

Preparing to Receive The Blessing

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The Blessings of Life
and our Basis for Happiness

The Three Great Blessings

“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Genesis 1: 28

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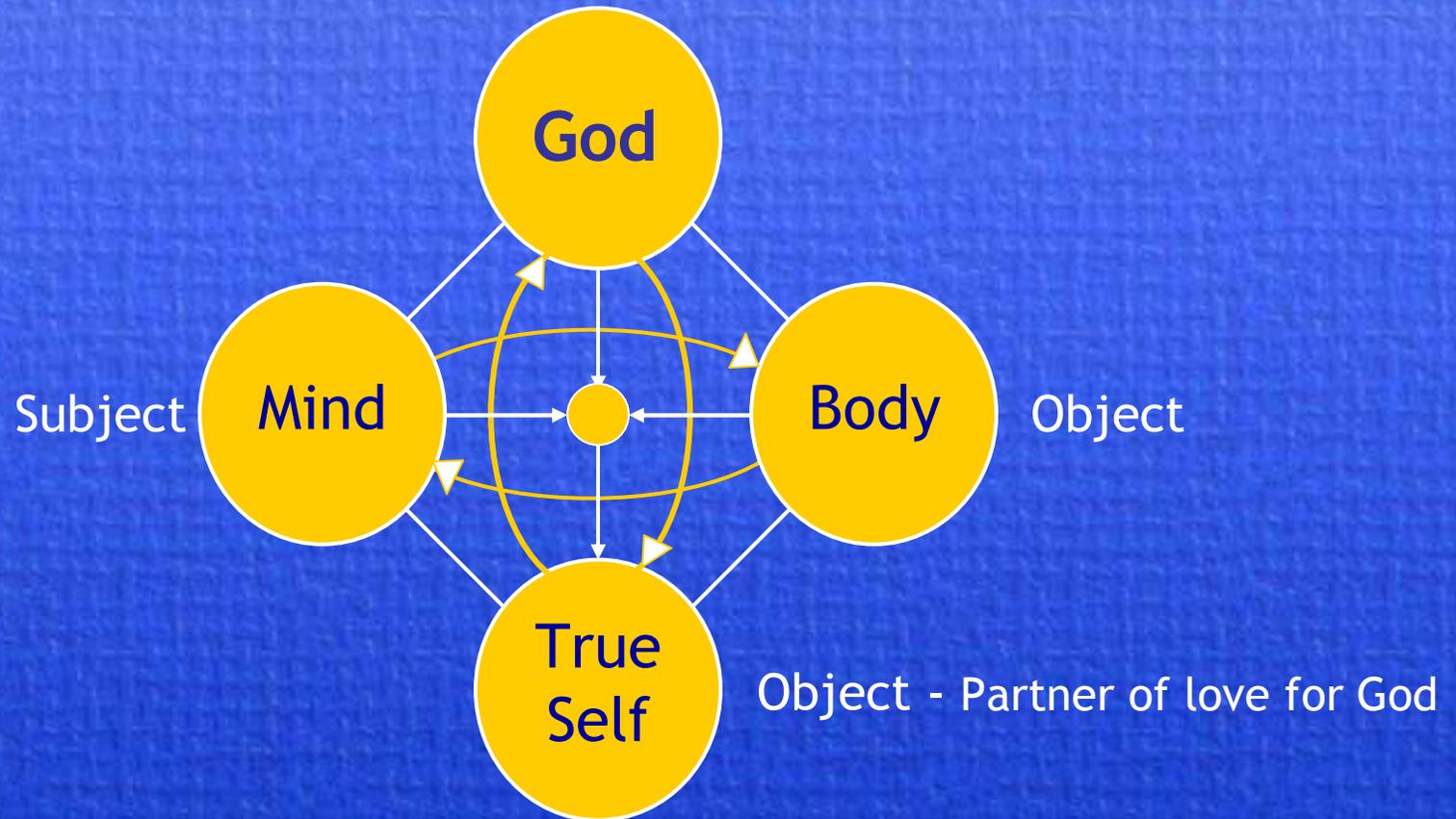
“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, ‘Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth’”

