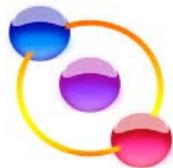
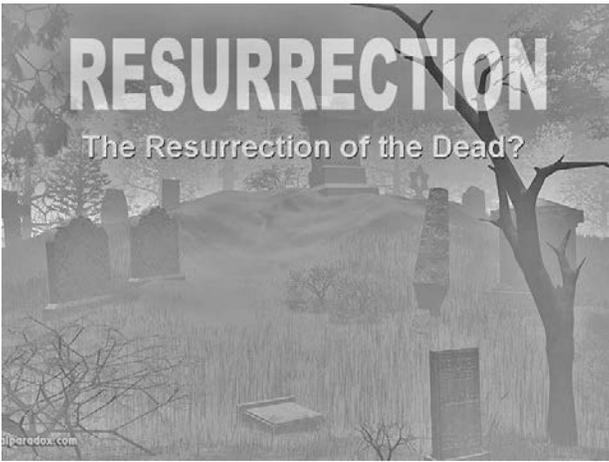




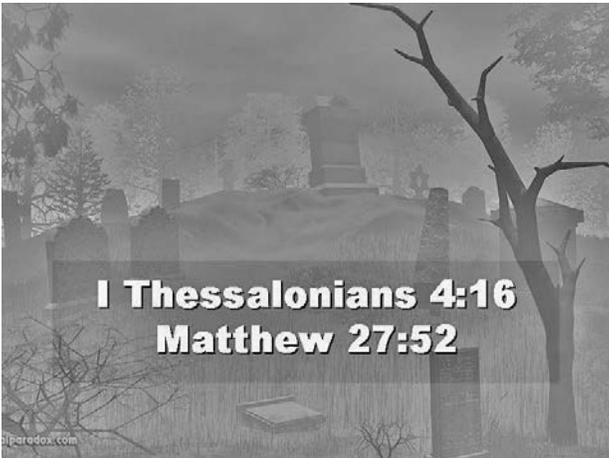
Resurrection





Christian teaching on the Resurrection represents the bastion of Christian faith. Jesus conquered death and through Christ we find the benefit of eternal life. Paul even states that “if Christ was not bodily raised, then our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”

At the same time, there is probably no subject in all of theology where there is more confusion and misunderstanding. To clarify this subject matter is essential as we seek to bring the body of Christ into a more perfect harmony.



For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

I Thessalonians 4:16

The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. Matthew 27:52

These verses imply that the decomposed bodies of the deceased will recombine and return to life. This forms the basis of the “resurrection of the dead.”

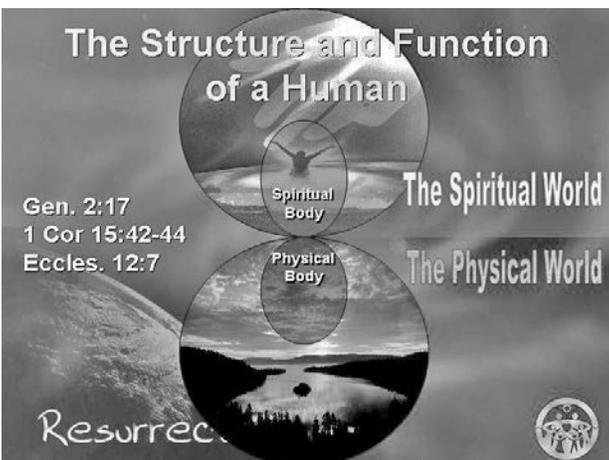


But on closer inspection, we find that the meaning of “death” and “life” is expressed in two distinct manifestations: a physical and a spiritual one.

This is most apparent in Jesus own words expressed in Luke 9:60 - “Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Rev. 3:1 “you have the name of being alive. . but you are dead This verse also indicates a dual meaning to “death”

Therefore, we must have a clear meaning of life and death. Also, we must understand which death was caused by the fall.



We can refer back to the basic conclusion from the Principle of Creation explanation of the structure and function of a human. The temporal physical body and, thus, physical death, is a natural part of the process of life. Physical death is not the result of the human fall as some doctrines assert. Gen 2:17, 1 Cor 16:42-44 and Eccles. 12:7 all indicate that the physical body was created by God and has a temporal purpose. God told Adam and Eve on the very day they eat they will die. They did not die physically on that day. . they died spiritually.

