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## **Looking at God's Plan, Part 3 – How Does it Materialize?**

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The materialization and realization of God's plan is dependent on an understanding of the contract between us as human beings and this higher power that we can refer to as God.

The contract states that he provides the teachings and guidance and that we provide the effort needed in order to implement the teachings and guidance.

It is easy to see where the weak link is in this contract.

It is in the ego of man, the greed and ignorance in his actions, and the way in which he weakens and confuses himself through his addictions and the desires of his body.

His ego leads him to think that he is the center of the world and universe and that his perceptions of all things is the reality.

His ego keeps him from being humble or admitting that he may be lost or confused, or that he could use the assistance of someone or something.

The greed and ignorance in his actions leads him to believe that the things that he desires or wants will bring him a peace, wisdom and happiness that will be everlasting, when in reality all that they can do is feed on themselves, until they overwhelm him and make him a slave to them.

The addictions that soon hold power over him and the sometimes unnatural and

perverted desires of his body have the potential to keep him in perpetual enslavement while along the way damaging other people.

What all of this means is that in order to experience the materialization of God's plan, we need to work on ourselves, be mindful, and attempt to make changes.

Yoga and Buddhist teachings frequently refer to the greatest victories as being the ones that we achieve over ourselves. If someone has overcome a drink or drug problem, they know both the work that is involved in achieving such a thing, and the strength, wisdom and joy that also comes about from that experience.

Any change and growth in life, be it in achieving an education and a new job and career, or a new relationship and marriage, or moving to another place to live and work, takes effort. So to, is the striving for the materialization of god's plan for both ourselves and mankind.