



Discovering Reality Through the Hierarchy of Objectives

Welcome

You did not create yourself.

You awakened within a universe already in motion.

You inherited a body you did not design, entered a family you did not choose, and arrived within a world filled with beauty, complexity, opportunity, and danger.

Every day raises questions:

- Why am I here?
- What is true?
- How should I live?
- What ultimately matters?

The answers to these questions shape every human life.

For thousands of years, men and women have searched for understanding through philosophy, religion, science, politics, economics, and personal experience.

Yet beneath all human inquiry lies a deeper possibility:

- What if the Creator of the universe has already revealed Himself?
- What if reality itself is a classroom?
- What if your life is part of a much larger story?

The Invitation

Advancing God's Kingdom exists to help people think more carefully about reality, humanity, civilization, and the Kingdom of God.

- We believe the universe is neither accidental nor meaningless.
- We believe that creation displays the wisdom, power, and character of its Creator.
- We believe human beings are conscious creatures designed to learn, grow, cooperate, create, steward, and love.

- We believe that history is moving toward purposes established by Creator Elohim before humanity's first day.

Most importantly, we believe that God has revealed Himself uniquely through Jesus Christ.

- Jesus did not merely teach about truth.
- He declared: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

His invitation remains open today.

The Hierarchy of Objectives

Many organizations begin with Mission, Vision, and Values.

- Those are important.
- But before mission comes purpose.
- Before purpose comes understanding.
- Before understanding comes reality itself.

The Hierarchy of Objectives is a framework for exploring how Creator has ordered reality and how human beings may learn to participate wisely within that order.

- It begins with God.
- It examines creation.
- It explores consciousness, character, competence, cooperation, culture, and civilization.

Ultimately, it points toward humanity's highest objective:

To know God and participate in His Kingdom forever.

Why This Website Exists

This website is an ongoing exploration of questions that affect every person:

- Who is God?
- What is humanity?
- Why does civilization rise and fall?
- What can history teach us?
- What role does leadership play?
- How should we steward our lives?
- What is eternal life?

The articles, videos, diagrams, and resources found here are offered as tools to encourage thoughtful investigation and meaningful discussion.

You are invited to explore, question, examine, and learn.

A Personal Invitation

The greatest discovery any human being can make is not merely information about God.

It is coming to know God Himself.

Jesus Christ invited ordinary people to follow Him, learn from Him, and receive life from Him.

That invitation continues.

Whether you are a believer, a skeptic, a student, a leader, or simply a curious traveler seeking understanding, you are welcome here.

May your journey lead you toward greater wisdom, deeper truth, and a growing awareness of the Creator whose works surround us every day.

Welcome to the exploration.

Welcome to Advancing God's Kingdom.

The Hierarchy of Objectives

Understanding Reality Through the Creator's Order

Introduction

Every human being lives within a hierarchy of objectives, whether consciously recognized or not.

We make decisions, establish priorities, pursue goals, build relationships, form organizations, and participate in cultures. Yet many people spend their lives pursuing objectives without first asking a more fundamental question:

What is the highest objective?

Without a clear understanding of ultimate purpose, lower objectives often compete with one another, leading to confusion, conflict, frustration, and disorder.

The Hierarchy of Objectives is an attempt to understand reality from the top down rather than the bottom up.

Instead of beginning with personal ambitions, organizational missions, political agendas, or economic pursuits, we begin with the Creator and work downward through the structures of reality that shape human experience.

The Hierarchy

1. Creator Elohim

The highest objective begins with the Creator Himself.

Before there was creation, there was Creator.

Before there was time, there was the Eternal One.

All existence depends upon Him.

All truth originates in Him.

All purpose flows from Him.

The first question of wisdom is not, "What do I want?"

It is:

Who is God?

2. Creation

The universe did not create itself.

The heavens, the earth, life, matter, energy, mathematics, beauty, and order all testify to a reality larger than humanity.

Creation serves as a classroom in which the Creator reveals aspects of His wisdom, power, creativity, and faithfulness.

The study of creation is therefore an act of discovery.

3. Life

Within creation, God established life.

Life grows.

Life adapts.

Life reproduces.

Life displays astonishing complexity and interdependence.

Human beings are not merely biological organisms; they are living creatures uniquely capable of reflecting upon their existence.

4. Consciousness

Human beings possess self-awareness.

- We ask questions.
- We reason.
- We imagine.
- We remember.
- We anticipate.

Consciousness allows us to contemplate truth, evaluate alternatives, and pursue meaning.

