

**Christian World View**

**The Four States of Man**

**1<sup>st</sup> • The Good Man**

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the state  
of  
goodness

the state  
of  
depravity

the state  
of  
spiritual life

the state  
of  
eternal life

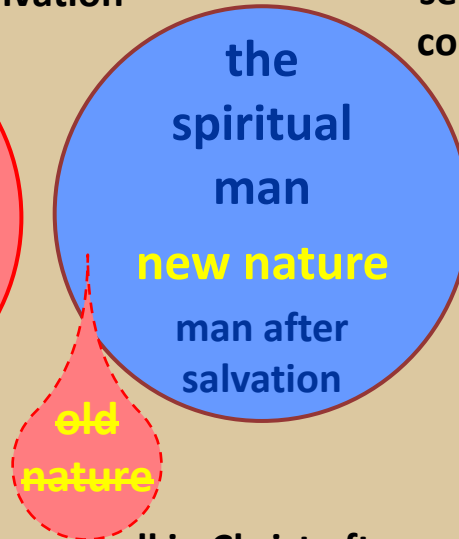
creation

the fall

salvation

the  
second  
coming

eternity



Adam & Eve

all mankind

all in Christ after  
salvation

all in Christ after  
the resurrection

*posse peccare*  
**able to sin**

*non posse non peccare*  
**not able not to sin**

*posse non peccare*  
**able not to sin**

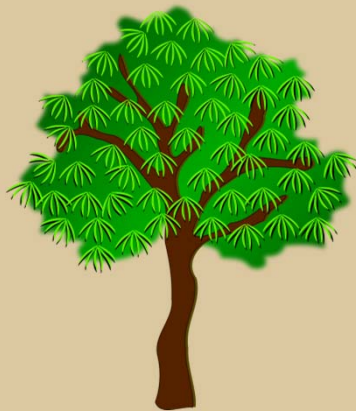
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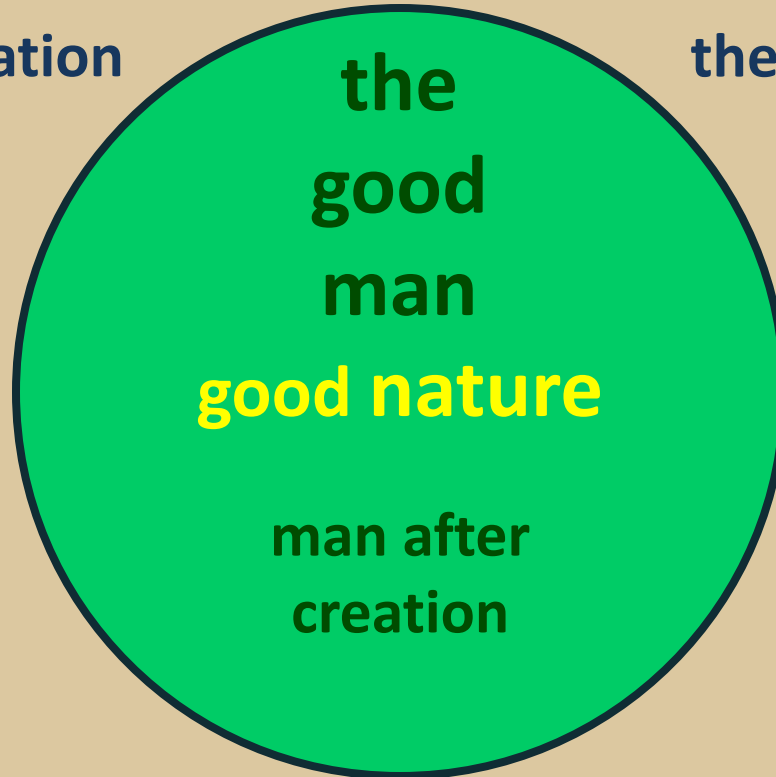
1<sup>st</sup> · the state of goodness

creation

the fall



the tree of life



man after  
creation



the tree  
of the knowledge  
of good and evil

Adam & Eve

*posse peccare*

**able to sin**

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## Christian World View

every world view has a beginning,  
a belief system, and an ending.

a **Christian** world view derives its origin,  
belief system, and destination in **God**

*“... For from Him and through Him and to Him  
are all things. To Him be the glory forever.  
Amen.” – Romans 11:36*