Genesis 9:1

“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

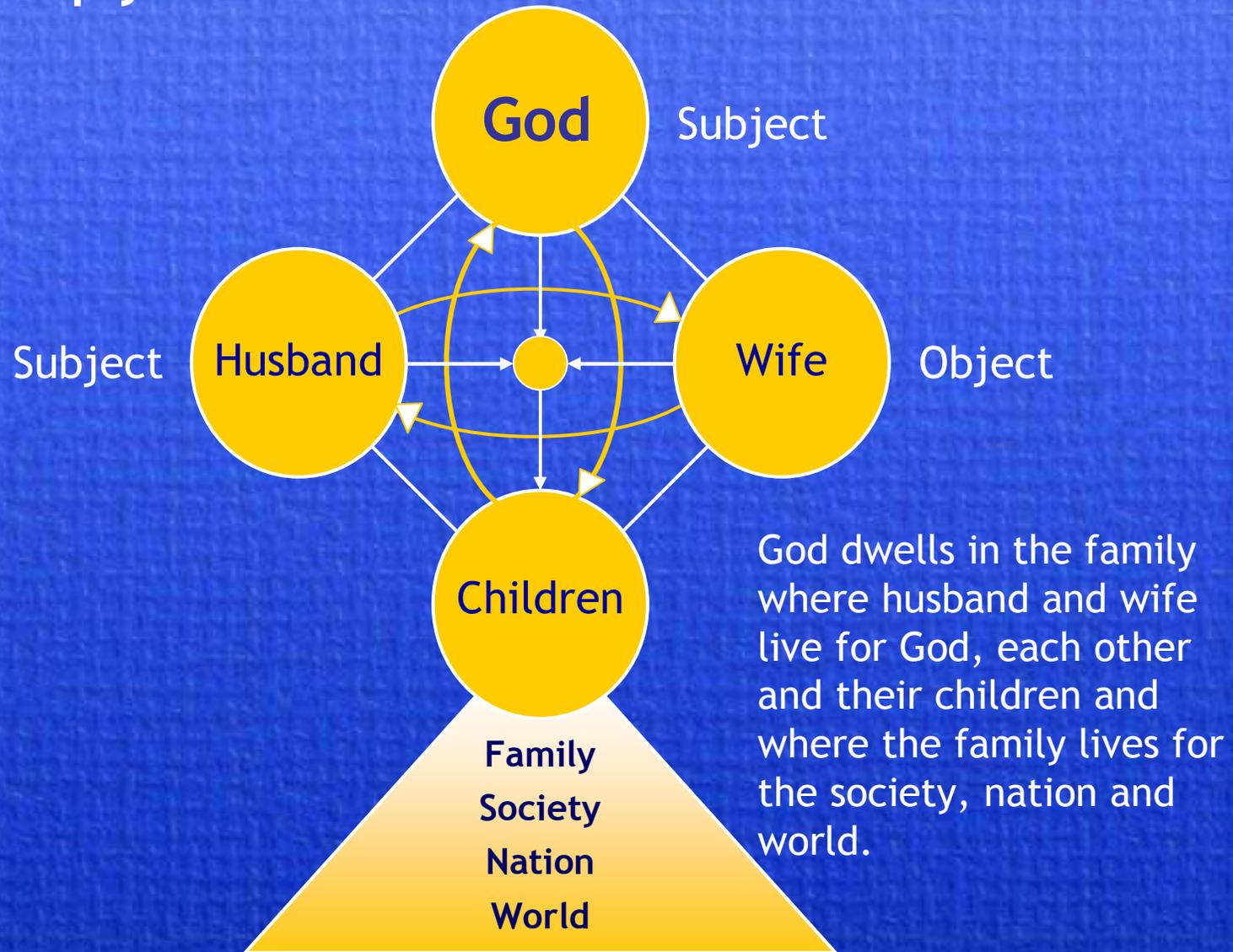
Genesis 12:2-4

i. Be Fruitful

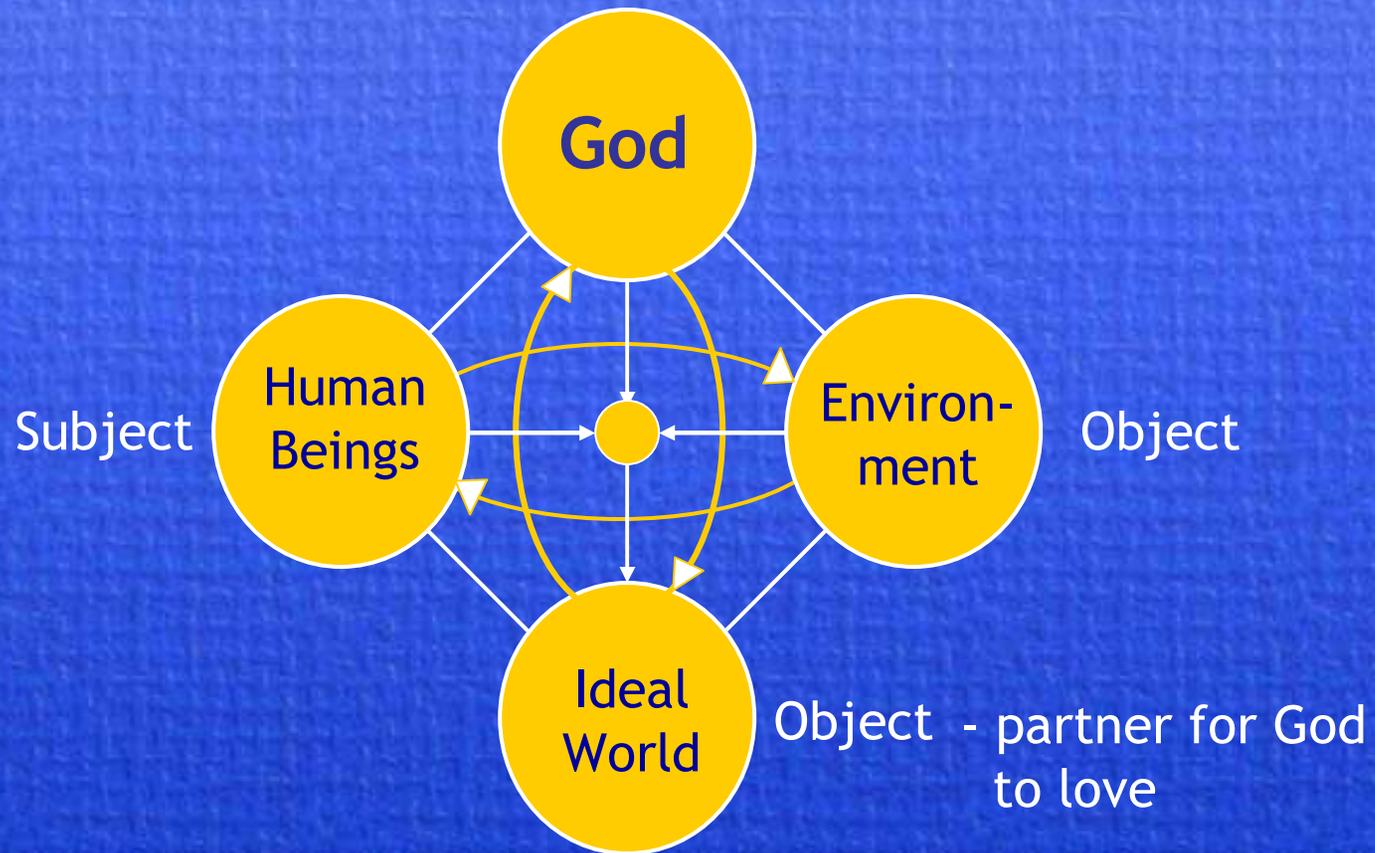


God dwells in the individual whose mind and body unite in a life of love for God and others.

ii. Multiply



iii. Take Dominion



- **Be fruitful**
To grow to maturity as an individual
- **Multiply**
Marry, have children and raise a loving family
- **Take dominion over the creation**
Exercise a loving stewardship over the material world

Everything we could wish for, for our happiness, is contained in these three blessings

In realising them we fulfil the purpose for which we were created

A Blessed Marriage is the environment in which we can fulfil Five Life Roles:

1. True Man or Woman

2. True Husband or Wife

3. True Parent

4. True Teacher

5. True Owner

‘True’ means ‘genuine’, or ‘as we are meant to be’

