

# **The Path to Happiness**

## **Divine Principle Lecture Series**

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### **Lecture 16**

#### **How Does God Carry Out His Providence of Resurrection?**

##### **SLIDE 1**

Welcome back to our series on the Unification Principle. I'm your host, Dr. Tyler Hendricks.

##### **SLIDE 2**

In our last session, we discussed

→ how believers thought that resurrection means the saints who were dead would come back to physical life. But we saw that the Bible actually teaches that

→ physical death is natural, and that resurrection means to separate from Satan's realm, be reborn as God's child and develop your spirit through good spiritual practices.

→ Thus, resurrection is a process. But what about those who departed to spirit world already? Is there a process of rebirth and resurrection for them? And what does that have to do with life on earth for us? This session unpacks these important questions.

##### **SLIDE 3**

→ According to the principle of creation, the growth of the spirit is only possible through living a good life on earth, physically.

→ The growth of spirit requires the give and receive action of life elements from God and vitality elements from the physical body.

##### **SLIDE 4**

The spirit, like everything, goes through three stages of growth

→ formation

→ growth and

→ perfection, to reach full maturity. In any era, human beings can revive and resurrect themselves to some spiritual level according to the level of God's words and their own practice. Whatever spiritual form a person reaches on this earth is where they will go and live as a spirit person in the spirit world after they shed their physical body. God has been carrying out the process of resurrection through the history of the Bible. Let's take a look.

##### **SLIDE 5**

For generations after the Fall, there was

→ no spiritual growth, no resurrection, no word of God, no life elements.

→ We call this the era to lay the foundation for resurrection.

##### **SLIDE 6**

From the time of Abraham, God began the providence of resurrection, based on making offerings and, after Moses, following the Law.

##### **SLIDE 7**

This is the era of foundation stage resurrection, and

→ people were justified to stand before God based on their works.

→ They became “form spirits” and

→ created the form-spirit stage of the spirit world after they died.

#### **SLIDE 8**

During the New Testament humans can raise themselves to be righteous by

→ having faith in the Gospel and fulfilling their portion of responsibility.

→ Therefore this era is also called the age of attendance by faith. This is the New Testament Age. Thus in this era, humans need to have faith in new words of the new testament age and accept Jesus and fulfill their portion of responsibility to attain righteousness through faith in Jesus, and achieve growth stage resurrection.

#### **SLIDE 9**

Human beings will attain spiritual salvation and this will

→ enable the spiritual body to become a life spirit. According to the principle of creation, the place where humans who have attained the life spirit level live in

→ paradise, as Jesus told the thief who accepted him on the cross—this day, you will be with me in paradise.

#### **SLIDE 10**

When Jesus returns as the Lord of the Second Advent, he will bring salvation that is both spiritual AND physical. Those who attend him will gain admission to the kingdom of heaven which is at hand, so this is the age of justification by attendance, of living one’s life completely in God’s hands.

#### **SLIDE 11**

God will be able through the Lord and his Bride to free us from the original sin and make us into divine spirits. We become divine spirits. Of course, this requires our great effort and love, which is our responsibility. We gain the guidance to do so through attending the Lord and His Bride.

#### **SLIDE 12**

Now, what about those spirits who went to the spirit world without having reached the divine spirit level?

#### **SLIDE 13**

Those who passed away without attaining completion are required

→ to descend to the earth and receive help

→ from people on earth to fulfill their portion of responsibility and attain resurrection in concert with that person’s physical body.

→ This resurrection is like the second coming of every spirit person who ever lived.

#### **SLIDE 14**

Form-stage spirits of the Old Testament age, who lived a life of faith and accepted and worshipped God,

→ returned to the earth after the coming of Jesus

→ in order to attain their goal with the help of the believers living on earth.

→ Thereby, they were able to resurrect into a life spirit.

→ The returning spirits and the believers on earth who cooperate with them in the “returning resurrection” process benefit equally. Therefore Matt 18:18 says, whatever you bind here on earth shall bind you in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

#### **SLIDE 15**

The spirits in paradise who believed in Jesus in the new testament era

→ will return to the believers at the second coming of the messiah. The spirits will assist them to attain divine spirit love, and

→ become divine spirits themselves. When these believers shed their bodies and enter the kingdom of heaven, the spirits that assisted them to attain restoration will join them. In this manner, the providence of resurrection will take place and spirits on different levels will grow to maturity in God's love. This tells us that someday, Christianity will become one family under God, and end its internal divisions.

#### **SLIDE 16**

At the Second Advent, the spirits in paradise will

→ gather around Jesus and

→ return to Christian believers on earth and cooperate with them.

→ Depending on each individual's faith, personality and the good deeds of their ancestors, Christian followers living on the earth will harmonize with the spirits in paradise, who will inspire them to break down barriers on earth, after which they will be broken down in spirit world as well, and this will be a virtuous cycle. Christianity will ultimately unite as one. The phenomena where the faithful receive revelation through voices, or see visions, or heal people, is made possible by spirits who return and cooperate.

→ This is explained in Epistle of Jude 1:14-16, which states that in the last days the lord comes with holy myriads.

#### **SLIDE 17**

The spirits of those who did not believe in Christianity and passed away and thus did not grow to the level of life spirit

→ will also return for resurrection. Those who believed in other religions and passed away will require different time period depending on their spiritual growth level to return for resurrection.

→ These people will return among those people who believe their religion.

#### **SLIDE 18**

They will cooperate with people of faith and contribute to further God's providence of restoration and finally attain similar benefits.

#### **SLIDE 19**

The savior who will arrive on the foundation of Christianity is

→ the Maitreya that the Buddhists long for,

→ the True man the Confucianists wait for, and

→ the Mahdi awaited by Shi-ite Muslims.

→ The central figure whose reappearance many religious groups are expecting to witness is actually the same person.

→ Since all denominations of Christianity and all other religions will ultimately cooperate to attain God's providence of restoration centering on the savior, not just Christians but all other religions will ultimately come together to move forward towards harmony and unity.

#### **SLIDE 20**

How will non-believers, the people who did not live a life of faith while on earth, attain resurrection?

#### **SLIDE 21**

The spirits of conscientious people will

→ return to people of good conscience on earth and

→ cooperate in fulfilling God's providence of restoration with their help and reap mutual benefits.

## **SLIDE 22**

But what about outright evil people?

→ God designed what we call indemnity conditions to rid human beings of our sin. We can attain the benefit of resurrection when we cleanse our sin by fulfilling what we call conditions, or actions, of indemnity, which means basically reversing or correcting a sin or selfish action.

→ According to Unification Principle, a sin is any action or thought that reciprocates with Satan, with selfishness.

→ People who go to spirit world with a lot of that accumulated feel terrible and tormented with regret, fear, anger and resentment, and we all have some of that. How can anyone resurrect through that?

→ Again, nothing happens without finding a partner on earth.

## **SLIDE 23**

So let's talk about evil spirits. Evil people in spirit world are

→ object partners to Satan, and

→ their object partners are the spirits of evil people on earth.

→ We on earth help them carry out their evil activities through our physical bodies, whether it be selfish living, exploitation of others or outright criminality.

→ So the work of Satan can be traced to evil spirits that manifest through physical activities of people living on earth.

## **SLIDE 24**

These evil spirits will attain

→ complete resurrection when their counterparts on earth

→ accept the result of their activity as indemnity to cleanse their sin and are grateful for the opportunity.

→ We resist the impulse to do evil. We go through the same temptations, victimization, or troubles that caused the spirit's evil action, and turn it around by overcoming the temptation or enduring the troubles. The evil spirit gives a lot of problems to the person on earth, but if we follow the principle, live for others and have unchanging faith with a grateful heart,

→ eventually the evil spirit will change.

→ This takes tremendous personal strength, so we need to support each other, through family ties and friendships, prayer and spiritual practices to get through times of personal temptations and troubles.

## **SLIDE 25**

Eventually, all spirits will resurrect through their own conscience given by God, and find their way to God's love, because God is our Parents, who searches to find every lost sheep and them to the green pastures and still waters, and restores our souls.

## **SLIDE 26**

Now, you might ask, to what extent is this all guaranteed by God's predestination? Does God plan everything? Or is everything up to me... which means, it might not work out, and nothing is guaranteed? This is the topic of predestination, and we'll talk about it in the next session. Thank you so much for listening.

How Does God Carry Out  
His Providence of  
Resurrection?



Bodies that had returned to  
dust coming ~~back~~ to life

People are reborn as  
God's children and  
practice goodness  
It's a **PROCESS**

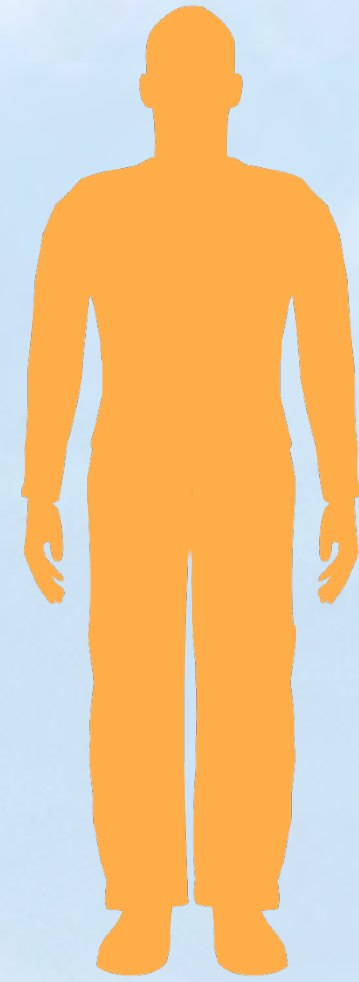


Resurrection of a spirit  
only through living a  
good life on earth.

