

# The Fall of Man – Divorce from God

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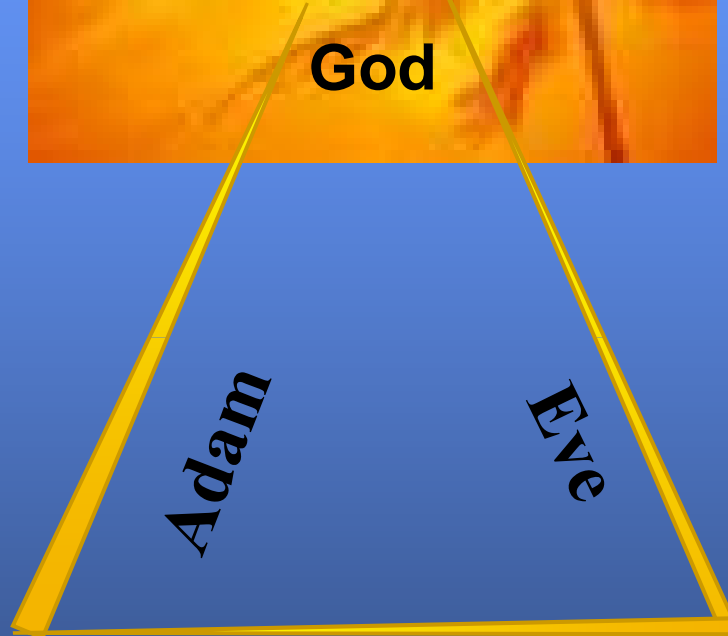
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# The Creation

- God created man in his own image
- God exists as a spirit and man likewise was created as a spirit
- “Male and Female created he them”
- Therefore, Man, prior to Eve’s existence had both male and female characteristics

# The Creation – Cont'd

- Man was created “a little lower than the angels” with the intent to demonstrate to all God’s creations, the proper relationship been God and his creatures
- Adam enjoyed close fellowship with God in which the voice of God could be heard in the garden “in the cool of the day”



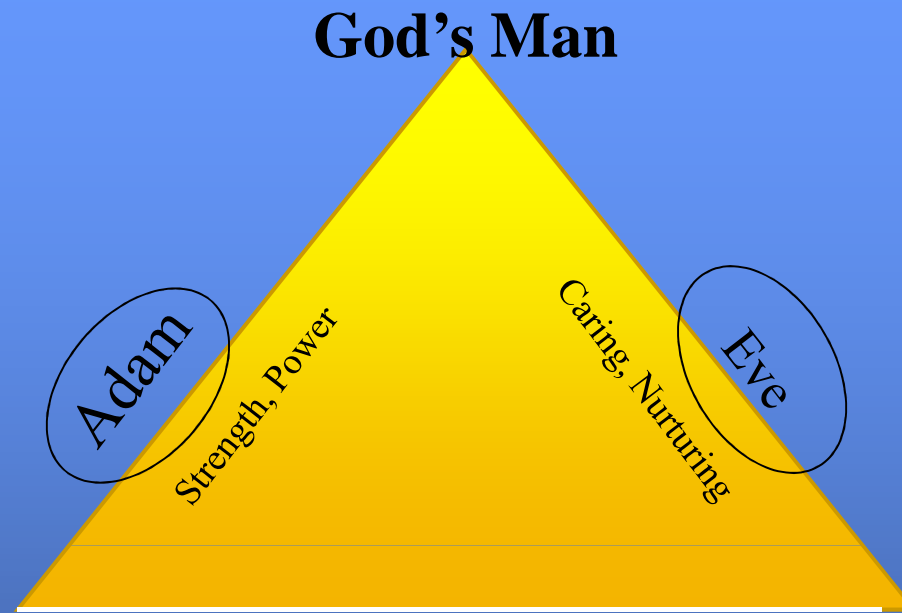
# Eve

- Eve was “taken out of the man”
- Eve, brought forth out of Adam, was also brought as a spiritual being
- Adam and Eve were collectively “one flesh” as Eve was taken out of Adam
- Adam and Eve collectively constituted a single man
- Eve, upon her creation, was styled “a help meet” unto Adam

# Equity and Honor

- Adam and Eve were equal in that each reflected part of God's nature
- Adam – the strength and power character God
- Eve – the caring and nurturing character

- Each had a differential honor, however
- Adam was charged with dominion over the earth
- Eve's role was to help Adam in the exercise of dominion



In God's perfect will, although Adam and Eve collectively form one man, it is Adam's honor to be at the right hand of God

