

Why were we created?

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So we are going to continue from where we left off from my last presentation. So we'll just read this quote again from the 1888 materials, to refresh our memories.

Review

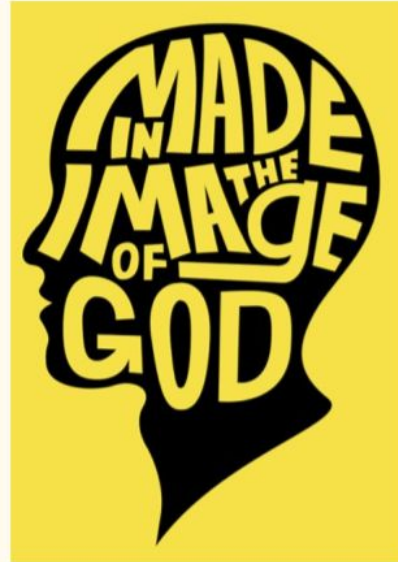
“It was a wonderful thing for God to create man, to make mind. The glory of God is to be revealed in the creation of man in God's image, and in his redemption. **One soul is of more value than a world. God created man that every faculty might be the faculty of the divine mind.**The Lord Jesus Christ is the author of our being, and he is also the author of our redemption, and everyone who will enter the kingdom of God will develop a character that is the counterpart of the character of God. **None can dwell with God in the holy heaven but those who bear his likeness.** Those who are to be redeemed are to be overcomers; they are to be elevated, pure, one with Christ.”

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It's been a while since that study but does anyone remember what the conclusion was? What have we drawn from this paragraph? Because a surface reading will make it seem like everything is about God, what He has done and what He will do. However, on closer examination it teaches us something different. Summarize this paragraph: what is it saying to us?

Summary

Our mind is the same as God's and His glory is revealed through humanity.



Why did God Create us?



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What Kind of Companionship is a Counterpart?

Counterpart actually means two parts that come together to make a whole.

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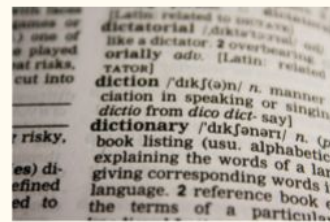


Can anyone tell me what kind of companionship a counterpart has?

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Definition of Counterpart



1: one of two corresponding copies of a legal instrument : **DUPLICATE**

2a: a thing that fits another perfectly

b: something that completes : COMPLEMENT

3a: one remarkably similar to another

b: one having the same function or characteristics as another

So not only does God need to be complete (2 parts coming together to form a whole)

Why else were we Created?

He also wanted to show all the other created beings more about Himself, what He is like.

Why would He want to create humanity to show Himself?

To help all created beings to better understand who He is.



Why else were we created?

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But Why would he want to do that? Why would he want to create humanity to show Himself? Keep in mind this is all before sin, Satan doesn't even exist.

The reason is because when they look at Christ they can't get a proper picture of who He is. So to help them understand better who He is, He decided to make a copy of Himself so that when these beings see a duplicate of Himself they can get a better idea of who He is.

What Methodology is being used?

Hint - Matt 13:13

“Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.”



So if He makes a copy of Himself so that other beings can get a better picture of Him what methodology is that called? When God makes a copy of Himself what method is He using?

