

# Chapter 7

# Christology

A religious painting depicting the Holy Trinity. At the top, God the Father is shown as an elderly man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a pinkish-red robe, with his arms raised in a gesture of blessing. A white dove with outstretched wings is positioned in front of his chest. Below him, the infant Jesus is seated, wearing a blue robe, with his right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a blue sky and a white horizon. The overall style is characteristic of the Italian Renaissance.

# Issues of Christology



**Doctrine of Trinity**

**Doctrine of Rebirth**

- Issues which fall within the scope of Christology include the Trinity, which deals with the relationship between God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, as well as rebirth and the relationship between Jesus, the Holy Spirit and fallen people (p. 163).



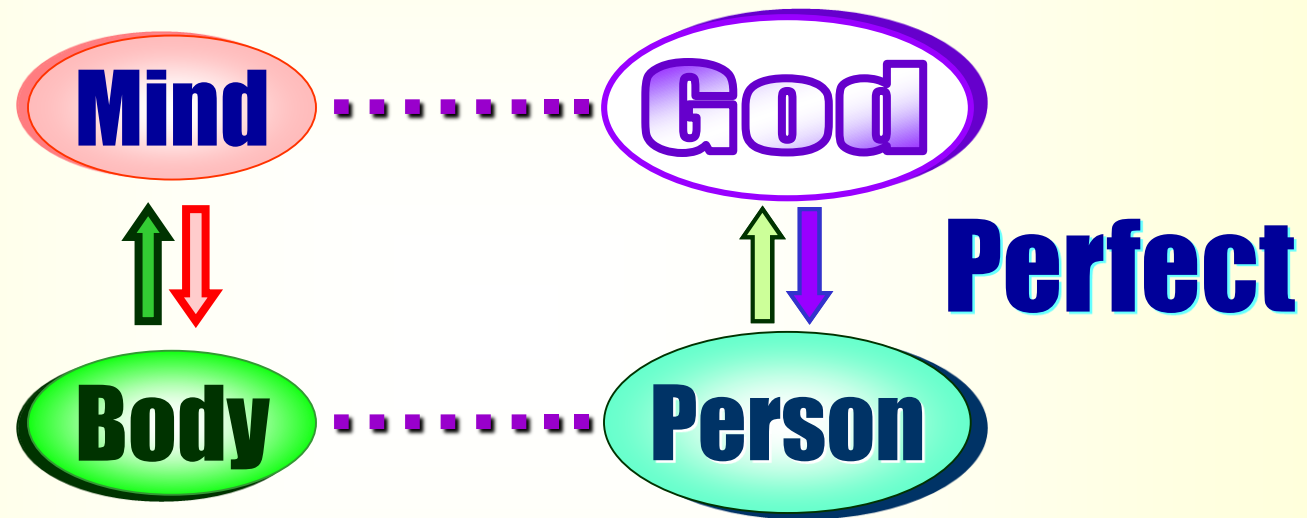
# Section 1

**The Value of a Person  
Who Has Realized  
the Purpose of Creation**

# Relationship of dual characteristics between God and a fully mature person

Matt. 5:48

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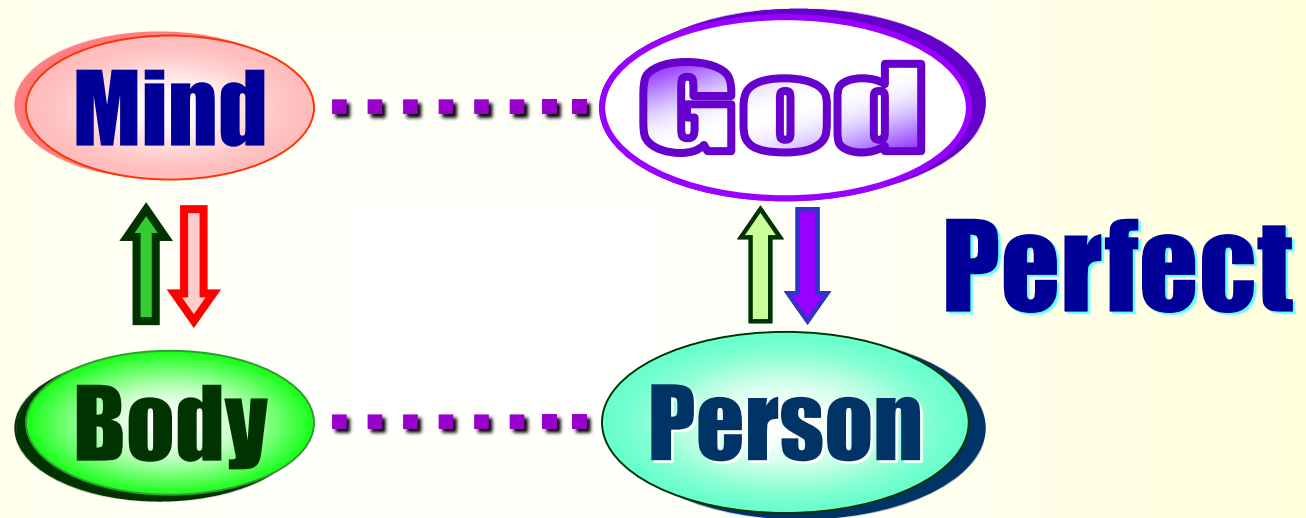


- The relationship between God and a perfect person resembles the relationship between the **dual** characteristics. Jesus spoke of this state of perfection, saying “You, therefore, must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matt. 5:48)

# Relationship of dual characteristics between God and a fully mature person

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**Perfect person : divine value**

- Thus, we see that a person who has realized the purpose of creation (perfect person) assumes a divine value, comparable to God.

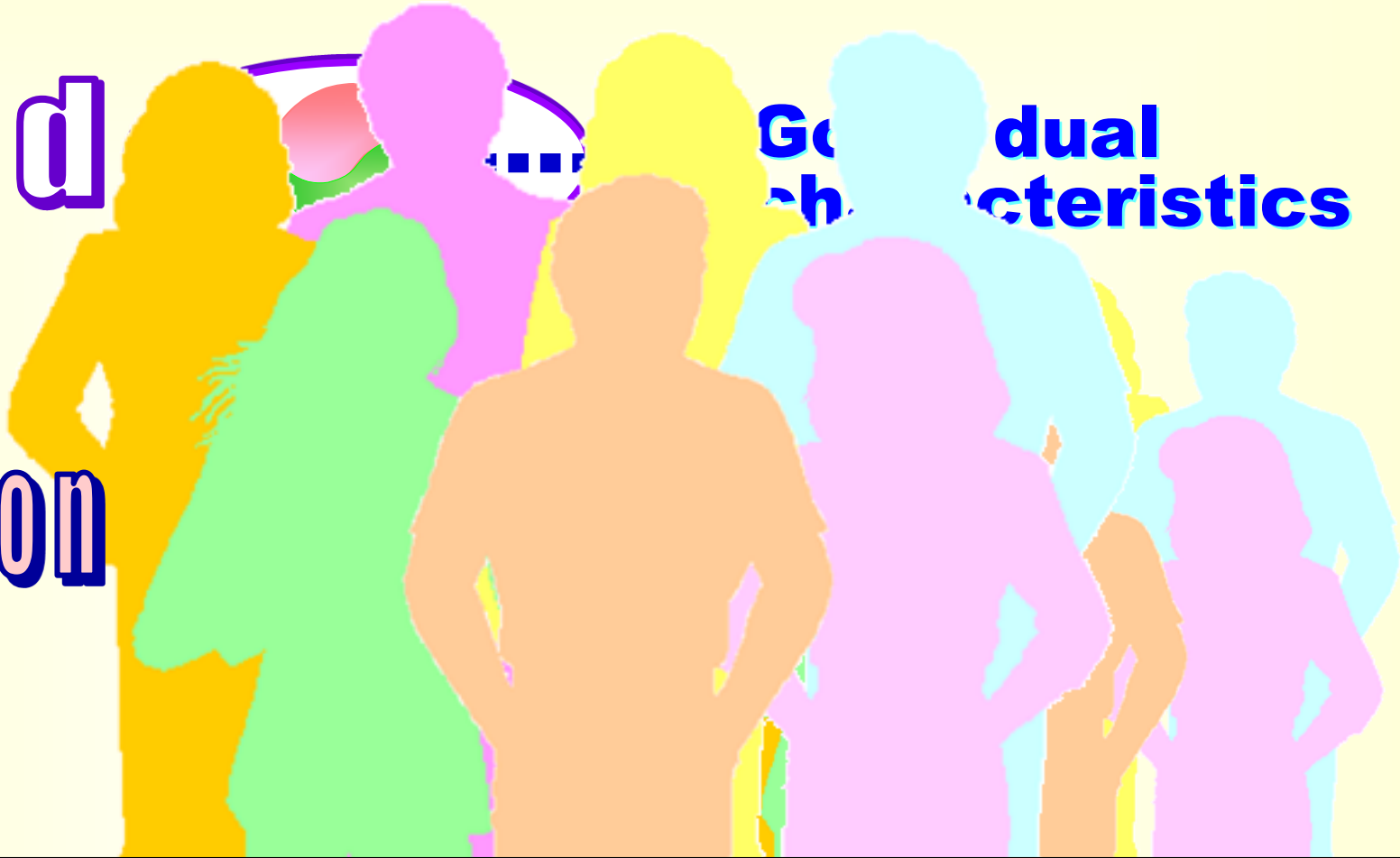


# Purpose for which a human being was created

God

God's dual characteristics

Person



- Let us consider the value of a human being from the perspective of the purpose for which he was created. Each person is God's substantial object partner who manifests a distinctive aspect of God's dual characteristics.

# Purpose for which a human being was created



Hence, that person is the only one in the entire universe who can stimulate that **distinctive aspect** of God's nature to bring Him joy.

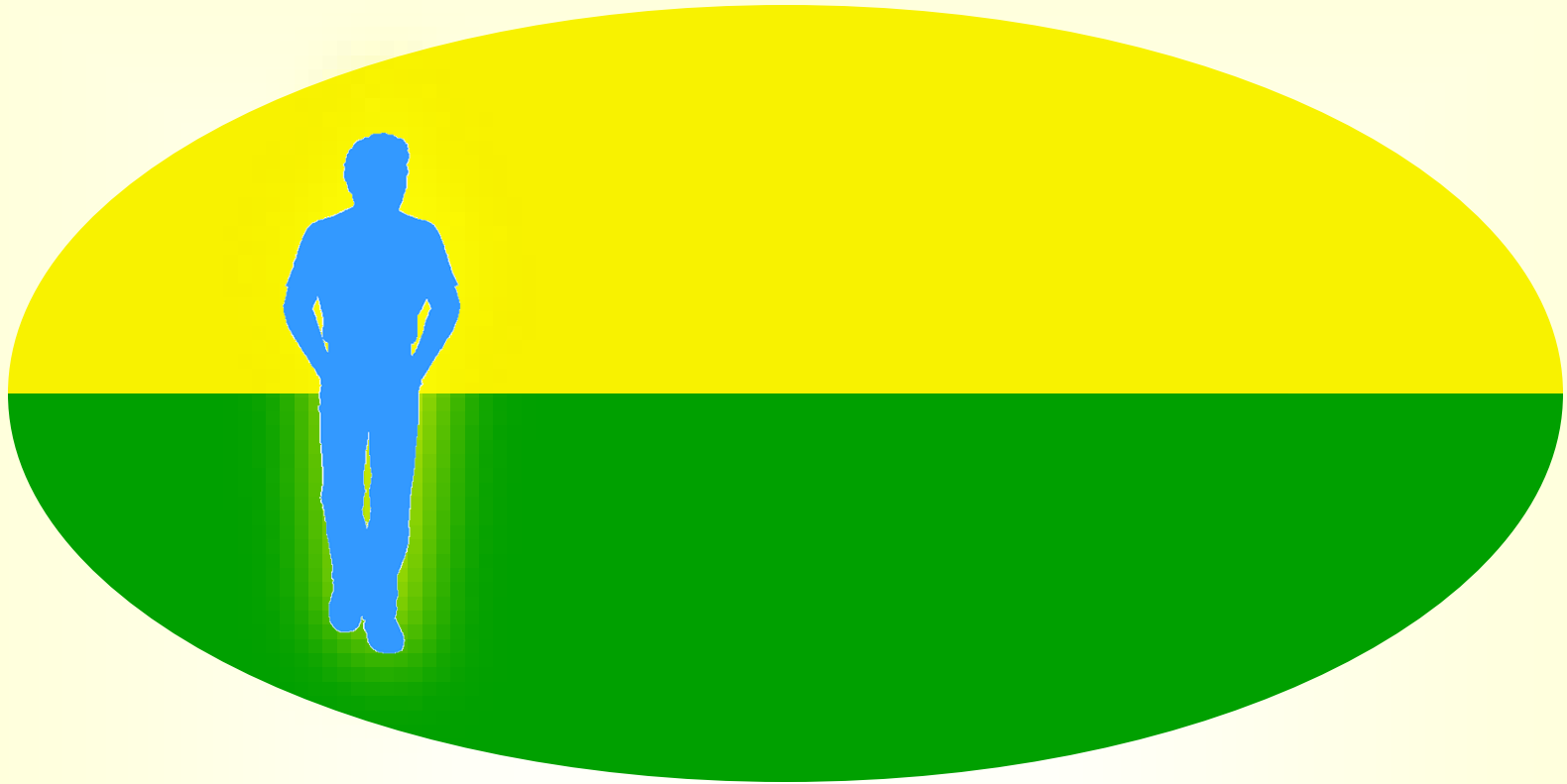
# Purpose for which a human being was created



- Every person who has completed the purpose of creation is thus a unique existence in the cosmos.