# Fall of Man

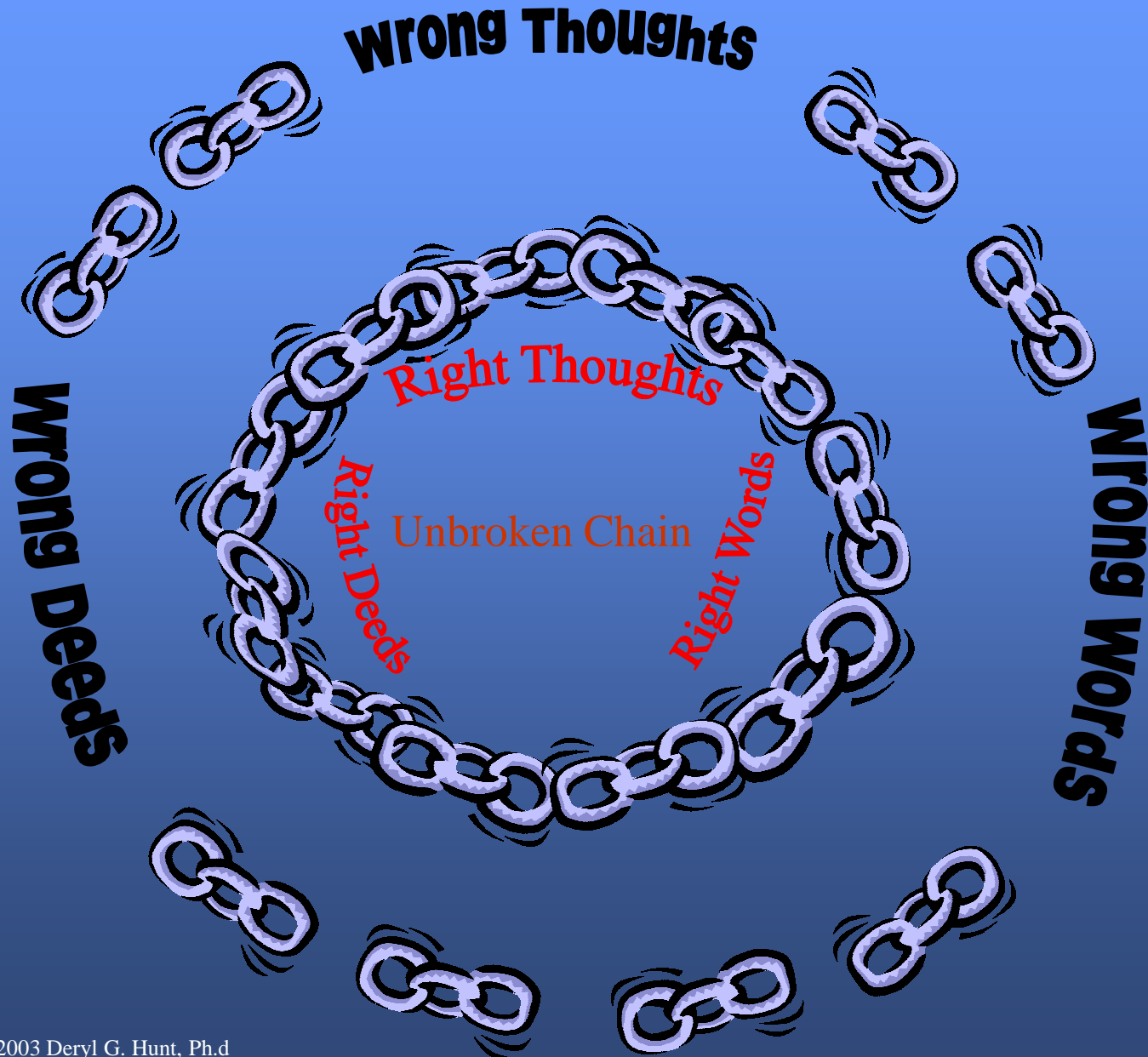
- Eve was deceived by a thought relayed to her by “a ministering spirit” intent on seducing her
- Eve brought her thought to Adam
- Adam could have rejected Eve’s thought and served as a covering for her wrong deed



**T**houghts

**W**ords

**D**eeds



# Thoughts

The ideas or images brought by ministering spirits to the minds (soul) with the motive of agreement and performance by the individual.

- Ideas
- Images
- Doctrines
- Philosophies
- Concepts
- Hidden Motives

# Words

The vehicle for the revelations of thoughts and intents of the mind.

