

How Should We Then Vote?

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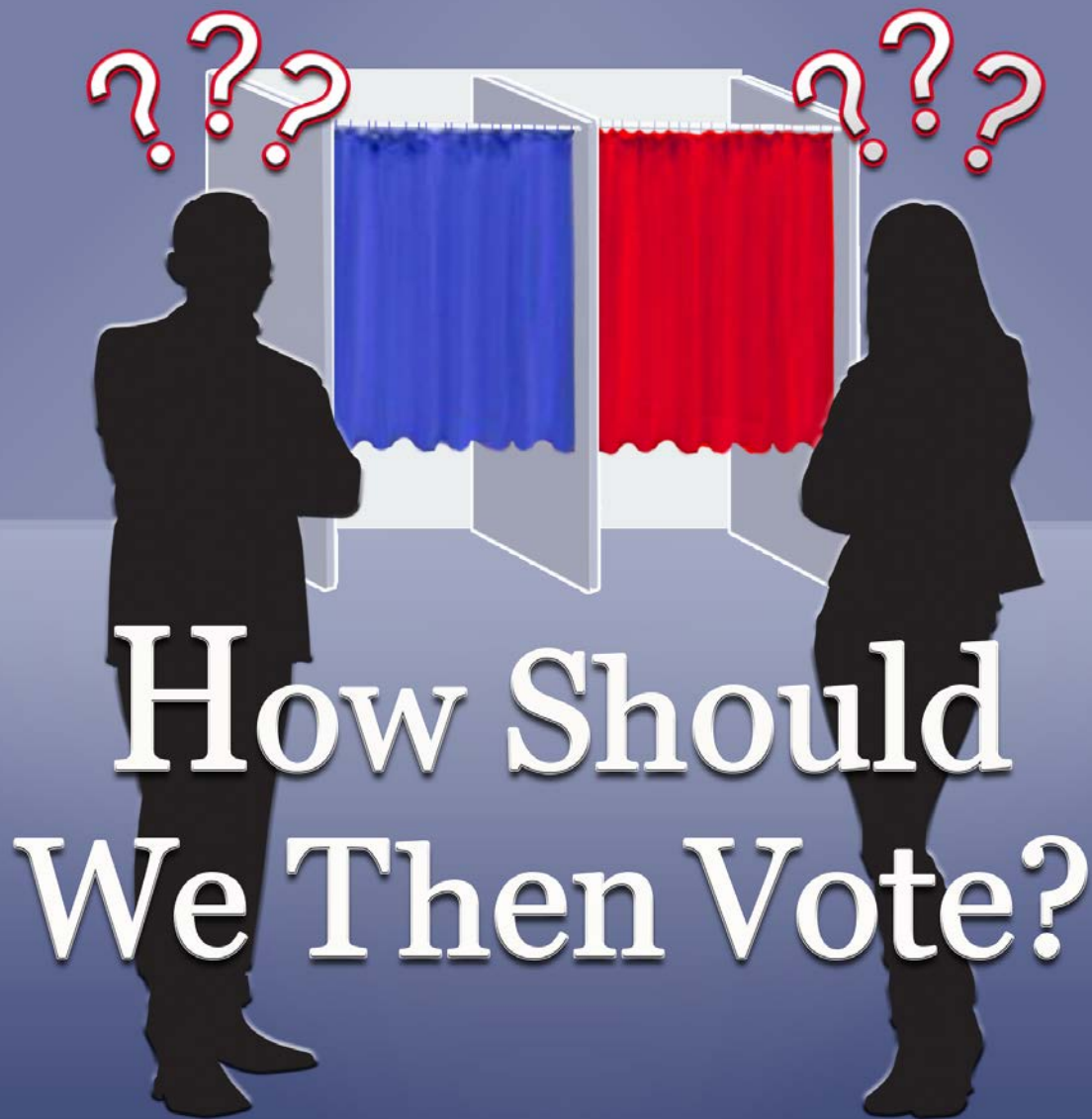
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**Divine Institution #1:
Personal Responsibility**

The Foundations of Social Order

The Divine Institutions

Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

An iceberg floating in the ocean, with only the tip visible above the water. The background is a blue sky and sea. The iceberg is white and jagged, with a small bird flying above it.

Political/National or Individual Decisions

Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?

