

Resurrection

Introduction

If we accept the prophecies of the Holy Scripture literally, we have no choice but to expect that when Jesus returns, the bodies of all the saints who have already died, who were buried and whose flesh has decomposed, will come back to life with their bodies reconstituted to their original state (I Thess. 4:16, Matt. 27:52).

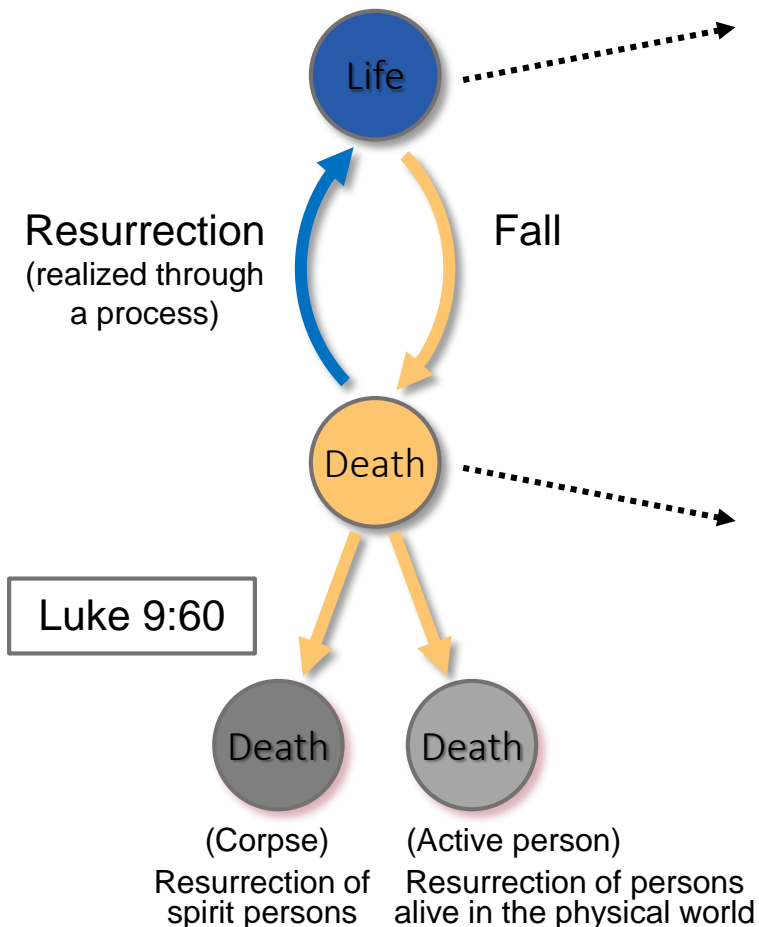
Do we have to believe in these prophecies literally? To answer this question, we must first of all examine the true meaning of resurrection.

1. The Meaning of Resurrection

1) General View of Life and Death

{ Life = The functions of the physical body are active.
Death = The functions of the physical body cease;
the body becomes a corpse.

2) The Scriptural Concept of Life and Death



One in heart with God (*Shimjung ilche*)

(God's love is the source of life,
state of dwelling within God's true love)

{ John 11:25 'he who believes in me – shall live,
whoever lives and believes in me – shall never die'
John 5:24 "he who believes has – eternal life"
(he who hears my word and believes in him who sent me)

State where the *shimjung* relationship with God has been severed

(Departed from the realm of God's love,
State of dwelling under Satan's sovereignty,
where true love is unavailable)

{ Rev 3:1 'name of being alive – but dead'
I John 3:14 'he who does not love – abides in death'
Rom 6:23 'wages of sin – death'
Rom 8:6 'set the mind on the flesh – death'
'set the mind on the spirit – life and peace'

3) The Meaning of Resurrection

As a result of the Fall, human beings fell into a state where they are governed by Satan. Resurrection is the phenomenon and process in which a person is restored from the realm of Satan's control into the realm of God's direct governance by the means of God's providence of restoration. Accordingly, to the extent that I repent of my sins and become a better person than I was yesterday, that's the extent to which I have resurrected.

4) What Kind of Changes does Resurrection bring about in Human Beings?

