

A

Synopsía

(a summary of the sacred)
of the stories and instructions
of Creation and Redemption
given to the peoples of the world

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Creation

In the beginning, the entirety of existence was void, empty, and without time. Then the Creator spread light throughout existence, calling the area the universe. The Creator molded the debris of existence into stars and planets and moons.

The Creator formed the Earth from the debris, giving it sky and oceans. Then the Creator formed grasses and plants on the surface and fish in the sea and birds in the sky and creatures on the land. Lastly, the Creator thought about humans.

Humans were given power over the Earth to watch and guard all the creation. Humans were told to increase and expand their influence over the world, as a gift from the Creator, whom humans called God.

In the beginning days of the human race, humans grew in intelligence and out of need of their Creator. Many turned their backs on the one who gave them life. They did not listen to the law of the land to love first; instead, they looked out only for themselves, causing hurt to other people and the world.

Few people stayed in the presence of God. And even they struggled to stay there. For humans were an imperfect species with a perfect task. Their Creator knew this but always asked them to strive for perfection as God is perfect.

It was at this time that it was sent to the followers of God the instructions on how to live. These instructions came with promise: if you follow these instructions and spread them to all the world, then the community that is humans will be a better people.

These instructions are for humans in how they are to interact with God, other humans, and the rest of creation.

This is the nature of love:

God is love. Love is from God.

There is no love apart from God and God is not apart from love.

The followers of God are in this love and live this love.

*Therefore, love God always.
Love people always.
Love yourself always.
Love all of creation always.
Love and protect and help that which you are to love.*

*This is the nature of fear.
Fear is the enemy. Fear is from the Enemy.
The Enemy is fear and all those who spread fear.
Do not fear. Do not hate. Do not harm anything in God's creation.
Protect those who are being attacked in fear.*

*In all that you do, love.
In all that you do, fear not.
In everything you do, do not harm any of creation.*

*Guard your thoughts, words, and actions.
If any of them lead from love and help and into fear and harm, flee from them.*

After the instructions had been given, people continued to do as they pleased and the followers of God were few. Harm and hate seemed to fill the world, but ever so often, an orator would rise up to tell the people, "Turn from your life of hatred which leads to destruction. Turn around toward your Creator, who has held you close since the beginning."

Some followed. Some continued their path of destruction. Many who turned from love ended in destruction, and the followers of God continued.

Writings

1

*We cry out to you, our Creator.
For we are in despair.
The Enemy—the one from whom
all hate and fear come—
has hold of us*

*We need you, God.
I know you will save me,
and set me on a foundation
of love and peace.*

2

*God, our Creator—
Majestic is your name.
At the beginning there was void
and you alone brought light
and the sun, moon, and stars.
You crafted the Earth
and made the animals.*

*You gave us hope when we failed you
and gave us a way when we were lost.
You are wonderful and powerful.
Thank you, God.*

3

*I cry out to my God, "Help!"
War and famine cover all around me.
The enemies of the Creator are upon us.*

*I am without hope
except for the One who loves,
the One who gives,
the One who can save.*

*Save me, God, I am in need of your help.
I know you will not fail me.*

4

*The wars rage around me,
but I stand in the hope.
Death and destruction fall upon the world,
but I am held in the love.
Hatred and fear increase to the edges of the Earth,
but I am steady in the promise.*

*My God, my Creator, has me.
My God has a plan for me.
I will place my trust
in the One who loves.*

5

*I give praise to the God
of our ancestors.
who is our God,
and will be the God of our descendants.*

*The God of us has blessed us
with love and guidance.
Our God has given us
an abundant world to guard.*

Praise to our God!

*Wise are those who follow their elders;
Foolish are those who follow themselves.*

*Raise up your children with love,
so that they will understand love themselves.*

*Wealth and riches are nothing
compared to wisdom and knowledge.*

*Follow your Creator
and you will be blessed.
Follow not your Creator
and you will be troubled.*

*Humility goes farther
than boastfulness.*

*Love does not hate;
hate does not love,
it only destroys.*

*Do not follow a hate-filled person.
They will turn your heart and destroy you.*

*Cattle graze with cattle.
Birds flock with birds.
So do wise people talk with wise,
and fearful plot with fearful.*

Your heart is either one of love,
which leads you to help others,
or one of fear,
which leads you to harm others.

