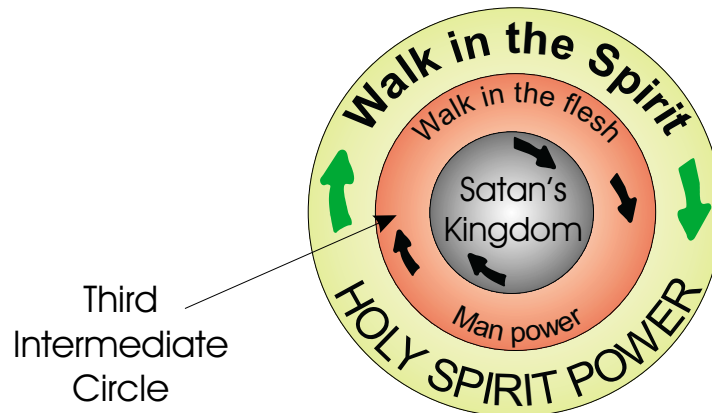


saved? I knew I couldn't be unborn as a Christian: had I ever been saved at all?

THREE POWER SPHERES

But then it came. The missing link I needed to make sense of it all was there. I was to draw the two circles again, one to represent faith and the other evil, but this time to include a third circle between them. I quickly filled in the spheres with their particular characteristics and placed all the arrows in their proper direction.



This third, intermediate circle answered the questions which had previously puzzled me. It was a sphere of carnality. And it was this intermediate sphere which I had unknowingly made home for so many years. And this sphere was the reason I served Satan, idols, and self-not God.

I understood from this simple drawing that sin was like a gravitational pull on the soul of man. Like the shuttle, which needs its rocket boosters to break it free from the earth's gravitational pull, I needed God's power not only to break free from the power of Satan, but also to *sustain* me in faith's orbit once free. The key to this power was DILIGENCE in cultivating faith. And by that I mean STUDY to gain wisdom. For wisdom provided the daily momentum necessary to maintain orbit and by acting upon it, the ability to resist the siren call of the innumerable idols in the cosmos of Satan (the world); and therefore what comes forth from God's mouth provides the power to live victoriously. But the way I had learned faith through the Charismatic movement (i.e., "have what you say," positive confession, tithing, "seed-faith," "vow and decree") was a total perversion of what the wisdom of God taught. This explained why I quickly lost power shortly after my salvation some years before and fell from grace into this intermediate circle. It was not hell, but close, for it is a

sphere controlled by Satan, and mirrors his kingdom. And as vital as it is for an unbeliever to get out of the Kingdom of Satan, it is equally important for the carnal believer to get out of this intermediate sphere. His salvation is not at stake, but his glory blessings are.

That morning in prayer birthed what I call the POWER SPHERES: the *Sphere of Evil*, the *Sphere of Carnality* and the *Sphere of Faith* (see front cover design). These spheres hold all power and influence over mankind, yet they in no way interfere with man's free will. We are where we are by our own choice. And, as we will learn, each power sphere is controlled by a master or an authority head (the Lord Jesus Christ or Satan, respectively). Though we are servants, we do have a say in whom we wish to serve. Therefore, you must determine which lord has your best interests at heart. The purpose of this book and ministry is to give you the knowledge and understanding to make the right choice.

VOCABULARY

Before we go any further, we need to establish a basic vocabulary. The more clear you are as to the terms I use, the better you will be able to use this system to your benefit.

KINGDOM/DOMAIN: That which derives its power and authority from God to execute and exercise God's permissive and perfect wills.

SPHERES: That which is comprised of individuals who have freely chosen a particular discipline taught or espoused by a kingdom. Those individuals therefore are empowered and energized by that kingdom to carry out the desires of its lord.

