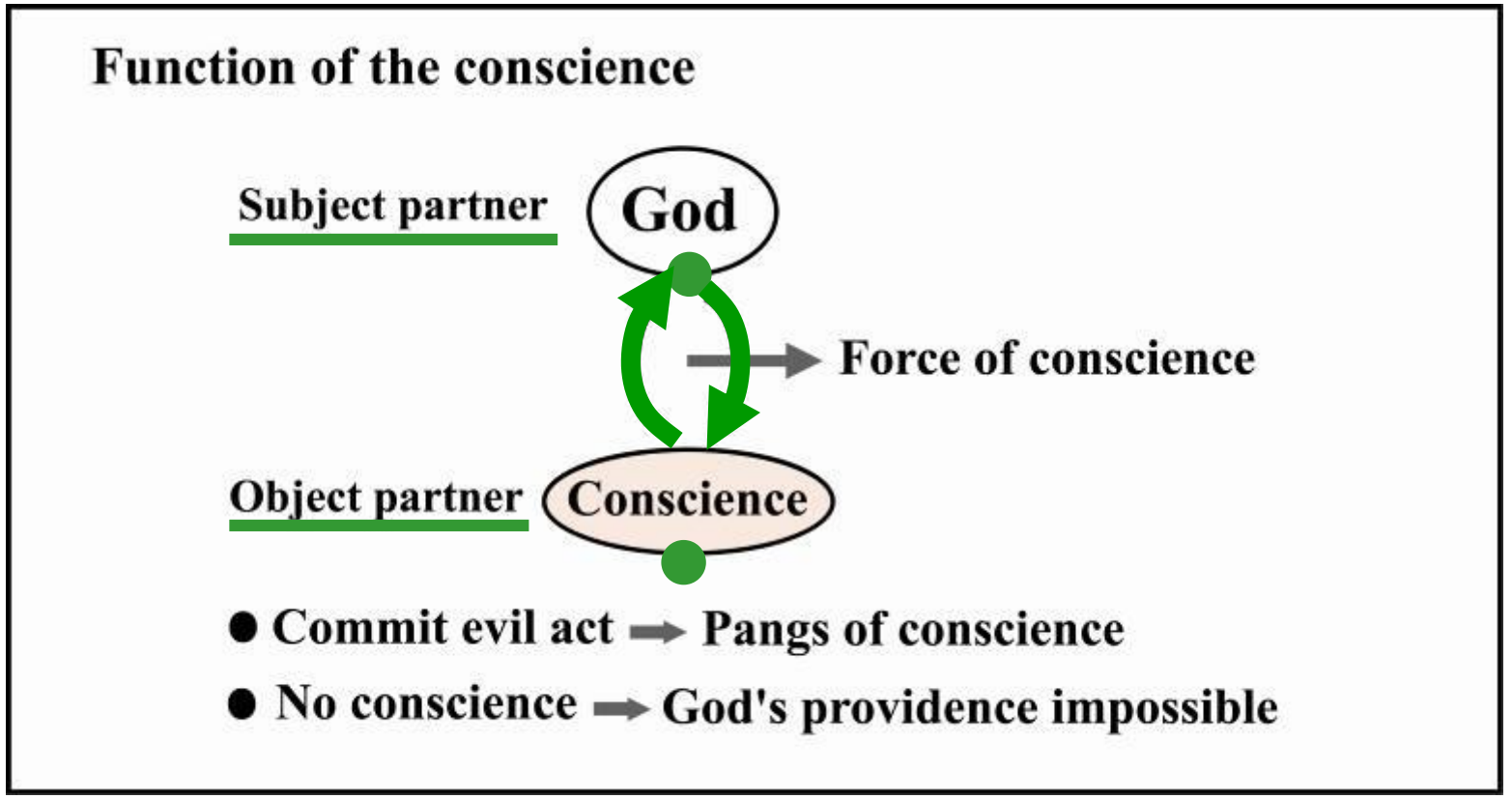
- Universal prime energy and the forces generated by give and take action are in a reciprocal relationship of cause and result, internal and external, and subject partner and object partner.
- Hence, universal prime energy is a vertical force, while the forces generated by give and take action are horizontal forces.

Function of the conscience



- **Commit evil act → Pangs of conscience**
- **No conscience → God's providence impossible**

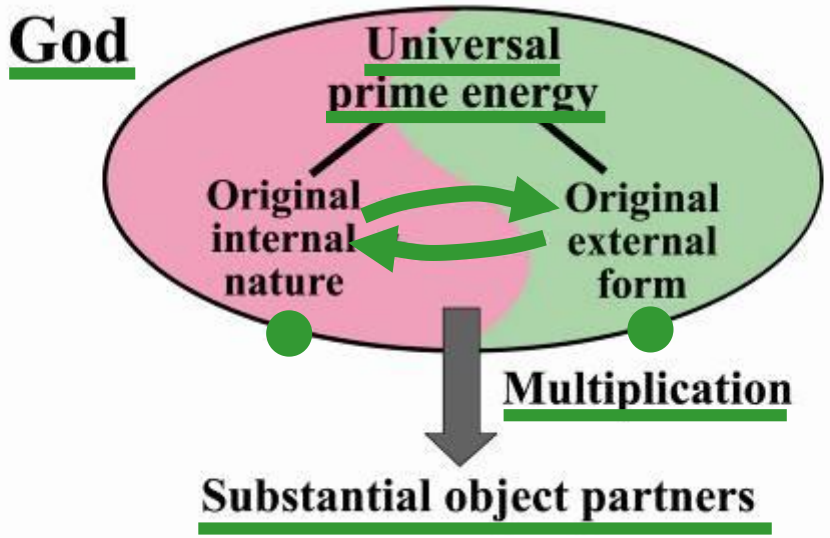
- However evil a person may be, the force of his conscience, which impels him towards a virtuous life, is always active within his inner self. The minute a person commits an evil act, he immediately feels pangs of conscience.
- If the function of the conscience were absent in fallen people, God's providence of restoration would be impossible.
- How is this force of conscience generated?



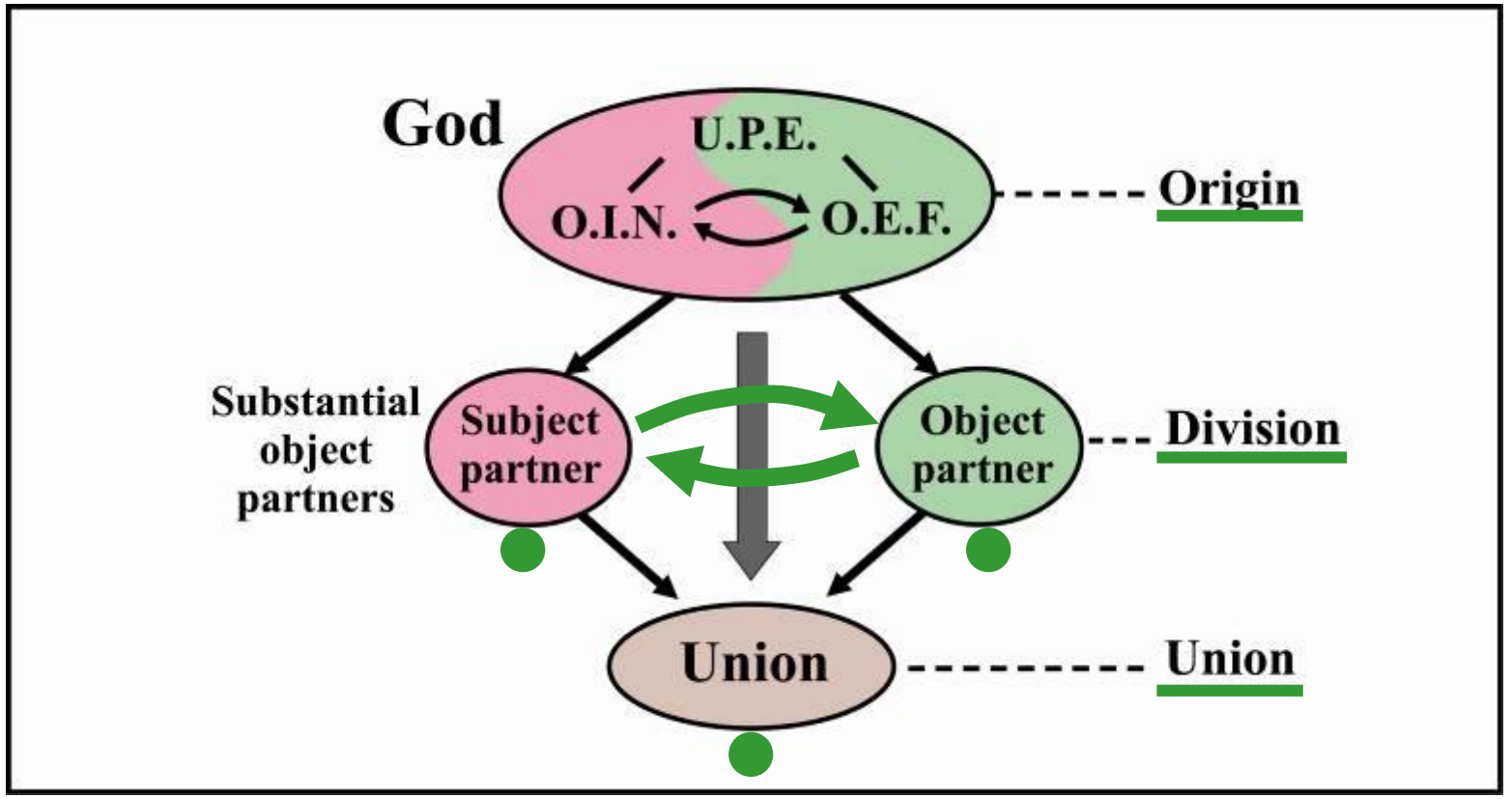
- Since all forces are produced by give and take action,
- The conscience can generate the force only when it (as object partner) forms a common base with some subject partner and engages in give and take action with it.
- The subject partner of our conscience is God.

III. The Four Position Foundation which Realizes the Three Object Purpose through Origin-Division-Union Action

1. Origin-Division-Union Action

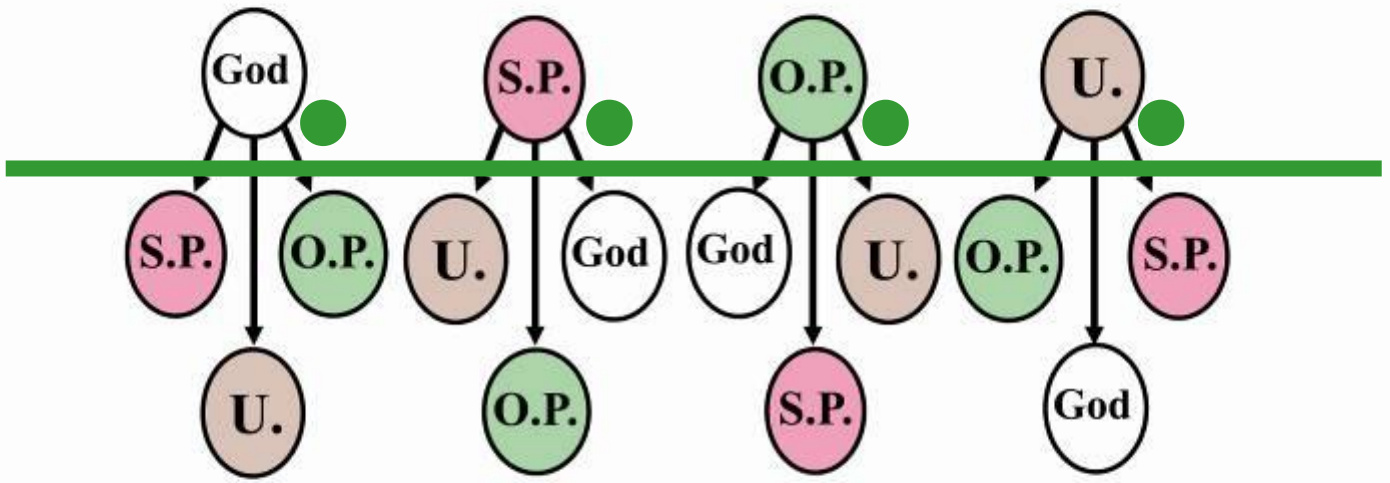


- The process of God's creation begins when the dual characteristics (original internal nature and original external form) within God form a common base through the prompting of His universal prime energy. As they engage in give and take action, they generate a force which engenders multiplication. This force projects the dual characteristics into concrete substantial object partners, each relating to God as its center.



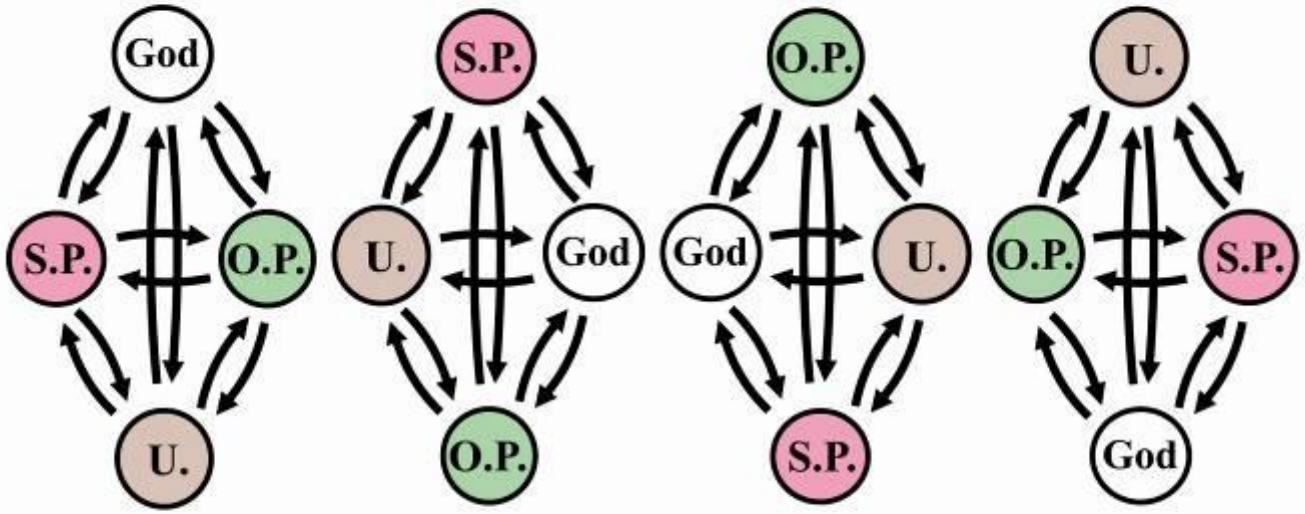
- These object partners to God then assume the position of subject partner and object partner to each other as they are prompted by the universal prime energy to form a common base and engage in give and take action.They then join together in one harmonious union to form a new object partner to God.
- The whole process in which out of God, the Origin, two entities are separately manifested and reunited in oneness is called origin-division-union action.

2. Three Object Purpose



Communion of three object partners

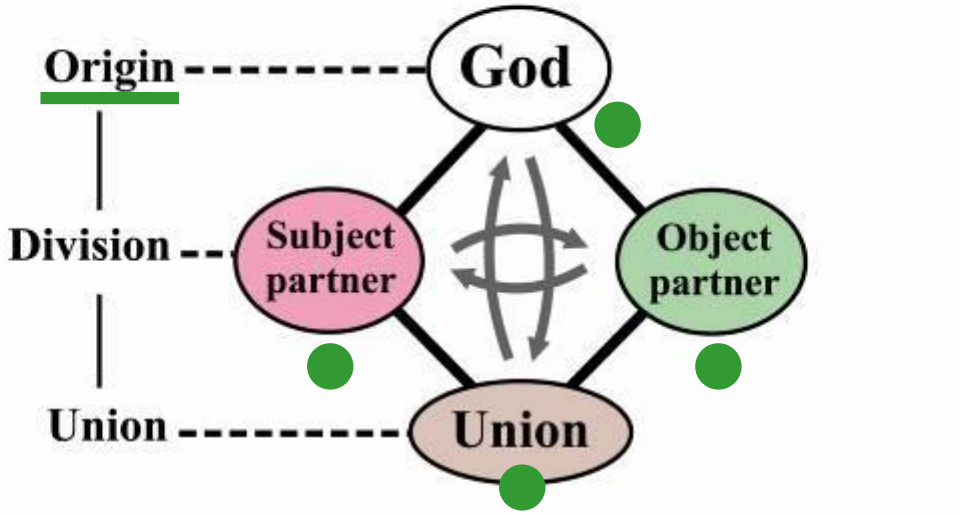
- As a result of origin-division-union action, four positions are formed: the origin(God), the subject partner, the object partner, and their union. Any one of the four positions may assume the position of subject partner and engage the other three as its object partners, forming a communion of three object partners.



Fulfillment of three object purpose

- When each of the four then acts as the subject partner and enters into give and take with the other three revolving around it, they fulfill the three object purpose.

2. Four Position Foundation



Four position foundation:
All four positions fulfill three object purpose

- When the origin(God), the subject partner and object partner projected from the origin, and their union all fulfill the three object purpose, the four position foundation is established.

Four Position Foundation

① **Root of the numbers four and three**

② **Root of principle of three stages**

③ **Root of the number twelve**

④ **Fundamental foundation of goodness**

⑤ **Fundamental foundation for the life of all beings**

● **Eternal purpose of creation**

①The four position foundation is the root of the numbers four and three.

②The four position foundation is realized by God, husband and wife, and children as they complete the three stages of origin-division-union action. Hence, it is the root of the principle of three stages.

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③As each of the four positions takes on three object partners in fulfilling the three object purpose, there are twelve object partners in total. Hence, the four position foundation is the root of the number twelve.

④The four position foundation is the fundamental foundation of goodness and the realization of God's purpose of creation.

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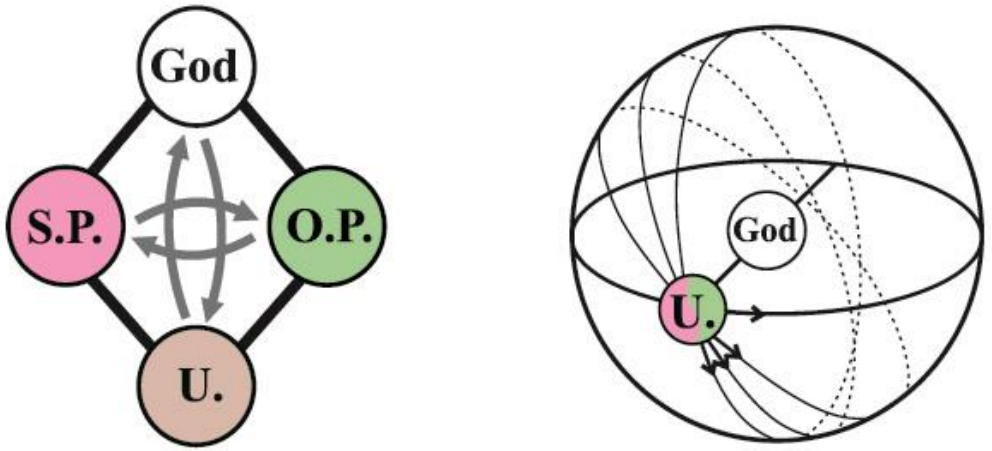
⑤It is the fundamental foundation for the life of all beings, providing all the forces necessary for their existence and enabling God to abide in them.

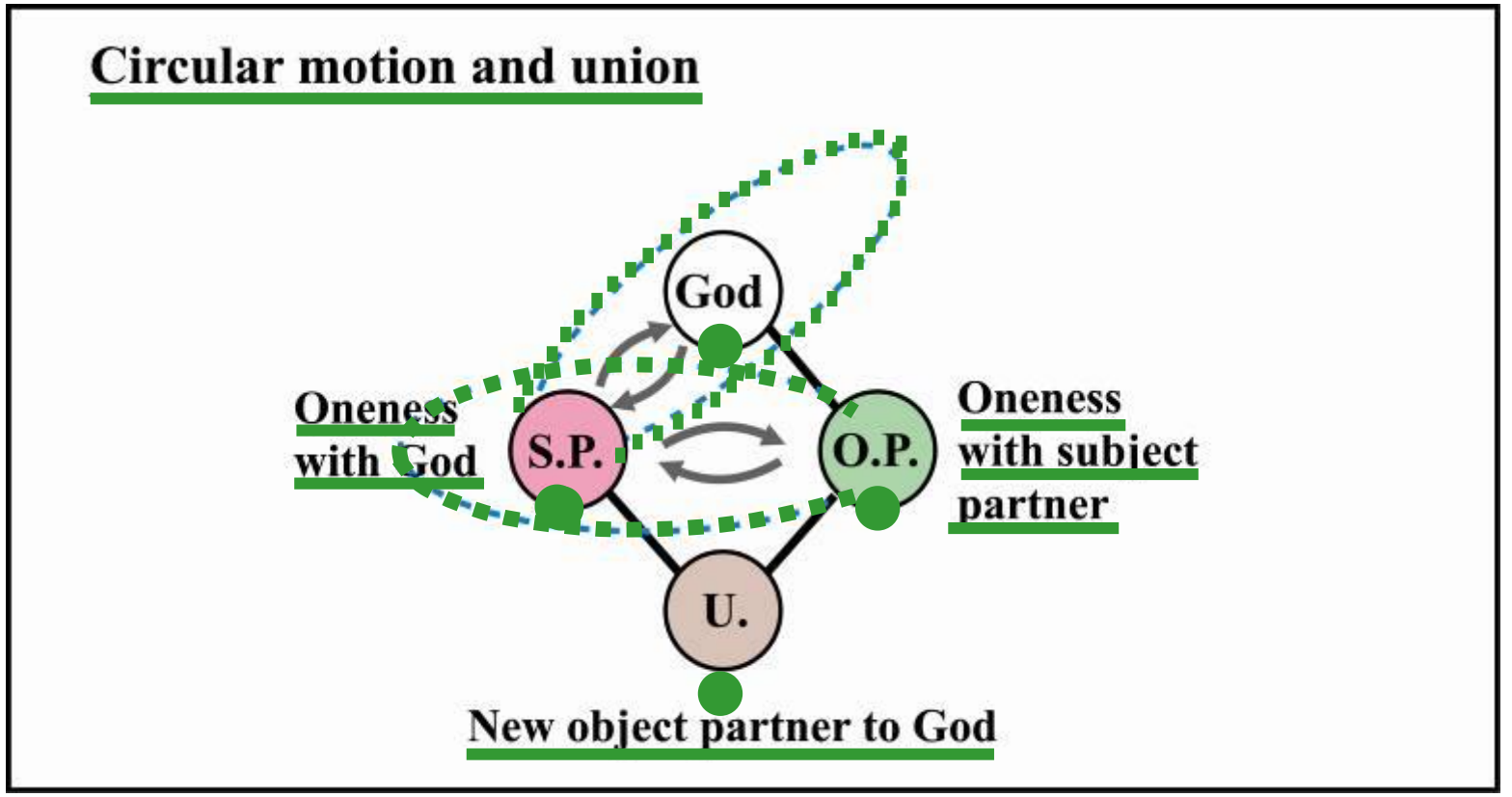
- Therefore, the four position foundation is God's eternal purpose of creation.

4. The Mode of Existence of the Four Position Foundation

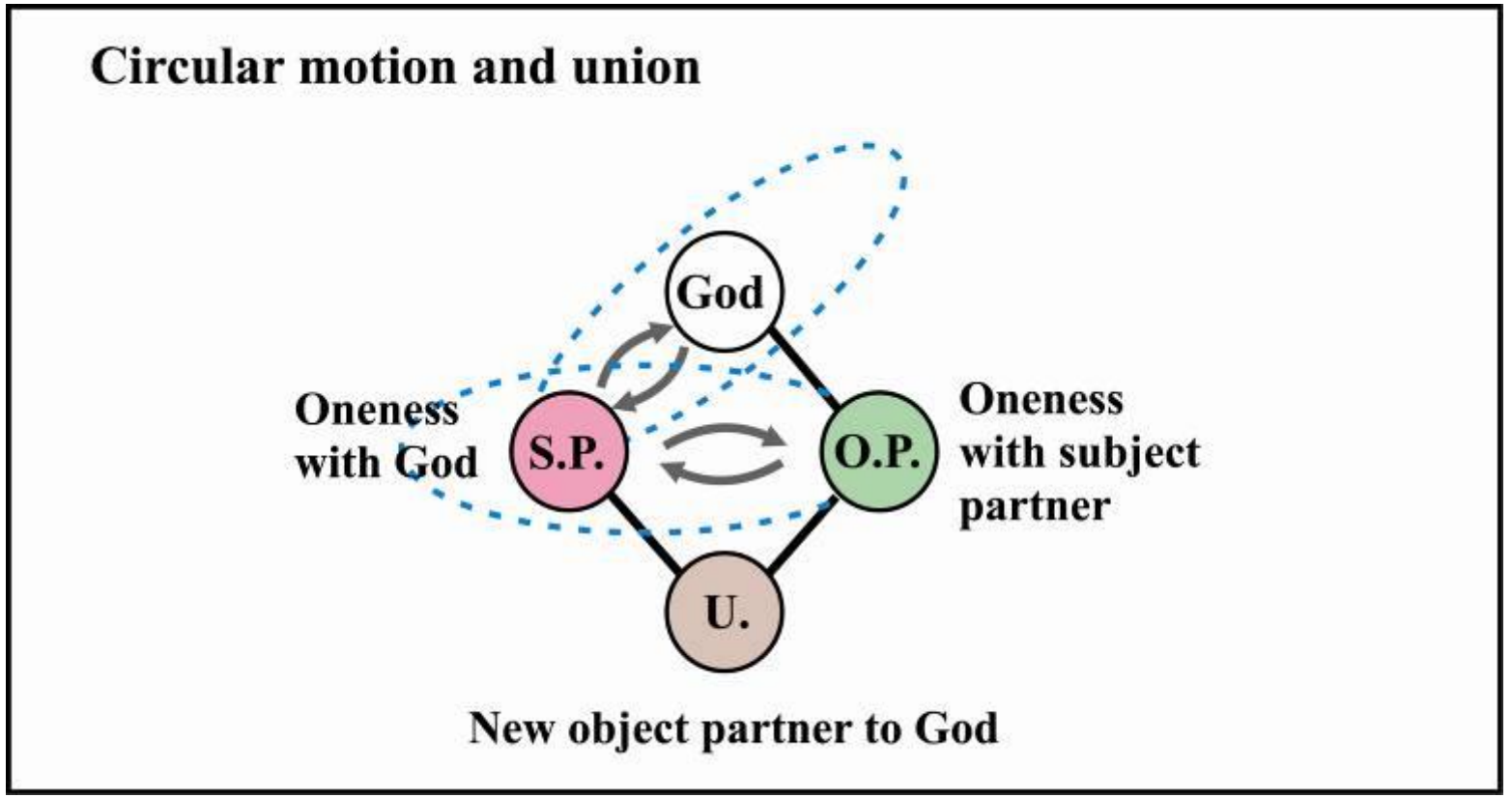
Beings which have completed the four position foundation → **Move in circular or spherical paths and exist in three dimensions**



- All beings which have completed the four position foundation by fulfilling the three object purpose through origin-division-union action move in circular (elliptical) or spherical paths; as a result, they exist in three dimensions.

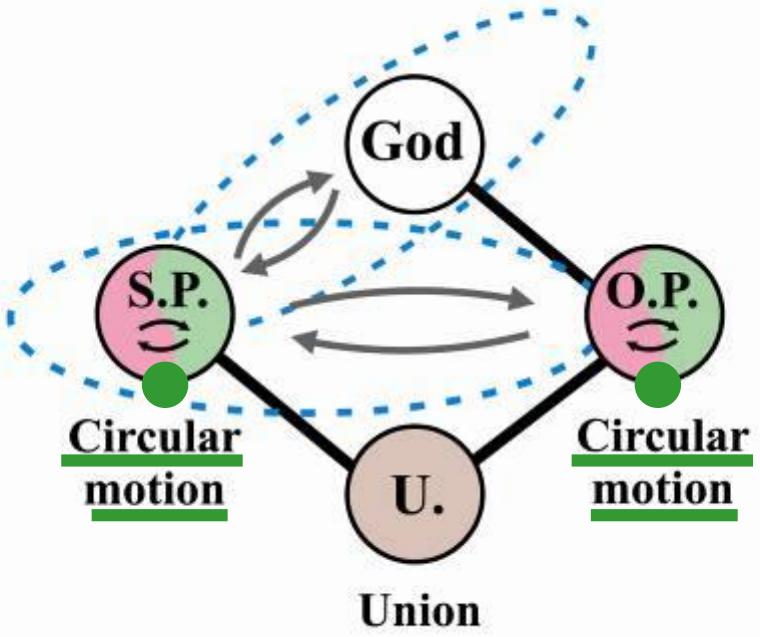


- As the subject and object partners begin a give and take action, the object partner revolves around the subject partner in a circular motion, and thus they become harmonious and unified.
- In the same manner, the subject partner becomes an object partner to God, revolving around God and thus attaining oneness with Him. When the object partner becomes completely one with its subject partner, their union can stand before God as a new object partner resembling His dual characteristics.



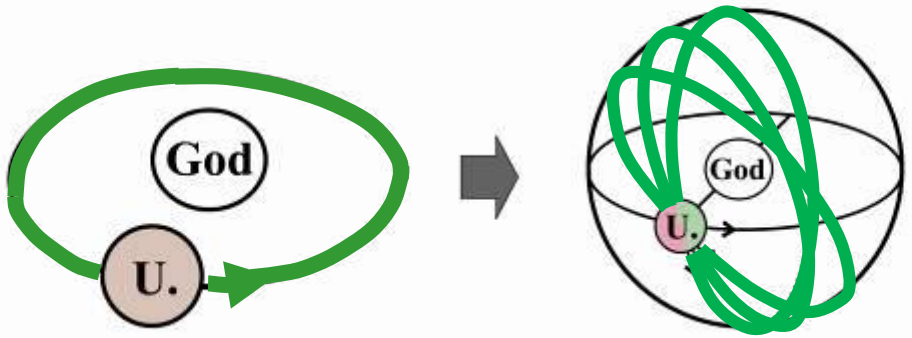
- Moreover, the way for any object partner to stand as an object partner before God is by making oneness with its subject partner.

Circular motion within the union



- In this union of subject and object partners, they are themselves composed of dual characteristics, and by the same principle of give and take action, they carry on their own circular motions.
- Thus, we see circular motions of give and take action within both the subject partner and object partner, which are simultaneously engaged in the greater circular motion within their union.

Movement of the union and the dynamism and creativity of the universe



- **Circular movement**
- **Single plane orbit**
- **Spherical movement**
- **Three-dimensional orbit**

Dynamism and creativity of universe

Orbit's distance, shape, direction, angle, force and velocity

- Although there are moments when the two levels of circular motion among subject and object partners may happen to have orbits on the same plane, in general, because the angle of revolution around the subject partner is constantly changing, this circular movement becomes a spherical movement, and hence the union always exists in three dimensions.

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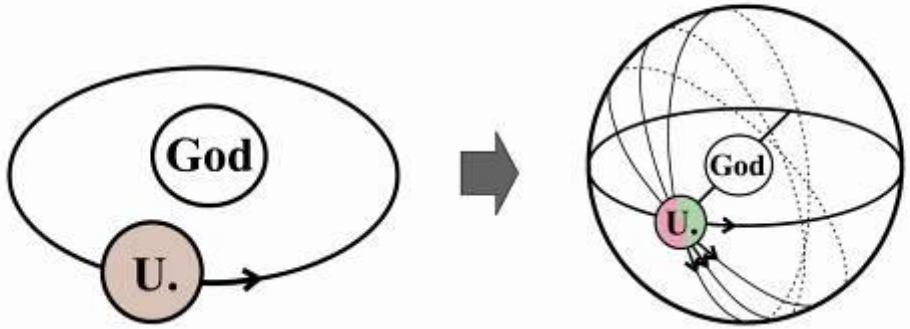

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Dynamism and creativity of universe

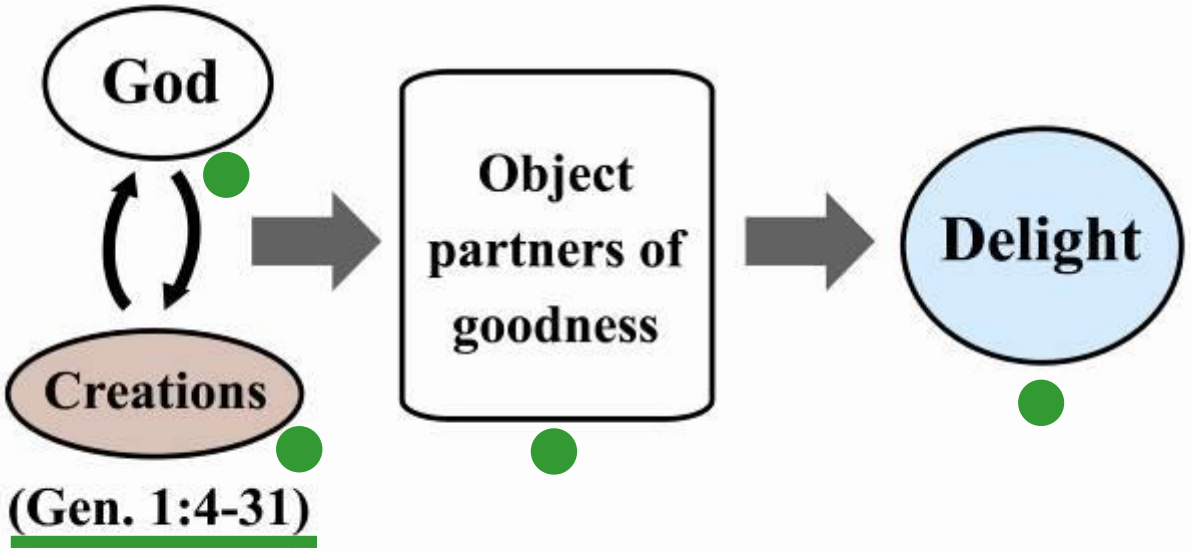
Orbit's distance, shape, direction, angle, force and velocity

- When the circular movement of the subject partner and the object partner on a single plane becomes a spherical movement in a three-dimensional orbit, the dynamism and creativity of the universe unfolds.
- Variations in each orbit's distance, shape, state, direction, angle, force and velocity are manifest as the beauty of creation in its infinite variety.