Hint - Matt 13

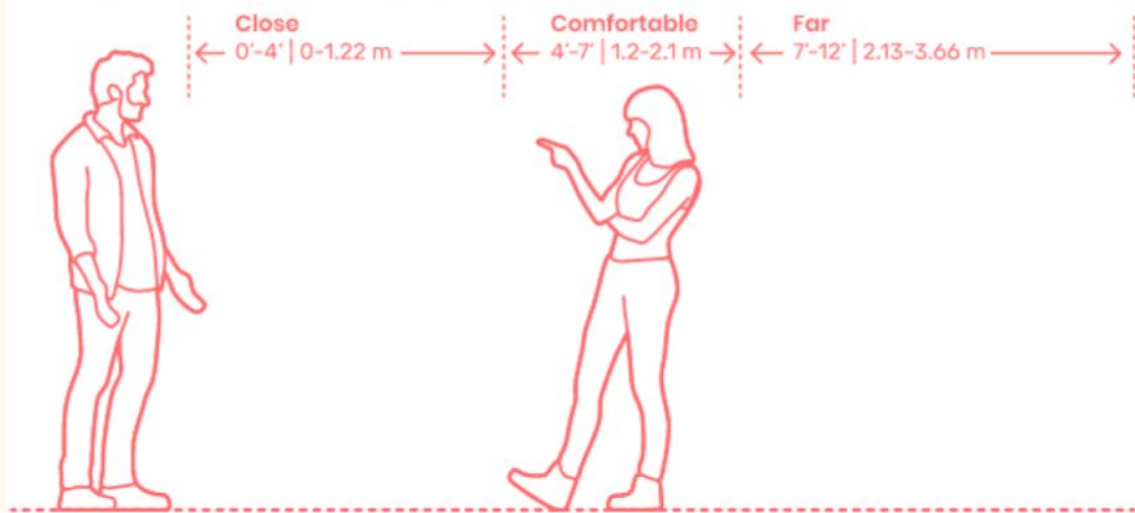
“Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.”

He's created a parable.

So even to teach created beings, there's no sin, everything is good. He can only do that through parables. They can get some understanding of who He is, but not a proper understanding, perhaps they have an idea but it's not clear enough. God wants us to get closer to Him but we can't do that if we don't know what He's like.

Strangers

How do you feel when a stranger gets close to you?



How do you feel when a stranger gets close to you?

There's a limit to how close someone can get to us, if they get too close it's like they are invading our space. As humans we have comfort zones. You really need to trust someone to let them come close to you. If you don't know what someone is like, intimately, you can't have that trust. This is one of the reasons why human beings have sex. It's a tool God has given to us, where you really have to trust someone to become intimate with them.

This is all a parable for us to begin to learn from one another and to trust each other.

Intimacy with God

What education does God give us so that we can become more intimate with Him?

God creates a human being that is more like ourselves but also a duplicate of Him. By looking at humanity we can learn much more about God than we could ever do by looking straight at Him.



God wants us to come closer to Him. Which means we need to know Him better, and there is an education for that.

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- God creates a human being that is more like ourselves but a duplicate of Him. By looking at humanity we can learn much more about God than we could ever do by looking straight at God. And parable teaching was not a result of sin. It was a tool he used to educate created beings.

Closest to God



Who was the closest to God?

Lucifer.

What was God's plan for Lucifer in regards to humanity?

He was to be a teacher for humanity.

How did Lucifer view this?

He saw it as a punishment.

- Who was the closest to God in heaven?
- Lucifer was closest to God.
- What was God's plan for Lucifer in regards to humanity?
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- Lucifer saw this as punishment.

How does God Create Something Superior to Angels?

Hebrews 2:5-9 “For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. 6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crowned him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

God is going to make something superior to angels and how does he do this? Hebrews 2:5-9 “5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. 6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7 Thou madest **him** a little lower than the angels; thou crownest **him** with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under **his** feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

So what does verse 5 say? The future world (new earth) isn't under the control of angels.

Who is the present world under control of?

It was God's will that the current world would be under the control of angels and that the future world would not be under the control of angels. So the current world was meant to be under the control of angels, that was God's original plan. There wouldn't be a new world, it would just be the same one.

But sometime in the future what would happen? The angels would lose control and so someone else would have to take over. Because of sin that change happens when we get to the new world.

Vrs 6 why are you so interested in humans?

Vrs 7 you made him lower yet crowned him with glory and honor.

Vrs 8 all things under his feet.

Who's foot is on top of everything? It is the foot of a man. Humanity - human beings.

When God put everything under the feet of humans he left nothing outside of his control. That means everything is under his control. Who's control? Humans control.

In the future humans will control everything, nothing will be outside of their control.

Still in verse 8

However at the present time we don't see everything being put under his control.

Vrs 9

What do we see? We see someone made lower than the angels. This is Jesus who is crowned with Glory and honour because he suffered death, and when he suffered death, He suffered for everyone.