*from Him = God is the origin*

*through Him = God is the means*

*to Him = God is the end*

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## creation by the Word of God

### Day ① the domain of light (2-5)

formless & void · darkness · the Spirit of God  
separate light & darkness

light “day” & darkness “night”

1<sup>st</sup> → “God saw that it was good” (4)

### Day ④ the light bearers (14-19)

separate day/light & night/darkness  
signs & seasons · days & years

greater light/rule day · lesser light/rule night

“... the stars also”

4<sup>th</sup> → “God saw that it was good” (18)

### Day ② the domain of heaven (6-8)

separate waters below & waters above  
firmament = “heaven”

### Day ⑤ swimmers & fliers (20-23)

sea creatures after its kind  
winged birds after its kind

5<sup>th</sup> → “God saw that it was good”

“Be fruitful & multiply & fill”

### Day ③ the domain of land & sea (9-13)

separate waters & dry land  
dry land = “earth” & waters = “sea”

2<sup>nd</sup> → “God saw that it was good” (10)

grass, herb/seed, & tree/fruit after its kind

3<sup>rd</sup> → “God saw that it was good” (12)

### Day ⑥ animals & man (24-31)

animals after its kind

6<sup>th</sup> → “God saw that it was good” (25)

man in the image and likeness of God

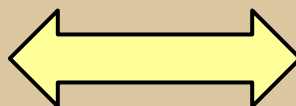
7<sup>th</sup> → “God saw that it was very good” (31)

“Be fruitful & multiply & fill · subdue & rule”

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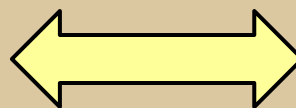
## creation with order and design

**Day 1** (2-5)  
the domain of  
light



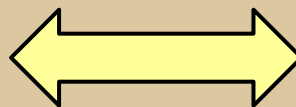
**Day 4** (14-19)  
light bearers

**Day 2** (6-8)  
the domain of  
heaven



**Day 5** (20-23)  
swimmers & fliers

**Day 3** (9-13)  
the domain of  
land & sea



**Day 6** (24-31)  
animals & man



**Day 7** the heavens & earth were finished  
ended · done 2x · rested 2x · created · made  
blessed & sanctified the day

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## the God of creation

### the biblical revelation

God created the universe

God created by His Word

God created in six days

God created with design

God created in a state of goodness

God created in a finished state

### the biblical arguments for a six day creation

the perspicuity of Scripture · the normal reading of the narrative text · “God created”

the power of the spoken word of God · *“Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the earth stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:8-9).*

the time references · “evening” · “morning” · “day” · “night” · “seasons” · “years”

the design · days 1-3 domain · days 4-6 fill · design impossible by chance

the absence of death · death begins with the fall in Genesis 3

the seventh day summary · “finished / ended His work / rested” · Genesis 2:1-3

the life span of Adam · 930 years · Genesis 5:5

the federal head · Adam as the representative of the human race · Romans 5:12-21



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## man was created by God

**God is the sovereign Creator ➡ man is the responsible creature**

▶ **man made by God** ➡ **Genesis 1:26**

“Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

▶ **man blessed by God** ➡ **Genesis 1:28**

“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

▶ **man commanded by God** ➡ **Genesis 2:16-17**

“From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”

▶ **man sustained by God** ➡ **Genesis 2:29-30**

“Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food.”



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## man was created for God

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

**trichotomy** = to divide in three parts · the one nature of man

**spirit** = it is the highest part of man that lays hold of the deep things of God

it is the spiritual place of faith and the truth of God

it is designed to give spiritual direction to the soul and the body

**soul** = it is life giving life to the body and works through the body

it comprehends what reason can know and understand about life

it is designed to give direction to the body

**body** = it is the physical dwelling place of spirit and soul

it carries out what the spirit believes and the soul knows

**dichotomy** = to divide in two parts · the one nature of man

**flesh** = the fallen part of man · its influence is for depravity

**spirit** = the redeemed part of man · its influence is for godliness

flesh and spirit impact the spirit, soul and body for evil or good

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## man was created like God

*“And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female he created them.” – Genesis 1:27*

