

The Path to Happiness

Divine Principle Lecture Series

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Lecture 6

The Process of Creation and Period of Growth

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Welcome back to our discussion of the Unification Principle. I'm your host, Tyler Hendricks. In our last session, we learned that in order to manifest our original value, we need to direct our desires toward the good, according to the conscience and the God-centered four-position foundation based on loyalty, fidelity and filial piety. This is the standard that can guide our lifestyle to achieve the human happiness.

But we all admit that we need to do some growing to get to that place. How do we grow? Is it by our own self-discipline? Is it by God's grace? How do we reach full maturity? This session begins that discussion.

God works by order, law and principle, so all His methods are discoverable by science. When creating heavens and earth, He worked through principles. He did not create just by force of His will, or by magic. In fact He created all things over a great period of time according to ideas, concepts, and rules that can be expressed mathematically utilizing the faculty of intellect. He also invested His energy and sought for beauty, expressing His will and heart. The Unification Principle embraces science. Science and religion have the same purpose.

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Einstein said, "Science without religion is blind, religion without science is crippled."

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Today, the big bang theory is widely recognized as an explanation of the origin of the cosmos. It claims that the universe began as a single point, referred to as a "singularity," which exploded nearly 15 billion years ago. It states that the universe prior to the big bang was simply a state of energy and this energy triggered the explosion. The universe has continued to expand and will continue to expand further. The approximate age of our Earth is estimated at 4.6 billion years. The appearance of the most primitive life forms is believed to have occurred 3.5 billion years ago.

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So God has spent a great deal of time to create human beings, starting from the lowest stages and gradually progressing to higher stages of existence, from the sub-atomic to the atomic, molecular, unicellular, plant, and finally animal stages.

→ This theory combines evolution and creation. Scientists recognize that questions regarding the origins of the big bang are ultimately beyond the realm of human science.

→ As a result, nearly 40% of American scientists retain strong religious convictions. God has not been resting since the creation of the universe. He continues to reveal His creative nature even today. He continues to participate in the cycle of nature, the birth and death of organisms, and in the course of human history. As so, He is not a God who resides outside the creation as a "transcendental being." He is omnipresent, existing both within and without, transcendent and yet immanent.

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The "six days" set forth in the first chapter of Genesis represent six stages of the universe's creation.

→ These correspond to the six epochs defined by modern science: the Azoic, Archaeozoic, Proterozoic, Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic. The authors of Genesis emphasized six days in order to identify the seventh day as a day of rest. Having been taken away into captivity by the Babylonians and forced into cruel slave labor, the Jews wrote down Genesis in the midst of this painful experience. It was in essence a plea for liberation from their suffering. The process of God's creation proceeded for six days and on the seventh He rested. He also commanded that no person should work on the seventh day. Therefore, we too should rest on the Sabbath in order to honor the day of God's rest.

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Just as God's creation developed over a given period of time, all created things each require a period of growth. No plant becomes a tree as soon as it sprouts, and no baby becomes an adult as soon as it is born. All the phenomena that occur within the created world bear results only after a set period of time. This is because all things were designed for a specific period of growth in order to reach maturity.

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All things, in the course of maturity, pass through three ordered stages of growth, which we call formation, growth, and completion.

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Human beings also pass through formation, growth, and completion on their way to maturity.

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During the process of growth, things are meant to grow in accordance with the principle itself, in an autonomous manner. During this time, God as the ultimate supervisor manages the growth indirectly, through the principle, and relates with the results of growth. The Principle refers to this as the realm of God's indirect dominion, or the realm of dominion over the results of the principle.

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However, humans were created uniquely. What is unique about us? We are to reach maturity not only by the independent force of the principle,

→ but also by fulfilling a given portion of responsibility. Let us examine God's words to Adam and Eve.

→ He said, "In the day ye eat thereof, ye shall surely die!" The decision to obey and not eat the fruit, or to disobey and eat was never God's decision. It was the decision of our ancestors. Thus, our completion is not dependent solely upon God's power. It also includes human responsibility.

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This fact—that humanity was created to only reach perfection upon the completion of personal responsibility—indicates that God's ultimate desire was bestow upon us a degree of creative potential akin to His own.

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Thus He gave human beings a portion of responsibility that even He himself could not interfere with. It was for the purpose of bestowing upon humanity the right to stand in the position of creator and exercise dominion over the rest of creation, just as God exercises dominion over humanity.