Summary

God made human beings in this world and they were not in control of this world, angels were. But in the world to come, the new world, the angels will not be under control. Someone else will be controlling that world. Someone asks why do you care so much about human beings? Because they are rubbish, they're low life, look how disgusting they are, why do you even bother? That's the question being asked. Then the response comes because it was a rhetorical question. You made humans lower than angels but in the future you will crown him with glory and honor and this is why you care so much about the low life humans. In the future humans will control everything, nothing will be outside of their control. But at the present time we don't see that, humans don't have control.

Paul has copied this...he took the old testament passage and twisted it. Paul is going to make it speak about Jesus -

In vrs 9 who is this son of man? Who is Paul speaking of? Jesus. who is crowned with glory and honor.

Crowned with glory and honor. Which verse is that? Vrs. 7

So he's going to tie Jesus being crowned with glory and honor to vrs 7.

In Paul's typical style he's going to twist scripture - he's going to make this talk about Jesus. But if you go to the original it's not talking about Jesus. Does anyone know where the original is found? And who's it is talking about? You - not just Adam - you.

Psalms 8:4-6

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

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So we're in Psalms and what we want to see is this is a passage about human beings. How do we know that?

Let's read from the beginning. Vrs 1

Psalms 8

1 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

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So he says when I look at the universe and see how majesty and beautiful everything is, he's surprised. He says, in comparison to that...

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

So when we see the majesty and beauty of the universe in comparison to that, human beings are nothing.

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

rephrase - You made him a little lower than the angels yet it was Your will that in the future, that you would crown man with glory and with honor.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Do you see what the original Psalms is talking about?

Vrs 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

What are verses 7 and 8 talking about?

Creation on earth. So vrs 6 when it says you are made to have dominion over the works of thy hands, you put everything under his feet.

What is everything? It's only this earth. It's talking about humans having dominion over the earth.

So what we want to see is how Paul is completely changing this story.

In the Psalms it says You have this great Universe, why do you care about humans? They are lower than angels but humans have dominion over the earth.

How has Paul Completely Changed the Story?

Heb 2:5 “For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.”

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In Hebrews he adds to this in vrs 5

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This is the difference that he adds that's not in the original.

The original Psalms and Hebrews are significantly different.

Paul borrows the passage from Psalms but he completely changes it. First of all he changes it from man to Christ. He says in the future world Christ will be in charge of everything and angels will not. But now Christ was lower than the angels...inferring and implying that angels are in charge of the present world. Paul speaks about this when he talks about angels being ministering spirits, sent forth to take control or have supervision of this world.

But the original Psalms passage doesn't speak to this.

Recap!

In the creation of humanity God had two purposes.



- 1) That he would become complete and have a counterpart.
- 2) The second is so that His existing created beings could learn more about Him.

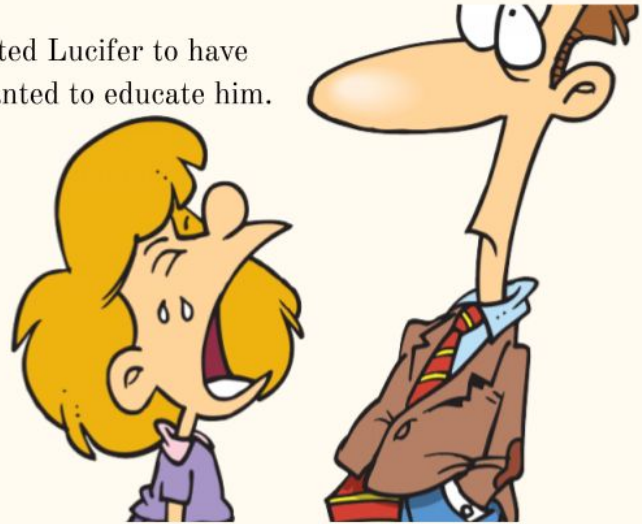
So what we've tried to see is that in the creation of humanity God had two purposes
Can someone tell me the 2 purposes that we discussed so far?

The first is that he would become complete and have a counterpart
The second is that His existing created beings could learn more about Him.

God's favorite!