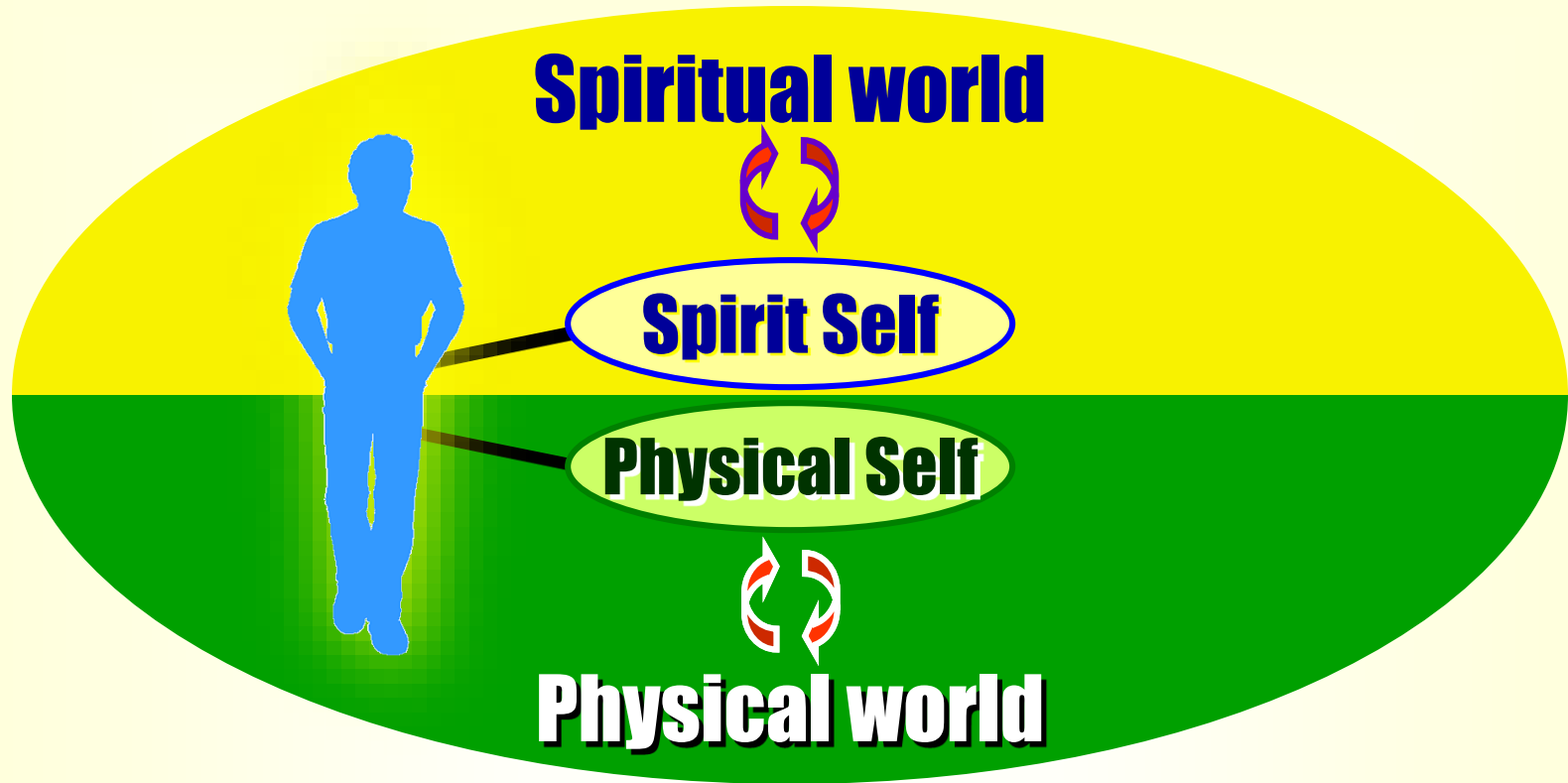


# Human relationship with the universe



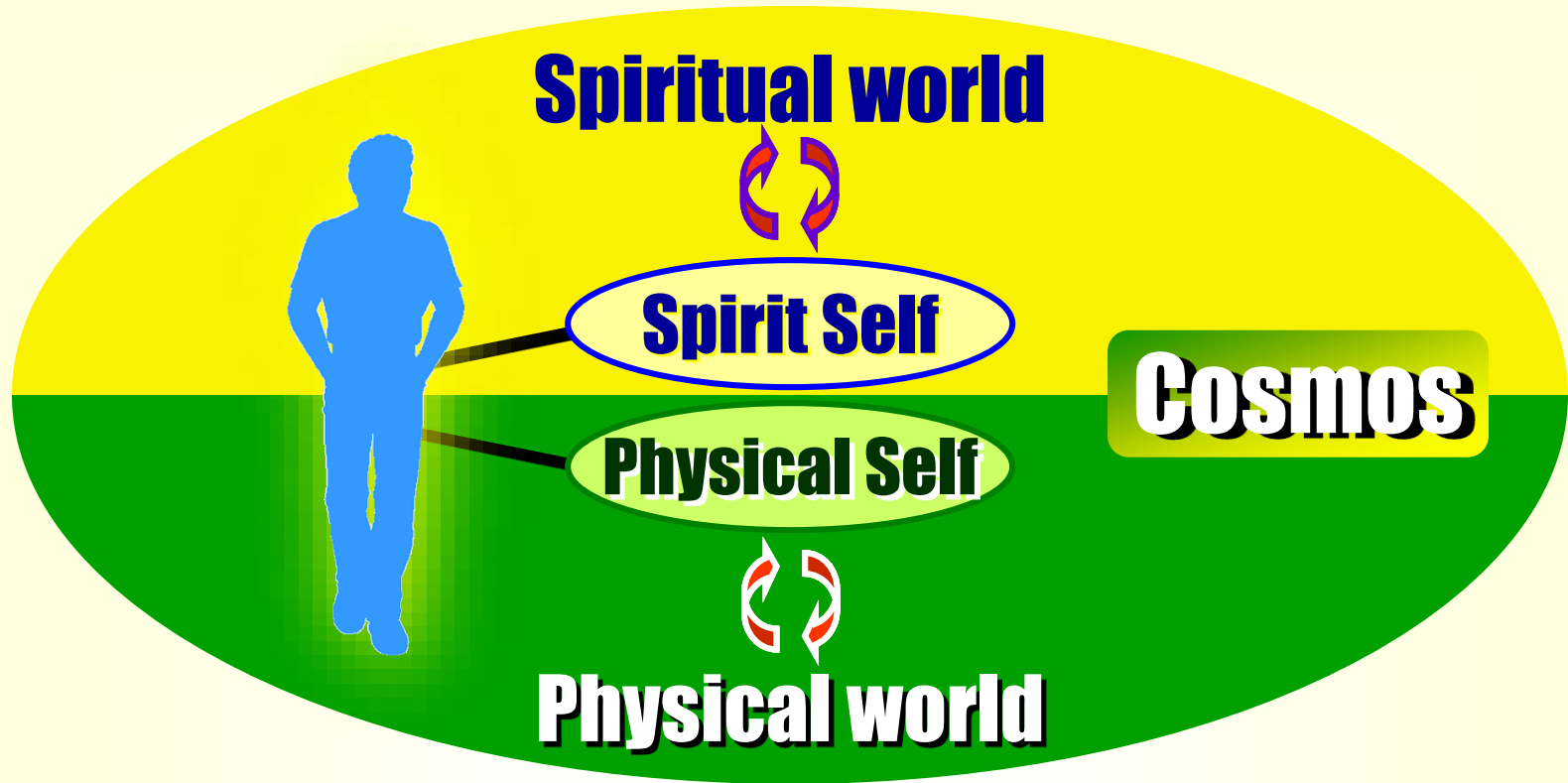
- Let us consider the value of a human being based on his relationship with the universe. The universe is the substantial unfolding of the dual characteristics of a human being.

# Human relationship with the universe



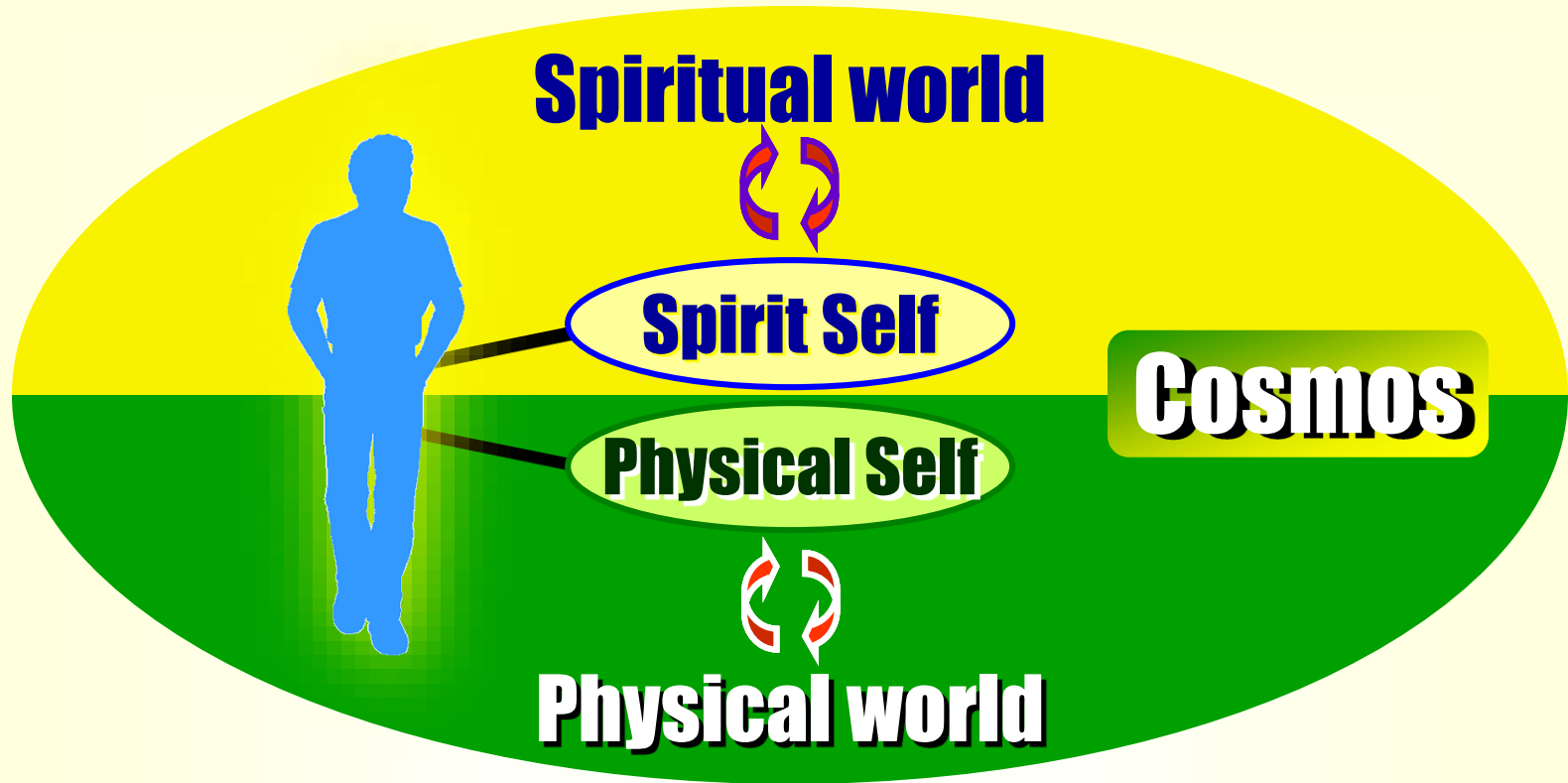
A person's spirit self encapsulates all elements of the spirit world while his physical self encapsulates all elements of the physical world (p. 164).

# Human relationship with the universe



- A person who has completed the purpose of creation thus encapsulates all the essences of everything in the cosmos. This is why a human being is called a microcosm of the universe (p. 165).

# Human relationship with the universe



**Perfect person : cosmic value**

- For these reasons, a human being has the value of the entire cosmos.



# Section 2

**Jesus and the Person  
Who Has Realized  
the Purpose of Creation**

## 2.1 Perfected Adam, Jesus and the Restoration of the Tree of Life

“He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed a cherubim, and a flaming sword..., to guard the way to the tree of life.