The one who talks without listening
is like a river that flows but is not refilled.
The source will empty and be useless.

How leaders treat their workers
is how they treat their children.

If you follow the wise,
you will become wise.

It is better to give than to receive.
It is better to bring happiness than to receive it.

Treat others with better respect
than even they give you.

Meaningless are the mountains of gold and silver
compared to the mounds of smiles and laughter.

Be careful who you take advice from—
some care more about your attention
than your concerns.

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In those days when the peoples of the Earth did not follow the God of their creation, orators rose up, telling the peoples of the world a message from their Creator.

Turn, you nations! Come back, you people!

The Creator of all calls you.

You have fallen away and move toward despair.

Despair has consumed you.

You fight in the day, cower in the night.

*You have set up gods of fear in your homes,
and have missed the God of love before you.*

The peoples attacked the orators. They locked them in jails, humiliated them in public, and sometimes killed them. But more orators rose up and the message continued.

Hear, people! Listen nations!

Your Creator has a message for you.

Stray from your path of destruction.

Death is coming toward you.

You have forgotten how to love,

how to show compassion to all.

The weak are starving on the roads,

*and orphans are dying near families
as they sit down for supper.*

Widows are begging at the corner

and are being mocked in the market.

Guard yourselves from these practices.

*They will lead only to death and destruction
of you and the generations to come.*

Turn back to the Creator.

Ask for forgiveness;

Help the needy;

Destroy your harmful behaviors.

Feed the orphans;

*Help the weak;
House the widows.*

*Save yourselves from demise
and the ridicule and spite of future generations.*

*The end is nearing—
be ready.
Your God can take you in the night.
Do not be taken unready and unwilling.*

*Your Creator calls for love and help
from you for all creation.
Follow your God
and not your own desires of destruction.*

Redemption

This is the account of the redemption of humanity. Since the beginning of humanity and the giving of the instructions for humans, all peoples have strayed from the commands of their Creator. The Creator knew help was necessary. Therefore, a Redeemer was sent to Earth in order to remind the peoples of the world including the followers of God, who also had strayed, of the responsibilities and expectations of them and what they were entrusted to do as stewards of the world by its Creator.

The Redeemer spoke to the people, "Love God, your Creator. Love and help others. Love all of creation, which is given by God. Love yourself, a person made in the image of your Creator."

The Redeemer walked and talked with people, telling them, "Do not fear; do not harm," and befriended many women and men. The Redeemer told people, "When you talk to your God, speak like this:

"God, our Creator,
you are great.
Please help us daily
and may we help others.
Keep us from hatred and harmfulness,
and protect us from fear."

However, the Redeemer was despised by many, seen as an ordinary person claiming higher knowledge and teaching, "Follow me and you will be saved."

The Redeemer continued to teach, reminding the followers of God the agreement they made with their Creator many years ago to look after one another. The Redeemer spoke,

"Blessed are the followers of God—
their deeds will spread.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of faith—
they will be honored.
Blessed are the weak—

*they will be made strong.
Blessed are those who mourn—
they will be comforted.*

“Your heart will be known by your deeds, words, and actions. A good heart produces good deeds. A bad heart produces bad deeds. Guard yourselves from those who will try to get you to stray.”

The Redeemer continued to teach until the opposition became great. Then the Redeemer, knowing time had come, told the followers of God, “It is time for me to leave. Do not worry. I shall see you again. Spread this message that I have given you. I will send one to sustain you and give you strength to carry this work. The Sustainer will be with you always and with all future followers of God. In this, the Creator and the Redeemer will be with you always.

Once the Redeemer left, the followers of God felt the Sustainer come to them. They then spread the message given by the Creator, emphasized by the Redeemer, and held by the Sustainer. The followers of God increased daily and fellowships were created across the world, some in secret due to persecution and some in the open due to freedoms given by the people of the land.

Several of the early messengers of the Redeemer became well known and were held in high regard of the leadership they gave. Soon though, the early messengers were gone and new leaders were given leadership.

During these times, guidelines were established, and the followers of God were mostly in one accord. When disagreements arose, the followers of God met and discussed what was best based on the stories and instructions found in Creation and Redemption and based on the best for the community. And the fellowships grew and the message spread.