Unger, Merrill, Bible Dictionary (1977)

- Verbal expressions
- Logos
- Language
- Terminology
- Oral Communication
- Written Communication

# Deeds

- Acts which evidence that the individual has agreed with the thoughts brought by the ministering spirits.
- Two levels of performance:
  - First, in the heart
  - Secondly, outward behaviors
- Demonstrations
- Physical
- Manifestations
- Performances
- Acts or Actions
- Behaviors
- Fruit

# Fall of Man Cont'd

- Adam willfully agreed with the thought brought to him by Eve thereby defying God's law
- Adam's action constituted willful sin which required God's judgment
- When confronted by God, Adam's deeds exhibited a lack of repentance in that instead of owning up to his wrong, blamed "the woman whom thou gavest me"

# God's Judgment

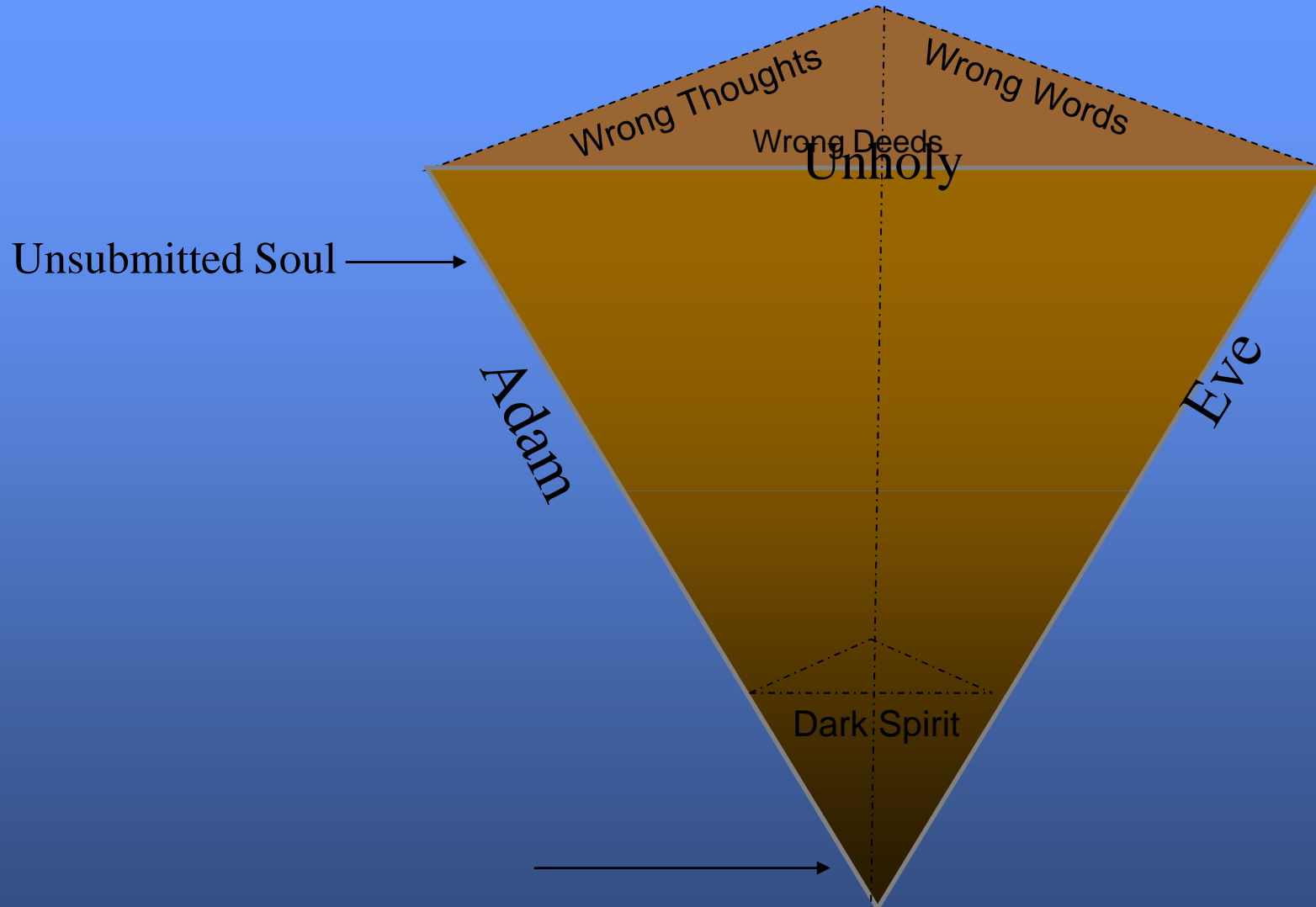
- Adam had dominion over the world that God created
- Adam's sin caused dominion over the earth to be handed to Satan
- Satan became known as the "God of this world"
- "Know ye not that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are" Romans 6:16