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Herein lays a unique and vital feature of the Unification Principle. Religions are divided into two categories: self-reliant and salvific.

→ Self-reliant religions preach personal responsibility concerning "salvation". Buddhism is one such example.

→ Salvific religions preach the need for either a God or savior in order to achieve "salvation". Christianity is one such example.

→ The Unification Principle expresses the need for cooperation between God, man and woman in order for salvation to occur. Perfection is achieved only when humans fulfill their responsibility in addition to God's responsibility. Thus, the benefits of Christ's sacrifice on the cross come by God's decision, whether to believe and reap those benefits or not is left to the human decision.

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Upon the completion of the human portion of responsibility,

→ we come to reside in the realm of God's direct dominion. The realm of God's direct dominion refers to a state of living in

→ unity of heart with God as a perfected man and woman, who come together to form a family four-position foundation wherein they

→ engage in a life of goodness while exchanging love and beauty. Such human beings would live in harmony as unique members of the same body, all receiving signals from a central nervous system and all understanding the heart of God, knowing His will and

→ fulfilling the purpose of creation in accordance with it.

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This is acquisition and experience of "Immanuel" in our own lives.

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"God with us!" How wondrous it is to be able to say God is always with me, that God eats, sleeps, comes and goes, is glad or sad with me!

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I hope that all of you can reside within the realm of God's direct dominion and become Immanuel; moving when God moves, resting when He rests.

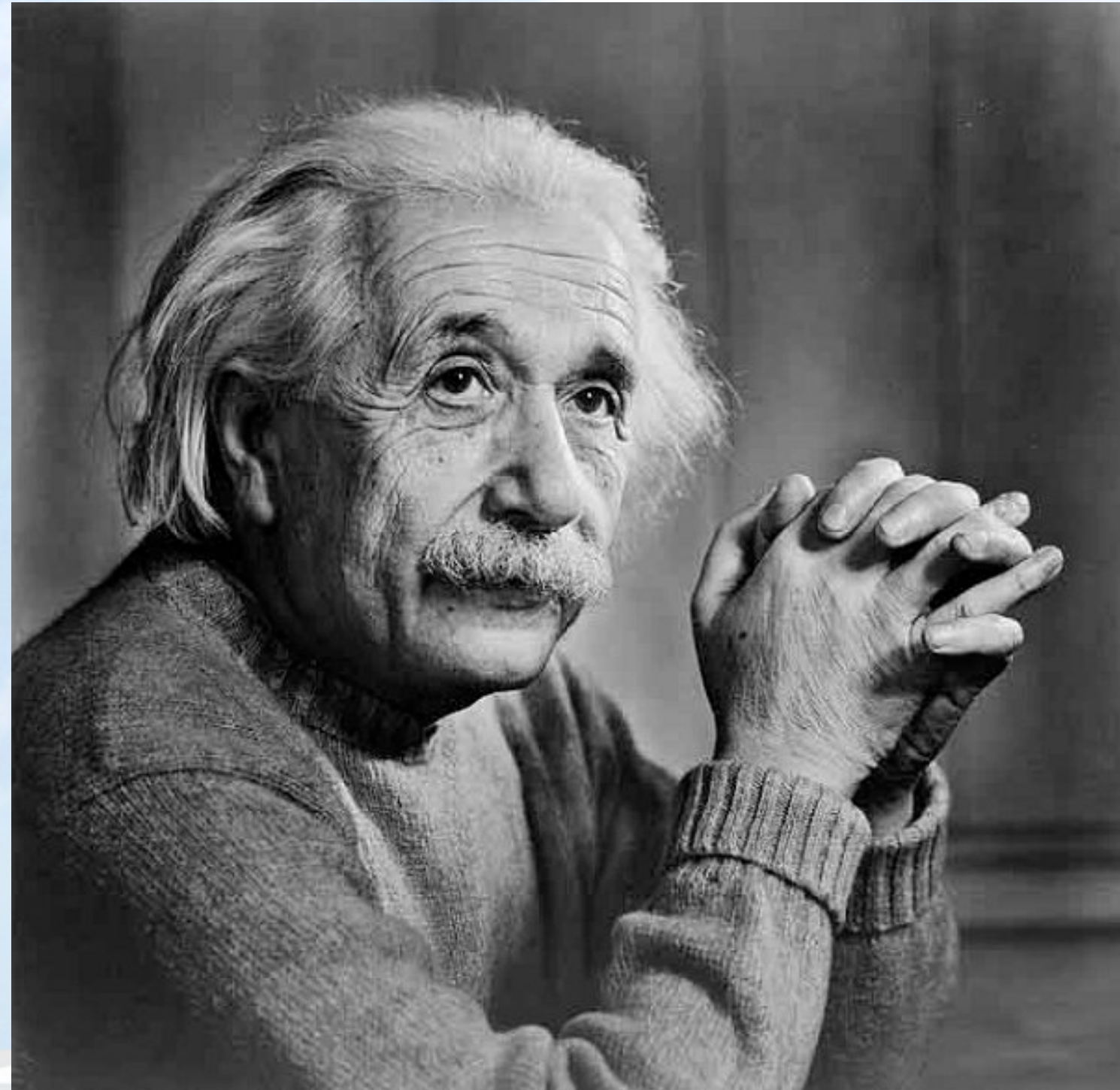
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Now we come to the question of life after death. We may live a wonderful life for a hundred years, but is that all there is? In us is a bigger horizon, a desire for life beyond life. But how can we be sure about what that life will be like? We will discuss this in our next session.