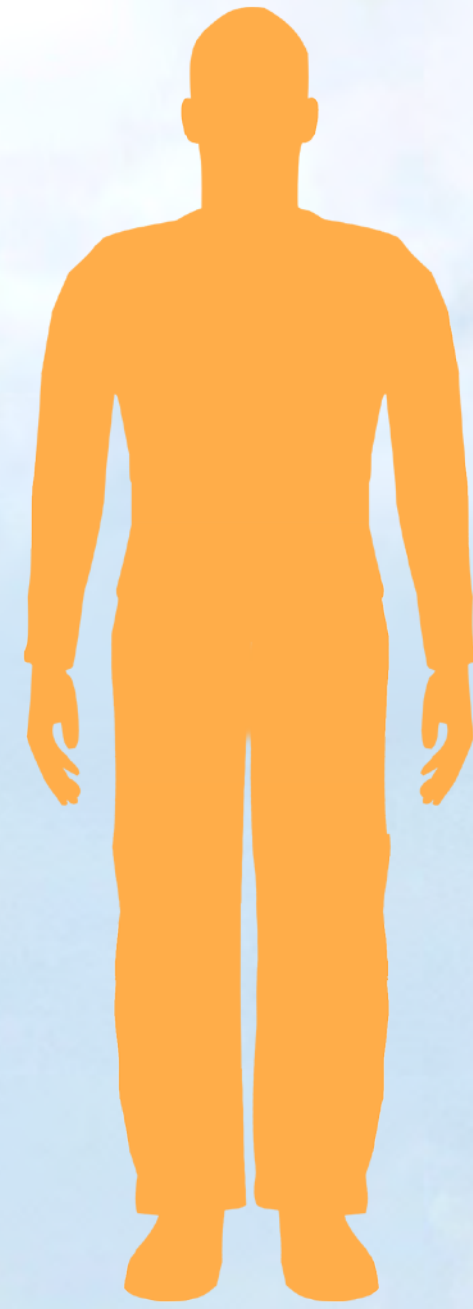
Achieved through life  
elements received from  
God and vitality  
elements received from  
the physical self.