# God's Mercy – Coats of Skin

- God, knowing that man was no match for Satan, created the physical world that we now know as a buffer between man and Satan
- This is evidenced by God clothing Adam and Eve with “coats of skin” representing a physical existence in the earth
- Satan's kingdom, although natural does not extend to the physical world
- A physical body is necessary for legitimacy in the world in which we live

Broken Marriage

Outward Relationships



Devil

Man rules over woman,  
known as Male & Female



# After the fall

- For Eve's disobedience unto God, God said, your husband "shall rule over thee"
- What God was referring to was the natural result of Eve's sin and not a reflection of God's perfect will with respect to male and female relationships
- In God's perfect will both Man and woman, Adam and Eve were both created equal although they had differential honor
- However, as in times past, when God speaks man only listen to the letter of his message and the not spirit

# After the Fall – The Letter versus the Spirit of Law

- Many societies have misinterpreted the biblical passage that states “and he [Adam] shall rule over thee [Eve]” to mean that God intended women to be subjugated
- In so doing, these societies place strict reliance on the letter of the previous passage and completely miss what God’s intent (Spirit of the Law).
- God was making a pronouncement that because of Eve’s sin in presenting the forbidden fruit to her husband that women would be subjugated to men.
- God’s will was that the two be equal and joined together as one flesh as it was in the beginning.

# After the Fall – Subjugation of Women

- The subjugation of women has existed in virtual every society on the face of the earth in differing degrees.
- For example: The Taliban who were the ruling class in Afghanistan instituted a religious system where women were relegated to second class citizenship.
- Under the Taliban regime, women were not allowed to attend school, attend public events alone, or speak in a public forum.

# Plan for Reconciliation

- God is seeking to reestablish the marriage between God and man
- God's law states that only the next of kin can redeem that which is lost
- Jesus Christ, Adam's next of kin, reestablished the marriage between God and man and he charged the church with submitting unto God to maintain the relationship
- The church, however, has not sustained the marriage which has resulted in a divorce from God
- The pain of the divorce from God is presently being experienced in churches all over the world

# Healing the Pain of Divorce: Building The Marriage Contract

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# Marriage - Defined

- Marriage is a spiritual union with God where a contract of the heart governs the holy communion between the Creator and the creature.
- Marriage is a work of faith starting with the wife and working upward to the husband through the Christ of God to God the Father.

# Marriage

- Marriage is horizontal in relationships. As God is no respecter of persons, he requires that we to exhibit this same quality as we deal with others.
- Spiritual marriage produces spiritual fruit:  
spiritual love
- Spiritual love suffers long with others, it never seeks to harm another, it's always kind, it does not think evil, and it is characterized by a state of meekness.

# Broken Fellowship with God

- Divorce is a separation or broken union with God due to failure by the creature to uphold the tenants of the contract.
- Broken fellowship with God is reflected in carnal relationships with others; it is an act of divorce.
- Broken fellowship, which is divorce, produces carnal fruits: emotional love, envy & strife, fear, selfishness and is characterized by a state of pride.



# Marriage and Divorce as Acts of the State

- Marriage is a legal contract authorizing two individuals in a horizontal relationship to live together and bear children under the authority of the state.
- Divorce is a legal contract authorizing two individuals in a horizontal relationship to sever marital ties under the authority of the state.

# Carnal versus Spiritual Marriage

## Examples

- Carnal Marriage
  - Sampson and Delilah ending in divorce from God
  - Woman at the well who had five husbands, but the last one was not hers
- Spiritual Marriage
  - Abraham and Sarah; she called him lord
  - Jesus and his Heavenly Father

# Marriage Contract of the Soul

- When relationships are void of God's direction, the behavioral traits of couples may outwardly appear to be loving.
- However, the actions of the individuals are driven by these traits leading to a type of marriage contract...but one of the soul.

## **Character Traits of the Soul:**

- Pride
- Emotional Love
- Envy
- Strife
- Fear

**Marriage Contract of the Soul**  
**Absence of God**

*Husband*

*Wife*

Characterized by Spirit  
of Pride  
Emotional Love  
Envy & Strife  
Fear

Relationship Axis

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# Marriage Contract of the Heart

- Marriage begins with each individual establishing a relationship with God.
- As the individual's relationship with God develops, growth is demonstrated by the individual exhibiting these character traits.

