

Prayer for Health by Becoming Aware of the True Image of a Child of God

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MAN is a “child of God.” This is clearly proclaimed throughout the Holy Scriptures, but if it remains mere belief and nothing more, the Truth that man is a child of God cannot become our very own. We must depart from our present thinking which regards man as having evolved from apes. We must begin travelling on the right road or we will never attain our cherished goal of being a child of God. An old maxim says, “One cannot serve two masters.” In order to awaken to the Truth that we are children of God, we must first do away with the misconception that man is a physical body or descended from apes. As long as we remain on the starting line, we cannot reach our goal. Only by leaving the starting line can we reach our destination. Therefore, we must take the first step away from the scientific view that regards man as a physical body, or as having evolved from apes, and march forward resolutely.

Jesus Christ taught, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6). According to Buddhist scriptures, Shakamuni Buddha was not born of a woman. The scriptures relate that a great soul who was in a heavenly kingdom descended into Queen Maya to become the Buddha. According to the Bible, Jesus was conceived in the Virgin Mary when the heavenly angels brought down the soul of the Son of God from the kingdom of God. This is neither myth nor fiction. In order to acquire true spiritual awareness — the awareness that man is a child of God — we must step out of the

scientific world that merely seeks material evidence. It is stated in the *Truth of Life* series, “Man was never born of a woman!” Though man appears to be born of a mother’s womb, he is actually the spirit of a child of God that descended from the kingdom of God and resided in his mother’s womb for a period of time. Receiving material nourishment from his mother, his physical body was then born into this world. The physical body is merely a garment or an instrument for the spirit of a child of God to undergo his life’s training here on earth.

Since the physical body is a garment made to fit the spiritual body, it should manifest the spiritual body just as it is. The physical body should be perfect and healthy just as the spiritual body is. There should be no disease at all in this garment created by God. Should there be any disease or deformity, it is because erroneous thoughts or feelings such as delusion, resentment, hatred, jealousy, and sorrow have been repressed and stored between the spiritual body and the physical body, and the physical body can no longer conform itself perfectly to the spiritual body.

We must dismiss all erroneous thoughts and feelings. As malevolent feelings and dark thoughts are dispelled and the physical body fits the original form of a child of God, we can always express a perfect, healthy, and beautiful body.

I am deeply thankful to God who has given us this Truth.

— From *Shinri No Ginsho*, “Recitations of the Truth,” pp. 145-148