Formation



Growth



Perfection

The Three-Stages of Growth  
to Reach Full Maturity



Resurrection

Perfection

Growth

Formation

No Word of God

No life elements

Foundation for Resurrection



Providence of  
Resurrection

Old Testament  
Age



Abraham  
Moses



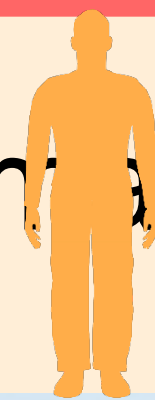
Make offerings  
Follow the Law

Resurrection

Perfection

Growth

Formation



Form-spirit  
stage of the  
spirit world

Form-spirit

Justification  
by works

Providence of  
Resurrection

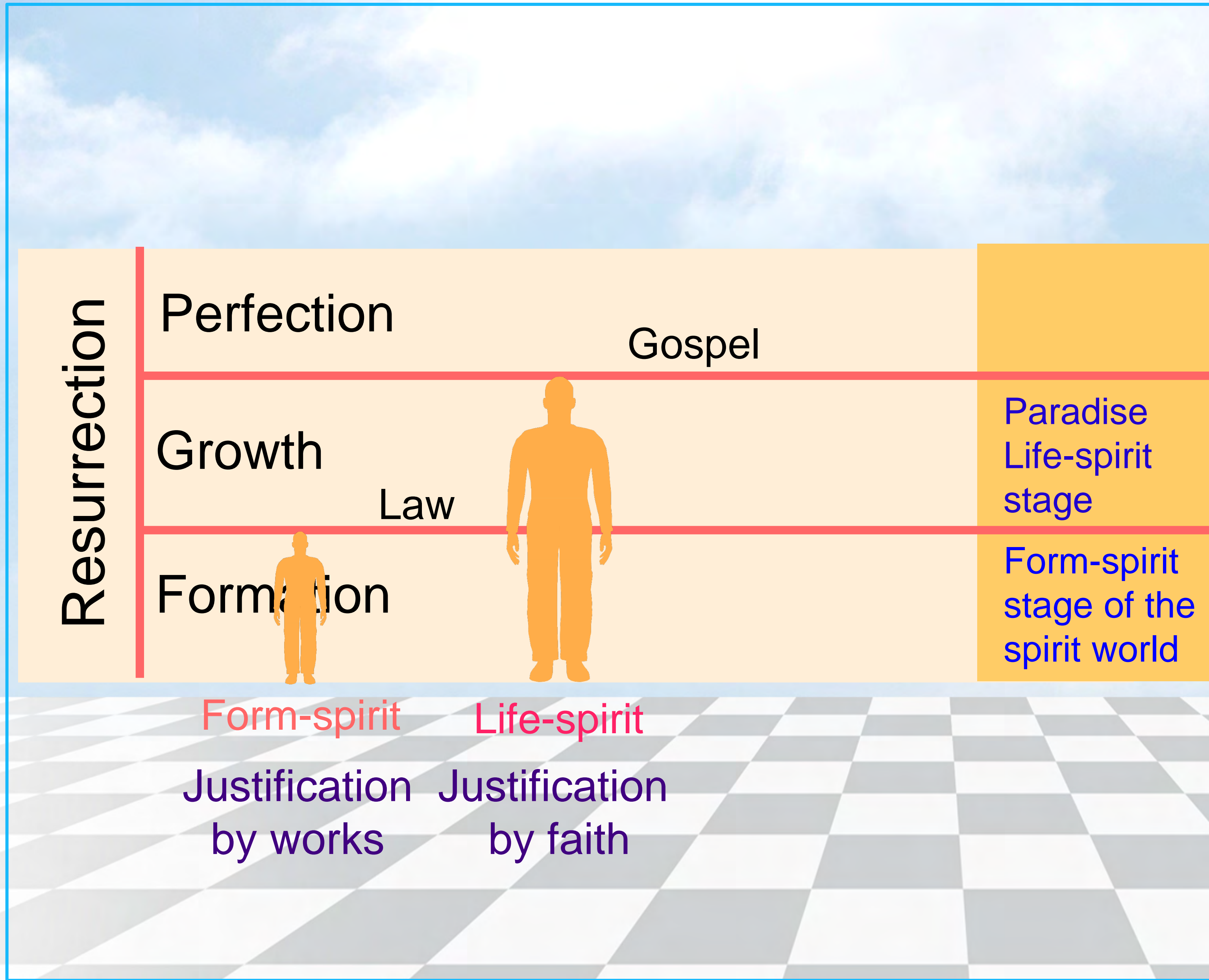
New Testament  
Age



Gospel plus  
responsibility



Salvation by faith



Providence of  
Resurrection

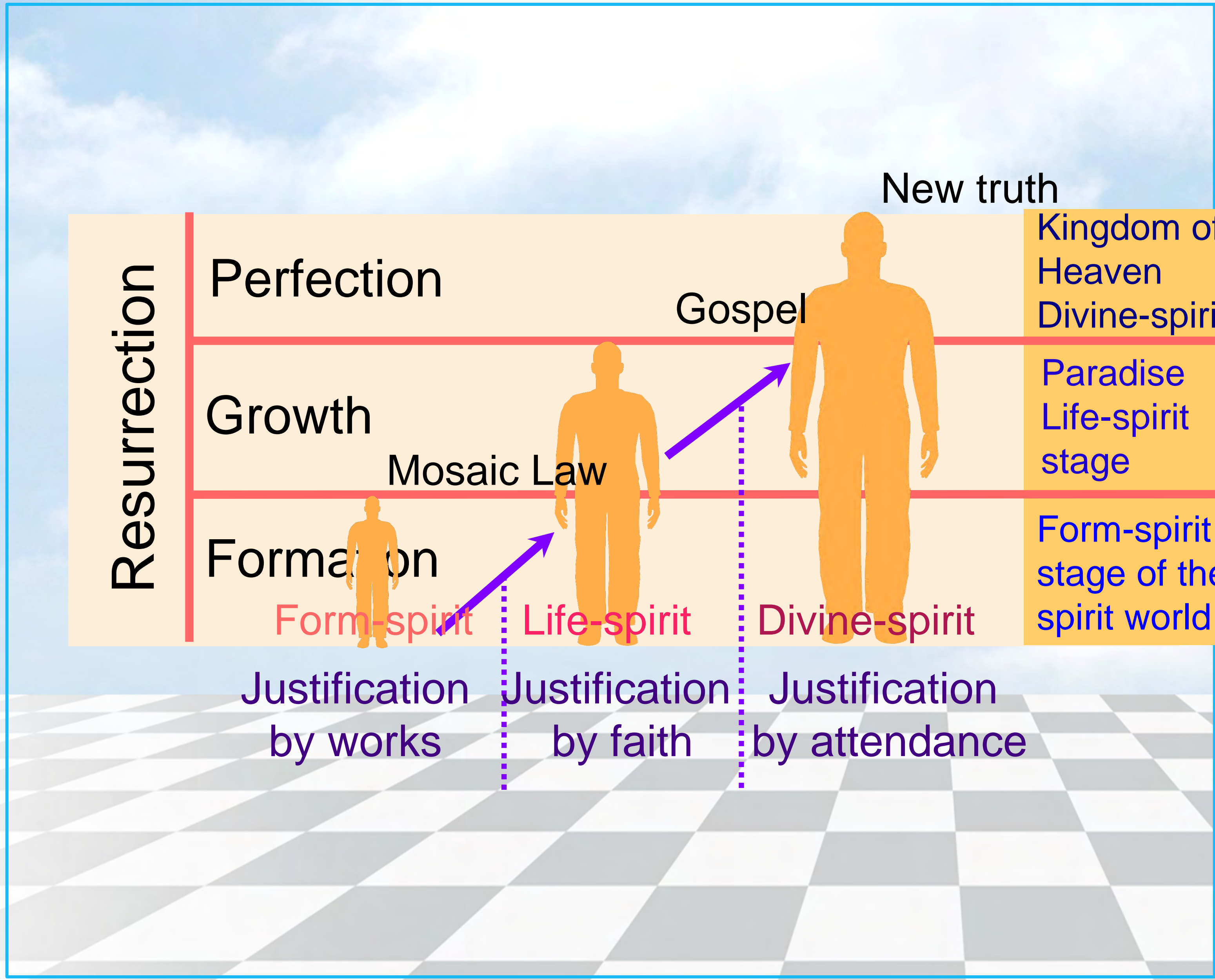
Completed  
Testament Age

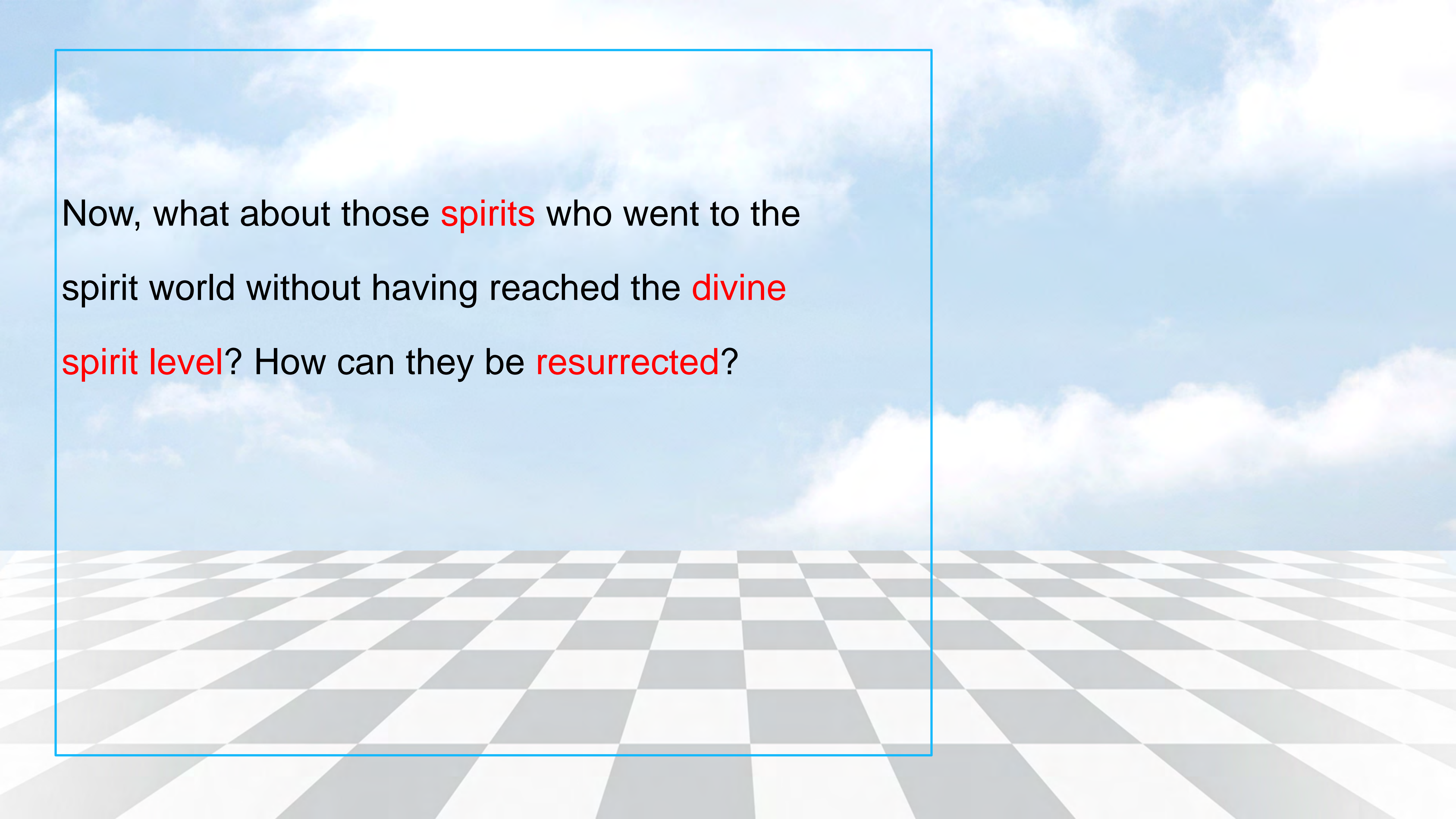


Physical and spiritual  
salvation



Justification by  
attendance





Now, what about those **spirits** who went to the spirit world without having reached the **divine spirit level**? How can they be **resurrected**?





Not-yet-perfect  
person

Give help



Return for  
resurrection



Person on earth

At coming of Jesus

Heaven  
Divine-spirit  
stage

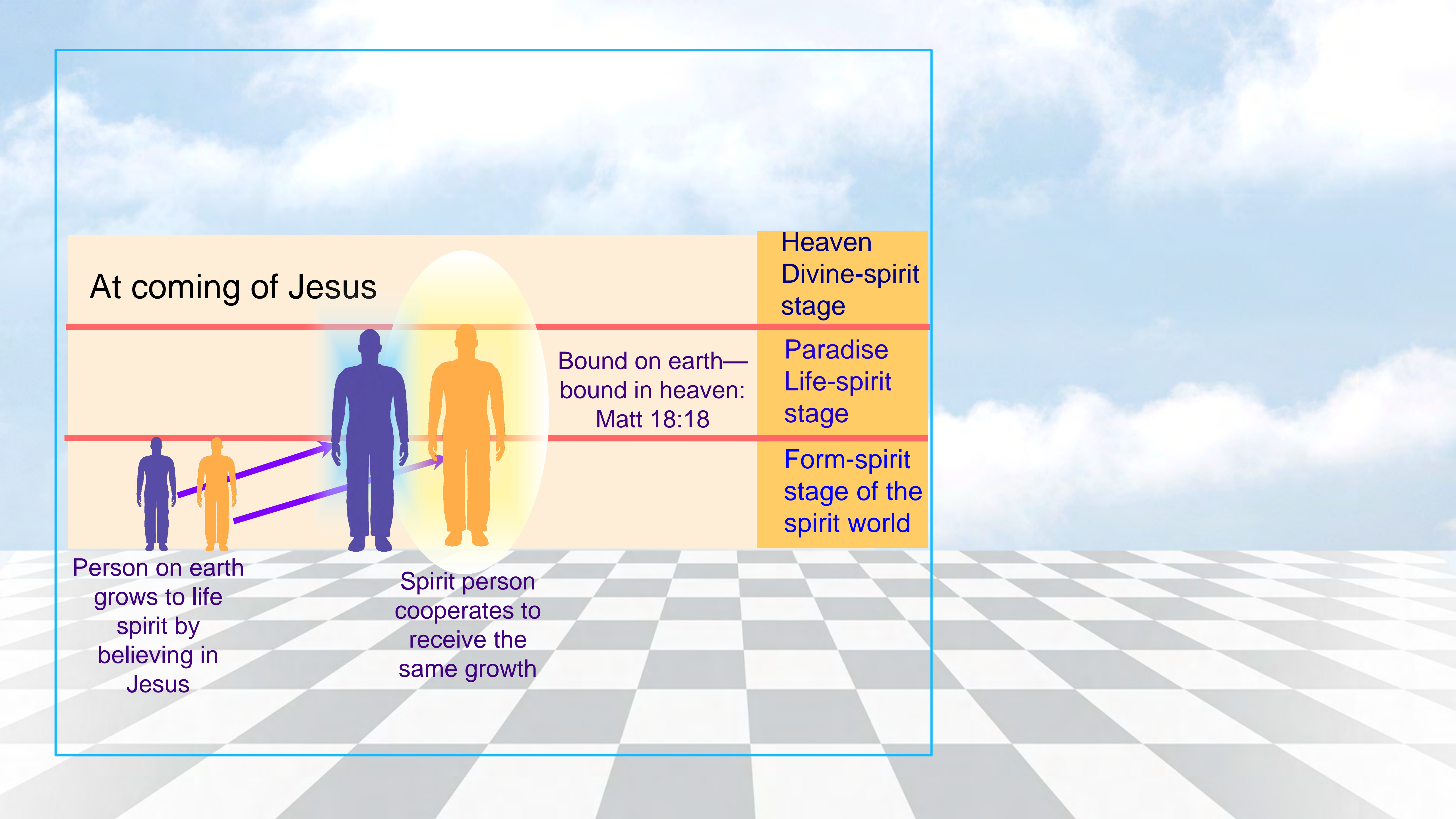
Bound on earth—  
bound in heaven:  
Matt 18:18