Lucifer was closest to God and God wanted Lucifer to have the chance to become even closer. He wanted to educate him.

Lucifer doesn't see this as a blessing but as a curse.



Who was God's favorite?

You could say Lucifer was God's favorite, he was already closest to God but God wanted Him even closer. He granted Lucifer this opportunity.

However, Lucifer saw this not as a blessing but a curse.

Can you imagine?

You want to give your child this blessing and they look at it and they throw it out of your hand.

What is this rubbish you're offering me? They have no idea about the gift that you're offering to them. This is the great mistake that Lucifer made.

Education

What is education?

What does a person need to be educated about?



When you study mathematics, language, science etc what is the purpose of it all?

All education whether you realize it or not is to understand God better.

What is education? What does a person need to be educated about?

So when you study mathematics, language, science and any other topic what is the purpose of it all?

It's to understand God better, learning about the God who put this universe together.

All education whether you realize it or not serves one purpose...to understand God better.

Who was Going to have the Most Education?

Lucifer and his surrounding angels.

How was this going to occur?

The education God chose was for them to take care of and nurture humanity.

This was the means God provided for them to get closer to God.



Who was going to have the most education?

The person that was going to have the most education was Lucifer and the angels around him.

How was this going to occur?

So God is going to have to make human beings. And in the creation. when you see what the result is, you can begin to learn more about God.

Lucifer needed to be educated so that he could get to know God better.

- The mechanism for his education was to take care and nurture humanity. As he saw how human beings grew, and as he helped them, he would learn more about God and not only Lucifer but all the other created beings would learn as well.

It was a great privilege for Lucifer to do this work. He would have been closer to God than he ever could have before. Lucifer wouldn't have been able to get closer to God any other way, this was the means God provided for him to get closer to God. As we said he saw this as some kind of punishment, rubbish job. He rejected it, rebelled and became Satan.

Now the role he was meant to take on. We may think it was severe harsh, because God never told him what the result would be. He didn't say if you do that for a little while then we will give you a promotion. He was given no information, it was dark.

What about Christ?

What role did Christ take?

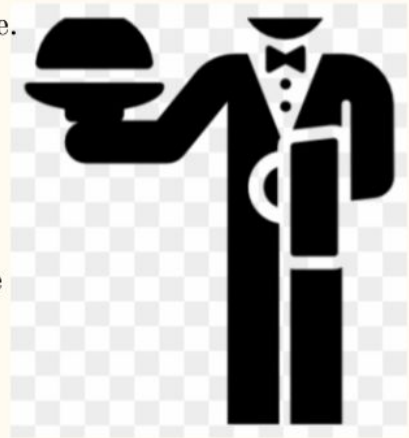
He had taken the role that God was asking Lucifer to take.

Jesus had played the part of a servant.

Who was Christ to the angels?

Just another angel they had no idea who he was.

Christ had played the part of a servant, ministering to the needs of others. He served and never asked to be served.



What about Christ? So as far as we know from the very beginning of the Creation of angels, or all creation at least of living things.

Christ had taken a role. What role had He taken? Christ had taken the role that God was asking Lucifer to take.

Throughout this time period Jesus had played the part of a servant, ministering to the needs of others. He served and never asked to be served.

So when we consider the story of the angels as far as they knew who was Christ? Just another angel. They had no realization that he was anything else.

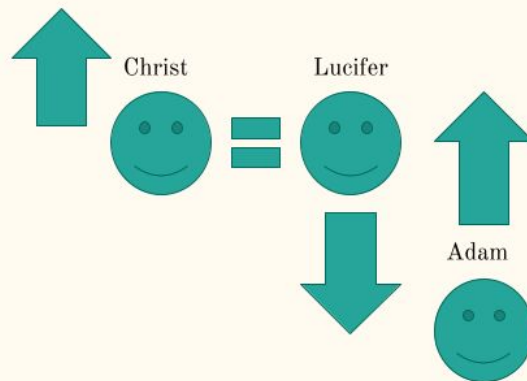
Equality between God and Christ

“The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that He might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon His Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. **The Father then made known that it was ordained by Himself that Christ, His Son, should be equal with Himself;** so that wherever was the presence of His Son, it was as His own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son He had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out His will and His purposes but would do nothing of Himself alone. The Father's will would be fulfilled in Him.” SR 13.2