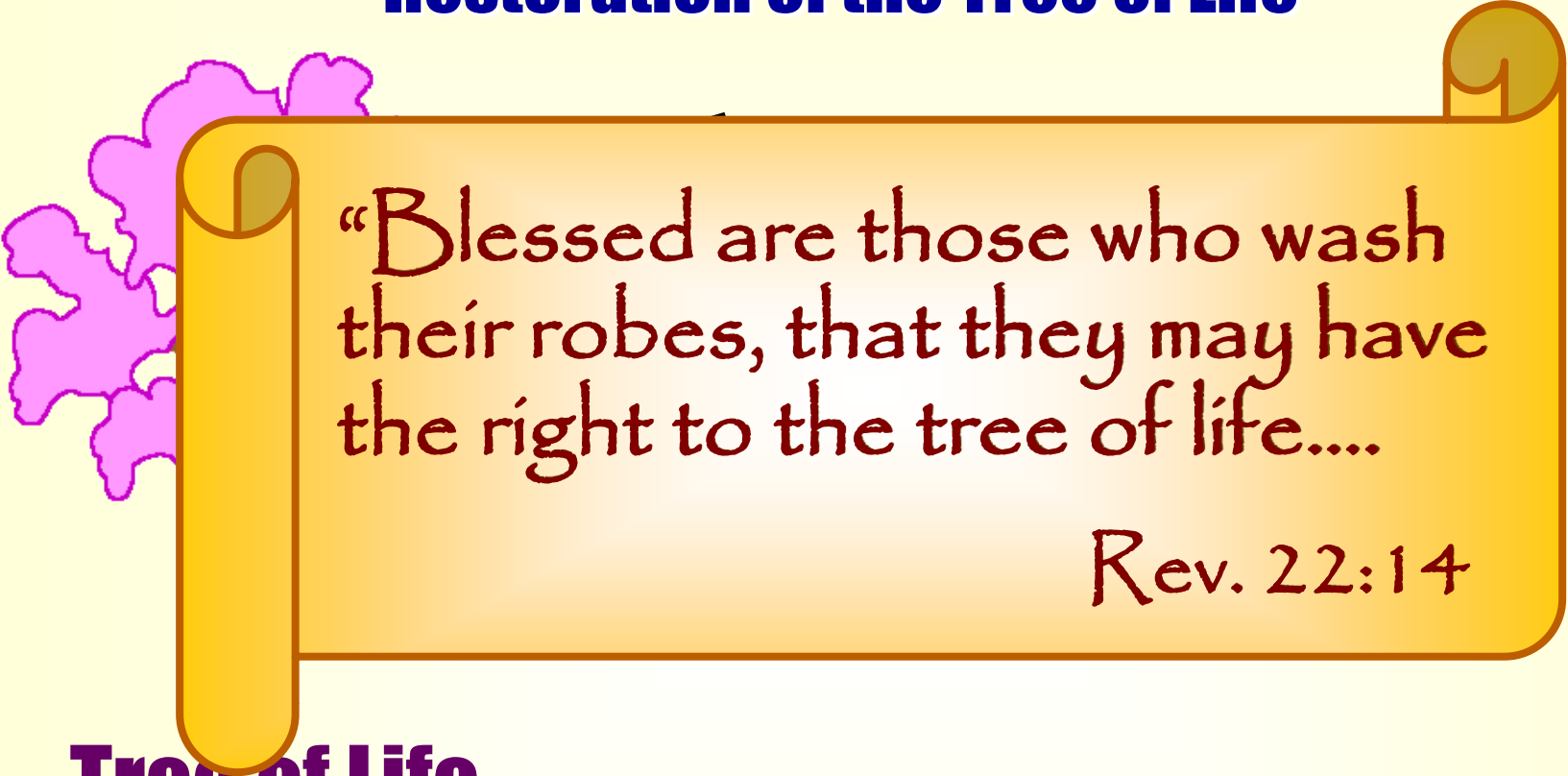
Gen. 3:24

### Tree of Life

- Human history is the history of the providence of restoration. Its goal is the realization of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth when, at the end of history, the **tree of life** which was **lost** in the Garden of Eden will be **regained** (Gen. 3:24, Rev. 22:14).



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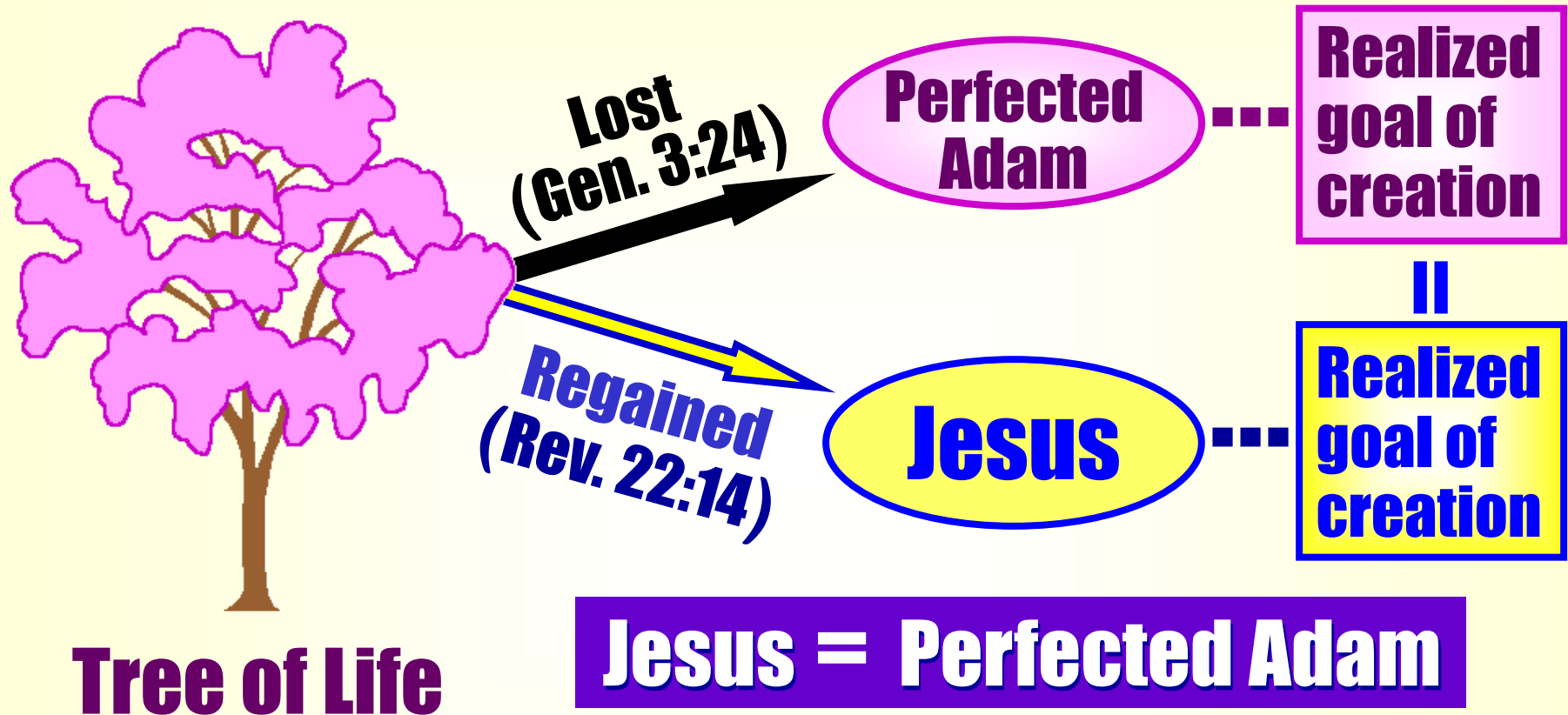
“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life....

Rev. 22:14

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## 2.1 Perfected Adam, Jesus and the Restoration of the Tree of Life



- Hence, Adam, had he realized the ideal of perfection symbolized by the tree of life in the Garden of Eden, and Jesus, symbolized by the tree of life in the Book of Revelation, would be identical in the sense of having realized the goal of creation.

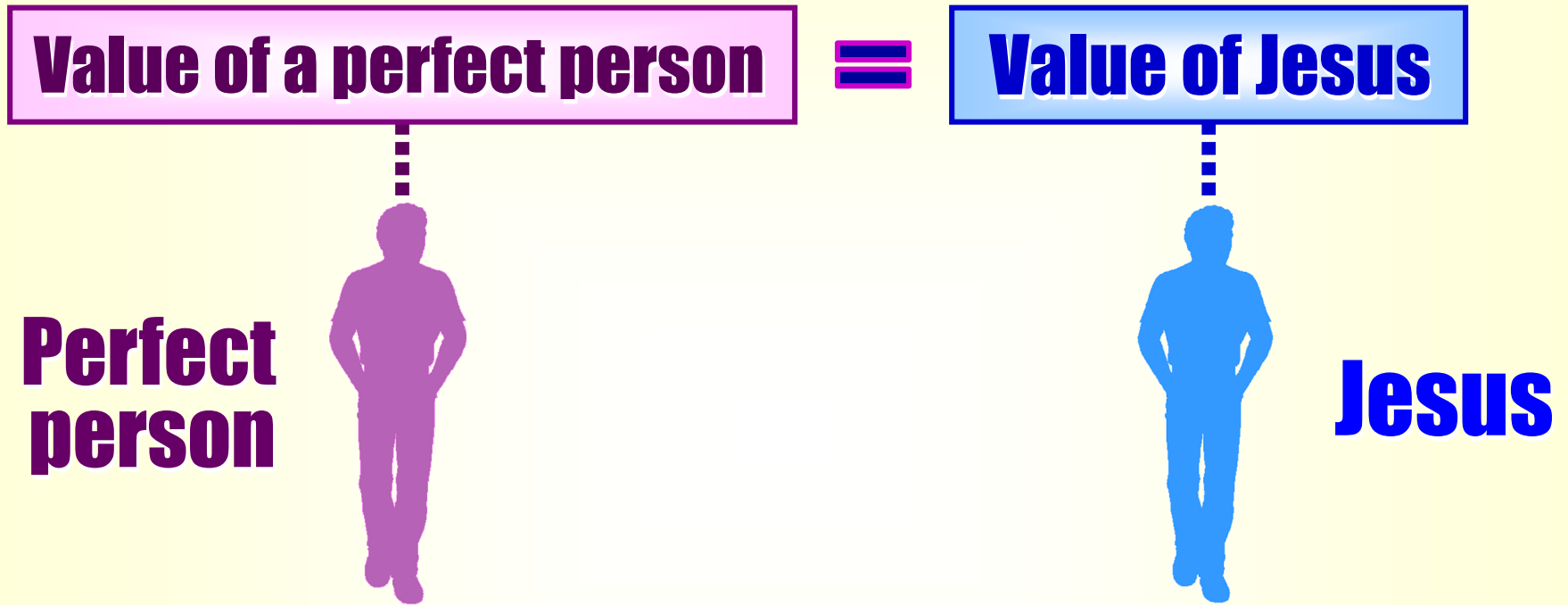
## 2.2 Jesus, Human Beings and the Fulfillment of the Purpose of Creation

**Perfect person**



- A perfect person has the same divine nature as God. He is unique in all the cosmos. Furthermore, he possesses the value of the cosmos.

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There is no greater value than the value of a person who has realized the ideal of creation. This is the value of Jesus, who surely attained the highest imaginable value (p. 166).

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“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

1 Tim. 2:5


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**Jesus = perfect person**

- Thus, Jesus is a human being who realized the ideal of creation on the individual level.

## 2.3 Is Jesus God Himself?

John 14:9-10



He who has seen me  
has seen the Father

- When Philip asked Jesus to show him God, Jesus said, “He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show me the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me?” (John 14:9-10)



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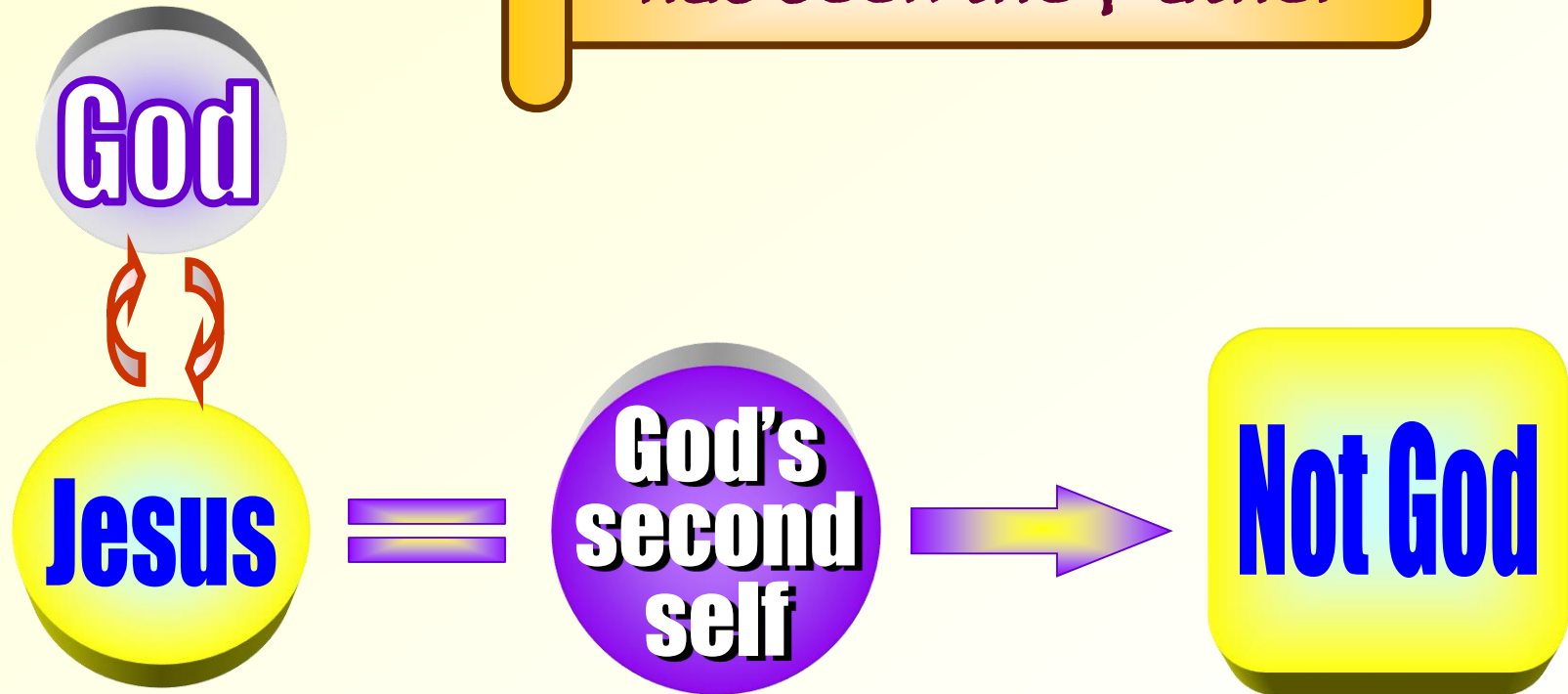
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Based on such biblical verses as this, many Christians have believed that Jesus is God, the Creator (p. 167).

