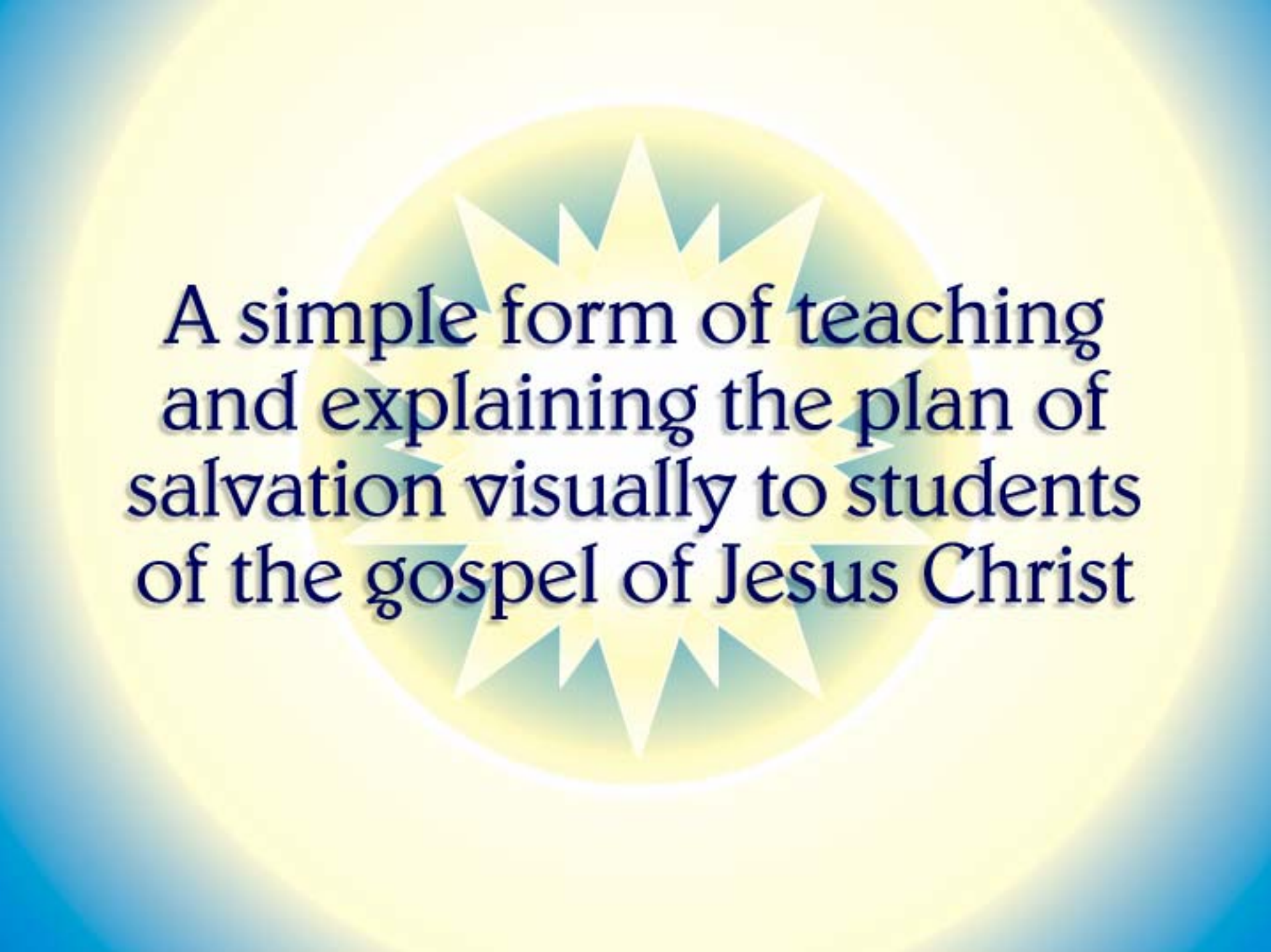




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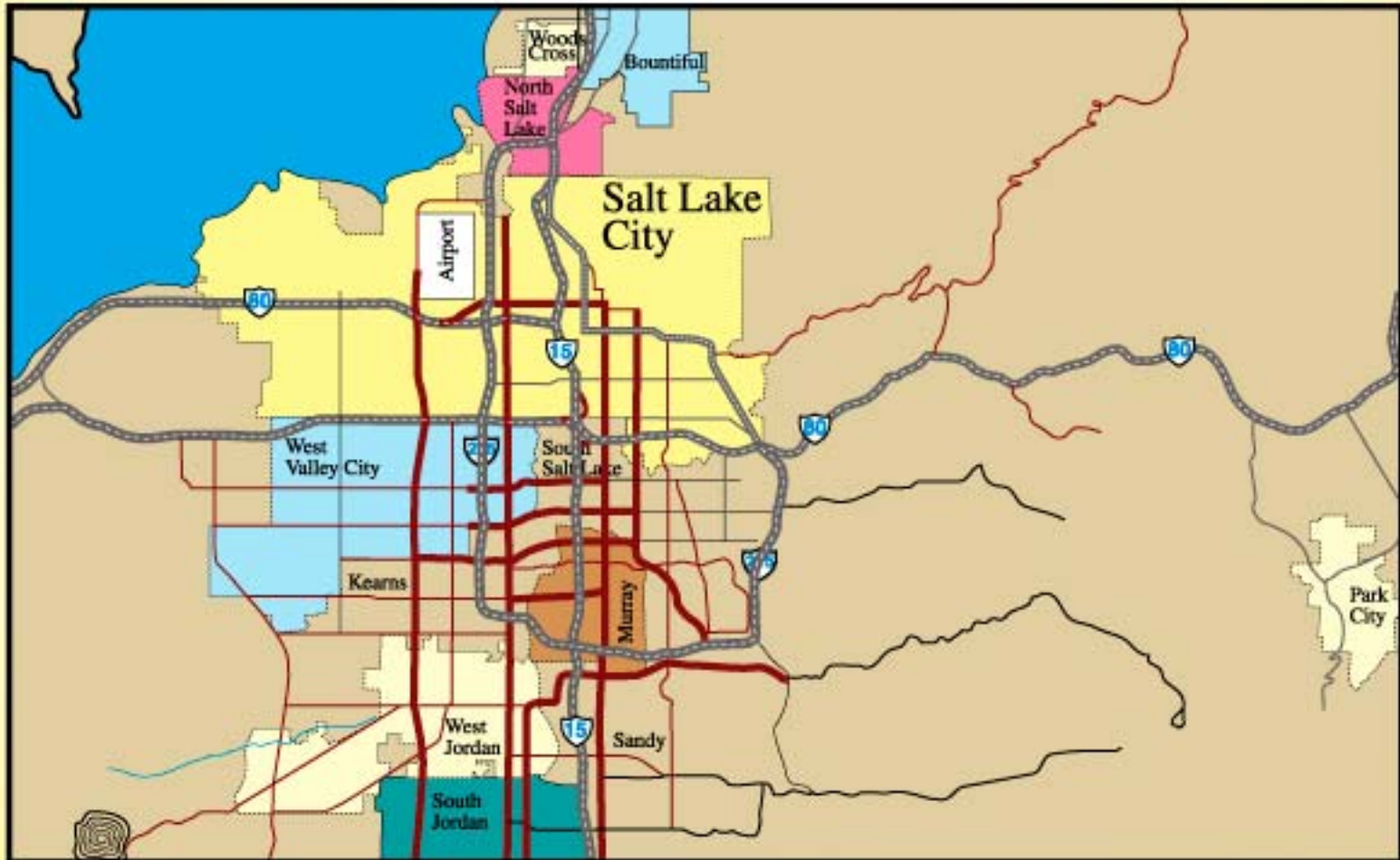
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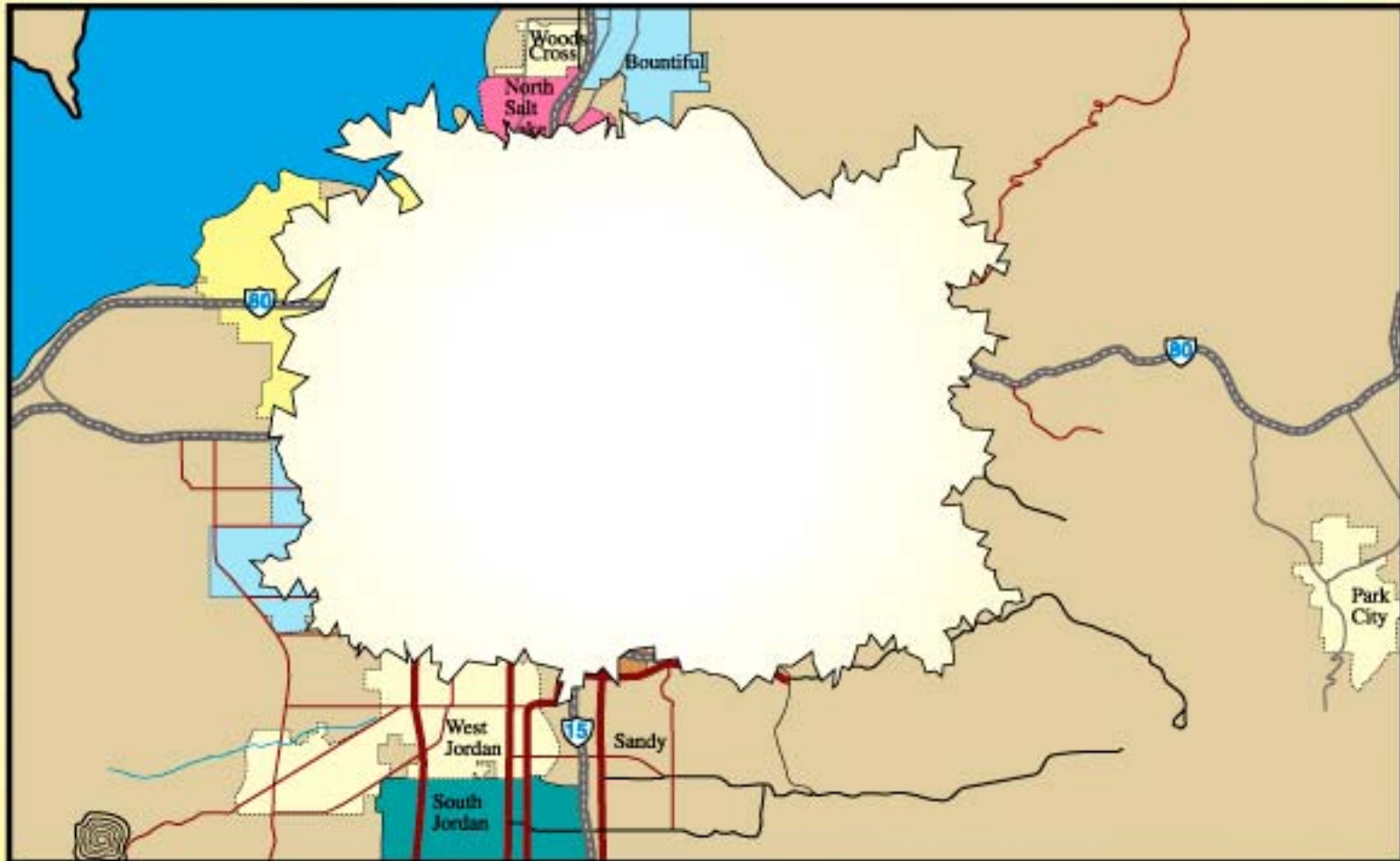
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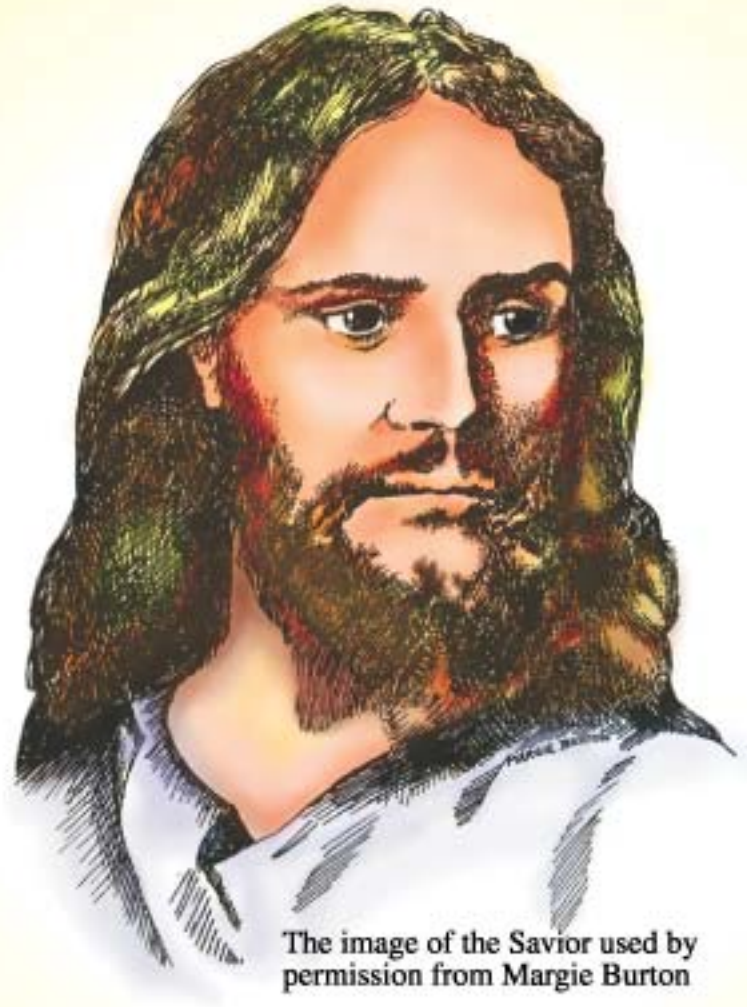