[Outwardly - No significant change
Internally - Spiritual change (from dwelling of Satan to a temple of God)

E.g.) The disciples of Jesus

There was no external change from before they became disciples.

5) The Death Caused by the Human Fall

The reason we need resurrection is because of the death caused by the Fall.
What then is the death that was caused by the Fall of the first human ancestors?

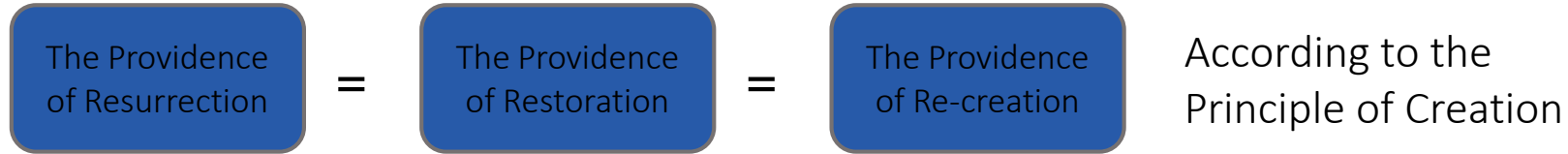
- (1) Gen 2:17 "...in the day you eat of it (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil), you shall surely die."

These words in scripture do not refer to the death of the physical body.
Even after Adam and Eve ate the fruit of good and evil, they bore children and continued to live actively for more than 900 years. This means that the death brought about by the Fall was not the death of their physical bodies, but rather was the death of their spirits, as they were separated and severed from the love of God.
Physical death is not a result of the Fall of man.

- (2) According to the Principle of Creation, no physical living being can live on forever.
Consider the fact that God created the spirit world. If the physical body could live forever, there would be no need for God to create the spiritual world in the first place.
According to the Principle of Creation, human beings were originally created to grow old and for their bodies to eventually 'return to dust' (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

The death caused by the Fall = falling from the realm of God's governance of goodness into the realm of Satan's evil dominion.