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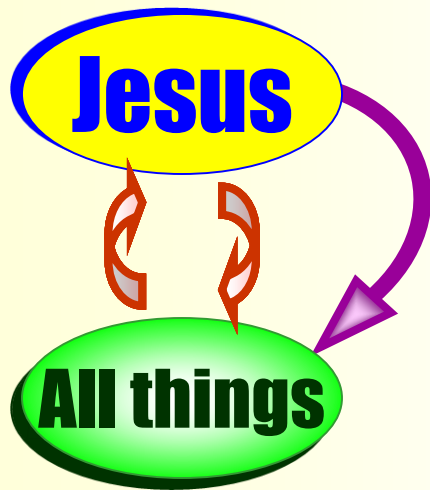
- Since Jesus is one with God, he may be understood to be God's second self; but he is not God Himself.



# Section 3

## Jesus and Fallen People

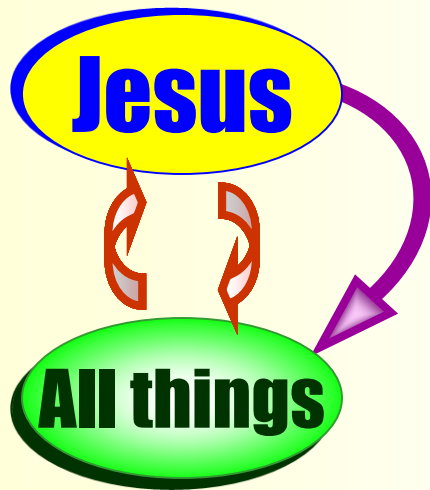
# Jesus



## ① **Dominion over all things and angels**

- ① Because Jesus came with the full value of a true person who has completed the purpose of creation, angels and all things were put in his dominion (p. 168).

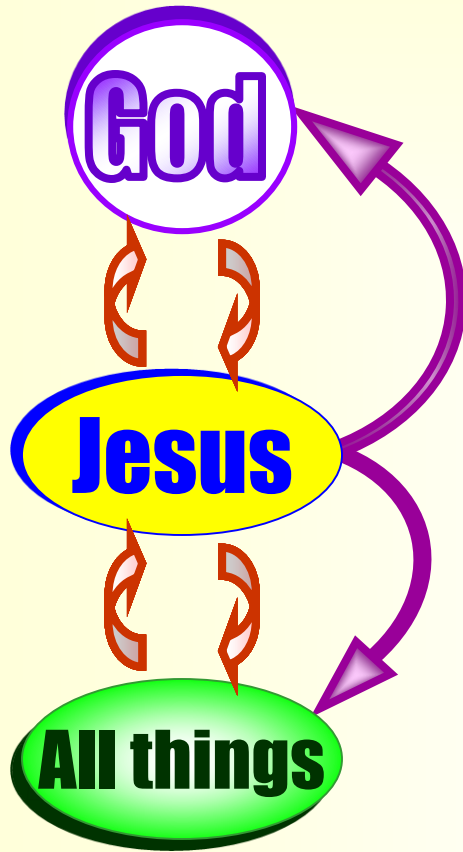
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- ② **No original sin: no Satanic Invasion**
- ① **Dominion over all things and angels**

② Jesus having no original sin, had no condition in himself for Satan to invade him.

# Jesus

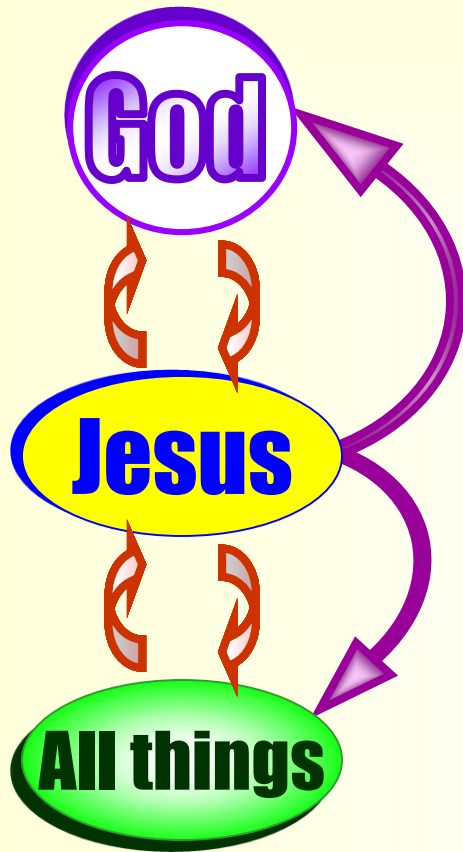


- ③ **Thoroughly understood God's Will**
- ② **No original sin: no Satanic Invasion**
- ① **Dominion over all things and angels**

③ **Jesus thoroughly understood the Will and Heart of God.**



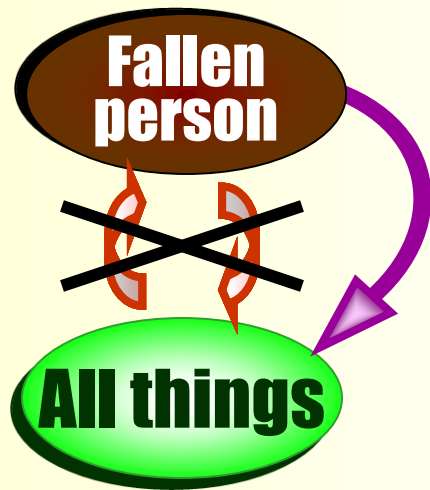
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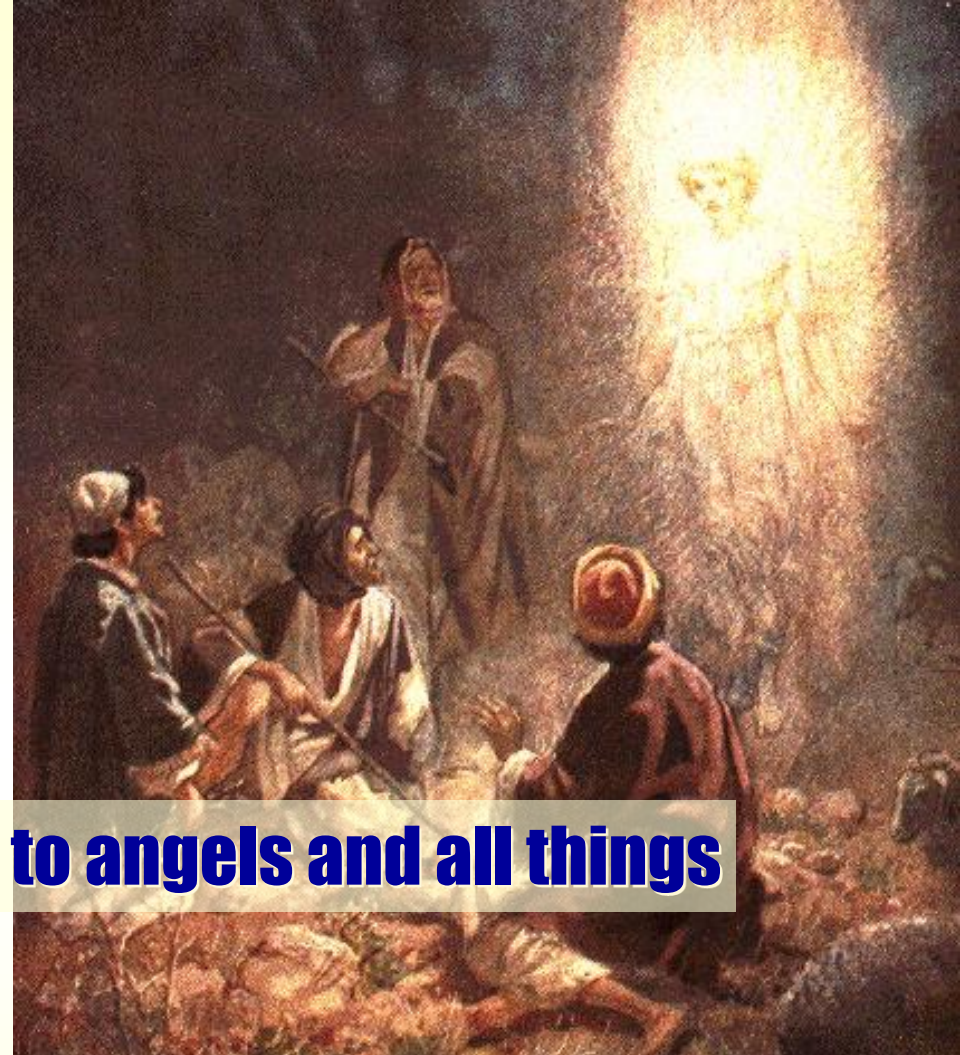
- ④ **Experienced God's Heart**
- ③ **Thoroughly understood God's Will**
- ② **No original sin: no Satanic Invasion**
- ① **Dominion over all things and angels**

④ He also experienced God's Heart as his own reality in daily life.

# Fallen person

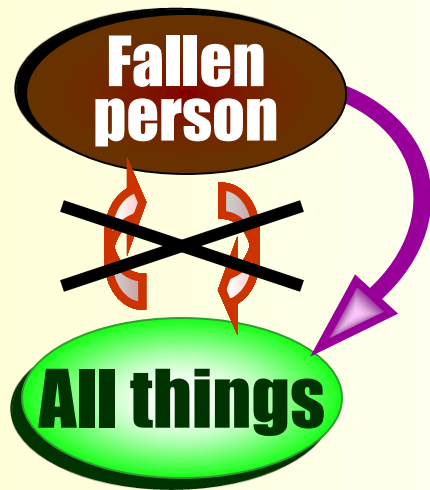


① Looks up to angels and all things



- ① A fallen person has nothing of the value of a true person who has completed the purpose of creation. Rather, he has fallen to such a lowly status that he looks up to the angels, who were created to be his subordinates.

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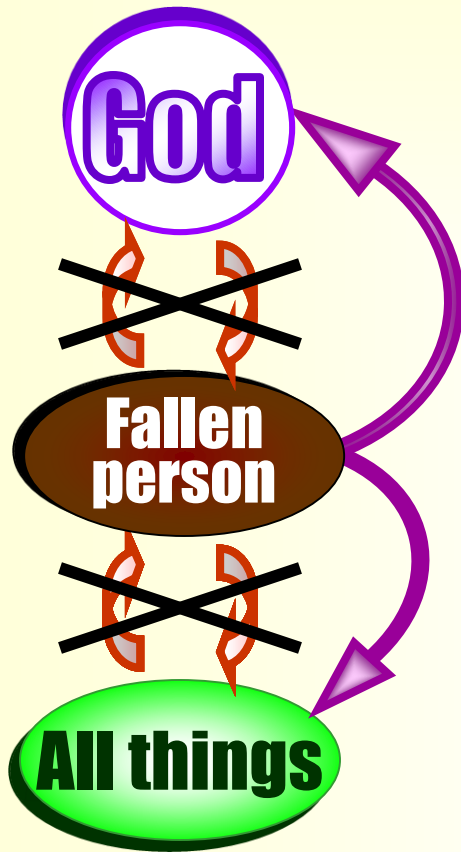


- ② With original sin: Satanic attack
- ① Looks up to angels and all things



- ② A fallen person with original sin is stained with the condition through which Satan can attack him.