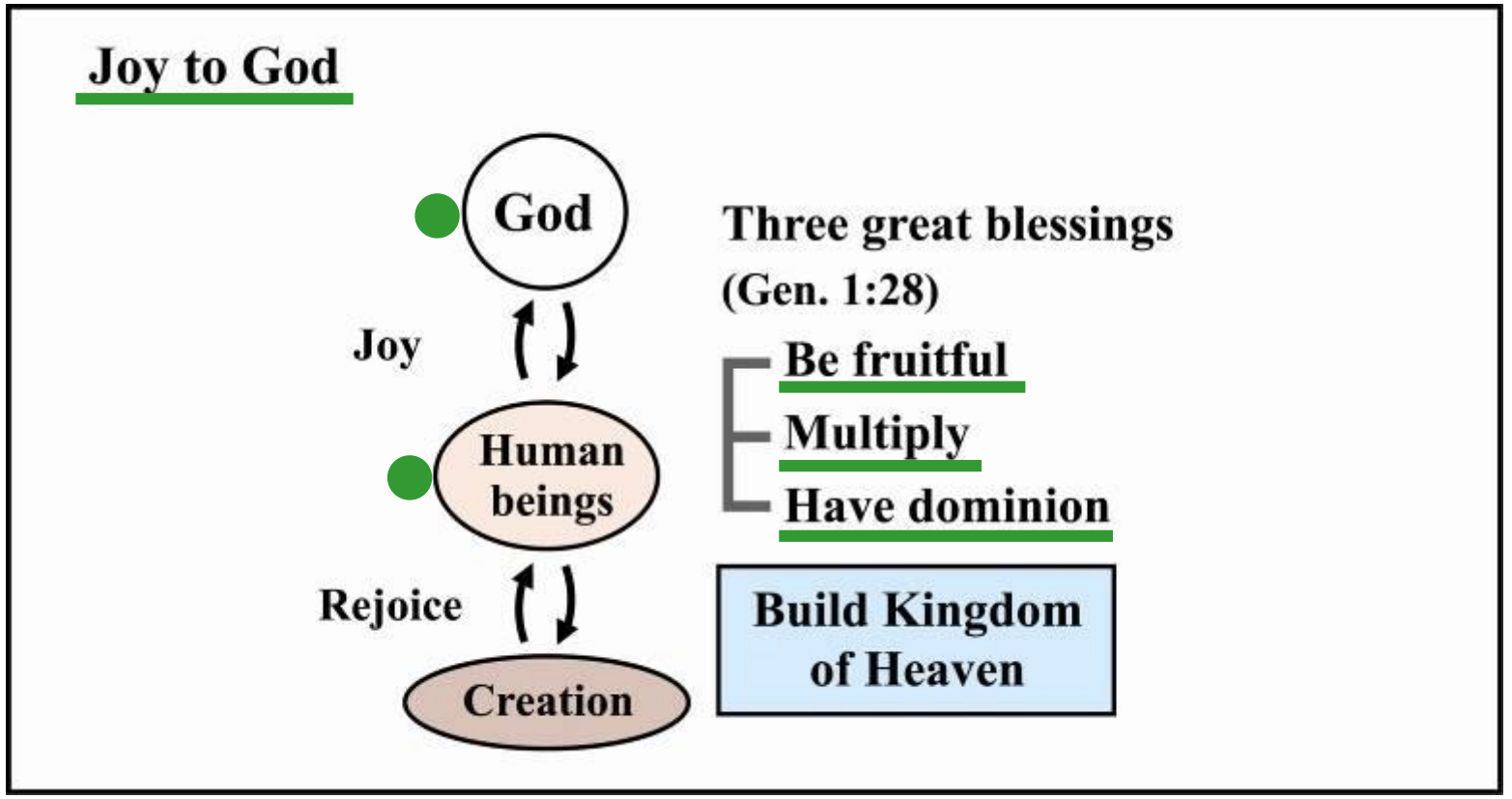
Section 3

The Purpose of Creation

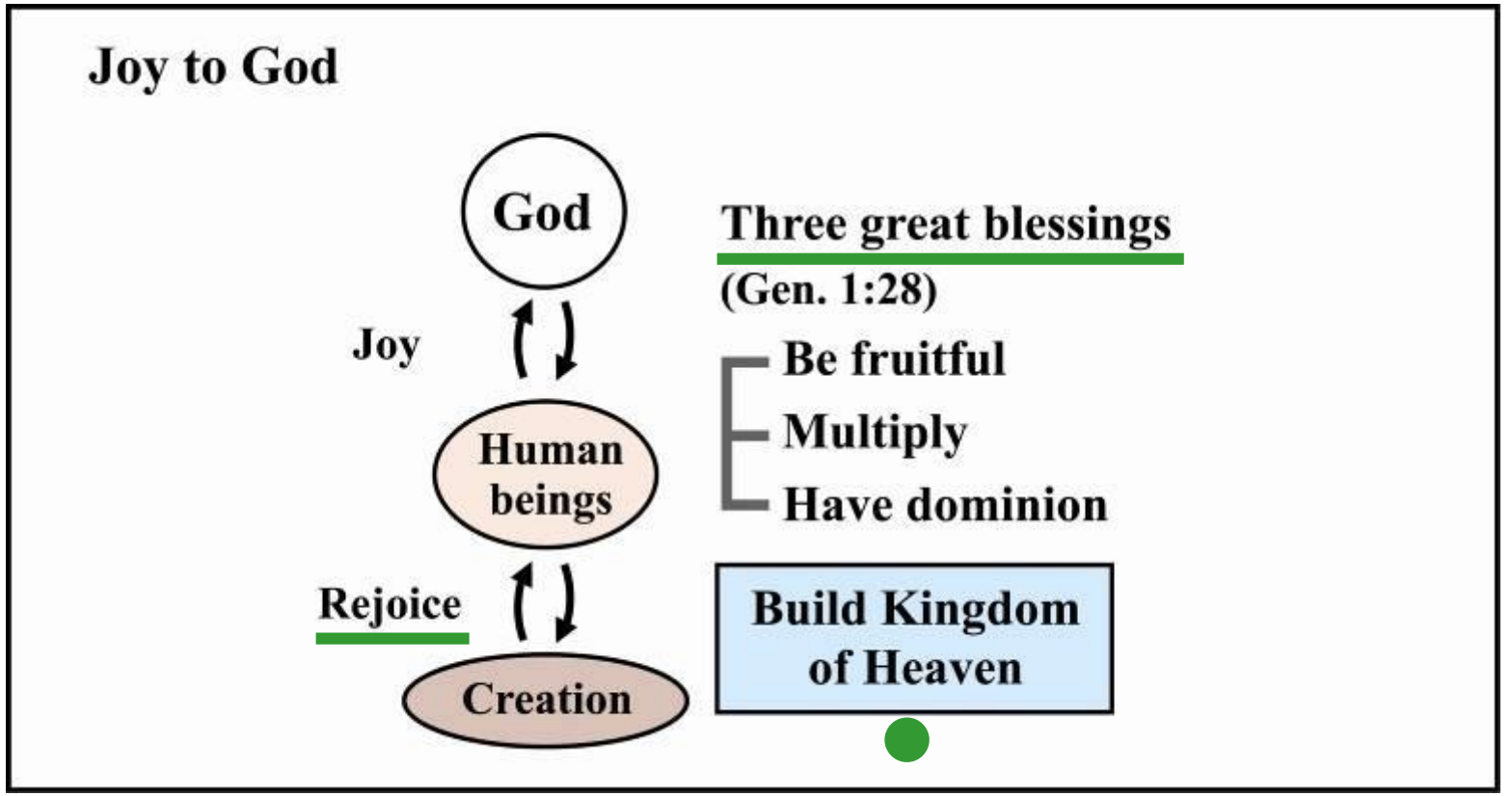
I. The Purpose of the Creation of the Universe



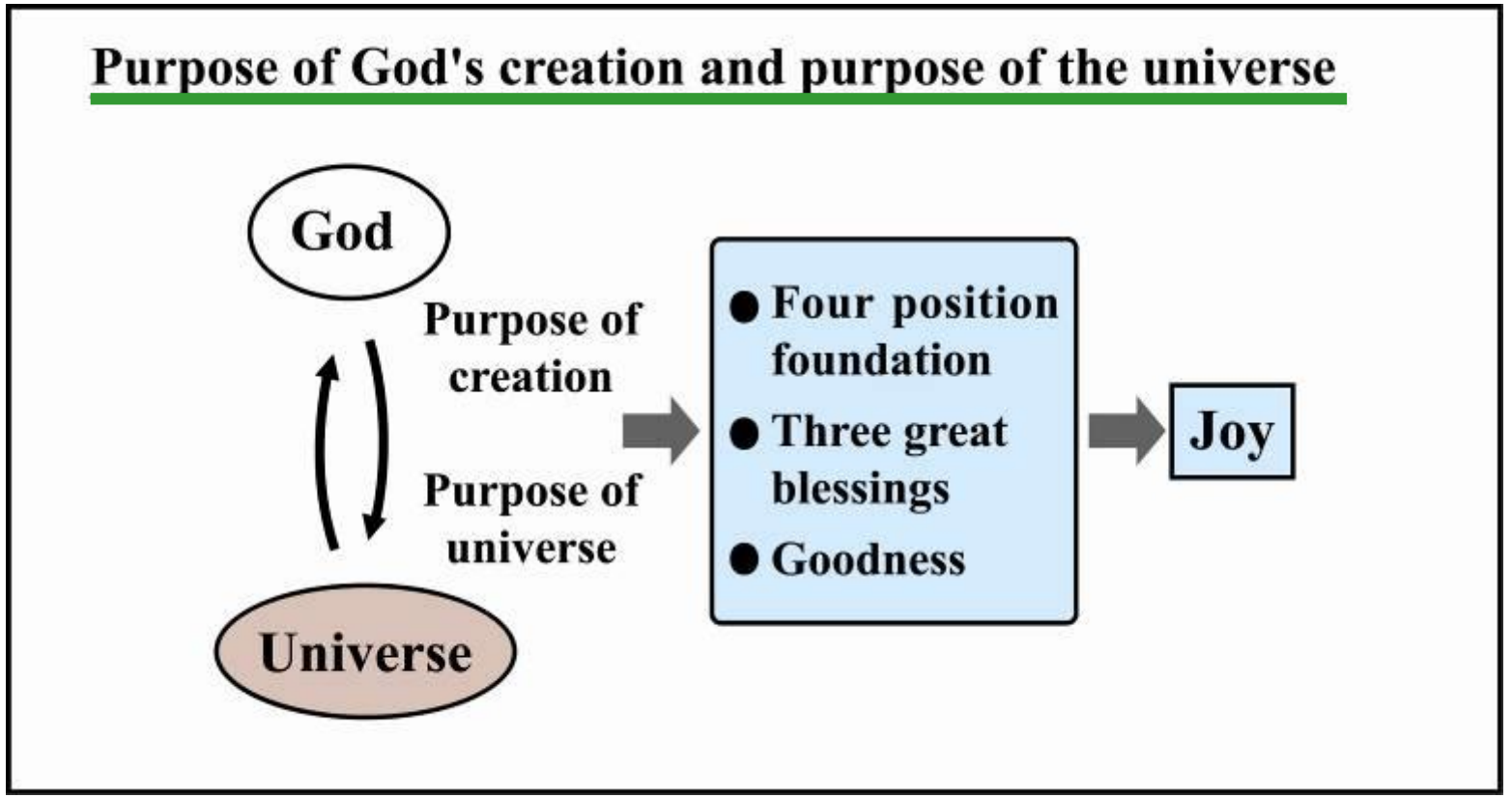
- According to Genesis 1:4-31, after God completed each day of creation, He saw that it was good.
- This suggests that God wanted His creations to be object partners embodying goodness,
- That He might take delight in them.



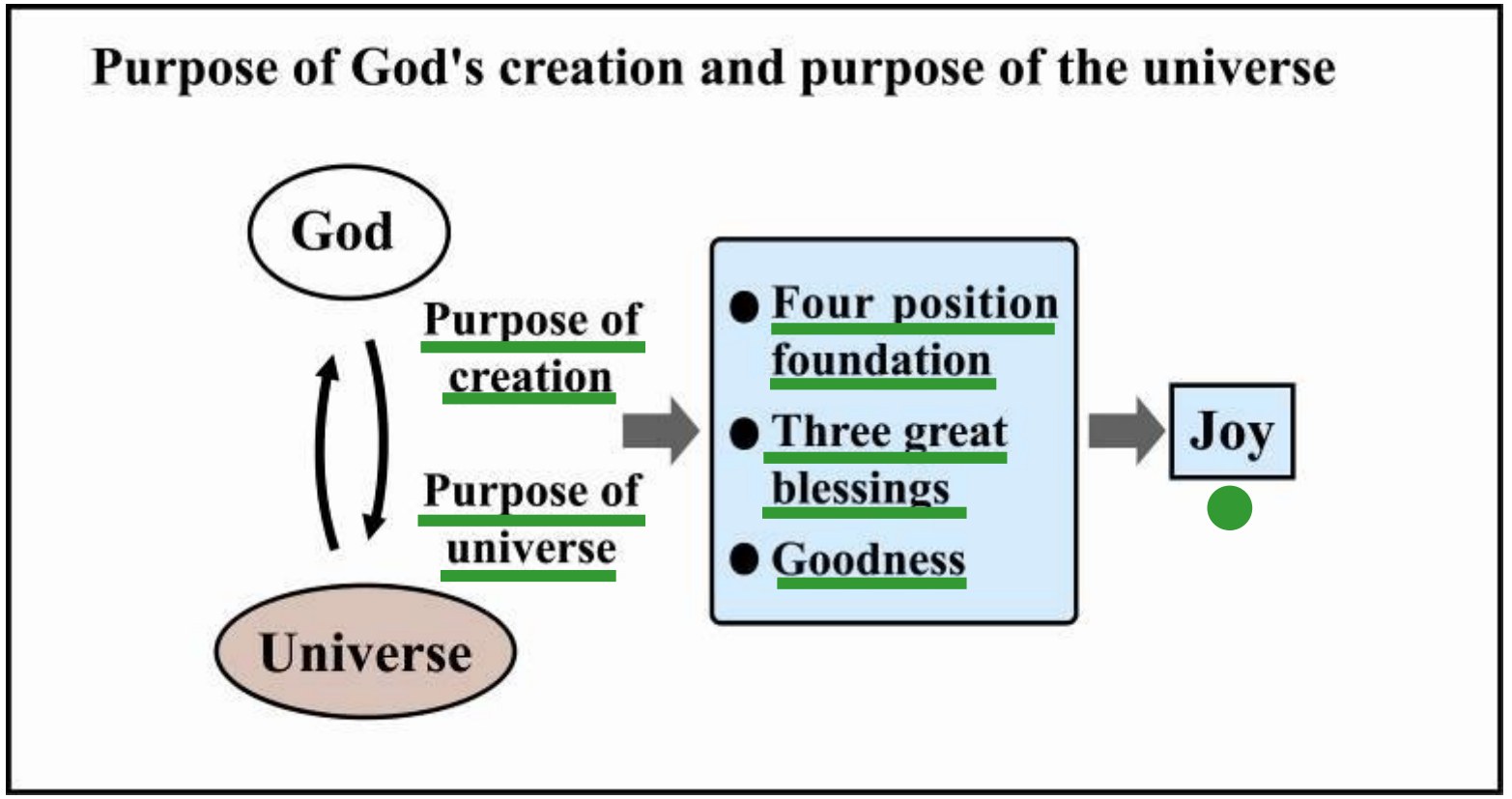
- How can the creation give God the greatest joy?
- God created human beings as the final step of creation in the likeness of His internal nature and external form, with sensibility to all feelings and emotions, and blessed them to "be fruitful and multiply...and have dominion...over every living thing" (Gen. 1:28).



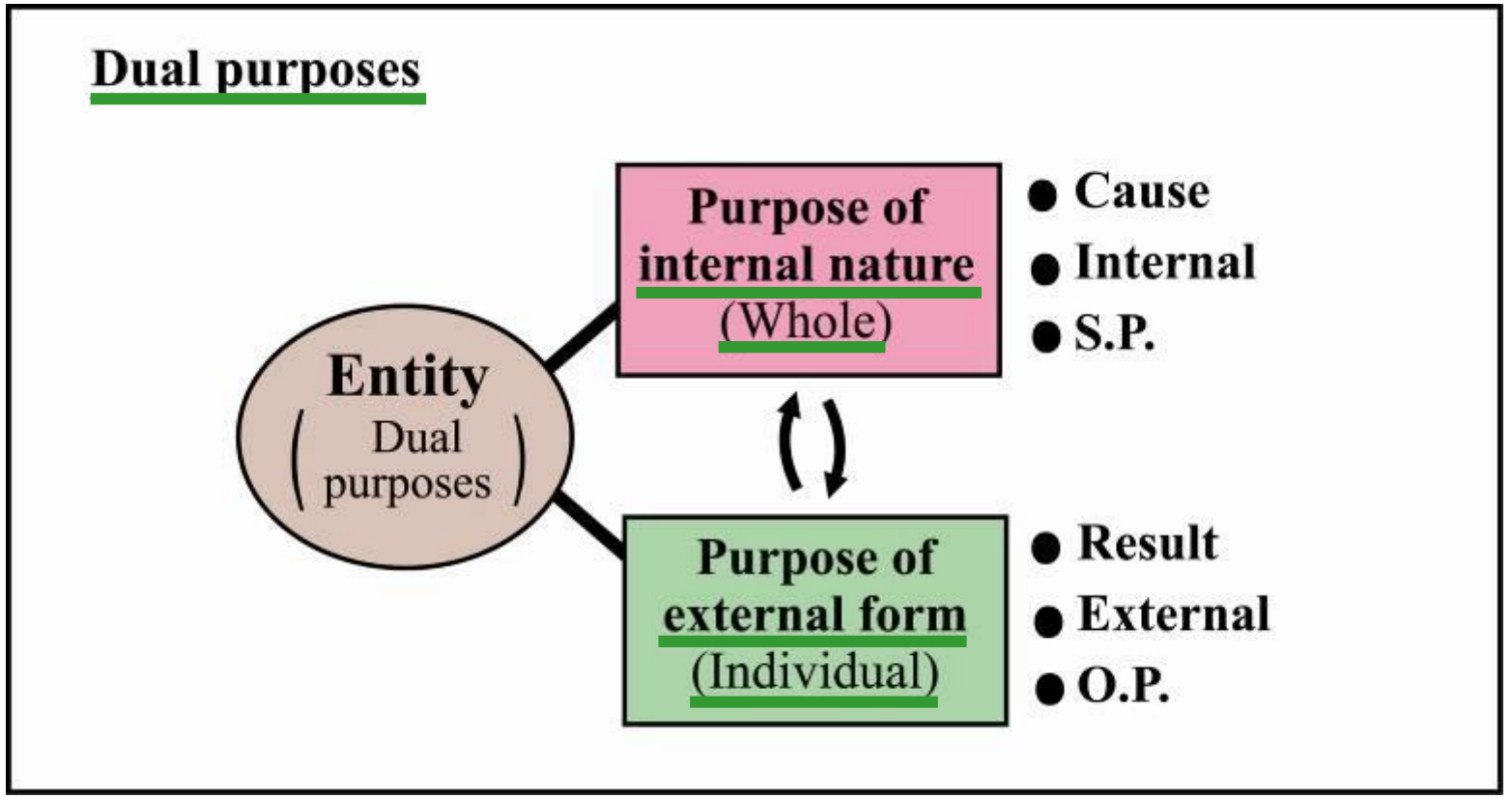
- Had Adam and Eve obeyed the divine mandate of fulfilling these three great blessings and built the Kingdom of Heaven, God would have felt the greatest joy as His sons and daughters rejoiced in the world of His ideal.



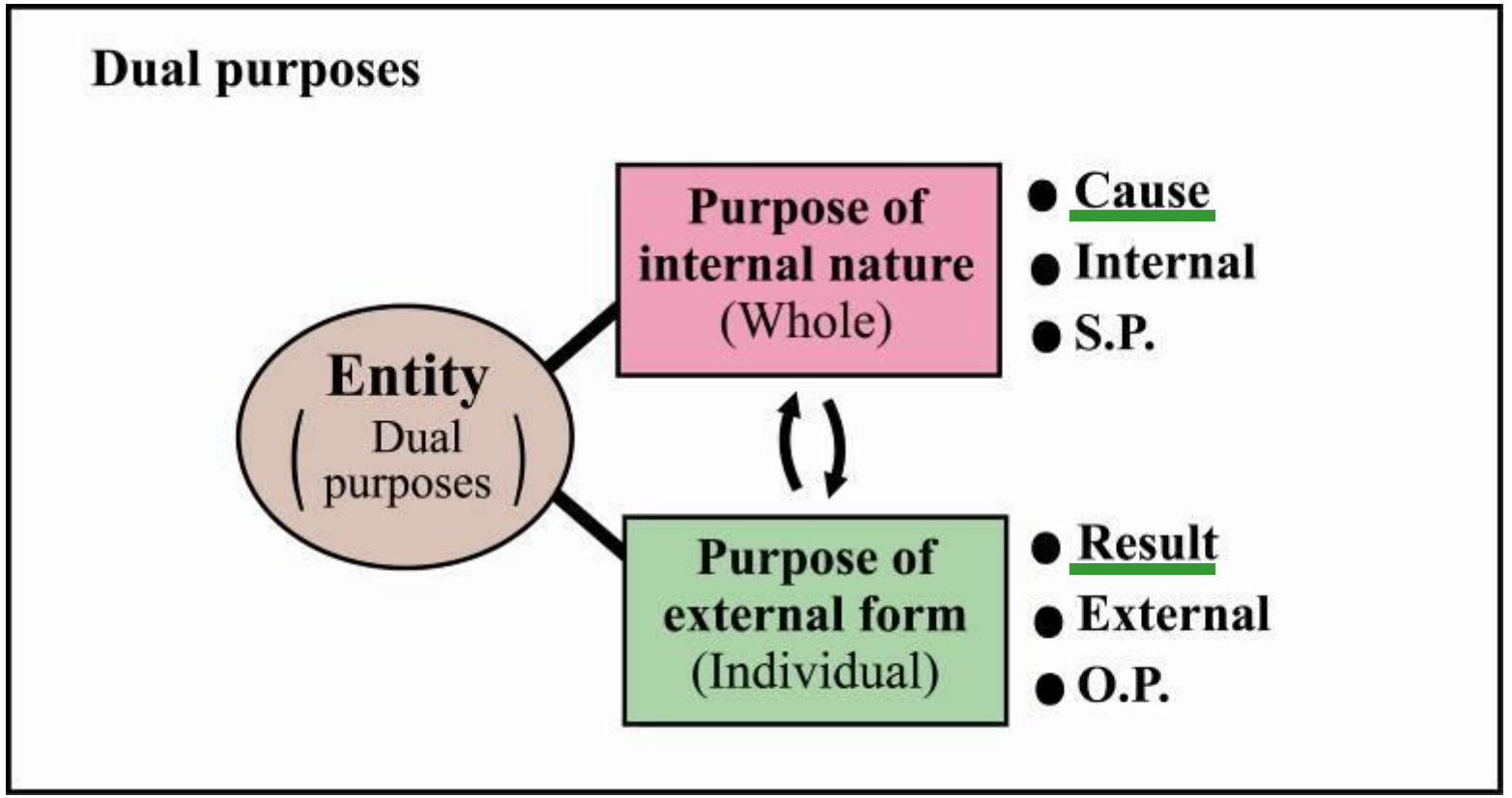
- God's three great blessings can be fulfilled only when the four position foundation, which is the fundamental foundation of creation, has been established.



- The three great blessings are fulfilled when the whole creation, including human beings, completes the four position foundation with God as the center. This is the Kingdom of Heaven, where ultimate goodness is realized and God feels the greatest joy. This is, in fact, the very purpose for which God created the universe.
- Therefore, the ultimate purpose of the universe, with human beings at its center, is to return joy to God.



- All entities have dual purposes.
- Every entity has dual centers of movement, one of internal nature and another of external form. These centers pursue corresponding purposes-for the sake of the whole and for the sake of the individual-whose relationship is the same as that between internal nature and external form.



- These dual purposes relate to each other as cause and result, internal and external, and subject partner and object partner.
- Hence, there cannot be any individual purpose which does not support the whole purpose, nor can there be any whole purpose that does not guarantee the interests of the individual.

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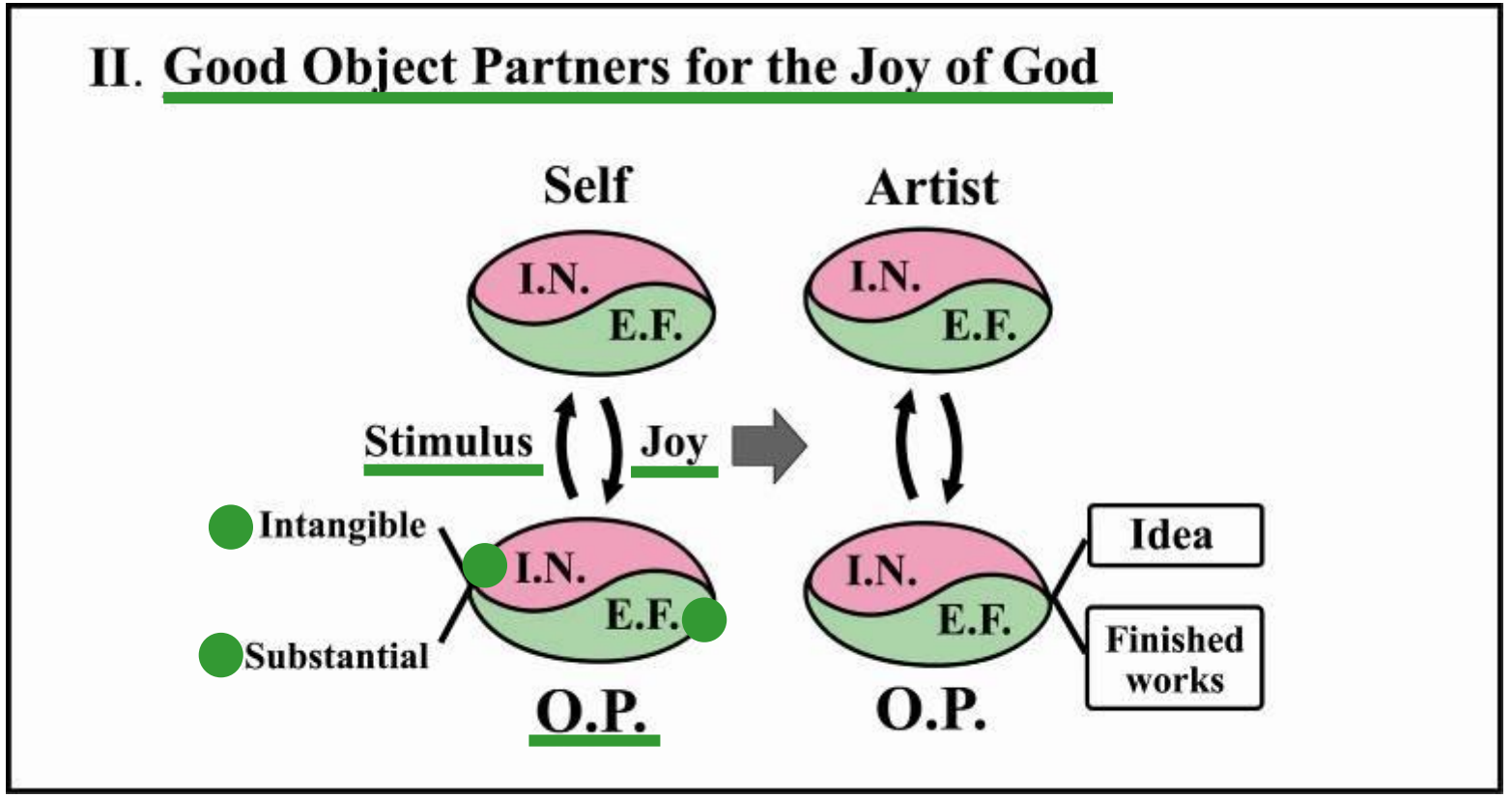

- Joy is not produced by an individual alone.
- Joy arises when we have an object partner, whether intangible or substantial, in which our internal nature and external form are reflected and developed. Our object partner stimulates us and helps us to feel our own internal nature and external form.