Paradise  
Life-spirit  
stage

Form-spirit  
stage of the  
spirit world

Person on earth  
grows to life  
spirit by  
believing in  
Jesus

Spirit person  
cooperates to  
receive the  
same growth



# At Second Coming

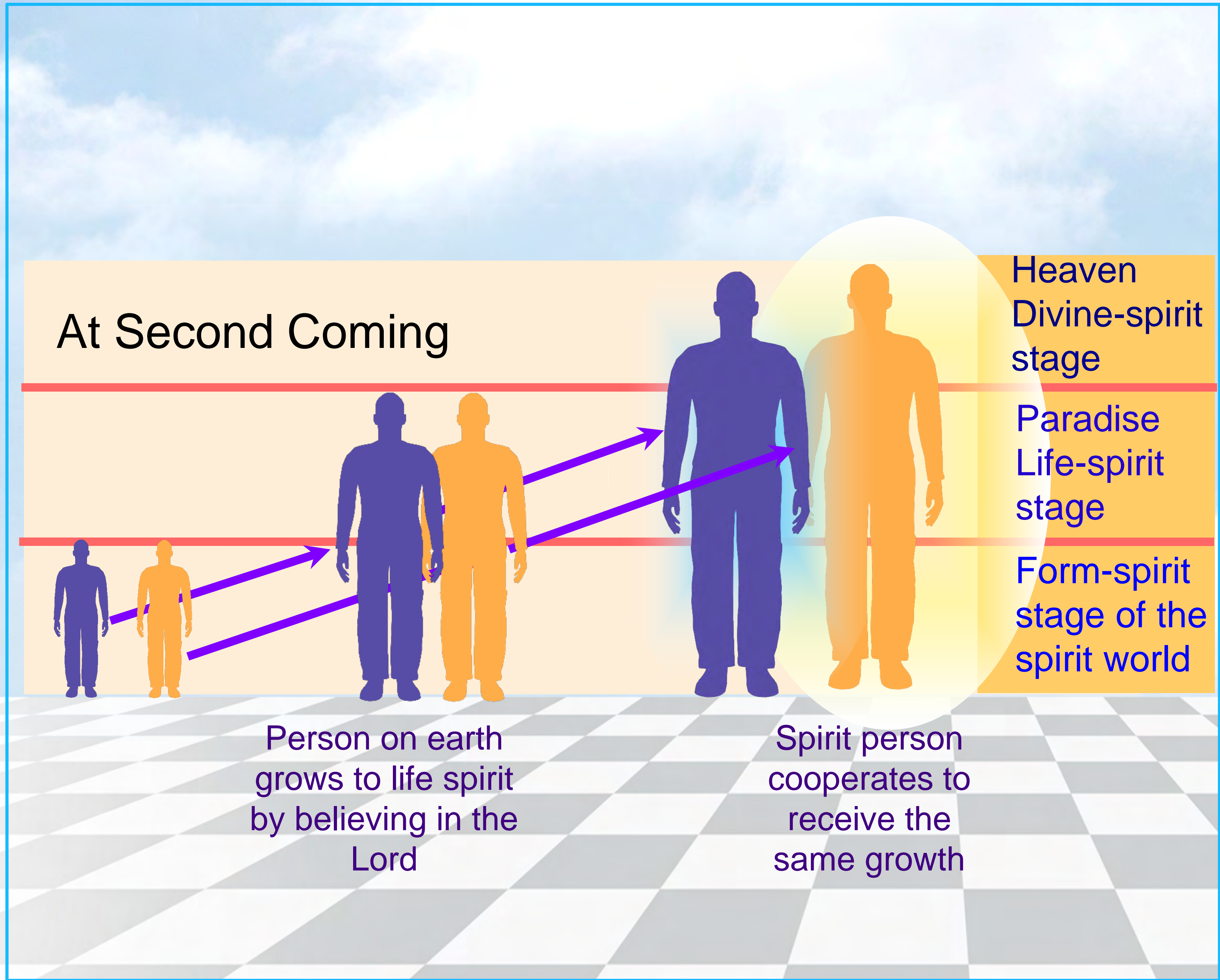
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Divine-spirit  
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Paradise  
Life-spirit  
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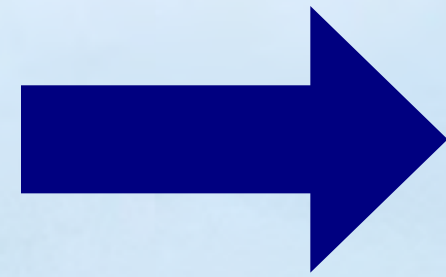
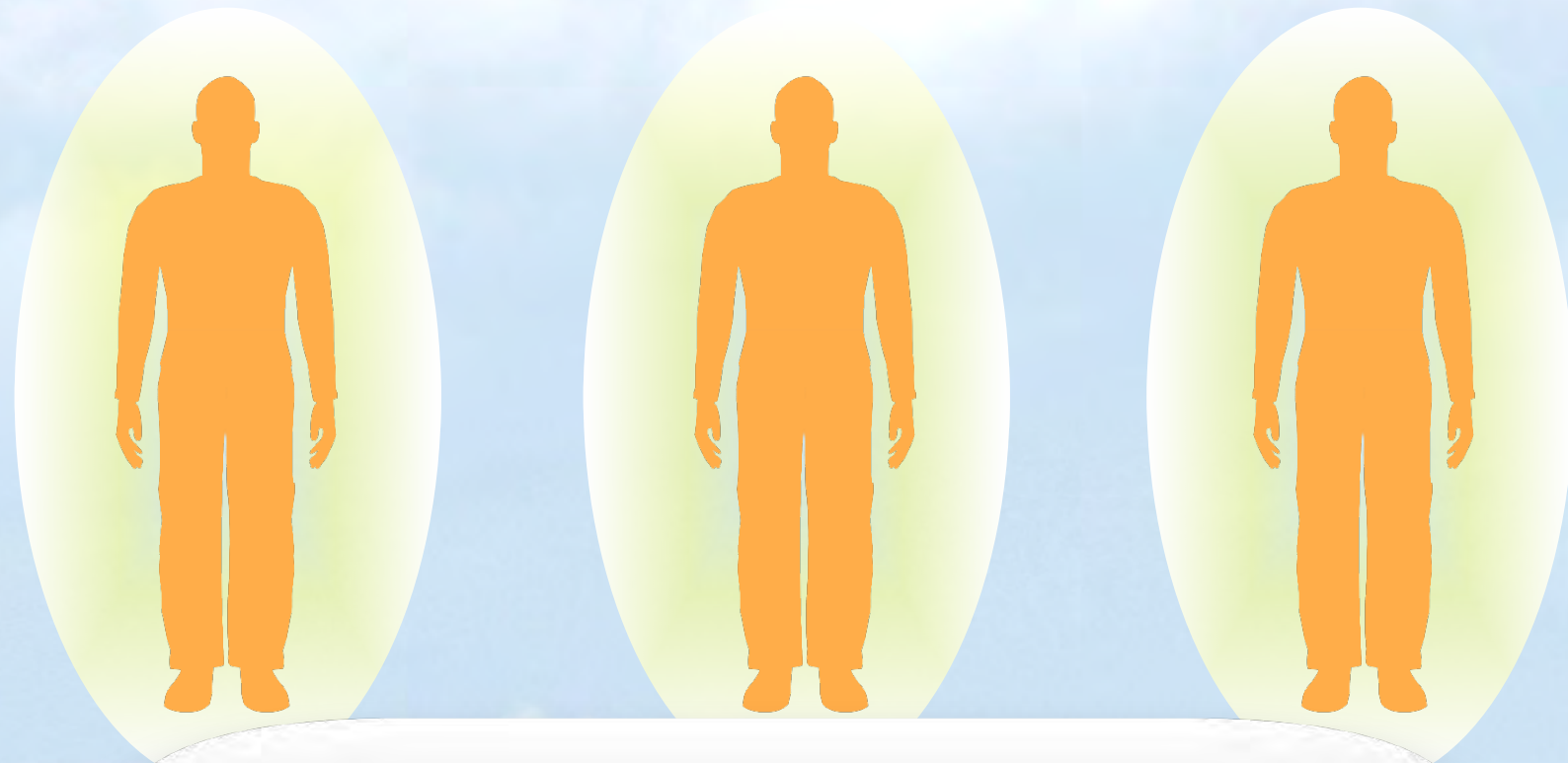
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# Spirits in Paradise