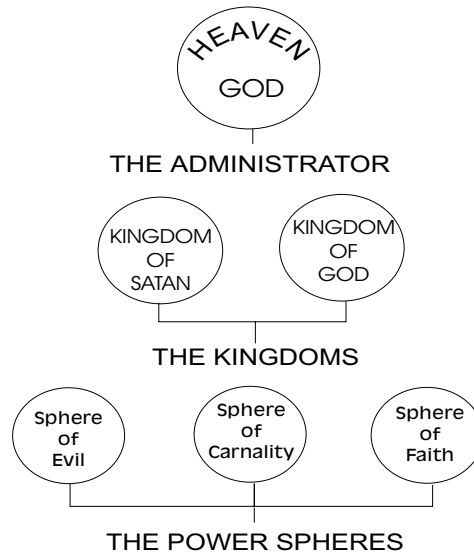
ORBITS: A path characterized by a certain lifestyle, manner of living, or conduct influenced by its sphere.

ADMINISTRATION: A system established to supervise, dispense, minister, and execute. God, as administrator, supervises the domains, spheres and orbits; dispenses blessings, discipline, and cursing; ministers common grace to all men (Mt. 5:45), and supports His children with all they need to reach spiritual maturity. And lastly, God executes His Word.

*My word ... which goes forth from My mouth ...
shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing
what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter
for which I sent it. (Is. 55:11)*

RESIDENCE/HOME: To dwell, remain or abide in a particular orbit, within a chosen sphere under the rulership of a chosen kingdom.

Up to this point, we have the following power structure of the spiritual realm.



I do hope you are beginning to see and become aware of structure and form, order and method, planning and purpose in God's administration. The Christian way of life is not some "hit or miss" approach to happiness. And if you seriously consider the material being presented to you, you will realize, or begin to, that the Christian way of life is a **SYSTEM** to provide you every opportunity so that you might advance to the top in God's administration.

