

Prayer to Make the Self a Self-Fulfillment of God

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GOD IS THE WELLSPRING of my life. I am one who is born of God. Not merely born of God, but I am the self-fulfillment of God. God attains self-fulfillment through man. Man realizes his origin that is God, receives the wisdom of God, and becomes consciously aware of his oneness with God when, for the first time, his self-fulfillment is accomplished.

When man becomes aware of God as his wellspring and receives the guidance of God's wisdom, he shall acquire whatever good he wishes without fail, exactly as he wishes.

However, I shall never seek from God anything that is wrong or inappropriate. I shall never entertain wrongful desires that would bring me profit or gain at the risk of hurting others. Why? It is because all good and necessary things shall be provided without fail by God, the infinite wellspring of all good, and there is no need whatsoever to violate the rights of others in doing so.

The self-fulfillment of God is man. Without man, God cannot accomplish His self-fulfillment. To God, man is all in all, and to man, God is all in all.

I am in God, and God is in me. My every word, my every prayer, my every action are all steps taken toward the realization

of God's perfection. Therefore, no matter what may appear before me, I shall see only the bright side, act with courage and calmness, and never lose hope, become discouraged, hesitate, or vacillate. It is the will of Providence that every person or thing around me shall work together in harmony so that the deepest and truest wishes of my soul shall be fulfilled.

The deepest wishes of my soul have been planted in me by God; therefore they cannot but be fulfilled. I am able to distinguish between the deepest wishes of my soul and the false wishes that reflect only the base desires of my physical self. I shall never be deceived by the false appetites of my physical self. I shall instead act in the hope of realizing only the deepest and truest wishes of my soul.

I am blessed by all existence. All persons and things cooperate with me in order that I may realize the deepest, truest wishes of my soul. Why? It is because the love and wisdom of God, my wellspring, are at work deep within all persons and all things.

—From *Shinri No Ginsbo*, "Recitations of the Truth," pp. 223-226