The Lord will come  
with his holy myriads:  
Jude 14-16

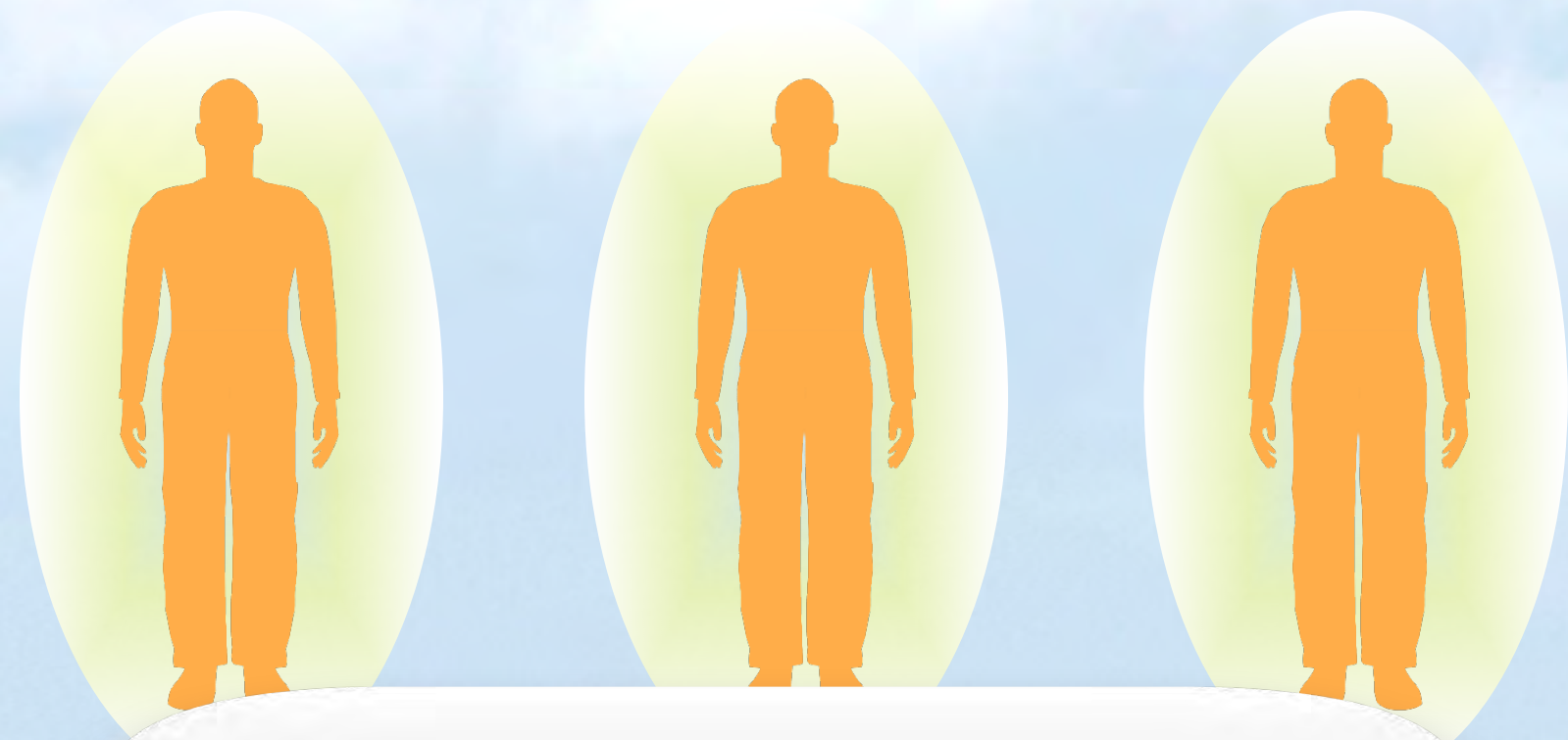
Cooperation



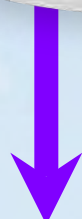
Christianity  
becomes one

Sincere Christians on earth

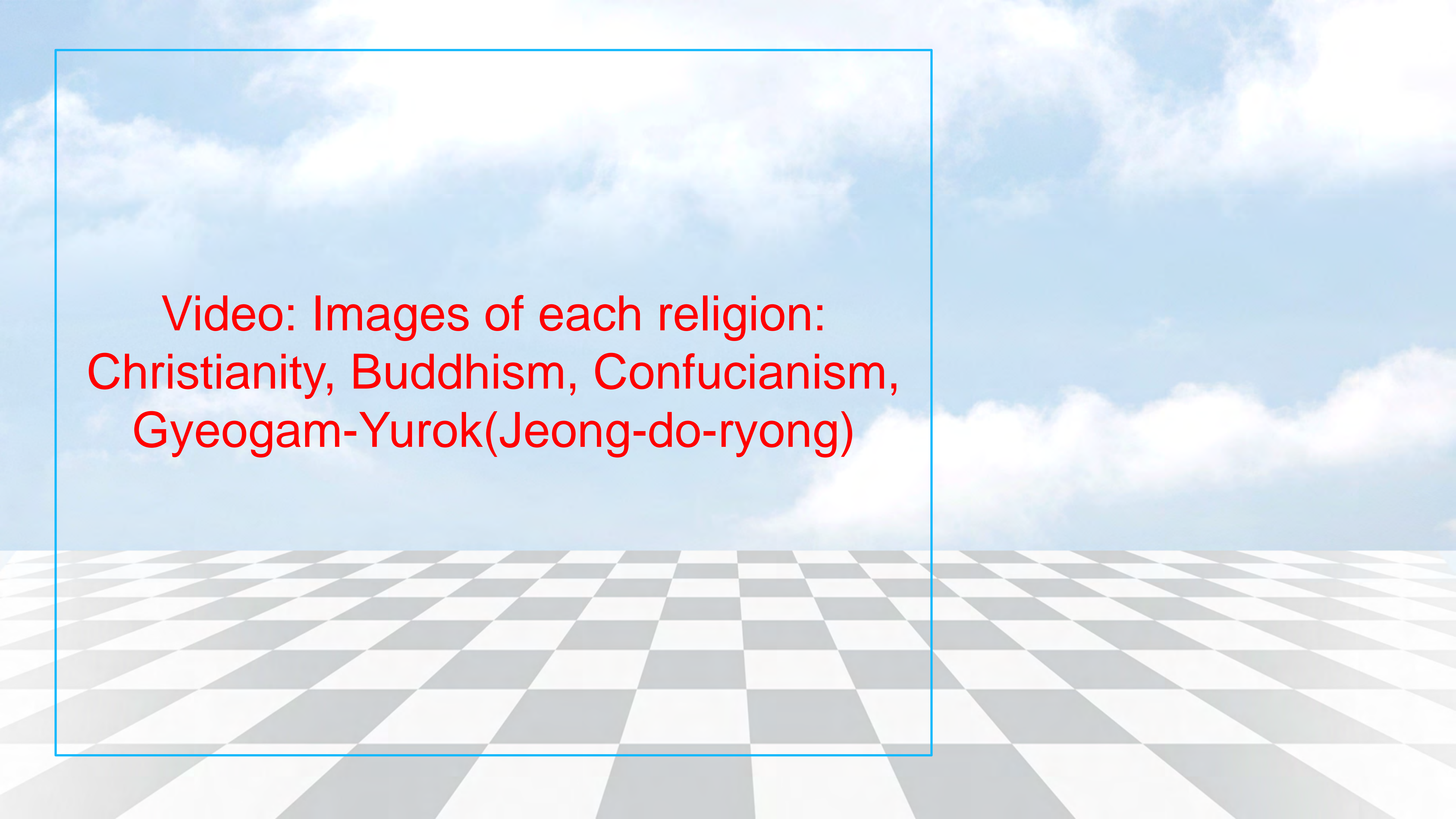
# Non-Christian spirits



Receive the benefit of  
the returning resurrection



Believers of the same faith



Video: Images of each religion:  
Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism,  
Gyeogam-Yurok(Jeong-do-ryong)