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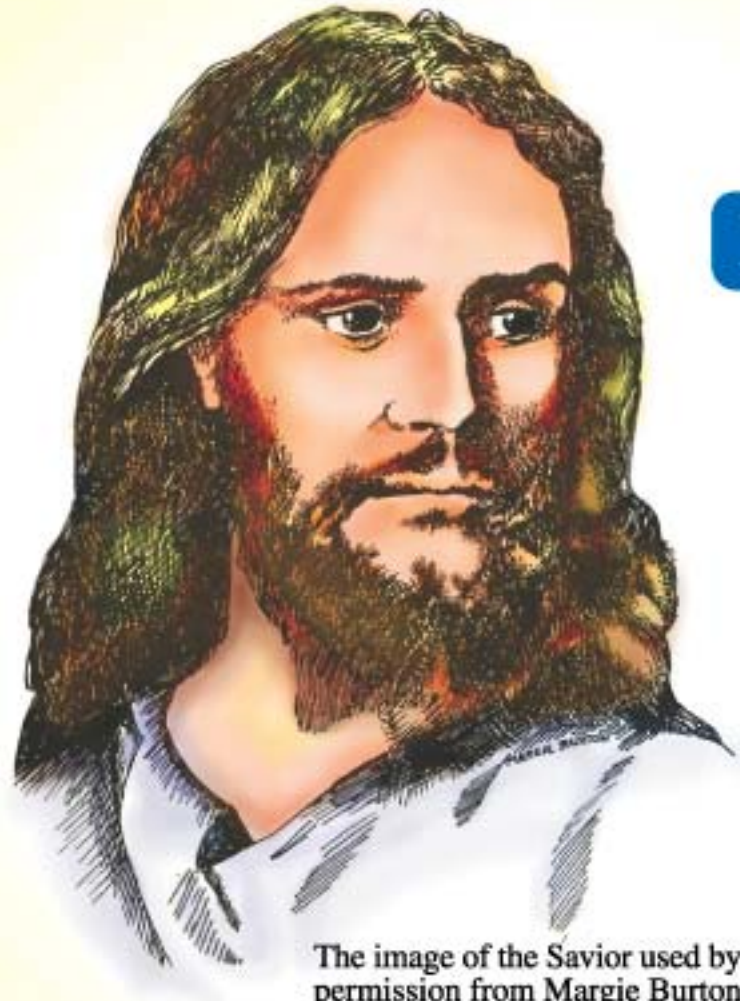
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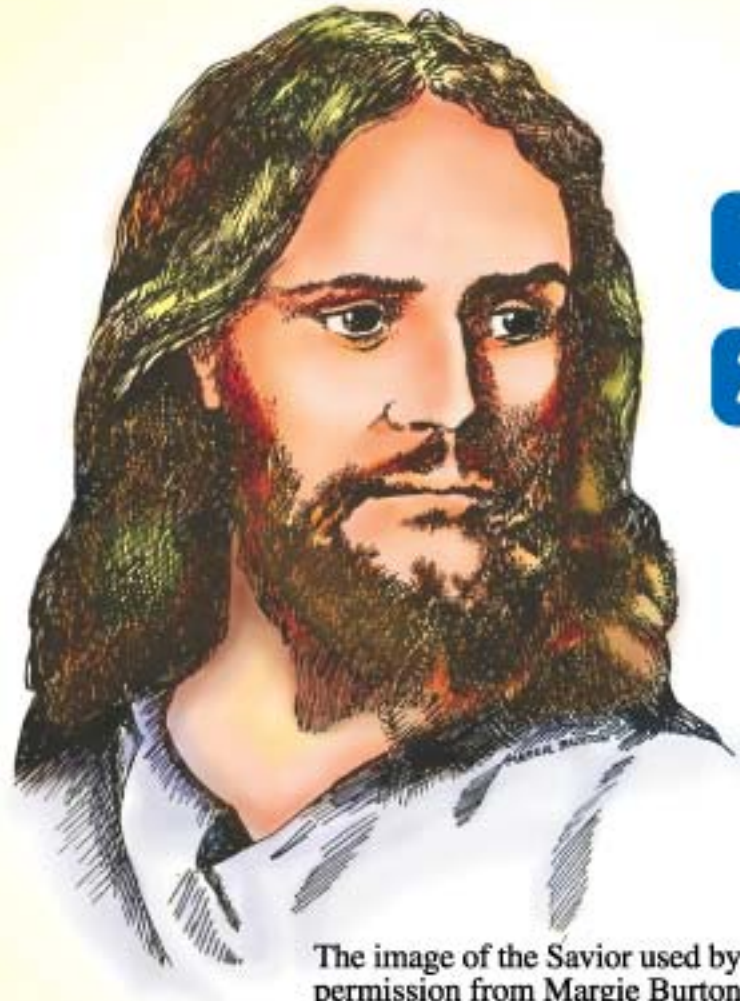
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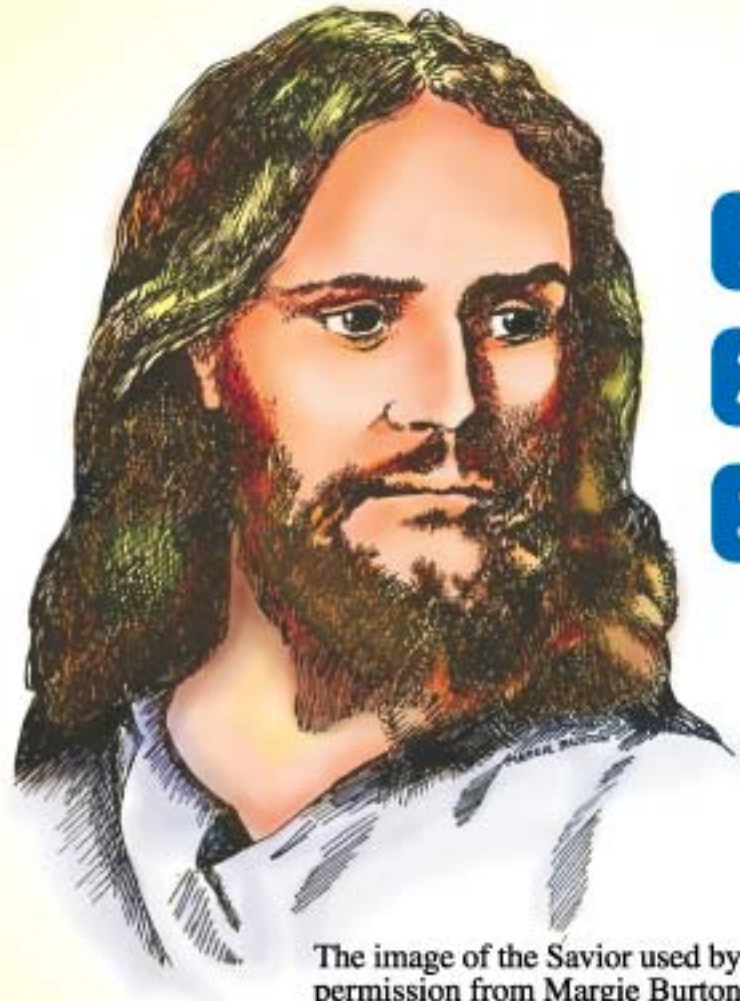
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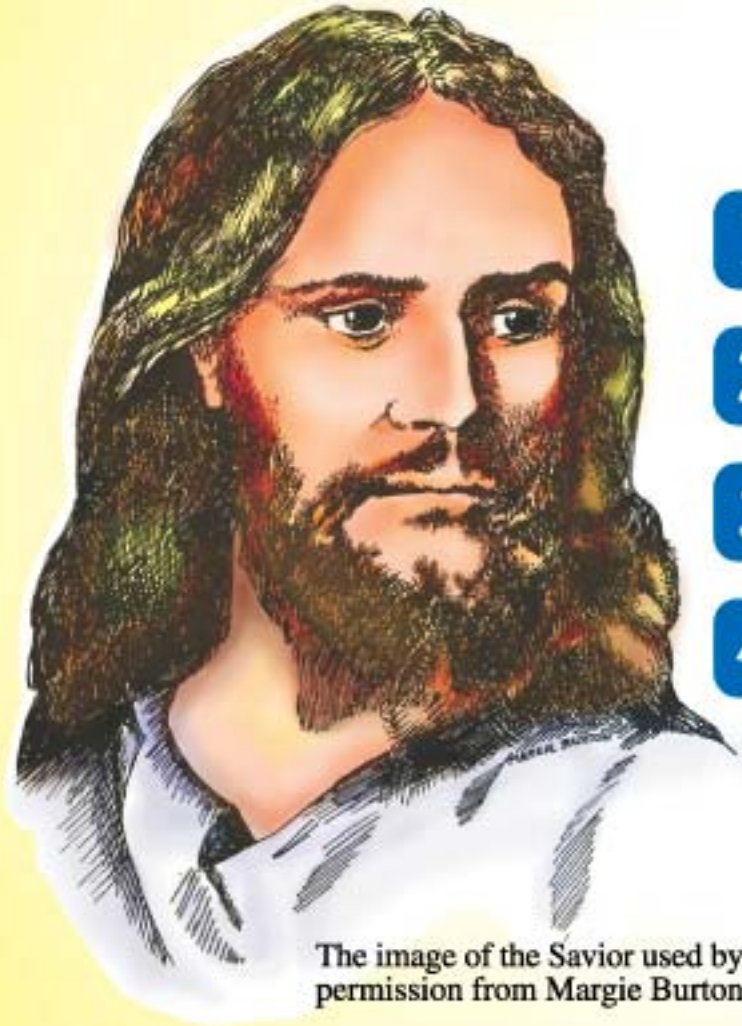
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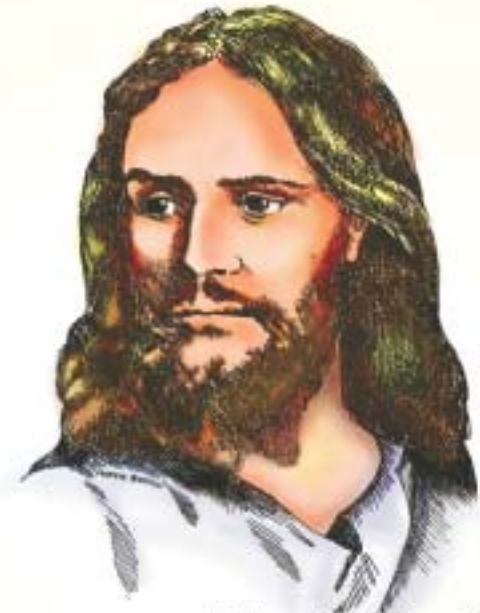
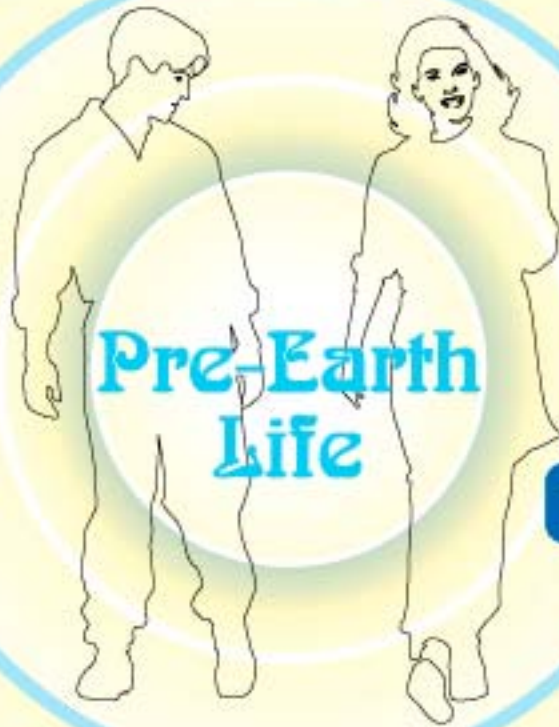
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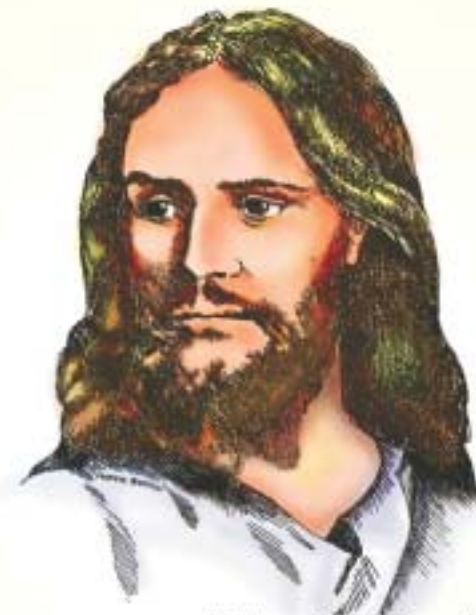
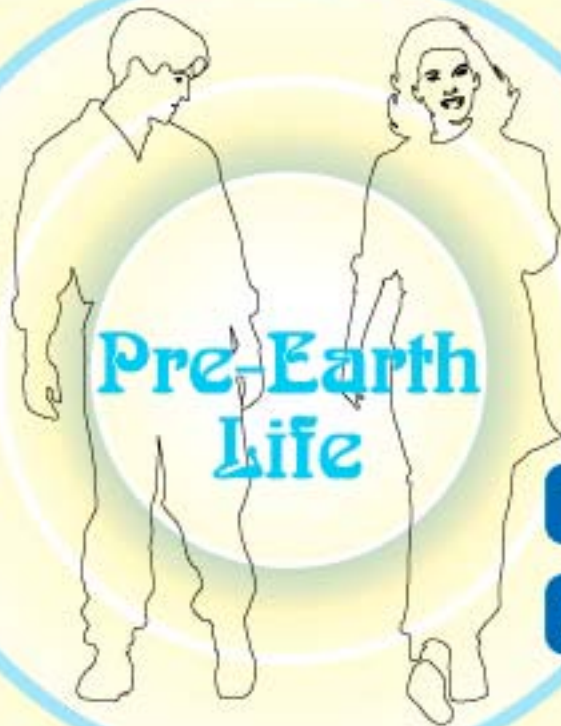
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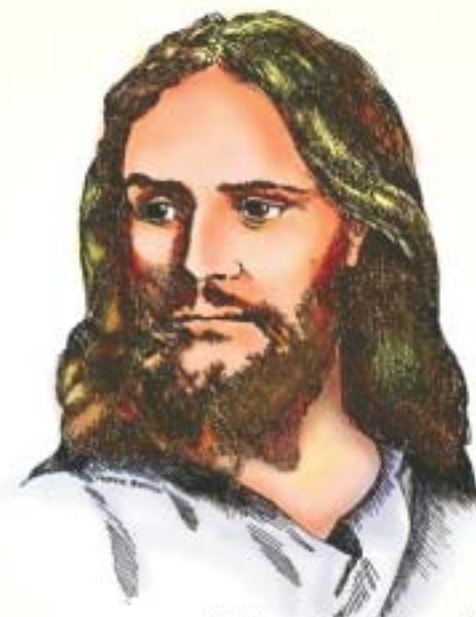
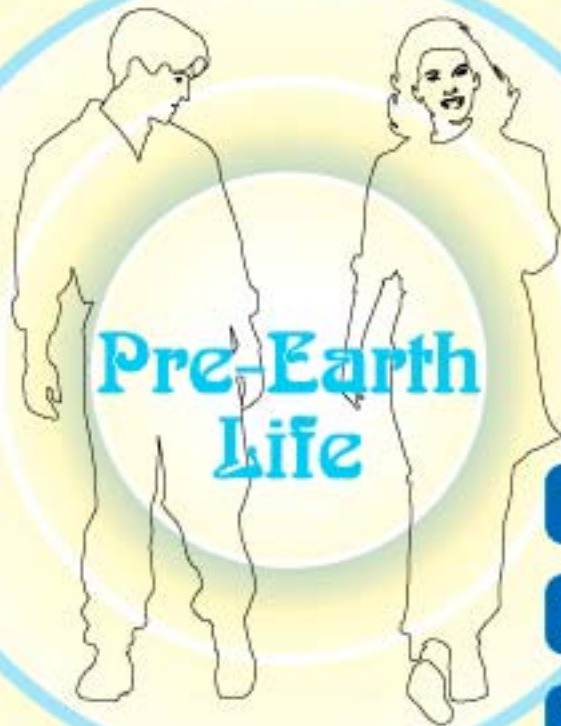
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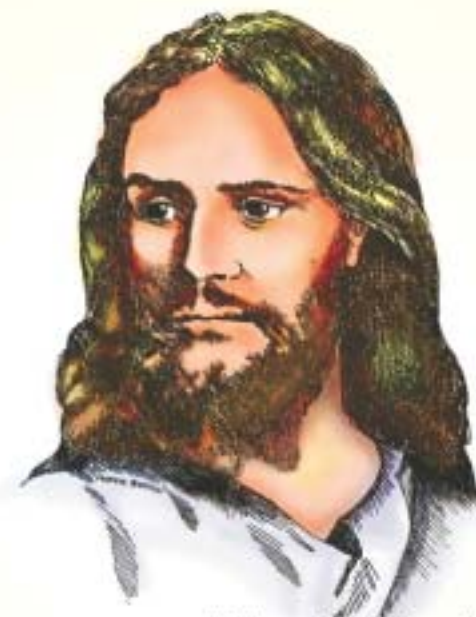
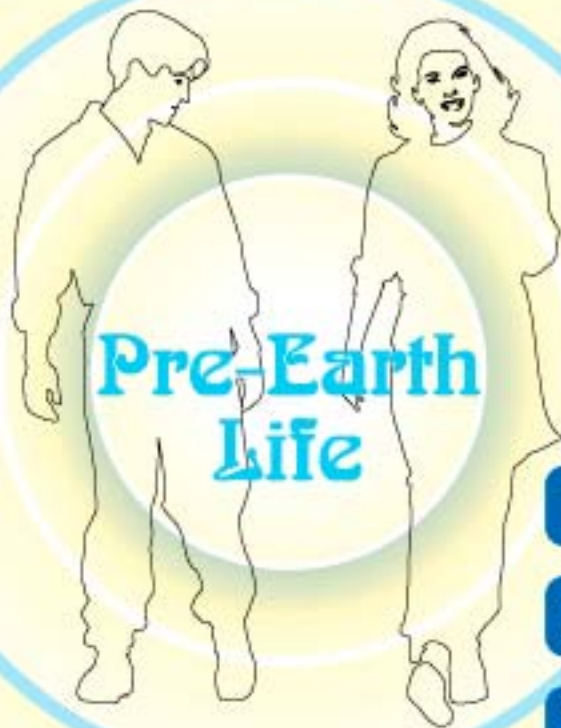
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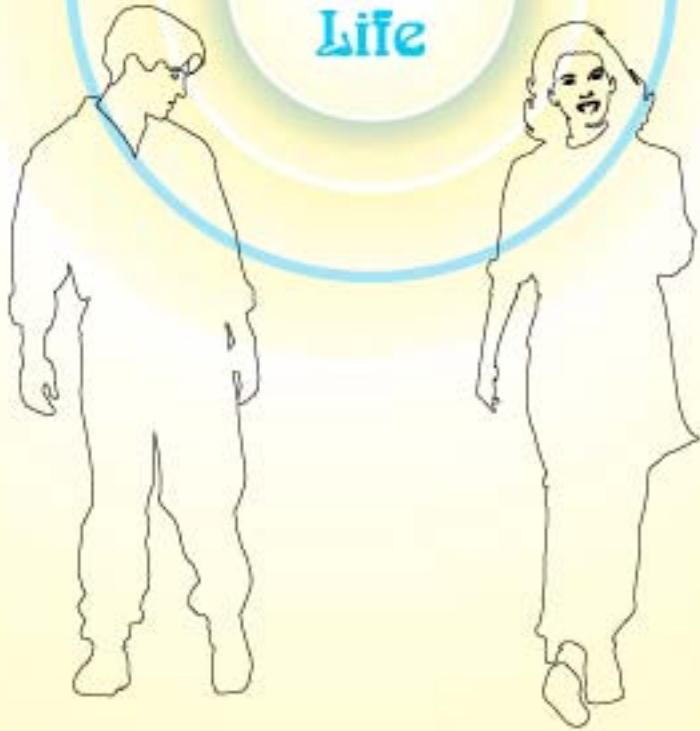
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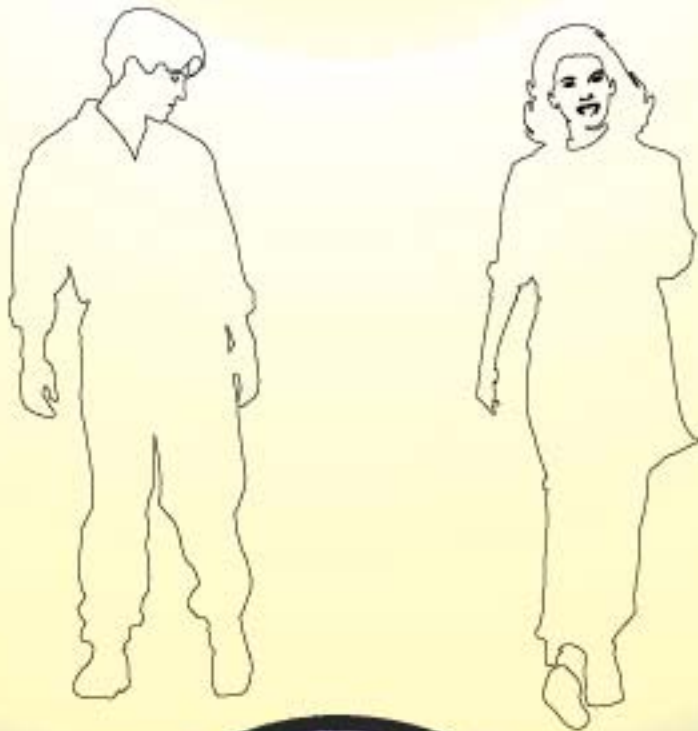
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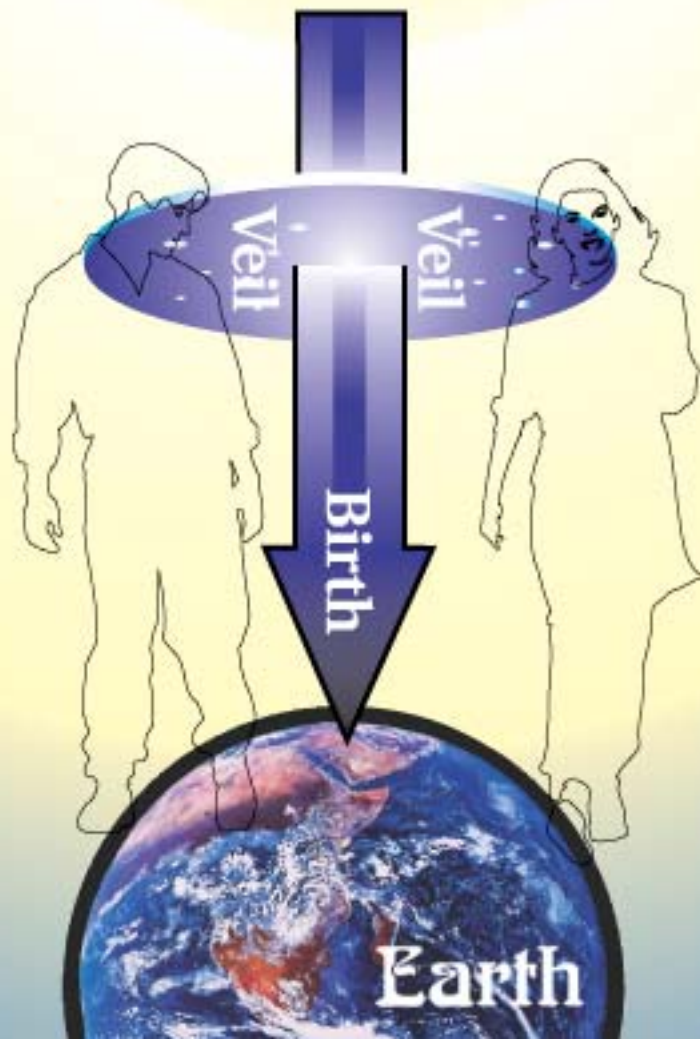