Epistemology (Knowledge): How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

Metaphysics: Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, “the universe”, nothing

Foundation of *all* thought

What is a Divine Institution?

Absolute social structures instituted by God for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike.

These are given for the perpetuation, stability, protection, and freedom of the human race.

The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

PRE_FALL

2. Marriage

**Designed to promote
productivity and advance
civilization**

3. Family

4. Government, judicial

POST-FALL

5. Nations

6. Israel

Designed to restrain evil

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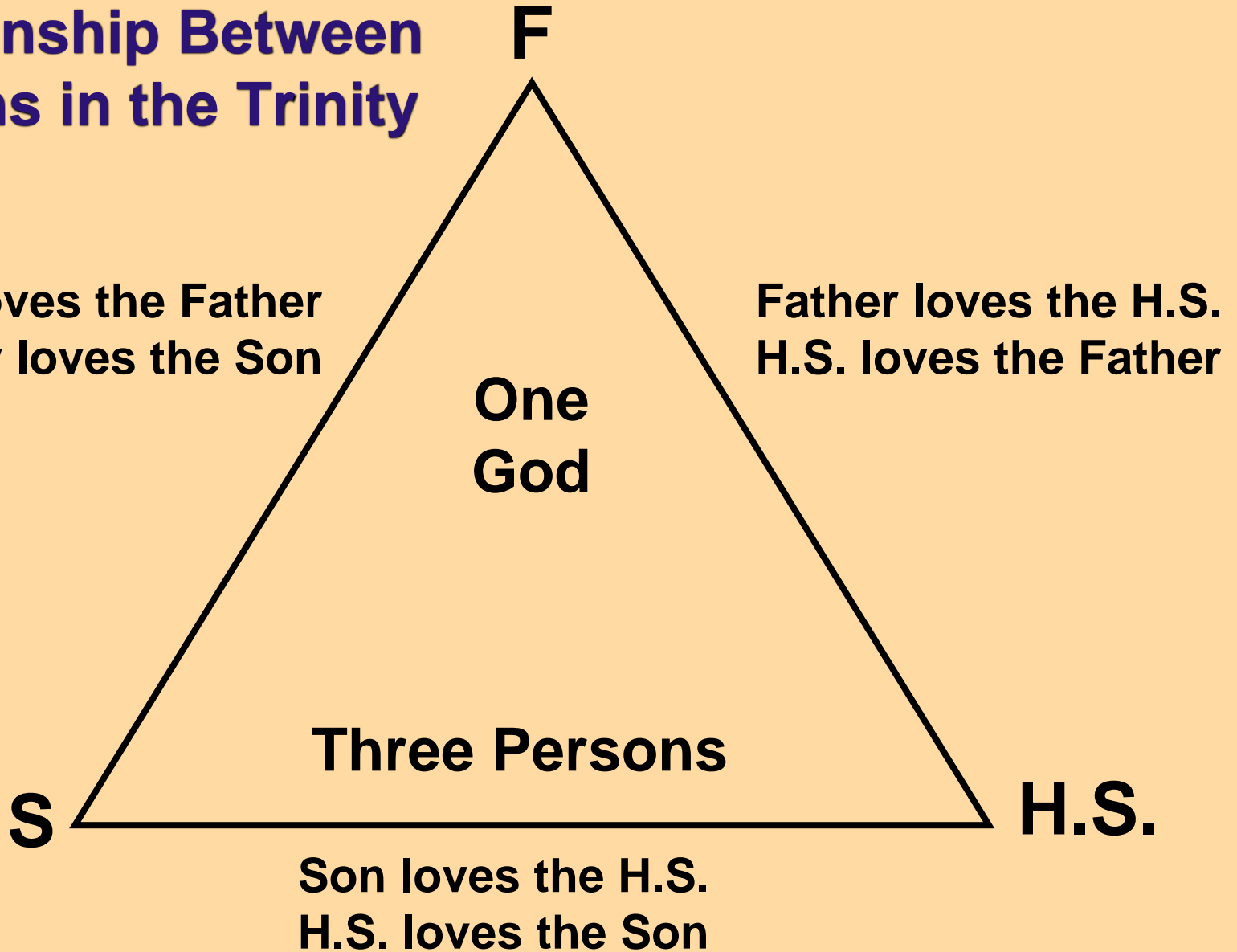
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Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ”

