

Christian World View

the four states of man

1st · 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

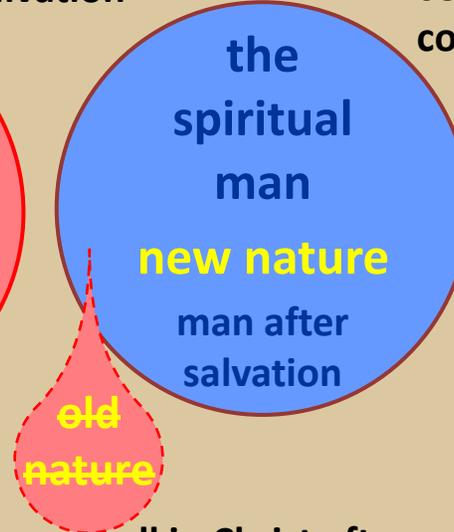
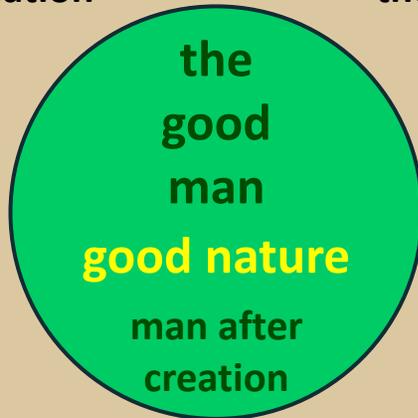
creation

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

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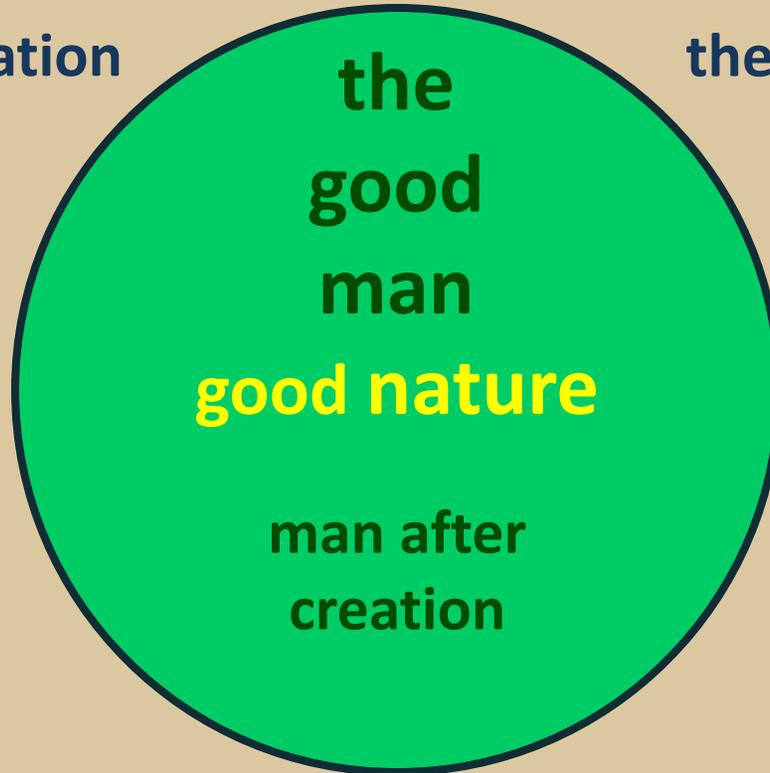
1st · the state of goodness

creation

the fall



the tree of life



man after
creation



the tree
of the knowledge
of good and evil

Adam & Eve

posse peccare

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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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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 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 ➡ to represent
“likeness” = model · shape ➡ to resemble