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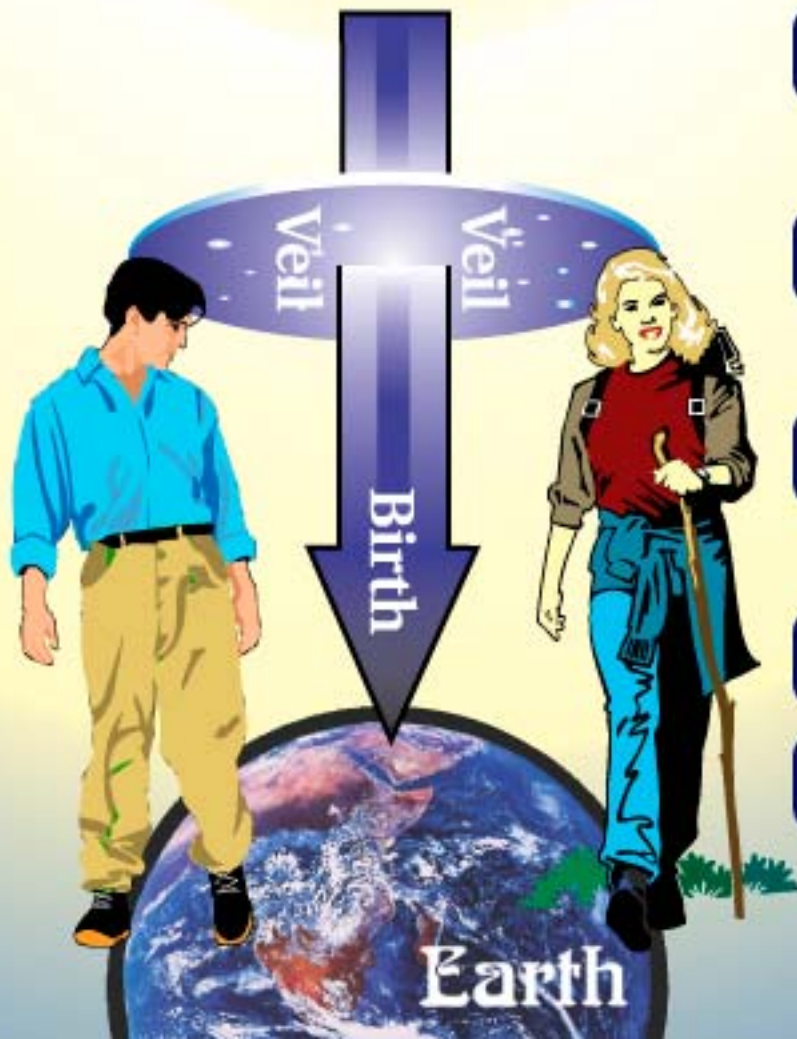
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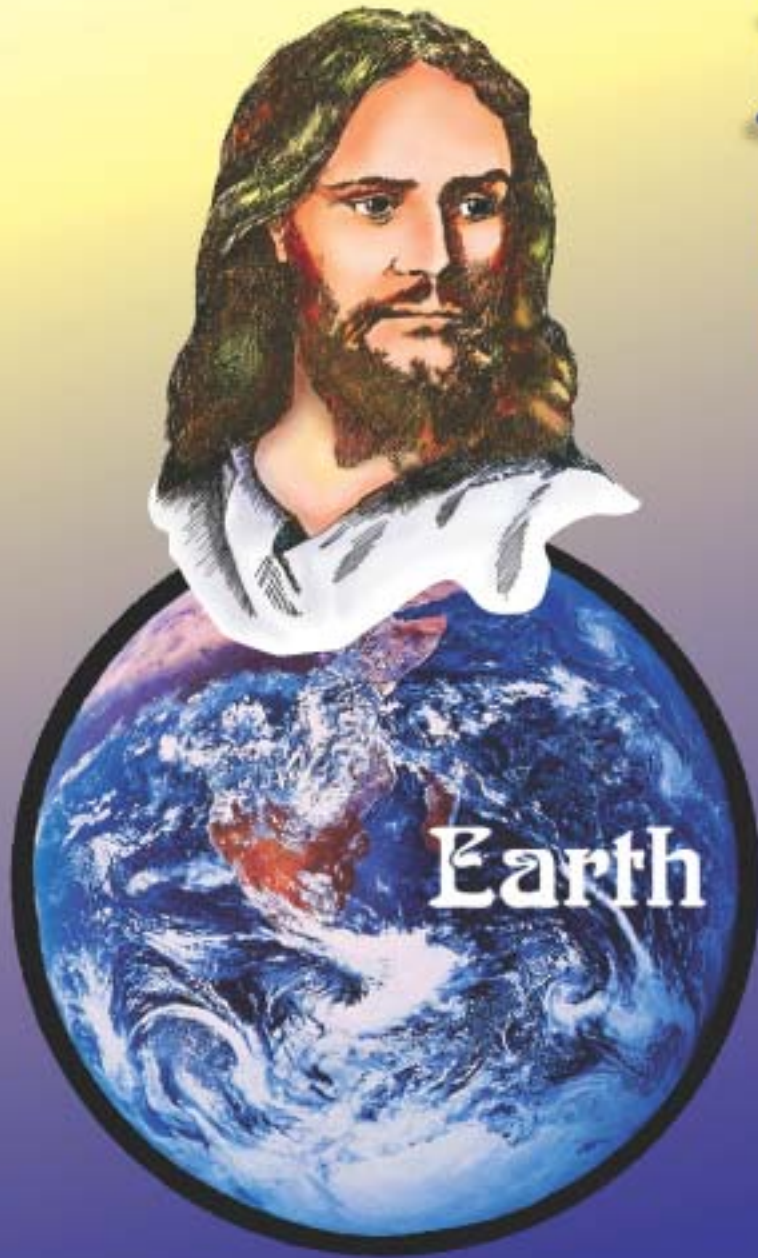
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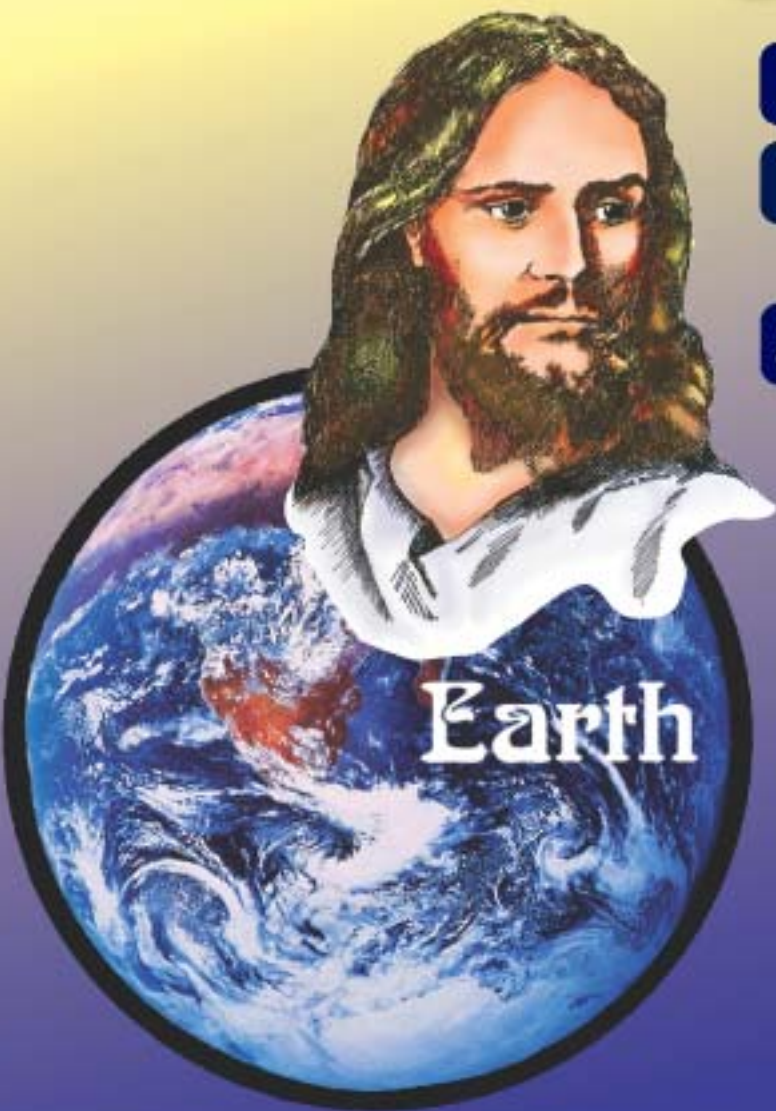