The ability to think is one of God's remarkable gifts.

Yet consciousness alone is insufficient.

Knowledge must be guided by wisdom.

5. Character

Character is internal governance.

It is the formation of habits, convictions, virtues, and moral commitments.

- Knowledge without character can become destructive.
- Power without character becomes dangerous.
- Freedom without character often degenerates into chaos.

Character enables a person to govern himself before attempting to influence others.

6. Competence

Competence is the development of skill.

It is the ability to perform useful work effectively.

Every civilization depends upon competent individuals who learn, build, teach, heal, govern, invent, and serve.

Character determines how competence will be used.

Competence determines how effectively one's responsibilities can be fulfilled.

7. Cooperation

Human beings were not designed to live in isolation.

Families, communities, businesses, churches, schools, and nations all depend upon cooperation.

The greatest achievements of civilization occur when people learn to work together toward worthy objectives.

Cooperation requires trust.

Trust depends upon character.

8. Culture

Culture emerges wherever people live and work together.

Culture includes beliefs, values, traditions, language, customs, institutions, and shared expectations.

Every person participates in multiple cultures simultaneously.

Healthy cultures encourage truth, responsibility, creativity, service, and stewardship.

Unhealthy cultures often reward selfishness, confusion, and division.

9. Civilization

Civilization represents the large-scale organization of human cooperation across generations.

Civilizations develop systems of law, education, commerce, governance, infrastructure, and knowledge.

History demonstrates that civilizations rise when truth, character, competence, and cooperation flourish.

They decline when those foundations deteriorate.

Civilization is not the final objective.

It is a stewardship responsibility.

10. Kingdom Stewardship

Human beings were created to participate in God's purposes.

Kingdom stewardship involves aligning our lives, families, institutions, and societies with the Creator's intentions.

It recognizes that all authority is ultimately delegated authority.

It acknowledges that we are caretakers rather than owners.

It calls us to faithful service in every sphere of life.

11. Eternal Life

The highest objective is not merely the improvement of earthly civilization.

The highest objective is reconciliation with God.

Jesus Christ entered human history to reveal the Father and provide redemption for humanity.

He offers forgiveness, transformation, and eternal life to all who trust Him.

The ultimate purpose of human existence is not merely to know about God.

It is to know God.

As Jesus prayed: "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

The hierarchy therefore culminates where it began:

With God Himself.

A Visual Summary

Creator Elohim

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Life

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Consciousness

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Character

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Competence

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Eternal Life

An Invitation

The Hierarchy of Objectives is not offered as a final answer to every question.

It is offered as a framework for exploration.

You are invited to examine reality, study history, consider the teachings of Scripture, investigate the claims of Jesus Christ, and reflect carefully upon your own place within the Creator's unfolding story.

The journey toward wisdom begins with a question.

The journey toward eternal life begins with a Person.

That Person is Jesus Christ.

Read about Him in the Bookends of the Bible.

Learn to Follow Him daily until glory.

A Note About Calling and Stewardship

The Hierarchy of Objectives does not imply that every follower of Jesus must abandon occupations, businesses, property, or economic pursuits.

Scripture presents a diversity of callings.

Many believers serve God through commerce, education, government, agriculture, skilled trades, family life, and countless other vocations. Their work contributes to the flourishing of individuals, communities, and civilizations.

Yet throughout history, God has also called some men and women to leave familiar occupations and devote themselves more fully to particular Kingdom assignments.

- The fishermen who followed Jesus left their nets.
- Missionaries have crossed oceans.
- Teachers have devoted their lives to instruction.
- Pastors have shepherded congregations.

These examples do not diminish the value of ordinary occupations. Rather, they illustrate a higher principle: Every stewardship assignment must remain subordinate to obedience to God.

- For some, God's calling is expressed through their occupation.
- For others, God's calling redirects their occupation.

The central question is not, "What career should I pursue?"

The deeper question is: "What is God inviting me to steward in this season of life?"

When lower objectives are aligned beneath higher objectives, work becomes worship, stewardship becomes service, and every sphere of life may become an instrument for advancing God's Kingdom.

What is He calling you to do?

You are welcome to discuss this on this site, AdvancingGodsKingdom.org. Complete a Contact Card to begin a guided introduction to Creator and His Cosmos.

Follow into fellowship with other humans in a local church. Most are motivated to find His meaning in this apparent mess we call civilization at the start of the 2nd Quarter of the 21st Century, at the start of this Third Millennium since Jesus came to earth as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the cosmos.