**Eternal Social
Relationship Between
Persons in the Trinity**



**Eternal *Economic*
Relationship Between
Persons in the Trinity**

**Father is the
Architect of the
Plan of Salvation**

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**One
God**

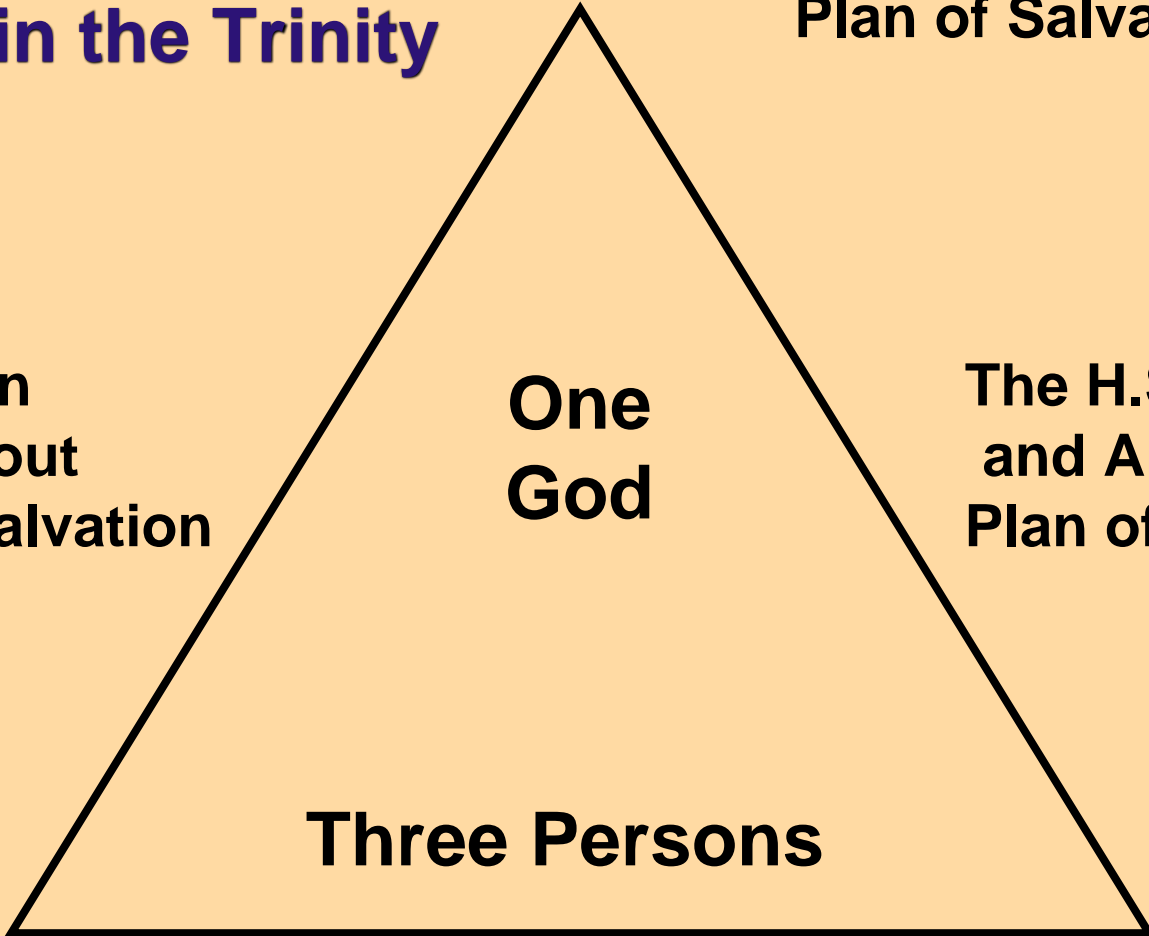
**The H.S. Reveals
and Applies the
Plan of Salvation**

**The Son
Carries out
the Plan of Salvation**

Three Persons

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H.S.