2. The Providence of Resurrection



1) The Fundamental Laws of the Providence of Resurrection

(1) Belief in the Word and Practice of the Word

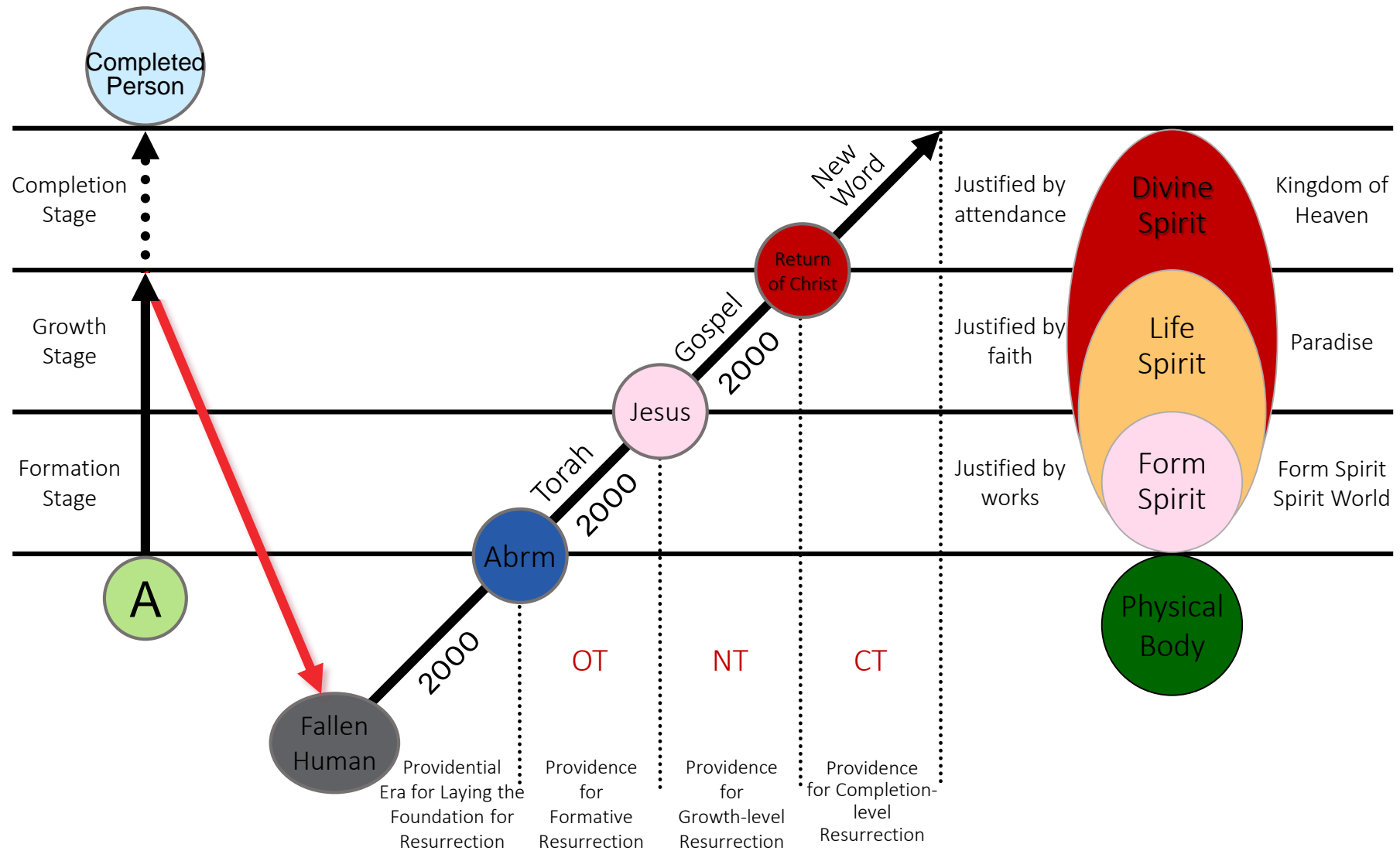
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Completion of} & & \text{God's} & & \text{Human} \\ \text{the Providence} & = & \text{responsibility} & + & \text{responsibility} \\ \text{of Resurrection} & & \text{(Word)} & & \text{(Belief \& Practice)} \end{array}$$

(2) The Spirit Self grows to completion - on the basis of the physical body.

(3) In accordance with the merits of the era

(4) Resurrection is completed through three orderly stages.

2) The Providence for Resurrection of People on Earth



(1) Spiritual Phenomena in the Last Days

Reason that God promised to pour out His Spirit in the last days (Acts 2: 17): The period just before the first human ancestors fell was a time when they could communicate directly with God the Creator. The Last Days is the era when this period is restored all around the world.

- i. “You are the Lord” { Rulers of Creation
Persons assigned the mission to represent the Second Coming of the Lord in that era
- ii. “You are the best”
The spiritual standard of each individual varies, with the result that the level of spirit world that each person can communicate with differs accordingly.
 - a) Focused only on their individual vertical relationship with God; not aware of the horizontal relationships between them. This is the reason why a spiritually communicating person may receive the revelation that ‘you are the best’.
 - b) The meaning of the revelation is that this person is the best one suited for their particular field of activity; it is not meant ‘in reference to all human beings’.
- iii. Spiritually sensitive people will encounter confusion and trials due to conflicting views between them.