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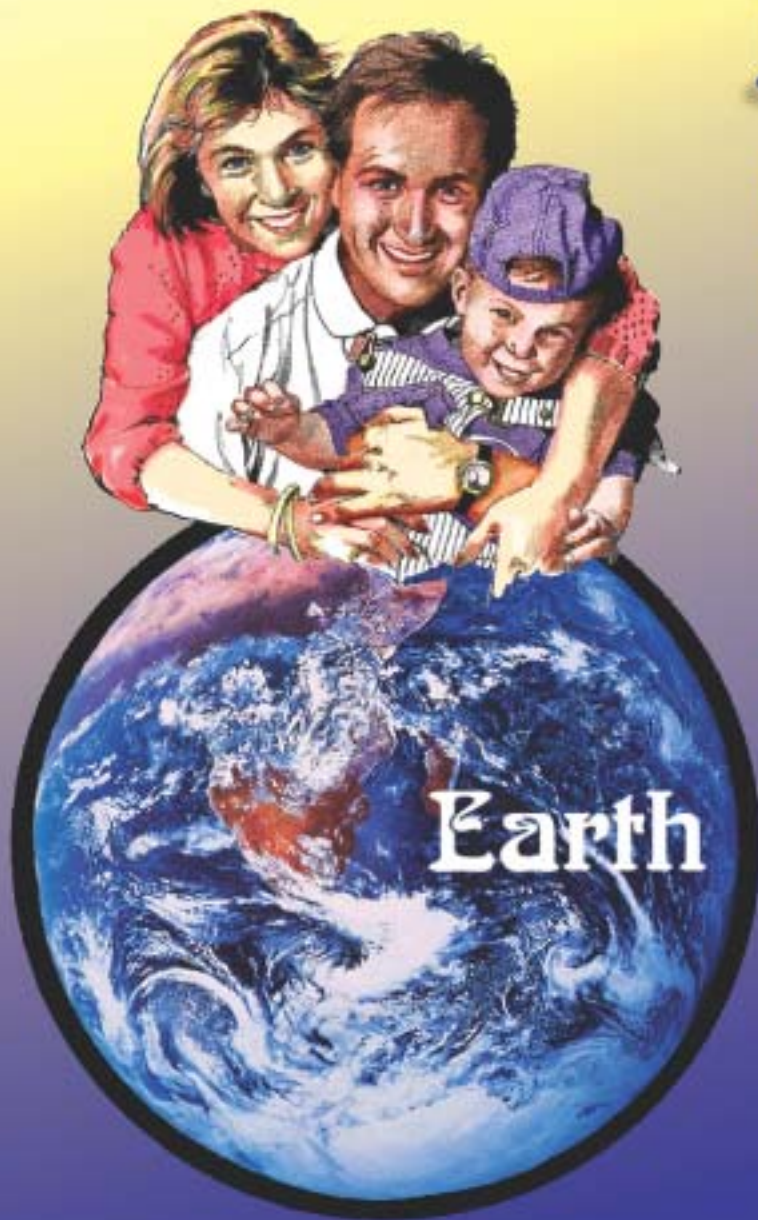


