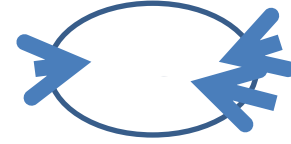


## Divine Principle - A Road Map for Understanding the Bible

*"The Truth will make you free." John 8:32\**

This is an introduction to the Divine Principle, which is a spiritual insight into the nature of God and the Universe received by Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Jesus appeared to Rev. Moon in Korea on Easter in 1936 and asked him to complete the mission he started. From then, Rev. Moon committed himself to understanding God's Will at this time in history. Through this Divine Principle, we will look at God's Purpose throughout Human History.



God created an Ideal, but Adam and Eve failed to achieve that Ideal by falling under the influence of Satan rather than fulfilling their 3 Great Blessings. This created Hell on Earth. God's Eternal Purpose in Human History is to restore humanity to the Ideal and to change Hell on Earth into Heaven on Earth.

The Divine Principle provides an insight into the Nature of the Universe, Universal Laws and their manifestations throughout history. This is an introduction into that insight. Together, we can change the History of War and Hate into a History of Peace and Love. You can be the change you want to see in the world. We have 3 aspects to ourselves; we're Spiritual, Physical and Historical people. So, truly, Peace begins with me...

### Principle of Creation

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#### God is Love and the Causal Being of All things

*Romans 1:20\** proclaims the invisible/visible nature of God. *"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen...so they are without excuse."*

#### Internal Nature/External Form

We see that things in our universe have an invisible internal nature and a visible external form. This is a fundamental characteristic of the universe. Humans have an internal mind/spirit and an external body. Animals have an invisible instinct and a visible body. Plants have an inherent directive nature that guides their physical form. The mineral world obeys the laws of physics and energy manifests as matter, as in Einstein's Theory,  $E=mc^2$ , and can be neither created nor destroyed, only transformed.

#### Subject/Object, Masculine/Feminine, Positive/Negative

*Genesis 1:27\** *"So God created man in his own image...male and female created he them."*

Another fundamental characteristic we see in the nature of the universe is the dual characteristics of masculine and feminine, the natures of subject/object and positive/negative interaction. The relationship between God and Man should be the same as our Mind and Body, invisible nature and external form. God is both: Love expressed through Energy.

#### Purpose of Creation - The 3 Great Blessings

*Genesis 1:28\** *"And God blessed them and said to them. Be fruitful and multiply and have dominion...over every living thing...upon the earth."* God created us in His own image and wants us to be happy. God created families to be the School of Love. He made the universe for us to dwell in and have everything we need to live our lives. God has given us everything, but Joy needs a responding Object. That's our responsibility, to be in a relationship that brings joy to God.

#### Growth Period - Our Portion of Responsibility

*2 Peter 3:8\** says, *"...a day is with the Lord as a thousand years.."*

All things grow to maturity and completion through a Growth Period. There are 3 stages to the Growth Period: Formation, Development and Completion. Our growth as human beings does not happen automatically, because God made us as Co-creators, to be free. To be completely free, we must also be responsible to grow ourselves spiritually, morally, and ethically, and not just physically.

#### Physical and Spiritual Worlds

We have 2 aspects to our being. An invisible spiritual being and a visible physical being. One causes our actions, and the other responds to our wishes.

There is a relationship between the two. In order for our Physical Body to grow, it needs air and sunlight, which are invisible. We also need food and water, which are visible. Our invisible Spirit needs truth, love and beauty, plus good physical actions from our body to grow. Together, these grow our whole physical and spiritual selves to be the free Co-creator of our own unique self.

#### Life After Death is Our Eternal Life

*1 John 2:25\** *"And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."*

Consider these 3 stages of our lives.

**a) Our First is liquid** in the womb, for about 9 months, where we are preparing our bodies and lungs to enter our Earthly life of air, light, and gravity, which we know nothing about until we are born into it.

**b) The Second is our Earthly life**, living around 100 years, where we are preparing ourselves for the next stage, Eternal life. Here on earth, we are growing our ability to love, forgive, and overcome.

**c) The Third stage is our Eternal life** where we are who we created ourselves to be during our Earthly life. God does not create Heaven or Hell, only Eternity. We create ourselves to be who we are and live there eternally.

## **Fall of Man**

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### **Is the Origin of Evil - literal or symbolic?**

**a) Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil** - In **Matthew 15:11\*** Jesus said, "*Not which goeth into the mouth defileth a man...*" **Genesis 2:25\*** explains before the Fall, Adam and Eve were naked and unashamed. In **Genesis 3:3\*** Adam and Eve were warned to not eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil or they will die. After they ate of the fruit, Adam and Eve were ashamed of their nakedness and hid their lower parts from God in **Genesis 3:7-13\***. Fruit trees reproduce through the seeds of their fruit. Human beings reproduce through their sexual relationships, so the "fruit" was symbolic of Eve's sexual love.

**b) Serpent** - The "serpent" is also symbolic and is capable of knowing God's Will and deceiving. In **Genesis 3:1-6\*** the "serpent" spoke to Eve and tempted her to eat of the "fruit" and knowing Good and Evil. Other passages within the Bible the "serpent" is referred to, in **Isaiah 14:12\*** "*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!*", **Revelations 12:9\*** as "*the Devil and Satan...and his angels were thrown down with him.*" Jesus also said in **John 8:44\*** "*You are of your father the devil...*" Adam and Eve forsook God, their True Father and became one with a false father, Satan. As a result of this crime, humanity has inherited the characteristics of Satan.