# Fallen person



③ **Cannot fathom the Will and Heart of God**

② **With original sin: Satanic attack**

① **Looks up to angels and all things**

③ **A fallen person cannot fathom the Will and Heart of God. At most, he can catch only a glimpse of them.**





# Section 4

# Rebirth and Trinity

## 4.1 Rebirth

### 4.1.1 Jesus and the Holy Spirit and Their Mission to Give Rebirth

# Rebirth

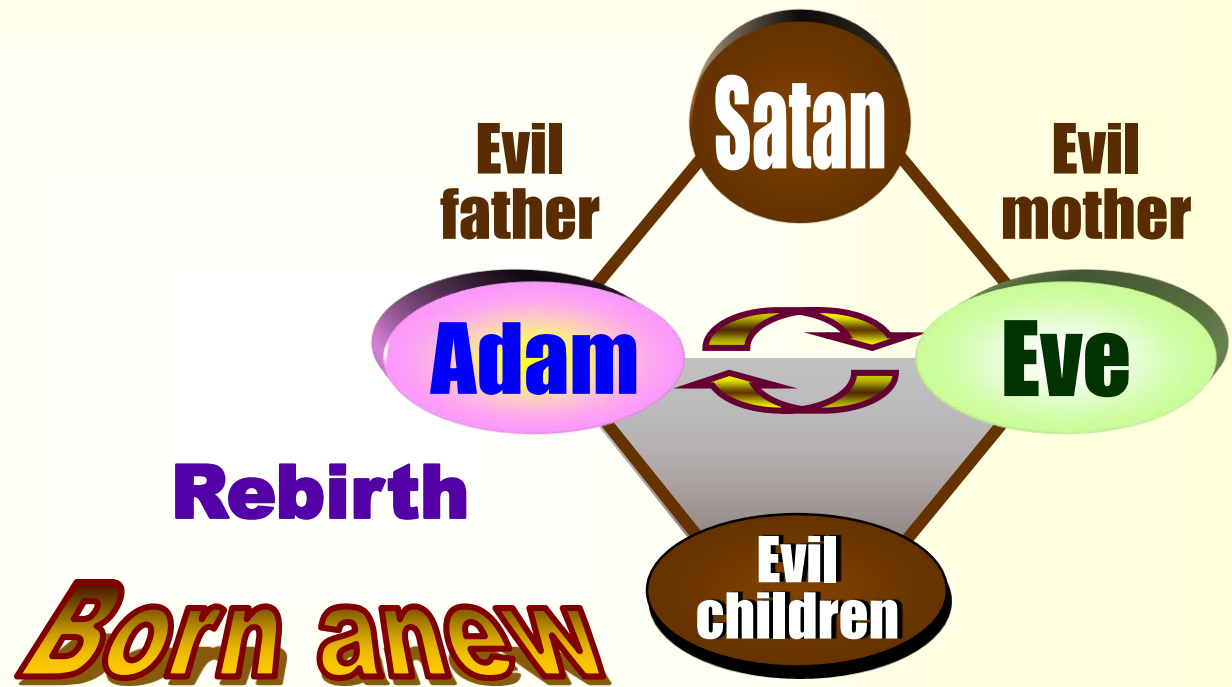
***Born anew***

- Jesus said, “Unless one is **born anew**, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” (John 3:3) Why must fallen people be born anew? (p. 169)



# 4.1 Rebirth

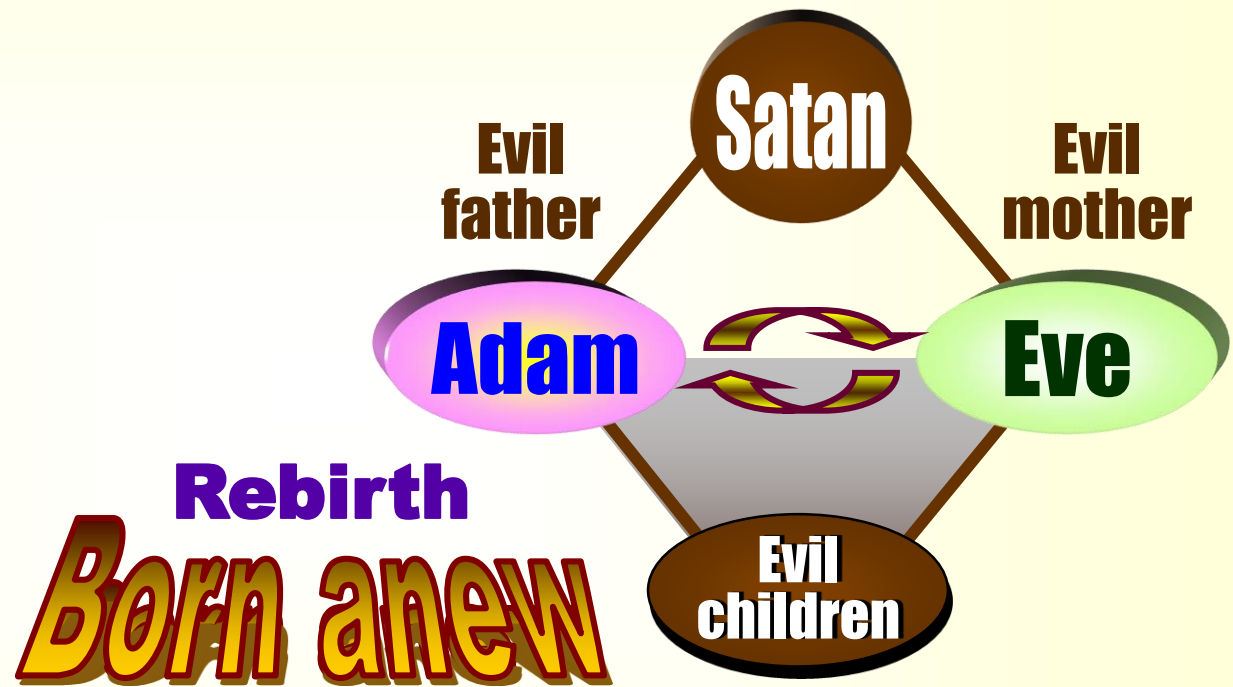
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- Adam and Eve fell and became evil parents, multiplying evil children.

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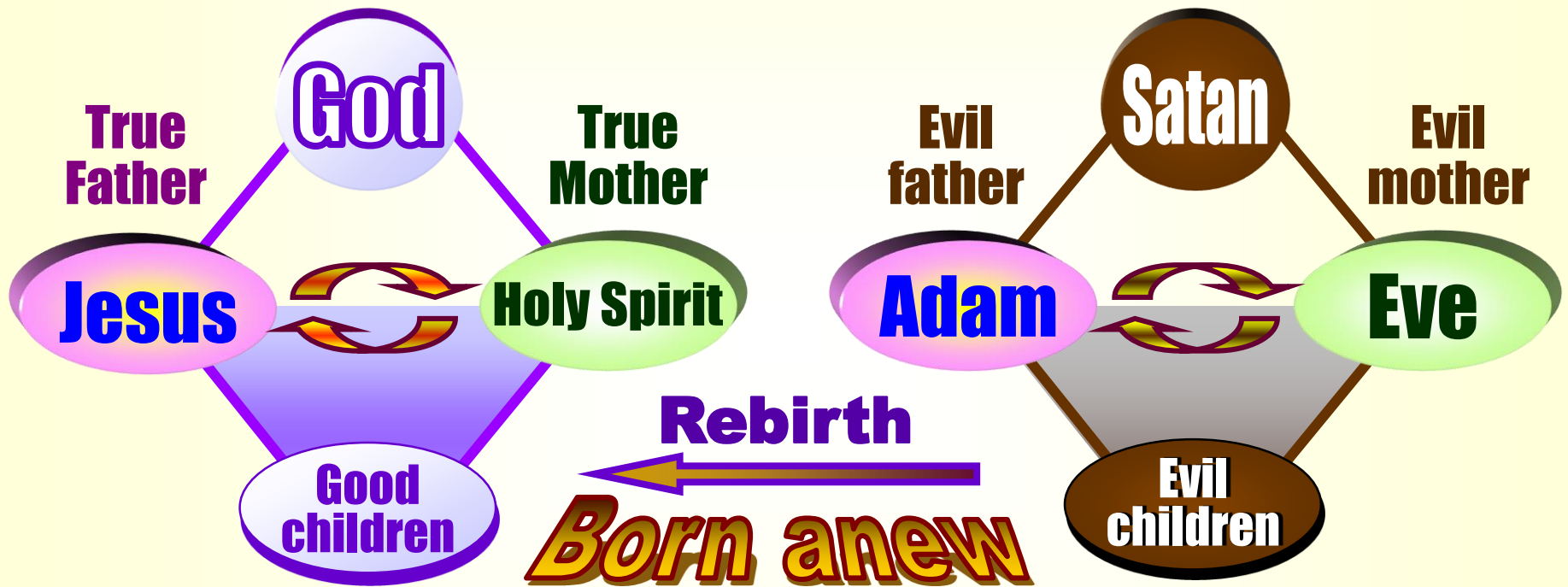
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- Hence, fallen people must be born anew as children without original sin.

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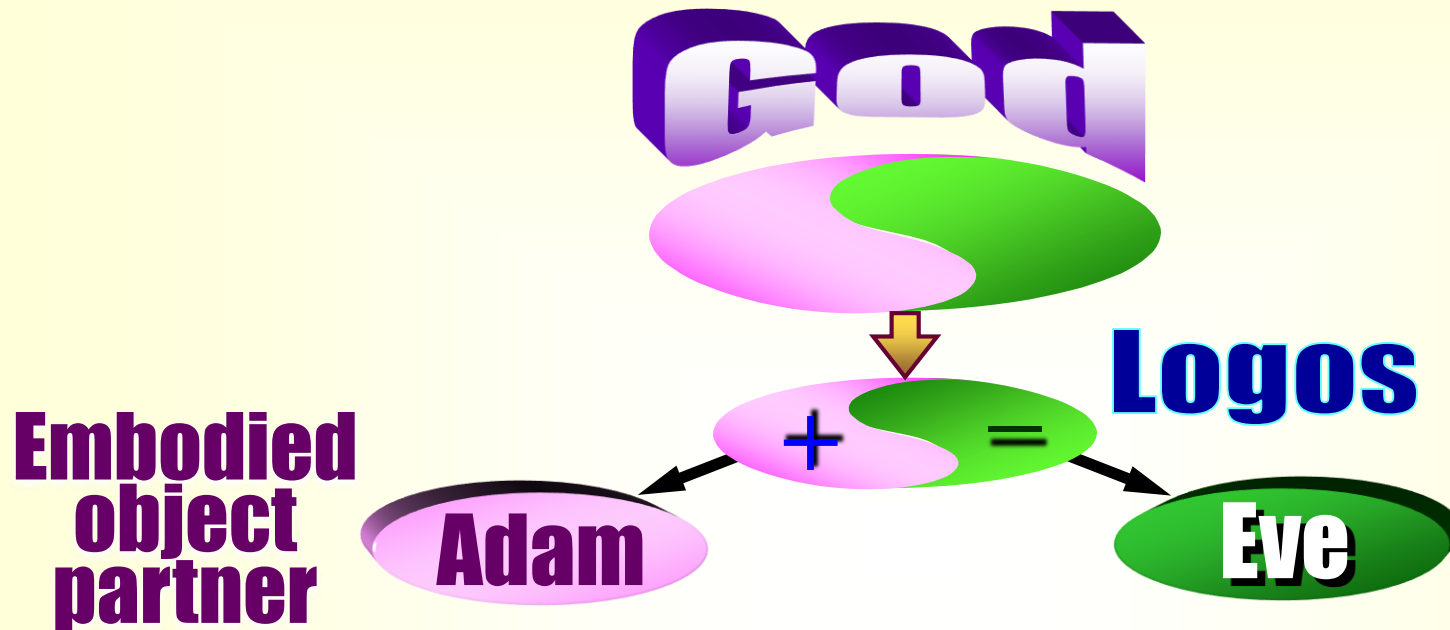


- Jesus came as the True Father in order to give rebirth to fallen people, transforming them into good children, thoroughly cleansed of original sin. The Holy Spirit came as the True Mother (p. 170).

## **4.1.2 Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the Dual Characteristics of the Logos**

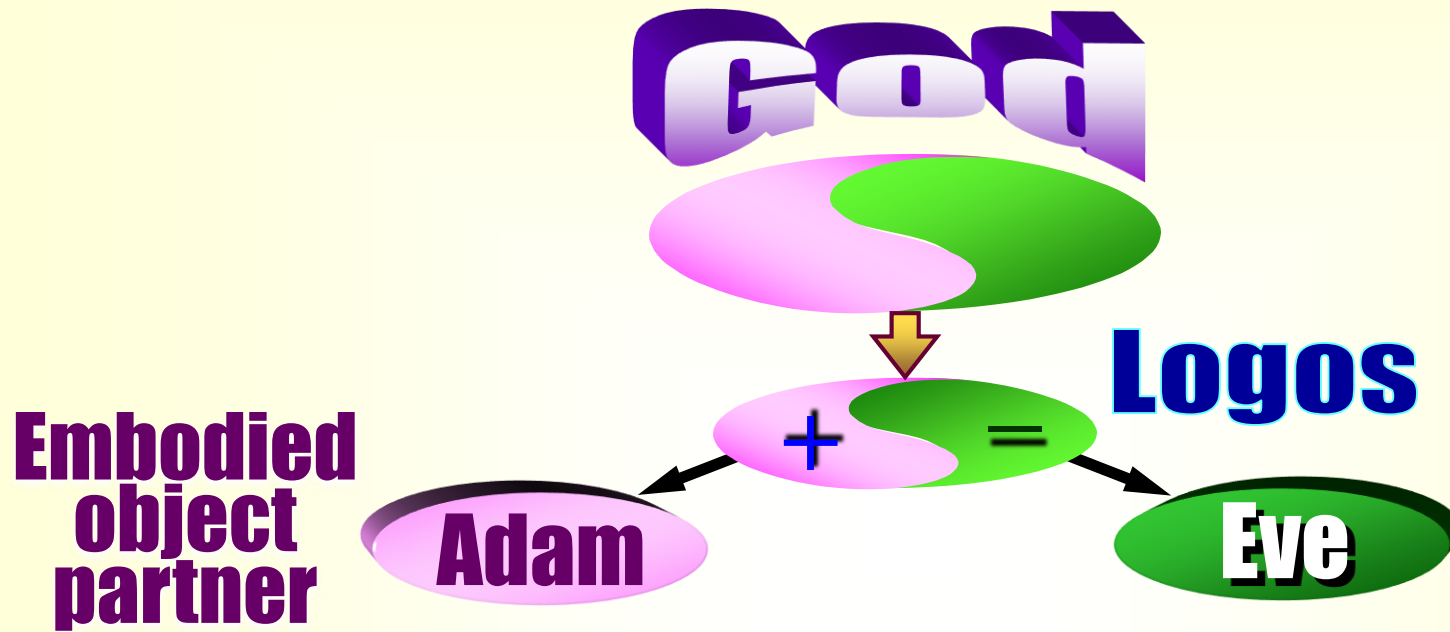
- Logos is Greek for “rational principle” or “the Word.”