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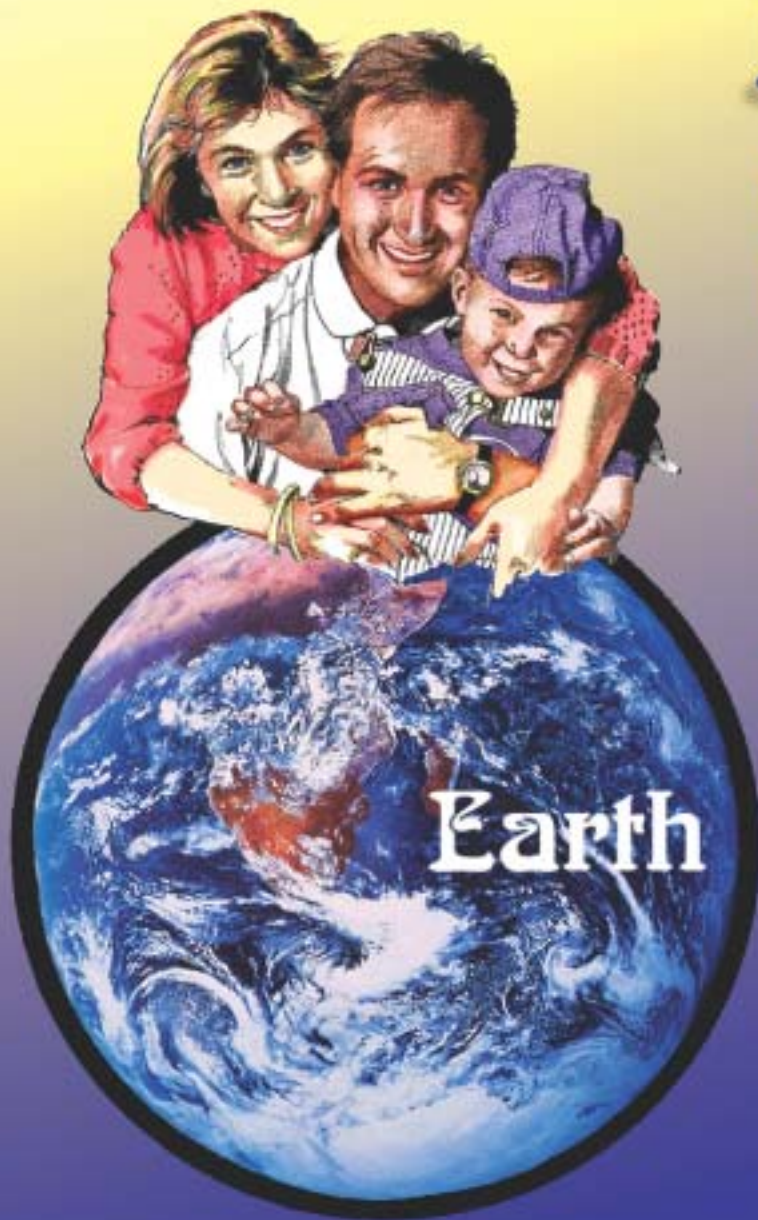
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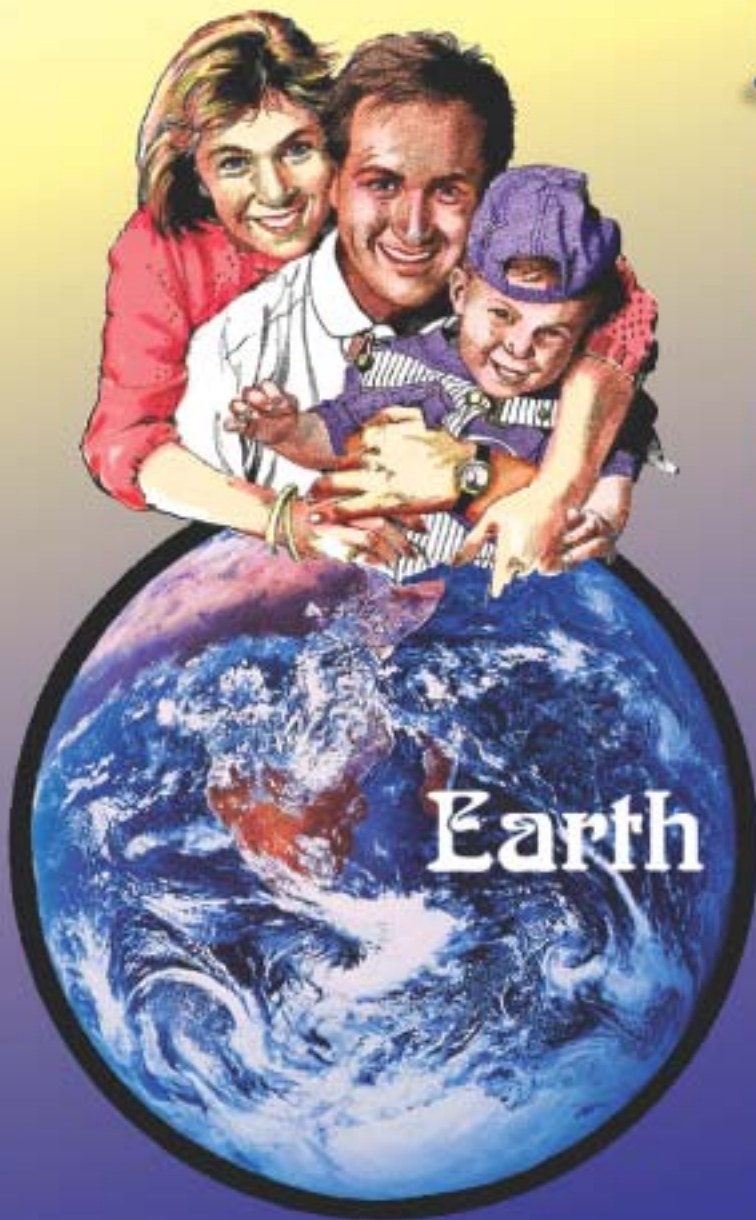
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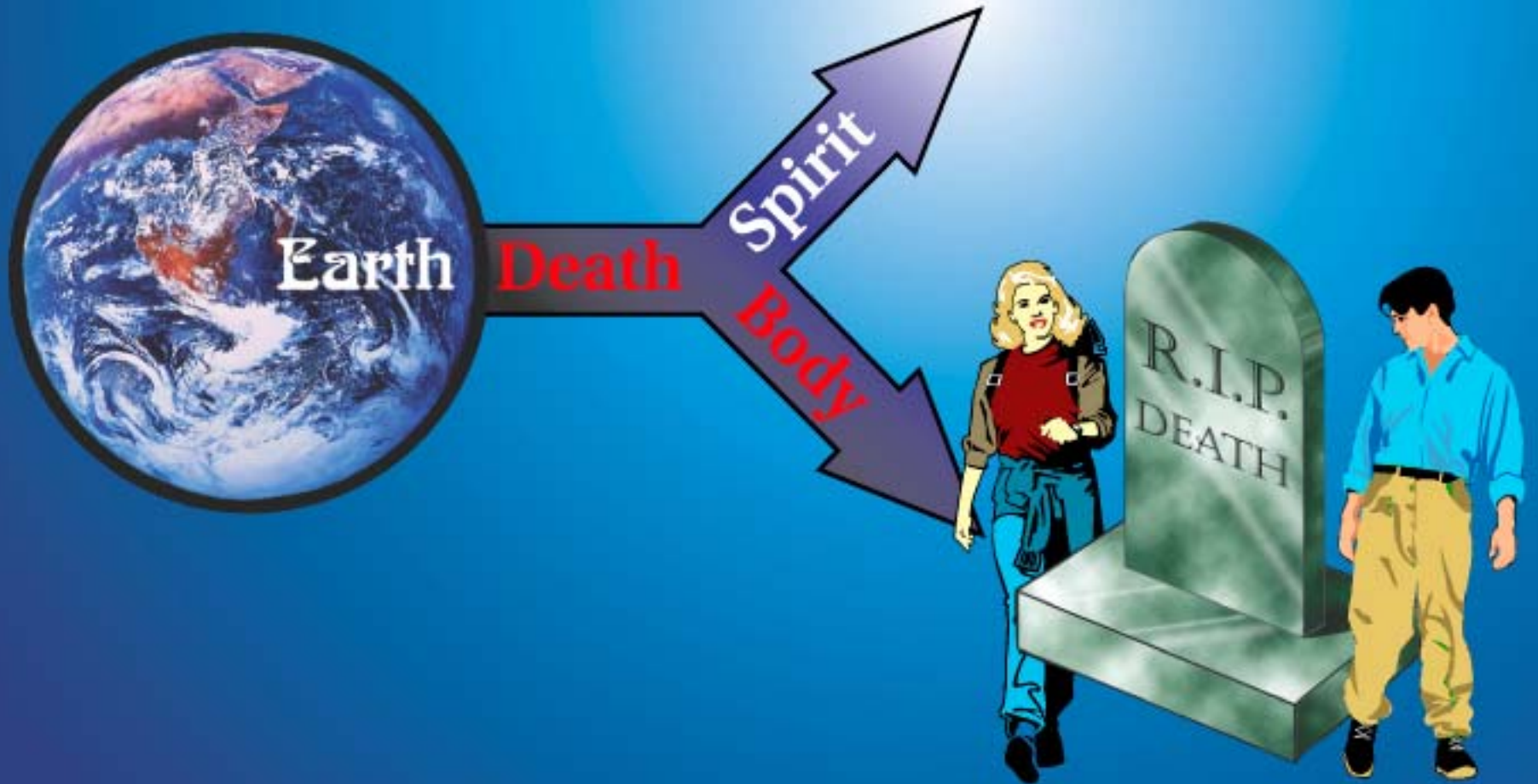
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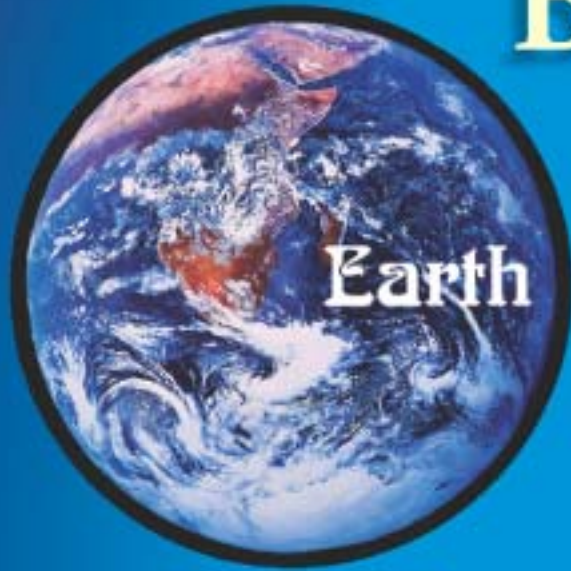
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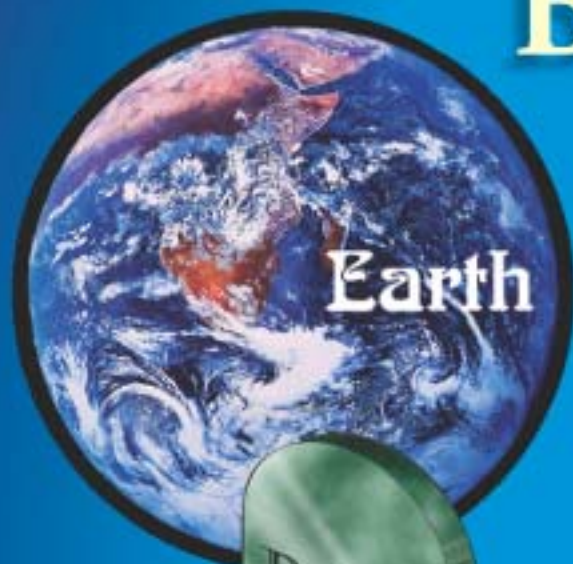
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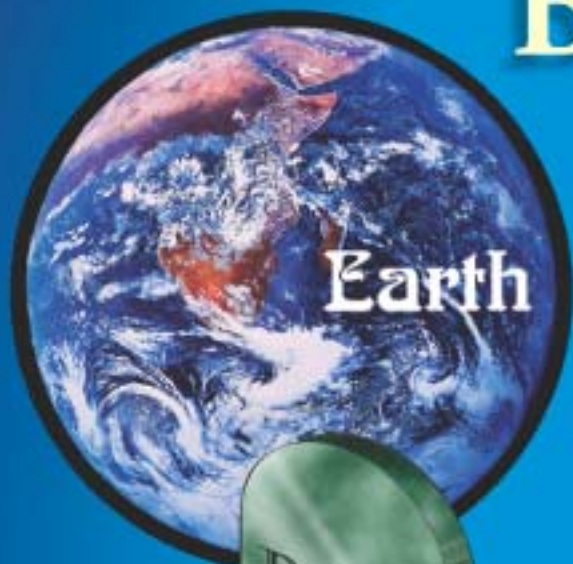


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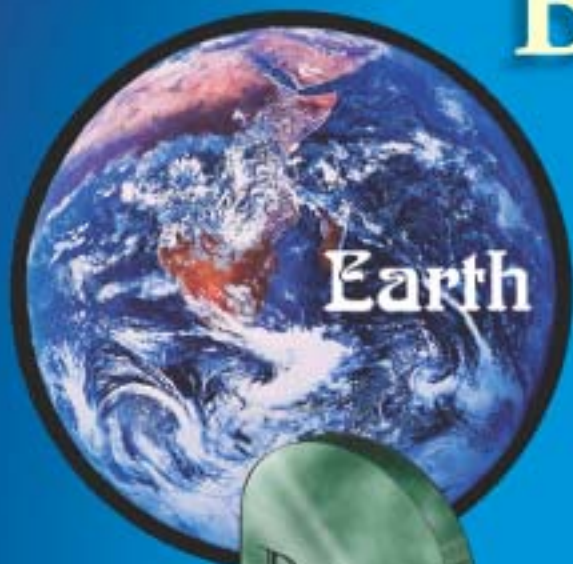
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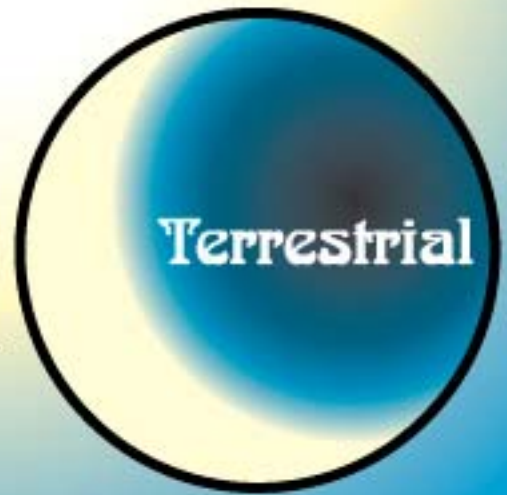


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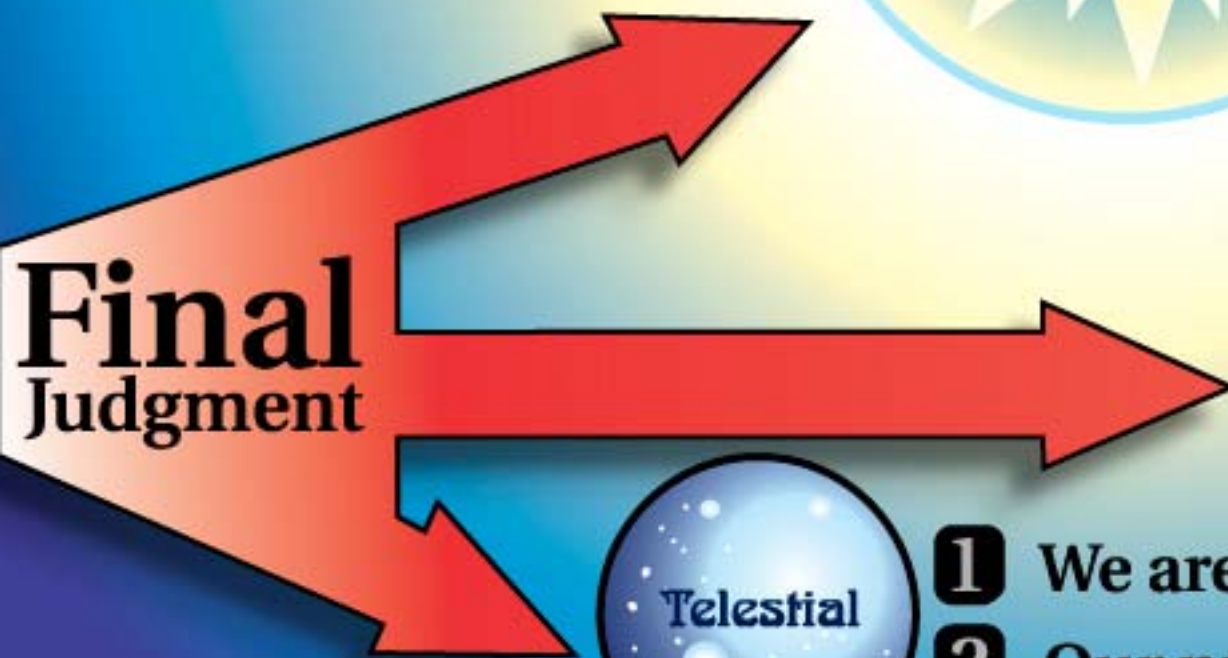
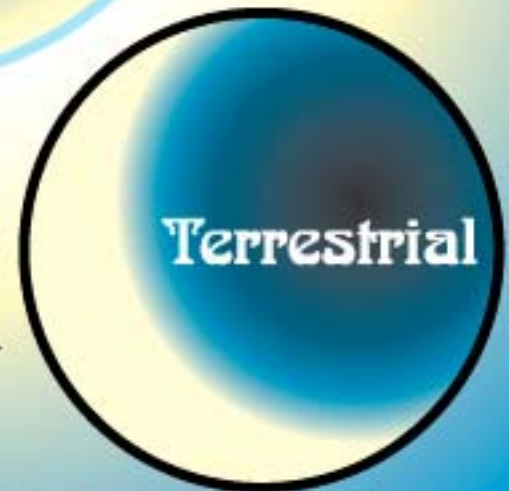