The Meaning of Resurrection

Luke 9:60
Revelation 3:1
John 11:25-26

Life

Death

Resurrection



Thus the death cause by the fall is the spiritual death. We can then understand, that the the return from death to life, that is, resurrection, must be about returning from spiritual death to spiritual life. . not the recomposing of the dead physical body.

What is Spiritual Death?

Resurrection



Then. . .what is “spiritual death”

The Meaning of Spiritual Death

1 Corinthians 15:22
Romans 5:12-17
Romans 6:23
Romans 8:6
Ephesians 4:18

God's
Dominion

Life

Satan's
Dominion

Death

“For he that is of the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the spirit is life and peace.”

Resurrection



Spiritual death means leaving the area of God’s dominion, the realm of “life,” and entering into satan’s area of dominion, the realm of “death.”

Read some of the verses or summarize based on time.

Ephesians 4:18

“. . .They are darkened in their understanding and *separated from the life of God* because of the ignorance that is in them due to hardening of their hearts.”

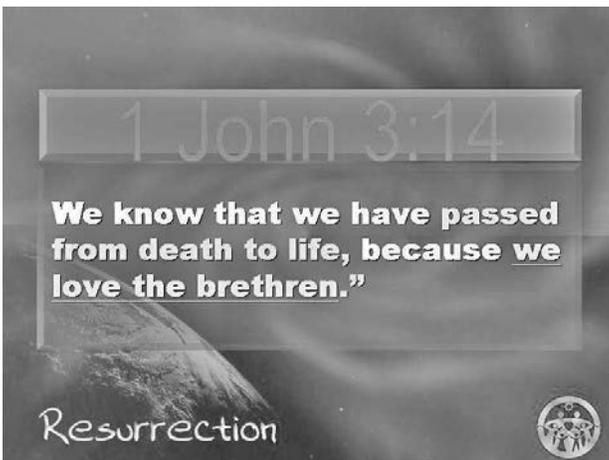
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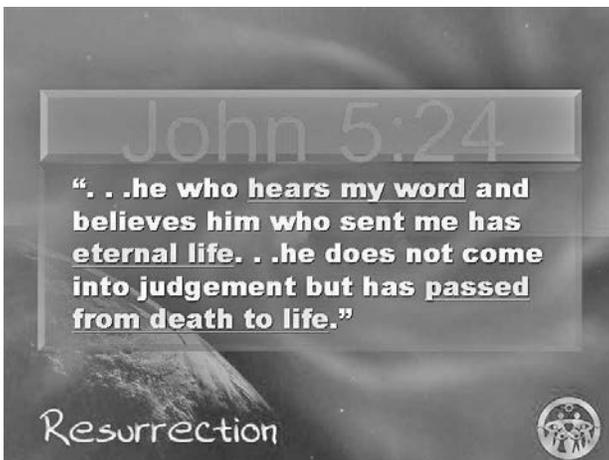
This is a very good verse. “Separated from the life of God” resulting from the “hardening of their hearts.” This links “death” with the destruction of love.



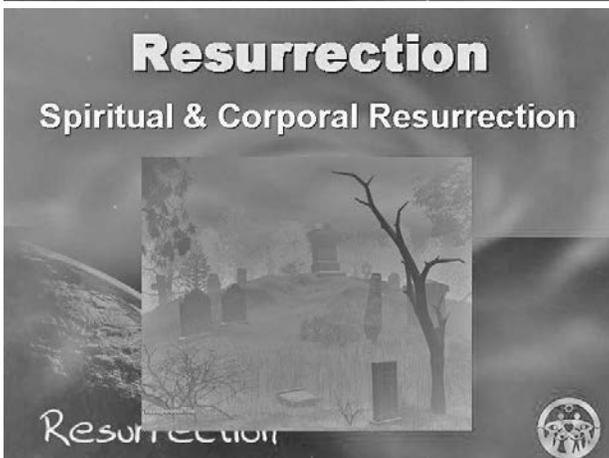
Resurrection means coming from “death” into “life.” Therefore, resurrection means leaving Satan’s dominion and coming back into the dominion of God, his love, his life.



This is a nice companion piece with Ephesians. Here, again, we know that we have passed from death to life (resurrection) because hearts that were “hardened” are once again freed to be able to “love the brethren.”



John 5:24 gives another clear definition of resurrection as a spiritual process. . . passing from death to life.