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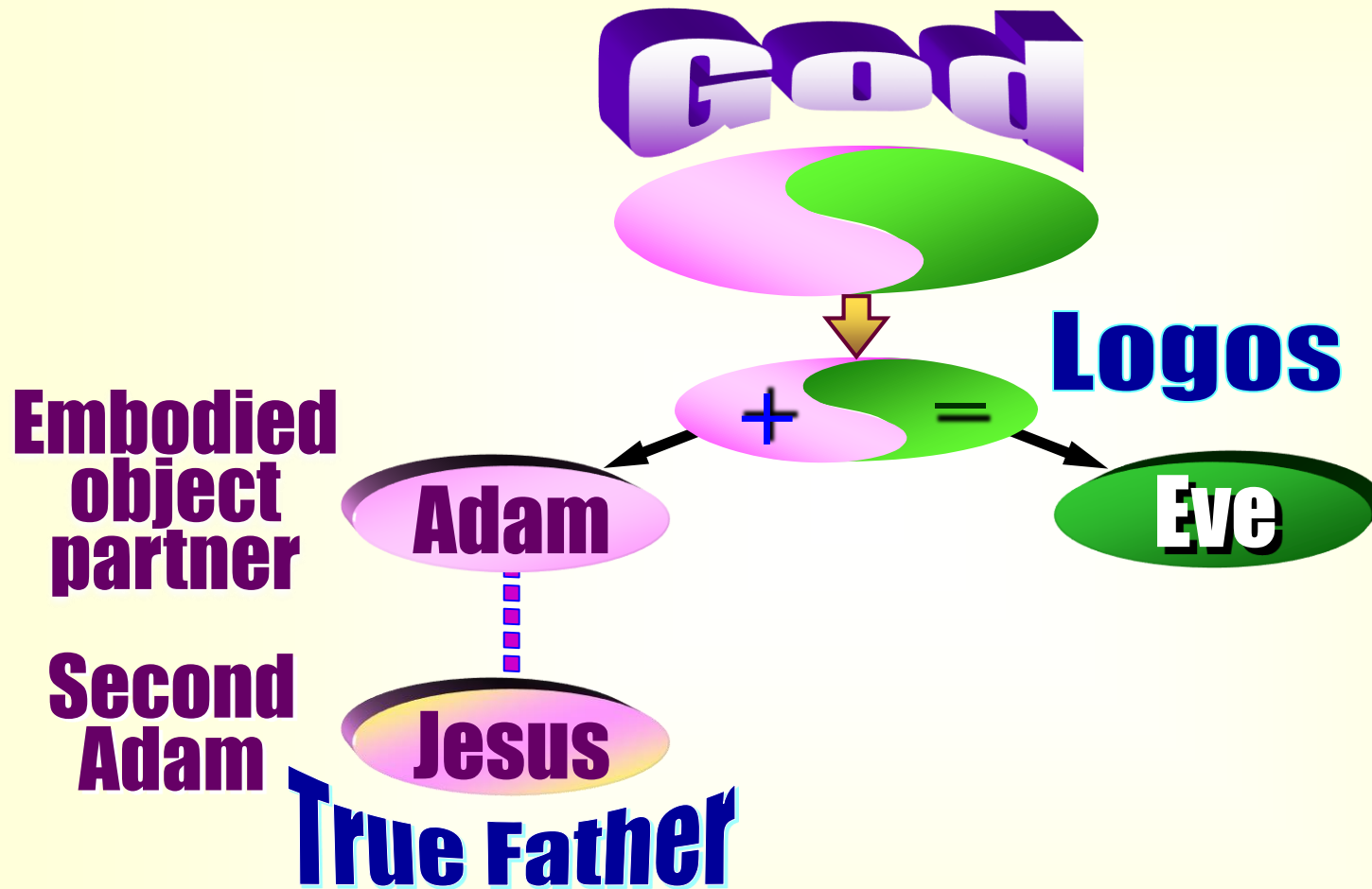
- Adam and Eve, the embodied object partners of God in image, were created separately out of the dual characteristics of the Logos (p. 171).

## 4.1.2 Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the Dual Characteristics of the Logos



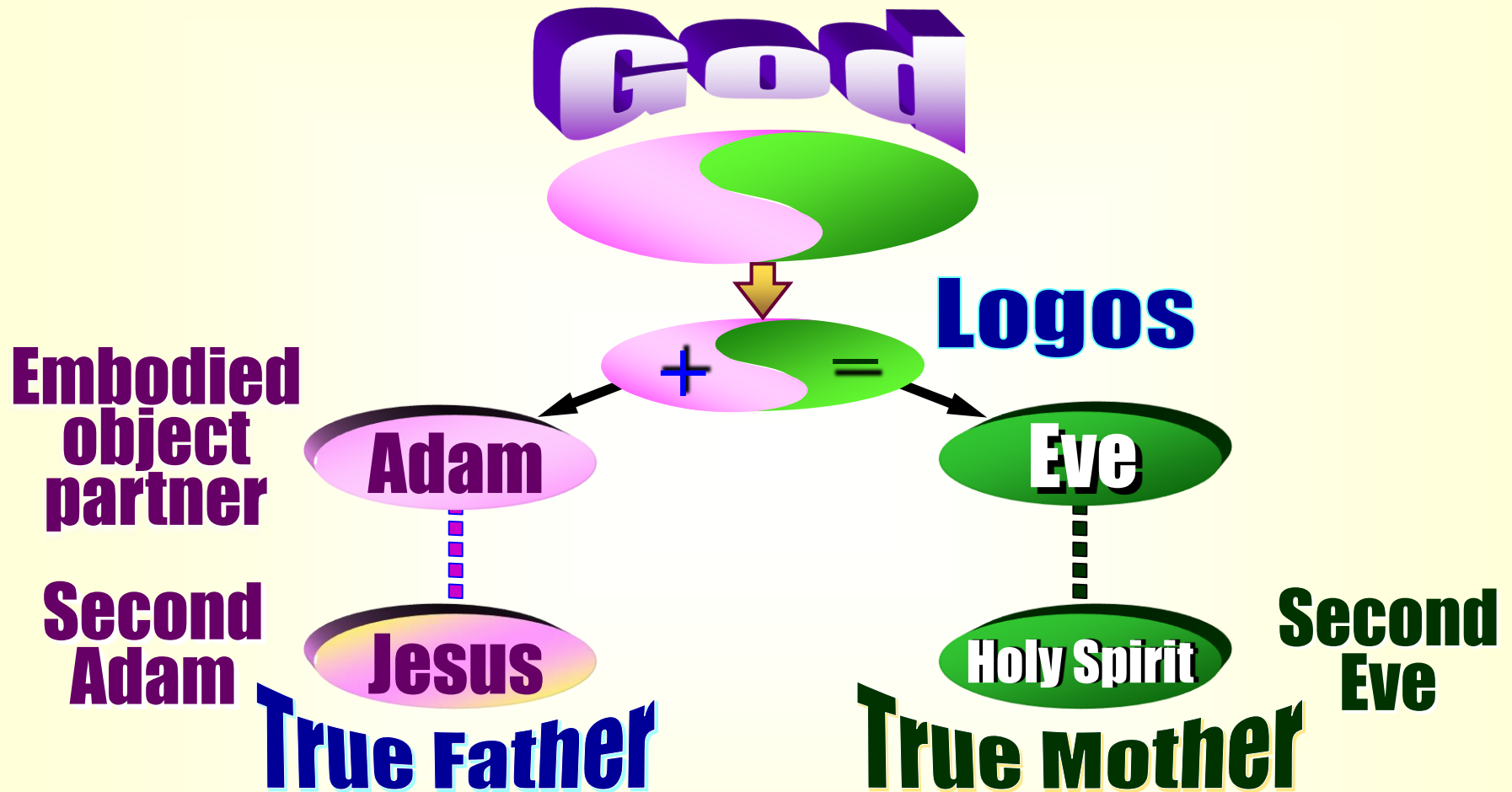
- Because they fell, however, this world became an earthly hell.

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- Therefore, to give rebirth to fallen people, Jesus came as the second Adam and the True Father of humankind.

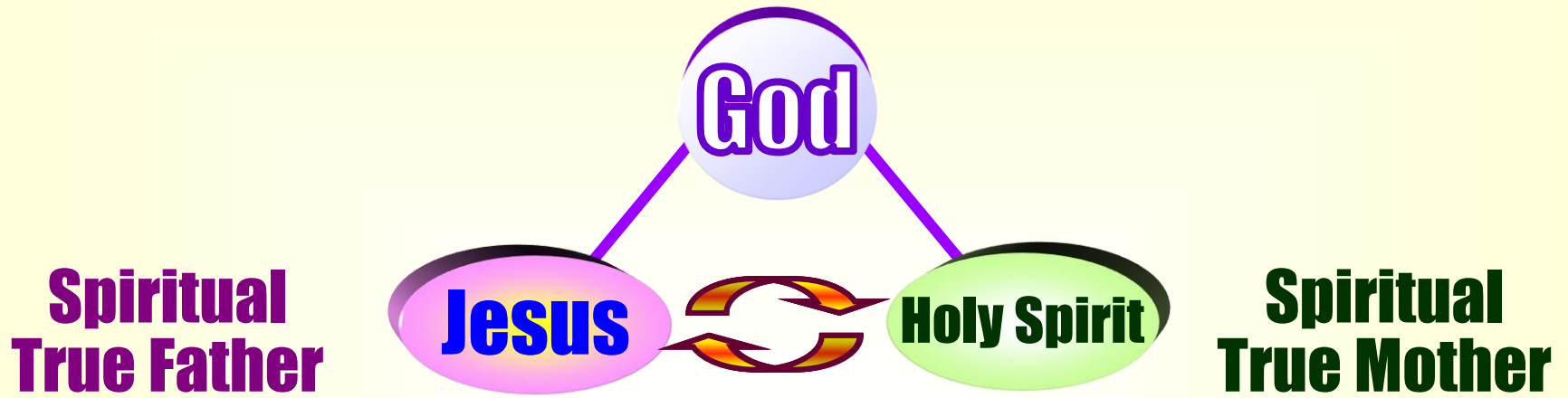
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- This being the case, should not there also have come the True Mother of humankind and the second Eve? The one who has come as the True Mother is the Holy Spirit.