# The Savior on the foundation of Christianity



Maitreya in  
Buddhism



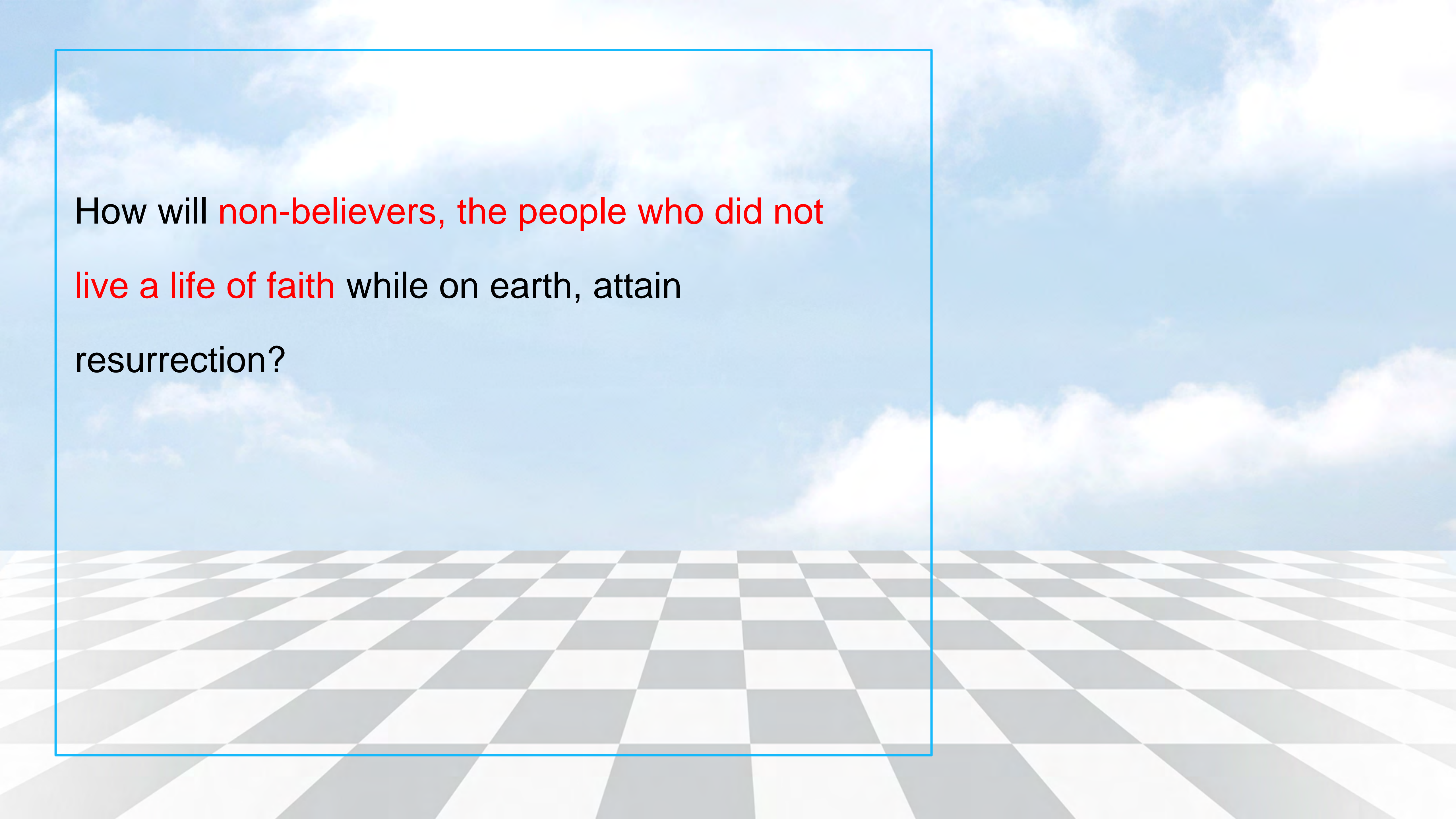
True Man in  
Confucianism



*Mahdi* in Islam

The same person.

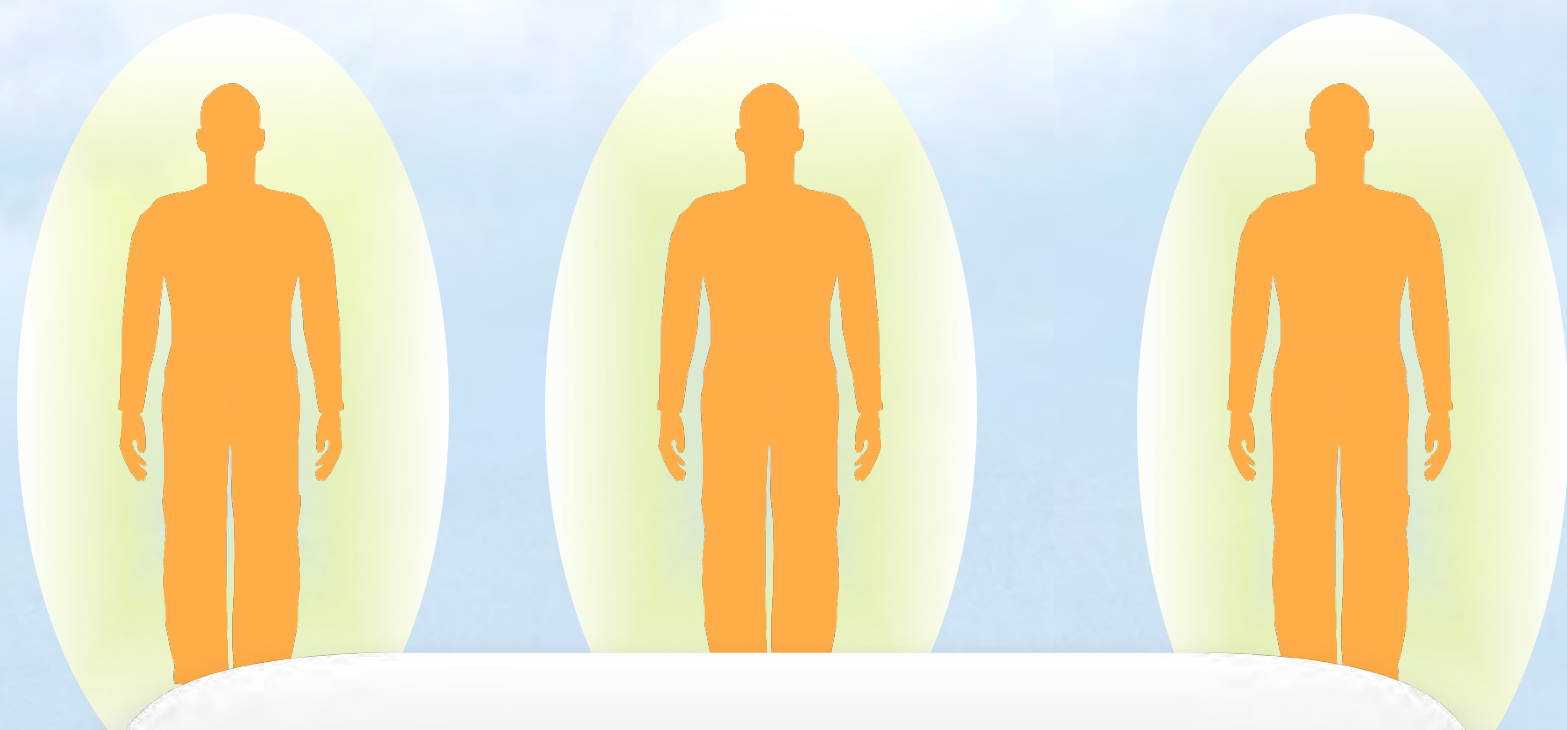
Harmony and unity  
of all religions



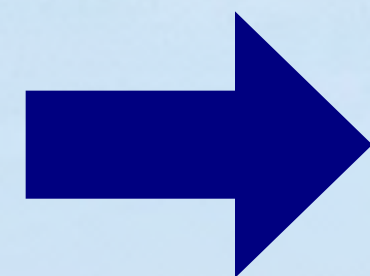
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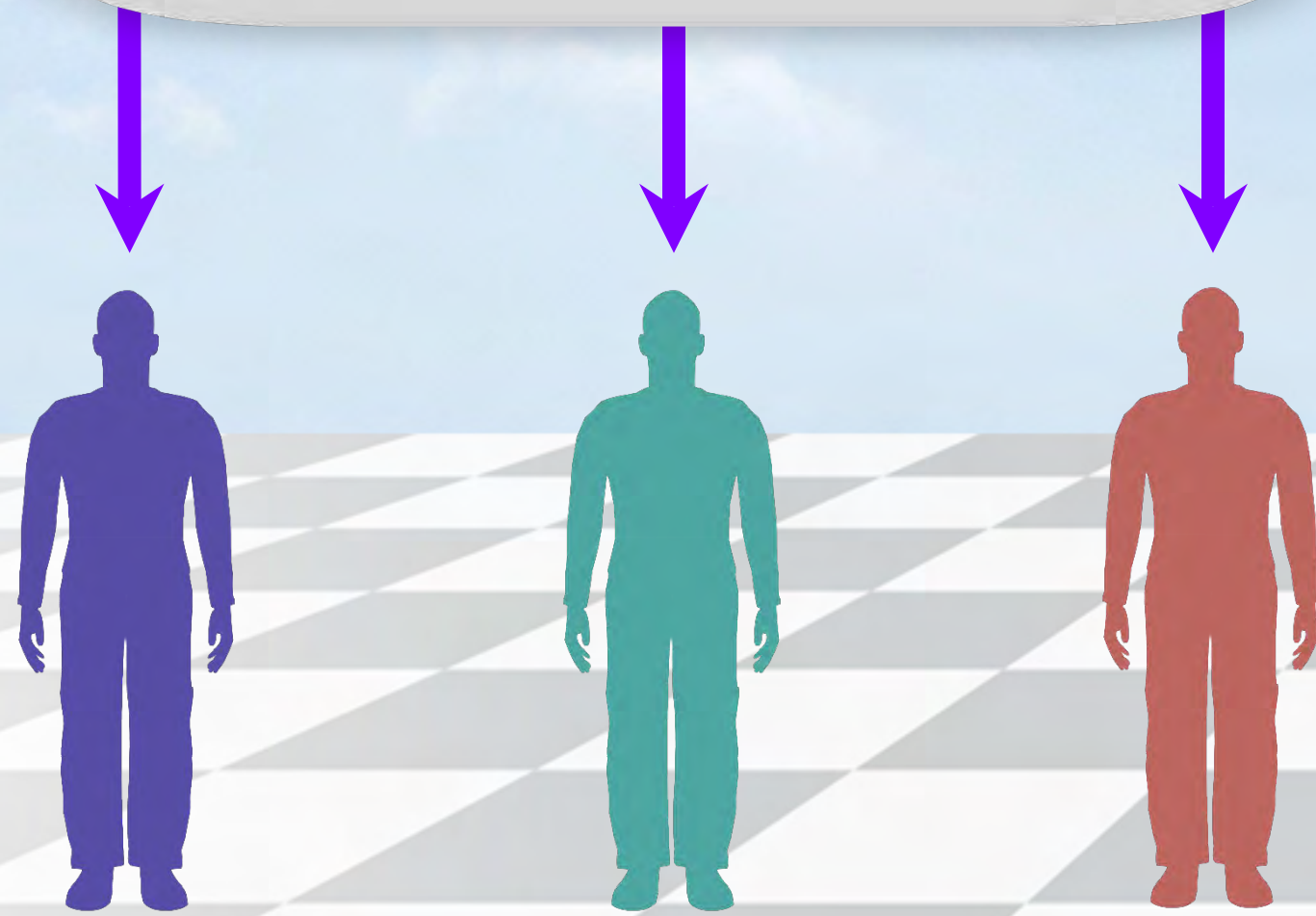
The spirits of conscientious people