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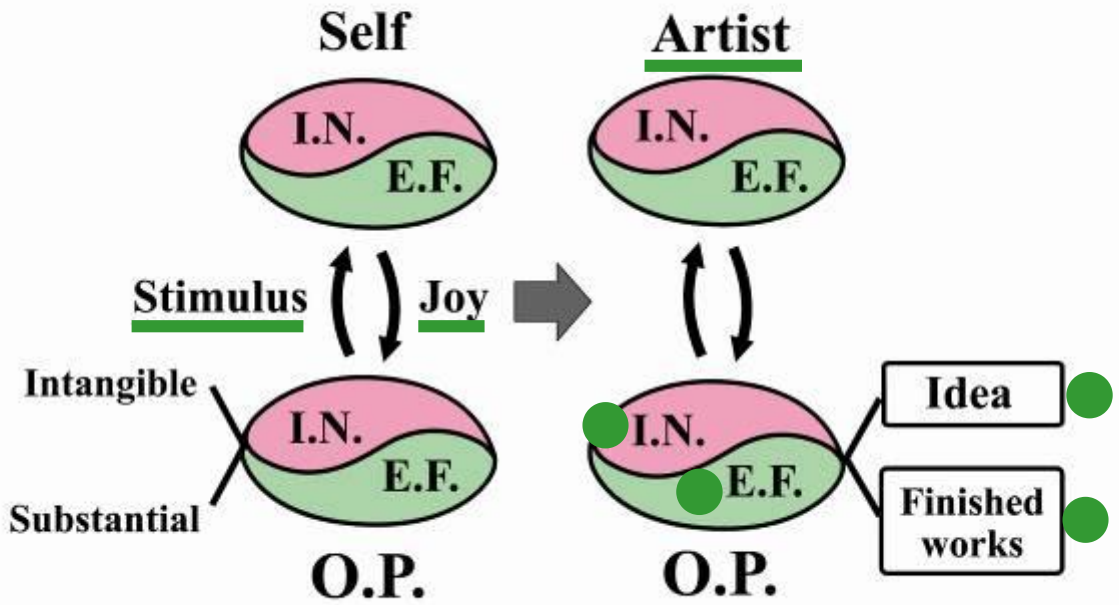
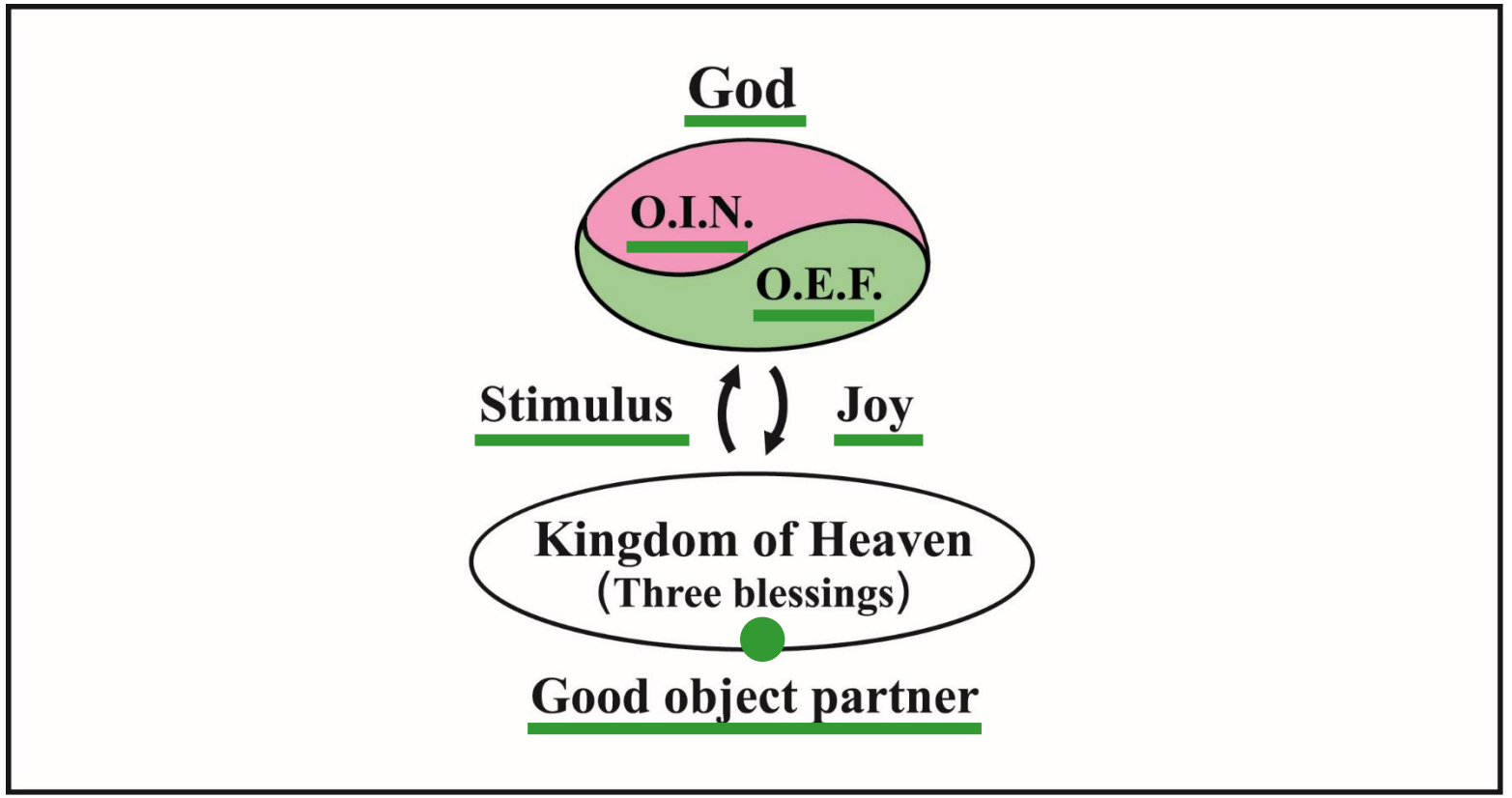
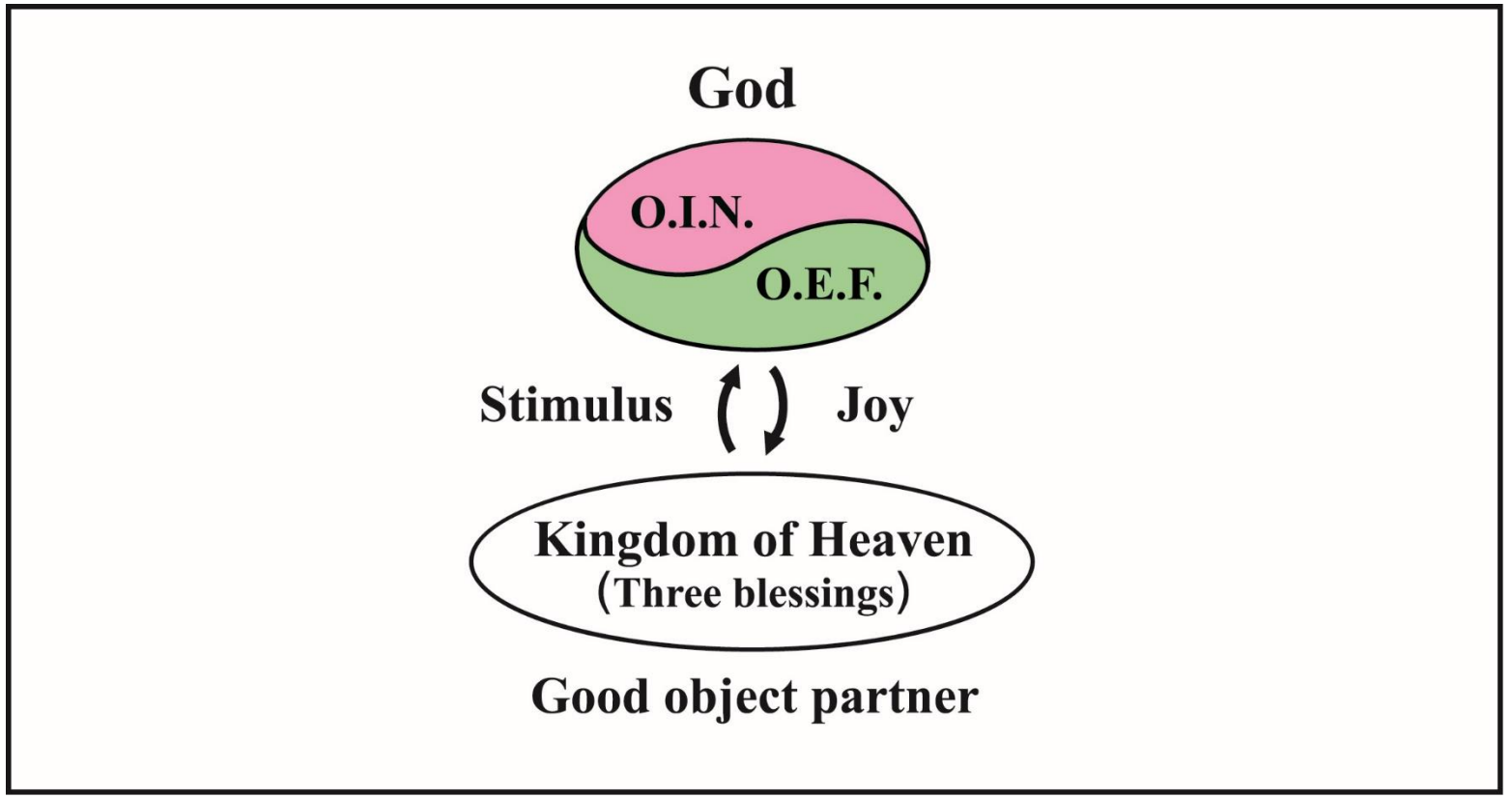


- For example, an artist's object partner may be an idea in his mind, or the finished work that substantiates that idea. When he visualizes his idea or beholds his work, he is stimulated to feel his own internal nature and external form reflected in it and feels joy and satisfaction.

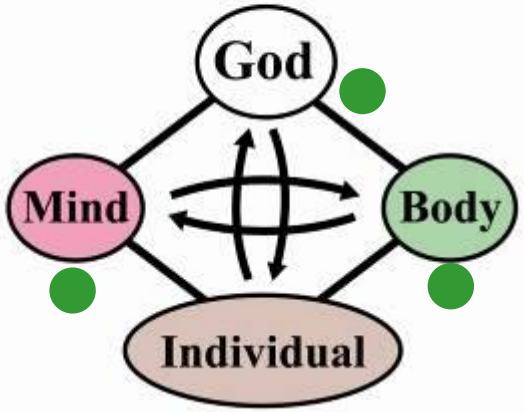


- God feels the fullness of joy when He is stimulated by His substantial object partners to feel His original internal nature and original external form through them.
- When the Kingdom of Heaven is realized-through the fulfillment of the three great blessings and the establishment of the four position foundation-it becomes the good object partner that gives joy to God.



- Let us investigate how the Kingdom becomes God's good object partner.

God's first blessing: individual perfection

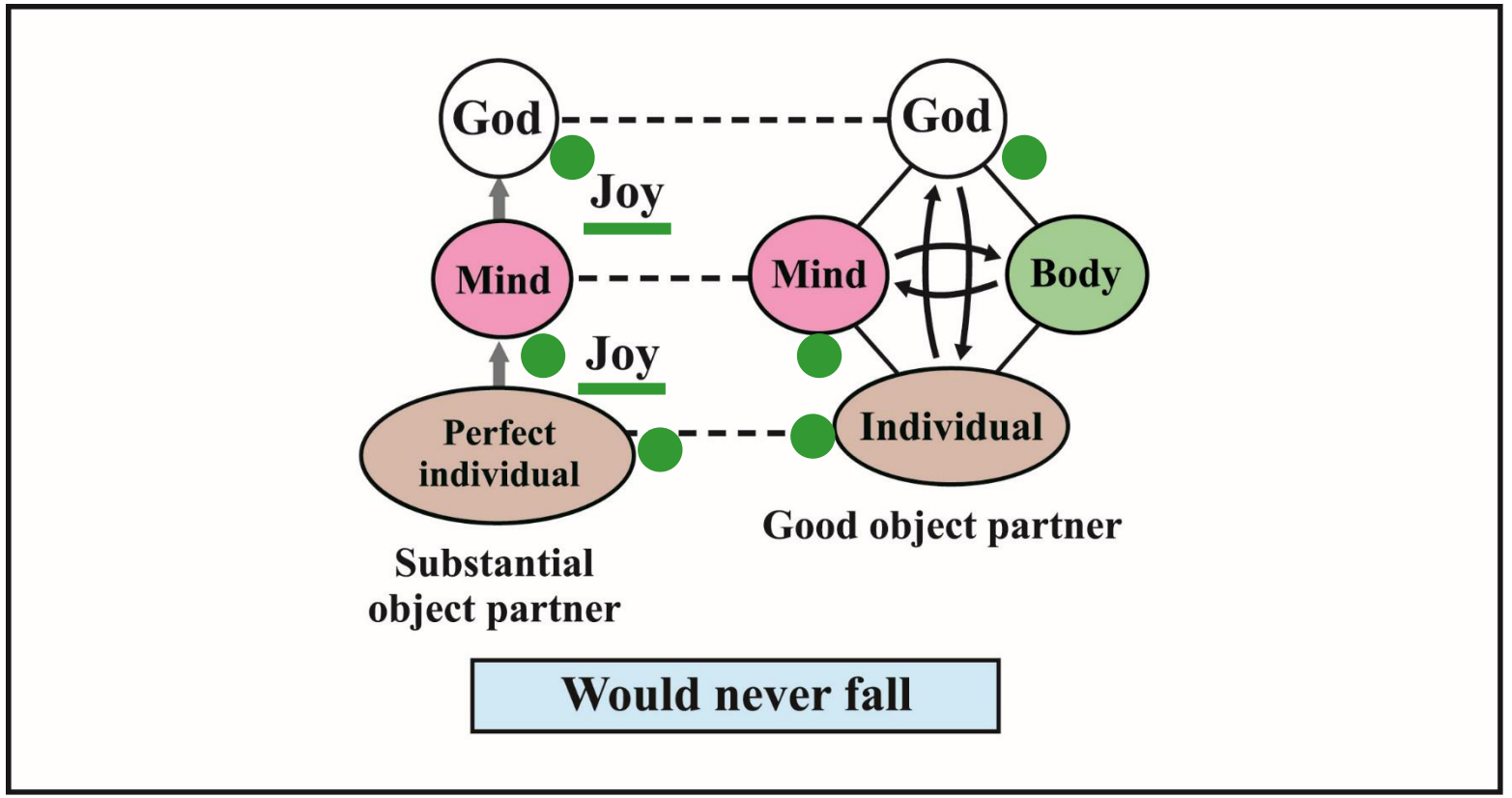


Individual four position foundation

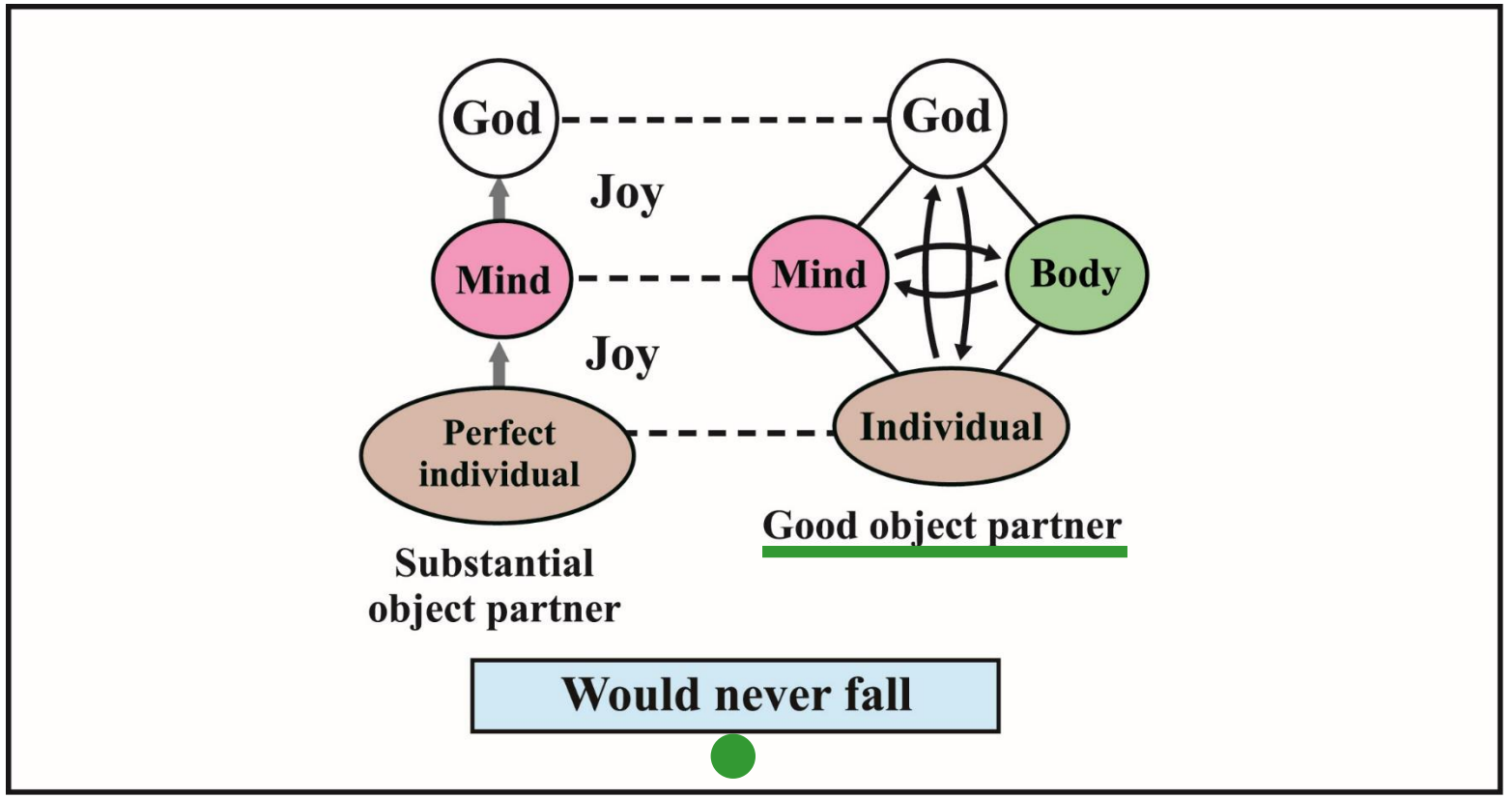
- Temple (1Cor. 3:16)
- Oneness (John 14:20), divine nature
- Experience the Heart of God

Fully attuned to God's Will

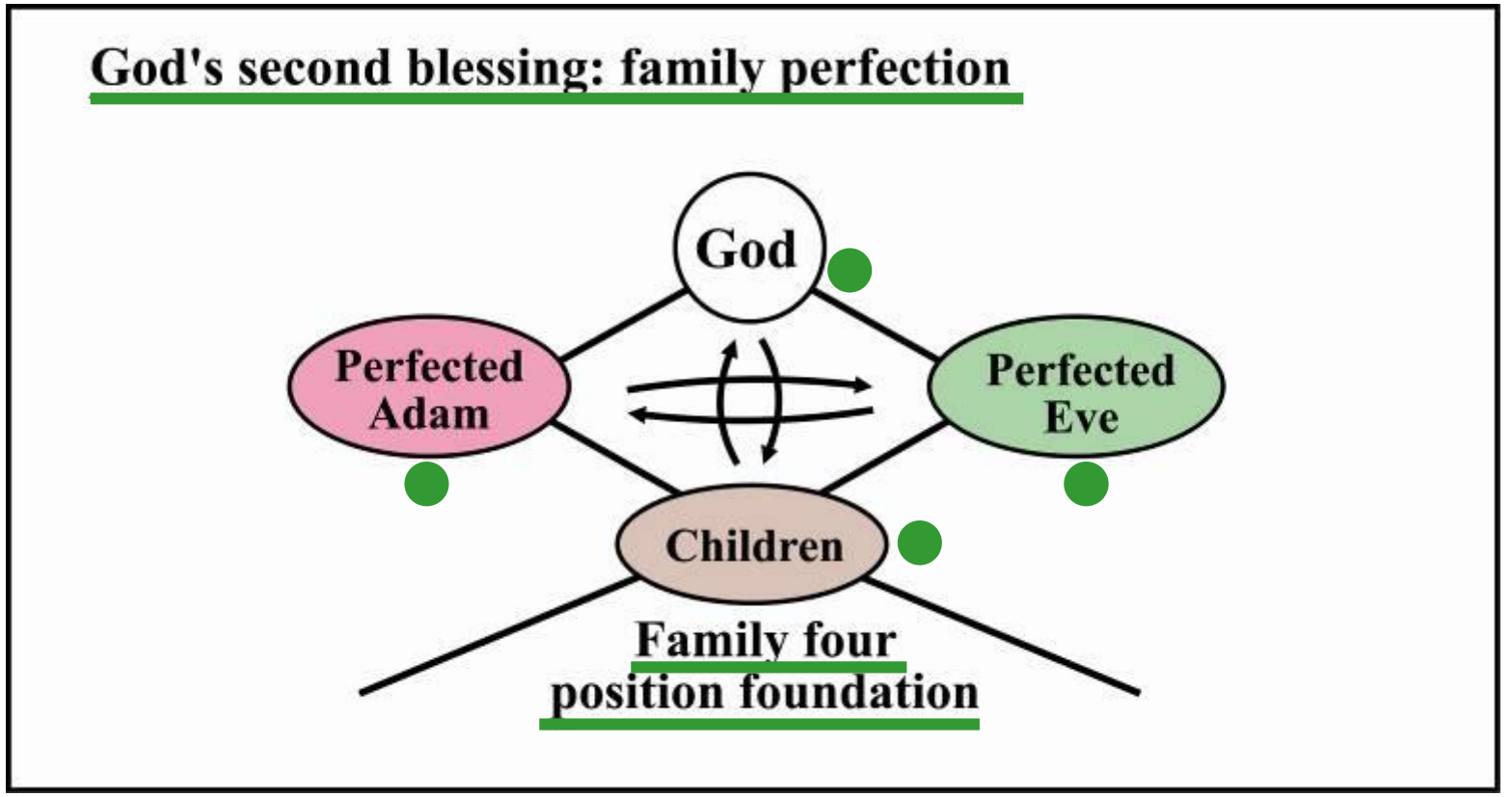
- The key to God's first blessing is the perfection of individual character.
- An individual's mind and body are discrete projections and object partners of God's dual characteristics. In order for an individual to perfect his character, he must form a four position foundation within himself whereby his mind and body become one through give and take action with God as their center.



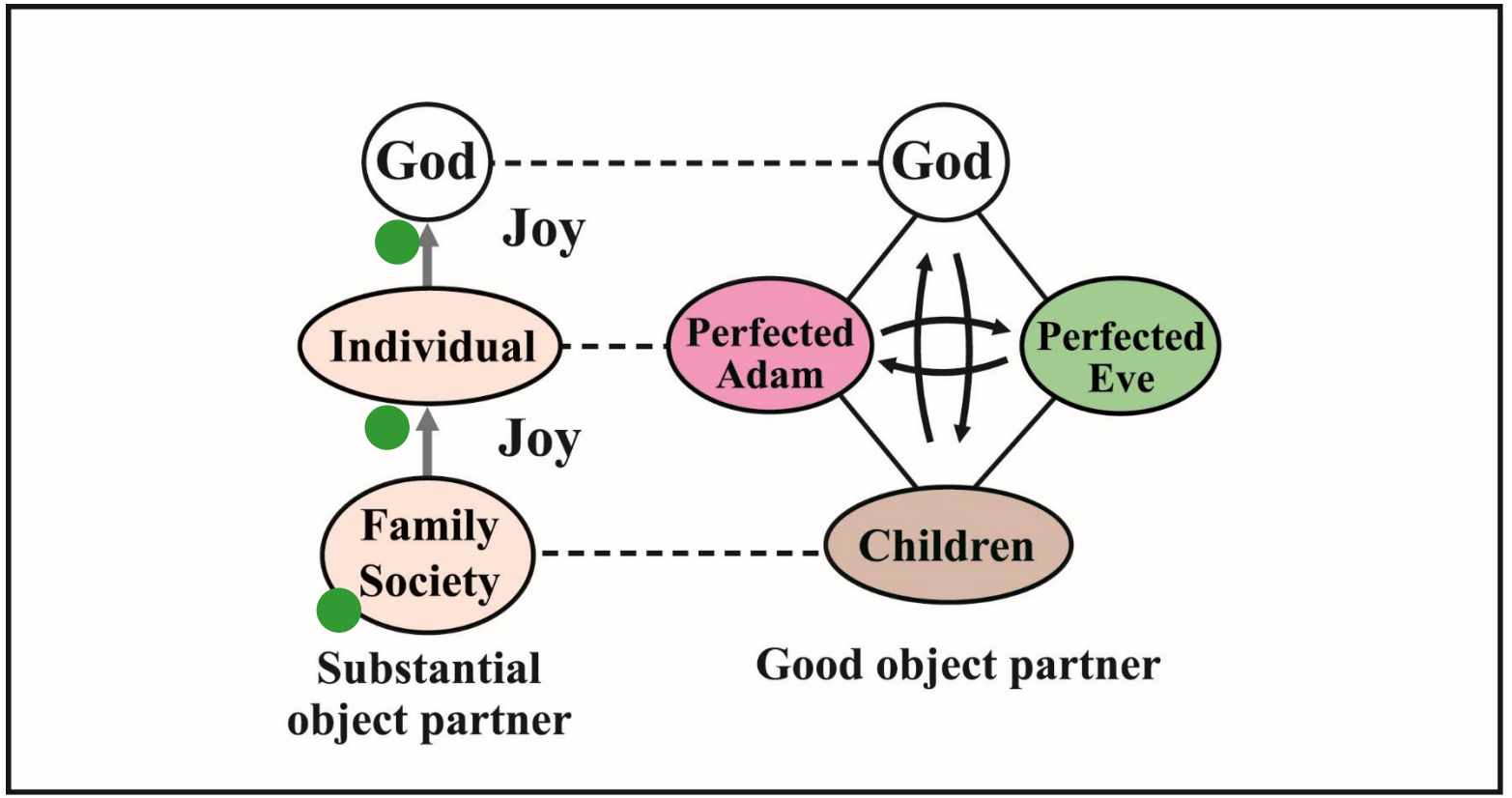
- When a person abides in the state of individual perfection, he lives as the substantial object partner to his mind. Because the center of his mind is God, he also lives as the substantial object partner to God.
- Both the mind and God feel joy as they experience their internal nature and external form through the stimulation which their object partners give them.



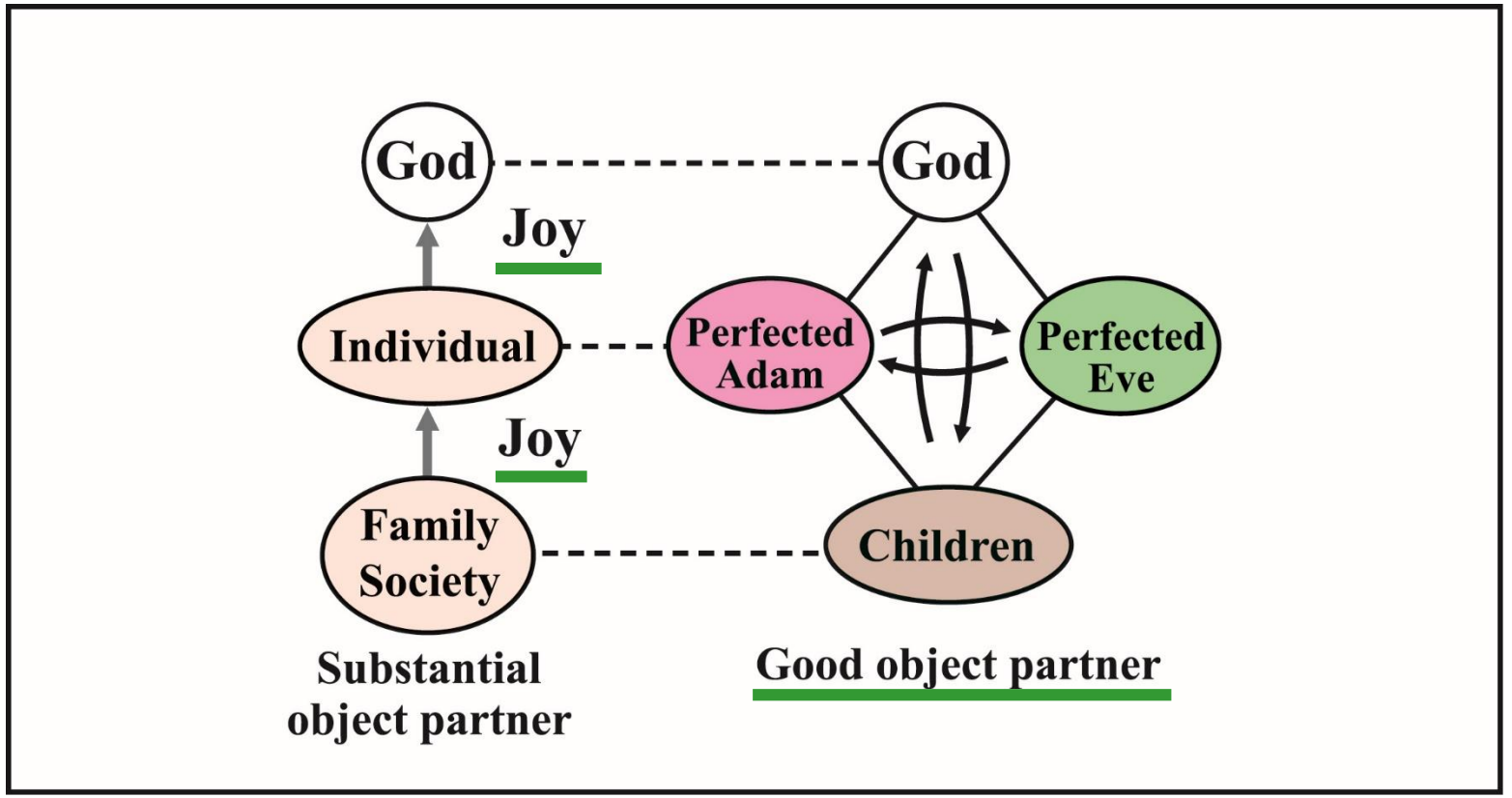
- Accordingly, when a person realizes God's first blessing, he becomes God's good object partner to inspire Him with joy. Sharing all the feelings of God as his own, he would never commit any sinful acts that would cause God grief. This means he would never fall.



- In order to fulfill God's second blessing, individually-perfected Adam and Eve, by joining in loving oneness as husband and wife and raising children, should have constructed a God-centered four position foundation in their family.

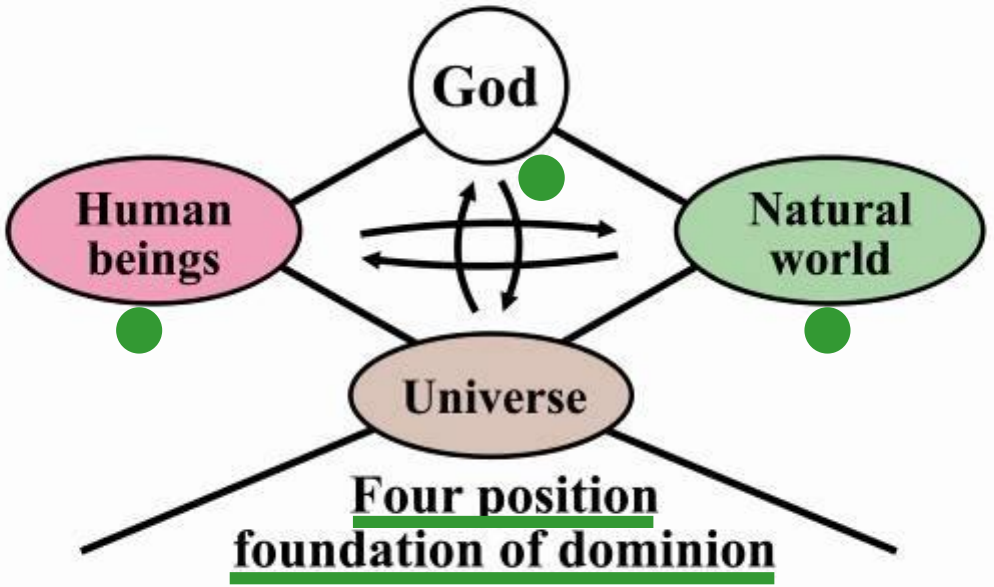


- A family or society that has formed the four position foundation in line with God's ideal is patterned after the image of a perfect individual. It thus becomes the substantial object partner to the individual who lives in oneness with God, and consequently, it also becomes the substantial object partner to God.

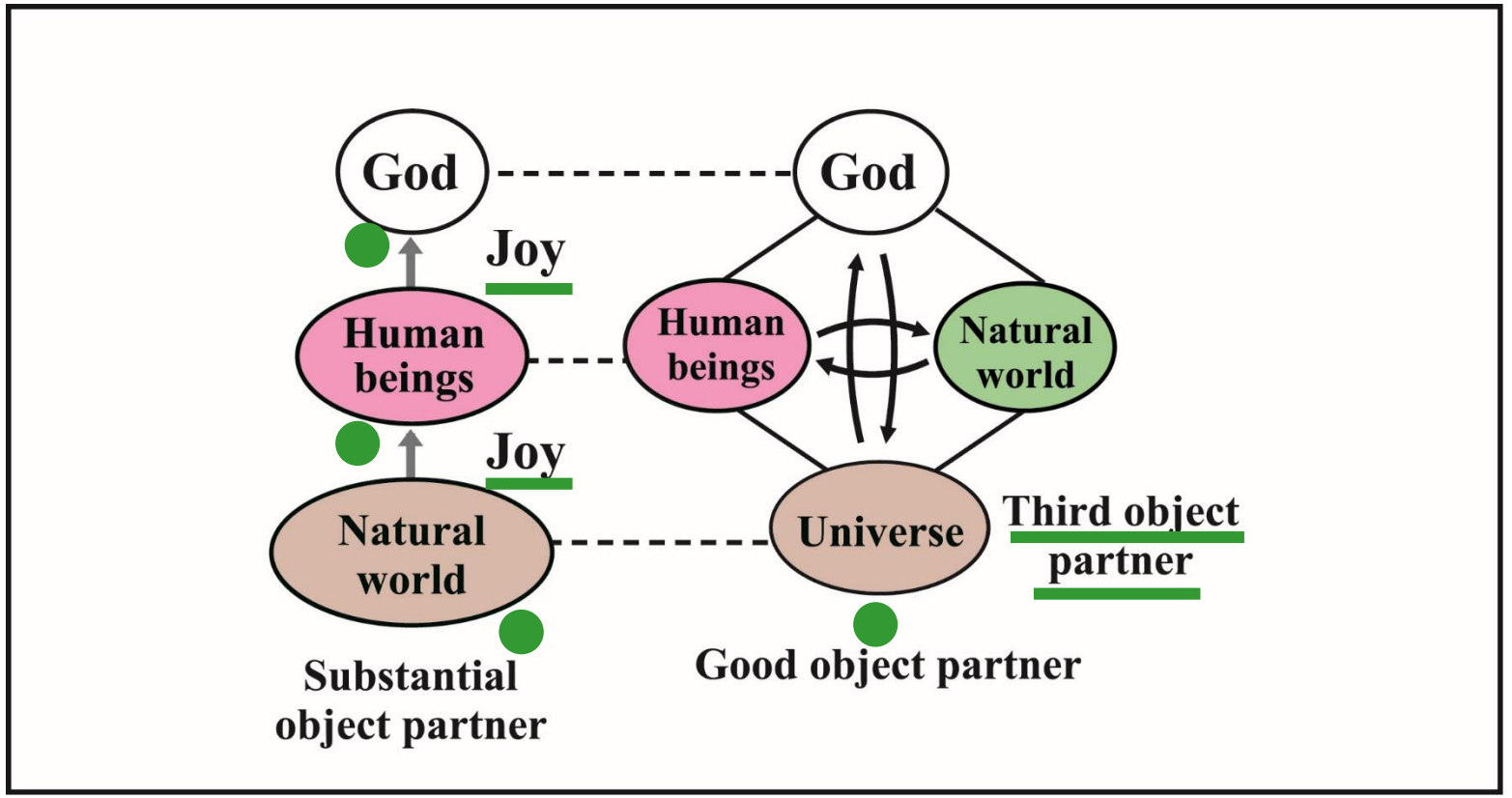


- The individual feels joy, and likewise God feels joy, when each perceives in this family or community the manifestation of his own internal nature and external form.
- Thus, when God's second blessing is fulfilled, this family or community also becomes a good object partner giving joy to God.