## **Character Traits of the Spirit:**

- Love
- Long Suffering
- Never Harming Another
- Refraining from Evil Thoughts
- Exhibiting the Spirit of Meekness

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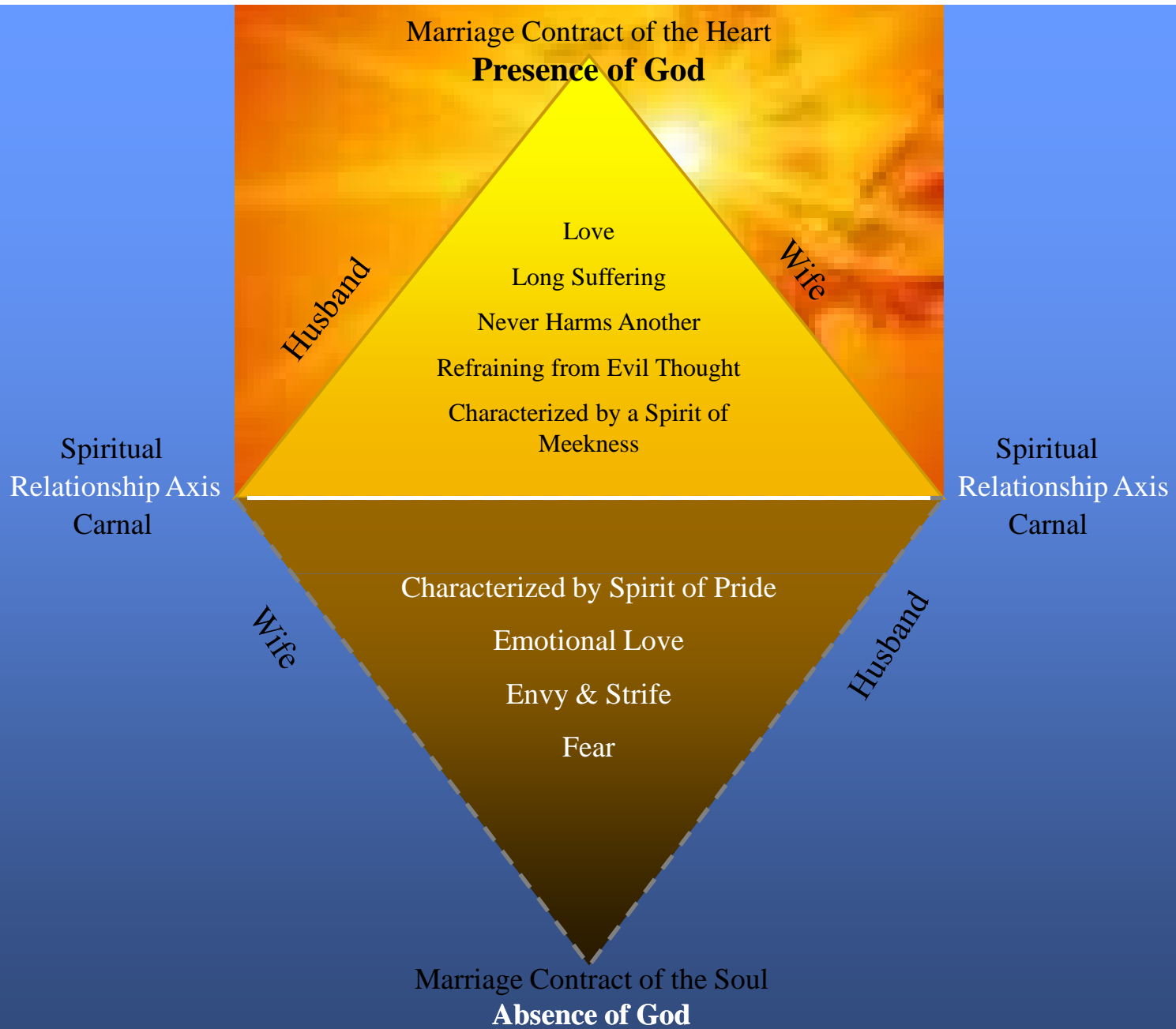
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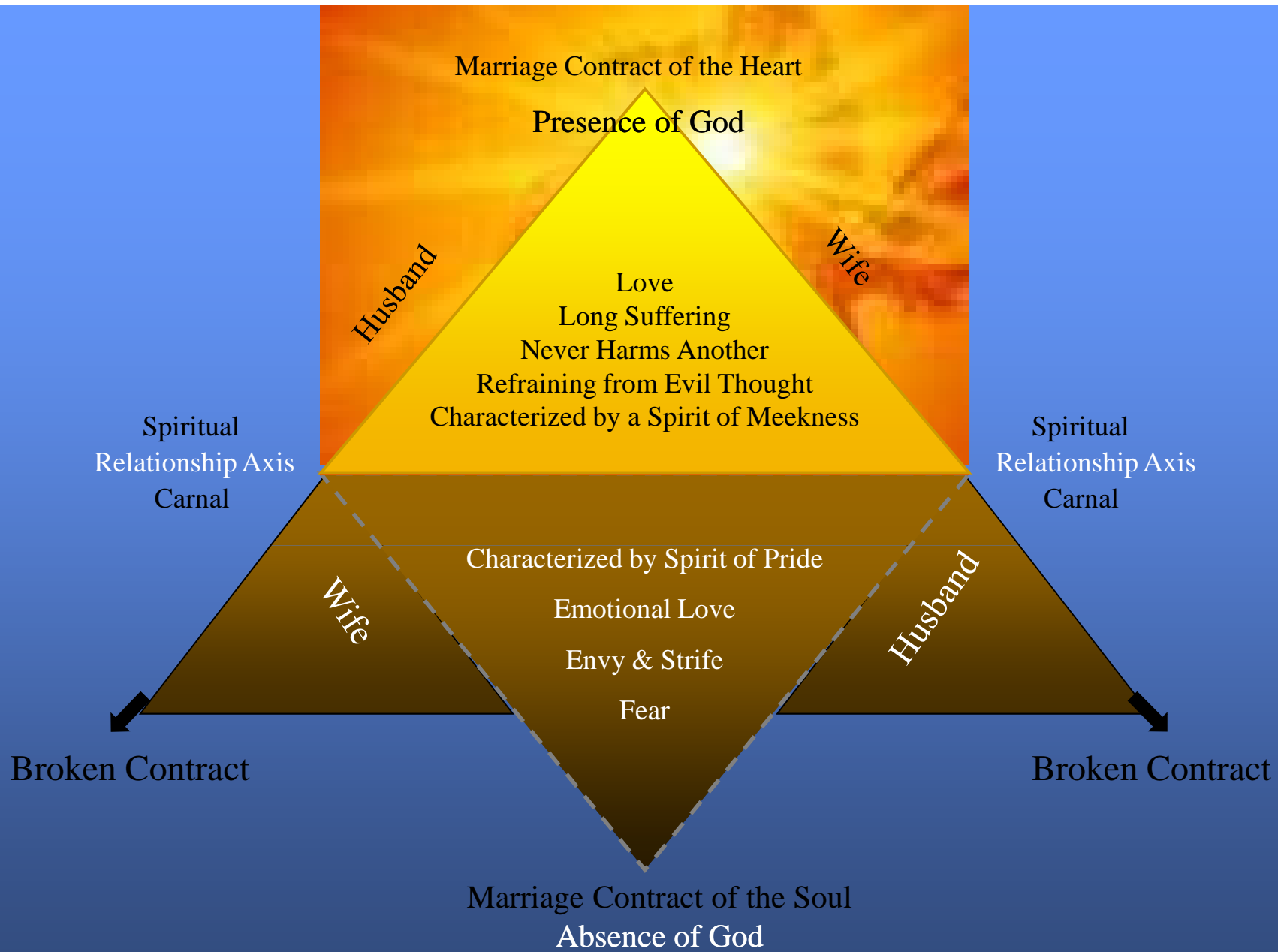
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# The Mirror Effect of Deception