### created in the image and likeness of God

“image” = statue · idol · figure ➡ representation

“likeness” = model · shape ➡ resemblance

### created in a state of goodness

the goodness of God

the good nature · inclined to goodness

before the fall of man · no sin · no death · no evil

### created with great responsibility

the head of the creation = man was designated to rule the creation

the federal head = Adam was designated to represent mankind

all mankind was in Adam

what happens to Adam happens to all

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man was created like God



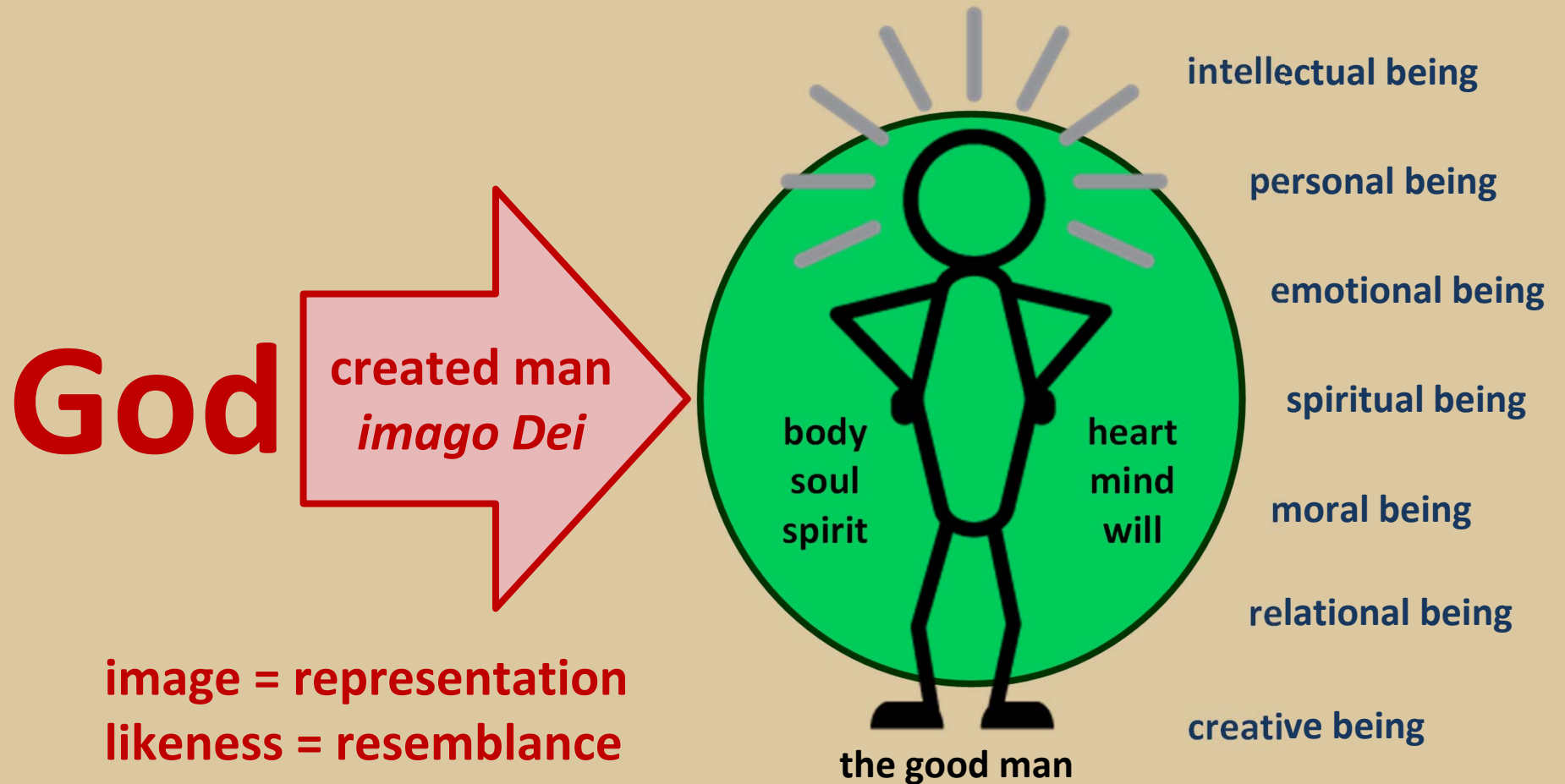
**THE GREAT DIVIDE**

animals  
plants & trees  
matter

man  
animals  
plants & trees  
matter

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## the image and likeness of God