It is important to make a distinction between the “miracle” of corporal resurrection and the resurrection of the spirit. There are examples of both. . . Jesus “resurrected” Lazarus from his tomb. . . etc.

That there are examples of both phenomenon is another element that creates confusion.

•Matthew 27:52 “. . . the tombs were opened and the many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”

•John 11:38-44 Lazarus is raised from the dead. [miracle (Jn 10:38)- not eternal]

•Luke 24:36-42 “. . . touch me and see, a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

Resurrection



As mentioned, there is confusion about resurrection as a result of the dual meaning of the terms “life” and “death.” It is further made confusing as a result of the phenomenon of spiritual resurrection and the miracle of bodily resurrection.

Here is a selection of Bible verses that speak to this issue.

The key question: Was Jesus raised spiritually or physically?

•Mark 16:14 “. . . he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.”

Luke 24:31 “. . . their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. . .”

Mark 16:12 “. . . he appeared in a different form . . .”

Resurrection



Jesus’ statement that “a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” is a strong case for the idea of that his resurrection was of his flesh body. Add to that the disappearance of his body from the tomb.

However, these verses indicate that, if it was his flesh, it was certainly manifesting in a most extra-ordinary way.

1 Corinthians 15:4-8 Who saw him? Peter, the apostles, and 500 others.

1 Corinthians 15:8

“...and last of all he appeared to me also. . .”

Resurrection



Consider also the manner in which Jesus “appeared” to Peter, the apostles and to 500 others as rendered by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:8. Notice that at the end of this series of “appearances,” Paul announces that Jesus “appeared” to him as well.

This is important.

Acts 9:3-7

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.

Resurrection



It is important because Paul describes explicitly the manner in which Jesus “appeared” to him (Acts 9:3-7)

The keypoint here is that the men standing next to Paul heard a sound but they “did not see a thing.” In other words, Jesus was visible to Paul, but not to the men standing right next to him.

This is a strong indication that Jesus was not appearing in his physical body, but rather, in his spiritualized body.

 CAN A PHYSICAL BODY	 CAN A SPIRITUAL BODY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appear and disappear? • Appear in a different form? • Be invisible to some? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat food? • Be touched? <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">YES!</p> <p>Genesis 19:3 Genesis 32:22-32</p>

The confusion arises out of Jesus statement which we cited in Luke 24:36-42, “a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

Let’s compare the capabilities of a physical body with a spiritual body.

A spiritual body is very capable to appear in a manner that seems almost material in nature. . .keeping in mind “spirit” is a form of creation. . .possible a type of material of extremely less dense nature. . .think ultraviolet or infrared light. . .or the extreme high frequency of sound that cannot be heard.

Luke 24:36-39

“...But they were *terrified*... and supposed they had seen a ghost...”

Resurrection

Jesus was seeking to calm his disciples who had been frightened by his appearance. . .”thinking that they had seen a ghost”. . .In this context, the term “ghost” has a very negative connotation. . .similar to “apparition” or “evil spirit”. . . Jesus wanted to assure them and assuage their fears that it was truly him and not a “ghost”. . .however it was him in his gloried body of spirit. As we have seen, a holy body. . .a glorified body has the capability to manifest in such a way. Remember Paul said to keep loving strangers as brothers for many have entertain angels unaware.. . this shows the capability of spirit beings. . and thus, Jesus was “raised” in his spiritualized form.

1 Corinthians 15: 35-44 “...There are celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another...

... So also is the resurrection of the dead...

... It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

Resurrection

Paul states clearly:

it is raised a spiritual body!

Two Types of Resurrection

Distinction Between the Resurrection of the Spirit and Resurrection of the Corporal Body

<p>The Spirit:</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15:42-44 Matthew 27:52</p>
<p>Corporal Body:</p>	<p>John 11:40-44 1 Kings 17:21-22</p>

- **Corporal Resurrection is a Miracle**
- **Not Exclusive to Christ**
- **Christ is the Exclusive Agent of Resurrection of the Spirit**

Resurrection

Here we make the clear distinction between the resurrection of the spirit and the miracle of bodily resurrection.

The key statement: others. . such as Elijah, are able to perform the miracle of bodily resurrection. Jesus explain why he performed the miracle: the people didn’t believe his word, “so believe the works, that you may know.” The miracle route, for Jesus, is clearly the secondary, less preferred course . . .this should not be confused with the exclusive work of Christ to provide resurrection of the spirit. . .that is, from death to life: from satan’s dominion to God’s dominion.