- At first glance a marriage contract in the soul and a marriage contract in the spirit look remarkably similar. But when you look beyond the surface appearance the two are completely different.
- Although the marriage contract of the soul seems as though it is a true and lasting love, it leads to character traits which actually drives the parties apart.







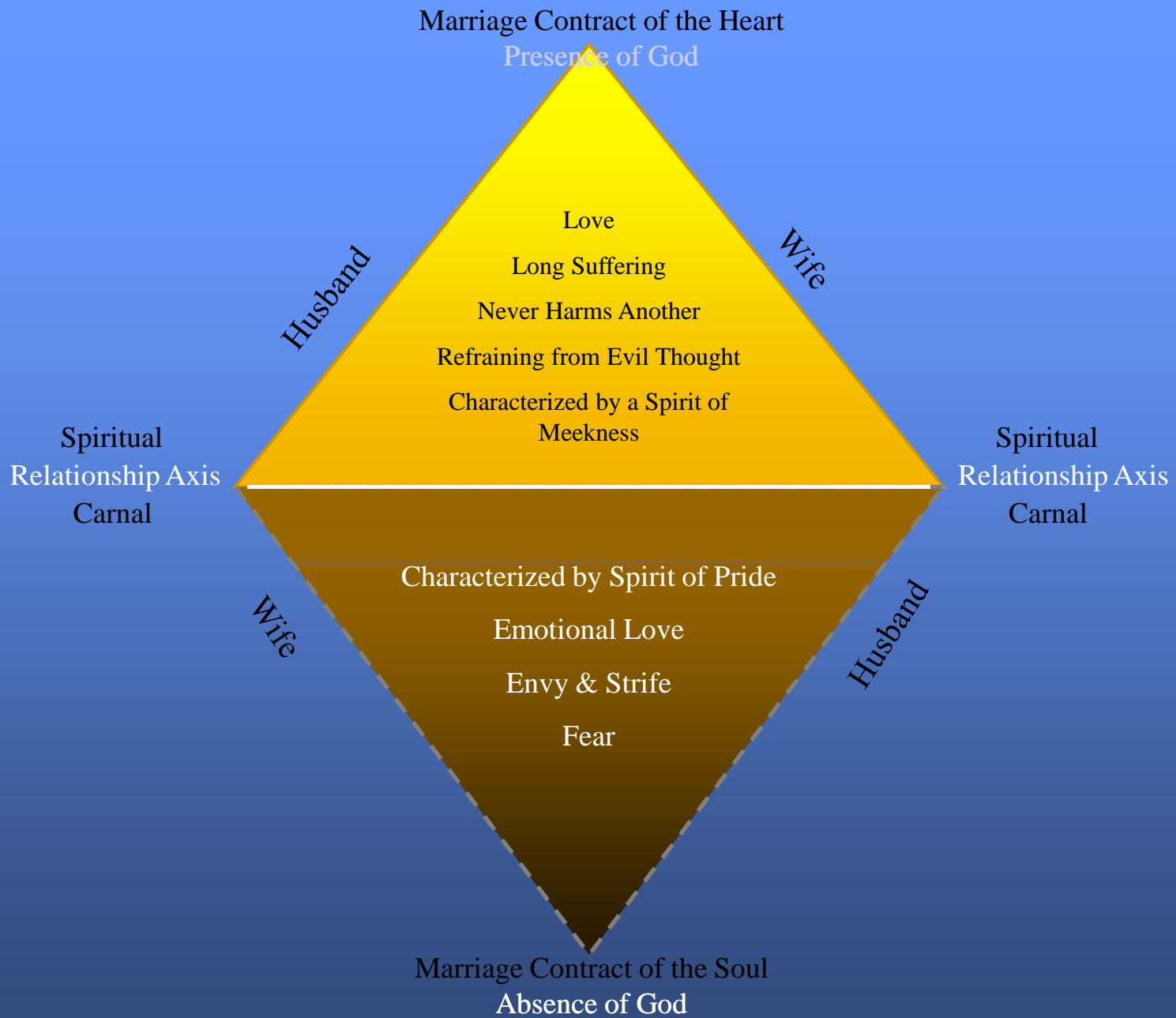
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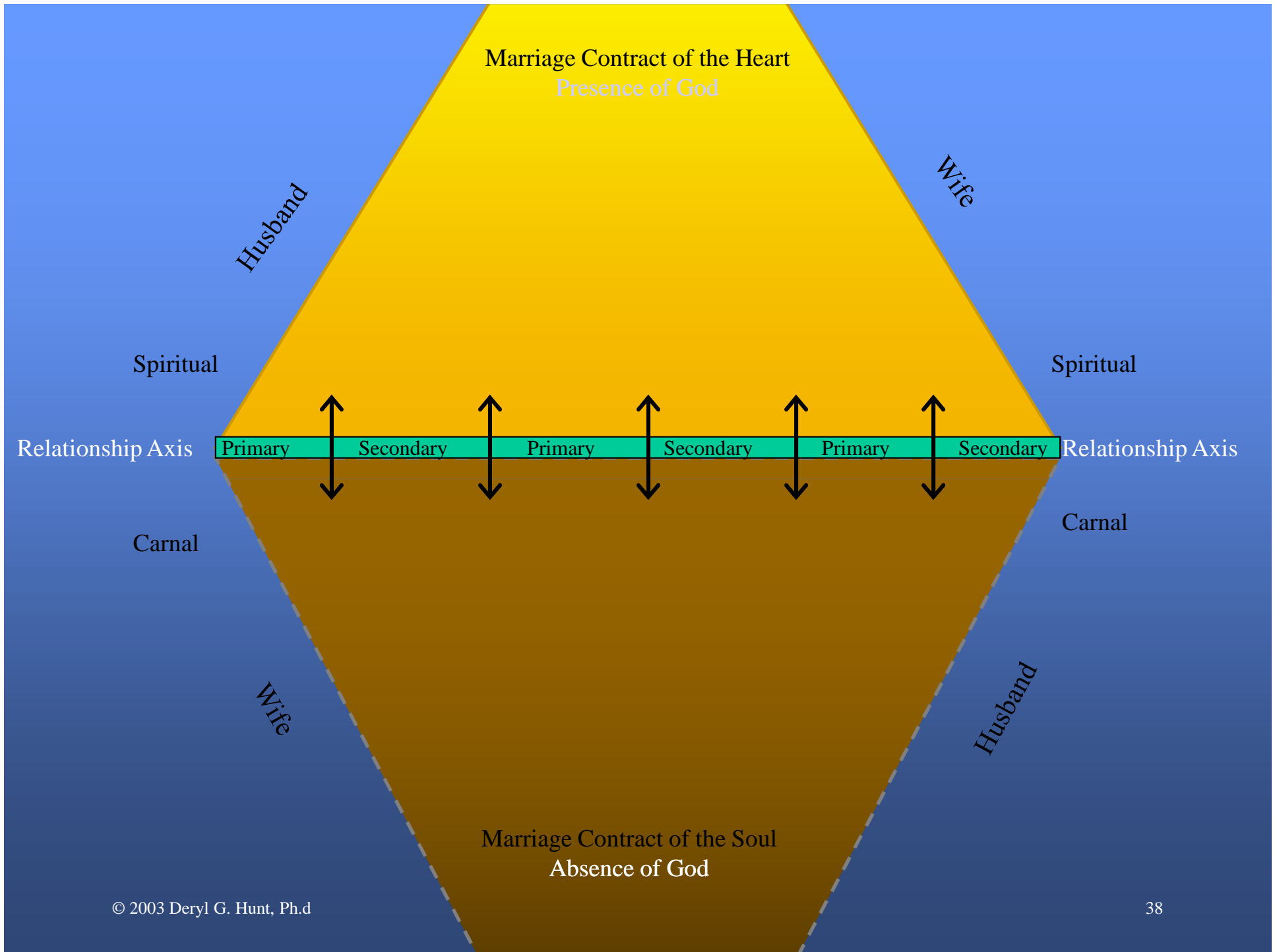
In reality, without that first marriage to God, a marriage starts out already in a state of divorce. This state of divorce can be characterized as an internal divorce.