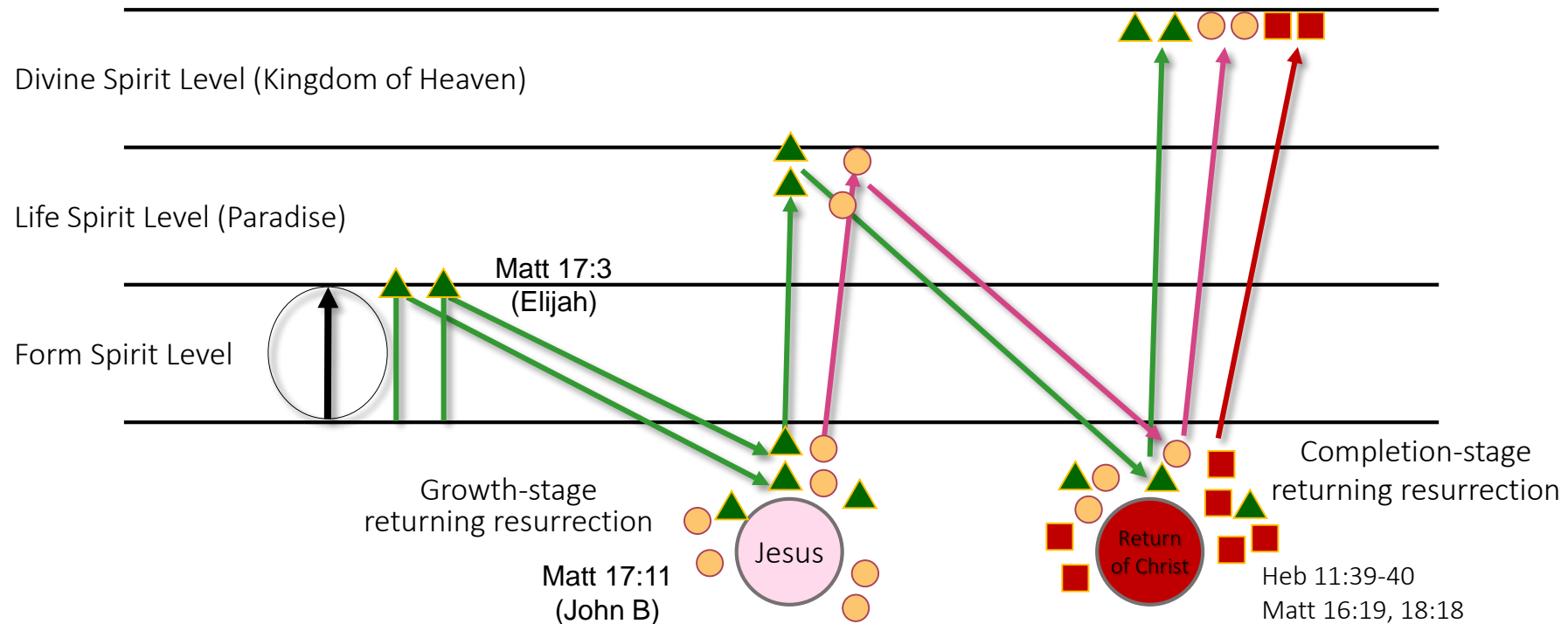
(2) The First Resurrection (the sealed 144,000)

The ‘first resurrection’ refers to the resurrection in which human beings are cleansed of the original sin for the first time since God began the providence of restoration. This will be accomplished through the grace and work of the Second Coming and will allow human beings to restore their original selves and fulfill, for the first time, the purpose of God’s creation.

