

Divine Ideals: The Ways of Righteous Living

Experiential Divine Ideals	Human Activity Spectrum
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the preeminence of the individual	religion
family life	society
national life	politics
representative government	science

Jesus exalted "love" as the existential divine ideal (see TUB 140:8.31); and the revelators also highlight four experiential divine ideals--that span the human activity spectrum, which is, "science, politics, society, and religion" (TUB 130:4.15). All five are required for righteousness.

As the initial civilizational uplifters, a Planetary Prince and his staff reveal the divine ideals of national life and family life (see my reflections entitled "Nation and Family: Civilizational Foundations"). The "nation" is the fundamental unit of political life, and the "family" is the fundamental unit of social life. This knowledge was lost on our world following the planetary rebellion; but with its full restoration in The Urantia Papers, there is no longer any room for doubt about the godless nature of any ism motivated against national and/or family life.

As the scientific uplifters, the Adam and Eve of a world normally reveal the divine ideal of representative government--when they begin to foster the long, slow evolution of self-government (e.g., see TUB 74:5.7). Any such teaching about the science of government was delayed on our world, first because of the rebellion, then by the default of our Adam and Eve. Finally, with the advent of The Urantia Papers, it is revealed that: "Representative government is the divine ideal of self-government among nonperfect beings." (TUB 45:7.3) Beware any contending godless ideals!

As a religious lifter of the spiritual inner life, Jesus revealed "the preeminence of the individual" (see TUB paragraphs 170:4.3-4). [Notice that item 3 in paragraph 3 is the existential divine ideal of love--"the personal realization of divine fellowship" (TUB 16:6.8).] Choose God!

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