Returning Resurrection



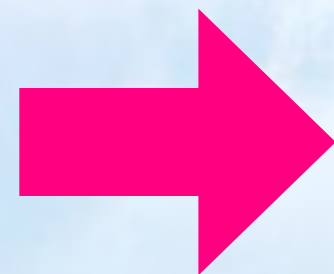
Cooperate in fulfilling God's providence of restoration



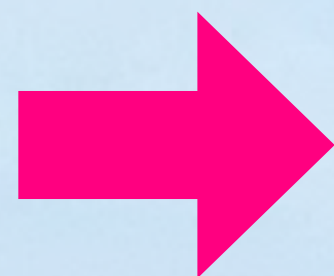
People of good conscience



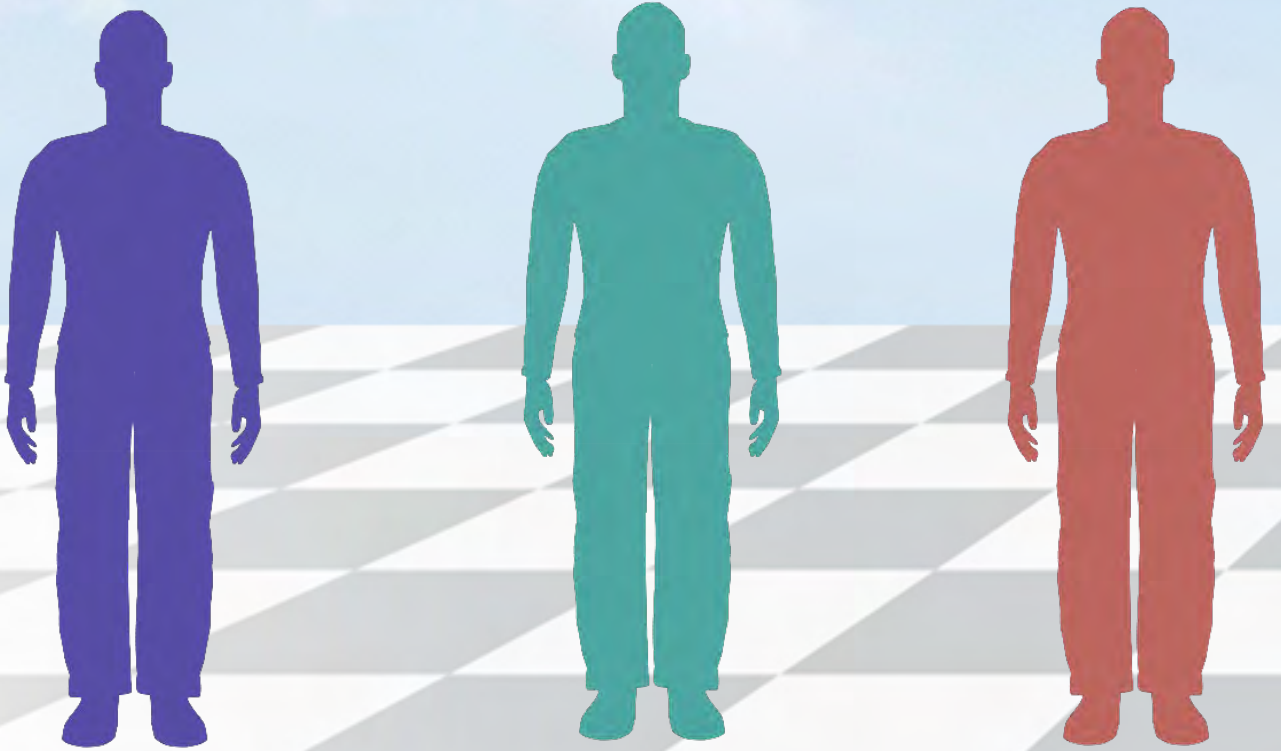
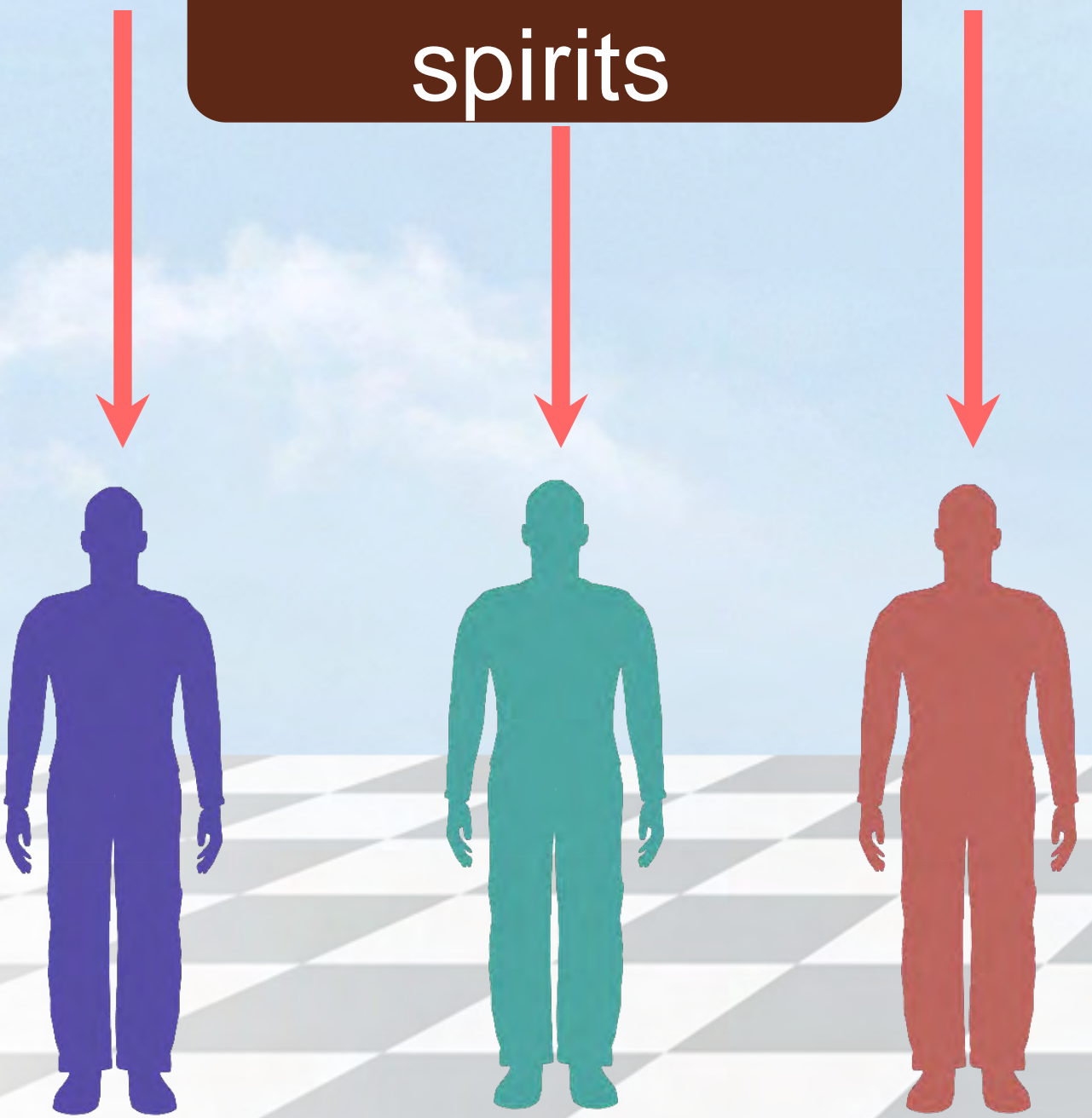
Evil spirits