The Pair System and Give and Take Action

Mind

Husband

Elder

Parent

Teacher

Leader

Body

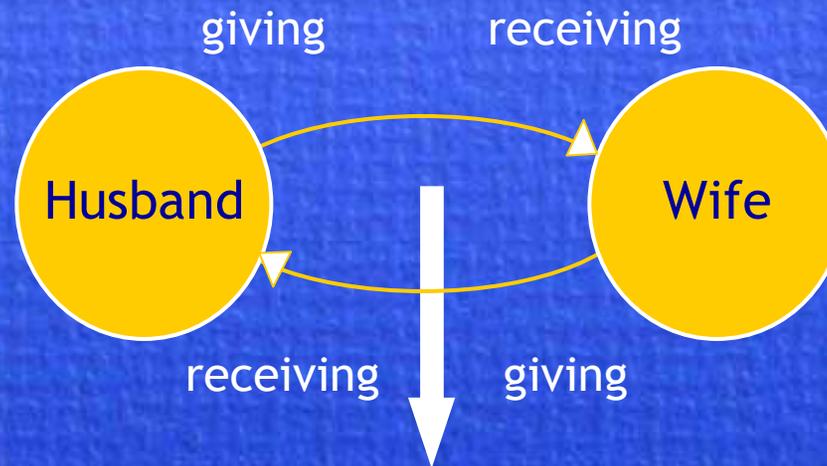
Wife

Younger

Child

Student

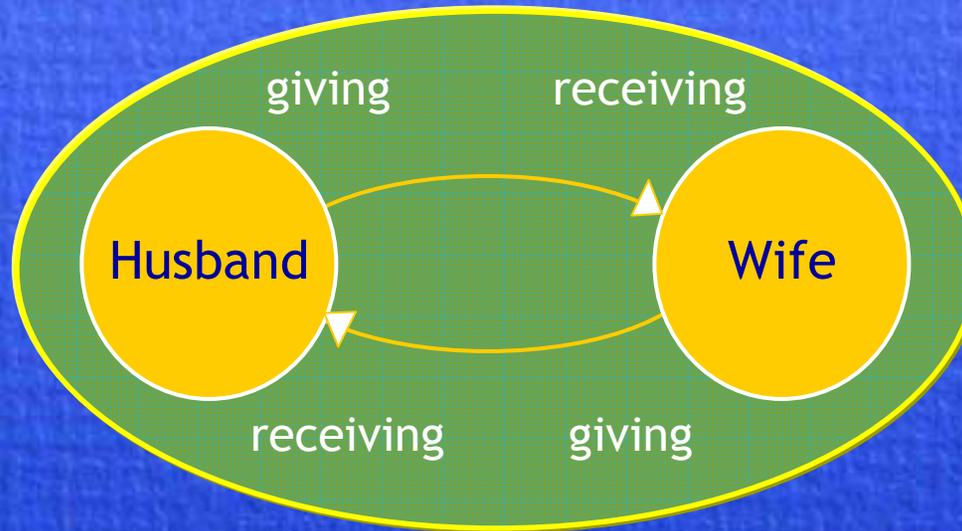
Follower



**Relationships: producing the forces needed
to maintain existence, to act
and to multiply**

Subject and Object each exist for the sake of the other
TWO BECOME ONE - Unite to create something
greater than the sum of the parts

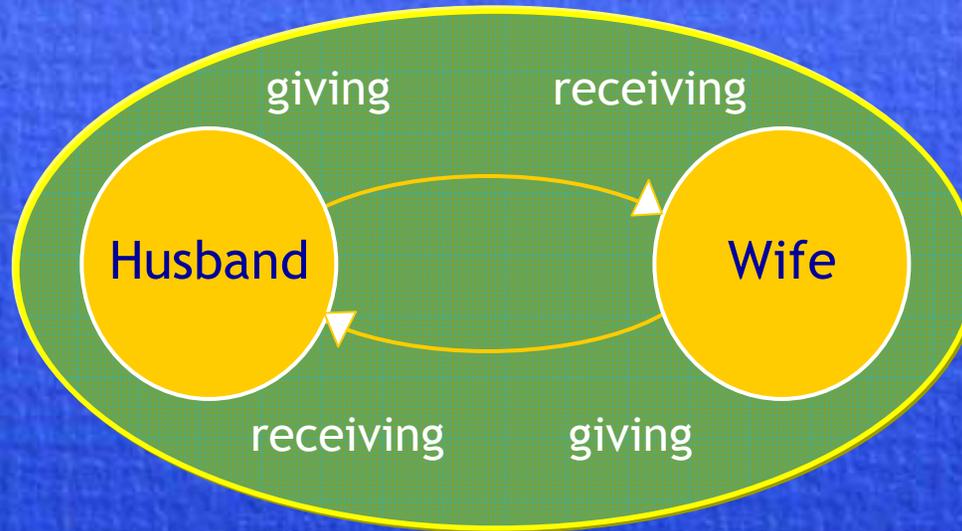
Two Become One



Finding the person who will be your eternal life partner is both wonderful and serious

Through this oneness,
new life is brought into the world

Two Become One



“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Matthew 19:4-6

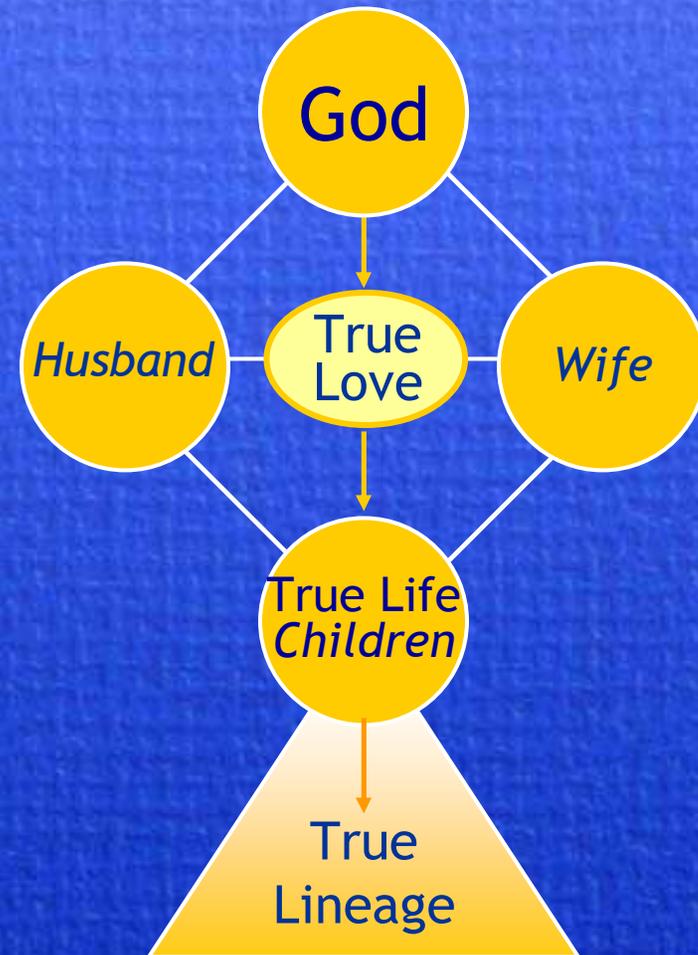
"In order to reach the love of God, we must come together as plus and minus. This is why men need women and women need men: so that together we can create the harmony with which we can reach the love of God. That is the entire purpose of creation."

