

## What is the Purpose of Man?

What is the purpose of life?

We said man differs from the brute beast in having reason.

Reason aims at truth

Man by reason seeks not only the answers,

But the correct answers –



**THE TRUTH**

SO WHAT IS MAN FOR? His reason aims at truth. So one objective that man is pointed to by his very nature is – TO KNOW THE TRUTH.

And God is Truth – For in God, there must be the true ideas of all things before they are created according to those ideas. So man is able to find all Truth in God alone.

So the destiny  
of man  
is  
**GOD**



I am the way, and the truth,  
and the life. (Jn. 14,6)

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The other faculty that makes man different from the animal is free will.

Free will aims at choosing the good.

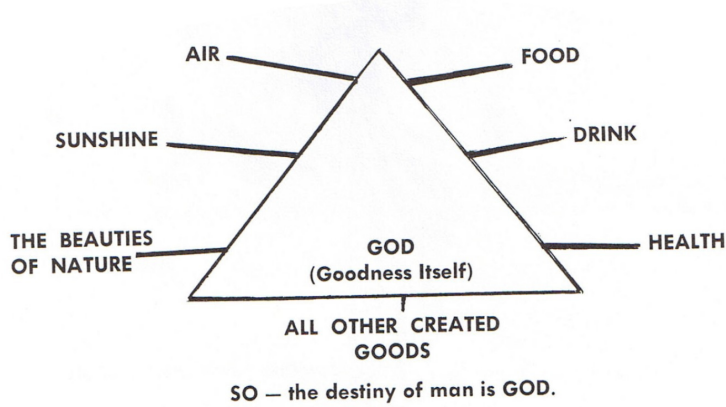
Even when we sin, we think we are  
choosing some good at the moment –  
But it is only a seeming, apparent good.



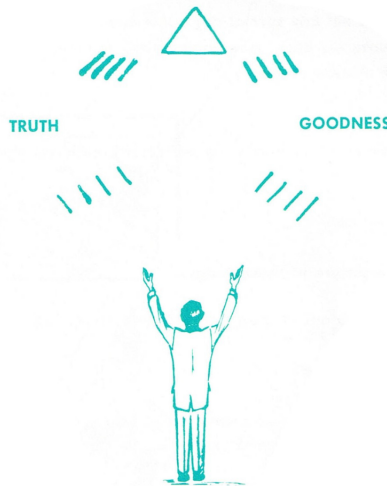
## What is the Purpose of Man? (Continued)

The only pure goodness is God Himself.

All the goodness of things on earth is but the reflection of God's infinite goodness.



Since the destiny of man is God,  
man on earth directs himself to his destiny by filling himself with as much **TRUTH AND GOODNESS** as he can – by making himself as like to **GOD** as he can.



We must **LEARN** and **ACCEPT** – **THE TRUTH**

Whether it comes by reason or by revelation. A person who does this is called **WISE**.

We must **BUILD VIRTUE** and act virtuously  
...**TO BE GOOD**.

A person who does this is called **HOLY**.

Man's aim in life should be to become **WISE** and **HOLY**.