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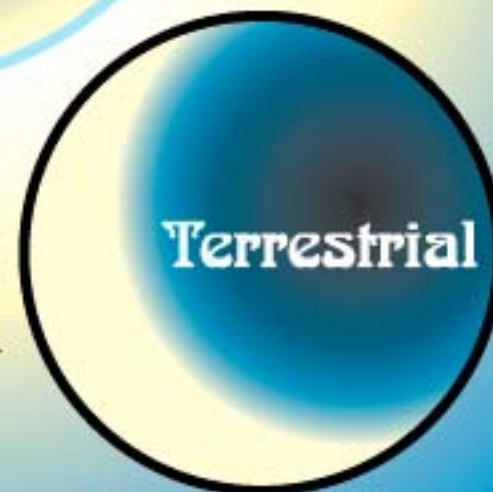
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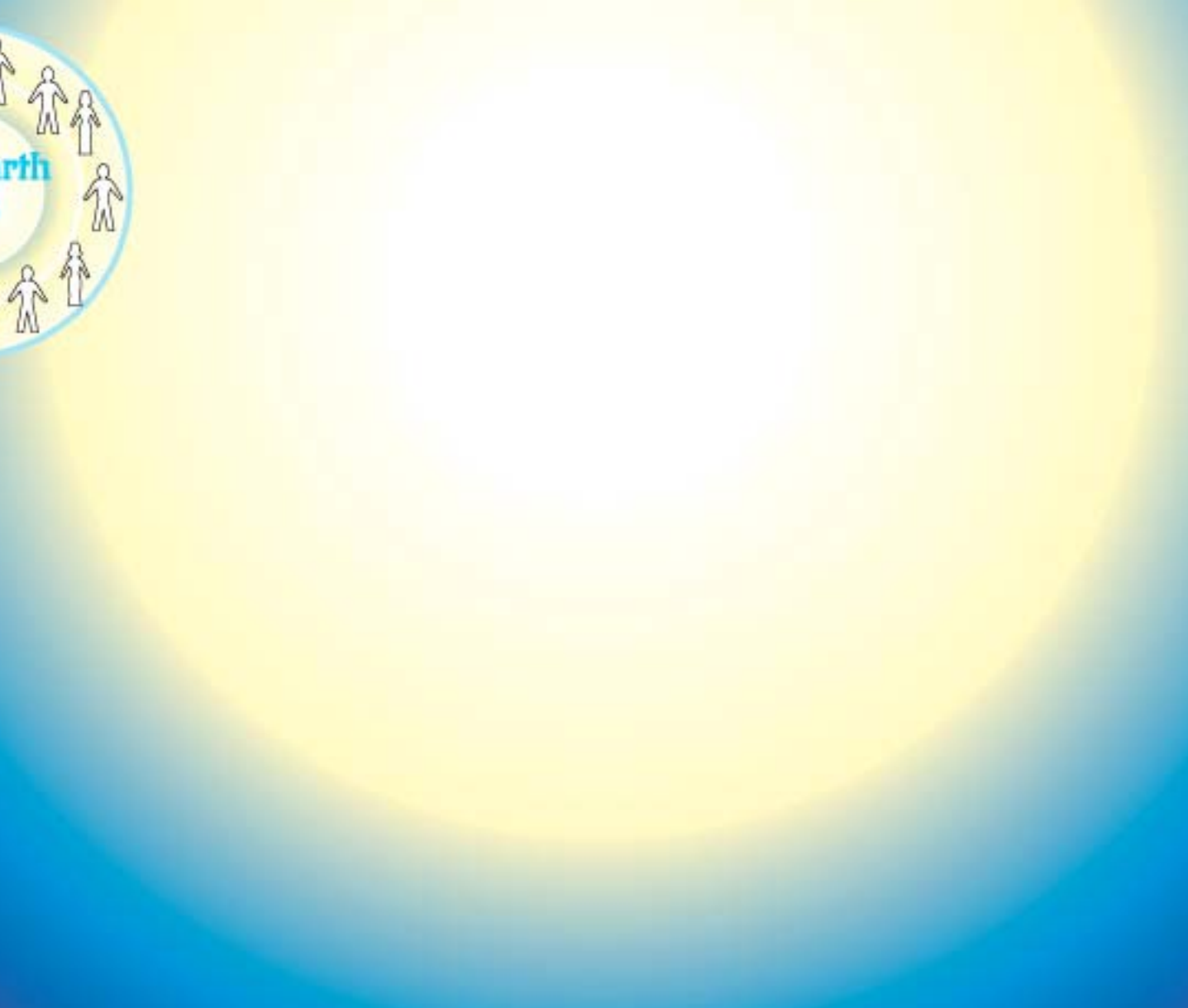
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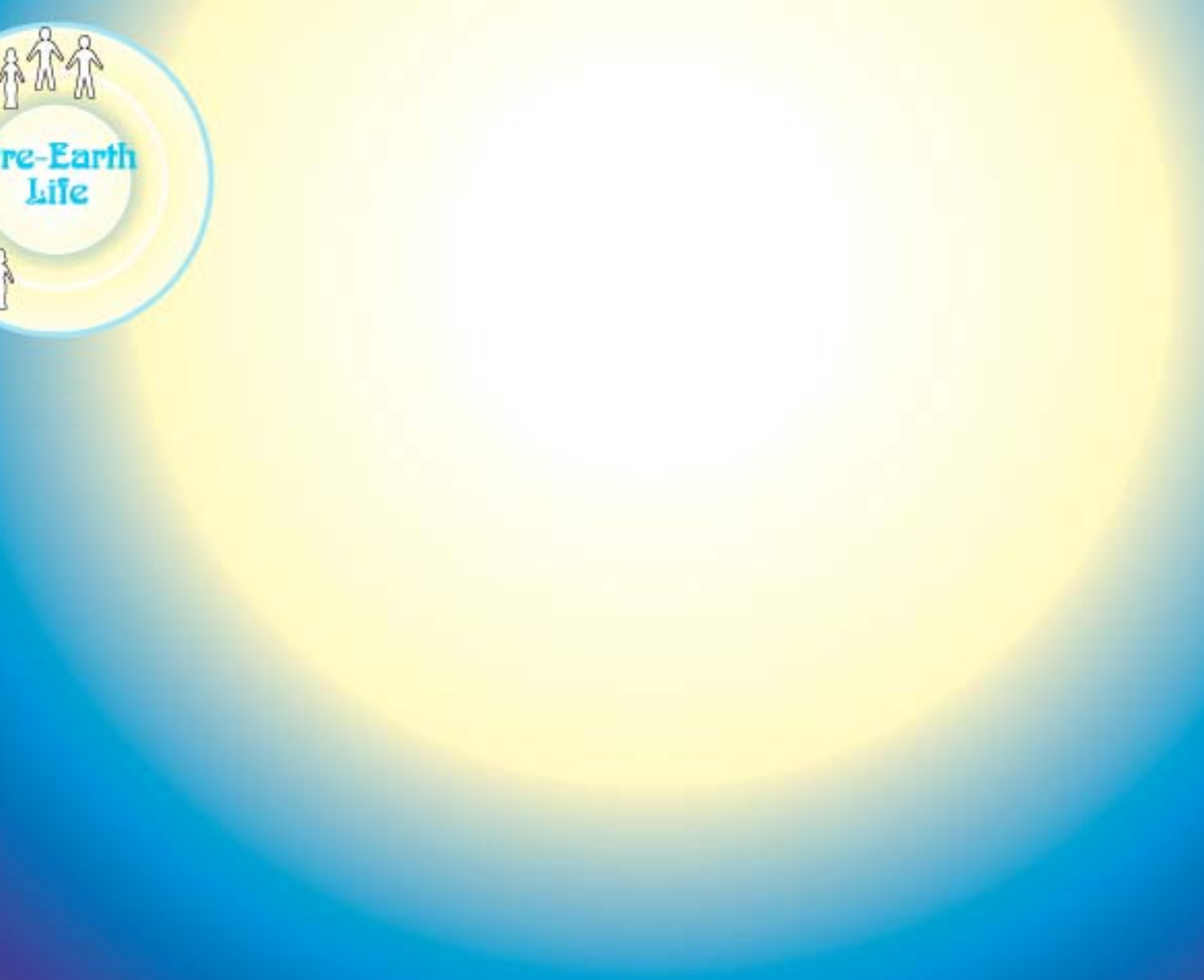
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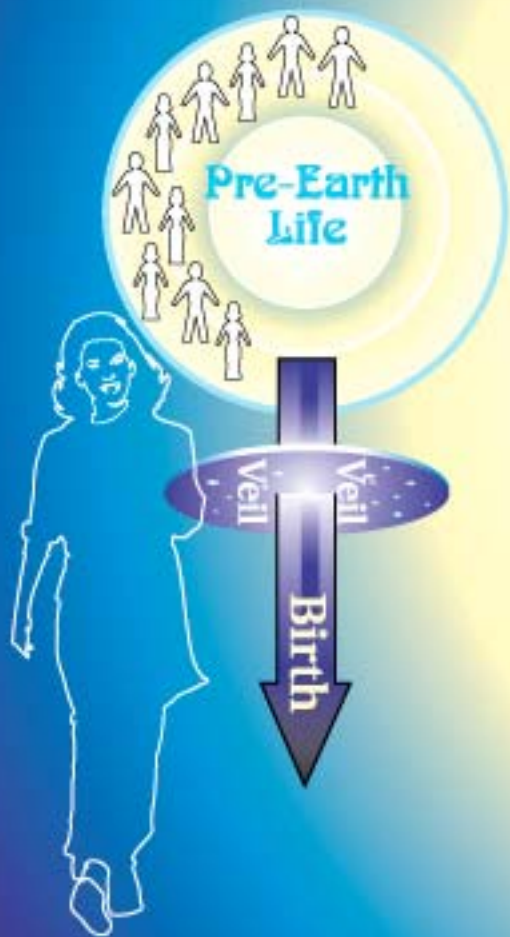
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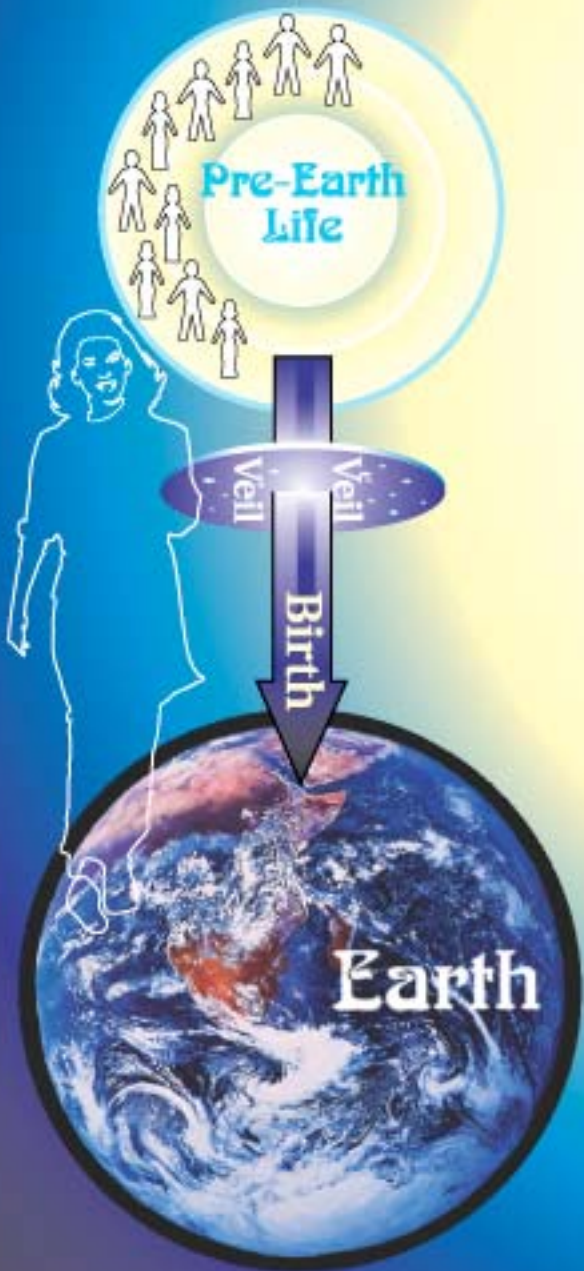
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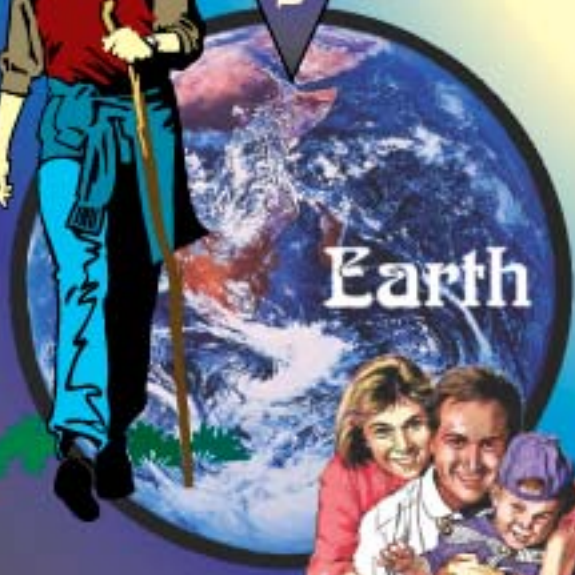