**c) Tree of Life** - In **Genesis 3:3\*** God told them not to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. After Adam and Eve fell, God placed a flaming sword blocking access to the Tree of Life in **Genesis 3:24\***.

Other examples of the Tree of Life in the Bible are:

**Proverbs 13:12\*** explains that "*Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is the tree of life.*"

**Revelation 2:7\*** "*To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life...*"

**Revelations 22:14\*** "*Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life...*"

### **God Did Not Prevent the Fall - Why?**

God did not prevent the Fall of Man because God gave humans Free Will and cannot violate our portion of responsibility to be Co-Creators with God. God doesn't want a relationship with Creation or Children based on Laws, but upon Love. Not forced Love, but Love given freely. This is why God could not control Adam and Eve's Free Will in the Garden of Eden. He gave them the commandment "not to eat" and warned them if they did, they would die. God could not make them do it, because that would be taking away their Free Will.

### **Results of the Fall**

Because of the Fall of Man, Satan became the evil "ruler of this world" **John 12:31\***. As **Romans 8:19\*** says, "Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God." Creation is crying out to be freed from the dominion of Satan by evil humanity.

### **Our Fallen Natures**

God created humanity with the purpose of goodness and were only to have that Original Nature of goodness, but because of the Fall we became divided and also have inherited a Fallen Nature from Satan.

- 1) Lucifer lost God's point of view in the Garden of Eden and transferred that nature to Eve, then to Adam and humanity.
- 2) Lucifer left his proper position as an angel to serve God's Children, but he deceived and dominated them.
- 3) Rather than being dominated by God's Love through Adam and Eve, Lucifer misused their love and created selfish love.
- 4) The evil Lucifer started was multiplied by Eve, Adam and all of humanity throughout Human History. We still suffer from it today.

## **Purpose of History**

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### **Humanity Must Create a Foundation of Faith and Substance to Receive the Messiah**

God created the Ideal, but Adam and Eve fell under the influence of Satan and failed to achieve the 3 Great Blessings. This created Hell on Earth. God's Purpose in Human History is to restore that Ideal and to change Hell on Earth into Heaven on Earth. To Restore God's Ideal, humanity has to separate from Satan and our Fallen Natures, then grow over time to realize our True Original Nature as God's Children. God will send the Messiah, as an example for humanity to follow and accomplish this goal through a Foundation of Faith and Substance. **Isaiah 46:11\*** "*... I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.*"

### Age of Offering - Cain and Abel through Abraham

To help humanity develop a trusting relationship with God, certain conditions were required to develop this trust. In **Genesis 4:3-10\***, Cain and Abel made offerings to God. Cain's offering was rejected, but Abel's was accepted. God warned Cain, but in a jealous rage he killed his brother Abel.

In **Genesis 6:5-7\*** "GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and...evil continually...it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."

But ultimately God has a Heart of Love and after the flood made a Rainbow covenant with Noah in **Genesis 9:13-16\*** "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.... And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh."

Then after many more generations, Abraham's offering of Isaac was accepted by God and God blessed Abraham and his descendents in **Genesis 22:17\*** "I will bless thee and multiply thy seed as numerous as the stars of the heaven and as the sand upon the seashore."

### Age of the Law - Moses

As humans grew in their faith in God, God could increase His ability to communicate with them. Through the Israelite's time of slavery in Egypt, God raised up Moses to lead them into the Promised Land. In **Exodus 20:1-17\*** God gave the 10 Commandments to Moses upon Mt. Sinai. This began the Age of Mosaic Law.

### Age of the Gospel - Jesus

Jesus came as the Son of God as a mediator between God and fallen man. In **John 6:29\*** and **John 10:37-38\*** Jesus said people were to believe in him. He came to save humankind in **John 3:16-17\*** and in **Matthew 9:6\***, **Mark 2:10\*** and **Luke 7:48\*** declared that "ye may know the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sin". In **Luke 18:8** Jesus wondered "...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Ultimately, he was rejected by the people which God had prepared for him to come to. Finally, in **Luke 9:22\*** and **Mark 8:31\*** "...he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."

Jesus didn't want to die and pleaded with God, in **Matthew 26:39\*** "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." **1 Corinthians 2:8\*** lamented his crucifixion and therefore Jesus was only able to bring partial salvation to humanity at that time. Jesus sacrificed himself for the sake of humanity and demonstrated Faith in God's Unconditional Love and Forgiveness to humanity. In **Luke 23:34\*** Jesus said from the cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Jesus understood that God's Ideal was still not realized. So when the disciples asked in **Matthew 24:3\*** "... what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" then Jesus said in **Matthew 24: 27\*** "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." and in **Matthew 24:36\*** "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." The apostles also said in **1 Thessalonians 5:2** and **2 Peter 3:10** that "the Lord will come as a thief in the night."

The Book of Revelation says Christ will return from the east with a new name as **Revelation 2:17\*** says " ...and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." and continues in **Revelation 3:12\*** "...and I will write upon him my new name." and **Revelation 7:2\*** " And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God..."

### Age of the Divine Principle - Our Current Day

Jesus said in **John 16:25\*** "These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father."

In the Age of the Divine Principle, God will reach out to humanity again in ongoing revelation as we develop more understanding of how God's Laws and Principles work in the Universe. Through this deeper understanding, we will develop a deeper relationship with God's Love and prepare for the Second Coming. We now know what God's wish is for each of us...to fulfill the 3 Great Blessings, just like God's Ideal in the Garden of Eden. But as **1 Peter 5:8\*** warns, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

God will never stop working until His Ideal is realized! We are all temples of the Living God, and God has His highest dwelling place in the Human Heart.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." **John 8:32\***

\* Bible quotes are from the King James version of the Bible