- Sun Myung Moon

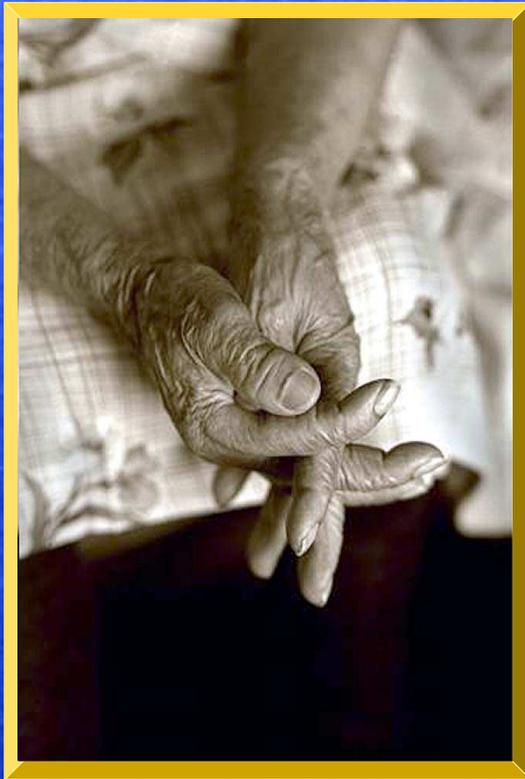
The Family maintains and develops Love, Life and Lineage



The Family:
the key building block
of a world of peace.



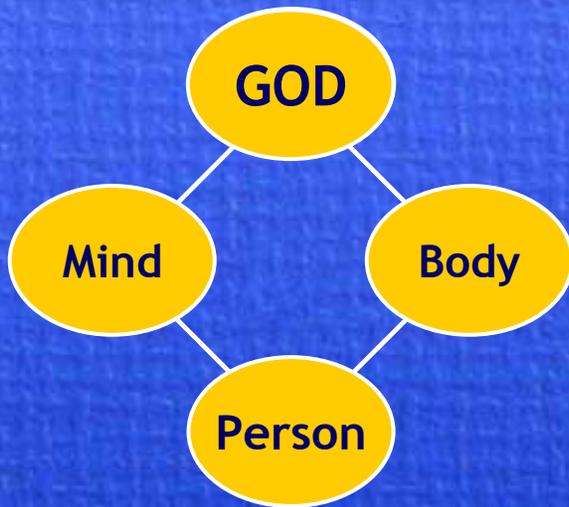
Our society is less concerned about 'lineage' (*what we inherit and what we pass on*) than it should be.



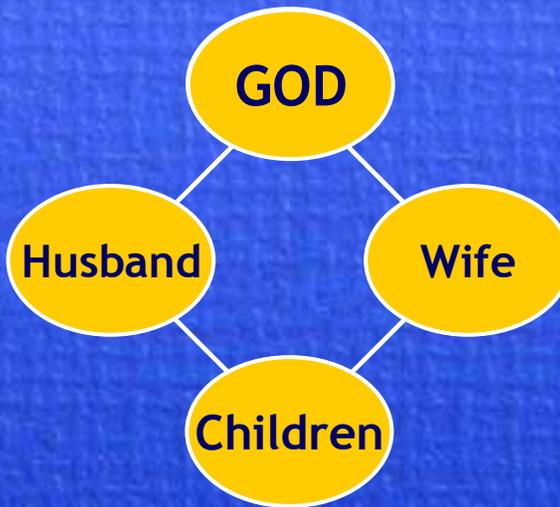
- Current society tends to ignore the elderly
- Individual's rights and personal happiness are emphasized
- If parents get divorced, children almost always suffer

What went wrong?

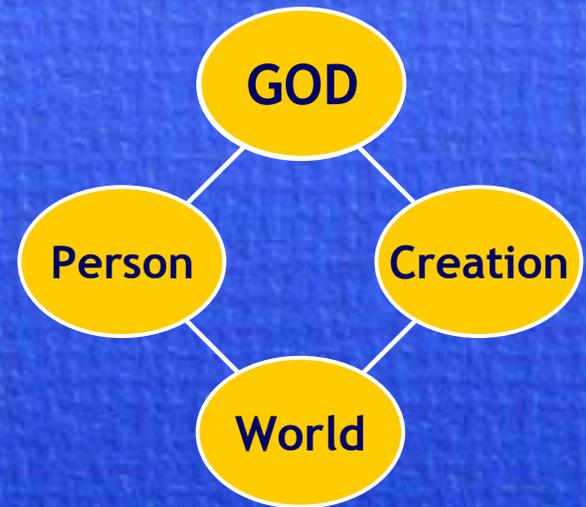
The way to inherit God's Love, Life and Lineage



Spiritually mature,
a person of true love



Love in the Family
extended to the world



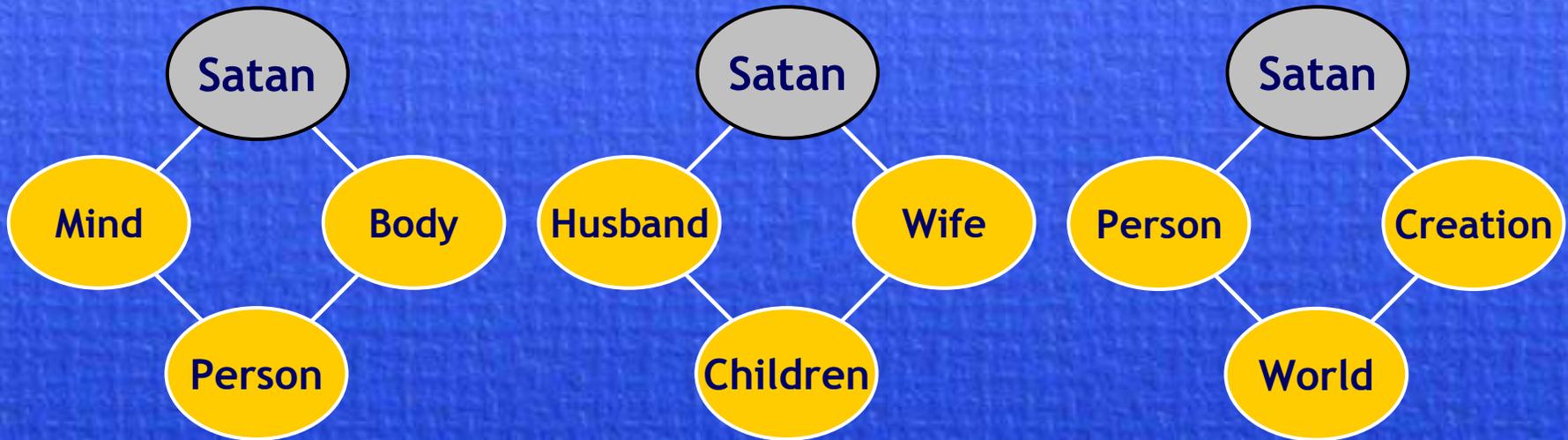
Responsible mastery
and dominion of the
natural world

“I set before you this day a blessing ...