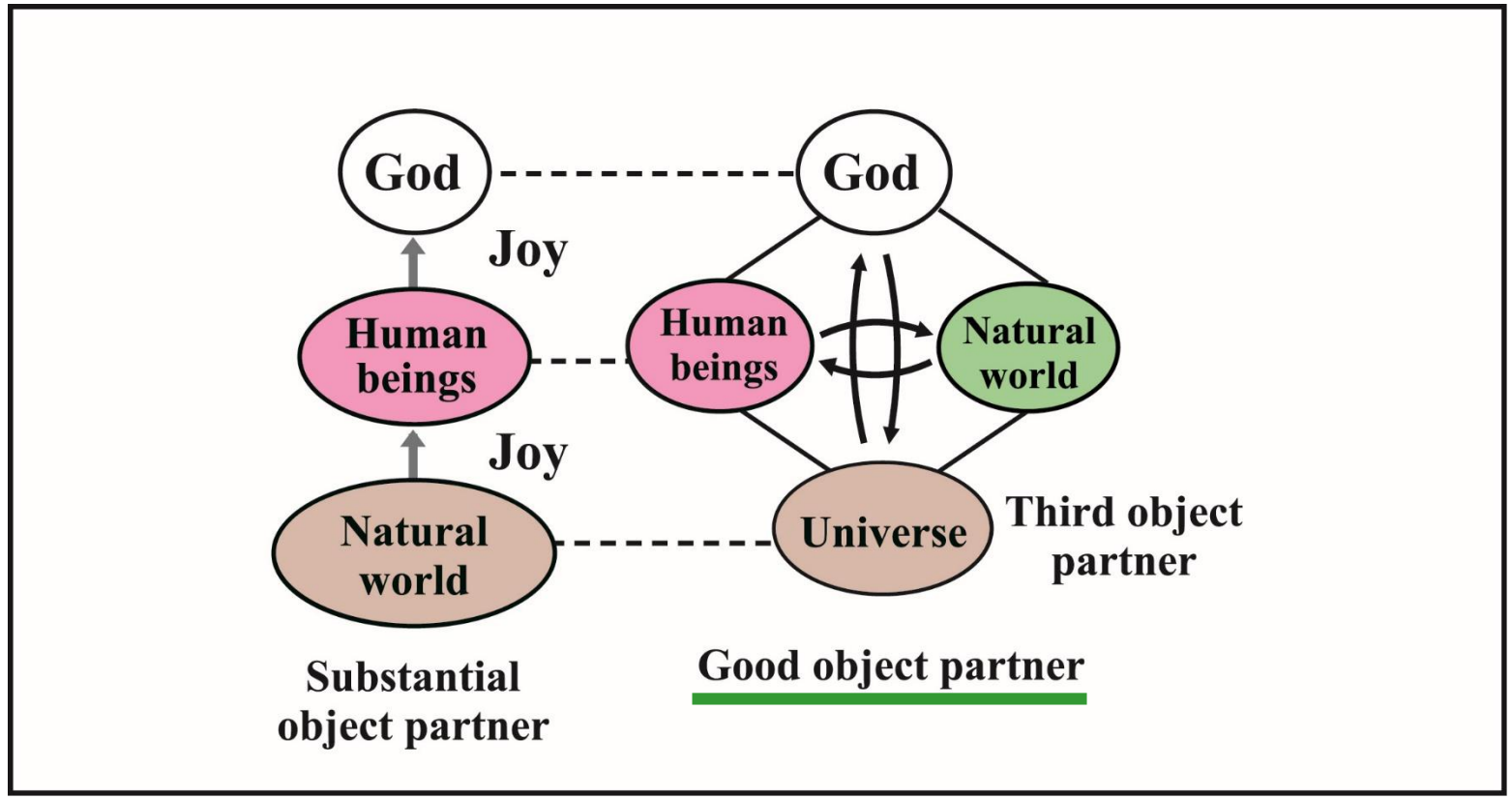
God's third blessing: perfection of dominion



- The meaning of God's third blessing is the perfection of a human being's dominion over the natural world; to fulfill this blessing, human beings and the natural world should become completely one, thereby establishing a God-centered four position foundation of dominion.

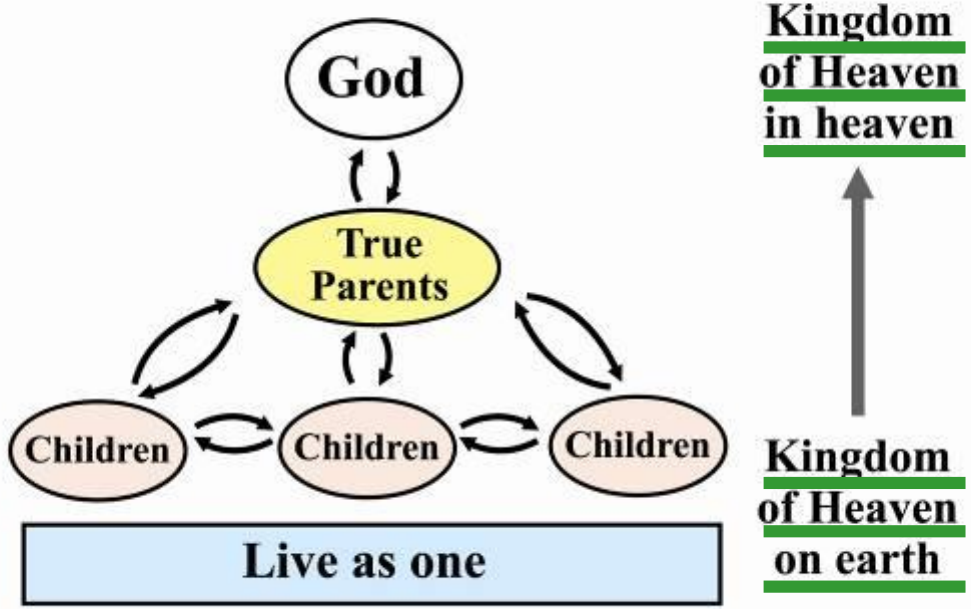


- Ideal human beings receive stimulation from the natural world. Sensing their own internal nature and external form displayed throughout the creation, they feel immense joy.
- God also feels joy when He experiences the stimulation of His original internal nature and original external form from the universe that has become His third object partner through the harmonious union of human beings and the natural world.

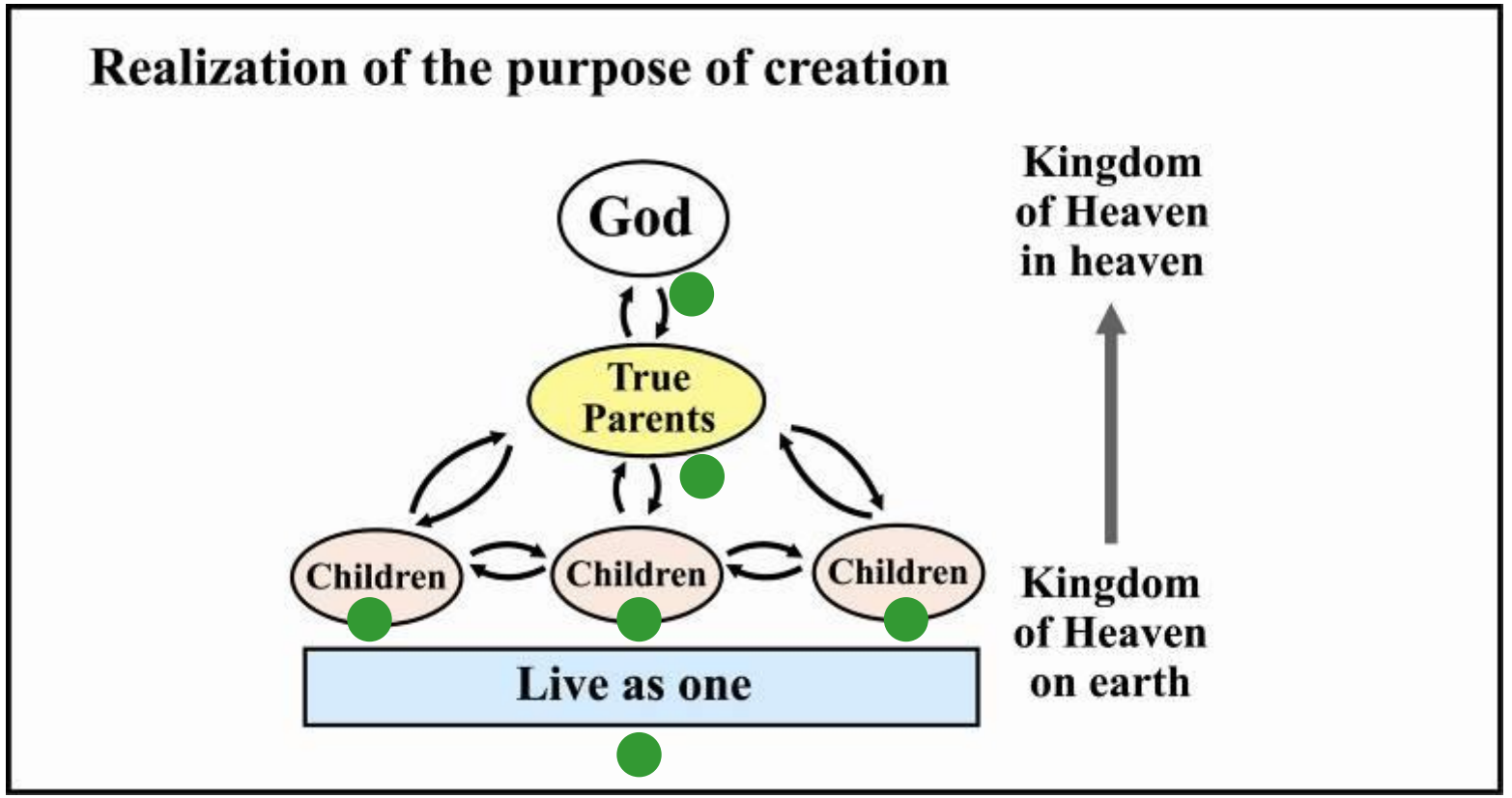


- Therefore, when human beings realize God's third blessing, the entire universe becomes yet another good object partner giving joy to God.

Realization of the purpose of creation



- Had God's purpose of creation been realized in this way, an ideal world without even a trace of sin would have been established on earth. We call this world the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.
- When life in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth comes to a close, people are to enter the spirit world and naturally enjoy eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven there.



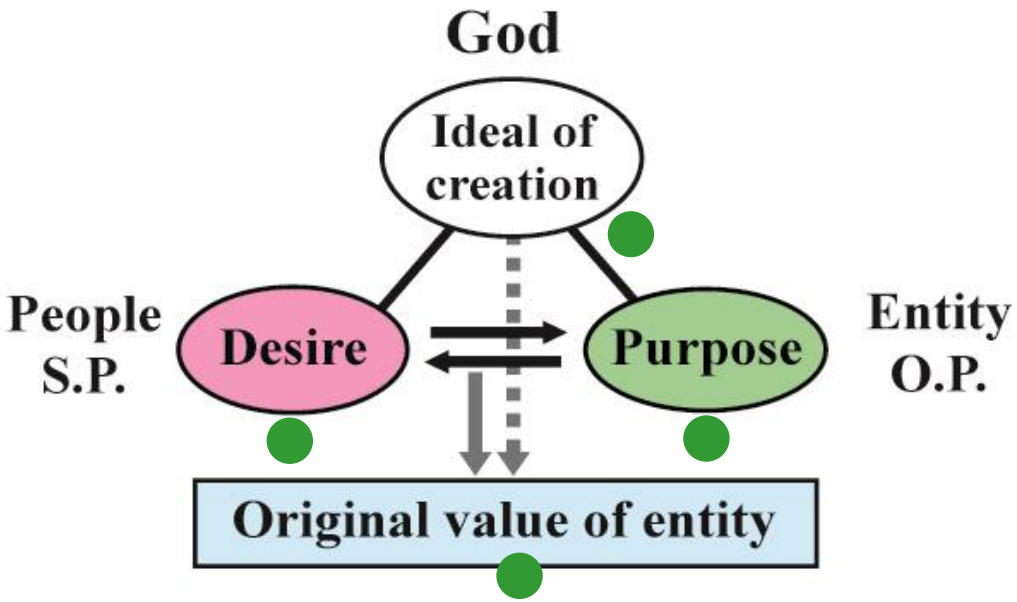
- In the Kingdom of Heaven, God's direction will be conveyed to all His children through the True Parents of humankind, guiding everyone to live as one.

Section 4

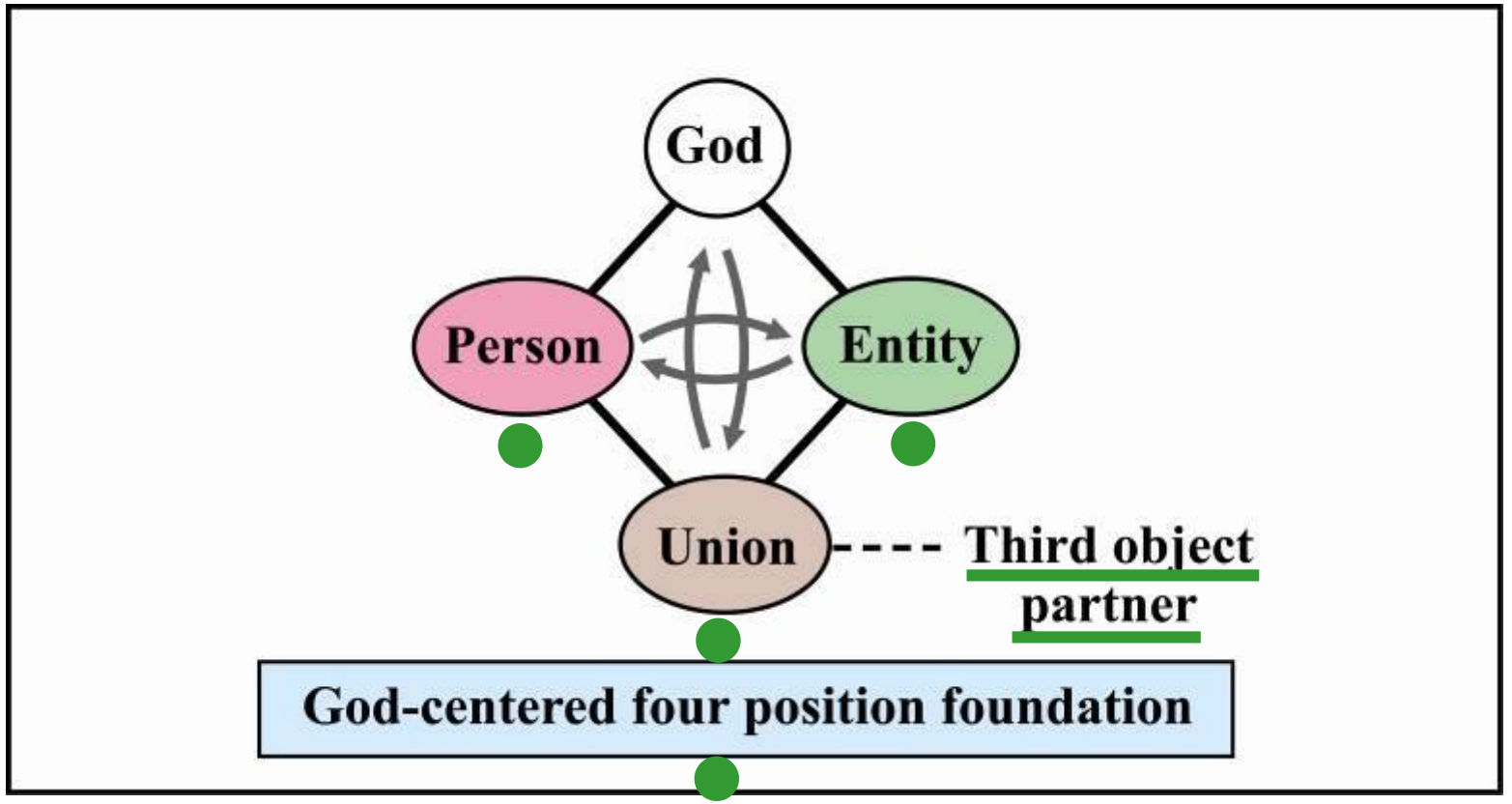
Original Value

I. Determination and Standard of Original Value

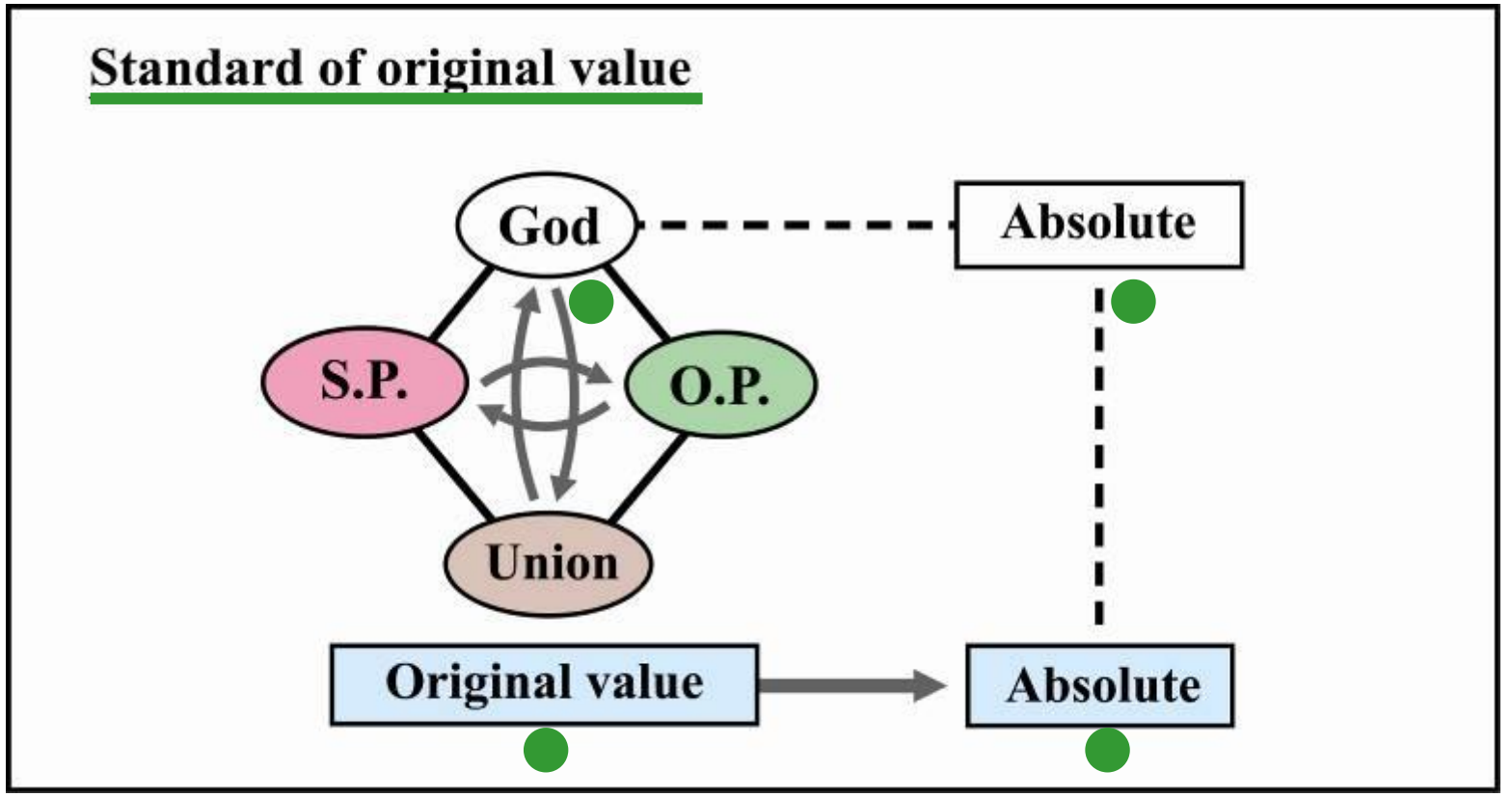
Determination of original value



- The original value of an entity is determined through the mutual relationship between the purpose of the entity according to God's ideal of creation and people's original desire to treasure it and bring out its true worth.



- Hence. an entity finds its true value when it participates as an object partner in a God-centered four position foundation by relating with a person through give and take action and by their union becoming the third object partner to God.



- Since the center of this four position foundation is God, it is God who sets the standard for its value. Since God is absolute, the original value of an object partner determined in relation to this standard must also be absolute.

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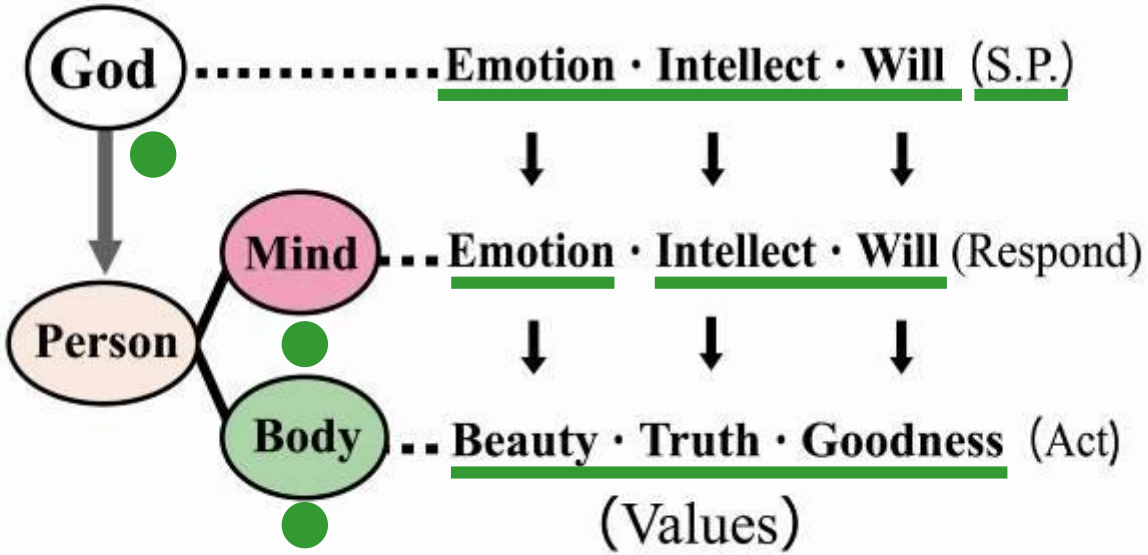

- The human mind has three faculties: emotion. intellect and will.
- When the body responds to the mind's emotion, intellect, and will, its actions pursue the values of beauty, truth, and goodness respectively.
- God is the subject partner to the human mind; hence, He is also the subject partner to human emotion, intellect, and will.

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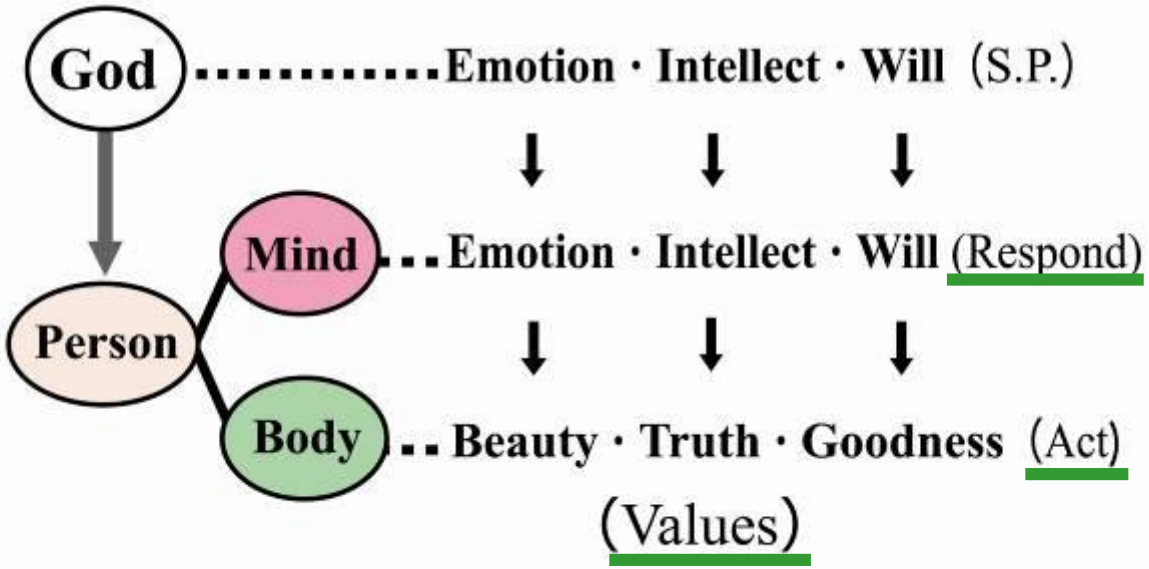
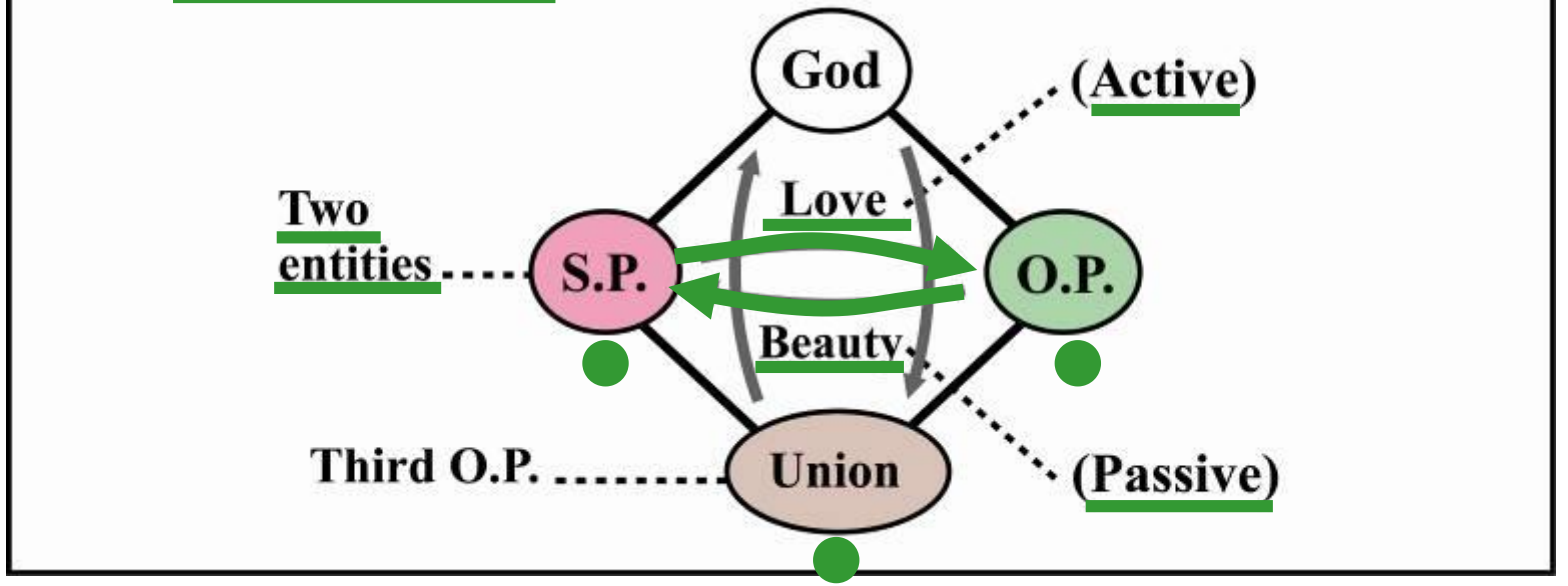


- Desiring to realize his original value, a person responds to the emotion, intellect, and will of God through his mind, and acts accordingly through his body, thereby manifesting the values of original beauty, original truth, and original goodness.

III. Love and Beauty, Good and Evil, Righteousness and Unrighteousness

1. Love and Beauty



- When two entities, discrete manifestations of God's dual characteristics, form a common base and seek to unite as the third object partner to God and establish a four position foundation, they will engage in give and take action. In accomplishing this, the emotional force that the subject partner gives to the object partner is called love, and the emotional force that the object partner returns to the subject partner is called beauty. The force of love is active, and the stimulation of beauty is passive.

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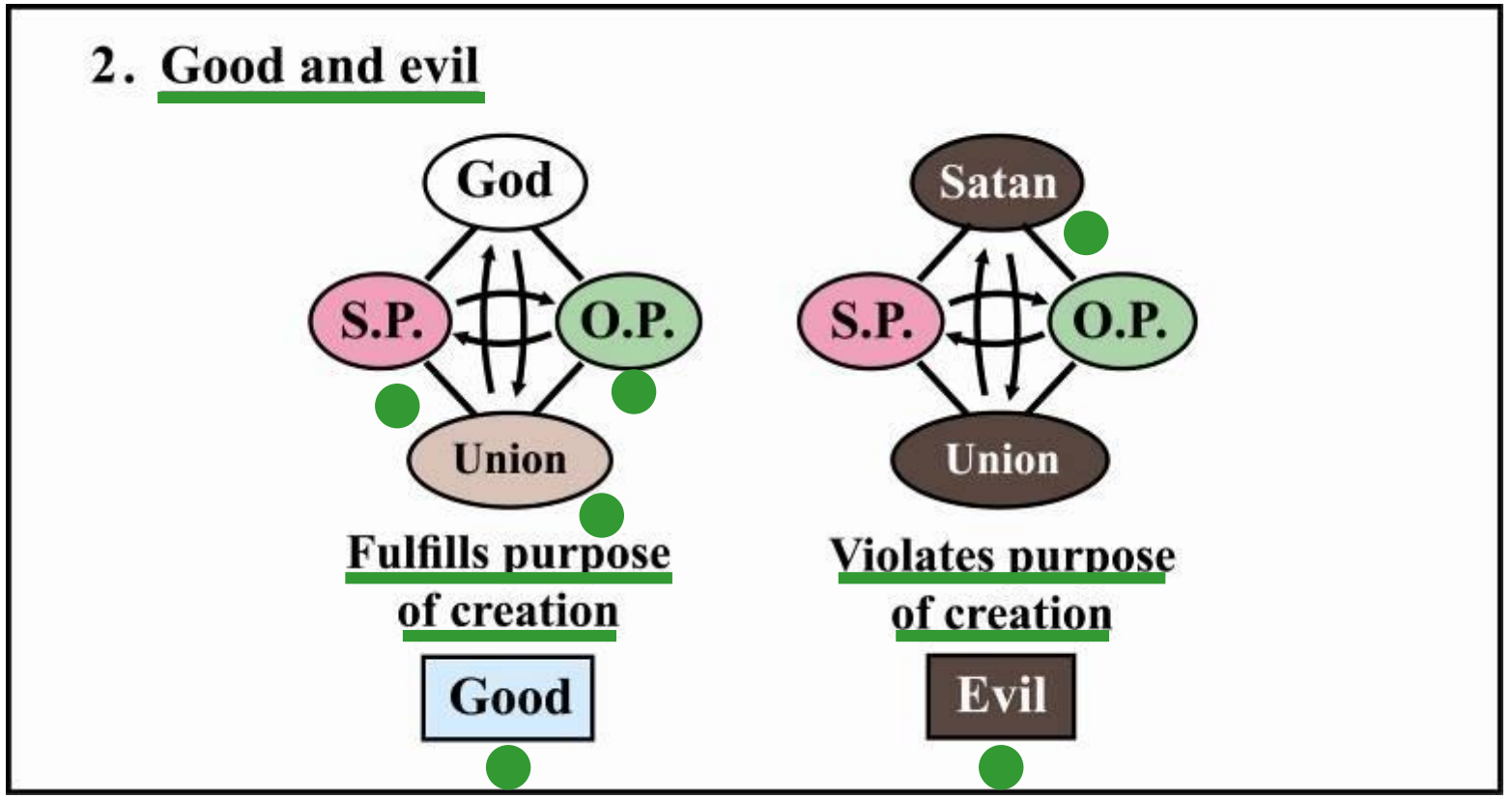
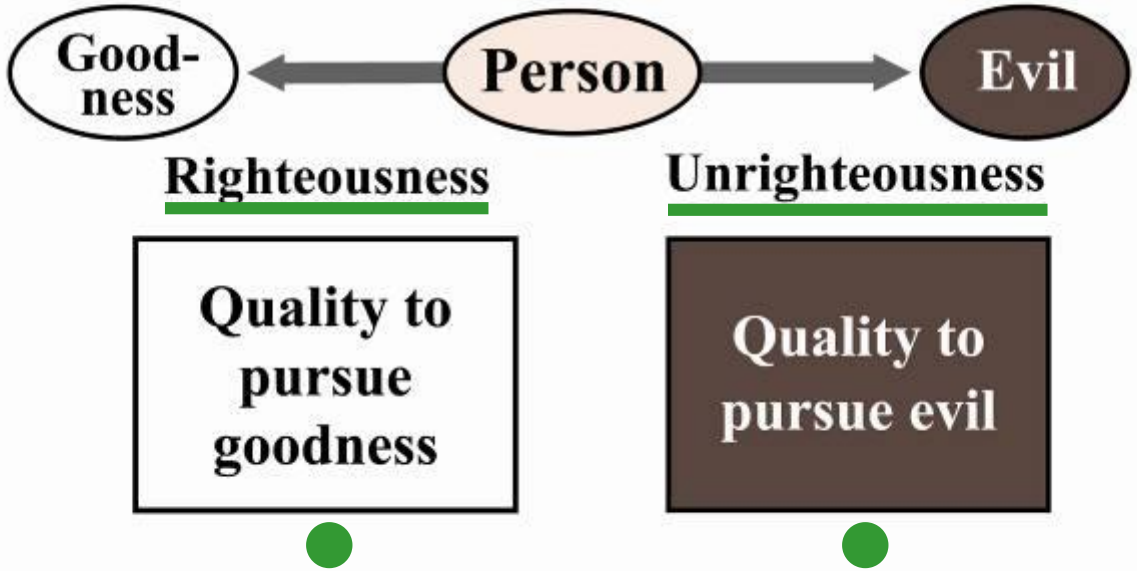


- An act or its result is considered good when it fulfills God's purpose of creation; this takes place when subject and object partners unite through the harmonious and spirited give and take of love and beauty, become the third object partner to God, and form the four position foundation.
- An act or its result is considered evil when it violates God's purpose of creation by forming a four position foundation under the dominion of Satan.

3. Righteousness and Unrighteousness



- Righteousness refers to that quality in a person which leads him to pursue goodness and further its purpose. Unrighteousness refers to that quality in a person which leads him to pursue evil and further its satanic purpose.

Section 5

The Process of the Creation of the Universe and Its Growing Period

I. The Process of the Creation of the Universe

Genesis chapter 1: Creation of universe

1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day	5th day	6th day
Light	Waters below & above firm-ament	Land Ocean Plants	Sun Moon Stars	Fish Birds	Mam-mals Human-kind

Period of time: 6 days

- According to the account of the creation of the universe in Genesis chapter one, amidst the primordial state of chaos, void and darkness, God created light. God next separated the waters below the firmament from the waters above it.
- He then divided the land from the ocean, created plants, fish, birds, mammals, etc and finally made humankind. All this took a period of six "days."