“Lucifer was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ. Yet when all the angels bowed to Jesus to acknowledge His supremacy and high authority and rightful rule, he bowed with them; but his heart was filled with envy and hatred. Christ had been taken into the special counsel of God in regard to His plans, while Lucifer was unacquainted with them. He did not understand, neither was he permitted to know, the purposes of God. But Christ was acknowledged sovereign of heaven, His power and authority to be the same as that of God Himself. **Lucifer thought that he was himself a favorite in heaven among the angels.** He had been highly exalted, but this did not call forth from him gratitude and praise to his Creator. He aspired to the height of God Himself. He gloried in his loftiness. He knew that he was honored by the angels. He had a special mission to execute. He had been near the great Creator, and the ceaseless beams of glorious light enshrouding the eternal God had shone especially upon him. He thought how angels had obeyed his command with pleasurable alacrity. Were not his garments light and beautiful? **Why should Christ thus be honored before himself?”** SR 14.1

Lucifer's Role

When Lucifer was asked to take the role of a servant who had just prior to that played the same role?



So when Lucifer is asked to take part as a servant, who had just played that same part? Christ. Christ was playing the part of the servant. Lucifer doesn't know that. He's suddenly informed of this.

They're equal but then all of a sudden Christ is promoted and when he gets promoted now Lucifer is told to take part of the servant. So he struggles because he sees Jesus promoted and Adam down here not created yet and about to take his place so he gets even lower.

So it looks really bad for him.

What's so strange about this, is **who's the cleverest being in the universe?**

Lucifer. Not Christ because He is God.

Lucifer couldn't work out what was going to happen but hopefully you and I can now. Jesus has played the part of a servant all this time and we can see what happened to Him. He gets promoted. Then they asked Lucifer to play the same part. He's not being asked to do anything that Jesus has already done. And whatever the test looked like he should have trusted in God that at the end of all this he would have been better off now and not worse because he just saw what happened to Jesus. But Lucifer wasn't told the result. He was just told that Adam would take his place. We aren't given any information of what his job position would have been afterwards.

What Methodology Can We Use?

We should compare and contrast Christ and Lucifer.

What are the emotions that rise up and take control of Lucifer?

- Pride and Jealousy



But how can we work that out? What methodology would we use? Comparing and Contrast -

We should compare and contrast Jesus and Lucifer. And Lucifer could have done that right then but he doesn't. He lets his emotions take control.

What are the emotions that rise up and take control?

Jealousy and Pride (2 primary ones) these rise up take control and he loses everything.

Cliffhanger

Why does God leave us hanging?

He tests us to see how much we will trust in Him.



God is interesting, He seems to leave us in a cliffhanger. He never gives you all the information that you think you need. He leaves you hanging, Why? Why does He do that?

He tests you to see how much you will trust Him. He does that in incremental stages and as we grow He expects more trust from us.

Compare and Contrast

What should we be sure about when comparing the servant Christ to the servant Lucifer?

If one gets praise and honour in the end so will the other.



What we should be sure about by comparing these two. The servant Christ and the servant Lucifer, if one gets praise and honor at the end the other will as well. God uses these rules and methods consistently and if he used them in a sinful condition he must use it in a sinless condition. There is no difference in our nature, all the rules and methods are the same, nothing added, nothing taken away. Everything remains the same except for the balance of power.

Timing

What made it the right time for Christ to be promoted?

Lucifers training had come to an end and he needed to enter into a new holier higher existence.

Who is he going to serve?

Mankind



What makes it the right moment for Christ to be promoted? Lucifers training had come to an end and he needed to enter into a new holier higher existence. It was all about Lucifer and at the very moment necessary everything changes.

Who's he going to serve? Mankind! So God has to provide that for him.

Jesus Becomes King

Why does he do this? What does it teach Lucifer?

His future reward was being shown.



Jesus has to leave his role of servant and take his proper place as king.

He does this to teach Lucifer what?