See you next time. Thank you.



**The Process of
Creation and Period
of Growth**



Albert Einstein, 1879~1955

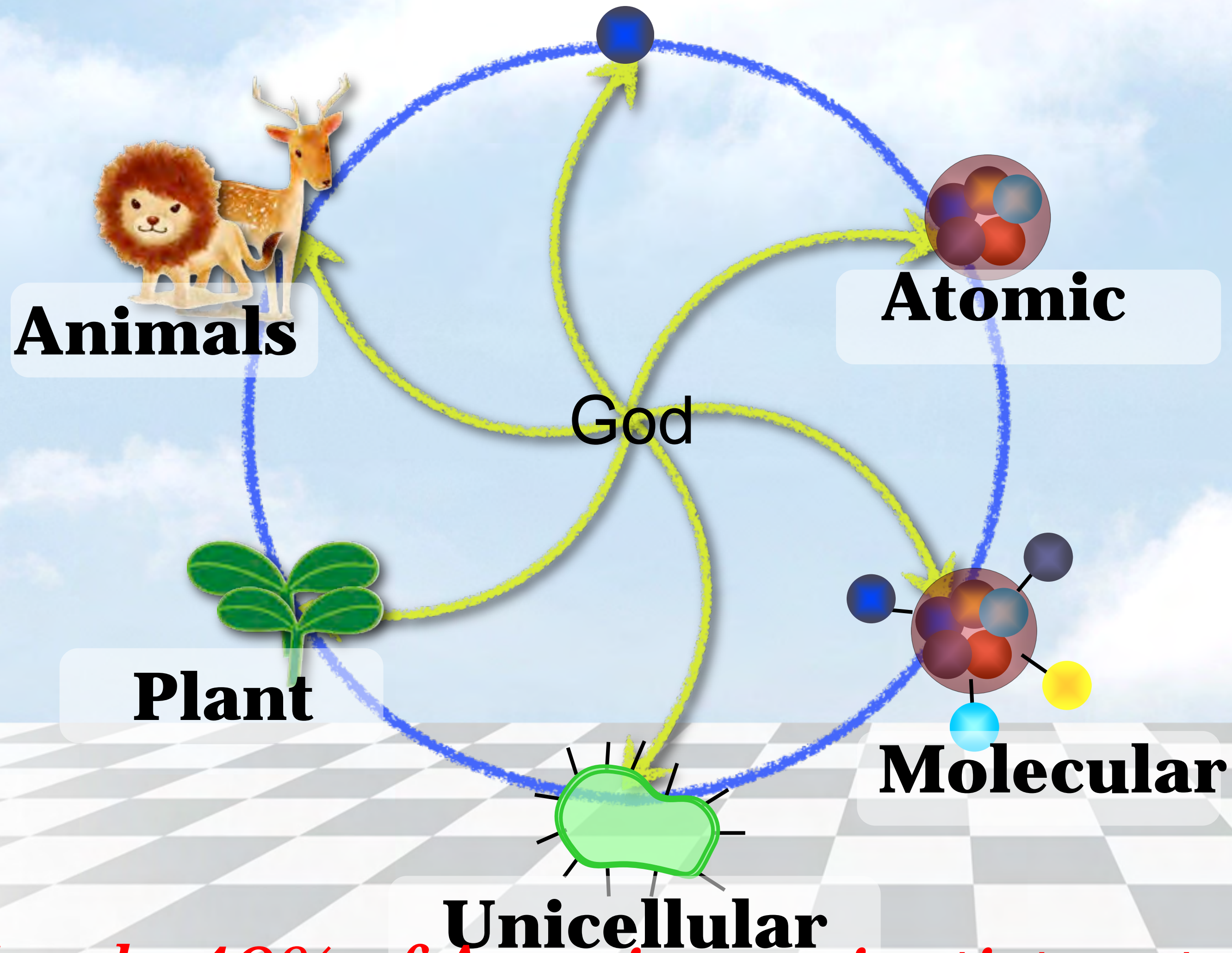
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The Big Bang Theory