$$12 \times 12 \rightarrow 144,000 \text{ (Rev 7:4)}$$

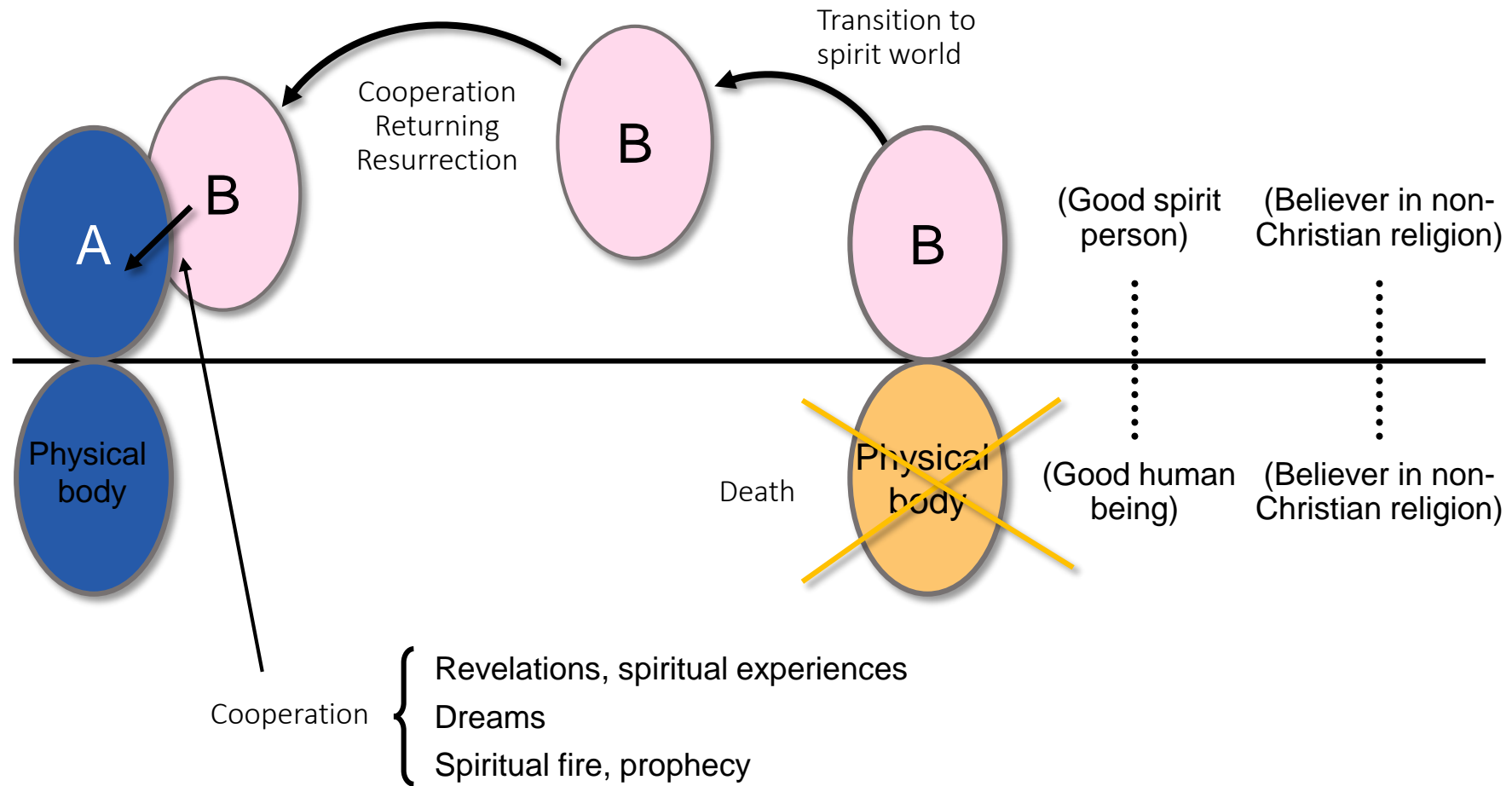
3) The Providence for Resurrection of Spirit Persons

- 1) Reason for this providence
 - i. The spirit self can only grow and reach completion through a relationship with the physical body.
 - ii. Without a physical body, no resurrection can occur.
- 2) Method of resurrection
Form a standard for interaction with the spiritual activities of people living in the physical world.
- 3) The resurrection of spirit persons who believed in God when on earth



4) Returning Resurrection of Spirits Who Abide Outside Paradise

Spirit world



Physical world

(5) The Death Caused by the Human Fall

i. The work of returning resurrection of evil spirit persons

Because evil people transition to the spirit world after sinning during their lives, they are unable to relate directly to God, who is the original substance of goodness. Nonetheless, God must save everyone, even evil spirit people.

In the spirit world, there is no mechanism by which evil spirit persons can indemnify the sins they committed on earth. For this reason, they must establish indemnity conditions on earth to remove their sins. Accordingly, the evil spirit persons set up their indemnity conditions as a punishment for the sins committed by people on earth. From the viewpoint of that person on earth, that condition is a punishment. Accordingly, only when the works of the evil spirit person establishes an indemnity condition for the person on earth to resolve the sin they have committed does the evil spirit person receive the benefits of resurrection. When they receive the grace of resurrection, they are liberated from the realm of spirit world in which they reside.

For this to happen, the person on earth has to repent of his or her sin, have faith in God and practice good in their daily life. Thus, the work of changing the person on earth is not carried out by God directly, but is carried out by the evil spirit person on behalf of God.