(Deut 11:26)

The Reality of the Human Condition:

the loss of Love, Life and Lineage in their true, joy-producing form



Spiritually immature,
a person of self-
centred love

Personal problems
pass into marriage and
family relationships

Greed & self-interest
create imbalance and
lack of harmony

“I set before you this day a blessing and a curse”

(Deut 11:26)

Results of The Fall

“To state that the world is under satanic dominion is to suggest there are negative spiritual forces operating in our lives.”

“Satanic influences can affect a person only as long as he or she cooperates with them.”

“Sin may be thought of as any act or thought which violates God’s law and which inhibits negatively our own growth to perfection. Sin is thus never simply against God. It is also against ourselves, in that it violates our own deepest essence.”

(The Divine Principle Home Study Course, 2)

The World's Religions
reveal God's heart to have
us solve this problem at its root



It is better to die than to indulge in partaking of forbidden
lustful pleasure.

Uttarangasutram 22.42



The man who goes to the wife of another ... digs up the very
roots of life.

Dhammapada 18.247



Do not come near adultery: for it is a shameful deed and evil,
opening the road to other evils.

Qur'an 17.32



Flee from sexual immorality. ... he who sins sexually sins
against his own body.

I Corinthians 6.18



What was the wicked serpent contemplating at that time? He thought, "I shall go and kill Adam and wed his wife, and I shall be king over the whole world."

Judaism. Talmud, Abot de Rabbi Nathan 1



Formerly, all creatures were virtuous, and by themselves they obtained divinity.... Then women, who had been virtuous, became wicked witches, and Brahma filled them with wanton desires, which they in turn inspired in men. He created anger, and henceforth all creatures were born in the power of desire and anger.

Hinduism. Mahabharata 13.40.5-12



Pandora's box. Pandora (All-gifted) was the first woman. She was given a box that she should not open. She could not resist, opened the box (just prior to her wedding) and all evils of the world came out – hope remained inside.

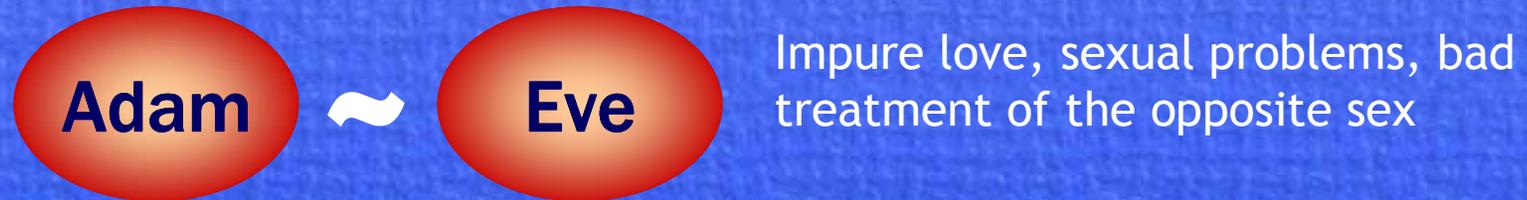
Greek Mythology

The Fall is the Origin of Human Misery

Fallen human beings have inherited:

- A contradictory nature
- A tendency to indulge their physical desires - in a self-centred way
- A tendency to misuse nature and material things
- An ignorance of God and the reality of the spiritual dimension

The problems we face all originate in Adam's Family:



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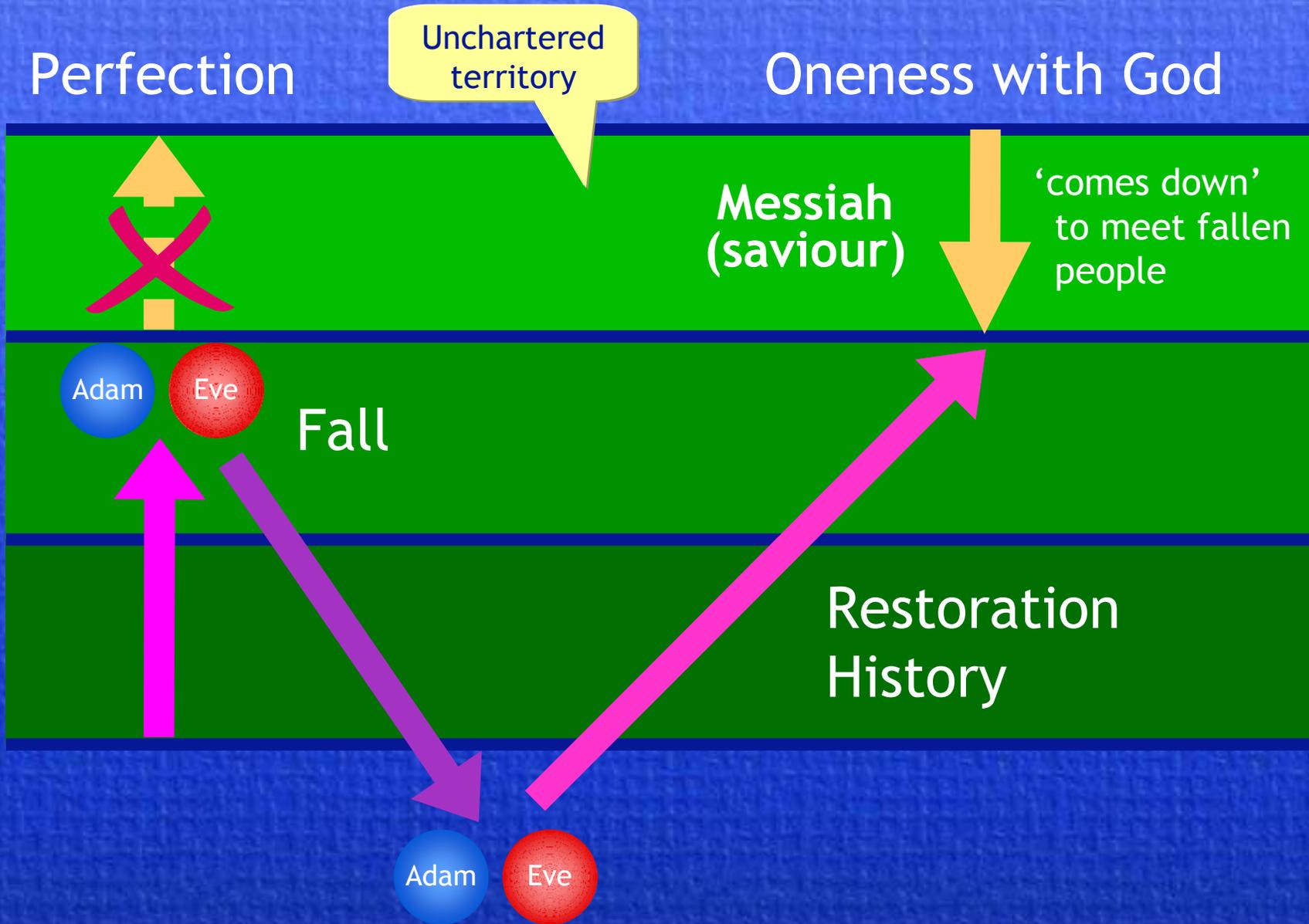
Fallen human beings have inherited:

- **Something of the Archangel's nature
(MEN)**
- **Something of Fallen Eve's nature
(WOMEN)**

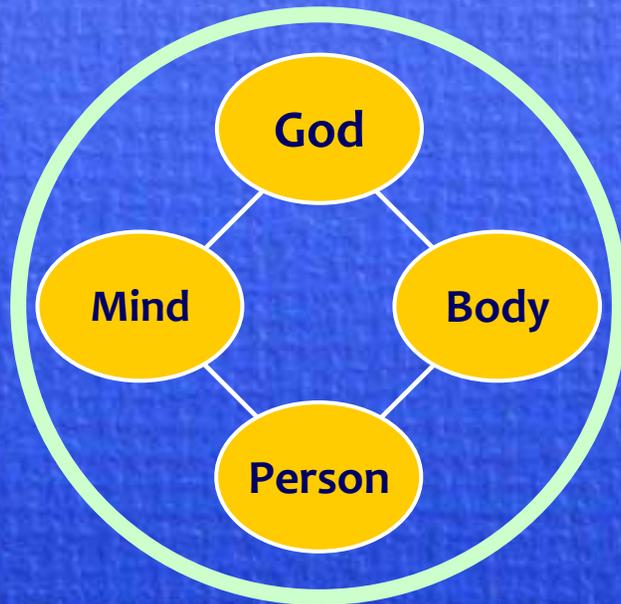
To be restored is to stand
as True Adam and True Eve

Putting Things Right

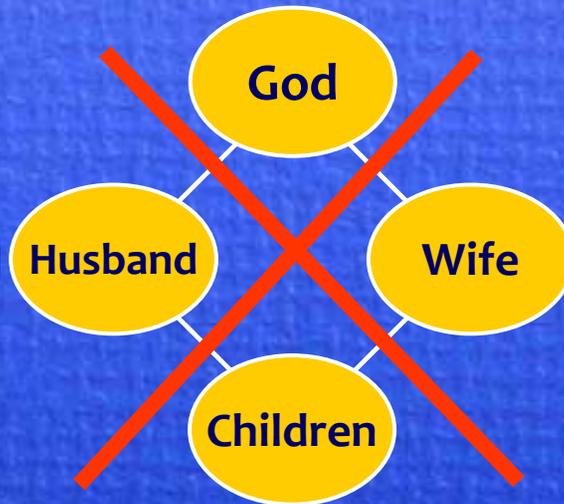
History of Restoration



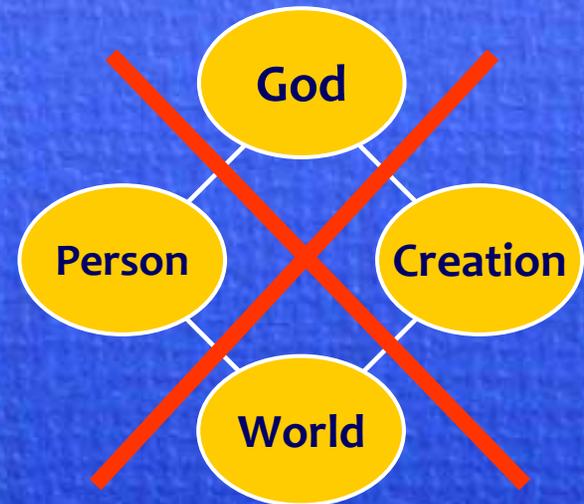
Need for a 'Second Adam'



Spiritually perfect,
a person of true love in
whom God dwells



Inheriting the true love of
God and extending it to the
world - a pure lineage



A world where human
beings and nature are in
harmony

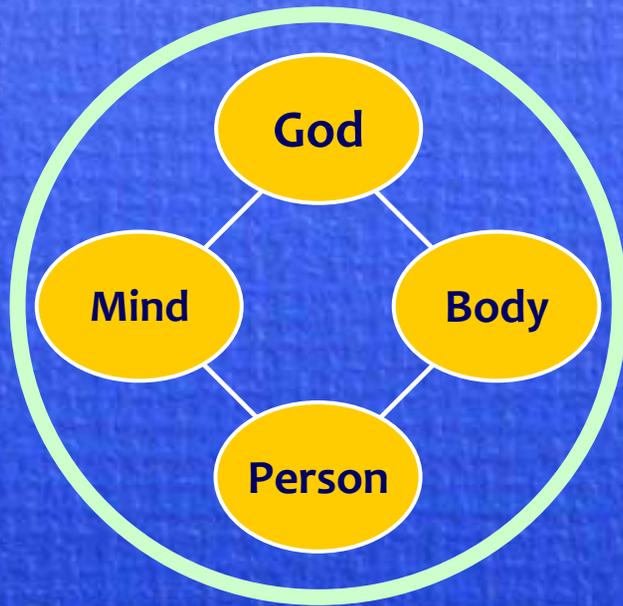
**Jesus provided the model of the ideal individual
but was prevented from fulfilling 2nd & 3rd Blessings**