Conditions to reciprocate with Satan



Regret, fear, anger, resentment

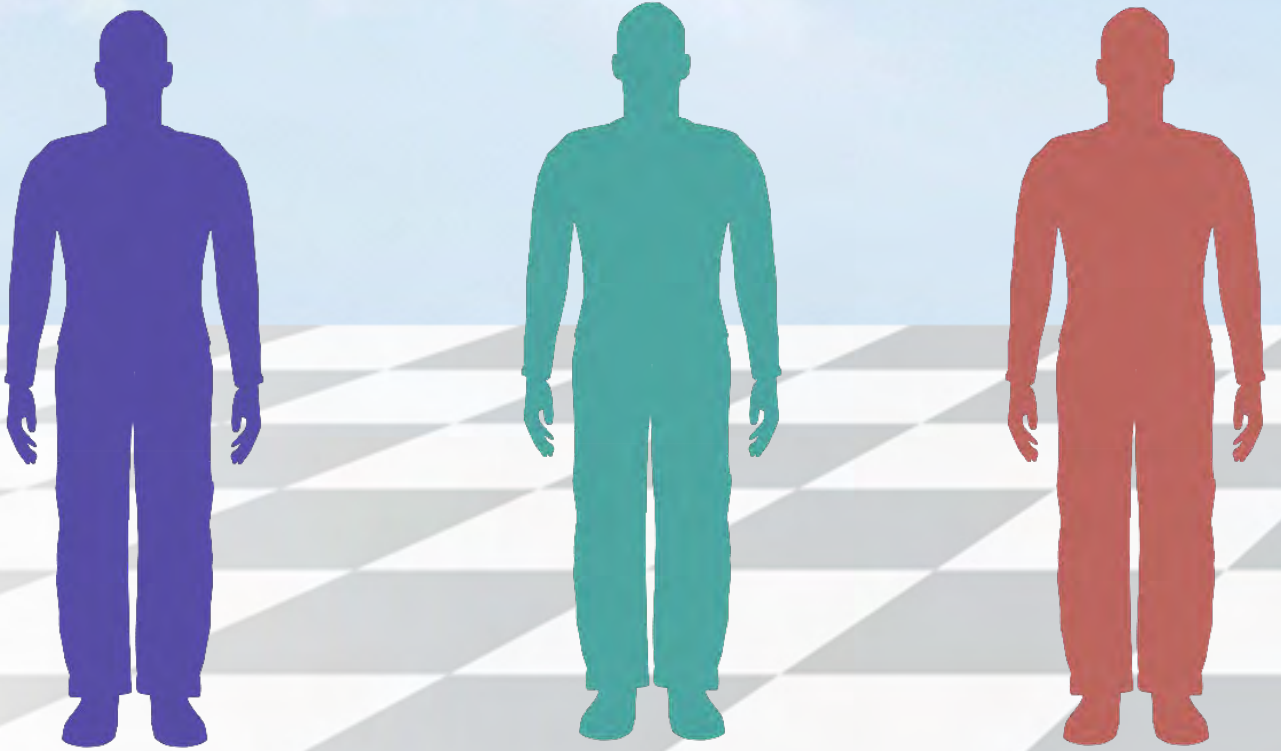


People on earth

Indemnity conditions reverse the sin



Evil spirits

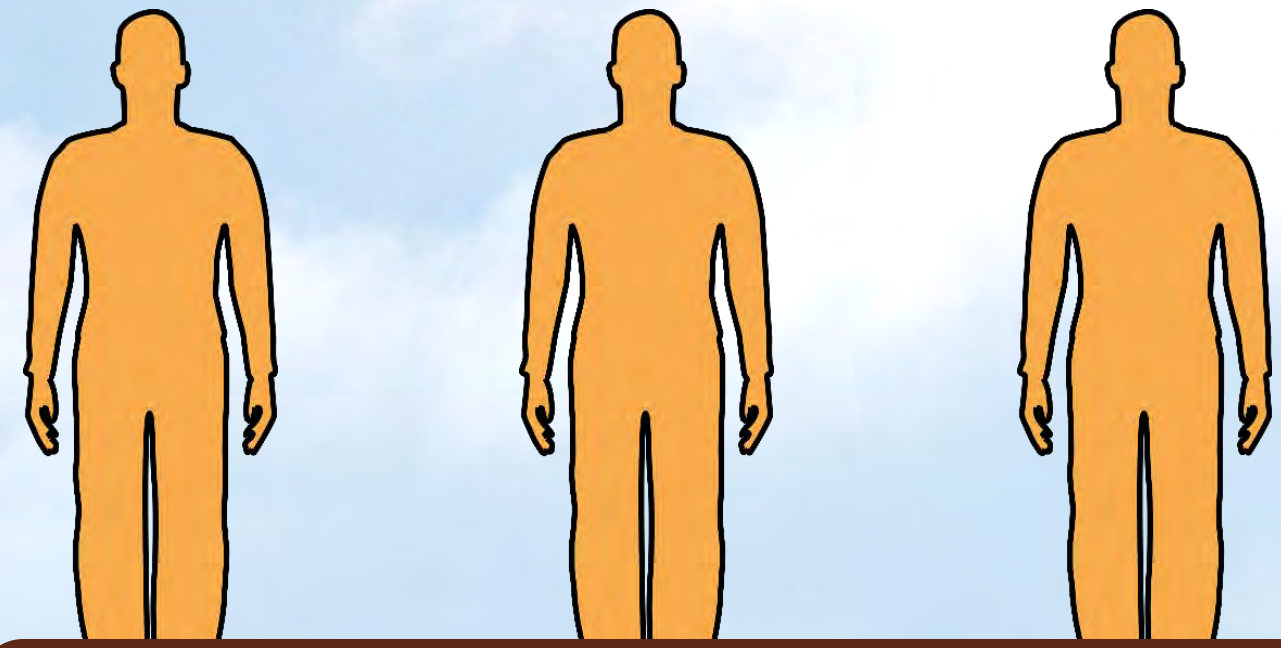


People on earth

Object partners of Satan

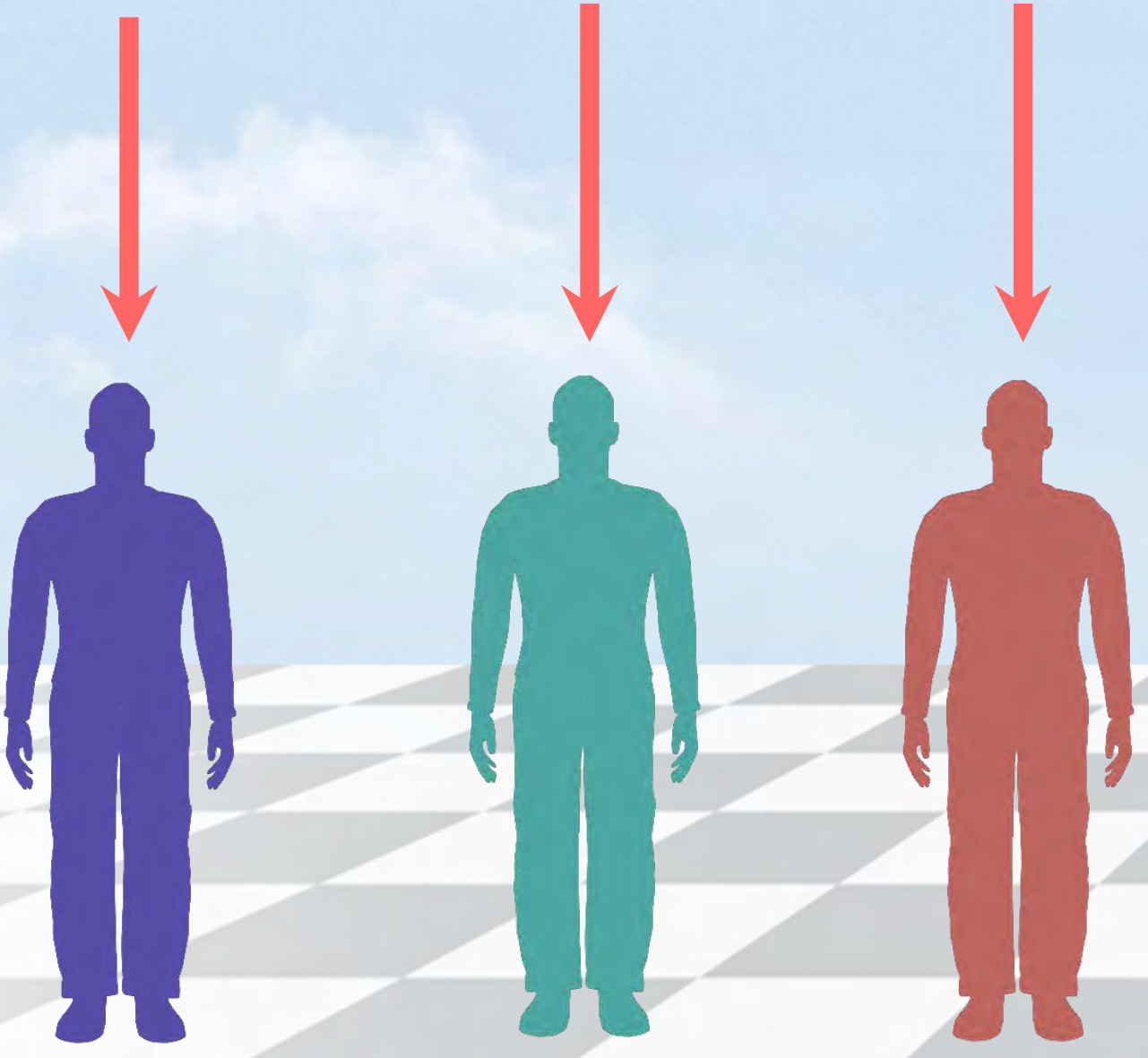


Selfishness, exploitation, criminality



Complete resurrection

The evil spirit will change



Acceptance, gratitude

Resist evil, overcome temptation, unchanging faith

Family, friends, Spiritual practices





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