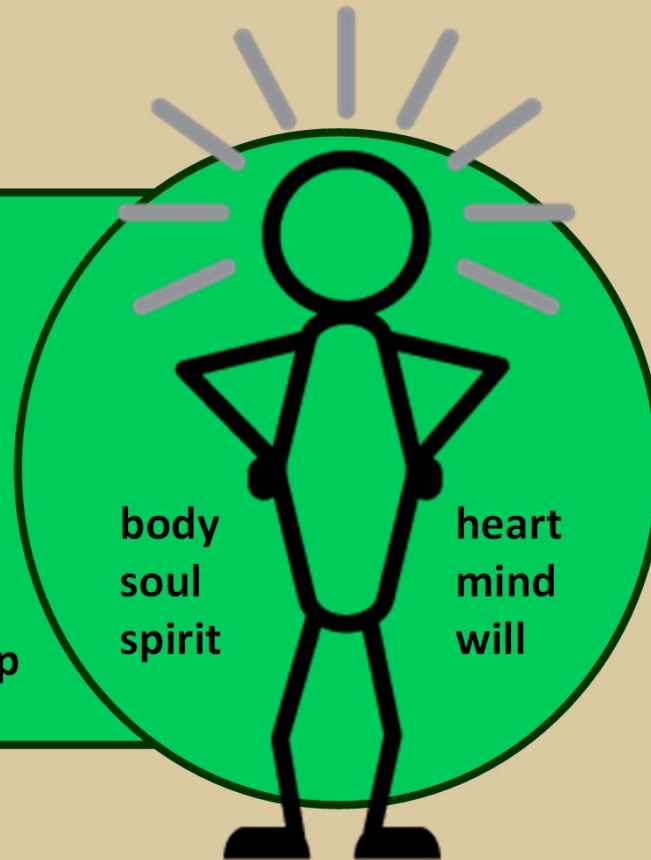
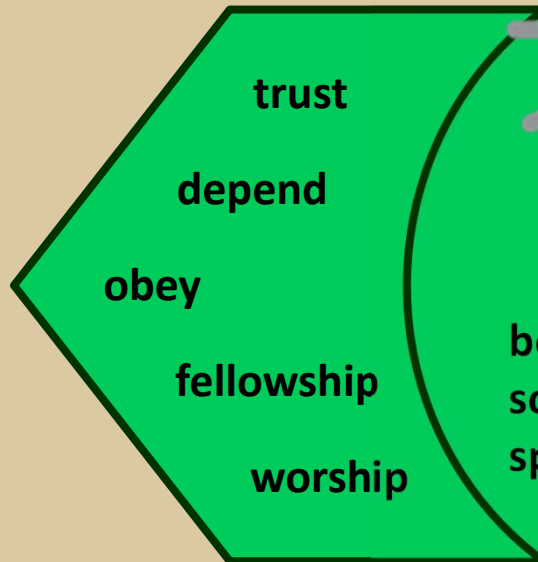


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## the nature of man

God created man  
in a state  
of goodness

**God**



the good man



Adam's  
contrary choice → **disobey**

God created man  
with the power  
of contrary choice

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## the problem of evil

the argument for the logical impossibility of God  
the presence of evil:

*“If God is “all-powerful” – then He cannot be “all-good”.*  
*“If God is “all good” – then He cannot be “all-powerful”.*



dualism  
the eternal  
existence  
of good and evil  
in God

dualism  
unbiblical  
heresy

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## the origin of evil

# God

- God is good · evil cannot exist in God
- evil is the opposite of God · a logical impossibility
- God created angels in a state of goodness
- with the power of contrary choice
- God created man in a state of goodness
- with the power of contrary choice

# angels

- some of the angels remained faithful to God
- some of the angels chose to disobey God
- Lucifer “HELEL” star of the morning → **Satan**  
Isaiah 14:12-15 / Babylon · Ezekiel 28:11-19 / Tyre
- fallen angels → **demons**
- Satan is the responsible origin of sin in the creation

# man

- God appointed Adam as the “federal head”
- Adam chose to disobey God
- Adam is the responsible origin of sin in mankind
- all mankind are sinners in Adam



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## the origin of evil

# God

God is patient,  
God is purposeful,  
but God will always  
punish all sin · all *evil*



the good man



disobedience  
the origin of  
sin & death  
original sin

God designed and allowed the departure from Him · *evil*  
as the best way to reveal His attributes for His glory.

