

The Human Portion of Responsibility With Which Even God Cannot Interfere

Please read for me

The title says it all, but I realize that some will have a problem with that assertion and wonder where it says that in the Bible. It doesn't directly say that in the Bible but it does, most certainly, infer it. I remember that I first read through the whole Bible because I saw a statement from Rev. Moon that it took Noah 120 years to build the ark and I wanted to find out where this came from, in the Bible. None of my fellow 'Moonies' knew, although many gave suggestions of which books of the Bible it was likely to be in. It was a very good experience to read through the whole Bible and I remember furiously reading on buses and trains whilst a missionary (for the Unification Church) in Budapest, Hungary.

So, the human portion of responsibility is explained very solidly in the Exposition of the Divine Principle (hereafter - Divine Principle). I recommend reading the source material which is contained in something which Rev. Moon referred to as 'The Eight Great Textbooks' and the Divine Principle is one of these; they are all available (at least in part) on the "Resources page" of this website. But here is my version of the logic behind this:

Key Bible verses are from Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (NKJV Bible)

The reason why we have to be in the image of God is for the realization of Love. Love requires there to be freedom in order to exist at all, and where there is freedom of choice there is an attendant responsibility that ensues from the choices that are made. People who think about freedom deeply realize that freedom does not mean that the free person can do whatever they want without having to deal with the result of that choice, whatever it may be. In the Divine Principle it expresses the relationship of God's portion of responsibility in relation to mankind's portion of responsibility is in the order of 95% to 5% - in order that God's Will can be fulfilled. Even though the amount that mankind is responsible for is relatively very small it is, nevertheless, an essential part. There is, therefore, an element that God does not have power or control over which seems to suggest that God is not all powerful; but that is not so.

This is expressed very nicely in the Divine Principle that even though we may not do what we should, that God *always* fulfills His part:

Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it. - Isa. 46:11

If the central person, chosen by God, does not fulfill their portion of responsibility thereby frustrating the Will of God, then God will raise up and select another. As a prime example, Adam did not fulfill his responsibility by not connecting with God's commandment (Genesis 2:17) and so, together with Eve, became 'false parents'; yet Jesus was described by St. Paul as 'Adam' in 1 Corinthians 15: 45. In the further reading section that follows there are more examples of this from the Bible and further pertinent explanations from the Divine Principle.

I am starting off with this provocative title because of my discussions with a Christian pastor of quite a large church here in Springfield, Missouri. These took place from August 2017 - February 2018 in "counselling sessions" each of one hour duration totalling more than 21 hours. Through this I came to understand that he is of the view that the 'Fall of Man' could not have been avoided and somehow *had* to happen. By the same token he asserted that the death of Jesus was also unavoidable and was a necessary part of the plan of God. This makes no logical sense as it is tantamount to saying that the 'Fall of Man' was, somehow, God's Will. This is not now my understanding of God at all. This sounds like a conflicted God and begs the question of how Jesus would die if he had been accepted by the then chosen people. We know, from the Bible record, that Jesus was executed because the then chosen people were *not* convinced that Jesus was the Messiah. Yet their primary purpose and mission, as the chosen people, was to connect with Jesus as the Temple in substance; and, in a similar way, the primary purpose of Christianity (as the 2nd chosen people, or Second Israel) is to correctly identify, and connect with, the Lord at His Second Coming.

We are created in the 'Image' of God in order that we can be the object partner in Love to God; God is "The One True God" here and is expressed by Rev Moon as 'Heavenly Father' or Heavenly Parent. God is like the aspect of mind which is invisible and intangible even in the spirit world. Through the Creation the love which could be experienced by God as a totally harmonized being (the reality of the number 3) as a vertical quality can be expressed through an object partner such that it can be experienced in an entirely new way. An example to illustrate this is the joy derived from your desire to create something compared with the tangible experience from the actual completed manifestation of that thing which you can then substantially interact with. A fundamental quality of Love is that it cannot be expressed in isolation but requires at least one other to be expressed; it has to be

reciprocated. Mankind, upon reaching maturity (Matt. 5:48), is this other, in the image of God as per Gen. 1:27.

This understanding of what prompted God to create makes it clear why human beings are essentially, important to God. If we are created in the image of God it implies that God held nothing back and we are, in a sense, irreplaceable. Yet the first ancestors never grew to full maturity and, even though they were born without sin (they had no inbuilt contradiction from their inception) they made a condition whereby they became compromised and their progeny were thus born in sin. This points to the centrality of the Messiah to be the means through which all mankind can become re-connected with God. Jesus said that we need to be reborn. This also is the reason why St. Paul was inspired to equate Jesus with Adam. Jesus the “Adam who succeeded” whereas the original Adam was one who failed and whose corrupted seed polluted the entire of humanity.

The ‘Fall of Man’ is the result of not connecting with God’s commandment:

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” - Gen. 2:17 (NKJV Bible)

The rejection of Jesus was due to lack of faith as Jesus inferred when he said that, ‘ . . . he (Jesus) must be lifted up as Moses lifted the serpent in the wilderness’ (John 3:14 referring to Numbers 21:4-9)

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.” 6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. - Numbers 21:4-9 (NKJV Bible)

It was the failure to connect with God's will as Jesus expressed in John 6: 29 that was the reason for the bronze serpent from Moses' time, and that Jesus was rejected, and murdered on the Cross. This was the crucial point that Jesus was making here.

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." - John 6:29 (NKJV Bible)

So the rejection of Jesus I regard as in the same 'ballpark' as the Fall of Man. God did not intervene in either of these outcomes because we have a portion of responsibility with which even God cannot interfere. The result of Jesus' death on the cross was that He has to come again in order to give full re-birth rather than only the spiritual re-birth that comes from Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As pointed out in Rev. Moon's speech, "The New Future of Christianity" reborn Christian parents still give birth to offspring that have the original sin; meaning that they too will need re-birth. The Lord of the Second Coming will end the need for re-birth by connecting mankind with the full lineage of God having nothing to do with the Fall.

I no longer regard Christians as the enemy! A point that impressed me about the teaching of Reverend Moon from the very start was the assertion that all results of the fall have to be completely restored - there is no everlasting hell. Praise God!!!

Thank You for engaging with this.

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