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Section 05

## GOD as FIRST CAUSE: What does it mean?

**It is assumed that the reader has previously read the Tutorial as a minimum. Statements will be made in this writing reflecting that assumption.**

**CAUSE Definition:** A person or thing that produces an effect, result, or consequence; or that is responsible for an action or result. *The American Heritage Dictionary*

The expression “cause and effect” is not uncommon, but it is not totally accurate. A cause can be dormant or active. Therefore, it is an entity--existing separate from other entities. If the cause is dormant, then there will not be an effect. When it becomes active, an effect will occur. Therefore, we can say that a cause must be expressed before there is a manifestation (effect). Thus, we have the order in any reality as Cause, Expression, and Manifestation.

In the same way the nature of a **cause** is separate and different from its **expression**, which is separate and different from its **manifestation**. Therefore, any reality has three levels creating its existence.

Since a cause determines the effect (manifestation) that is to occur, it can be viewed as existing in the **future** of its reality--**it will happen**. When cause is expressed, the expression can be viewed as the **present** of its reality--**it is happening**. The effect or manifestation then becomes the **past**--**it has already happened**. For any change to occur in the manifestation level of any reality, cause must have been expressed. The order of this relationship is constant--i.e. manifestation

cannot produce a cause in the same reality of its existence.

Once we recognize the order of cause, expression, and manifestation, then we must recognize that there must be a FIRST CAUSE that produces all changes that we see in our reality.

It is almost impossible for us to conceive of a being who never had a beginning, and the Bible teaches us that we are to only think of GOD in terms that are unlimiting. We cannot make HIM less than Infinite because that would then be limiting HIM. The Basic Axioms in the Information Kit (you may download from <http://www.bibleseek.com/ie-other.shtml>) strives to provide the unlimiting guidelines we should use when thinking of GOD.

Since GOD is FIRST CAUSE, HE is also responsible for everything we see whether the manifestation (effect) is good or evil. Wait, is this saying GOD is responsible for evil?

If someone goes to the top of a very high cliff and throws a baby over the edge, it is gravity that produces the speed necessary to kill the baby. Did gravity do the evil? No, gravity never changed. It was created by GOD for a good purpose and given a particular nature as defined by a set of laws GOD created. Once someone understands the nature of gravity, they can then use it for an incorrect purpose. Gravity's nature does not change when it is used incorrectly.

GOD's unchanging Nature is the Source for the unchanging nature of gravity. All of Creation was created for one primary purpose. When

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Creation was complete, it was perfect for that purpose. If someone utilizes any thing in Creation correctly toward that primary purpose, they will always get good results--according to GOD's Nature. If they utilize the same thing for a purpose of their own, they will get results that are against GOD's Nature; and something bad will happen at some point in time following the incorrect use. Whether it occurs immediately or years afterwards, the result is still based on GOD's unchanging Nature.

The Seventh Aspect of GOD's Seven Main Aspects is Love. It is also the seventh step in spiritual growth. Therefore, it is the goal of each higher level of spiritual growth. It is the reason GOD must allow evil to occur. Freewill is necessary for the existence of Love, and freewill means the possibility of producing evil must be allowable in all situations. GOD's Creation is such that only good should occur for all at all times; so anytime anyone is physically hurt it is through ignorance and/or the expression of the self-serving nature.

Because of an experience I had when I was about 7 or 8 years of age, I believe we chose the path of ignorance. One evening I went outside and laid on my back in the grass to stare up into the night sky on a clear night. As I stared into space, I began contemplating my very existence. I began attempting to become aware of my self-awareness. Where was it? It was higher than my thoughts. I attempted to rise above my thoughts. Suddenly, I felt I was everywhere, and I sensed a being that recognized me. I could also sense the purest form of loving benevolence from the being of which I felt I was a part and separate at the same time. In less than one second, I almost automatically broke the connection and got up and walked into the house. I never really thought about the experience again until after I became a Christian.

Now as I look back on the experience, I feel I knew the being I contacted or to whom I returned. I knew them in my feeling heart but

not intellectually. My reaction to the contact was similar to a 2 years old who stubbornly rejects the loving concern of a parent because they prefer to "find out for themselves". Therefore, they rebel against their parent's guidance and experience what the parent was attempting to protect them from. Over the past few years, I have attempted to repeat that experience several times, but failed. I know I am not near as innocent now as I was then, and I am directed more by my intellectual side than by my feeling (life) side.