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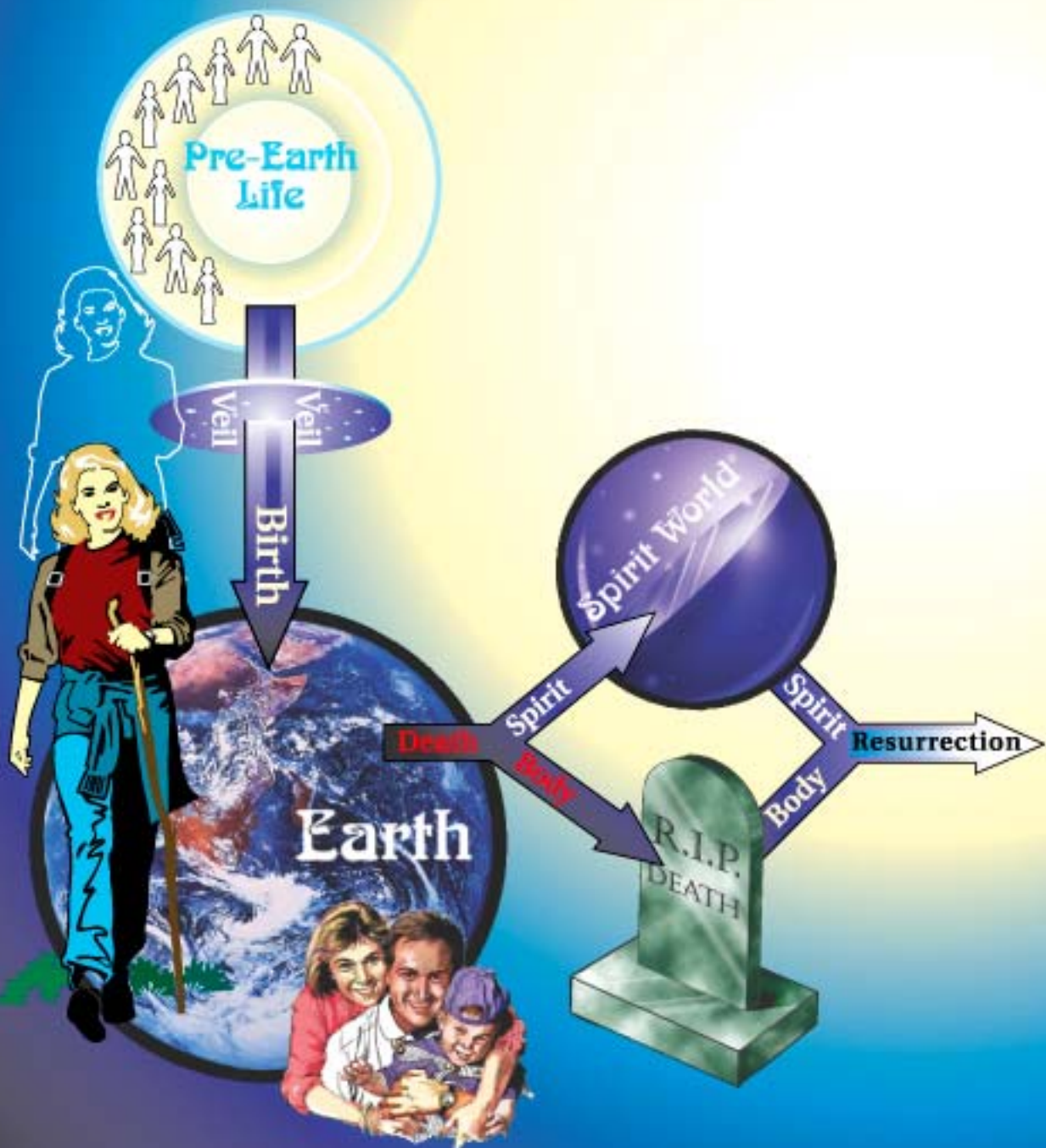
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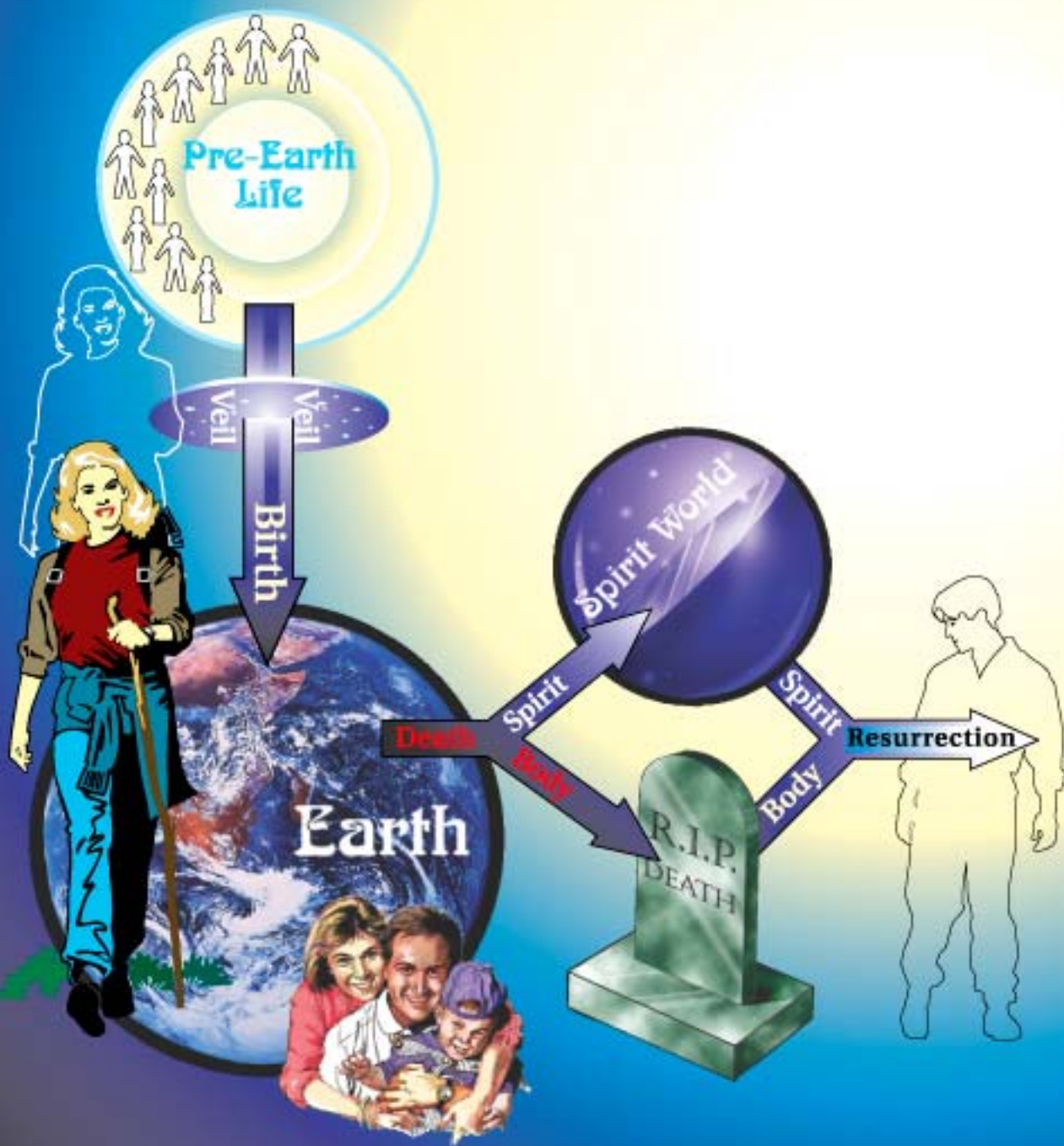
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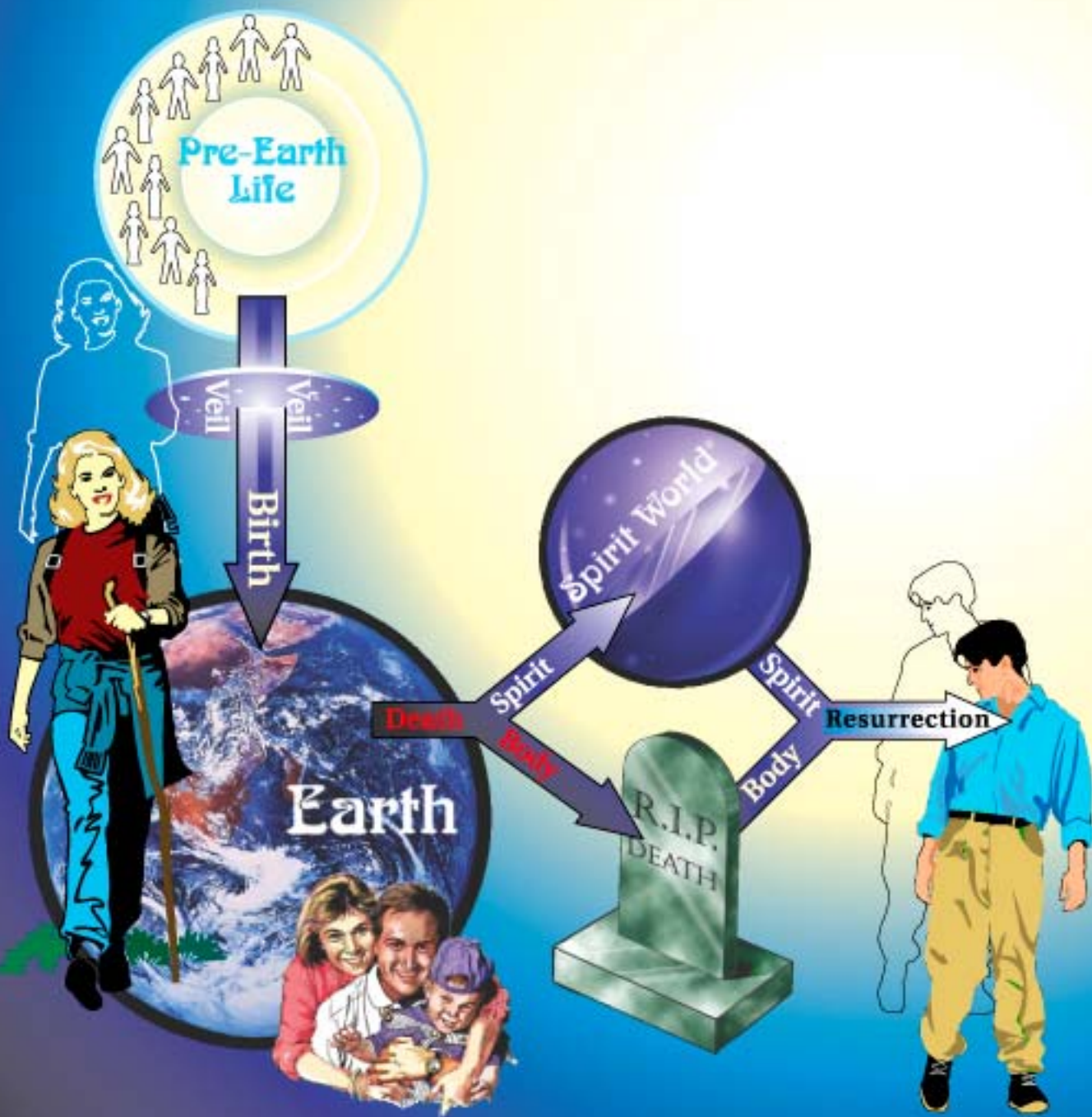