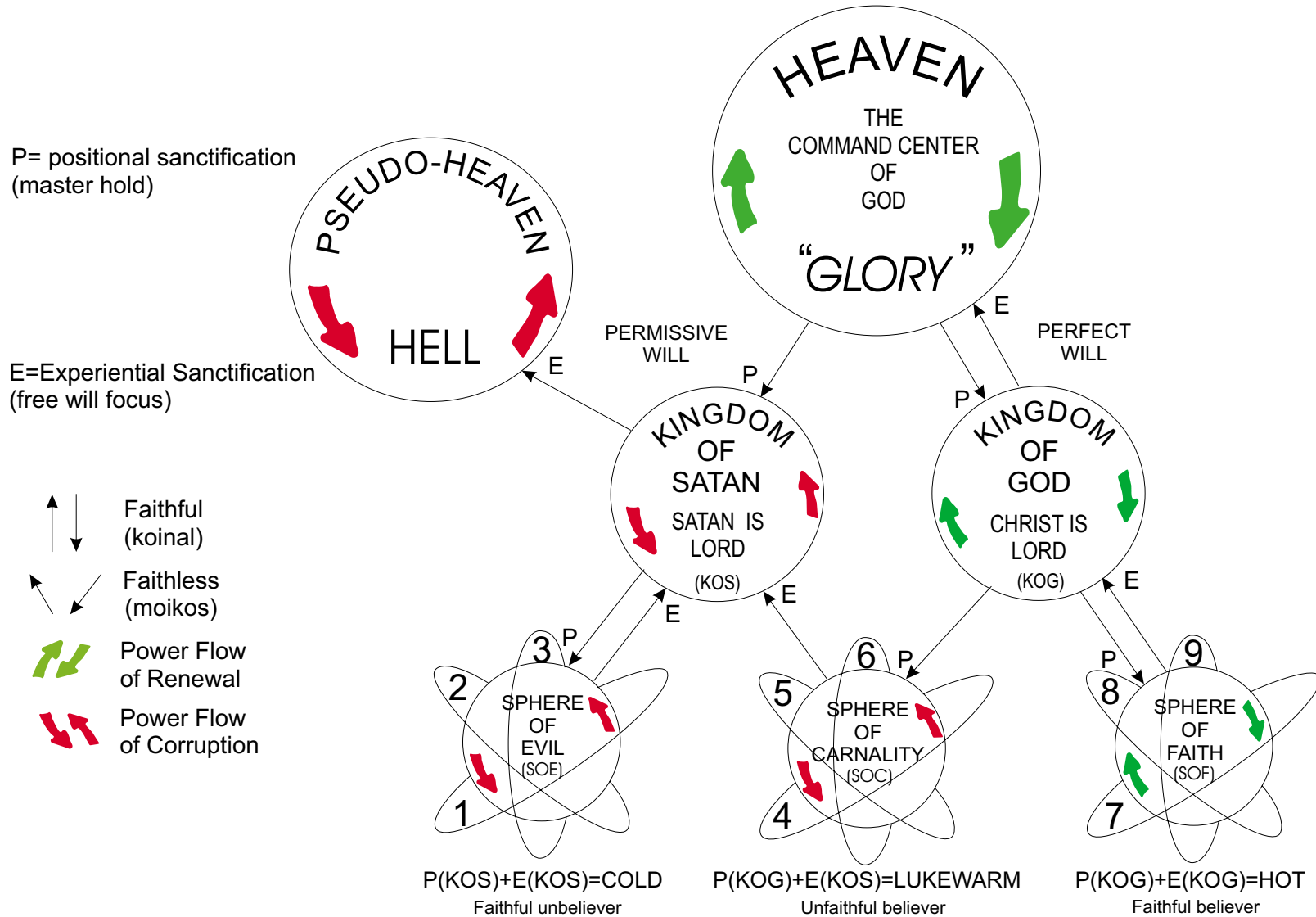
ORBITAL STRUCTURES

We have one more category to discuss in this portion of our study, perhaps the most important aspect of the power spheres, and that is their **ORBIT**. Their importance lies in terms of recognizing where we stand in relationship to God's perfect will. And by recognizing our orbit, we will know what power sphere we reside in, and be able to honestly determine through self-examination who our lord and master really is. "By their fruit you will know them" (Mt. 7:20).

Which lord we serve, whether Satan or Christ Jesus, will forever determine our eternal status. If that means anything to you, as it has to me, then you too have a marvelous opportunity to get on with God's game plan for your life.

Simply stated, orbits represent individual lifestyles under nine general categories. And though you may try psychiatry or psychology, astrology or numerology, or a combination of various disciplines and

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occultic practices to figure yourself out, God's orbital system can clarify not only who you are and why you do what you do, but can tell you where you will be and what you will receive if you continue in your chosen path. And God in His mercy and grace has given us these nine categories to determine where we stand under His administration, and where we need to be to advance to spiritual maturity.

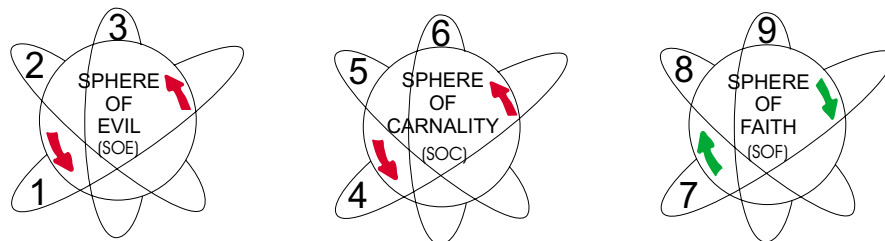
So let's look at these nine orbital structures and try to determine our own path without any tomfoolery. These nine orbits are divided into three groups. Each group is influenced by its own particular sphere and these will better define and describe the Spheres of Evil, Carnality, and Faith. After we review the nine orbits, we will begin to connect up all the spheres and domains and consider the significance of each power sphere, both in time and in eternity.