Based on what I have learned from the Bible, life in this world, and that experience, I believe the **mostly likely** growth or salvation process is that our Soul was created in the beginning in its most elemental state. It then began learning "in the Garden of Eden (the spiritual state of being)" until it eventually had matured until its Eve (feeling, life side) decided to rebel and "learn for itself" and our Adam (Intellectual side) allowed it. This rebellion resulted in the necessity of our Soul being attached to a physical body in this world with a new Adam. Then the only damage we do is to the physical, and we can't touch the higher reality until we have matured spiritually. When our body dies, our Adam "returns to the dust from which he came" because the intellectual understanding of the physical world is unnecessary anymore, but our Eve continues with a new Adam in a different physical reality. If our current Adam bears fruit by producing the correct life in our Eve, then that Adam lives on accordingly in the life of Eve because Eve is the reservoir (life) for who we are--manifesting the nature of our Soul. If our Adam does not bear the correct fruit in our Eve, then he will lose his Soul accordingly as all of his work will be destroyed by GOD. Eventually, all of the Souls will be complete and Christ will be the Omega. The Physical Reality as we know it will then disappear forever.

Naturally, this is only the **most likely** salvation process as I see it, and it only answers the most questions I have for now. Eventually, I may

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realize a better explanation if there is one. I just find too many holes in most of the salvation processes I hear in the main stream religious world today. They are too ear-tickling for my taste in that salvation is unreal with individual perfection being faked.

With the above background I can understand how my Eve recognized the being I contacted, but my Adam was in the dark. It was my Eve that broke the connection immediately upon recognition, and my Adam didn't prevent it out of ignorance--I was only 7 to 8 years old.

I mention the above experience because we must quit relating the true life as what we see in this world. This world only gives our true life a way to learn without doing real harm in the "Kingdom of Heaven". It is similar to someone being trained in a simulation trainer for aircraft combat. While they train, they can crash and commit many errors without really damaging property or life. Eventually, they must get into a real aircraft, though, and when they do they are less likely to make serious mistakes. If they do and survive, then they must return to the trainer until they are better trained.

Now I believe GOD uses this life in much the same way, and the "simulation trainer" is the best it can possibly be. Each Soul is highly treasured by GOD, and HE has insured that no real harm can be done even though we may do some of the most despicable acts imaginable. When we do, we only insure the eventual loss of our Soul--the person we see ourselves as being will most certainly cease to exist at some point in time. If we reverse our course and repent, then the person we are dies; but we retain our Soul according to the fruit we bore after we repented. This form of Salvation is not ear-tickling and very, very real.

There is not a disaster that can occur that could not be prevented by GOD secretly. If two planes were headed for a collision, a strong wind could change the course enough to prevent it. If a baby

was headed into danger, GOD could make the baby uncomfortable enough to head in another direction. Yet we know GOD does not always do this, and maybe never. Where would the interference stop? How often can HE interfere with freewill before HIS Plan fails? No, I believe HE created the perfect environment for HIS Purpose, and we must in some way raise ourselves above the laws governing this environment before we can appear to break its laws--i.e. walk on water. I believe each of us chose ignorance and this world at some point in the past, and that is why we are here. Until we grow spiritually enough to return to our home and perform according to the purpose for which we were created, we must suffer the consequences of our ignorance.

Perhaps GOD does prevent the consequences of our mistakes at times, but I would not count on it. To believe we are so important to GOD that HE would is probably going to result in our being proven wrong. Such a belief may just be the self-serving-nature's delusions at work.

Conversely, GOD will always listen to the life of Christ in us. If we appeal to HIM from the life of Christ, then surprising things may very well happen. We may not be able to explain it intelligently and may even consider it luck, but it could be GOD listening to HIS Child and responding accordingly. HIS Child is the Eve in us, not necessarily our intellectual aspect--or Adam. Based on our Eve living on while our Adam returns to the dust from which he came, our Adam may not be as mature as our Eve in expressing the qualities of Christ.

The purest approach to our relationship with GOD is to just realize that HE will always respond to our request if we ask through the life of Christ in us. If our request is not answered, then neither did we ask through the life of Christ.