Two Ways to "Raise from the Dead"
Distinction Between the Resurrection of the Spirit and Resurrection of the Corporal Body

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Corporal Body:	John 11:40-44 1 Kings 17:21-22

Resurrection

There are two ways to "raise from the dead."

Luke 16:29-31

He answered, "Then, I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment."

Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them."

"No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent."

He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

This parable is most amazing. The significant statement is that the term "raise from the dead" clearly refers to the phenomenon of spirits returning to engage people on earth in order to influence them toward goodness.

Principles of Resurrection

<p>God</p> <p>Word</p> <p>Man</p> <p>Obey</p>			
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1. Word Resurrection

We now examine the principles involved in the process of spiritual resurrection. It is important to note that we are not citing many principles. . .there is one principle and many applications. This is the principle of creation applied to the work of resurrection.

Just as the principle of restoration through indemnity involves receiving the word, believing and acting upon it, the first principle of resurrection involves the Word. ". . .he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. . .he does not come into judgement but has passed from death to life." John 5:24

Principles of Resurrection

<p>God</p> <p>Word</p> <p>Man</p> <p>Obey</p>	<p>Mind</p> <p>Word</p> <p>Body</p> <p>Vitality</p>		
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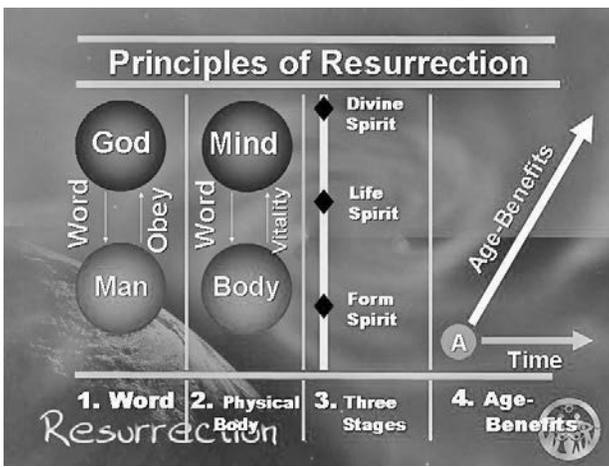
1. Word Resurrection 2. Physical Body

The second principle is that resurrection takes place on the foundation of a physical body. Note: this point will be very important for them to understand later why a spirit must return from the spirit world to co-operate with humans on earth. . .so called "returning resurrection."



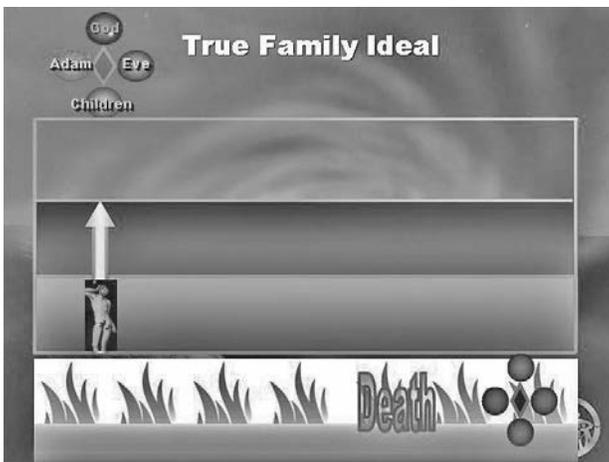
Resurrection takes place on the foundation of a physical body because the Principle of Creation explains the function and structure of the human. . .it explains why we need a physical body for spiritual development.

The body is the soil for the spirit to grow, etc. The physical world is the realm where we fulfill our portion of responsibility and become “co-creators.”



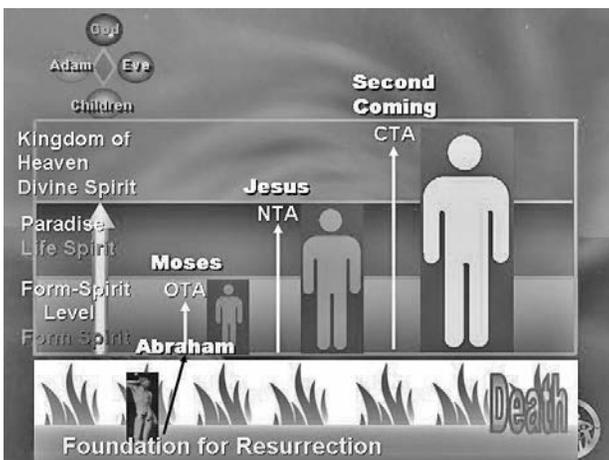
Principle three explains that we need three stages of growth in the historical process of returning from death to life.