The universe began at the explosion of a single point

Sub-Atomic



Animals

Atomic

Plant

Molecular

Unicellular

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The Theory of Evolution
strong religious convictions.*

The Process of the Creation of the Universe

Genesis 1:1~31

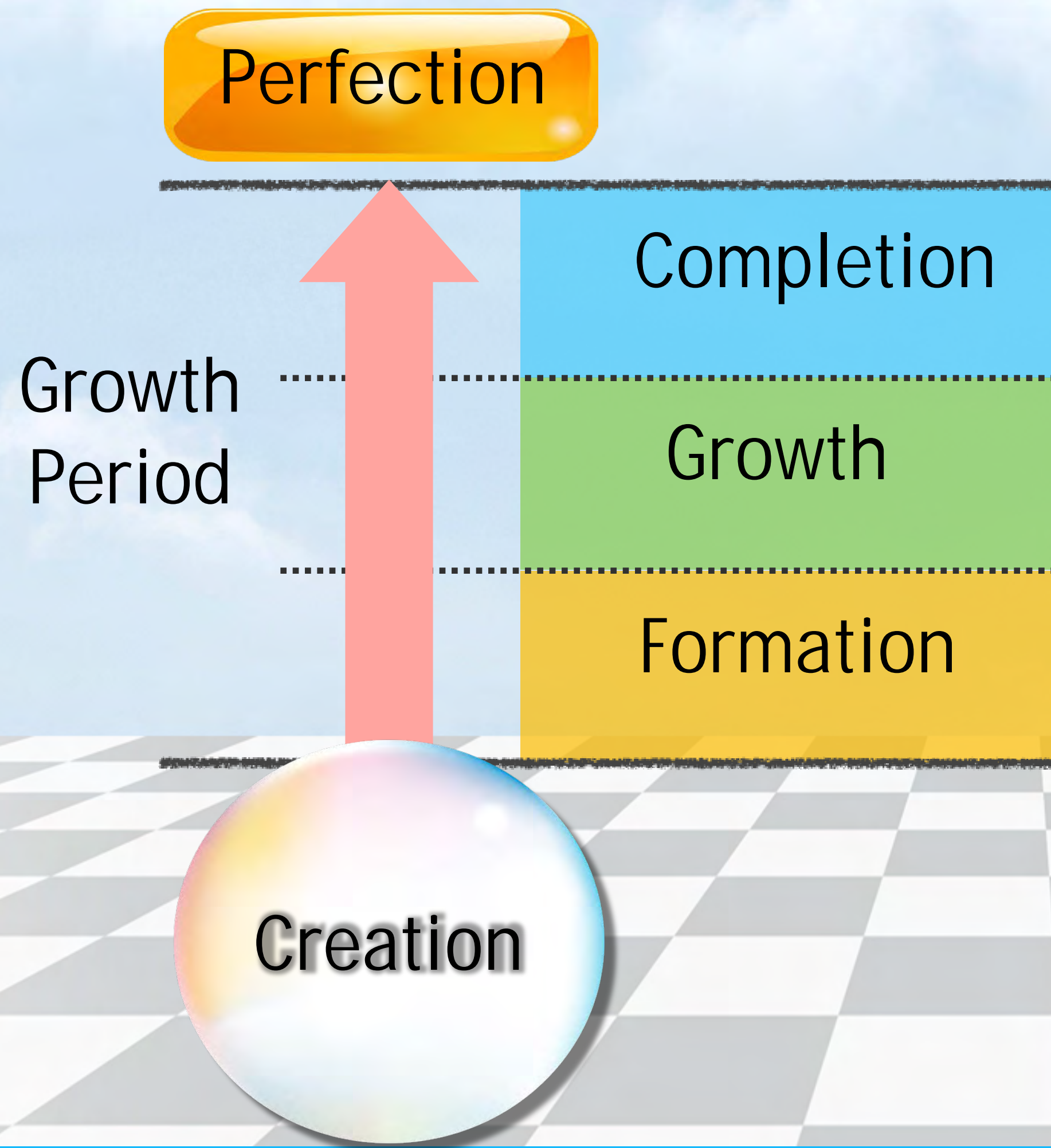
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Bible	Light	Expanse separating the waters	Sea Earth Plants	Sun Moon Stars	Sea Creatures Winged Creatures	Living creatures on earth Man Woman	The Day of Rest
Science	Azoic Era	Archeozoic Era	Proterozoic Era	Paleozoic Era	Mesozoic Era	Cenozoic Era	