The first group of orbits, numbered 1-3, are influenced by the Sphere of Evil. They are the satanic, immoral, and moral orbits. Our second group, numbered 4-6, orbit the Sphere of Carnality, and they are the reversionist, emotionalist, and worldly-minded orbits. Lastly, revolving around the Sphere of Faith, is our third group of orbits, numbered 7-9, which are the orbits of the spiritual child, the spiritual adolescent, and the spiritually mature adult.

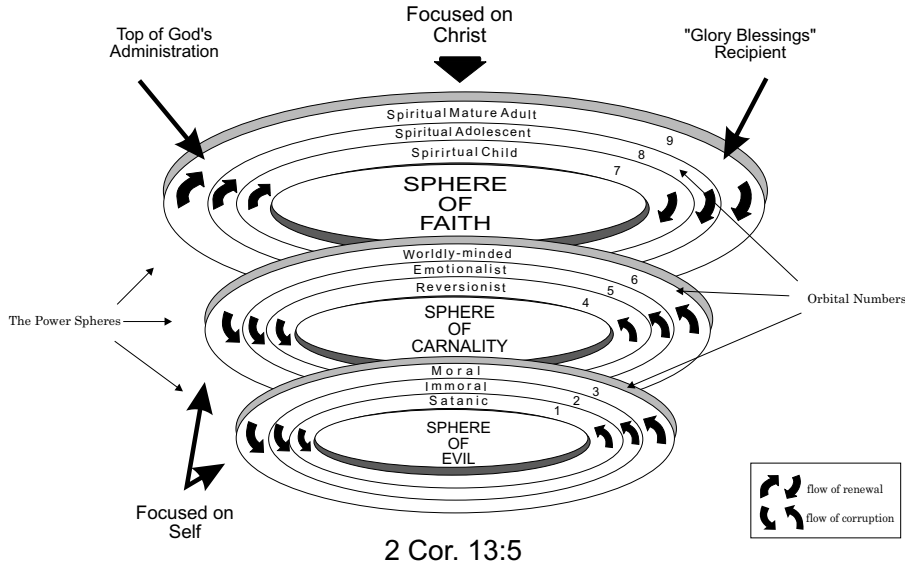
The table below identifies the orbits by sphere, orbital number, characteristic, and biblical type.

SPHERE/ ORBIT#	CHARACTERISTIC	BIBLE TYPE
SPHERE OF EVIL (SOE)		
1	Satanic	demon possessed
2	Immoral	tax collectors and sinners
3	Moral	Pharisees and Sadducees
SPHERE OF CARNALITY (SOC)		
4	Reversionist	"beside the way"
5	Emotionalist	"on rocky soil"
6	Worldly-minded	"among the thorns"
SPHERE OF FAITH (SOF)		
7	Spiritual child	Mt. Sinai
8	Spiritual adolescent	wilderness
9	Spiritual adult	the promised land

Here is how they look orbiting their respective spheres.



Below is how they look in relationship to one another. This *faith detector* gives us an opportunity to determine our present orbit and to make whatever thought adjustments necessary. If we are off course to orbit nine (the top of God's administration), we need merely to readjust our focus upon the Lord Jesus Christ.



One unique difference between the orbits of these spheres is that in the Sphere of Faith, its orbits are developmental orbits. They are designed to unify thought according to the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 1:10) and build upon one another to ascend to a common goal: to glorify God and receive the glory blessings. In contrast the orbits of the other two spheres are static and fixed, entities within themselves, each having its own mental outlook (Is. 65:2b), resulting in disarray, disunity, and divisiveness (Is. 53:6a) within their respective spheres. However, there may be upward (progressive) or downward (degenerative) movement within these spheres by means of changing orbits (desires).