For the same reason restoration became a protracted historical process, the process of resurrection, likewise, is carried out through the ages. Those unfolding of ages take place around benchmark developments in the course of resurrection. In this case it is the significant levels achieved. . that is, Form Spirit level, Life Spirit level and Divine Spirit level (the final goal of history).



The History of Restoration is also the History of Resurrection. In fact, we could correctly describe it as the history to resurrection one dead Adam.

History began with a living Adam who then died and fell into the area of satan’s dominion.



The process of the resurrection of Adam has been a historical process of three major stages. The initial “pre-OTA” is the period known as the foundation for Resurrection. This is the time from Adam to Abraham’s family.

Abraham to Moses = foundation for OTA. We become Form Spirit.

Moses to Jesus = foundation for NTA We become Life Spirit

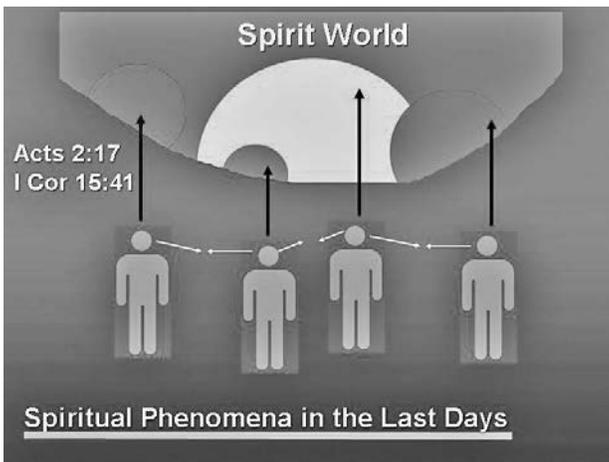
Jesus to Second Coming=Foundation to begin CTA and become a Divine Spirit



Jesus said to the thief on the right-hand side: “today you will be with me in Paradise.”

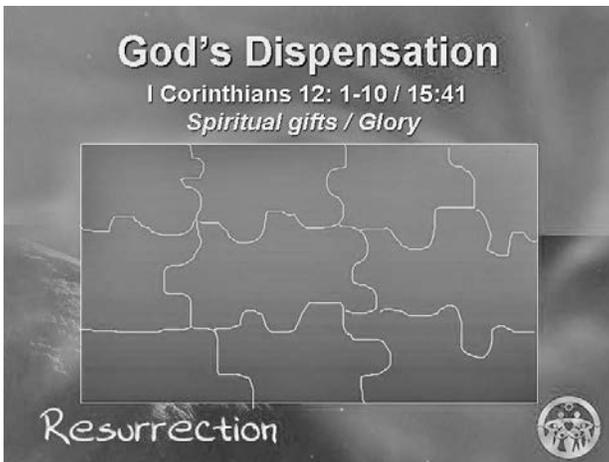
Paradise is not the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is not in heaven? Jesus is sitting on the right hand of God. . .but even God is not willing that “anyone perish but that all come to everlasting life.”

Luke 23:43; Mt.25:34; Acts 3:21; 1Peter 1:5 and Rev. 21:1 all testify to the completion of the salvation providence at the second coming.



In the last days, “God will pour out his spirit upon all flesh.” Therefore, people will begin to have communication with the spirit world.

Sometimes spiritualists don’t agree because they may only be receiving a partial communication from a certain area of the spirit world of similar idea and sentiments. It is why believers from all faiths have confirming spiritual experiences. It is resonant with a certain realm. In fact, the spirit world, like the physical world, is divided and needs to find the path to harmony through a universal culminating view of the truth.



In the last days, Christ will return to show the original blueprint of God’s purpose for creating. In this way, the path for all faiths and ideologies to find original common ground will be made clear.

God’s dispensation is like pieces to a puzzle. Rather than right faiths and wrong faiths. . .God has been using all religions toward a universal accomplishment. That hopeful day is when all humanity can recognize that we are meant to live as one family under the love of God.