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## the function of the will

### ① The will is a function of the nature.

man's nature was created by God · in a state of goodness  
(+) was made in the image of God · like God  
(+) was made secondary to God · less than God

### ② The will is bound by the nature.

man was created with volition · a will  
(-) is NEVER free to act independently of his nature  
(-) is NEVER free to act independently of God

### ③ The will is free to act according to the nature.

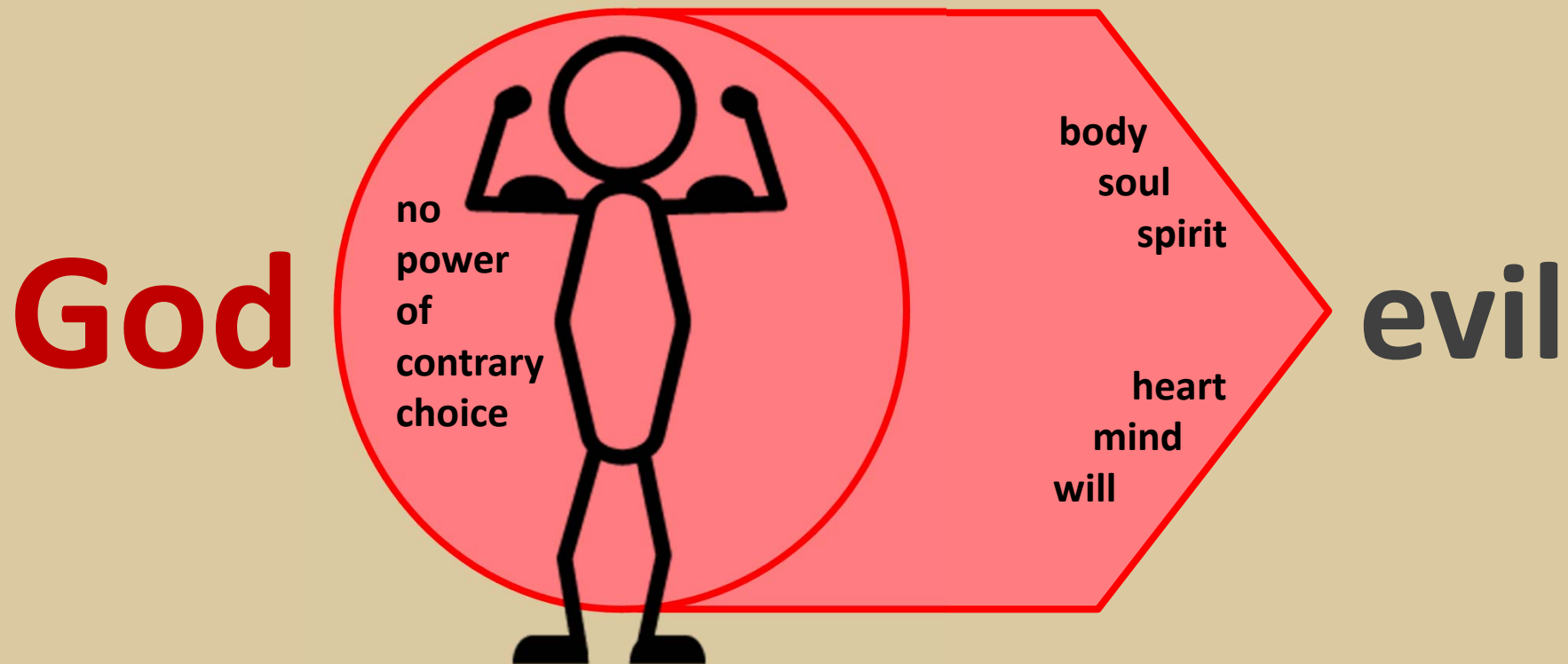
man was created with “free agency”  
(+) is FULLY responsible for the function of his will

the sovereignty of God  the responsibility of man

the biblical mystery

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## the fallen state of man



no  
power  
of  
contrary  
choice

body  
soul  
spirit

heart  
mind  
will

the natural man

sin · death · the curse

the nature of the natural man

*non posse non peccare*

not able not to sin