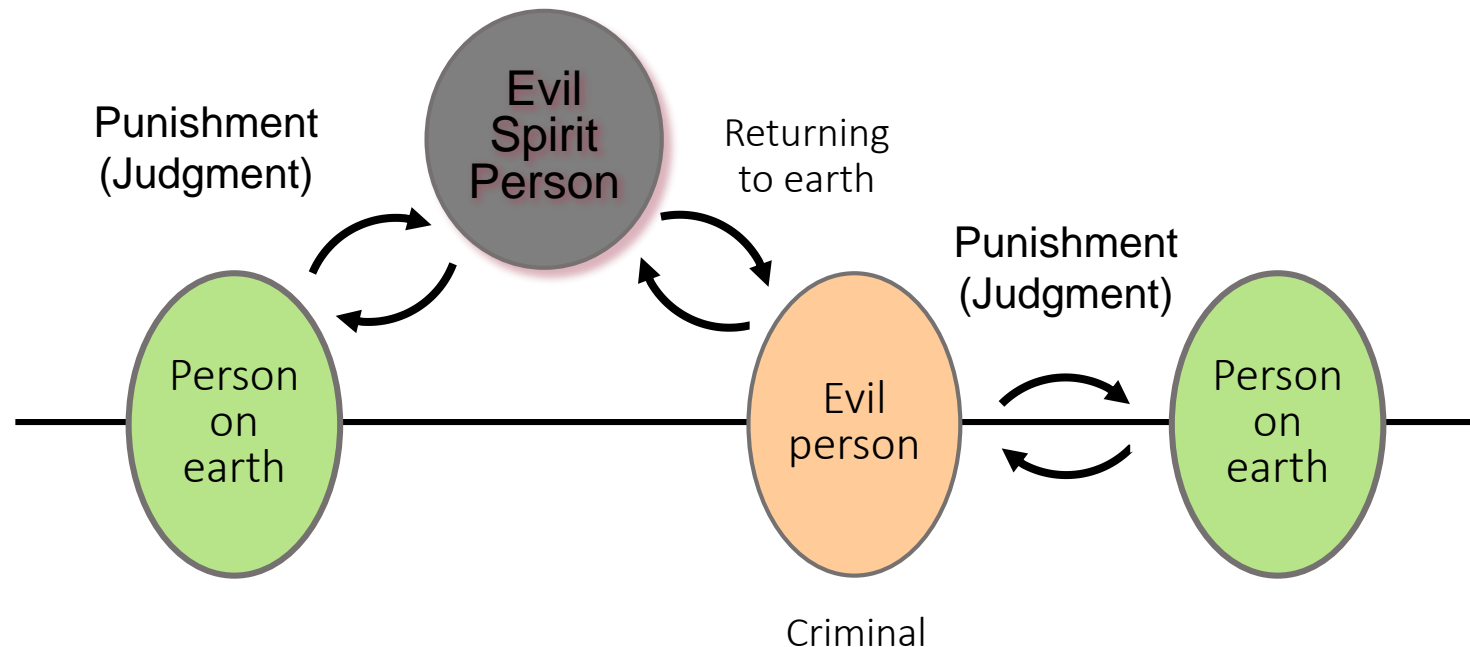
In this way, the evil spirit person establishes a condition that results in the resolution of the sins of people on earth. Therefore the evil spirit person is acting in place of God for the accomplishment of the Will, making it possible for the evil spirit person to receive the grace of resurrection.

Because an indemnity condition in the form of a punishment is established to liquidate the sins of people on earth, as per God's desire, the evil spirit persons come to receive the grace of resurrection.

ii. There are two types of returning resurrection work carried out by evil spirit persons.