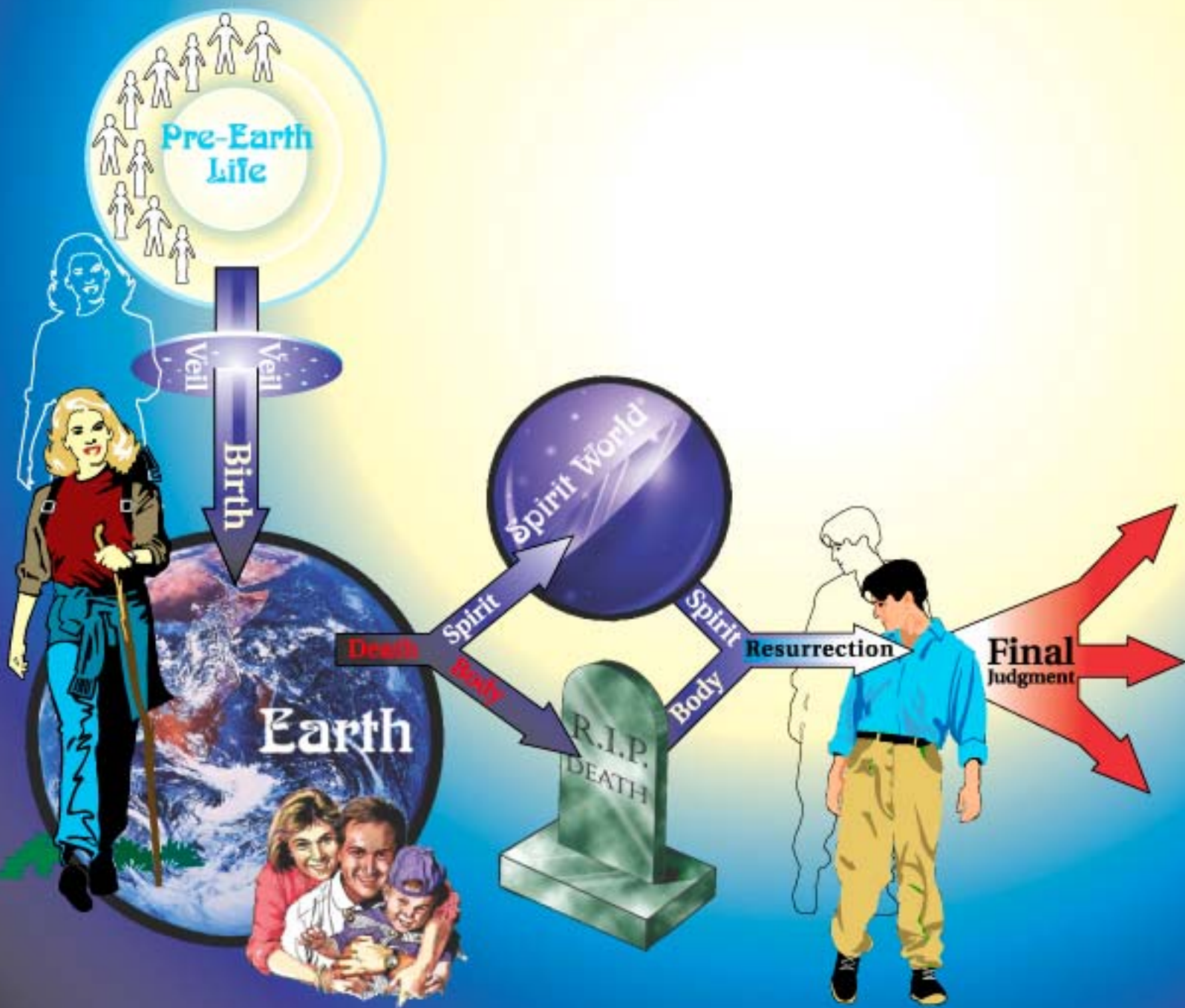


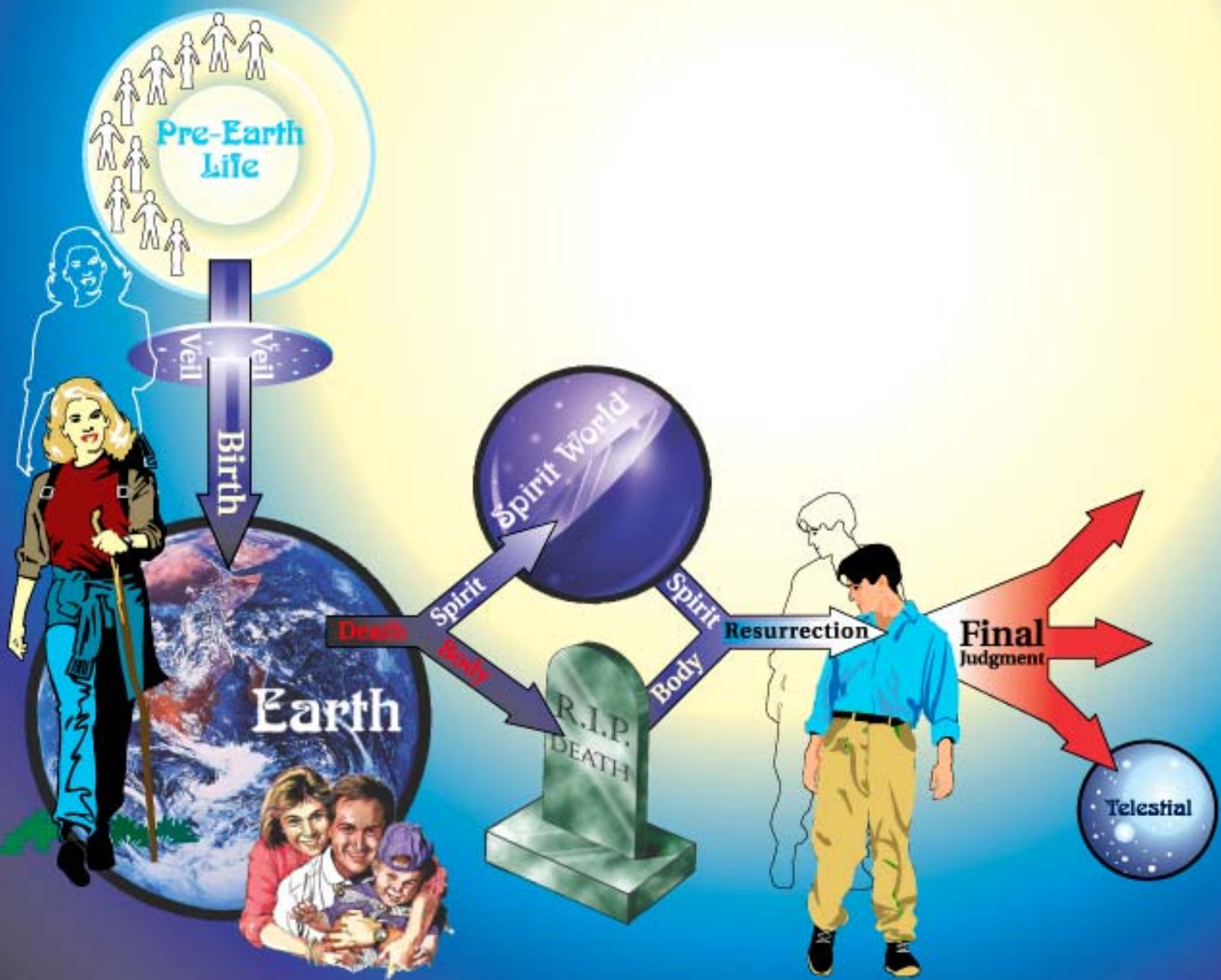


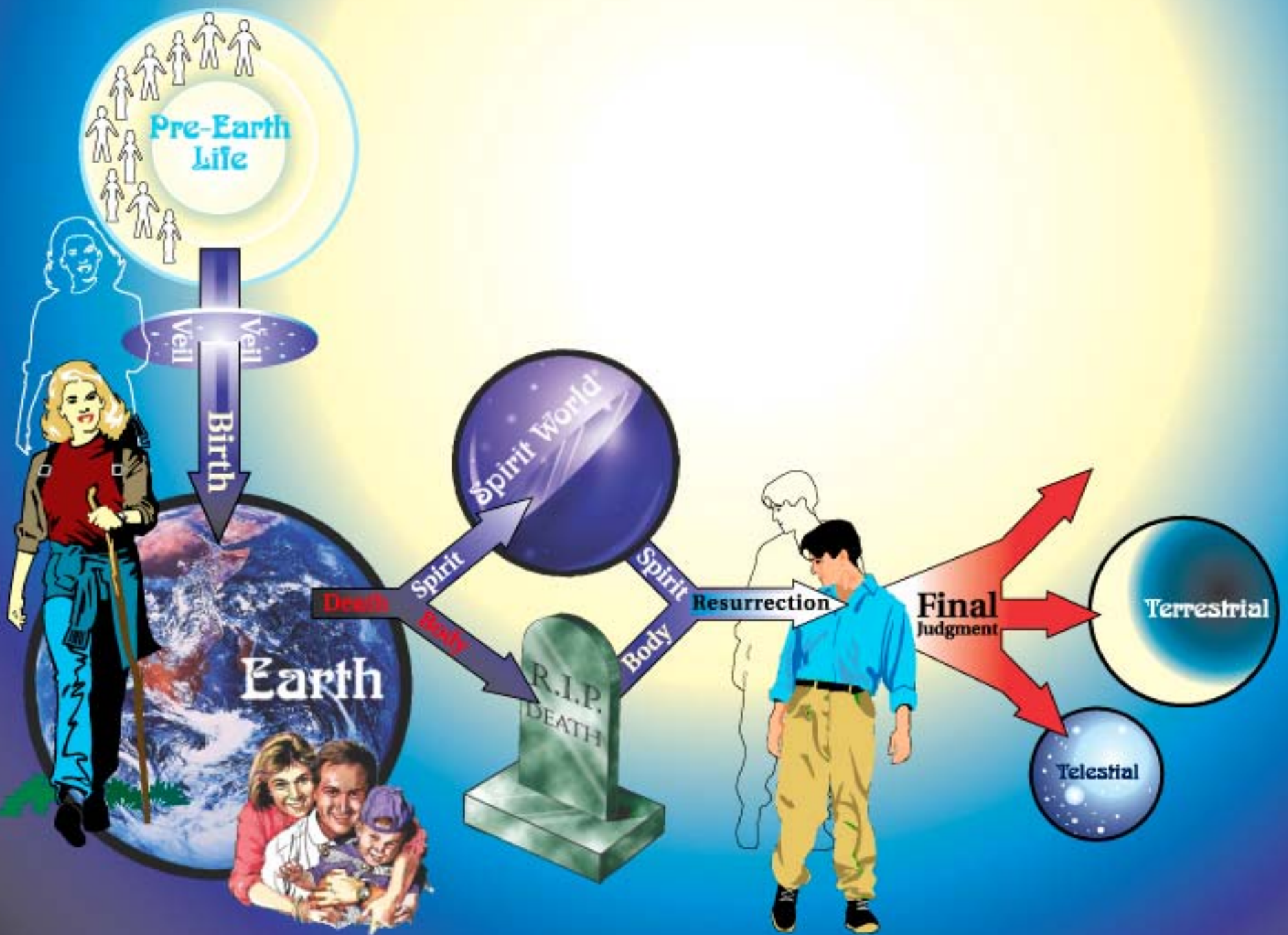


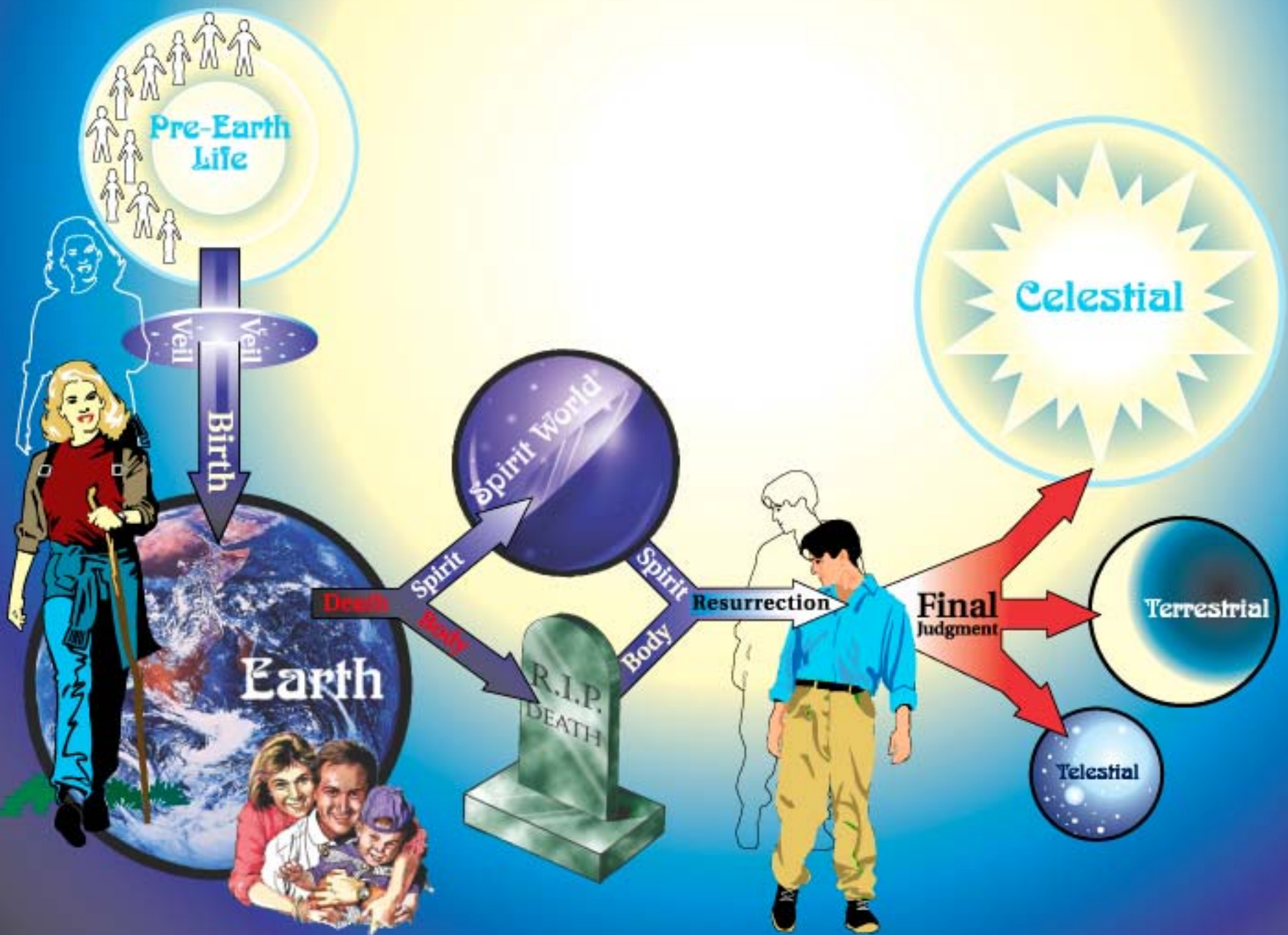












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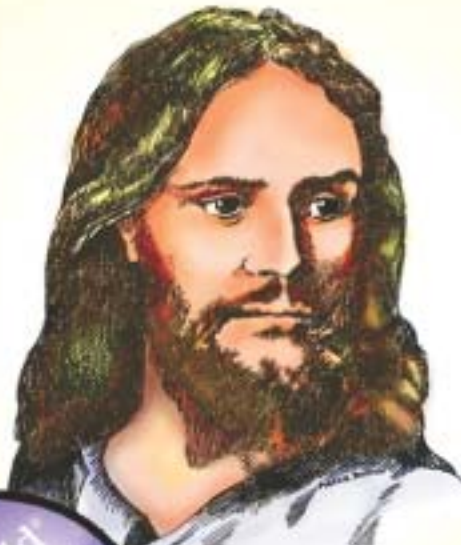
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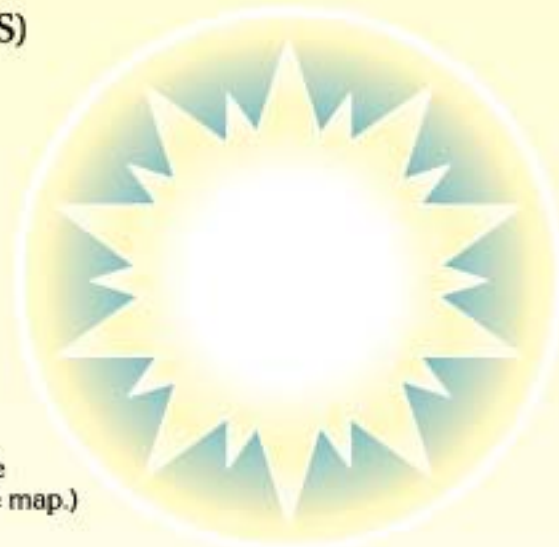
“Behold, O Lord, their souls are precious, and many of them are our brethren; therefore, give unto us, O Lord, power and wisdom that we may bring these, our brethren, again unto thee.”

Alma 31:35

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- 1. The Merciful Plan of the Great Creator** 2 Nephi 9:6
- 2. The Plan of Salvation**
from *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 68 (stress highlights)
- 3. The Plan Is Like a Map** (Concept: A complete map is needed to determine your destination. Once in the Church all organizational roads lead to the temple, completing the map.)
- 4. Christ Is Central to the Plan** John 14:6; Mosiah 3:17–21
 - a. The Creator Genesis 1:1, 26; Moses 1:32–33; 2:1
 - b. The Redeemer Isaiah 49:26; 2 Nephi 2:6–7
 - c. The Judge Psalms 9:7–8; 2 Nephi 9:41
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7. The Creation, Veil, and Birth Genesis 1:1

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- e. We stay on the path. 2 Nephi 31:15–20

9. Death 1 Corinthians 15:22; Alma 40:9–14

10. Resurrection John 11:25; Alma 11:42–45; 40:22–23

11. Born Once Ecclesiastes 3:1–2

Die Once Hebrews 9:27; Alma 11:45

Resurrected Once Job 19:25–26; Bible Dictionary p 761

12. Final Judgment Romans 14:10–12; Revelation 20:12; 2 Nephi 9:41

Terrestrial and Telestial Doctrine and Covenants 138:58–59

- a. We are separated from God. Doctrine and Covenants 76:71–80
- b. Our progression is limited. Doctrine and Covenants 76:81–89, 98–106

Celestial Doctrine and Covenants 76:92–96

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13. Review

14. We can make it! 2 Nephi 31:20



Scripture References used for the Merciful Plan

Old Testament

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