Six Days = Time Process

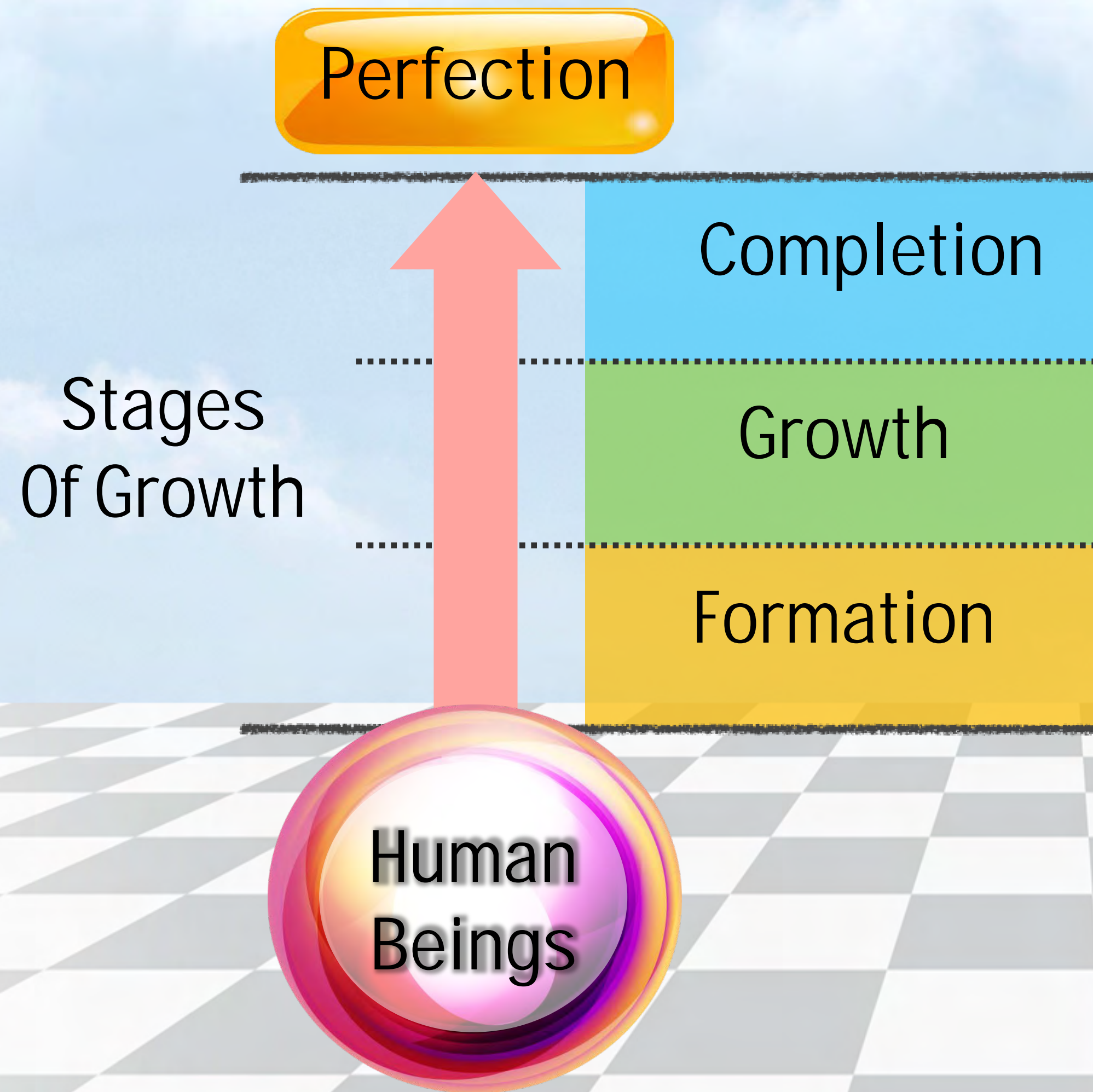
God's Creation

God created everything over
a set period of time, a specific
period of growth

The Three Ordered Stages of Growth



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Perfection

Completion

Principle

(Autonomy

+

Governance)

Growth

Formation

Creation