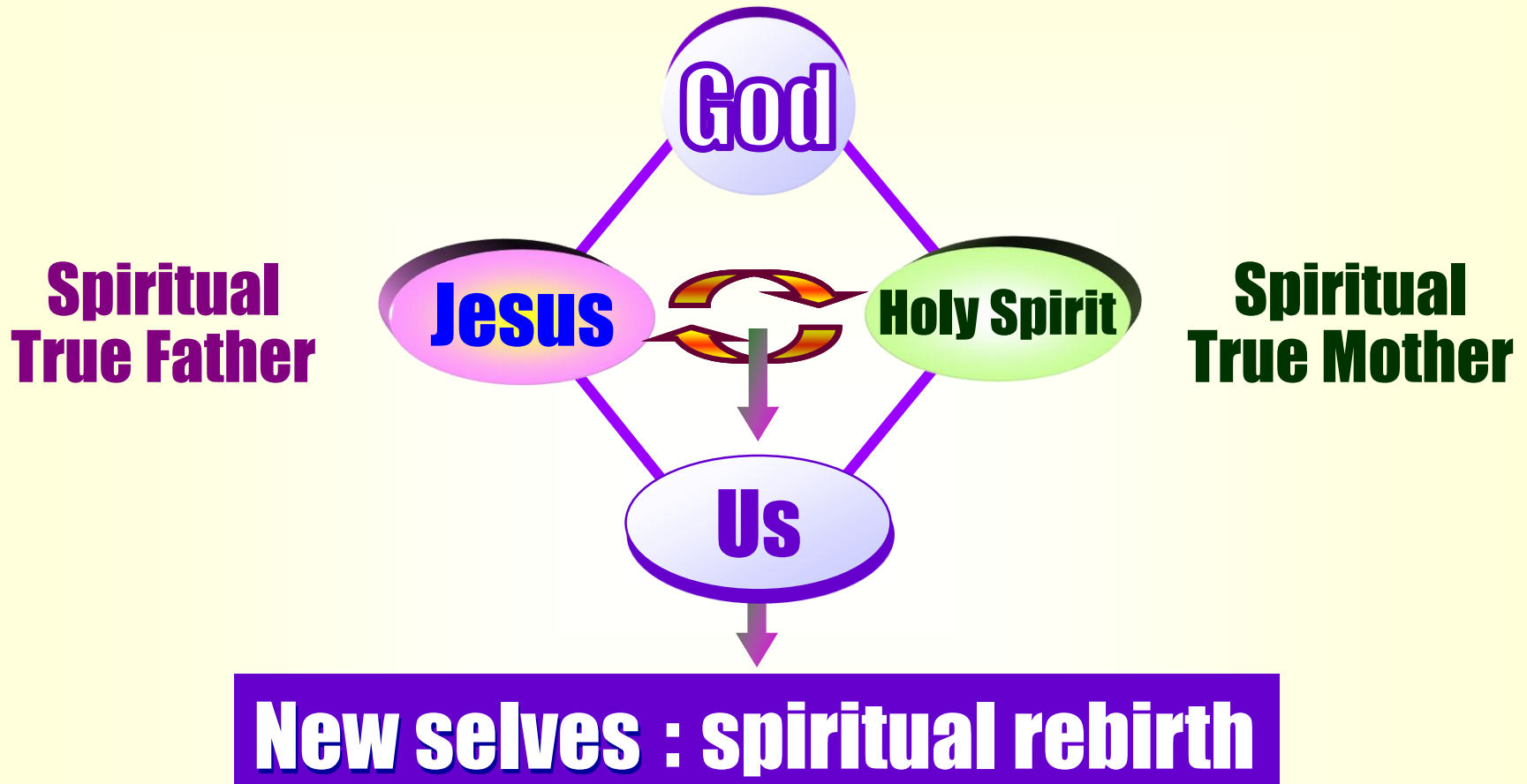


## 4.1.3 Spiritual Rebirth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit



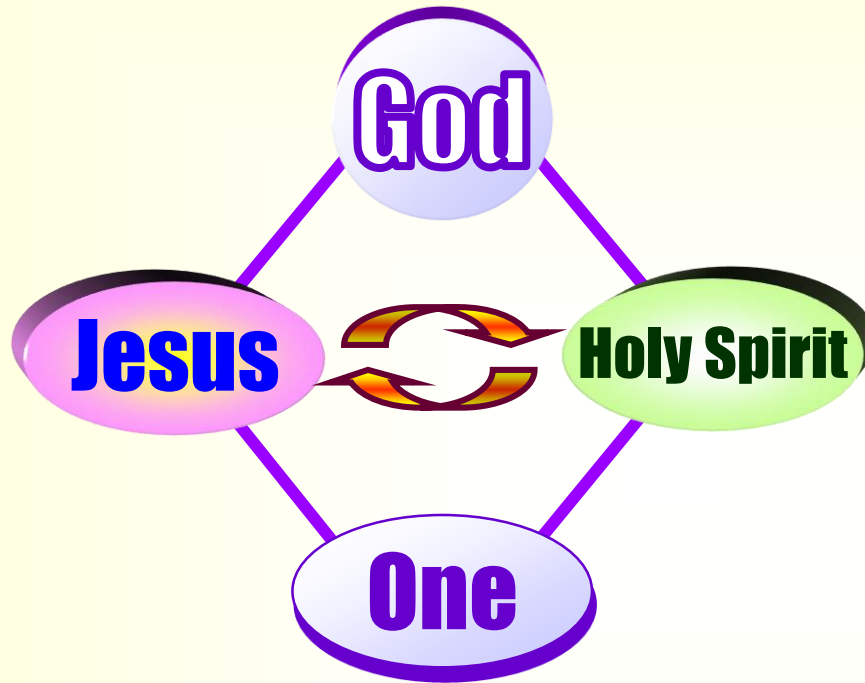
- When we believe in Jesus as the Savior through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we receive the love of the spiritual True Parents, generated through the give and take between Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

## 4.1.3 Spiritual Rebirth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit



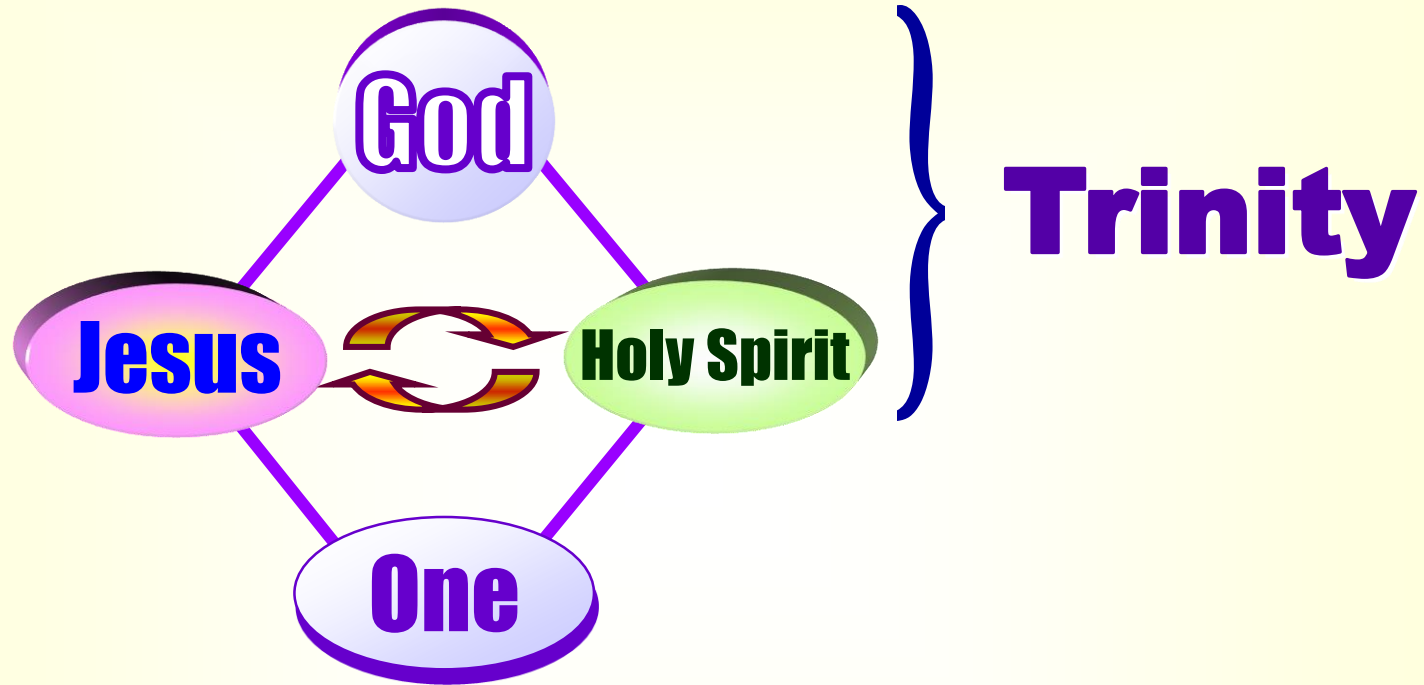
- Through this love, new life is infused into us, and our spirits are reborn as new selves.
- This is spiritual rebirth.

## 4.2 The Trinity



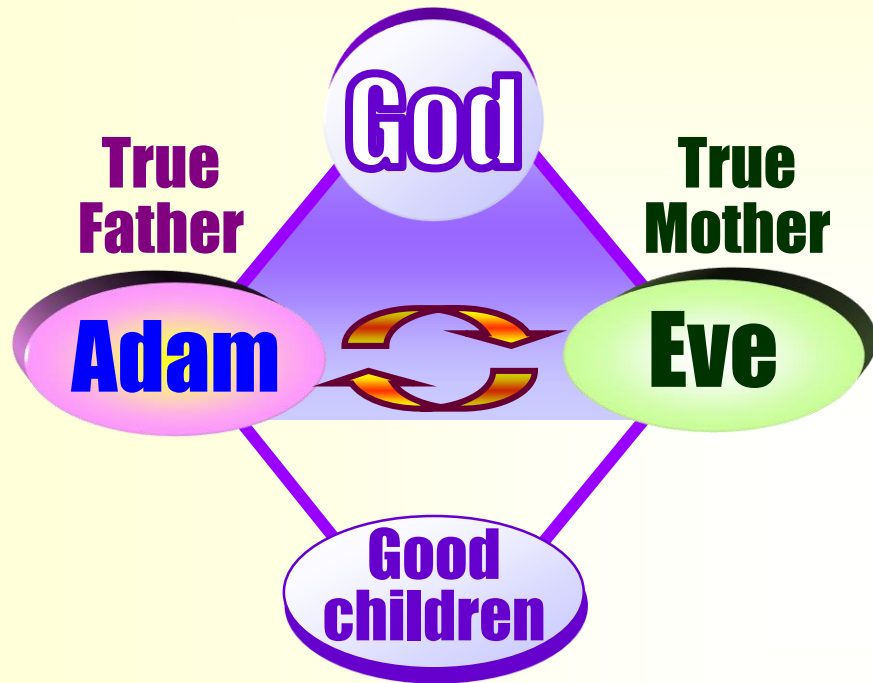
- To fulfill the purpose of creation, Jesus and the Holy Spirit must form the four position foundation with God as the center (p. 172).

## 4.2 The Trinity



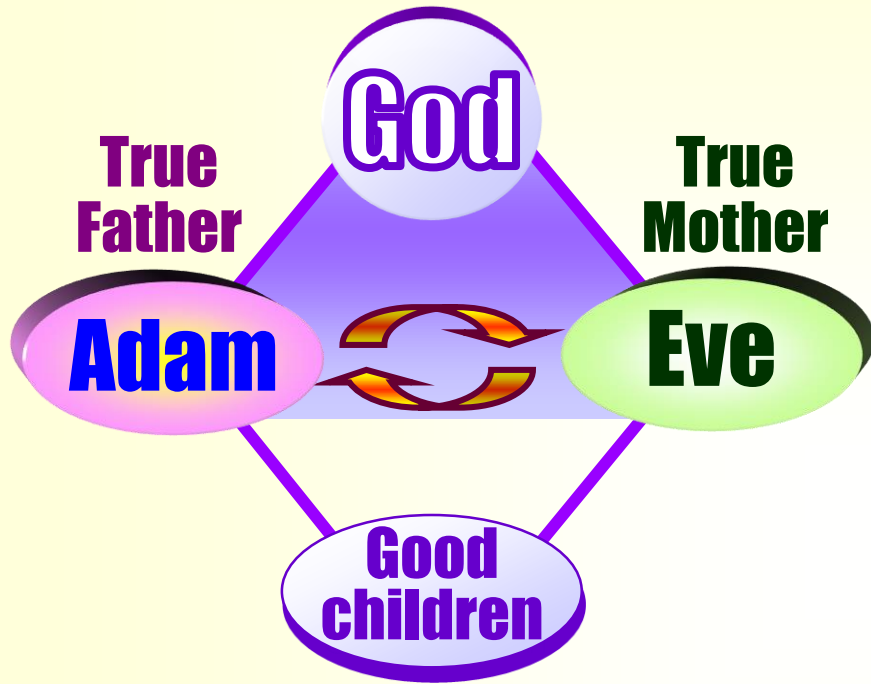
- God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit thus become one, and this oneness constitutes the Trinity.

# Trinities with God and with Satan



- If Adam and Eve had not fallen, but had formed this trinity with God and become the True Parents who could multiply good children, their descendants would have also become good husbands and wives with God as the center of their lives.

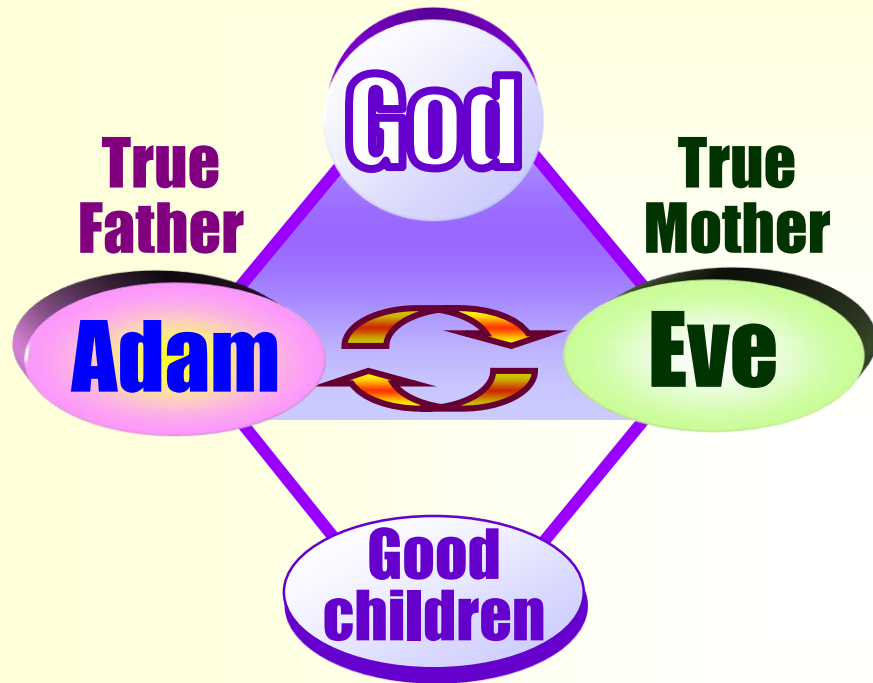
# Trinities with God and with Satan



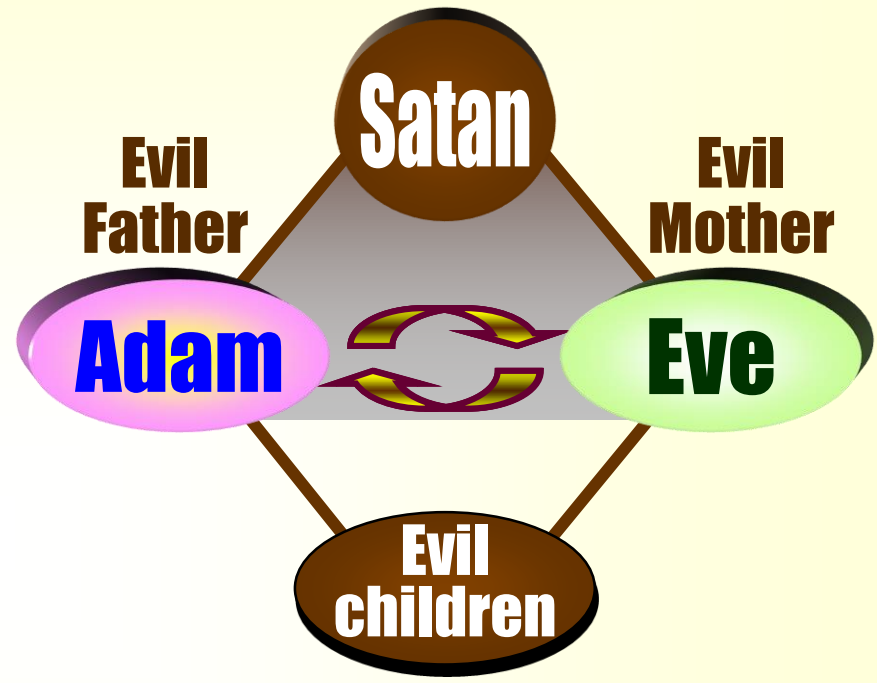
## **Trinity with God**

Each couple would thus have formed a trinity with God.