The basis of understanding the phenomenon of “returning resurrection of spirit persons” is to first understand the necessity of a physical body for spiritual growth. The exchange of Life elements and Vitality elements are essential for the spirit to be nurtured and for the spirit to grow.

Thus when a spirit person enters the spirit world in need of more growth, the only recourse is to return to spiritually cooperate with people on earth.

Luke 16:29-31

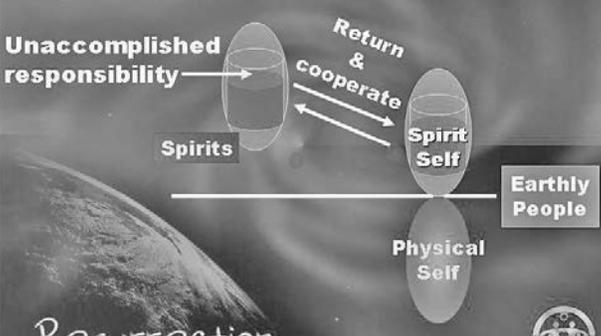
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Resurrection



This parable of Jesus vividly describes the realities of the spirit world. It implicitly mentions the phenomenon of returning resurrection in the pleas of the rich man. He begs Jesus to send Lazarus to his brother to warn them to change their lives so as to avoid the hell to which the rich man had been condemned.

The Providence of Resurrection for Spirits



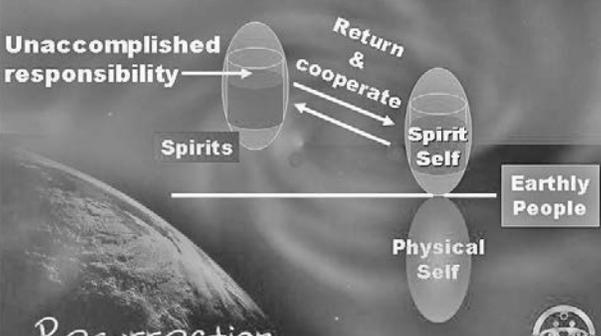
Resurrection



All spirits, since the fall, have entered the spirit world unqualified to various degrees of being worthy for heaven's highest blessings. "All have fallen short of the glory of God." This is one consequence of the Fall.

Thus every spirit has a degree of unaccomplished responsibility. To compensate for this, spirits return and cooperate with people of similar dimension, motives and character. The spirit "inspires" the person on earth toward good action and cooperates with the person toward all God-centered actions.

The Providence of Resurrection for Spirits



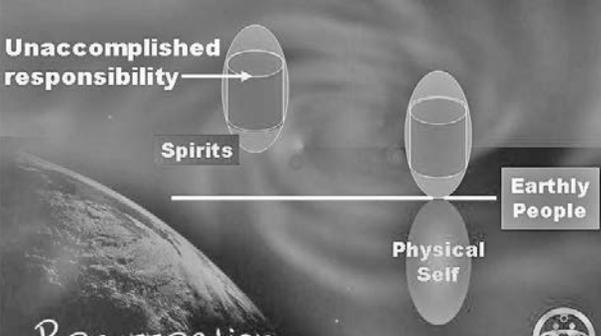
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Through the performance of good action, vitality elements are returned from the physical self to the spirit self. Also, a portion of those vitality elements are returned to the spirit that had inspired or cooperated with the good action.

In this way, spirits can fulfill their unaccomplished responsibility and continue their growth toward perfection.