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**Gen. 2:15, “Then the Lord God took the man
and put him in the garden of Eden to tend
and keep it.”**

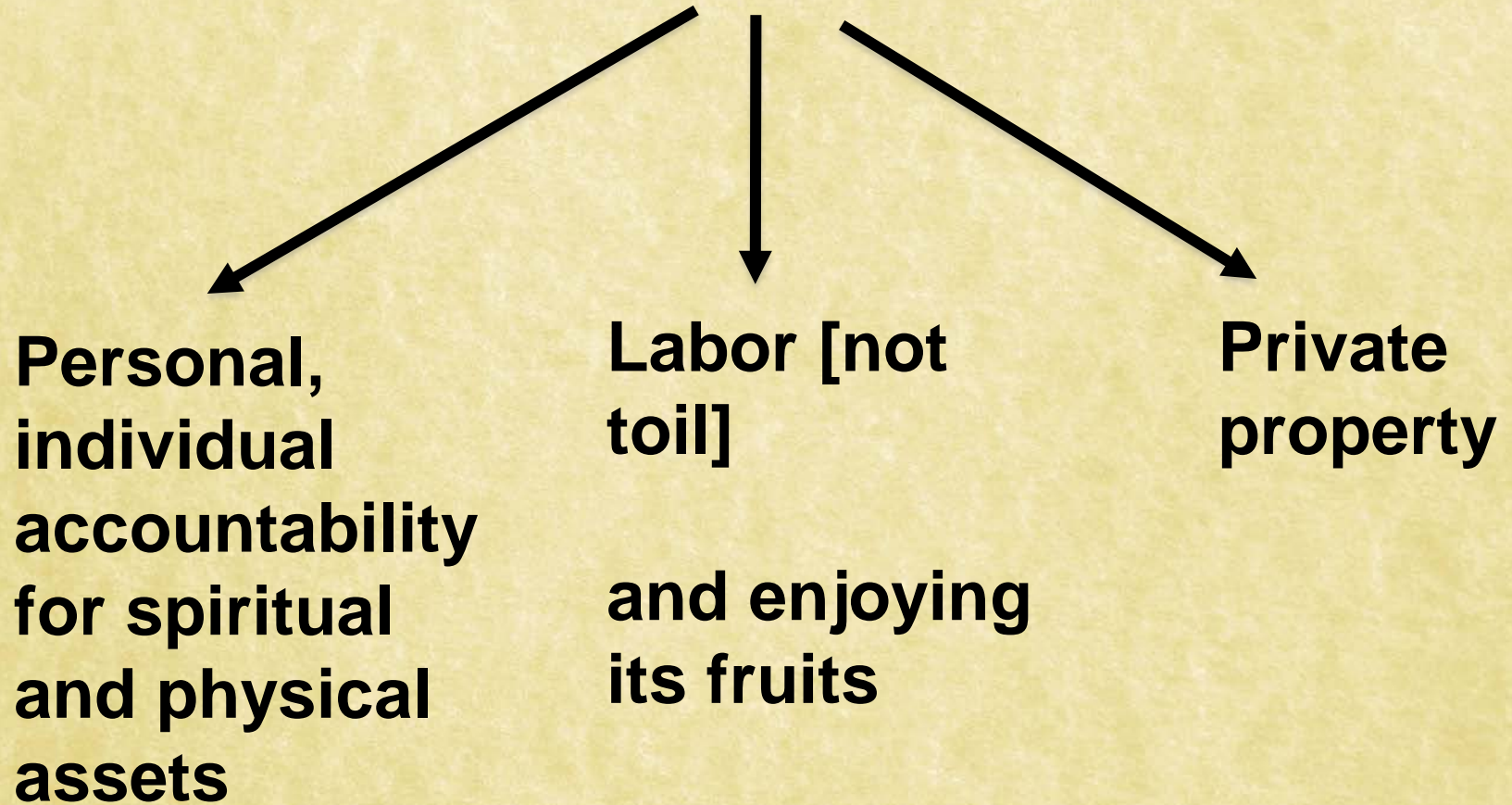
Gen. 2:19, “Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

Gen. 2:20, “So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.”

Gen. 2:16, “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

Gen. 2:17, “ ‘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.’ ”

DI #1: Individual Responsibility



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Consequences

Gen. 3:13, “And the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’”

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Gen. 3:15, “ ‘And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.’ ”

Gen. 3:16, “To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’ ”

Gen. 3:17, “Then to Adam He said, ‘Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, “You shall not eat of it”: Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.”

Gen. 3:18, “ ‘Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

Gen. 3:19, “ ‘In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.’ ”

Gen. 3:23, “therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.”