

# Prayer to Call Forth the Indwelling God

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GOD IS THE ORIGINAL SOURCE of all that exists. Since God is Spirit and not matter, the true nature of all that exists is likewise spirit and not matter. We may think of spirit as being the pure, unadulterated essence of the mind. Mind is spirit that has begun to move, appearing as intellectual and emotional, as well as conscious, vibration. Within spirit reside infinite ideas. An idea has not yet been voiced, so it may be called thought. The Bible states, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). This means that there are infinite words, that is, ideas within God who is Spirit.

An idea is something that seeks expression. This is true even of human beings. If a person has an idea, he would want to express it, would he not? Similarly, ideas that are inherent in the spirit of God are constantly seeking to express themselves ever more abundantly. Everything that exists is God’s spirit materializing His inherent ideas and thereby unfolding the substance of His thoughts. Since God is the original source of all that exists, spirit is the true essence of all that exists. Something may appear to be a material object, but a material object is a reflected form, so in actuality there is nothing that can be called a material object.

Since God is the source of everything, everything that exists comes from God and is the unfoldment of ideas inherent in God’s spirit. That which appears to be evil, ugly, inharmonious, poor, diseased, and so on, does not

really exist. If it seems that such dreadful things exist, it is simply that the deluded consciousness of the self or that of humanity has taken form like a mirage. We need not become captives to such seemingly evil appearances and thereby become afraid of them, angry at them, or confused by them.

See the True Image and close your mind’s eye to all evil phenomena. Since the world that really exists is an unfoldment of the ideas of God, who is good, this world manifests nothing but harmony, beauty, health, and prosperity. This is indeed the True Image of all that really exists.

I am now aware of these truths. I know that the True Image of all that exists is already perfect and harmonious, and I humbly express my gratitude to God who is the original source of all that truly is. To humbly express our gratitude to God means not just to be grateful to God who abides high in the heavens, but also to be grateful to our life, which is God within us, to our wisdom, which is God within us, to our abilities, which is God within us, and to our love, which is God within us, and to praise them. When we express our gratitude to and praise these inherent qualities of God that dwell within us, their powers are greatly multiplied, and we will demonstrate these powers ever more abundantly.

Praise be to God! Glory be to God! I am grateful!

—From *Shinri No Ginsho*, “Recitations of the Truth,” pp. 280-283