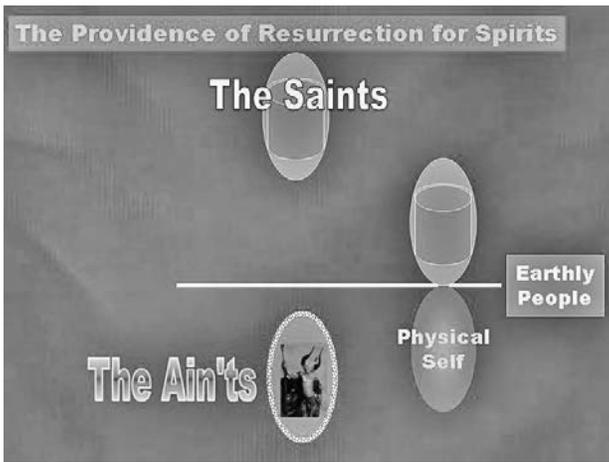
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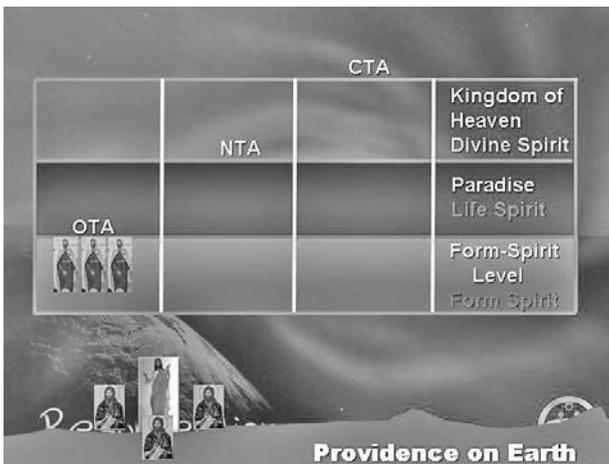


Don't defer this process for the spirit world. . .it is much more difficult then. . .much easier with your own physical body.



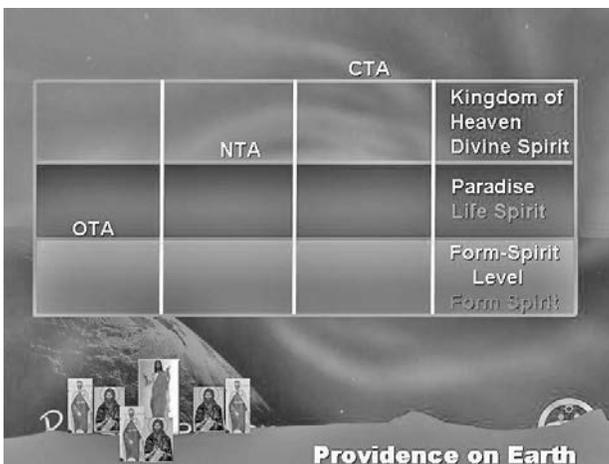
The “Saints” are those spirits that seek to further God’s will by inspiring people on earth toward good action.

The “ain’ts” are evil spirits. . that is. . people who on earth only lived centering on their flesh through a life of self-gratification. When they go into the spirit world. . it is hell. . because their desire are inflamed and intensified. . but they have no flesh to fulfill them. . it is torture and hell. Their only recourse to, likewise, return to the earth dimension and attempt to “inspire” people to perform acts of self-gratification. satan uses them to expand his dominion. We should have an internal atmosphere that attracts the Saints. . . and not the Ain’ts!!



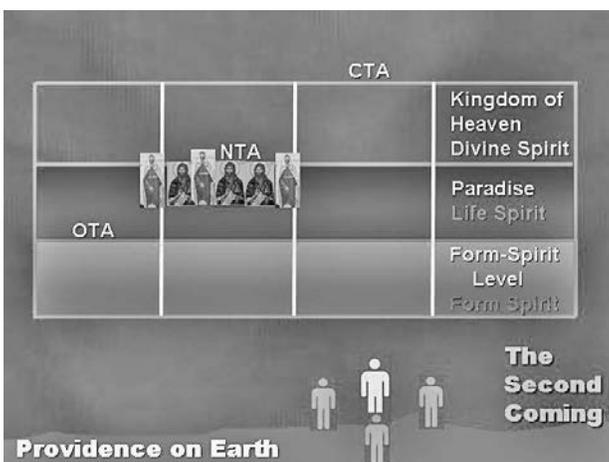
The phenomenon of returning resurrection is especially active centering around the central figures of God’s Providence.

At the time of Jesus. . all the OTA saints descended around Jesus and his disciple to cooperate with God’s Providence. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus.



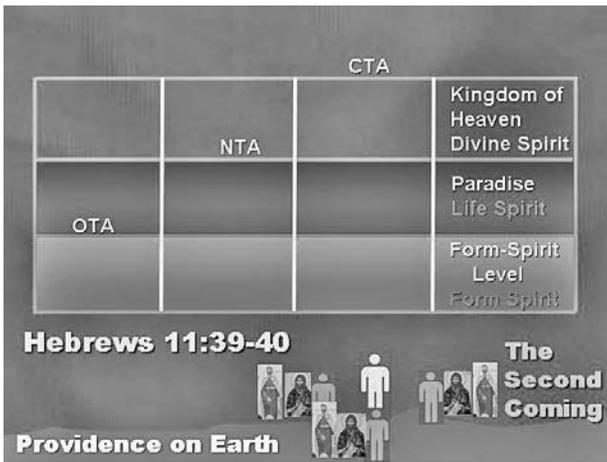
When Jesus resurrected, “the many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep came out the tombs and appeared to many”

This were the saints of the OTA.