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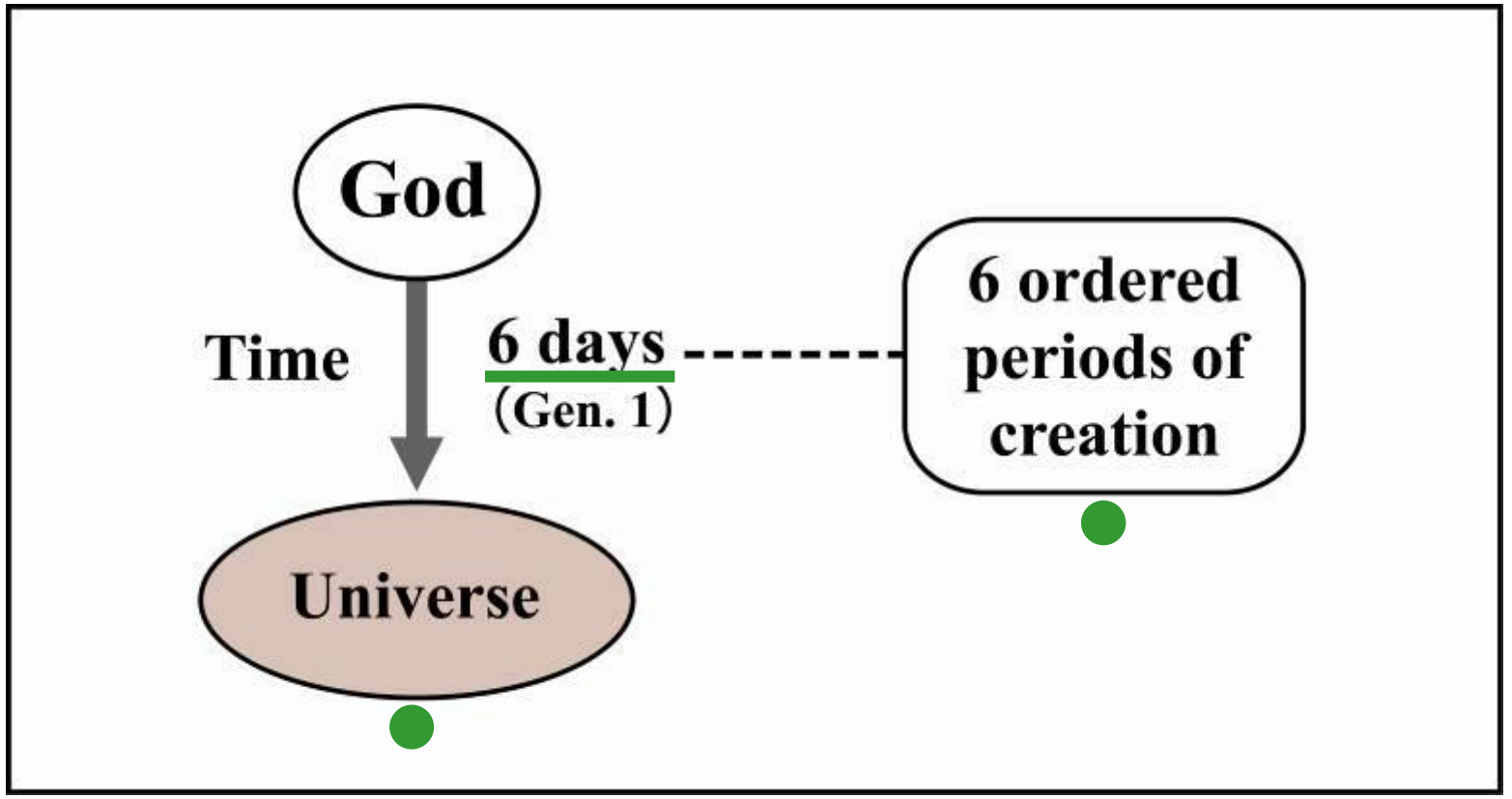
- From this account, we can surmise that the process of creating the universe took some period of time represented by six days.
- Considering that the account of the creation of the universe recorded in the Bible nearly coincides with the findings of modern scientific research, we are reassured that this biblical record must be a revelation from God.



- The universe did not suddenly spring forth complete, without regard to the flow of time. In fact, its origin and development took an enormous length of time.
- Hence, the biblical period of 6 days for the completion of the universe is not to be reckoned by the number of literal sunrises and sunsets. It symbolizes 6 ordered periods of time in the creation process.

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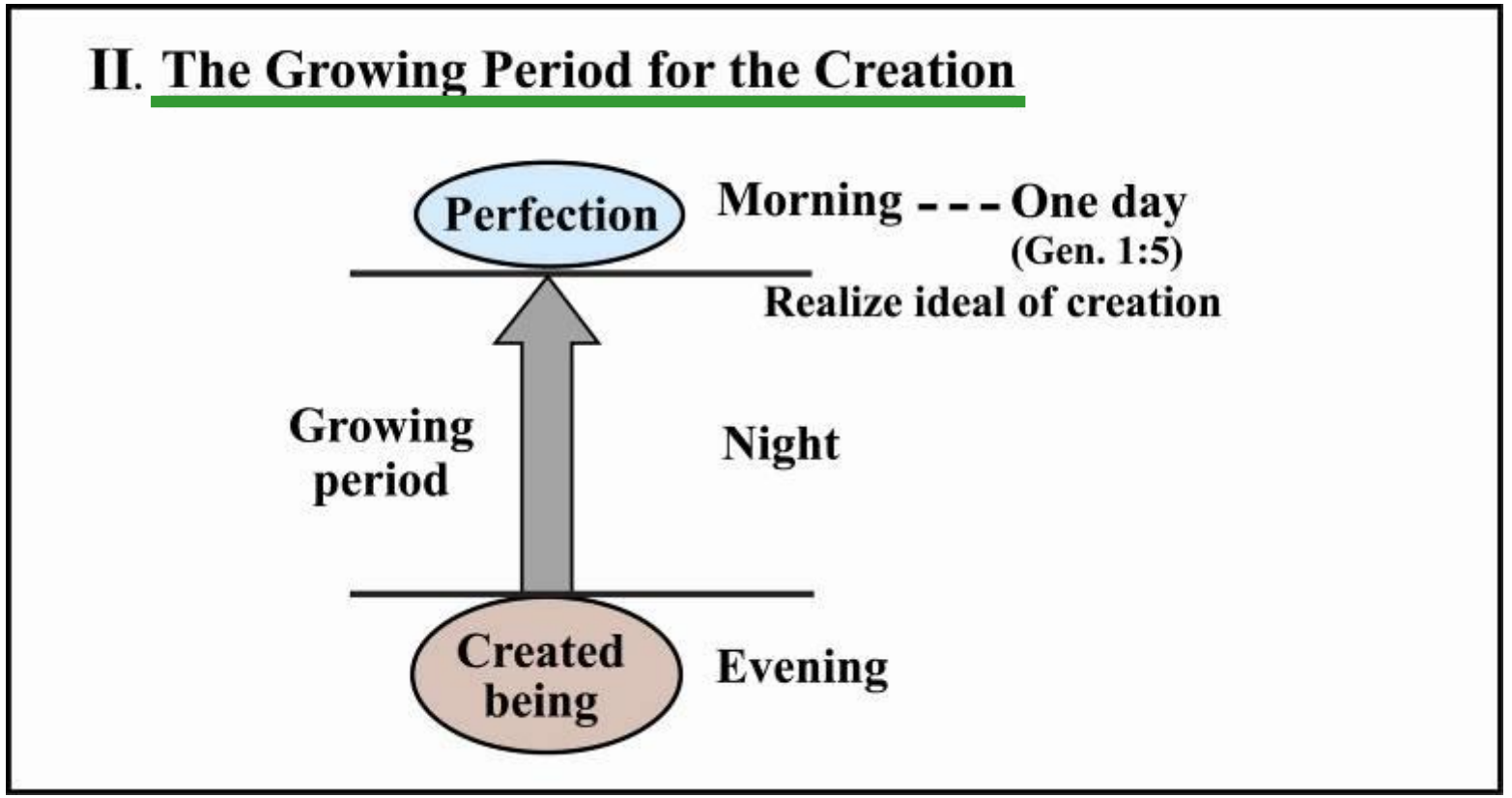

- When the first day of creation was completed, Gen.1:5 states, "There was evening and there was morning, one day."

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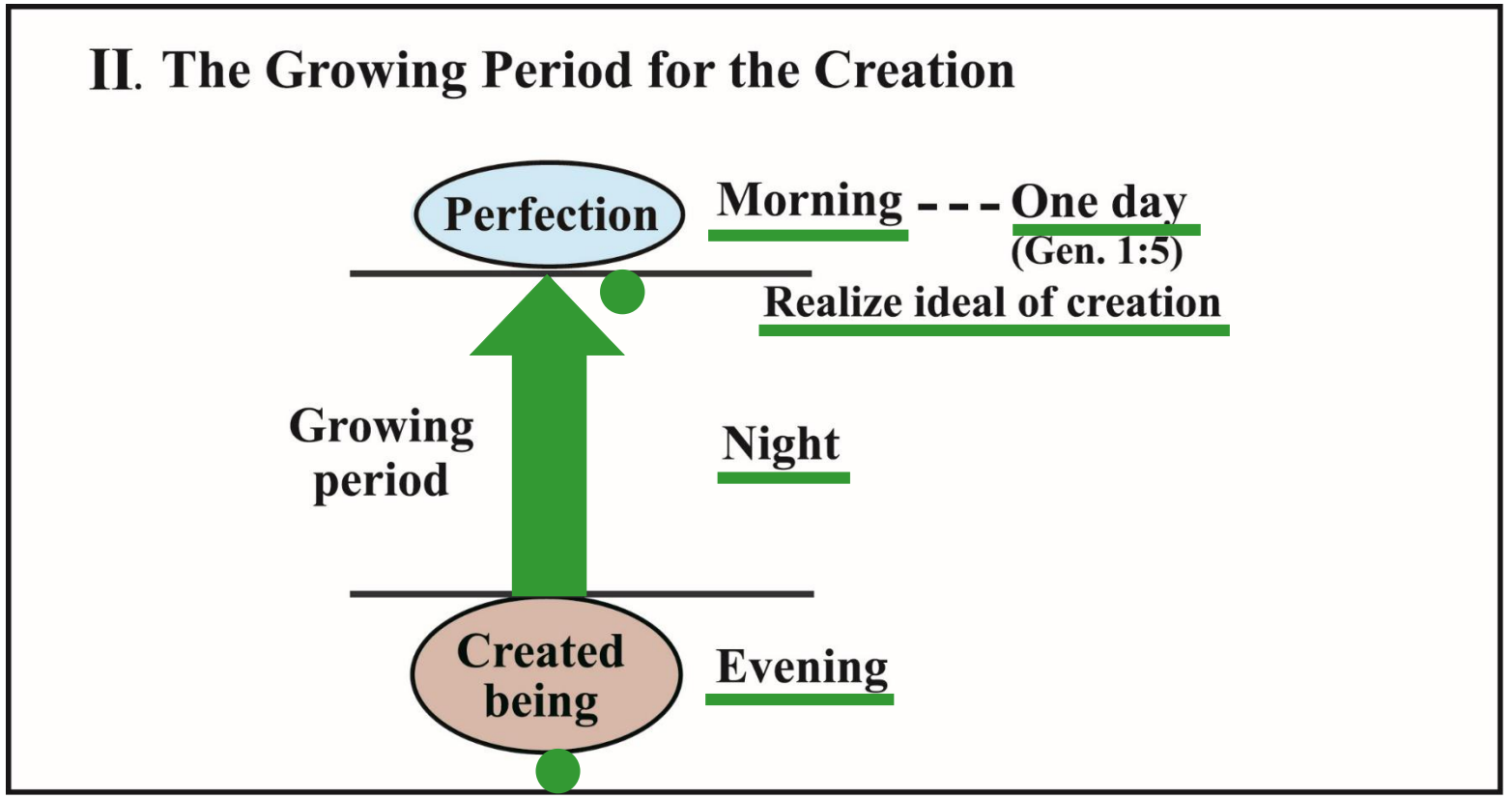

- One would think that the arrival of the morning after the passage of an evening and a night would be reckoned as the second day, yet it is referred to as the first day. The Bible states "one day" to show that a created being must pass through a growing period, symbolized by the night, before it reaches perfection in the morning. Then, as it greets this new morning, it can step forward and realize its ideal of creation.

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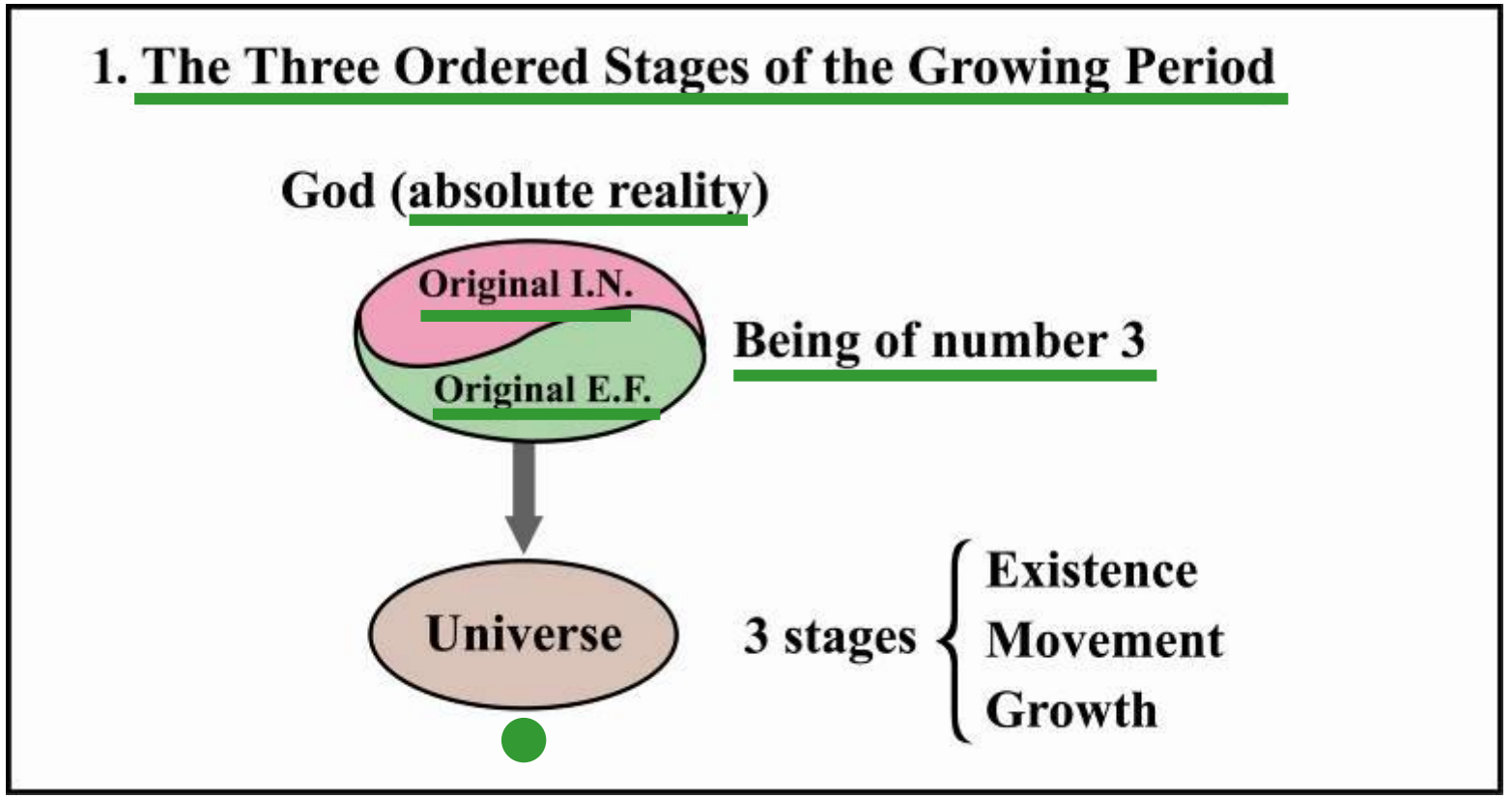

- The universe unfolds and manifests God's original internal nature and original external form based on mathematical principles. Hence, we can infer that one aspect of God's nature is mathematical.
- God is the one absolute reality in whom the dual characteristics interact in harmony; therefore, He is a Being of the number 3.

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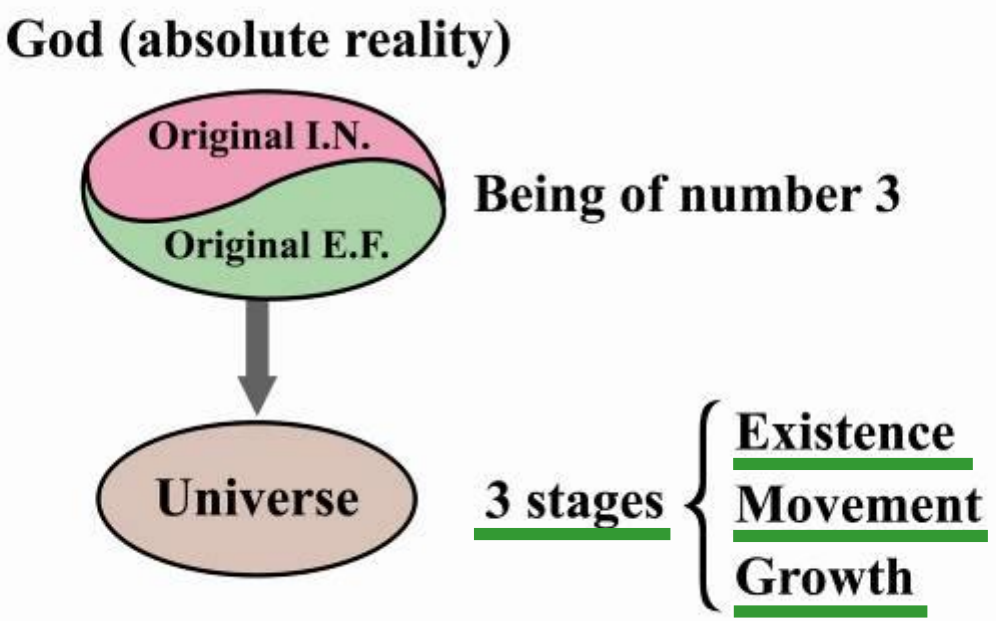
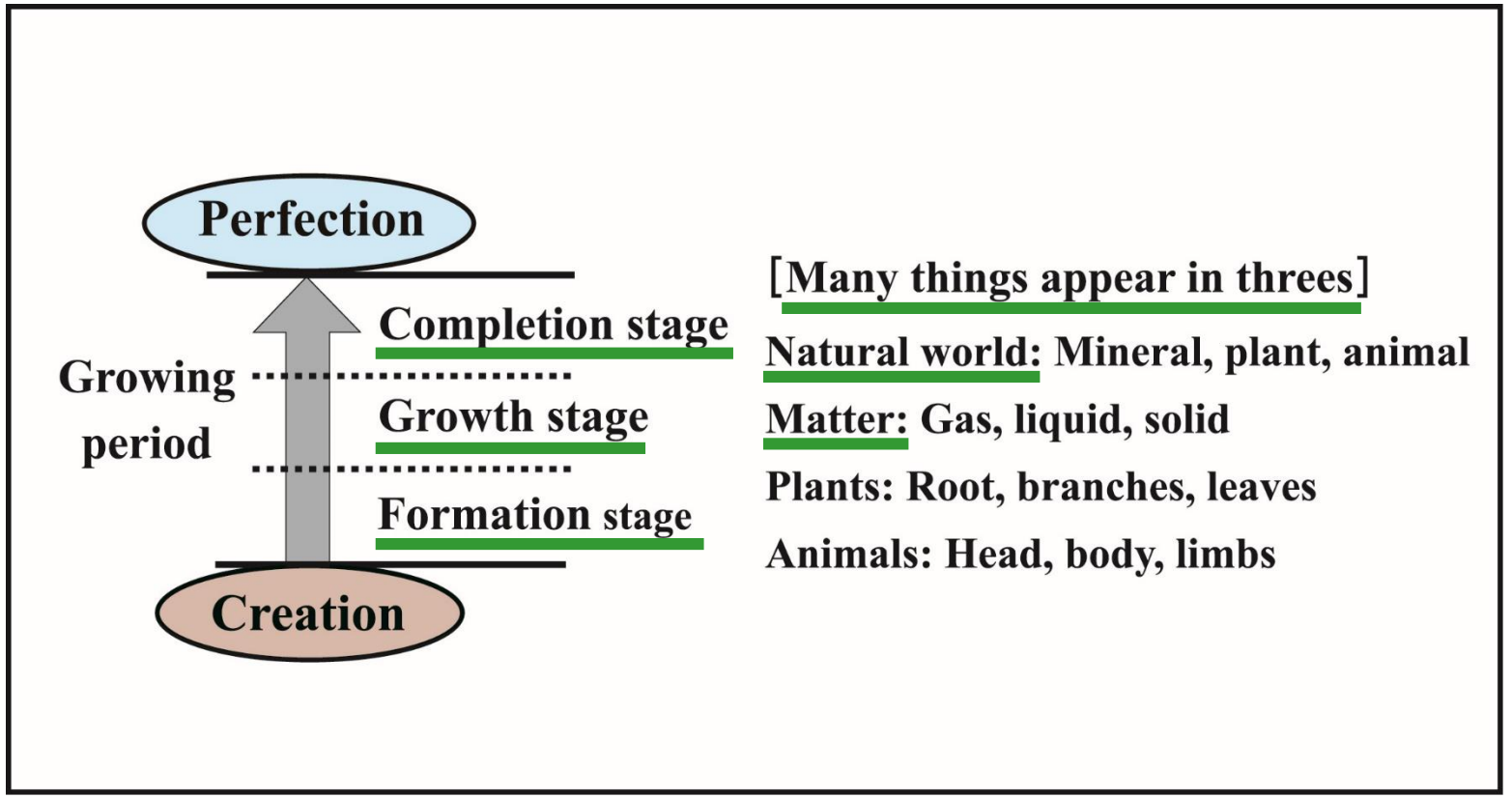
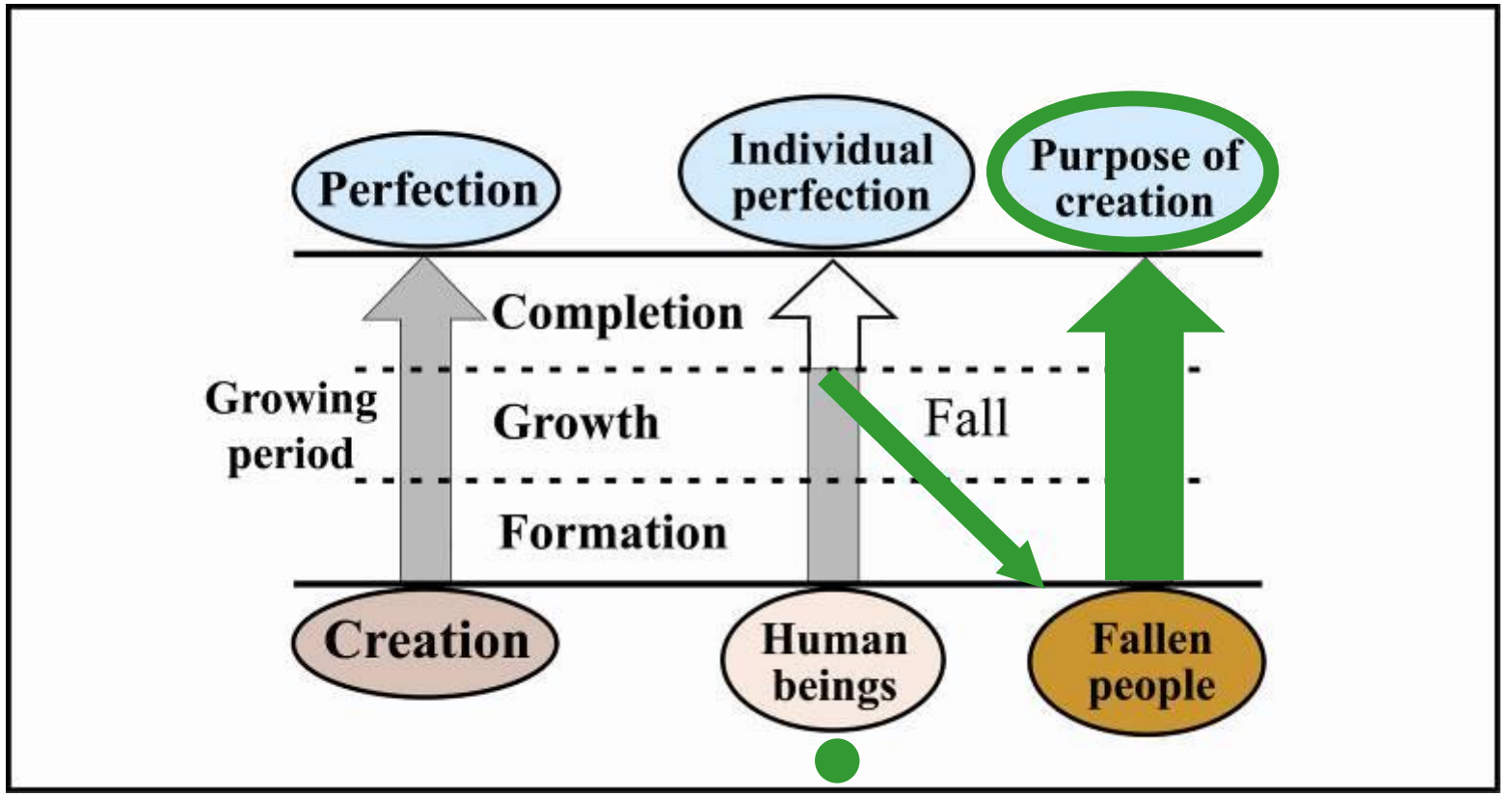


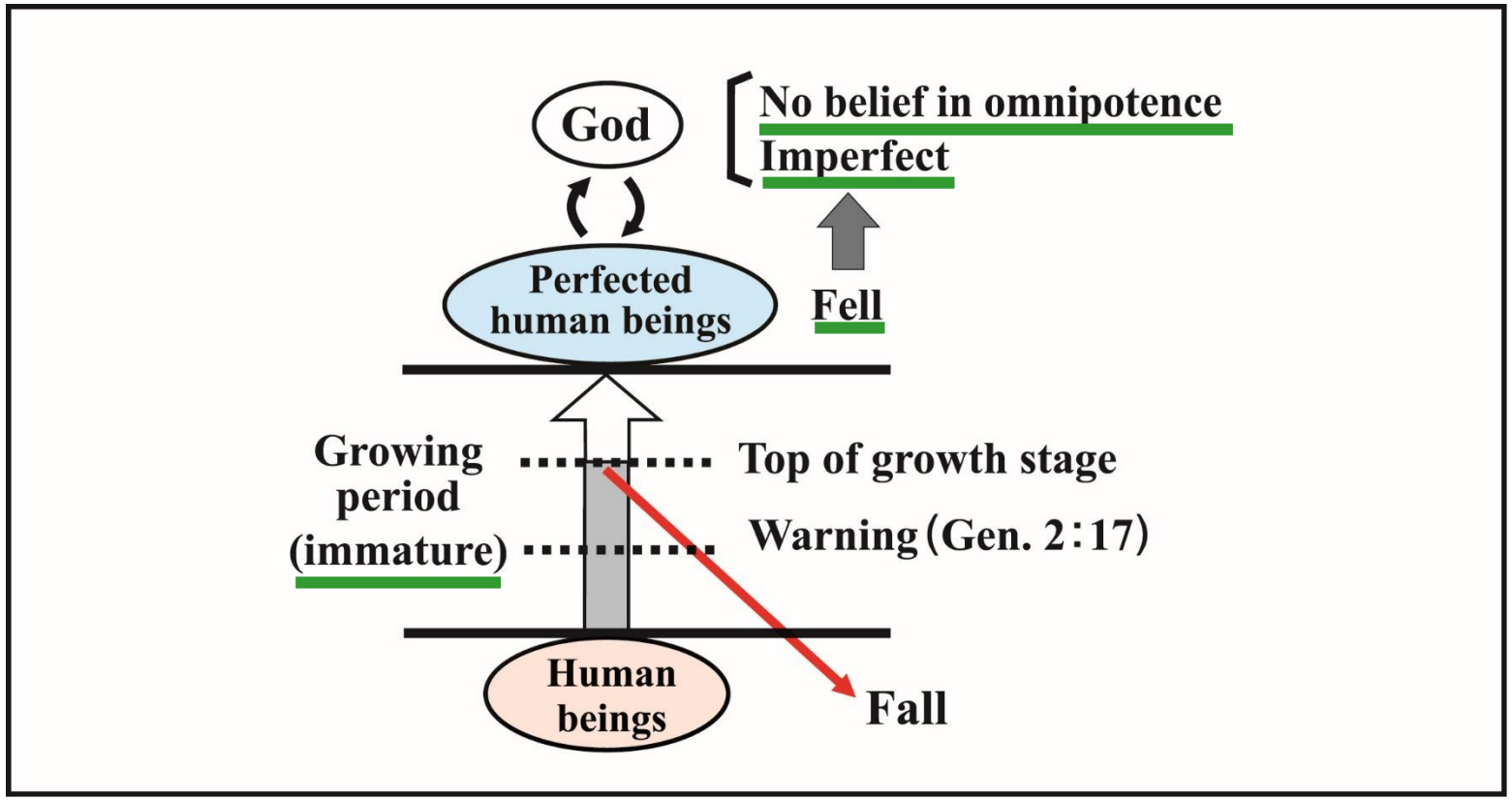
- All created beings, having been conceived in the likeness of God, manifest their existence, movement and growth through a course of 3 stages.



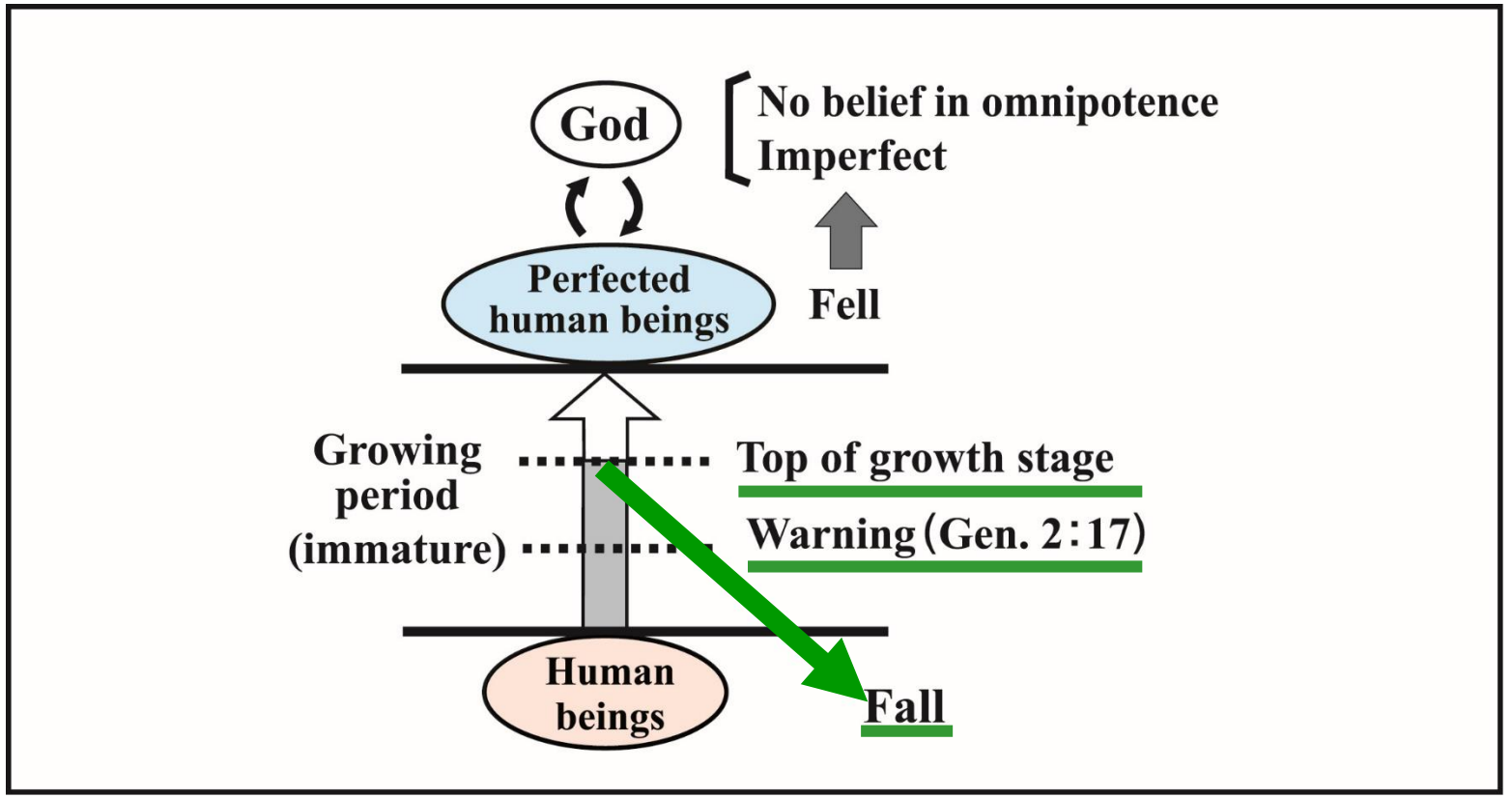
- Accordingly, everything reaches perfection by passing through three ordered stages of growth: the formation stage, the growth stage and the completion stage.
- Many things appear in threes in the natural world. The natural world contains three kingdoms: mineral, plant and animal. Matter exists in three states: gas, liquid and solid.