The realm of God's indirect dominion:
The realm of dominion based on accomplishments through the principle

Perfection

Completion

Portion of Responsibility: 'For in the day that you eat from it you will surely die'

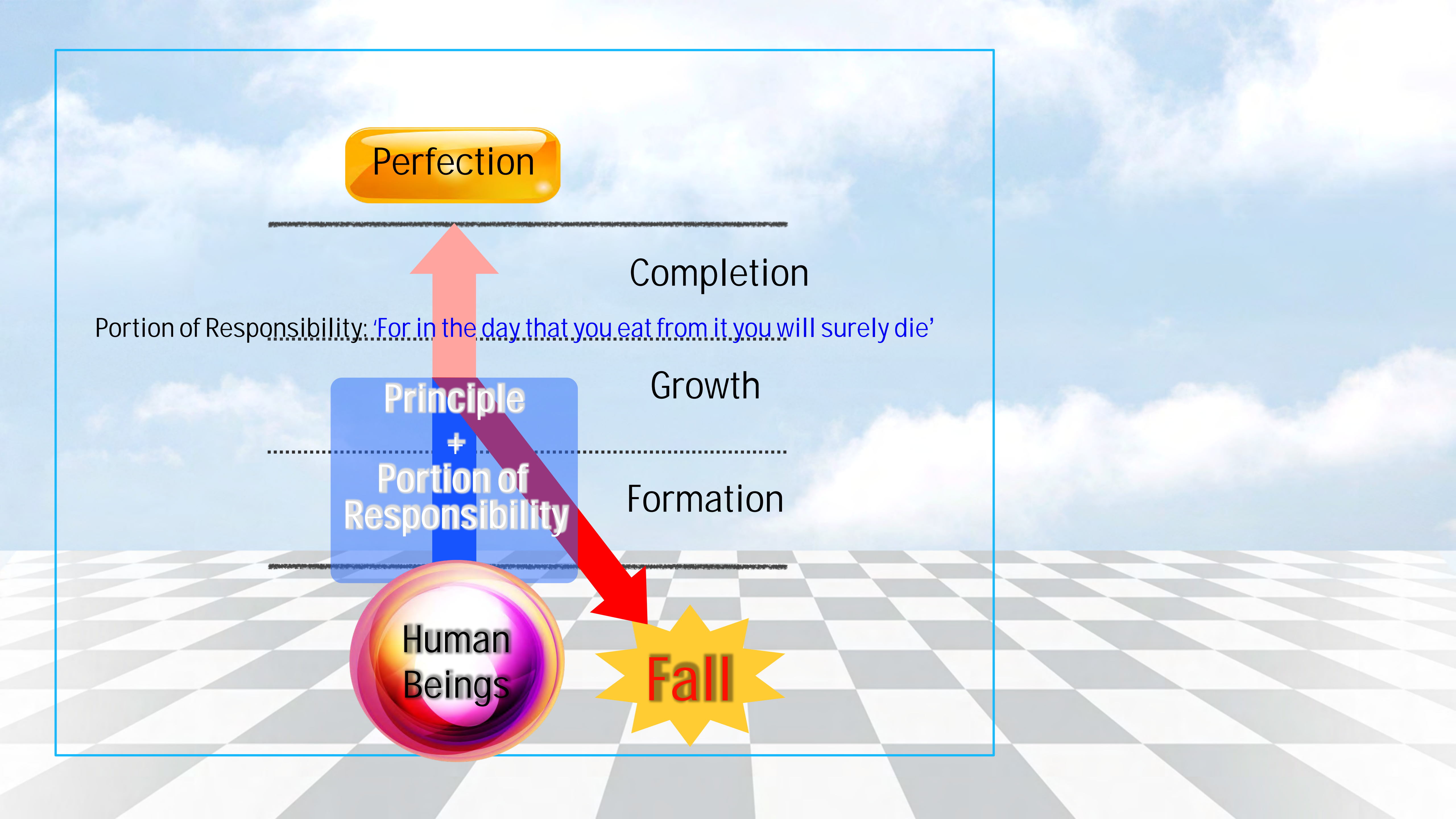
Principle
+
Portion of
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Growth