Naturally, unless there is a change of heart from the parties involved, the internal separation may manifest itself as an actual divorce.

# Primary & Secondary Relationships

- If the heart is turned on to that first marriage then a contract of the heart is formed and true love can grow.
- The kind of love that seemingly and actually allows one to truly love themselves and in turn their spouses.
- This type of love leads to a relationship that will grow and prosper .





# The Crossroads

There is a crossroads within every marriage relationship. One road leads to separation, marriage and divorce. The other road leads from separation to marriage to true fellowship. The first marriage must be with God. As this relationship becomes the primary relationship. All other relationships can grow spiritually as well.



# Steps in Healing the Pain of Divorce



# THE STEPS OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON ARE ORDERED BY THE LORD

**NEW LIFE**

**FORGIVENESS**

**WILL**

**SURRENDER**

**ACCEPTANCE**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**DIVINE GUIDANCE**

# Divine Guidance

**Divine guidance is the first step  
in the process of healing.**

**Acknowledge the Lord in all your  
Ways and He will direct your paths.**

**Humility is needed.**

**Pride is the emotion that has  
worked against healing**

# Responsibility

**Divorce is an issue where two parties are involved.**

**The tendency is to accuse the other party.**

**Once the parties acknowledge their faults, they become responsible for their healing.**

# Acceptance

**Acceptance is a willingness  
to step out of self denial and to view  
the situation for what it is.**

**This requires a willingness to look  
at the facts without prejudice.**

**It is a truth; you cannot heal what you can't see**

# Surrender

To surrender means to give up.  
You must cease the fight against  
yourself and the truth.

The emotions bring about a degree of  
“comfort” and resistance to change is  
a defense mechanism.

When surrender takes place the  
fear of not being in control is a  
strong emotional tie that is  
broken

# Will

**The will broadcasts the choices of the heart.**

**“Free will”, the ability to choose the mate of your choice, is a natural act that led to the divorce.**

**Divine will is the choice of the heart that leads to healing.**

# Forgiveness

**Forgiveness works hand in hand with surrender, the state of humility.**

**To forgive is to “not hold against.”**

**You must however, ask for forgiveness.**

**This demonstrates a willingness on your part to give up your righteousness for a higher righteousness**

# New Life

The old natural life that led to divorce is passed away as forgiveness take hold.

The new life is not a crisis, one time event; it is a walk or continuous process where you grow in grace and in the knowledge of God.