For instance, a drug user may “clean up his act” and advance from the immoral orbit (2) to the moral orbit (3) in the Sphere of Evil; but there is no spiritual consequence towards the glory blessings, nor even towards salvation. Or, a worldly-minded Christian (orbit 6), overcome by the stress and strain of big business, might take to drink and slip into all sorts of immoral behavior in orbit 5, or even orbit 4 in the Sphere of Carnality. Or, lastly, these residents may choose to live briefly in one or more lesser orbits within their sphere to satisfy a particular lust or desire—a regular Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

But whatever orbit or orbits we find ourselves in, we are there by *choice*. For orbits represent man's free will based on information he

has chosen to believe as true and acted upon. We can better determine our present orbit by looking at a brief list of characteristics and lifestyles, any of which may be found in the resident.

RESIDENT

LIFESTYLE

SPHERE OF EVIL

- Satanic:** Overtly evil; Satan worshiper; involved in the occult. Violent and susceptible to mind disorders. No resolve, no concept of right and wrong. Criminally minded.
- Immoral:** Irresponsible, hedonistic; rebellious; dishonest. Knowledge of right and wrong but resolve weak and emotions rule.
- Moral:** Outwardly appearing virtuous and righteous. Subject to being judgmental. Very decent, law abiding. Religious, community minded. Strong resolve with knowledge of right and wrong. Chooses wisely. Head rules.

SPHERE OF CARNALITY

- Reversionist:** Undetectable from an unbeliever. Reverted back to old lifestyle. Overtaken with rebellion. Unresponsive to God's Word. Focus on self. No faith. Desires evil.
- Emotionalist:** Subjective orientation. Unstable, easily falls prey to seduction. Religious; cries, complains, murmurs. No depth of God's Word and is not persistent. Focus on self and no faith. Desires sensuality.
- Worldly-Minded:** Materialistic and success-oriented. Desires fame and fortune. Religious minded. Desires to do great things for God. Has knowledge of God's Word but no revelation for Holy Spirit-inspired application. Burdened with worries and pleasures of world. Judgmental.

SPHERE OF FAITH

- Spiritual Child:** New creation with hunger for God's Word with a view towards the wisdom of God or the pure spiritual milk.

**Spiritual
Adolescent:**

Having gained wisdom, he is tested and tried for genuineness of faith. He suffers for righteousness' sake. He continues with daily study. He is focused on Christ.

**Spiritual
Mature
Adult:**

He has passed each test and has graduated from his wilderness testing program into the promised land. He is a disciple of Christ and has reached spiritual maturity and has become a candidate for God's blessings. Has entered into the JOY OF HIS MASTER.

RELATIONAL STATUS

We now come to that part of our study where we will discuss relationships between domains and spheres. Through these relational studies, we will better understand the power spheres and best understand faith, fidelity, and commitment. All relationships, whether earthly with our human counterparts, or spiritual with our chosen king, are based upon a belief that both parties have found a “good thing” (Pr. 18:22), which is manifested through communication, trust, and love between the two. It is most difficult to spiritually discern and understand faith without these relational involvements. And the administration of God gives us a clear and graphic picture of these.

In the Greek, there is a word called “koinonia” and is commonly translated into English as fellowship. But it also means intimacy, participation, and intercourse. As I have stated earlier, our participation in God's administration will forever determine our eternal status and recompense. This participation, or fellowship, or, if you will, spiritual intercourse, can best be understood with two theological terms: *positional and experiential sanctification*. The combination of these two terms define a faithful relationship precisely, unambiguously, and forthrightly, so as to leave no doubt in your soul as to its true meaning. And so it should, for it is critical in achieving our spiritual goals to know what faith is, by means of a relationship with Christ, and not by what some career-building evangelist says it is.

We have already differentiated true faith from the false by defining the true as the possession of trust and confidence in Christ's willingness and ability to do what He says towards our well-being. And so it is. Faith is what we believe God will do. It's an involvement of both the believer and the object of belief, the Lord Jesus Christ. That's fellowship or spiritual intercourse. But now we are going to use the concepts of positional and experiential sanctification to give us