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Human
Beings

Fall



Completion of our portion of responsibility

To become a perfected man or
woman with a creative potential
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To bestow upon humanity the right to stand in the position of creator and exercise dominion over the rest of creation, just as God exercises dominion over humanity.

Religion

Self-reliant religion

Cooperation
Between
God and us

Salvific religion

Our
effort

**Unification
Principle**

God's power

Buddhism

Christianity

God

Man

Realm of Direct
Dominion

Completion

Unity of heart with God

God's Portion of
Responsibility

Growth

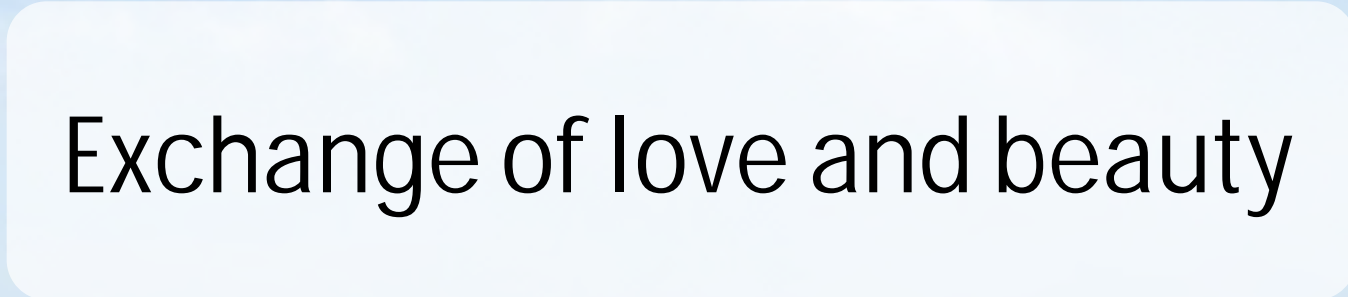
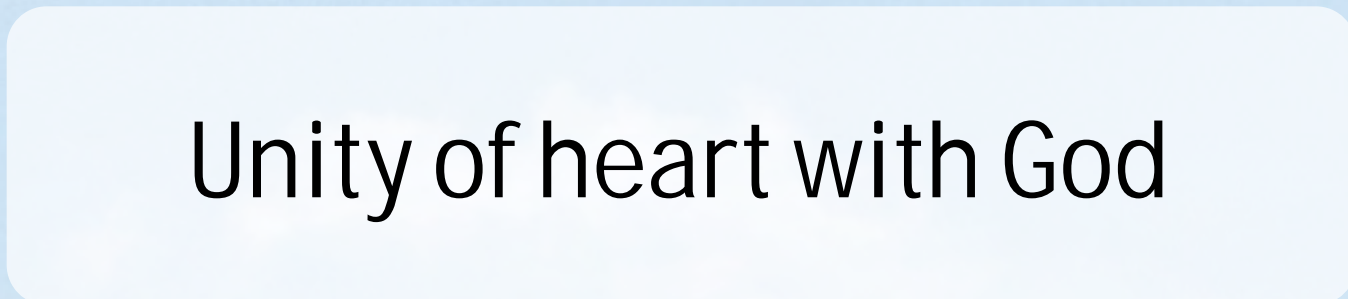
Exchange of love and beauty