Letters

*A message to the followers of God,
from a fellow member of the community of God,
may the love of the Creator be with you.*

I write to you to discuss the issues that you have been facing. For when there are more than one member in a community then differences of ideas and disagreements may arise. Do not let these differences led to a wedge of division in the fellowship. Are we not all followers of the same Creator? Were we not all saved by the same Redeemer? Are we not all filled by the same Sustainer?

Let us begin any conversation by remembering who we are, and not who I am and you are not. Do not let us boast of our greatness. In all we do, do in humility. For it was not I nor you who created us or redeemed us. For this we know:

*Our God created us,
 showing us love
 and telling us to love.
When humans followed hate and fear,
 the Redeemer came to protect us
 from ourselves.
The Redeemer left us a Sustainer
 to guide us until the end of time.*

Let us repeat this message as we have in the past to remind ourselves whose we are over who we are.

Concerning the order of fellowship, I know no specifics given by words written about our Creator or Redeemer, except those given as to love all and not to harm. Therefore, let us show love in all aspects of fellowship and to all people who come.

I give suggestions that readings, teachings, and discussions of the stories of the followers of God and the sacred writings. Let us communicate with one another and sing and work in union to spread the message of love and hope that which has been passed to us.

Concerning those new to the community and to the fellowship (I make no distinction between these words except that community generally has referred to all believers while fellowship to an individual group), when a person decides to join the followers of God and enter into your fellowship, let them announce their faith to the fellowship and let the members of the fellowship discuss whether this new person shall join.

Make a promise to teach, help, and grow all new members, whether they are young or old. For our Creator makes no distinction amongst the followers of God: whether old, young; rich, poor, male, female—we are all the same, followers of God made by our Creator.

Give greetings to all members of the fellowships of the followers of God around you from us as we give greetings to you. Blessings and love to you always.

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*A letter to a fellowship of the followers of God,
from a messenger from the community of God,
may God's love be with you.*

I write based on issues within the fellowship concerning how the fellowships are run. As it has been written before, there are no instructions except to do all we do in love and to spread the message of our Creator and of our Redeemer. Therefore, what I say is from much thought, prayer, discussion, and practice.

Set loving leaders to be in charge of each fellowship. These leaders should be mature in faith, accepted widely as the followers of God, and mature in the instruction and stories given to us. They should be without controversy, without fear, without harm, and they should be full of humility. All leaders should be accepted by their fellowship and the leaders already there. For anyone in the leadership role will govern the fellowship in all matters, set aside to do the work but not independent from the members of the fellowship.

Each fellowship has its own rules, except to follow the instructions of our Creator and of our Redeemer. These rules shall be discussed with all members and accepted in the fellowship. Disagreements and discussion should not be denied, as they can be used as moments to teach and learn. However, wedges of divisions should be not allowed, for it hurts the community of God.

Each fellowship should also have a teacher of the stories and instructions. Brought forth by the leaders and accepted by the members, the teacher will have the tasks to perform based on the needs of the fellowship and its members, including the teaching of what we hold sacred and believe.

Any other special task given to a member should be made in accordance to the way that leaders and teachers are chosen. Anyone who does not follow the instructions and stories, does not fulfill their duty, or spreads division, harm, or fear, shall be removed using the same process as they were assigned. Flee from fear, flee from hate. Fall into love, fall into helpfulness.

In all matters that cannot be decided by the fellowship, seek guidance from the elders in the followers of God. And in all, stay in unity, faith, and in love.

*A message to the communities
from an elder of the followers of God,
may love be with you always.*

From the beginning of time people have followed the Creator and people have followed the enemy. The Redeemer came giving us hope in the time that was to be despair. These teaching are sacred to us and our community.

Therefore, do not despair now. The end is nearing. Follow God in faith, in earnest hope, and above all in love. Our Creator does not fail us, but has sent us a Redeemer whom we follow and in whom we are saved and has sent us a Sustainer in whom we grow and strengthen.

For one day will come the end of harm and fear. The enemy and the followers of the enemy will be defeated. Harm and hatred will be destroyed along with fear and hopelessness. Until that day, strive on following the instructions given to you.

May our Creator's love be upon you always.