- Human beings could not fulfill the purpose of their existence because they fell without completing the 3 stages of the growing period. Hence, in their renewed efforts to realize their purpose, they must pass through these 3 stages.

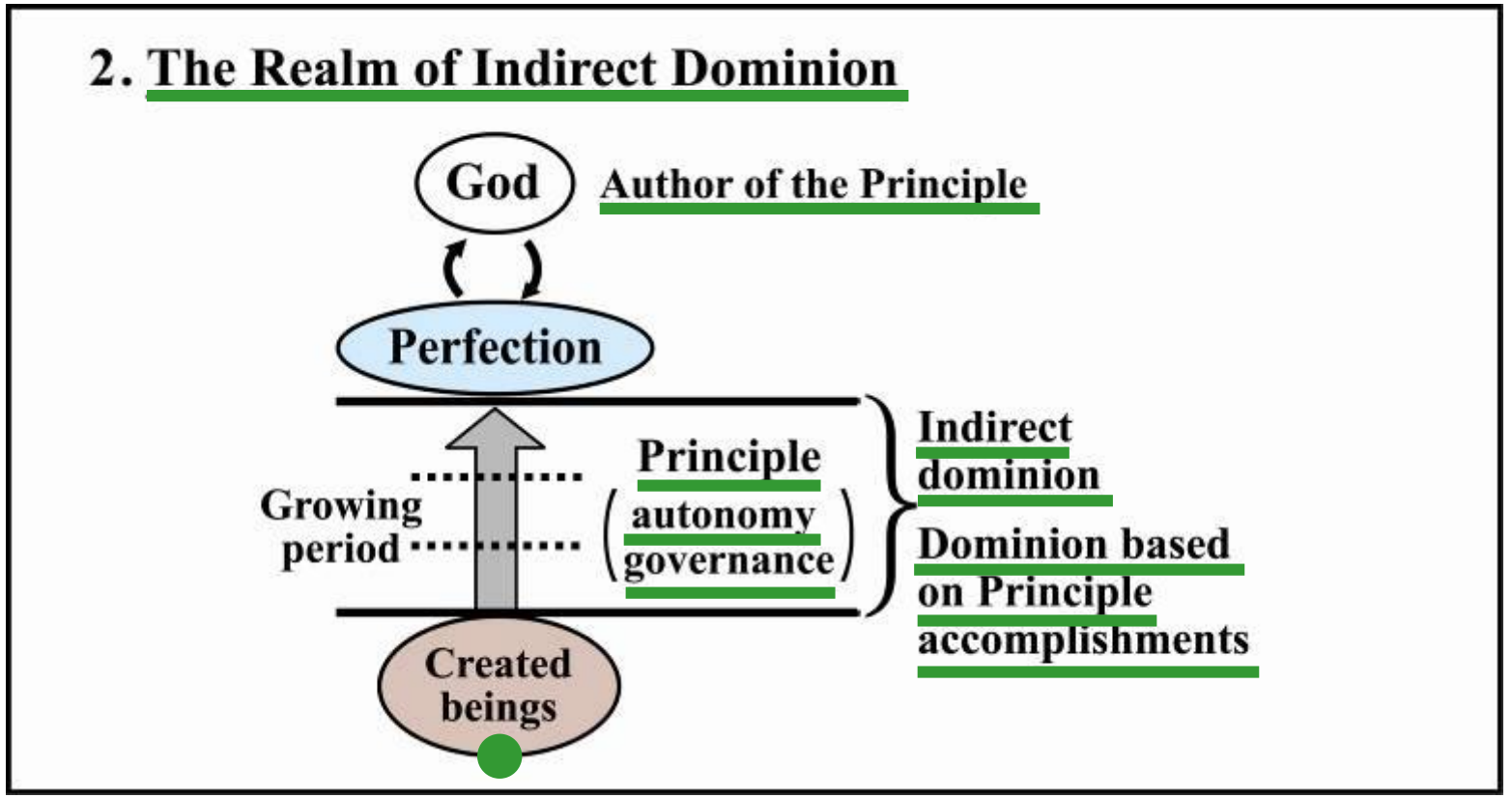


- When did the first human ancestors fall? They fell during their growing period, when they were still immature.
- If human beings fell after they had attained perfection, then there would be no basis for belief in the omnipotence of God. If human beings fell after they had become perfect embodiments of goodness, then goodness itself would be imperfect. Accordingly, we would be forced to conclude that as the source of goodness, God is also imperfect.

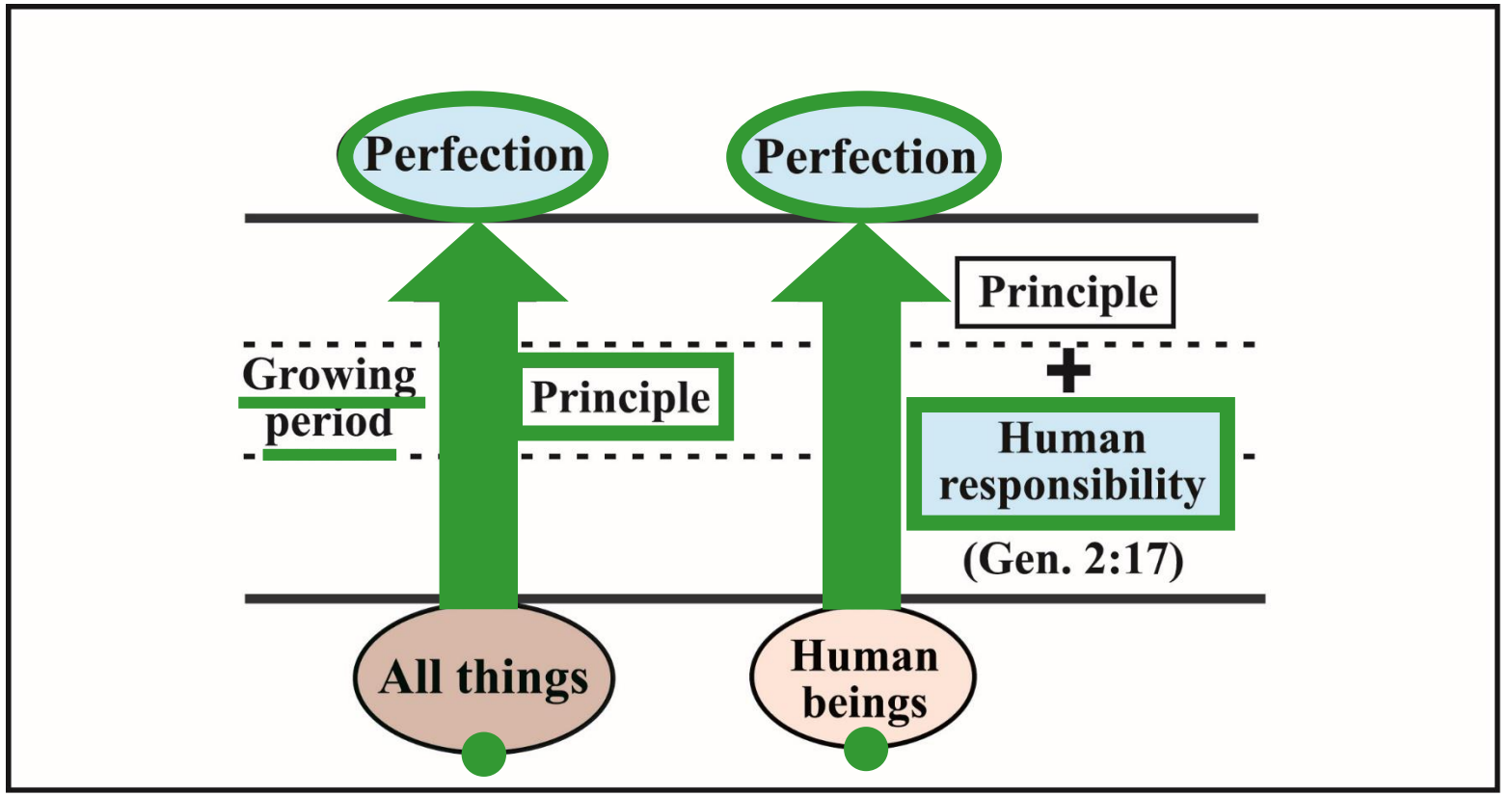


- God's warning in Gen. 2:17 that they would die if they ate of the fruit shows that they were still in a state of immaturity.
- The first humans fell at the top of the growth stage.

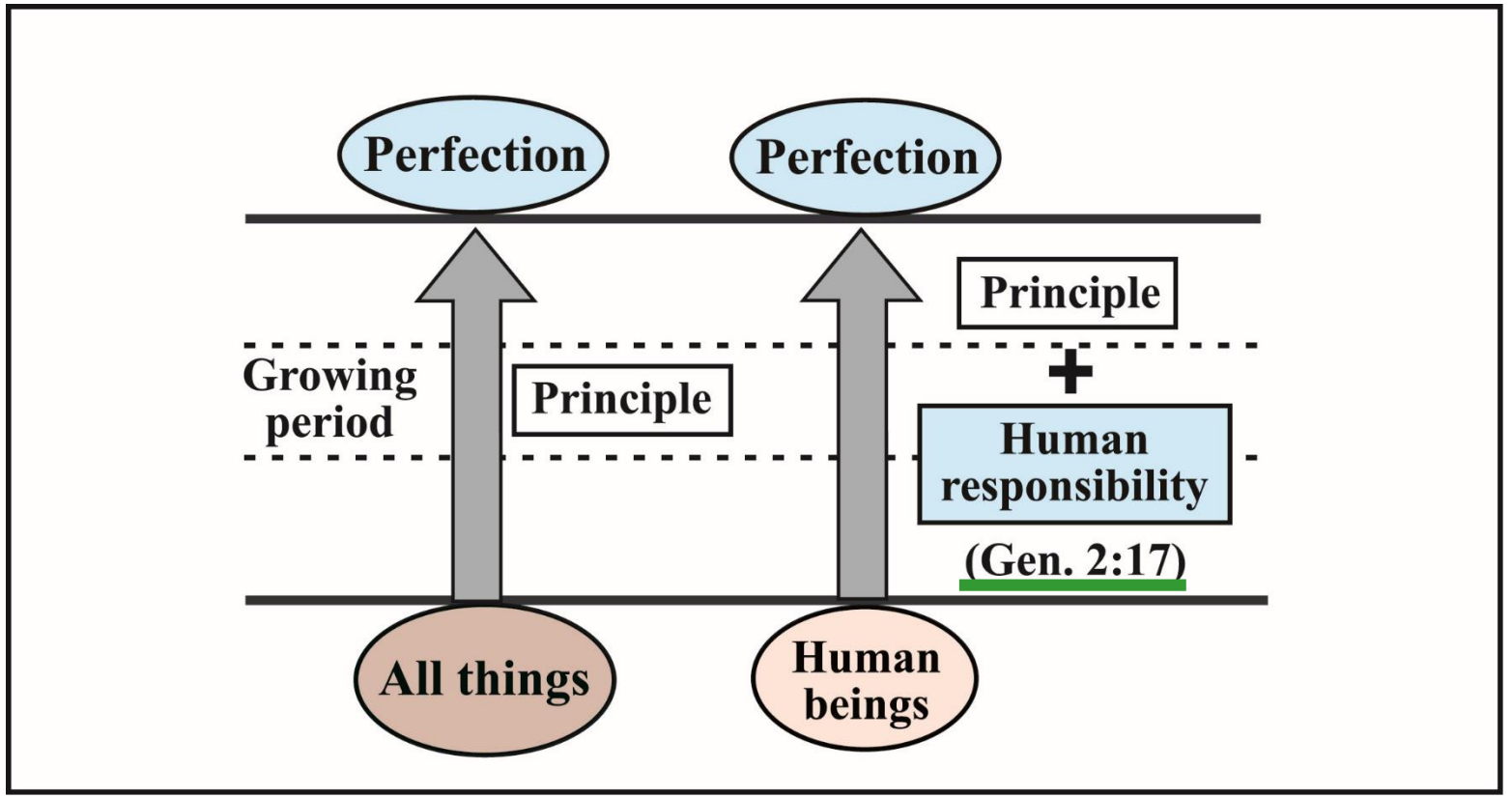
2. The Realm of Indirect Dominion



- During the growing period, all created beings grow by virtue of the autonomy and governance given by God's Principle.
- God, the Author of the Principle, has regard only for the fruits of their growth which are based on the Principle. In this way, He governs all things indirectly. We call this growing period the realm of God's indirect dominion or the realm of dominion based on accomplishments through the Principle.



- All things reach perfection after passing through the growing period by virtue of the autonomy and governance given by God's Principle.
- Human beings, however, pass through the growing period and reach perfection by fulfilling their own portion of responsibility, in addition to the guidance provided by the Principle.



- We can deduce from God's commandment to Adam and Eve in Gen. 2:17 that the first human ancestors were responsible to believe in the Word of God and not eat of the fruit. Whether or not they disobeyed God and fell depended not on God, but on themselves.

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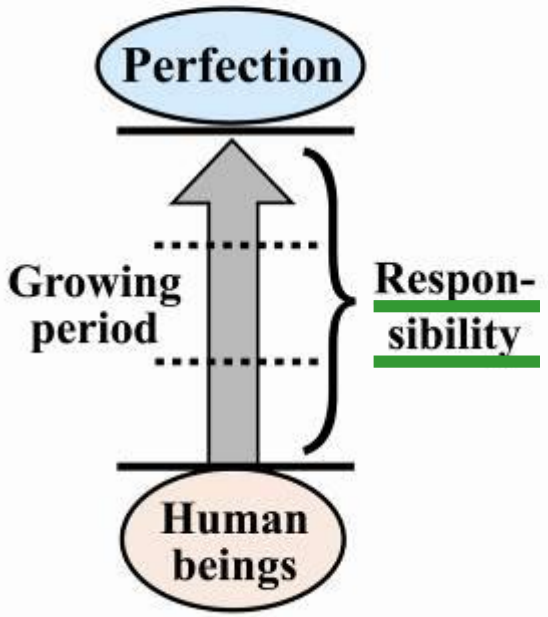

- **Inherit the creative nature of God**
- **Participate in God's work of creation**
- **Earn ownership**
- **Rule as creators**

- God endowed human beings with a portion of responsibility for the following reason:
- By fulfilling their given portion of responsibility, with which even God does not interfere, human beings are meant to inherit the creative nature of God and participate in God's great work of creation.

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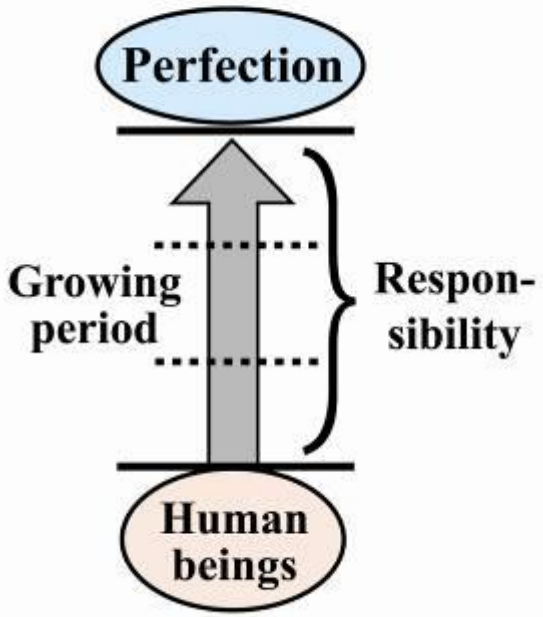

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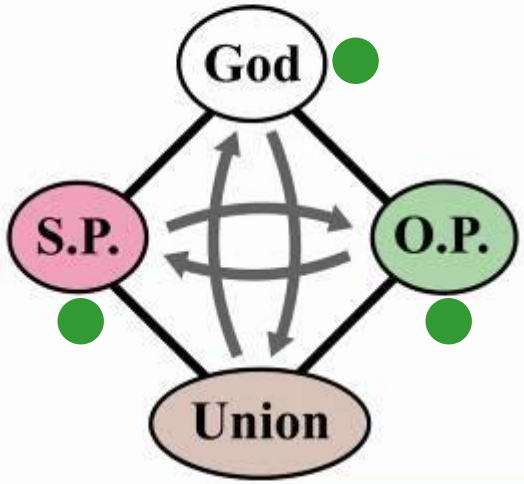
- God intends human beings to earn ownership and become worthy to rule over the creation as creators in their own right, just as God governs over them as their Creator.
- This is the principal difference between human beings and the rest of creation.

3. Realm of Direct Dominion



Direct dominion

- **One in heart with God**
- **Love and beauty**
- **Purpose of goodness**

Realm of direct dominion:
Realm of perfection

- What is the realm of God's direct dominion?
- Human beings abide in the realm of direct dominion when, as subject partners and object partners, they unite in the love of God to form a four position foundation and become one in heart with God. In this realm they freely and fully share love and beauty according to the will of the subject partner, thus realizing the purpose of goodness.
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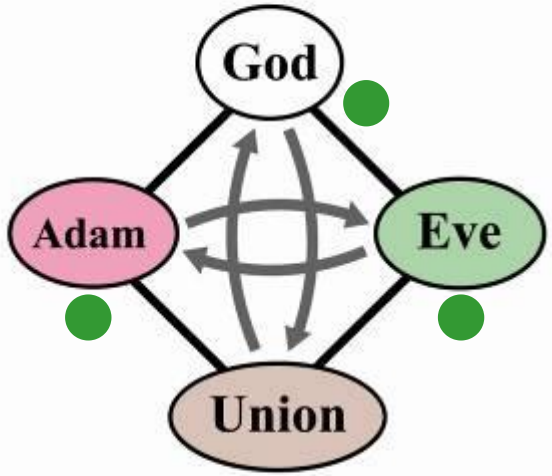
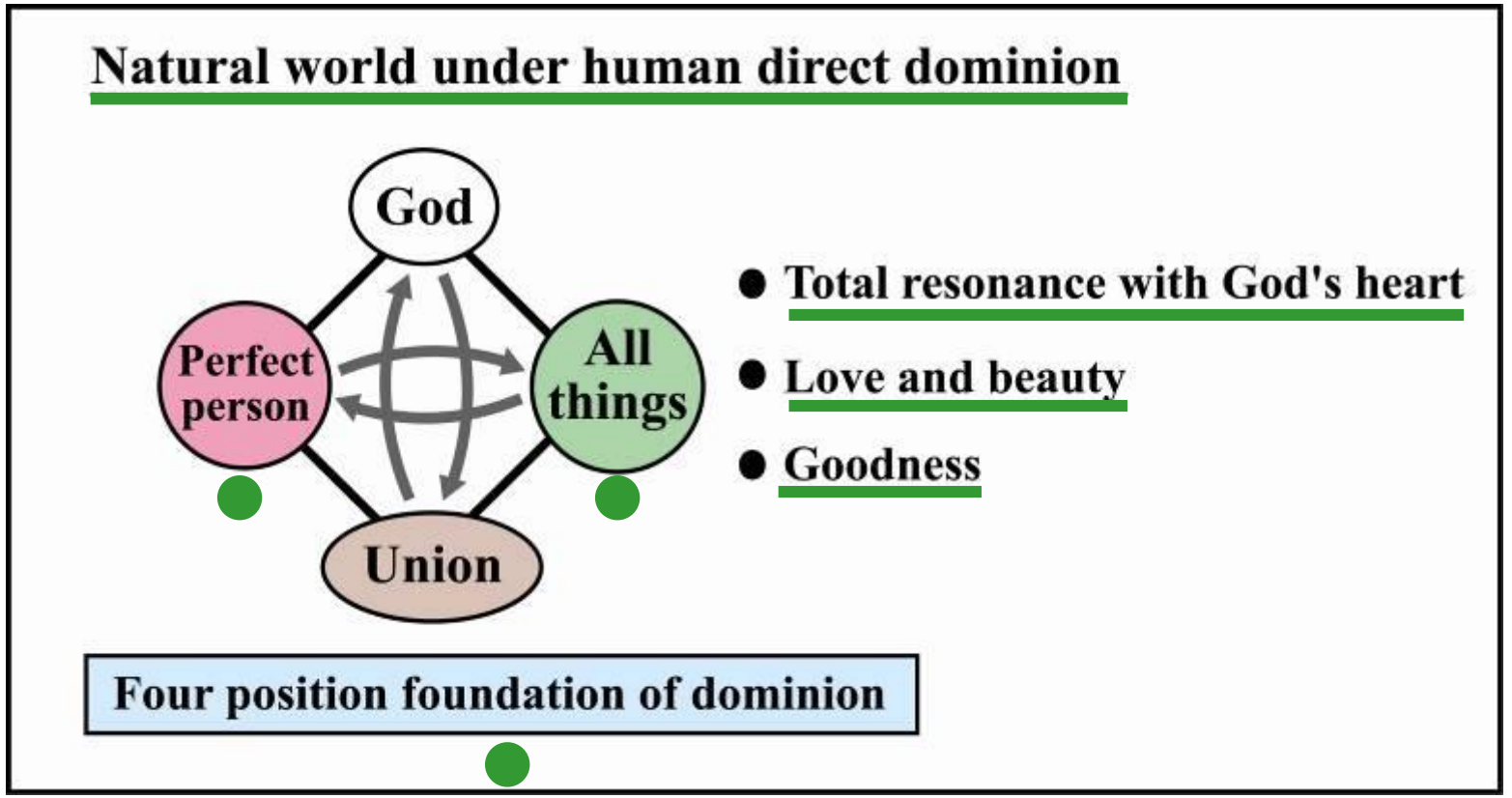
God's direct dominion over human beings



- Oneness with God's heart
- Life of goodness
- Love and beauty

Family four position foundation

- What is the meaning of God's direct dominion over human beings?
- Once Adam and Eve had perfected themselves as individuals centered on God, they were to live together as one, forming the four position foundation in their family. Living in oneness with God's Heart, they would have led a life of goodness, sharing the fullness of love and beauty with Adam as the head of the family.



- What will the world be like when the natural world abides under the direct dominion of human beings?
- When a fully mature person relates with the diverse things in nature as his object partners, they come together to form a four position foundation. People who are in total resonance with God's Heart will lead the natural world in the free-flowing sharing of love and beauty, and the entire universe will realize goodness. In such a manner, human beings will exercise direct dominion over all things.

Section 6

The Incorporeal World and the Corporeal World Whose Center is Human Beings

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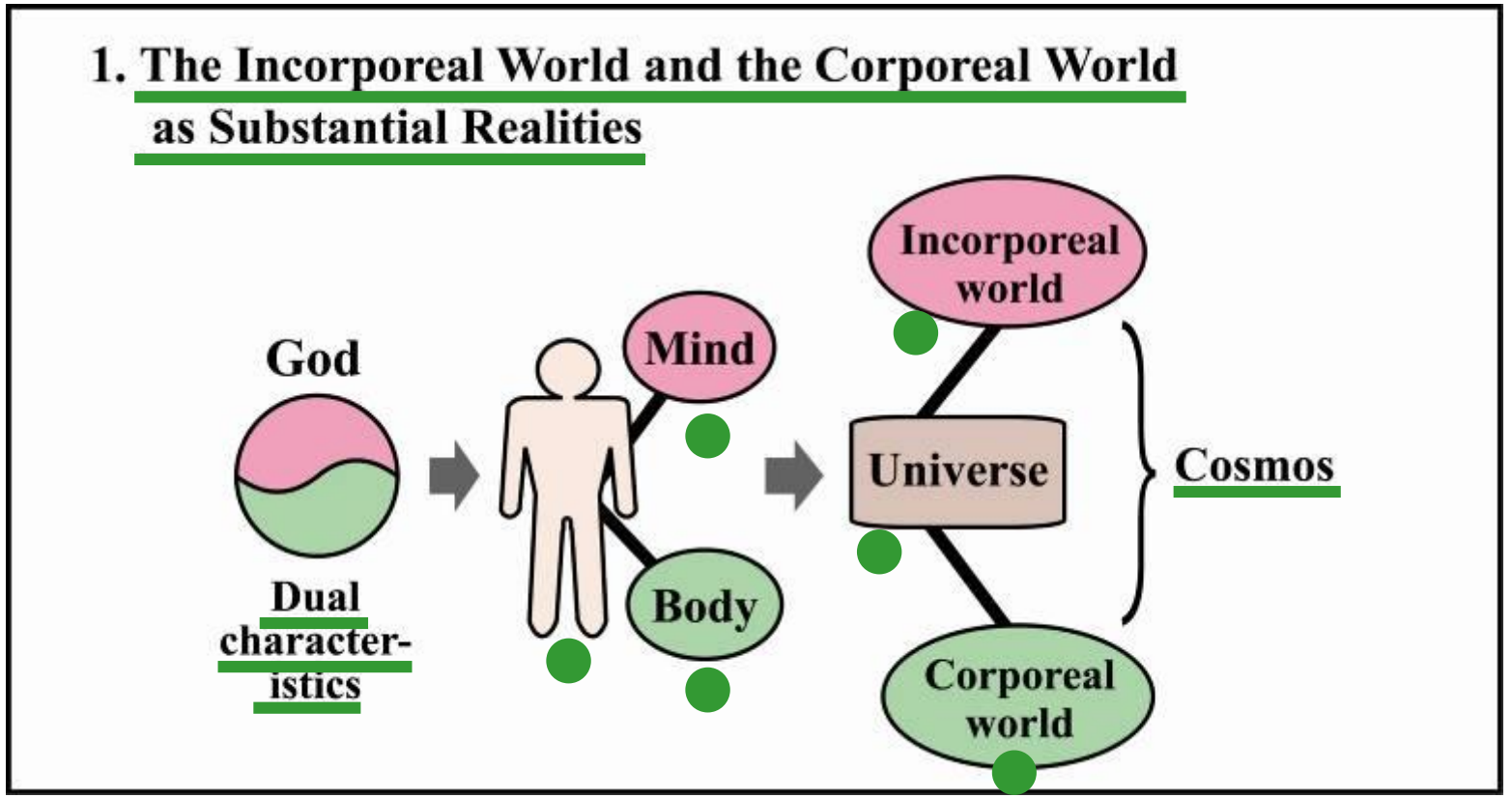
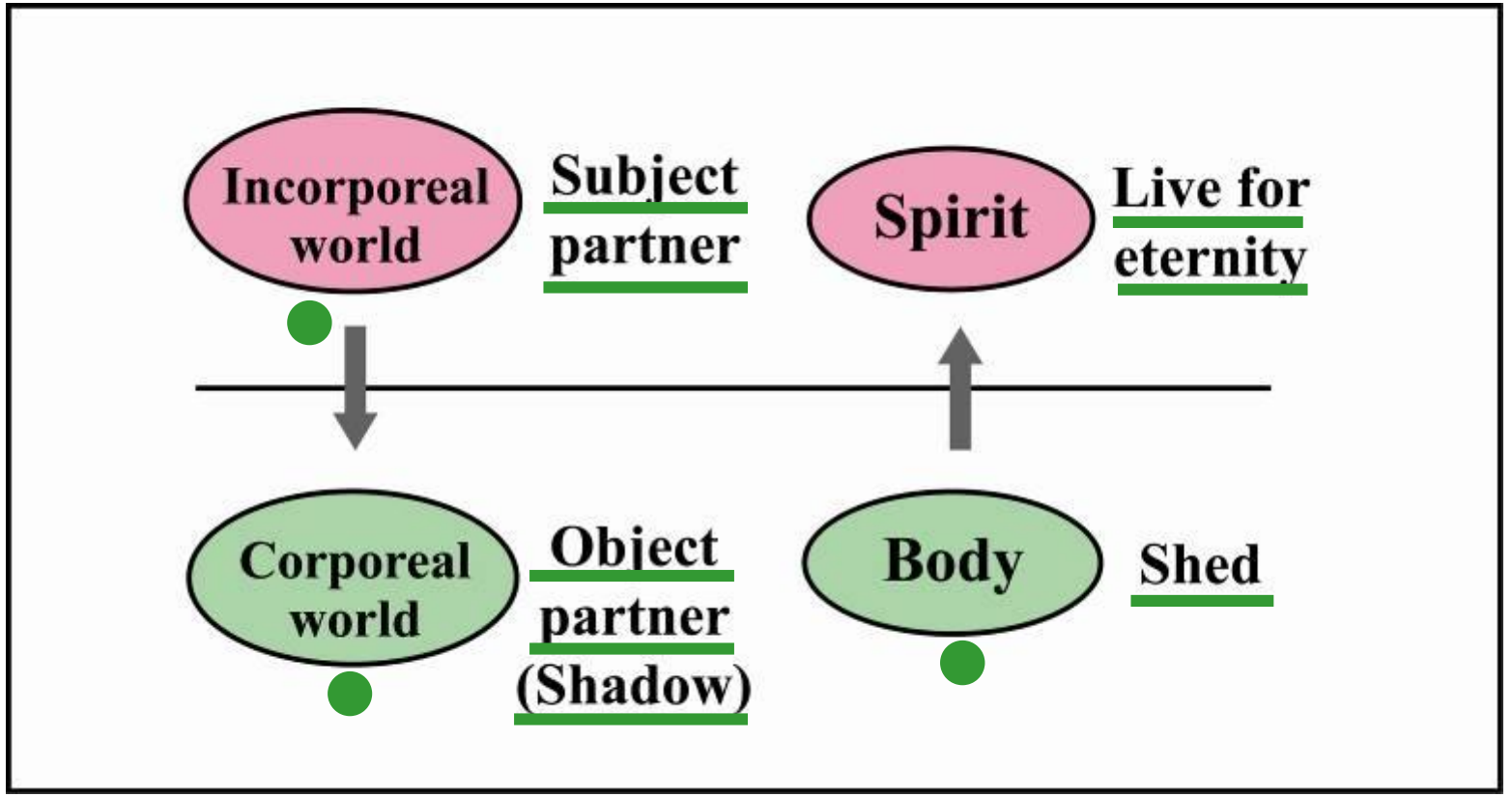


- The universe was created after the pattern of a human being, who is in the image of God's dual characteristics.
- Corresponding to the human mind and body, the universe consists of the incorporeal world (spirit world) and corporeal world (physical world), both of which are real and substantial.
- The incorporeal world is so called because we cannot perceive it through our five physical senses.
- The two worlds together form the cosmos.



- The incorporeal world is in the position of subject partner, and the corporeal world in that of object partner. The latter is like a shadow of the former.
- When we shed our physical bodies, we enter the incorporeal world as spirits and live there for eternity.

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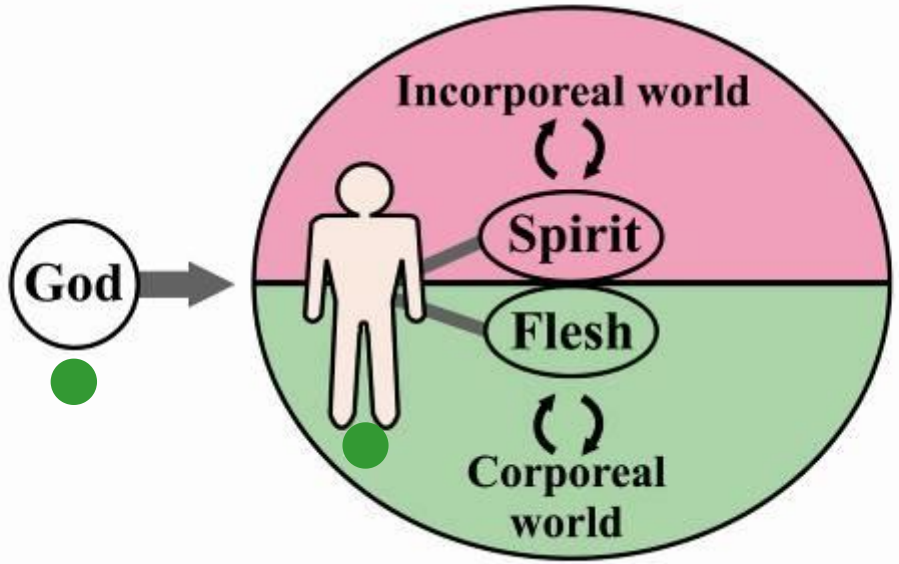

- First, God created human beings to be the rulers of the universe.
- The universe does not of itself have internal sensibility toward God. Hence, God does not govern the universe directly. Rather, God endowed human beings with sensibilities to all things in the universe and gave them the mandate to rule over the universe directly.

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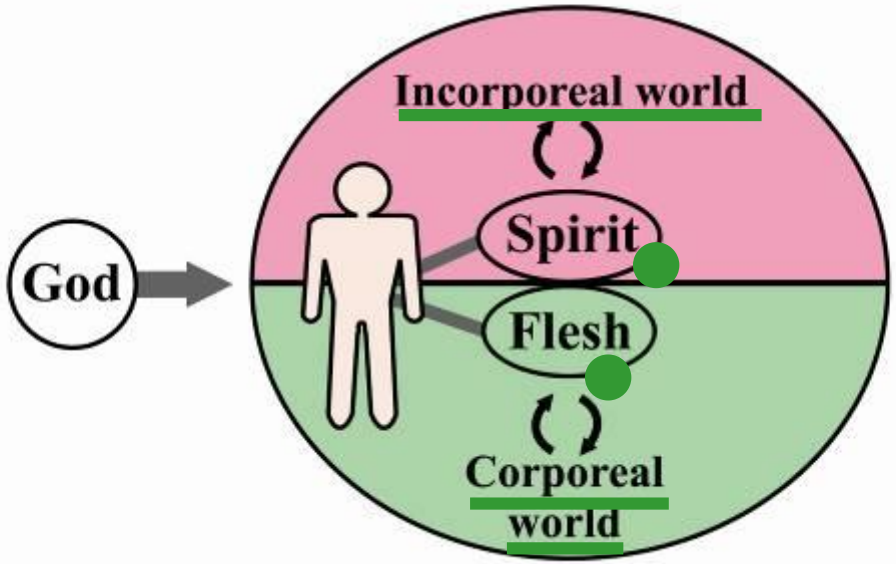

- Human beings, composed of flesh, which can dominate the corporeal world, and spirit, which can dominate the incorporeal world, likewise have the potential to rule both worlds.