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 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

immanence

personal

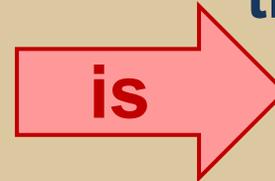
communicable attributes



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God

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transcendence

infinite

incommunicable attributes



man

THE

GREAT

DIVIDE

**animals
plants & trees
matter**

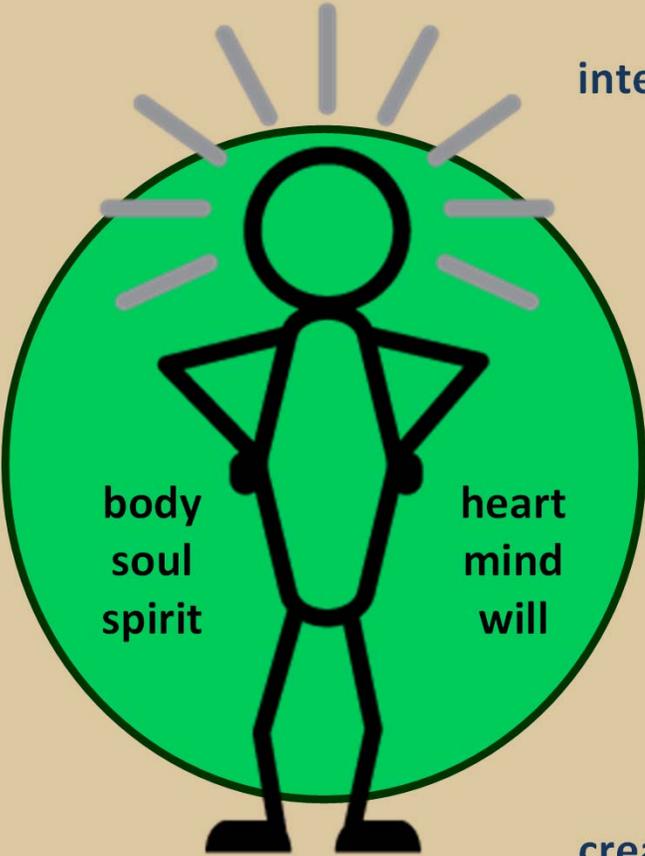
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“the otherness of God”

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the image and likeness of God

God



the good man

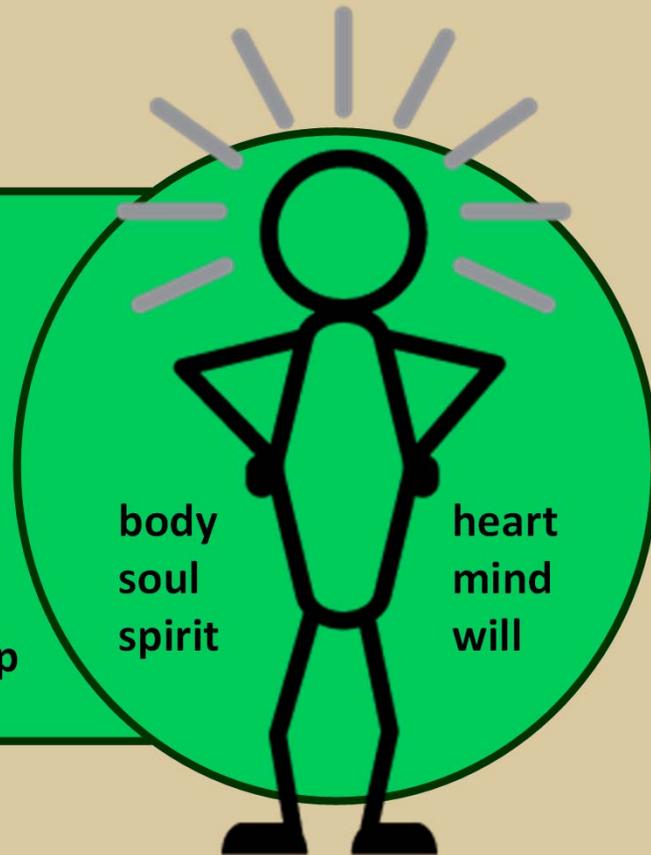
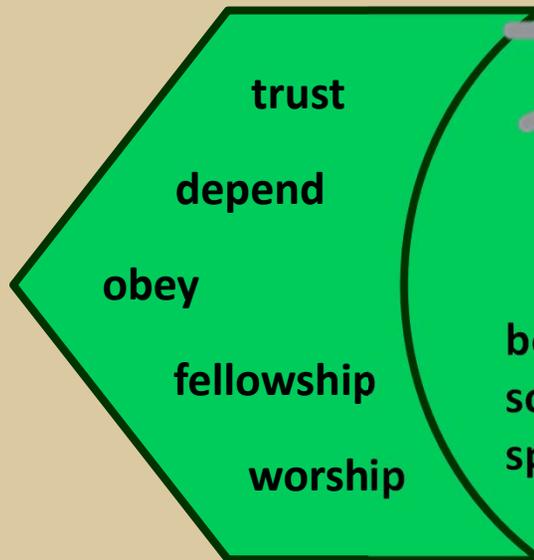
image = to represent
likeness = to resemble