They were able to leave the realm of the Old Testament Age in the spirit world. . the Form Spirit level. .and enter into the NTA level as a Life Spirit with Jesus in Paradise.

Then, at the time of the Second Coming. . this will happen again.



Christ will come “and the armies of heaven” will be following him. Hebrews 11:39-40 describes this process very clearly, “*These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.*” Hebrews 11:39-40

This is speaking about the saints who enter heaven before the final merit of the greatest age could be received. Thus “together with us” they will be able to receive the merit of this age by cooperating on earth with the Providence of the Second Coming of Christ.

No Marriage in Heaven

Matthew 22:23-32 “At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.”

“Until death do us part”

Luke 20:27-38 “. . .we will be like the angels, for we will never die.”

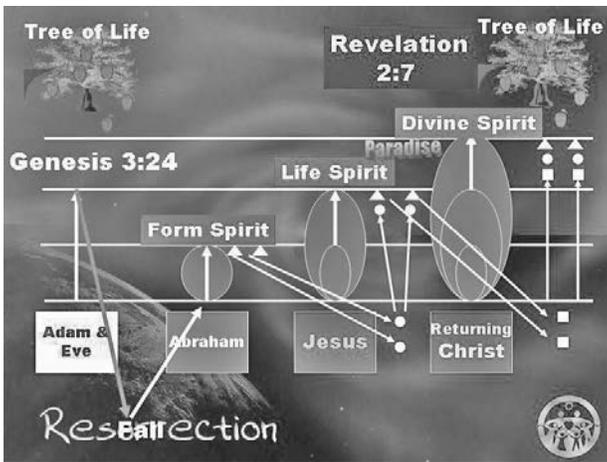
Resurrection

Jesus appears to be saying that there is no marriage “in heaven.” . . .but on closer inspection, he is saying “no marriage at the resurrection.

This is because we must resurrect as brother and sister. Adam and Eve fell into death prior to the fulfillment of their perfection and accomplishing the second blessing.

Thus the culmination of the resurrection process is to return to the position to receive the blessing of true marriage.

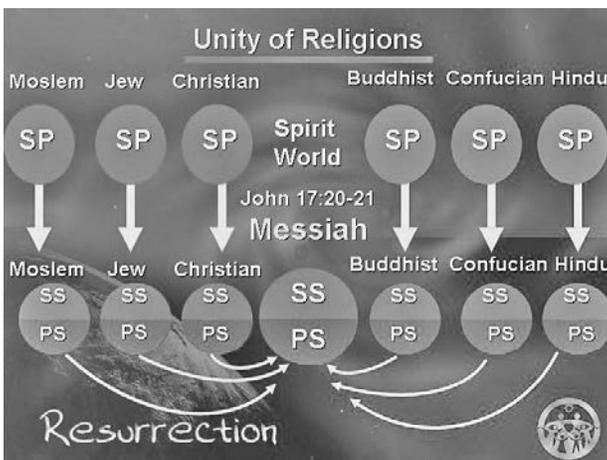
“be like the angels” does not mean “single” but “eternal.”



The historical process of resurrection is so that we can regain the right to “eat from the Tree of Life.”

To eat from the Tree of Life is the prerequisite for the blessed marriage of Adam and Eve. When they fell, “God blocked the way to the Tree of Life” and thus, no one could be blessed and give birth to God’s “Godly seed”. . .we all were then born in sin.

Returning to eat from the Tree of Life, therefore, means that the qualification for marriage, conception and birth will be restored to humanity.



Christ returns for “all.” God “so loved the world.” Thus, in the end times, saints of all faith in the spirit world (SP = Spirit Person) will descend with the Lord and cooperate with their respective faith members on earth (SS/PS =spirit self/physical self).

In this way, the Lord, working on earth, will be able to bring about the harmony of all religions in the ultimate fulfillment of all faiths.