# Trinities with God and with Satan



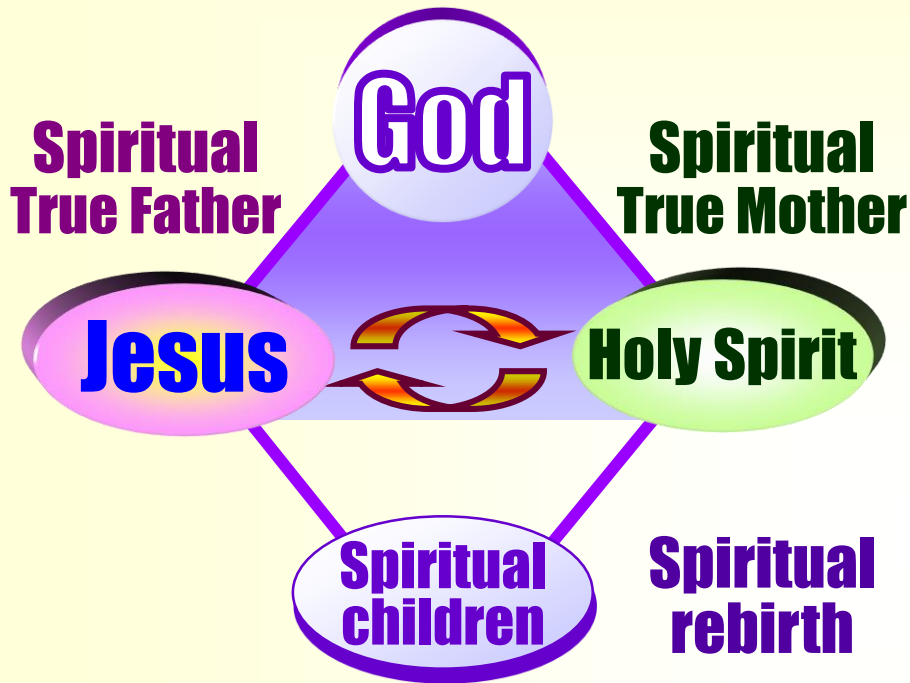
**Trinity with God**



**Trinity with Satan**

- Instead, when Adam and Eve fell, they formed a four position foundation with Satan as their center; in other words, they formed a fallen trinity with Satan.

# Spiritual and Perfect Trinities

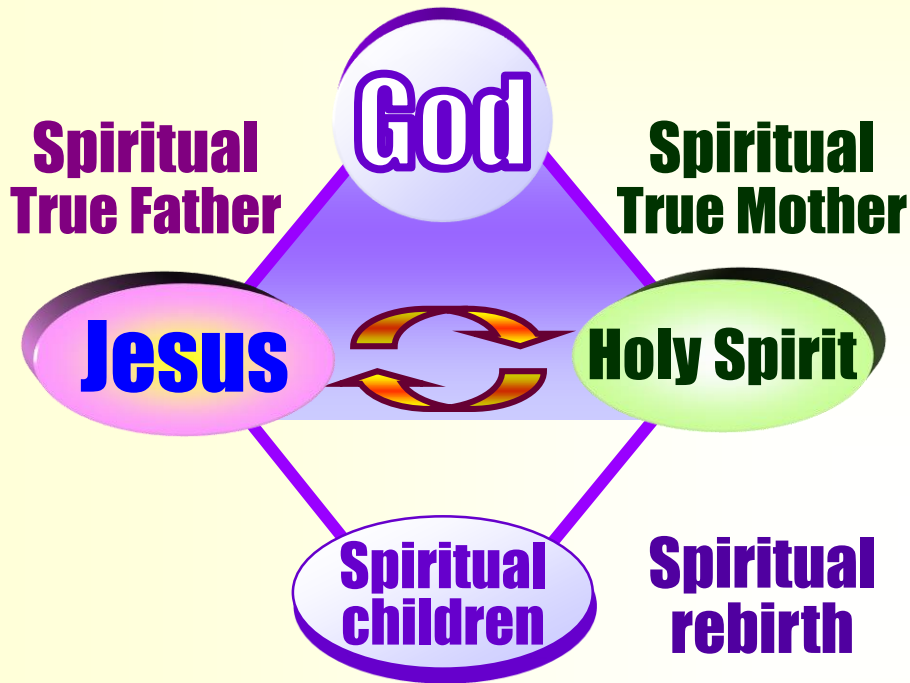


## **Spiritual trinity**

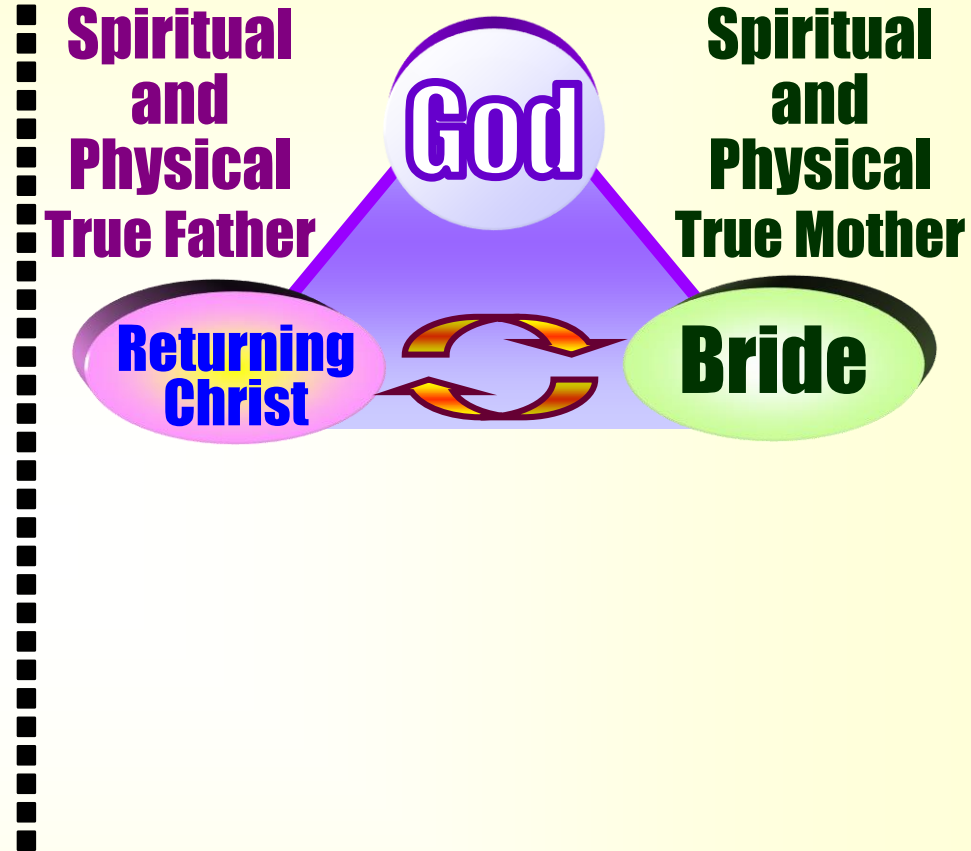
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit in oneness with God could form only a spiritual trinity. They could fulfill only the mission of spiritual True Parents.



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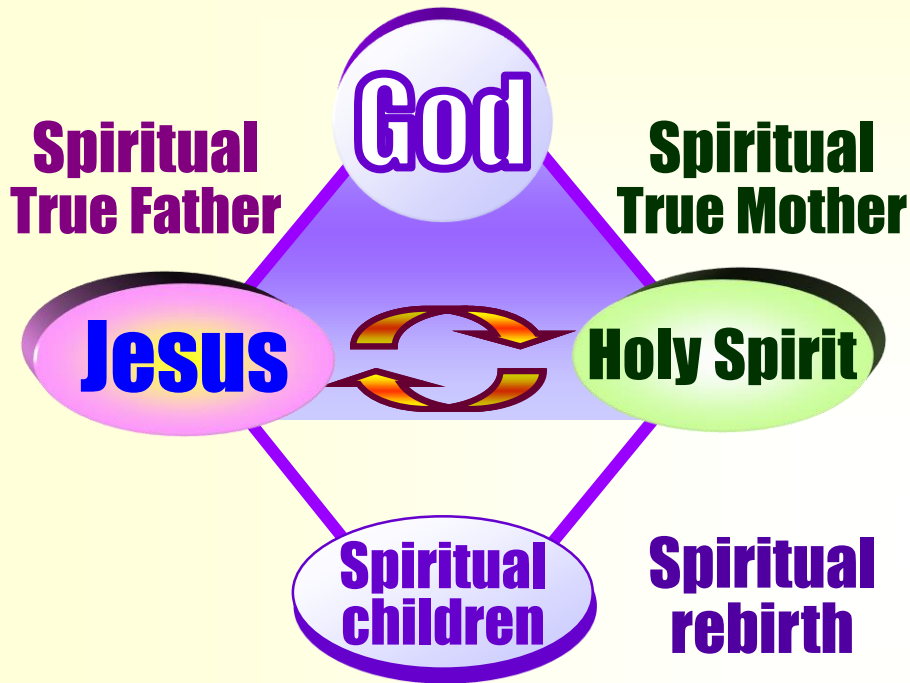


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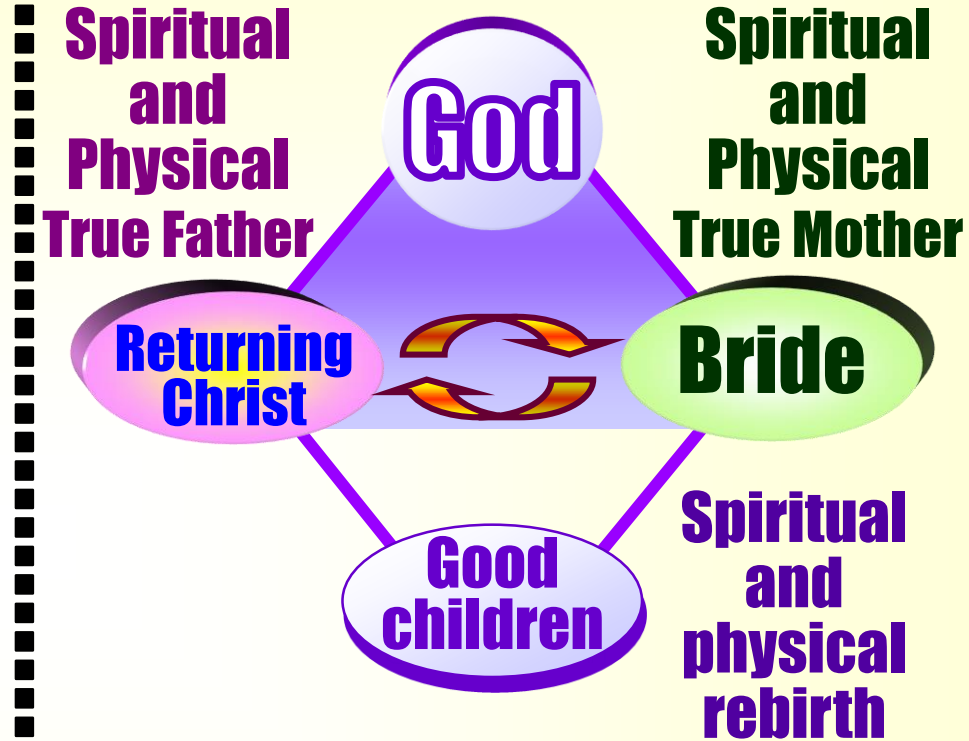


- Christ must return in the flesh and find his Bride. They will form on the earth a perfect trinity with God and become True Parents both spiritually and physically.

# Spiritual and Perfect Trinities



**Spiritual trinity**



**Trinity on earth**

They will give fallen people rebirth both spiritually and physically, removing their original sin and enabling them to build trinities on earth with God as the center.

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