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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

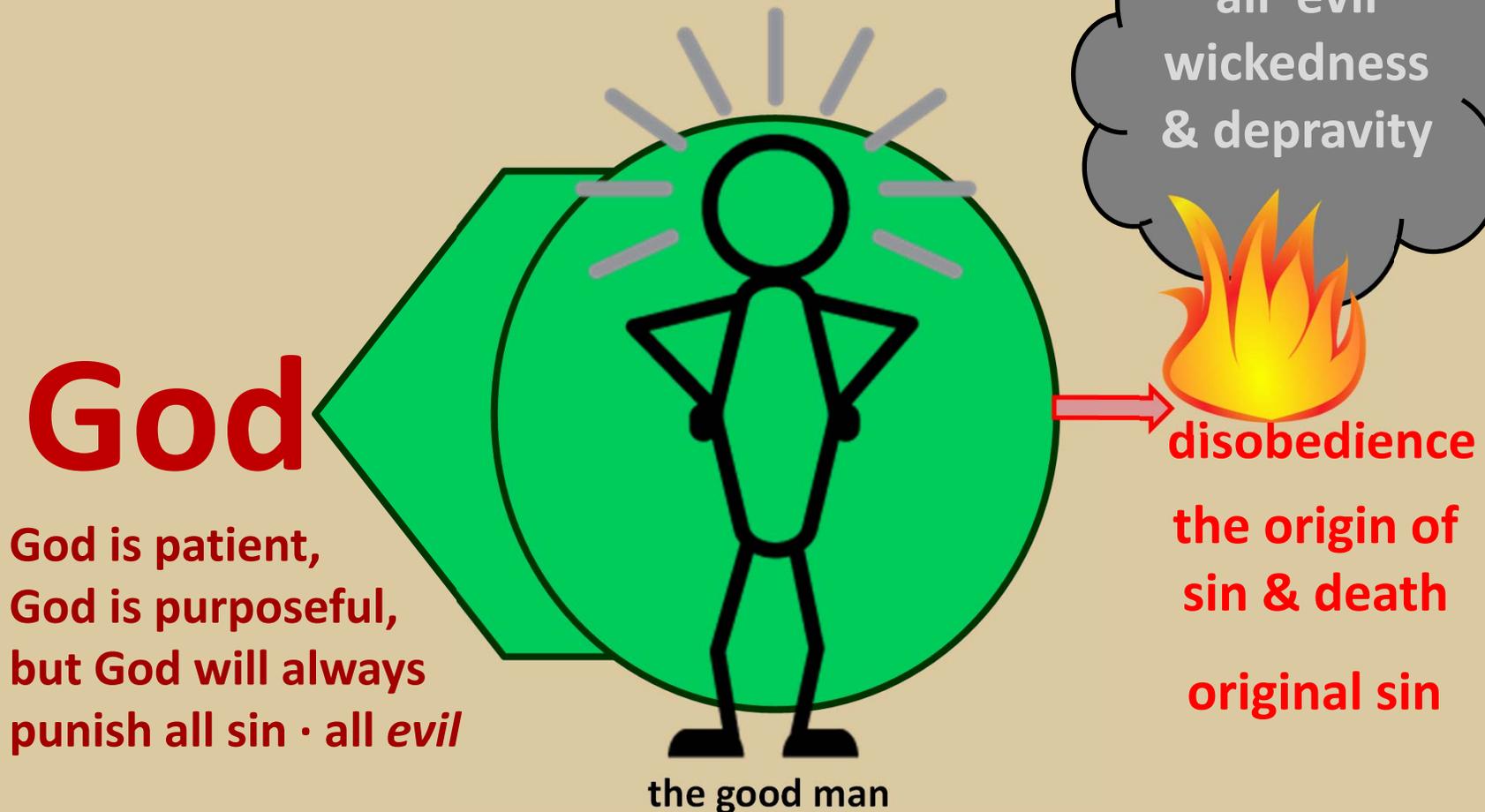
- some of the angels remained faithful to God
- some of the angels chose to disobey God
- Lucifer “HELEL” star of the morning → **Satan**
Isaiah 14:12-15 / Babylon · Ezekiel 28:11-19 / Tyre
- fallen angels → **demons**
- Satan is the responsible origin of sin in the creation