What he saw as pain and mistreatment, was actually his reward being shown.

God Creates a Counterpart

God wanted a counterpart.

What did He give Adam?

A perfect counterpart straight away.

Why doesn't God have a counterpart right away?

It was for the benefit of Lucifer.



And the third component God was lonely and He wanted His counterpart.

When He made His counterpart, He didn't do for Adam what he allowed Himself to go through. What did He give Adam? He gave him a perfect counterpart straight away. But for Himself He has a counterpart but it's not perfected. Why not? For who's benefit? For Lucifer's benefit. The counterpart had to be at the very end. Angels by their very nature are not a complete and perfect reflection of who God is. I don't think we realize the heights to which humanity could have risen and will arise. We don't understand this.

Education

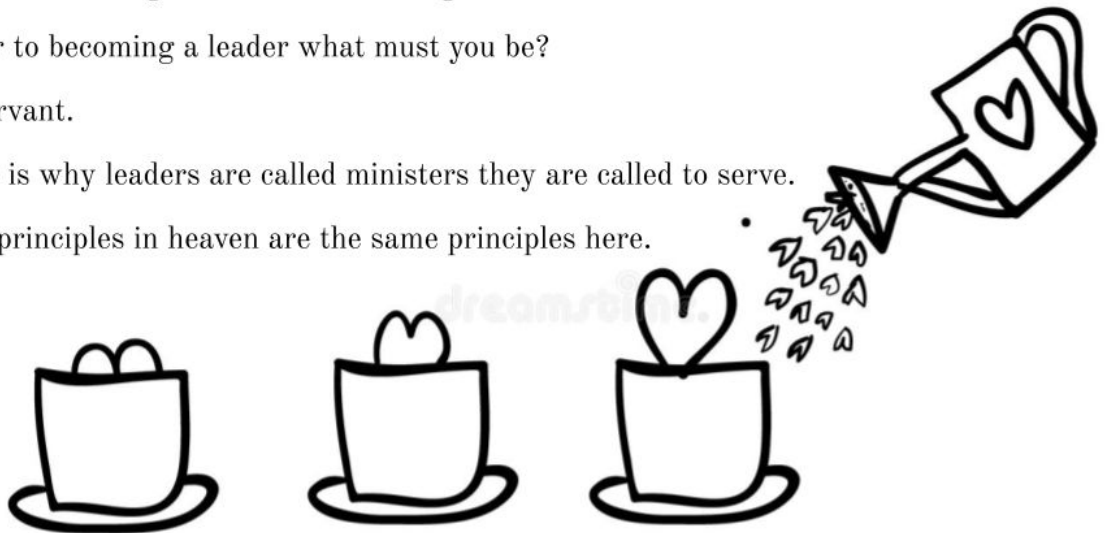
All created beings are to learn and to grow.

Prior to becoming a leader what must you be?

A servant.

That is why leaders are called ministers they are called to serve.

The principles in heaven are the same principles here.



All created beings are to learn and grow. To grow is education and education is learning more about God.

Prior to becoming a leader what must you first be? A servant.

In the new testament Jesus says to the disciples if you want to be a leader you must first learn to be a servant and then you can be a leader. That's why leaders are called ministers they are meant to serve.

This is a principle in Heaven and that is why it is a principle here.

Conclusion

So Why Were We Created?

In the creation of humanity God had two purposes.



- 1) The first is that God would become complete and have a counterpart.
- 2) The second is so that His existing created beings could learn more about Him.

Debby's Input (Verses and Quotes)

(Psalm 85:10; see EGW on James 2:13.) The Cross of Christ Moves the World—The cross of Calvary challenges, and will finally vanquish every earthly and hellish power. In the cross all influence centers, and from it all influence goes forth. It is the great center of attraction; for on it Christ gave up His life for the human race. This sacrifice was offered for the purpose of restoring man to his original perfection. Yea, more, it was offered to give him an entire transformation of character, making him more than a conqueror. {6BC 1113.3}

Those who in the strength of Christ overcome the great enemy of God and man, will occupy a position in the heavenly courts above angels who have never fallen. {6BC 1113.4}