i. Direct method

ii. Indirect method

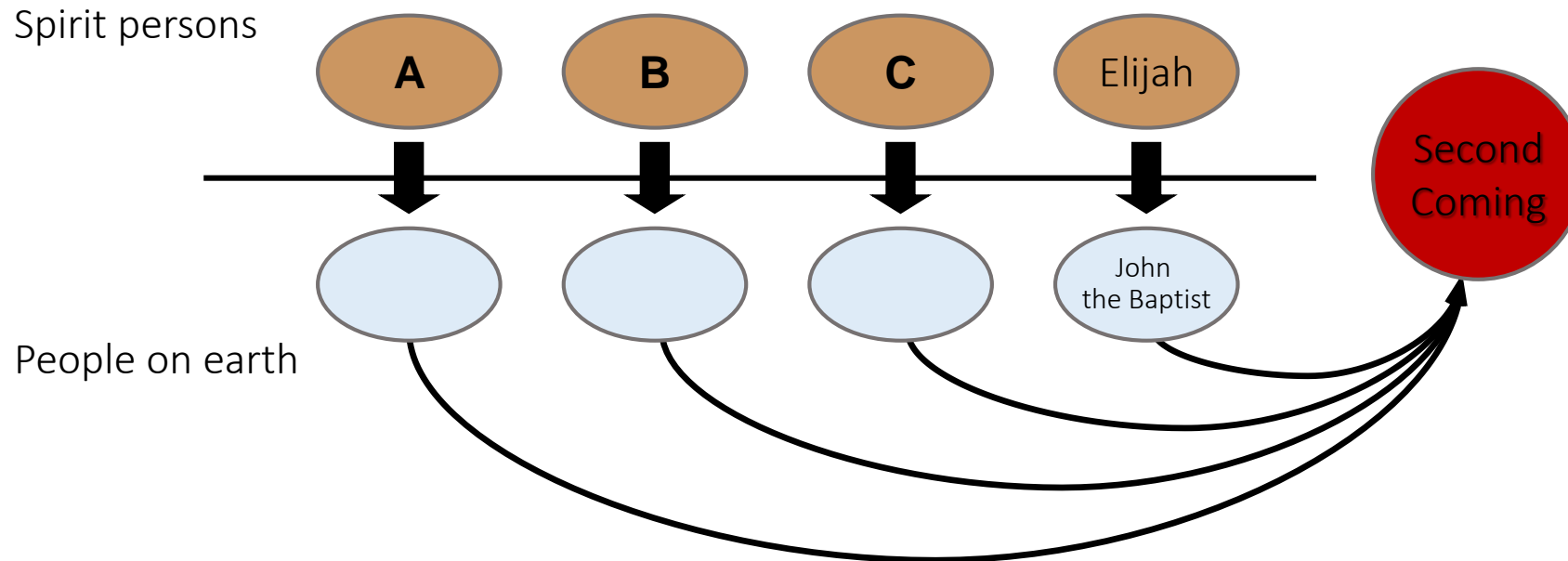


4) The Theory of Reincarnation in Light of the Principle of Returning Resurrection

(1) Returning Resurrection

Spirit persons who were unable to complete their mission during their earthly life must 'return' to people on earth who are similar to themselves and who have the same type of mission. They must then cooperate with those people on earth in order to accomplish God's Will.

In this way, the cooperation helps the person on earth to fulfill his mission as well as the mission of the supporting spirit person. Thus, from the viewpoint of 'mission', the physical body of the person on earth stands in for the body of the cooperating spirit person.



(2) The Theory of Reincarnation

Continuing up to the present day, Buddhism has taught the doctrine of reincarnation and many Buddhist followers have believed that if one lives a good and virtuous life on earth, he or she will be reborn as a human being, but if one lives in an unvirtuous manner, he or she will be reborn as an animal.

This approach to faith is incorrect.

Human beings were created as the children of God, and only human beings have a spirit self. It is incorrect to think that if a person lives in bad way and then departs to the spirit world, that person's spirit self will change from human into an ape or some other animal. The spirit world is a world of light. Hell, the realm of darkness, exists in the lowest realms of the spirit world, and the Kingdom of Heaven, the realm of light, exists at the top.

The spirit persons who reside in Hell do not have a defined or definite form. For this reason, they may appear as animals, depending on what form they take. The idea that human beings reincarnate as animals derives from observation of this reality. From the perspective of the Principle, 'reincarnation' is synonymous with 'returning resurrection'.

3. The Unification of Religions brought about by Returning Resurrection