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

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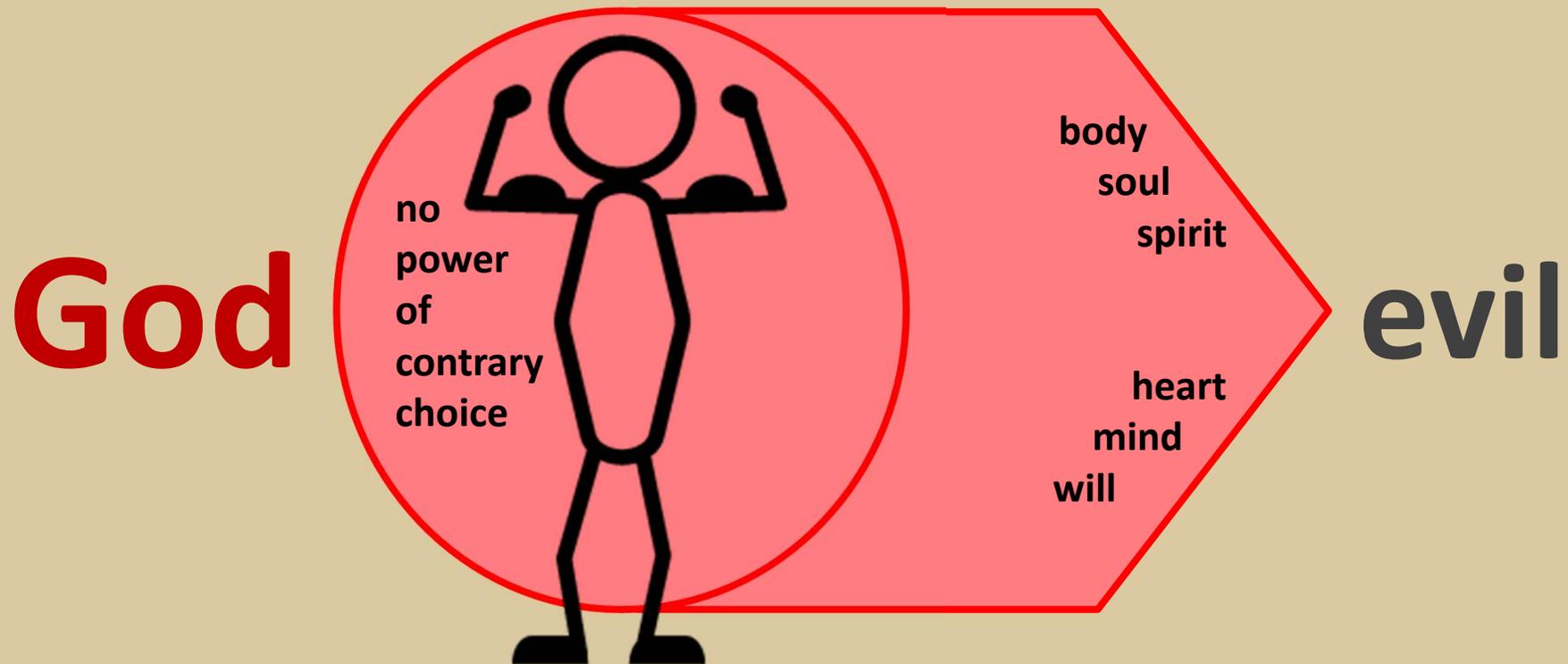
the function of the will

- 1 The will is 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 biblical mystery
the sovereignty of God  the responsibility of man

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the fallen state of man



the natural man

sin · death · the curse

the nature of the natural man

non posse non peccare

not able not to sin