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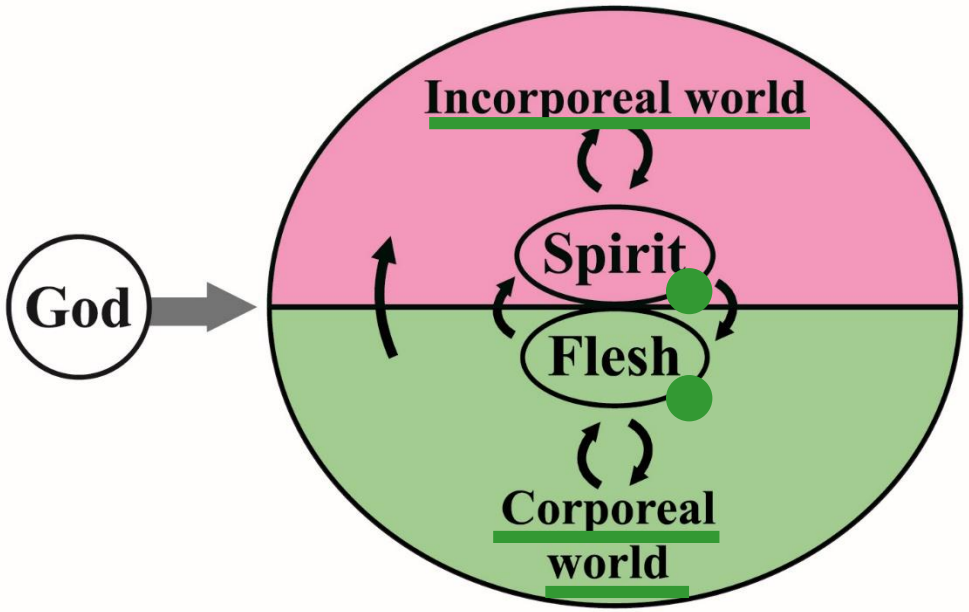

- Second, God created human beings to be the mediator and the center of harmony of the cosmos.
- When a person's flesh and spirit unite through give and take action and become God's substantial object partner, the corporeal and incorporeal worlds can also begin give and take action with that person as their center. They thus achieve harmonious integration to construct a cosmos that is responsive to God.

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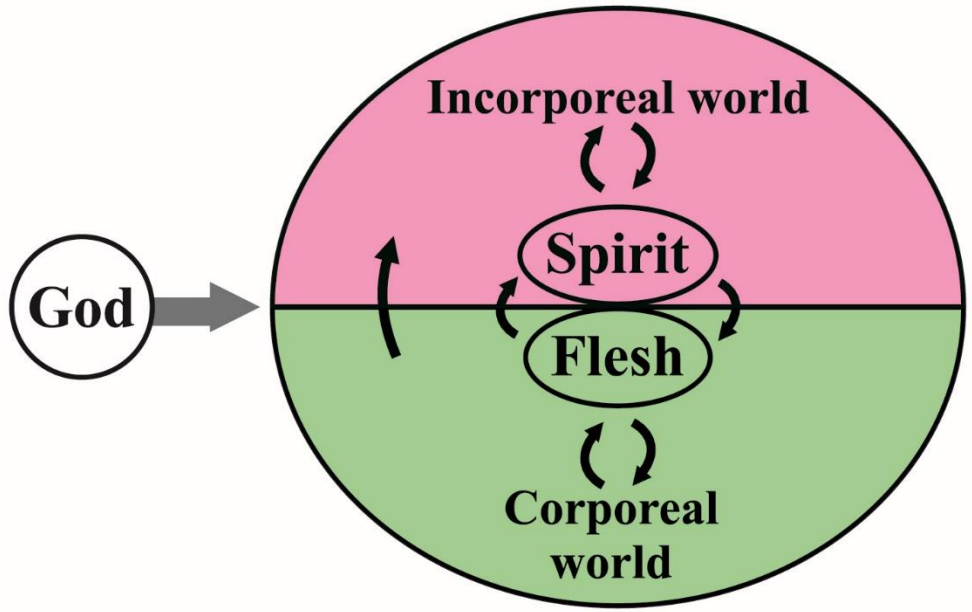

- A true person acts as the mediator and center of harmony between the two worlds.

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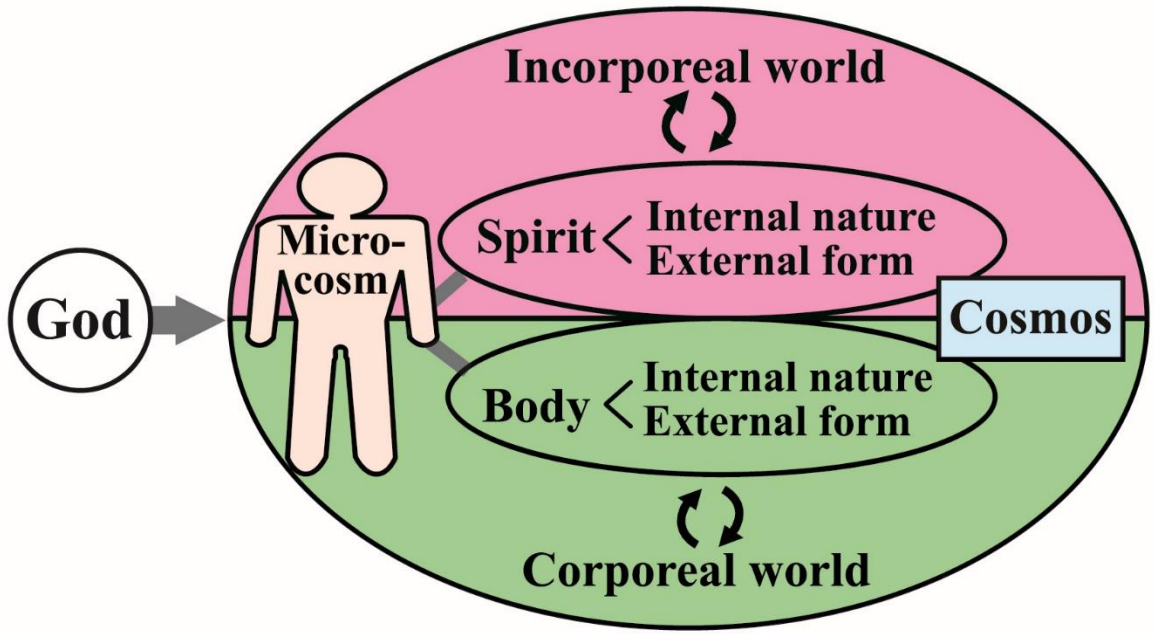

- Third, God created human beings to encapsulate in a substantial form the essences of everything in the cosmos.
- God created the universe by projecting and developing the pre-existent prototype of the human internal nature and external form into countless substantial forms.

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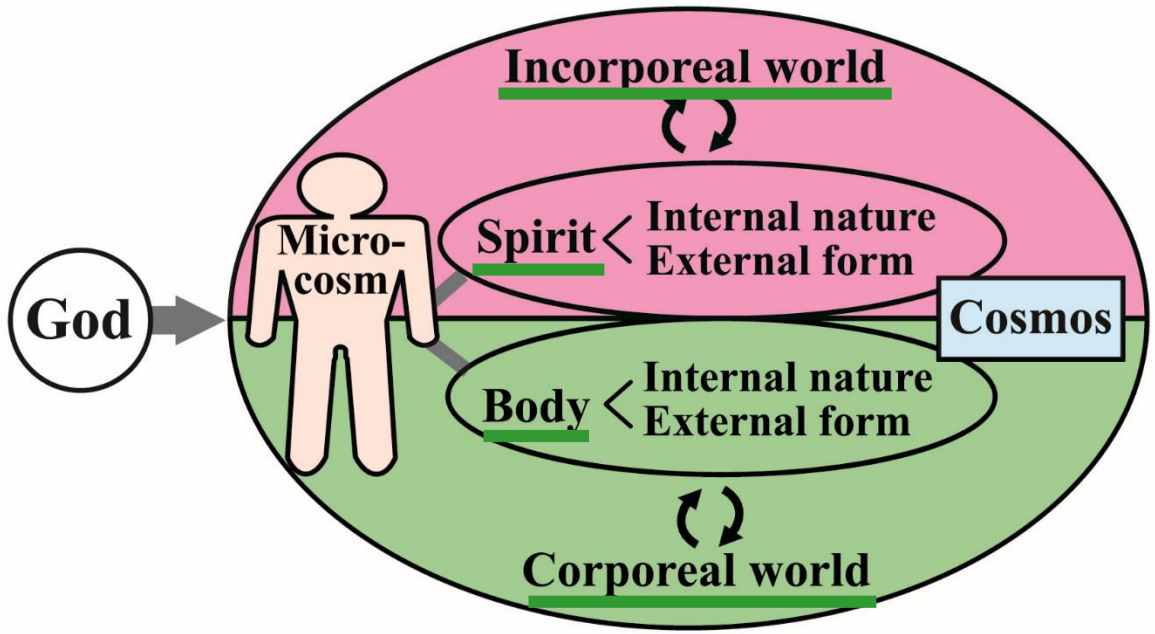

- The human spirit encapsulates all of the elements found in the incorporeal world, since God created the spirit world as the unfolding of the spirit's internal nature and external form.
- The human body encapsulates all the elements of the corporeal world, since God created the material realm as the unfolding of the body's internal nature and external form.

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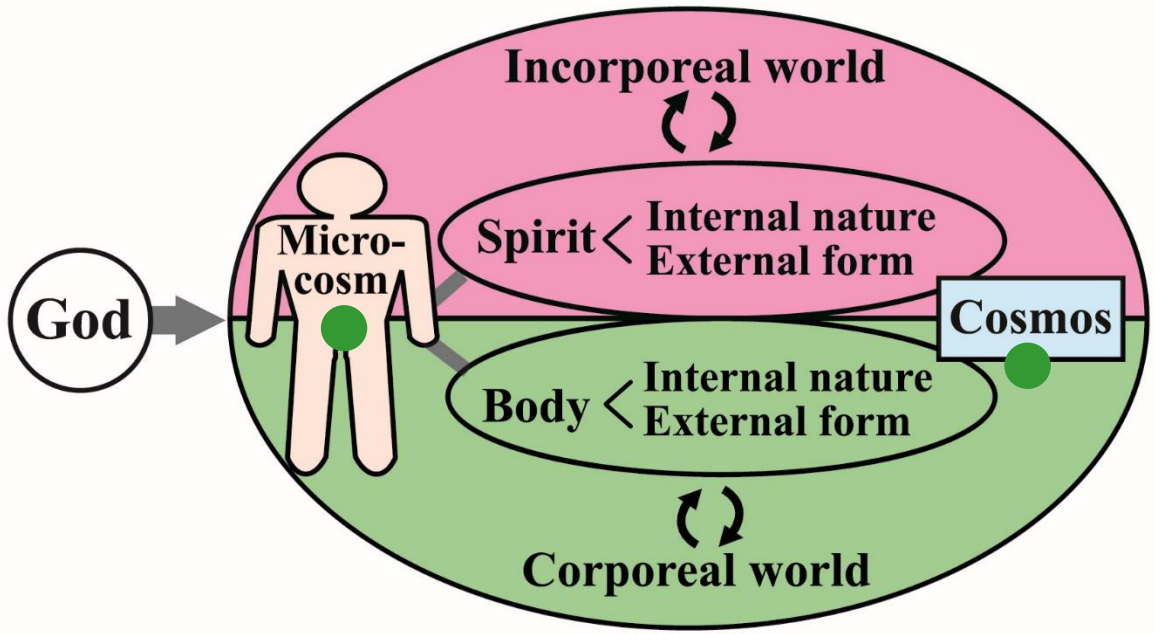

- Accordingly, since human beings contain within themselves the essences of all things in the cosmos, each person is a micrososm.

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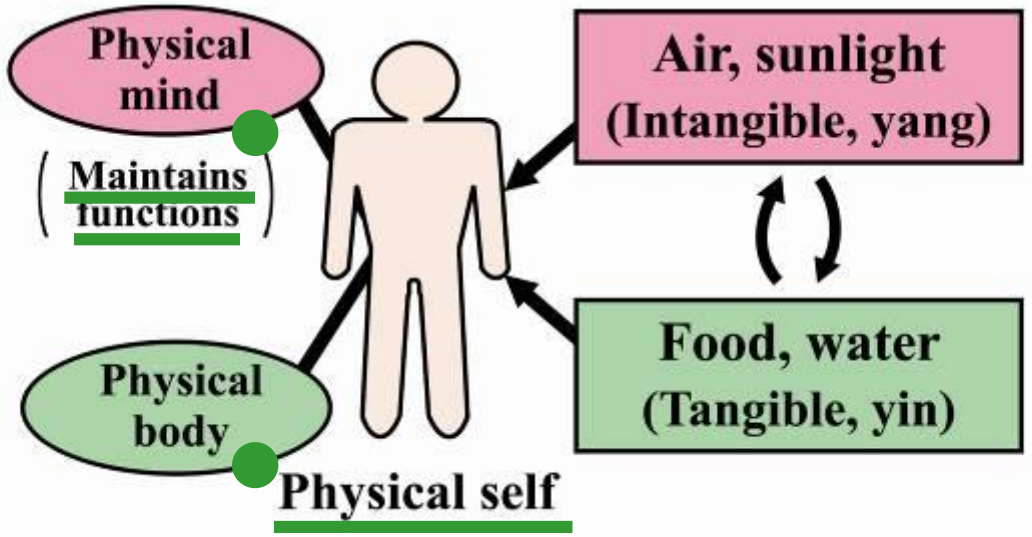

- The physical self consists of the dual characteristics of the physical mind (subject partner) and the physical body (object partner).
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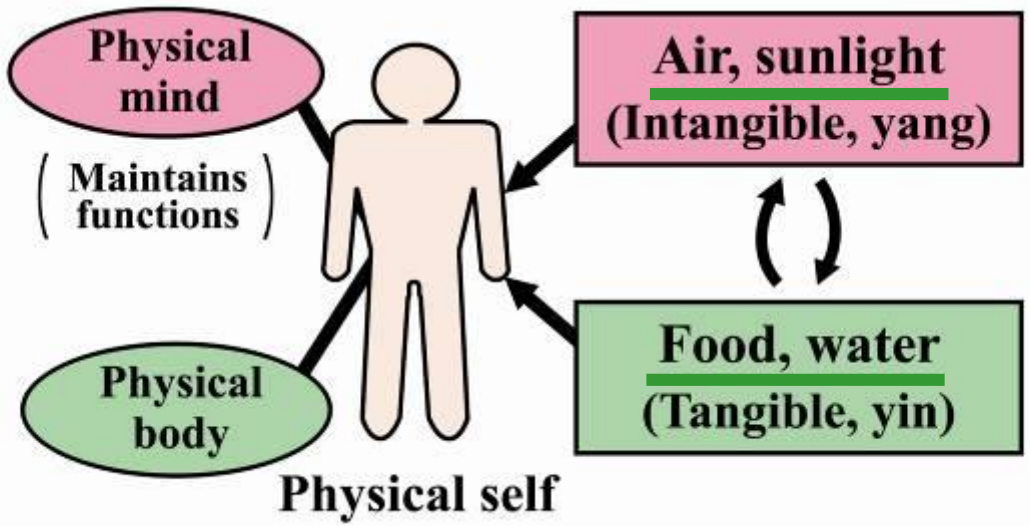
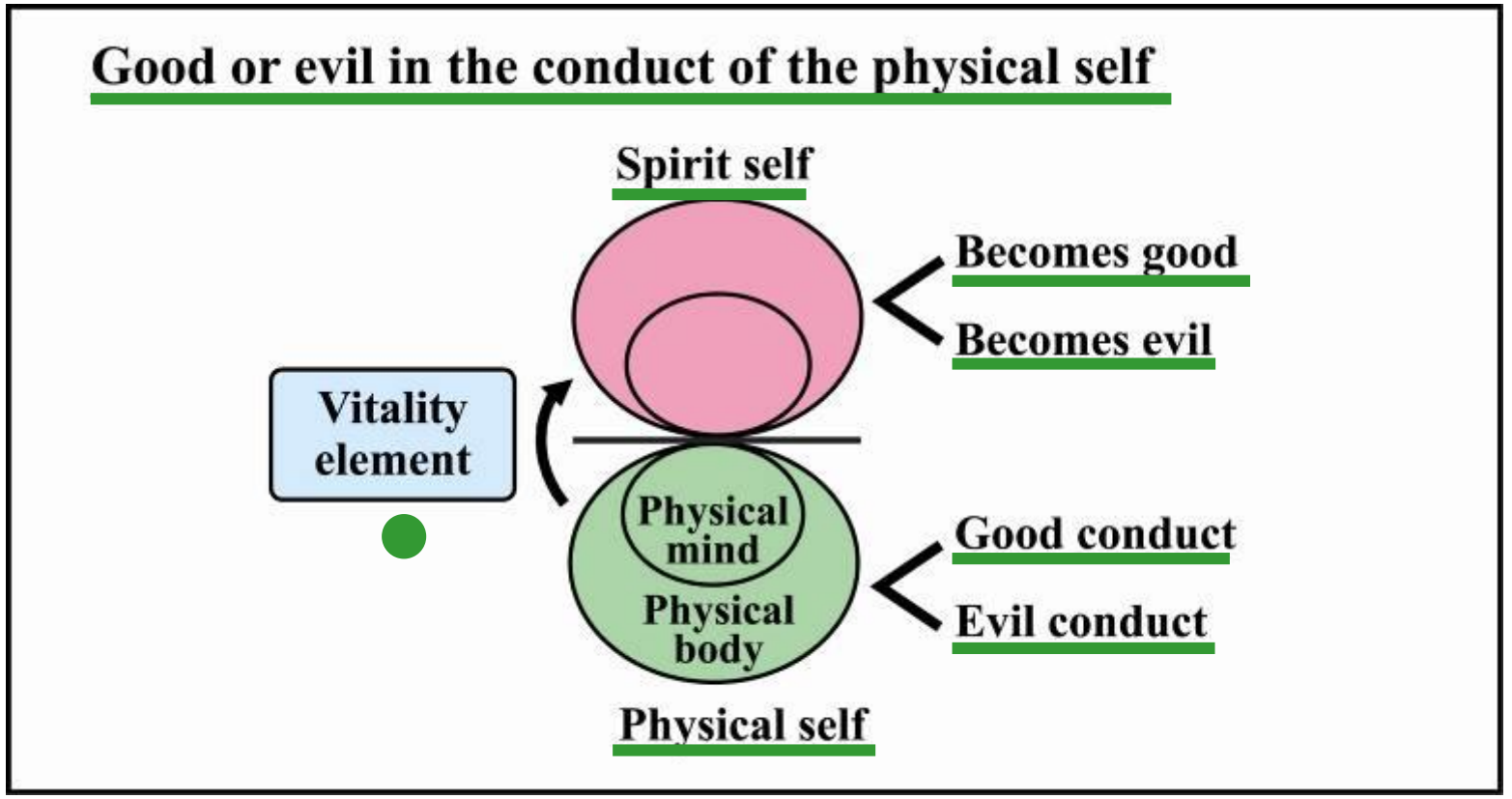
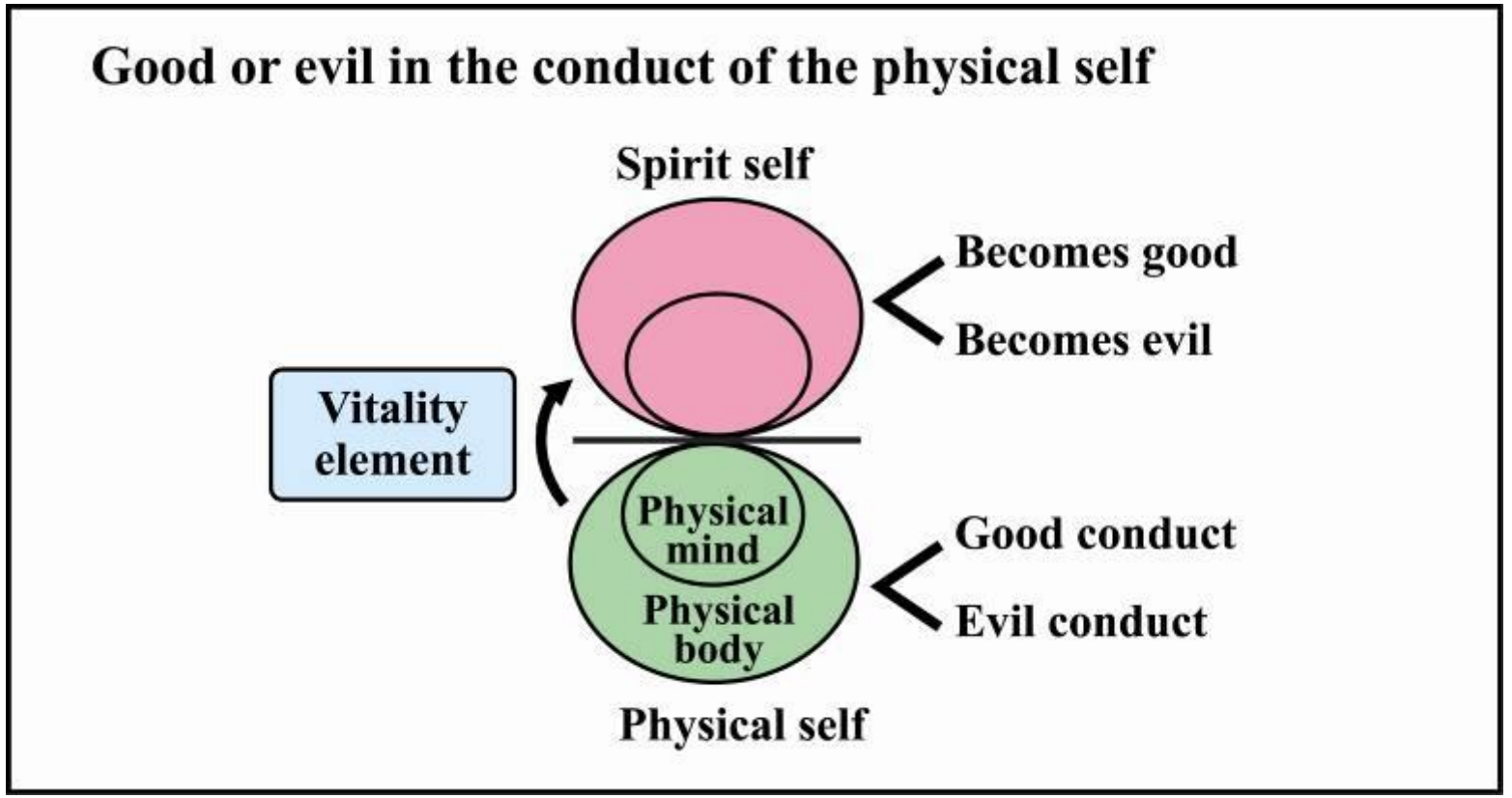


- For the physical self to grow in good health, it must absorb air and sunlight, which are intangible, yang types of nourishment, and eat and drink food and water, which are tangible, yin types of nourishment. The body has give and take with this nourishment through its digestive and circulatory systems.



- Good or evil in the conduct of the physical self is the main determinant of whether the spirit self becomes good or evil.
- This is because the physical self provides a certain element, which we call the vitality element, to the spirit self.



- In our everyday experience, our mind rejoices when our physical self performs good deeds but feels anxiety after evil conduct. This is because vitality elements, which can be good or evil according to the deeds of the physical self, are infused into our spirit self.

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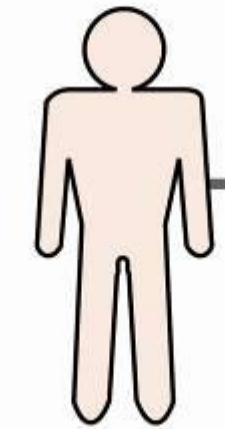

Spirit self

- **Substantial yet incorporeal reality**
- **Only through spiritual senses**
- **S.P. to the physical self**
- **Communicates directly with God**
- **Matches physical self in appearance**
- **Lives in spirit world for eternity**

We desire eternal life

- Our spirit self, or spirit, is a substantial yet incorporeal reality which can be apprehended only through the spiritual senses. It is the subject partner to our physical self. Our spirit can communicate directly with God and is meant to govern the incorporeal world, including the angels.

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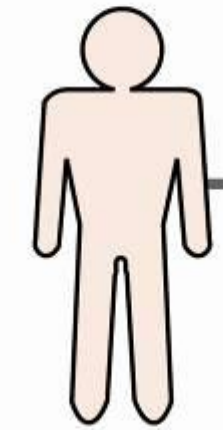

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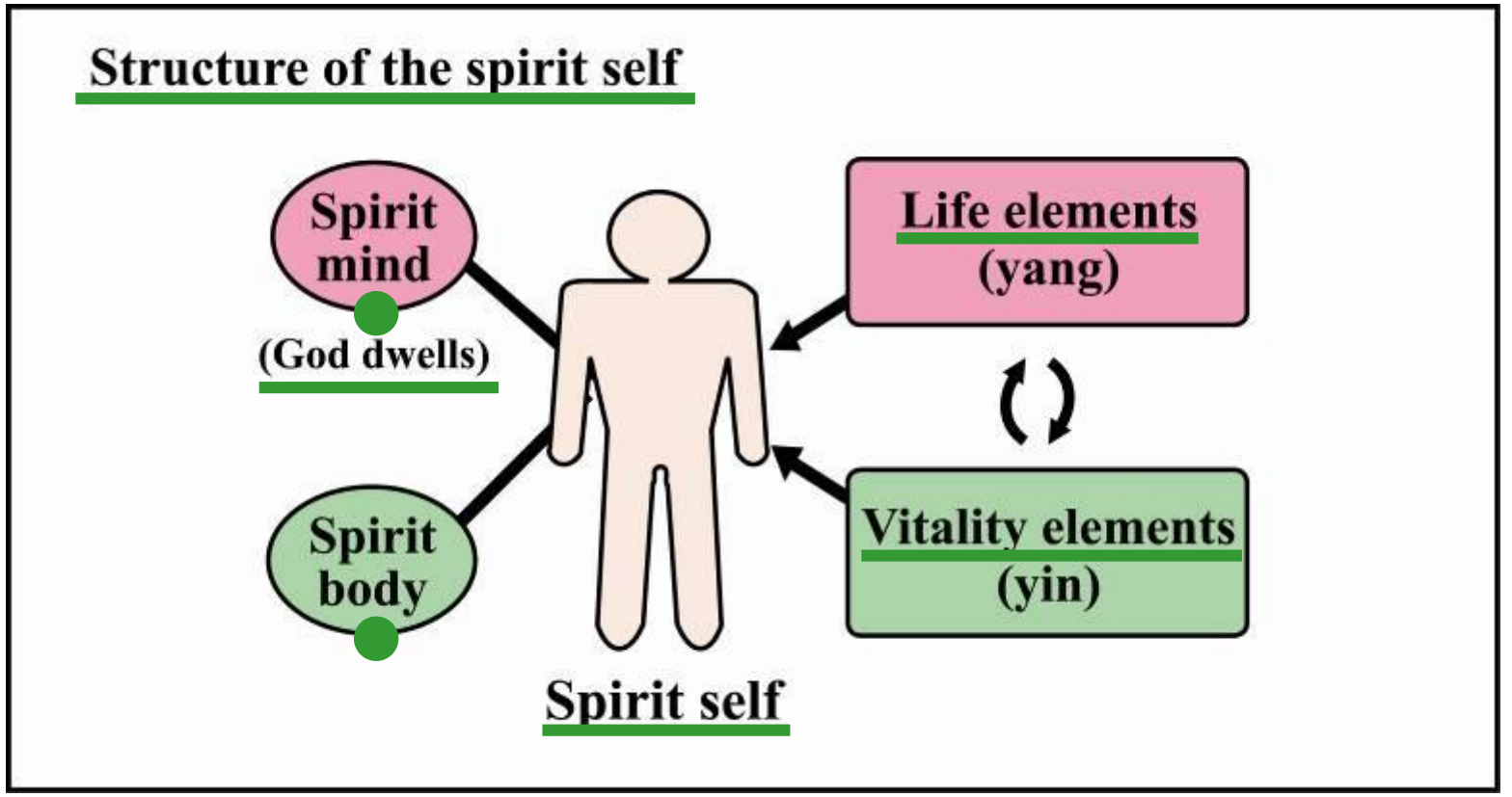
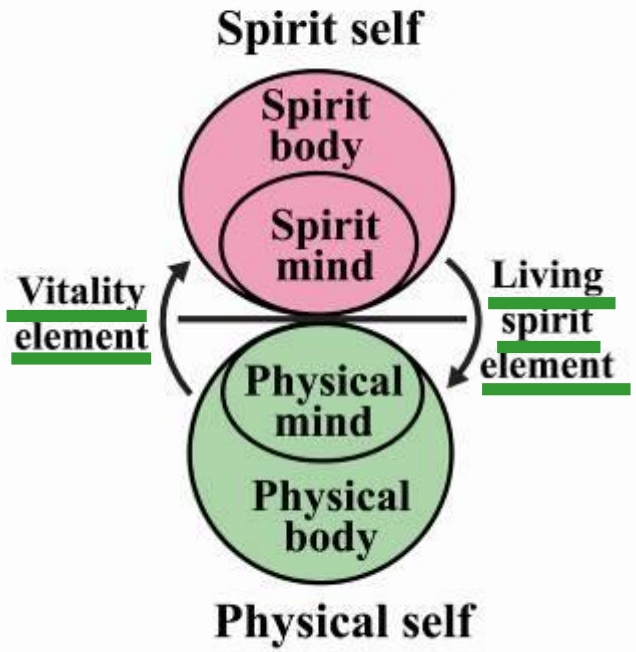
- The reason we desire an eternal life is because our innermost self is the spirit self which has an eternal nature.



- Our spirit self consists of the dual characteristics of spirit mind (subject partner) and spirit body (object partner.)
- The spirit mind is the center of the spirit self, and it is where God dwells.
- The spirit grows through give and take action between the two types of nourishment: life elements of a yang type from God, and vitality elements of a yin type from the physical self.

Relationship between the physical self and the spirit self



- Spirit grows only while in the flesh
- Tree and its fruit
- When physical mind obeys spirit mind, physical self becomes wholesome, spirit self grows properly

- The spirit self not only receives vitality elements from the physical self; it also returns an element to the physical self which we call the living spirit element.
- The spirit can grow only while it abides in the flesh. Thus, the relationship between the physical self and the spirit self is similar to that between a tree and its fruit.