+
Our Portion of
Responsibility

Formation

Fulfill the purpose of creation

Human
Beings



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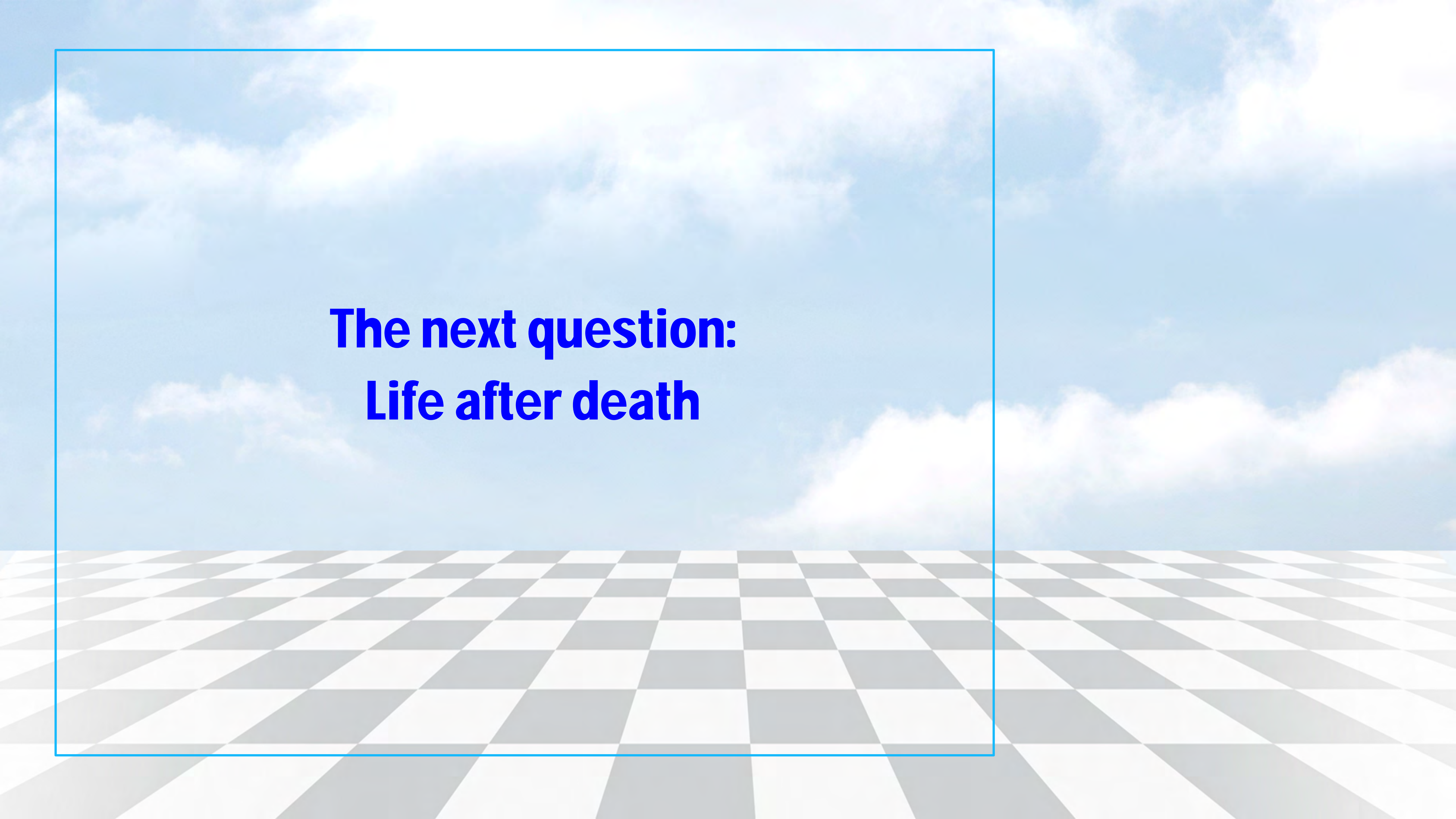
Immanuel

The image features a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there is a checkered floor with alternating light and dark gray squares, creating a perspective effect that recedes into the distance. A thin blue rectangular border is superimposed over the scene, framing the text.

God with us.

The background of the image is a blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. In the foreground, there is a perspective view of a checkered floor, with squares of light and dark gray receding towards a horizon line. A thin blue rectangular border is superimposed over the scene, framing the text.

Moving and resting
with God.

The background of the slide features a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. Below the horizon line, a checkered floor in shades of light gray and white recedes into the distance, creating a strong sense of perspective. A thin blue rectangular border frames the central text area.

The next question:
Life after death