The Religious Life - Paying a Price to Reverse our Spiritual Decline

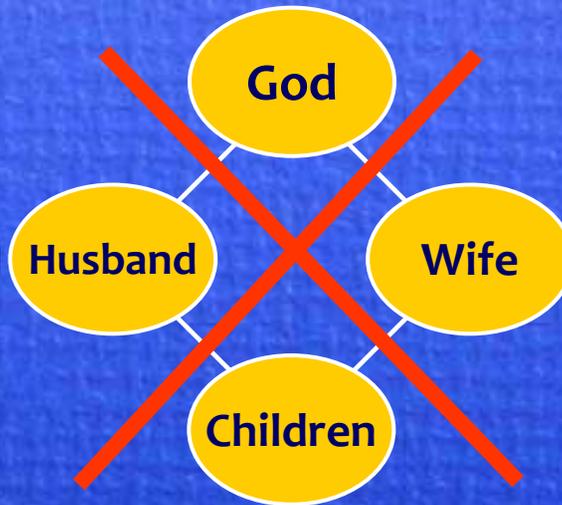
Poverty
Chastity
Obedience



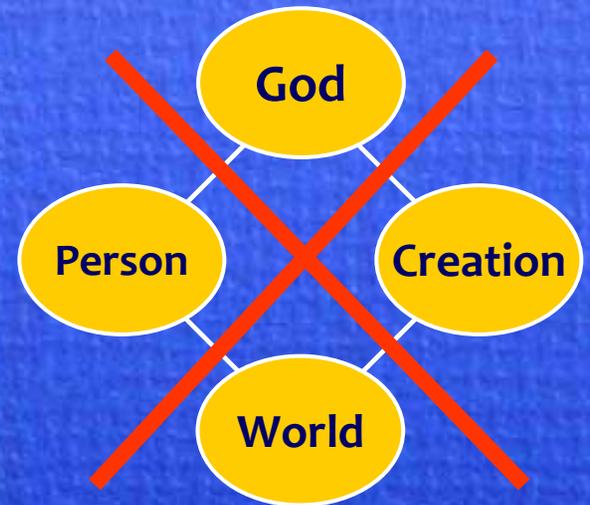
A Life of Devotion to Become 'Like God'



Obedience

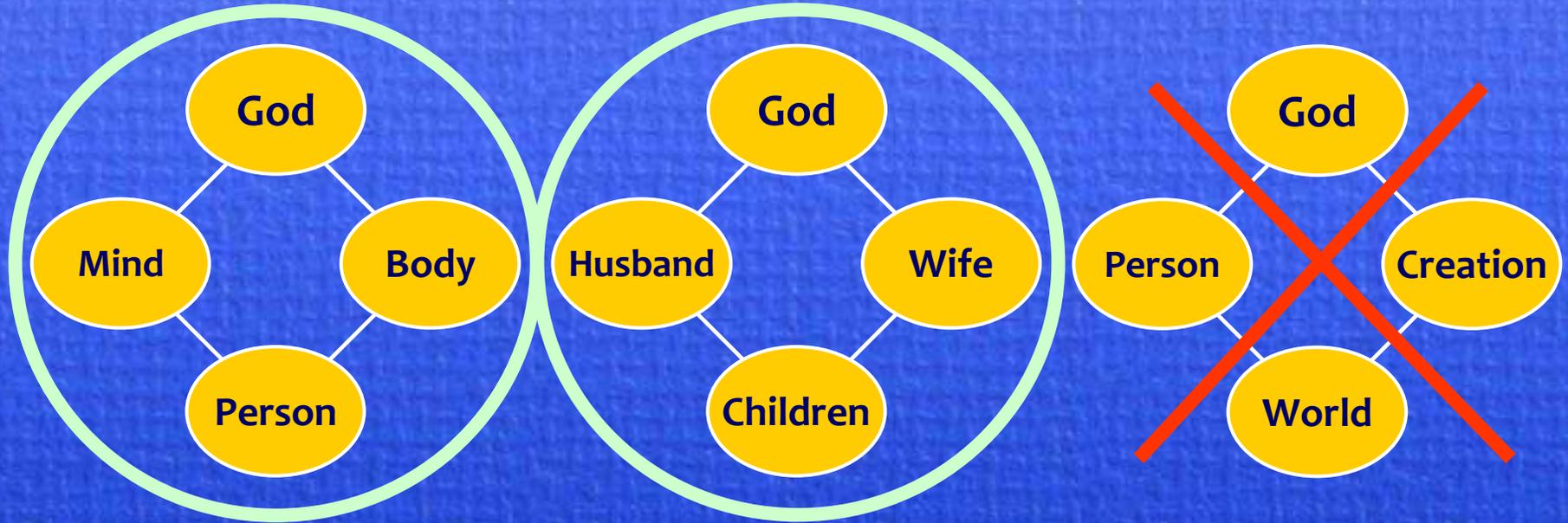


Chastity



Poverty

Need for a 'Third Adam'