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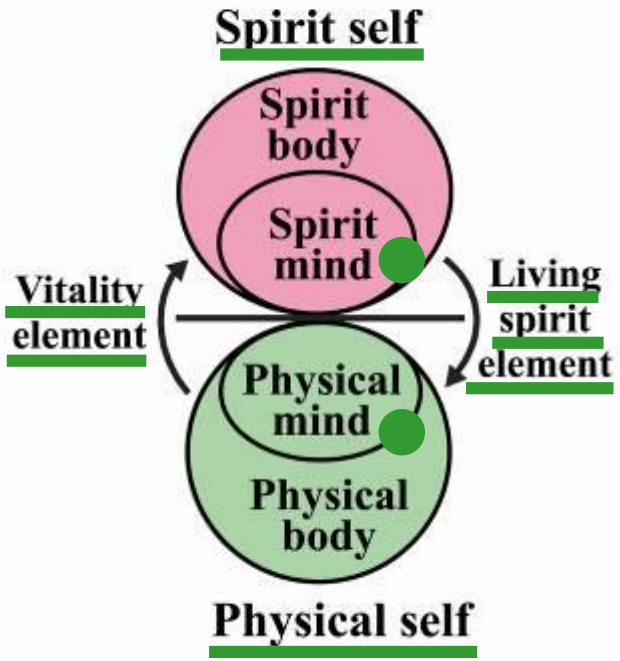

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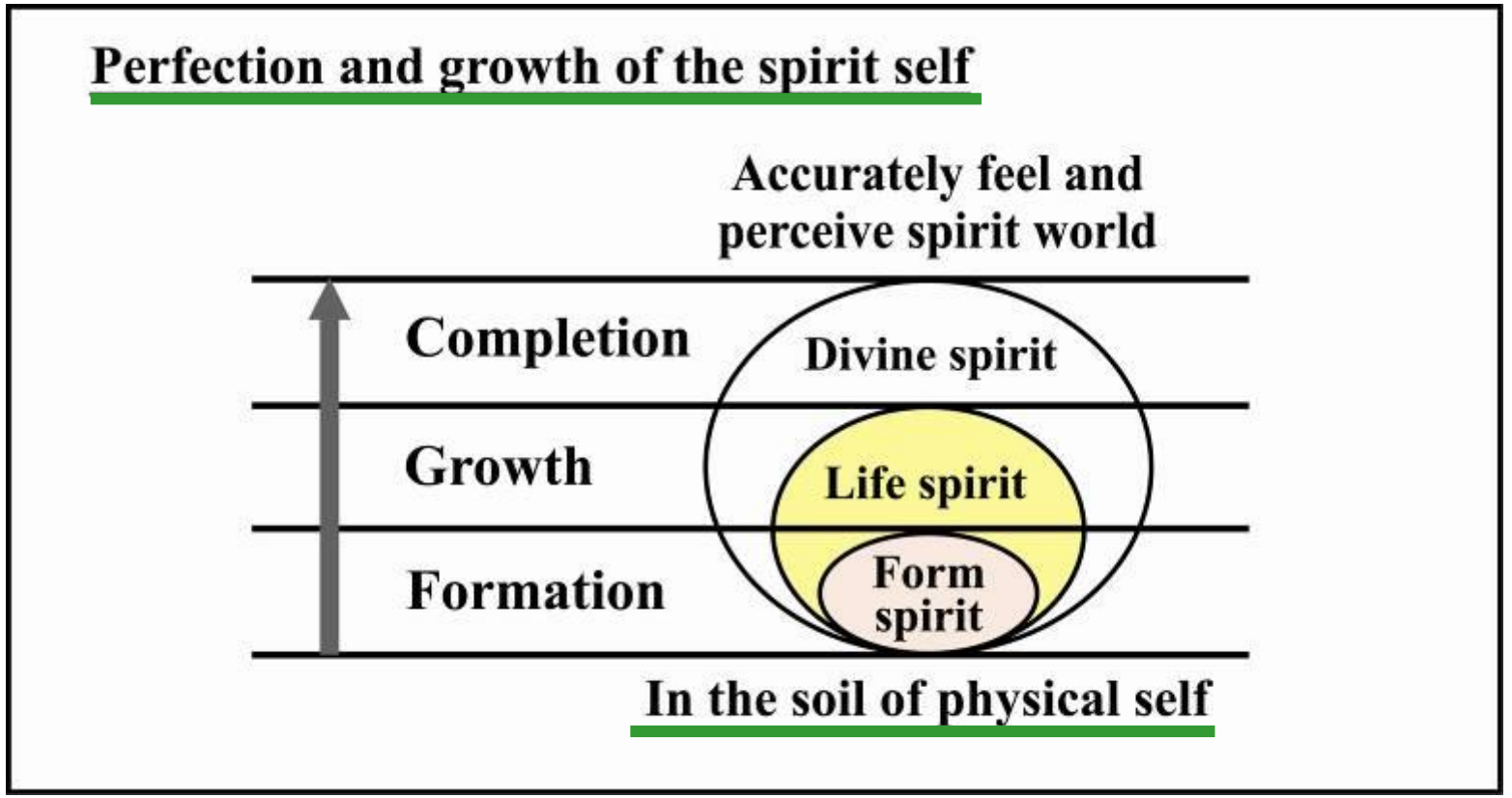
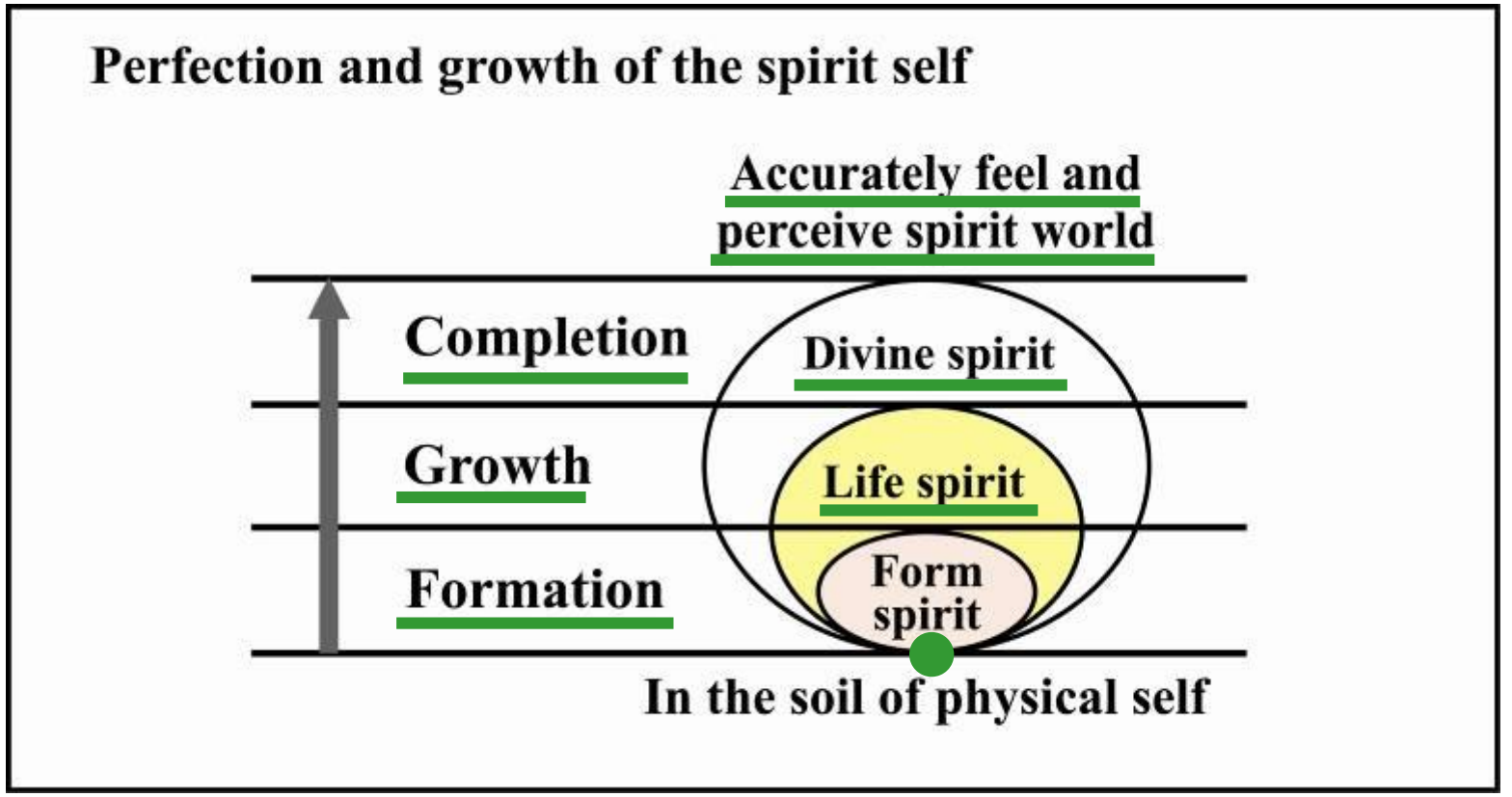
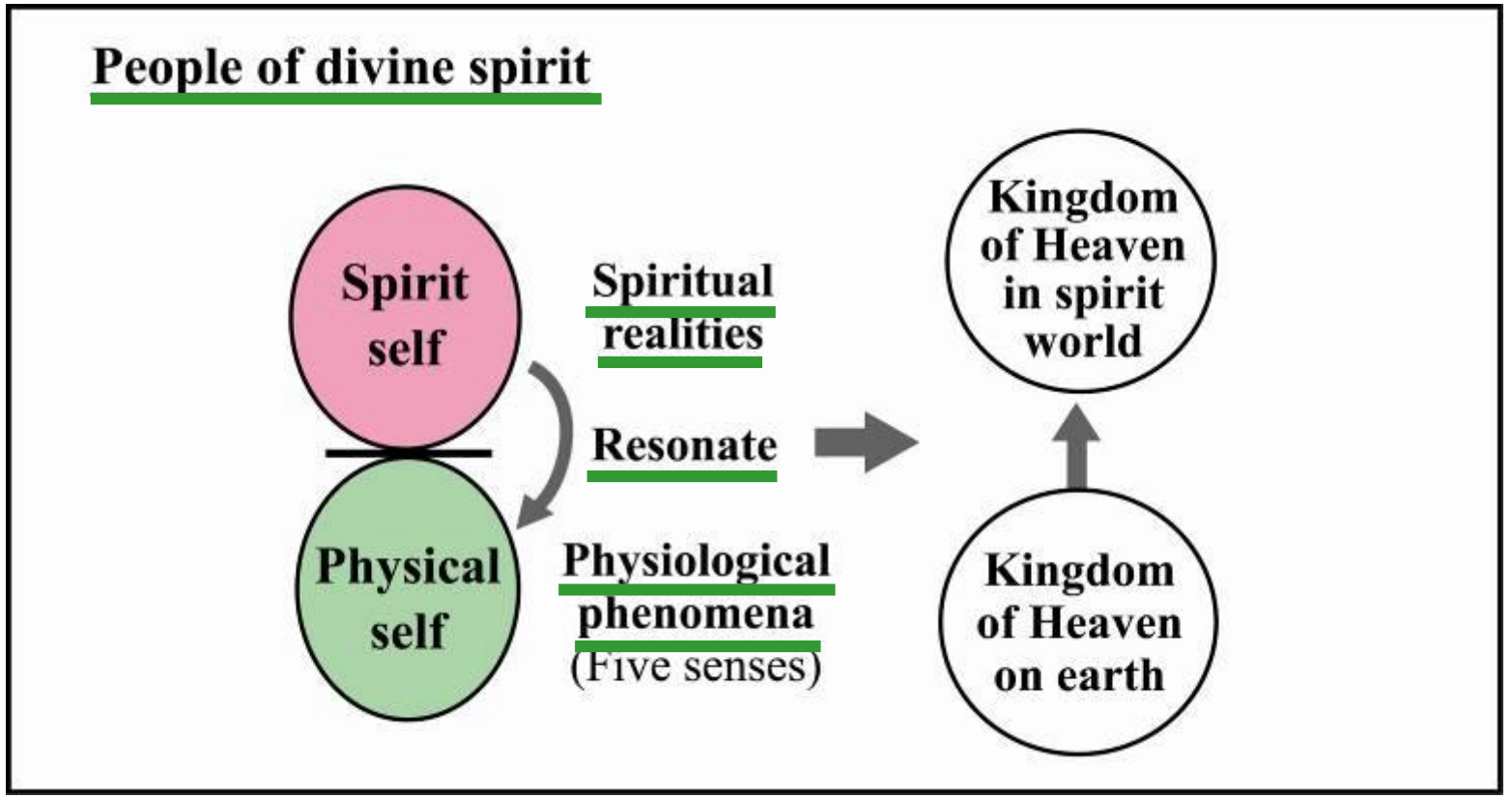
- When the physical mind obeys the spirit mind and the physical self acts according to the good purpose of the spirit mind, the physical self receives living spirit elements from the spirit self and becomes wholesome. In return, the physical self provides good vitality elements to the spirit self, which enable the spirit self to grow properly.
- Truth illuminates the innermost desires of the spirit mind.



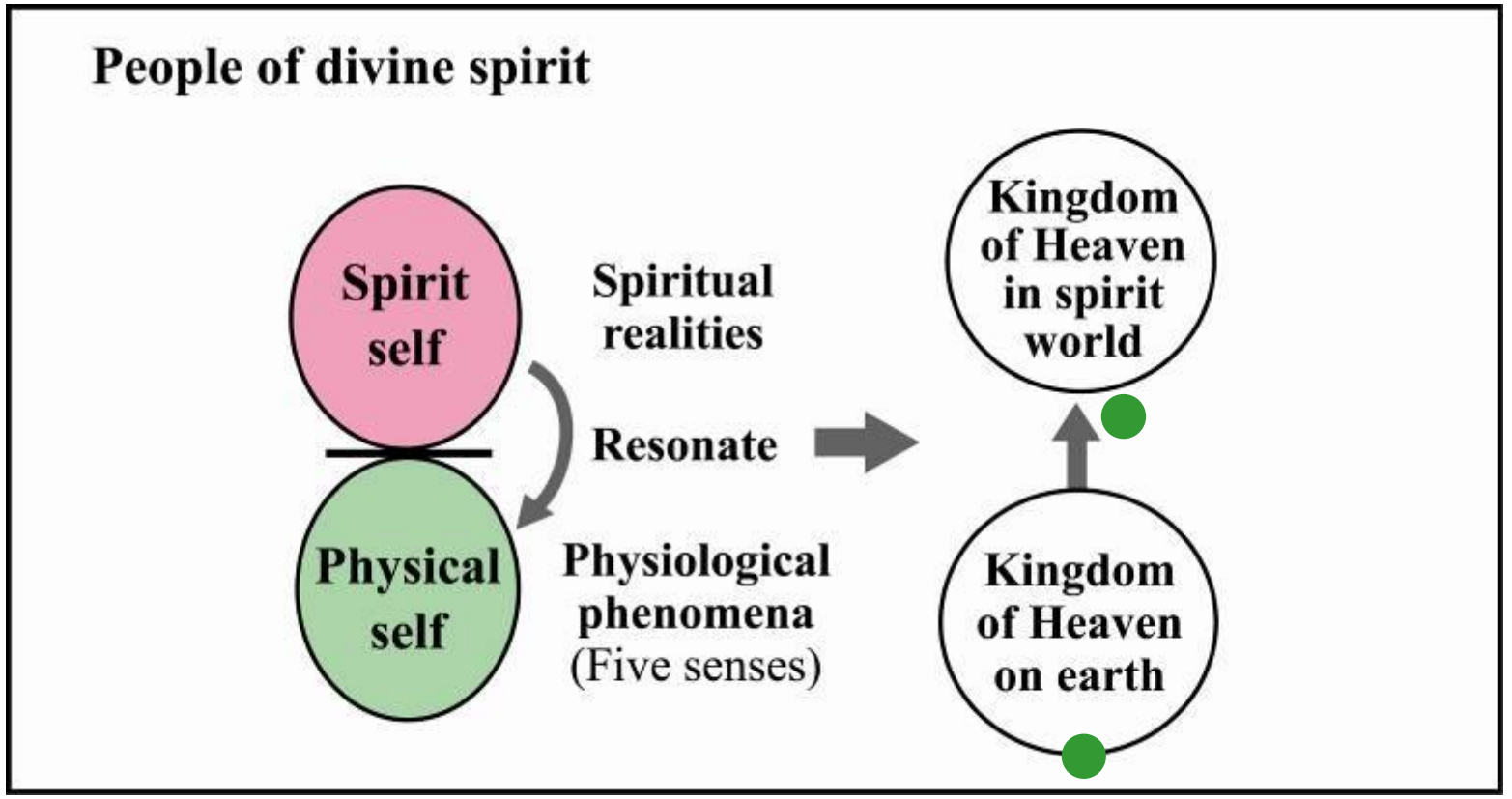
- The spirit self can attain perfection only during a person's earthly life.
- The spirit mind guides the spirit self as it grows in the soil of the physical self. The growth of the spirit self towards perfection progresses through the three orderly stages ordained by the Principle of Creation.



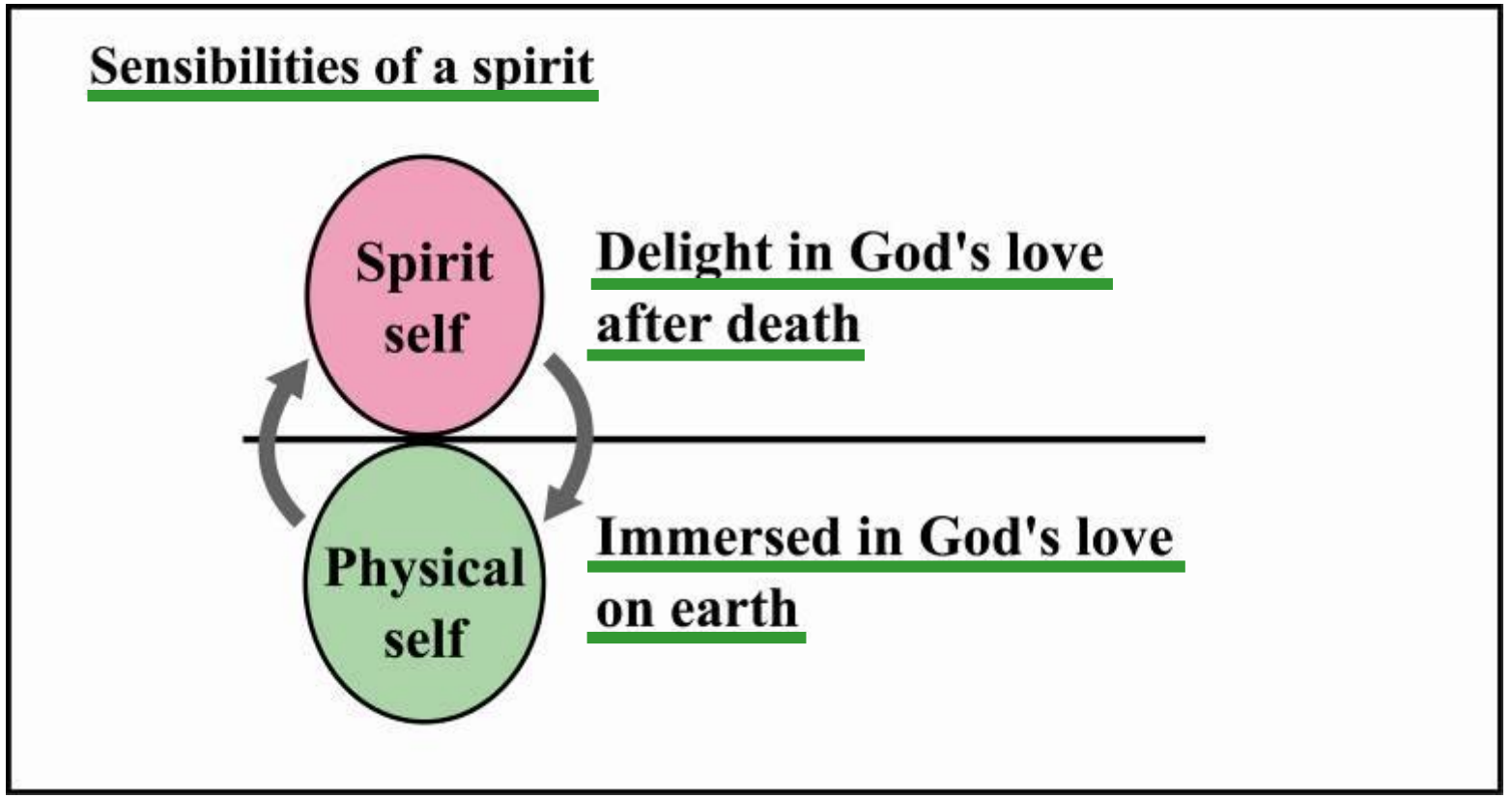
- A spirit in the formation stage of life is called a form spirit; in the growth stage, a life spirit; and in the completion stage, a divine spirit.
- A spirit fully matures as a divine spirit when the person's spirit self and physical self unite through perfect give and take action centered on God and form the four position foundation. A divine spirit can accurately feel and perceive every reality in the spirit world.



- As these spiritual realities resonate through the physical self and manifest themselves as physiological phenomena, they can be recognized through the five senses.



- People of divine spirit, who thus resonate with the spirit world, build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. When they shed their physical bodies, they will make a smooth transition into the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world. For this reason, the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven will be realized only after the Kingdom of Heaven on earth has been established.



- All the sensibilities of a spirit are cultivated through the reciprocal relationship with the physical self during earthly life.
- Therefore, only when a person reaches perfection and is totally immersed in the love of God while on earth can he fully delight in the love of God as a spirit after his death.

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- **Saved** (good life on earth)

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- All the qualities of the spirit self are developed while it abides in the physical self: Sinful conduct during earthly life aggravates evil and ugliness in the spirit of a fallen person, while the redemption of sins granted during earthly life opens the way for his spirit to become good.
- This was the reason Jesus had to come to the earth in the flesh to save sinful humanity. We must lead a good life while we are on the earth.

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- In Matthew 16:19, Jesus gave the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven to Peter, who remained on the earth, and in Matthew 18:18, he said, "whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven," because the primary objective of the providence of restoration must be carried out on earth.

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- It is not God who decides whether a person's spirit enters heaven or hell upon his death; it is decided by the spirit himself.
- Humans are created so that once they reach perfection they will fully breathe the love of God. Those who committed sinful deeds while on earth become crippled spirits who are incapable of fully breathing in the love of God. They find it agonizing to stand before God, the center of true love, and choose to dwell in hell of their own will.

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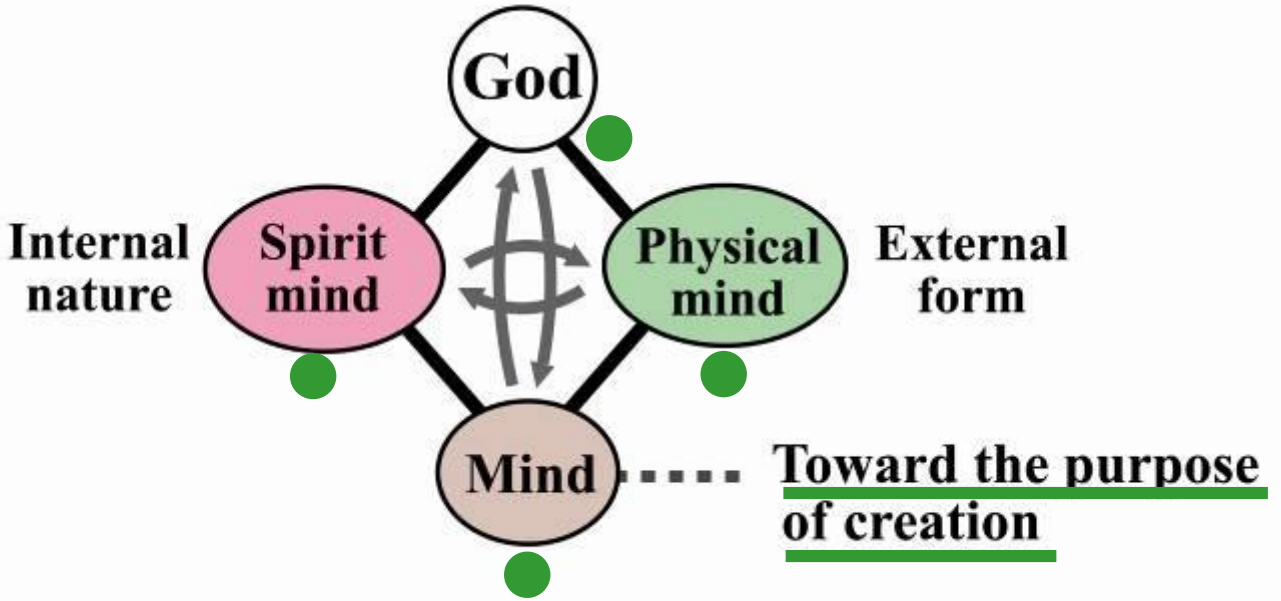
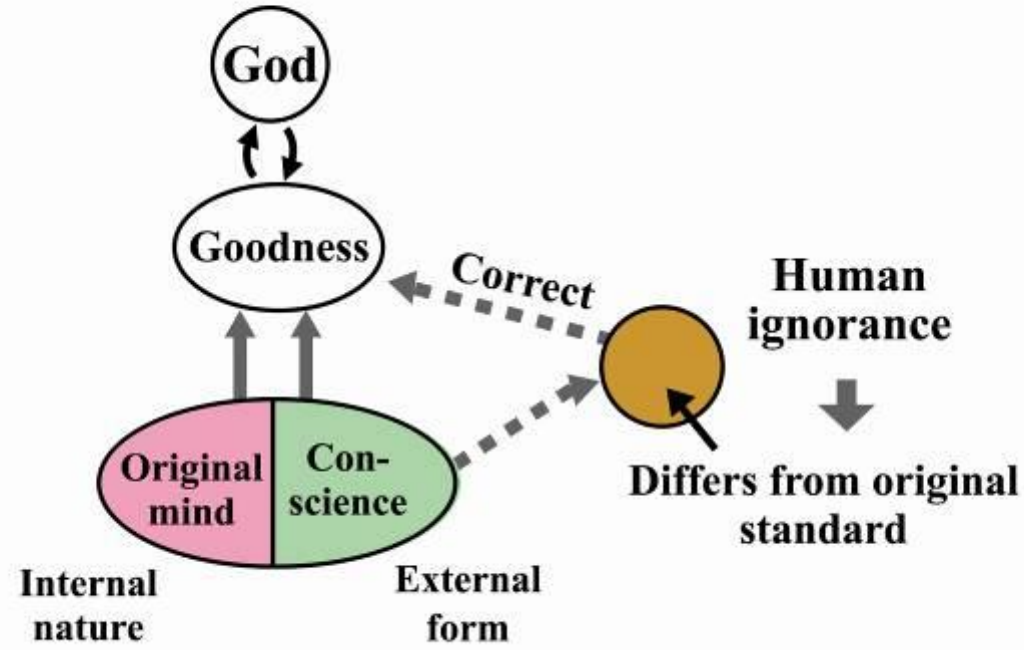
- Since the human spirit can grow only in the soil of the physical self, the multiplication of human spirits takes place at the same time that the multiplication of physical selves occurs: during earthly life.

3. The Spirit Mind, the Physical Mind and Their Relationship in the Human Mind

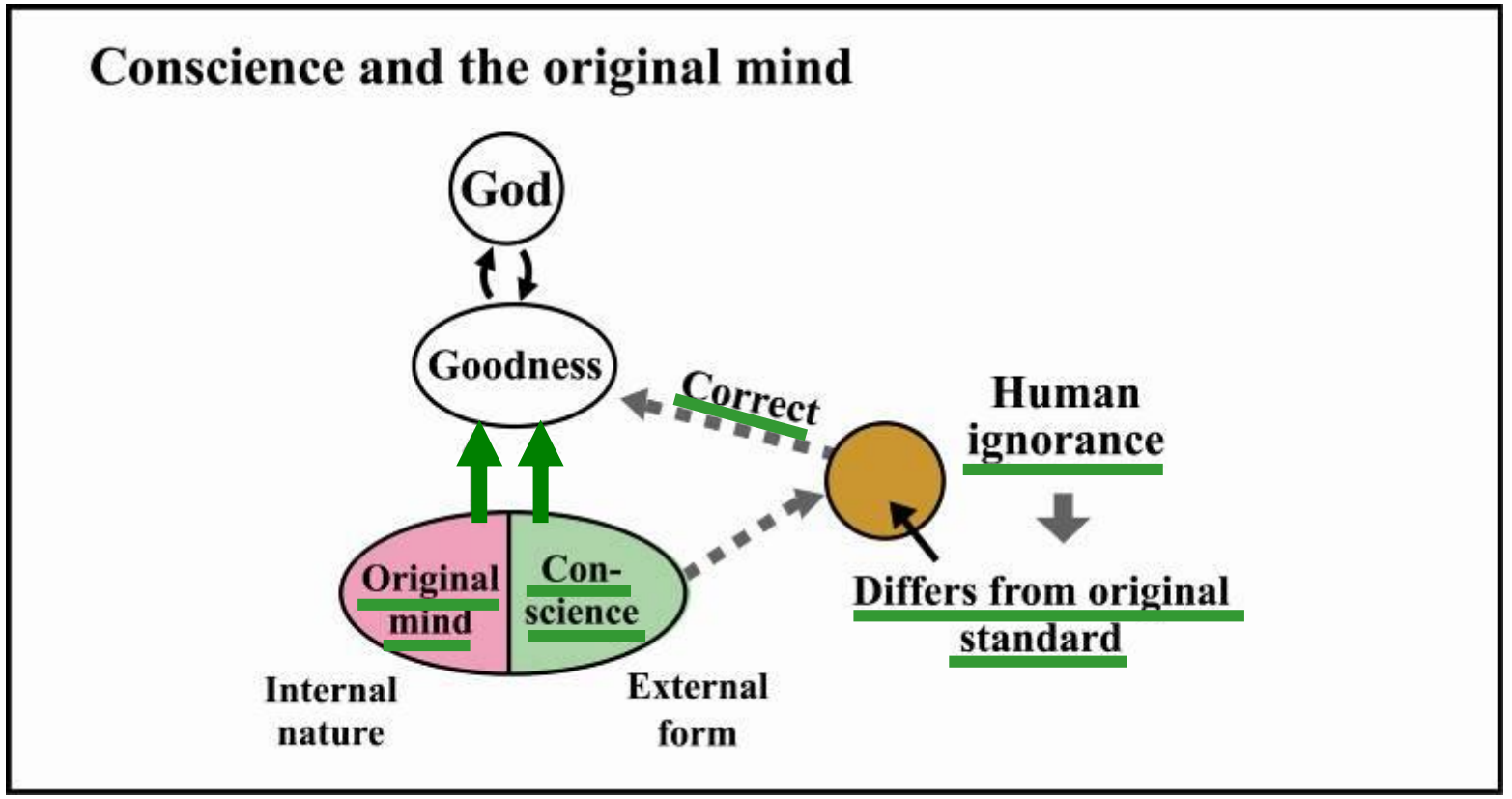


- The relationship between the spirit mind and the physical mind is like that between internal nature and external form. When they become one through give and take action with God as their center, they form a united functioning entity which guides the spirit self and physical self to become harmonious and progress toward the purpose of creation. This united entity is the mind of a human being.

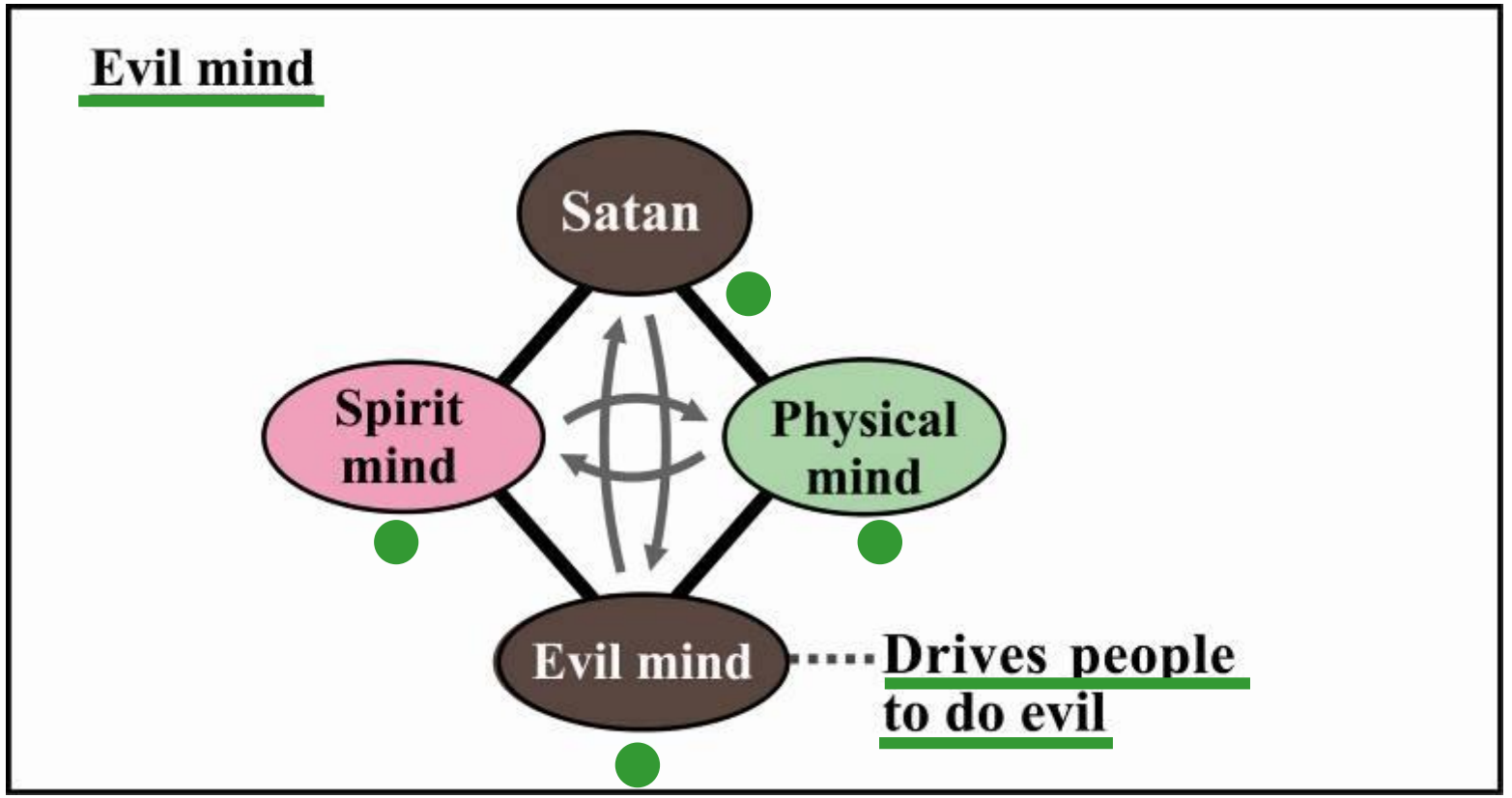
Conscience and the original mind



- The conscience is that faculty of the human mind which, by virtue of its inborn nature, always directs us toward what we think is good.
- However, as the standard of goodness in fallen human beings varies, the standard of their conscience also fluctuates; this causes frequent contention even among those who advocate a conscientious life.



- The original mind is that faculty of the human mind which pursues absolute goodness. The original mind relates to the conscience as internal nature to external form.
- A person's conscience directs him to pursue goodness according to the standard he has set up in ignorance, even though it may differ from the original standard. However, the original mind repels this faulty standard and works to correct the conscience.



- As long as our spirit mind and physical mind are under the bondage of Satan, the functioning entity they form through their give and take action is called the evil mind. The evil mind continually drives people to do evil.
- Our original mind and conscience direct us to repel the evil mind. They guide us in desperate efforts to reject evil desires and cling to goodness by breaking our ties with Satan and turning to face God.