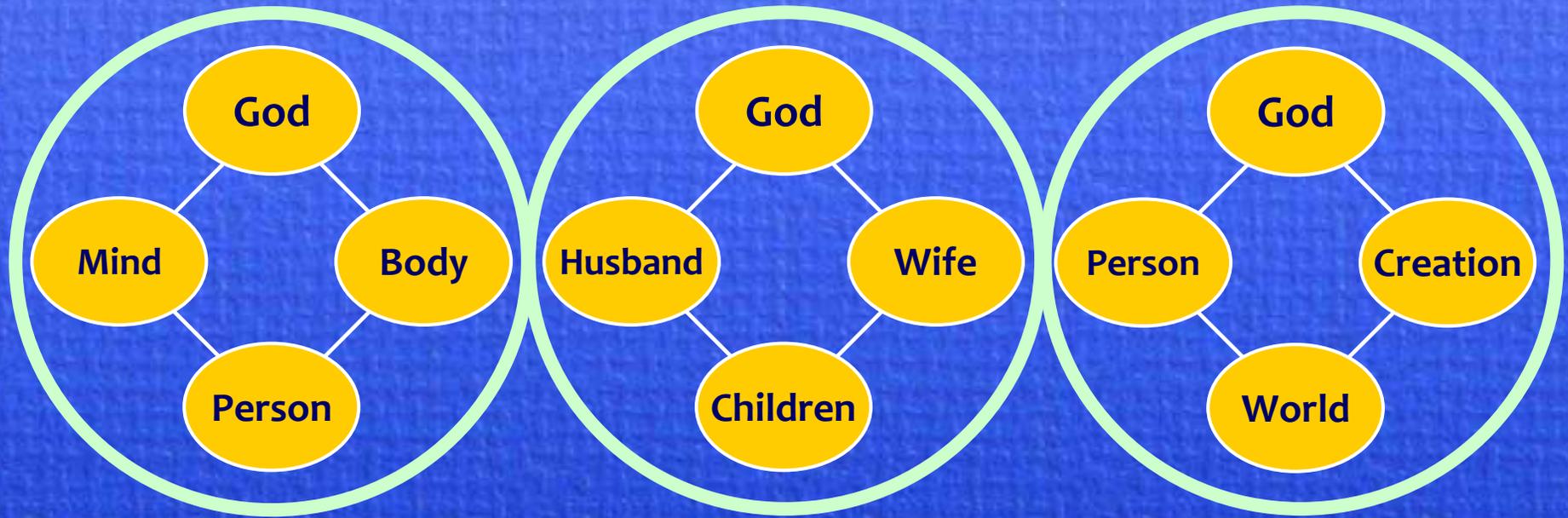


Obedience

**God-centred
Marriage**

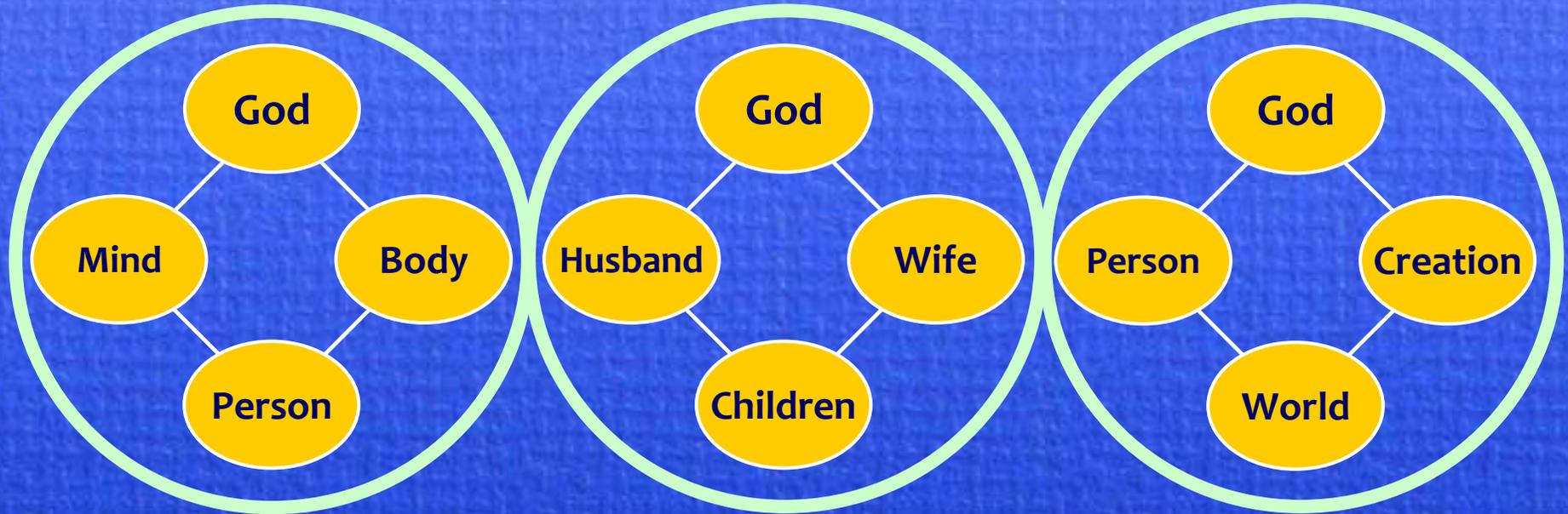
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Obedience God-centred
Marriage Prosperity

TRUE PARENTS provide the model

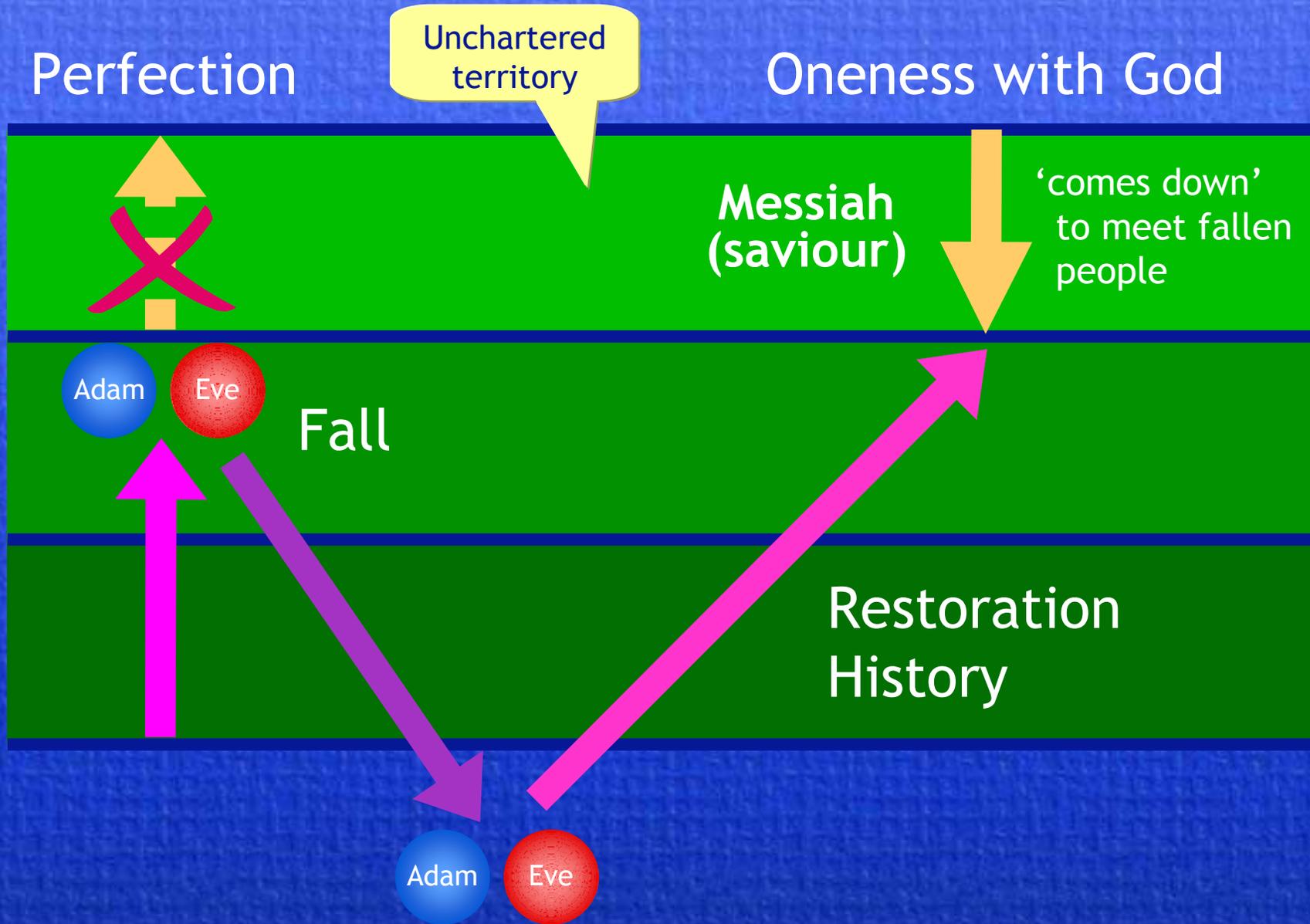


True
Individual

True
Family

True
World

History of Restoration



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