

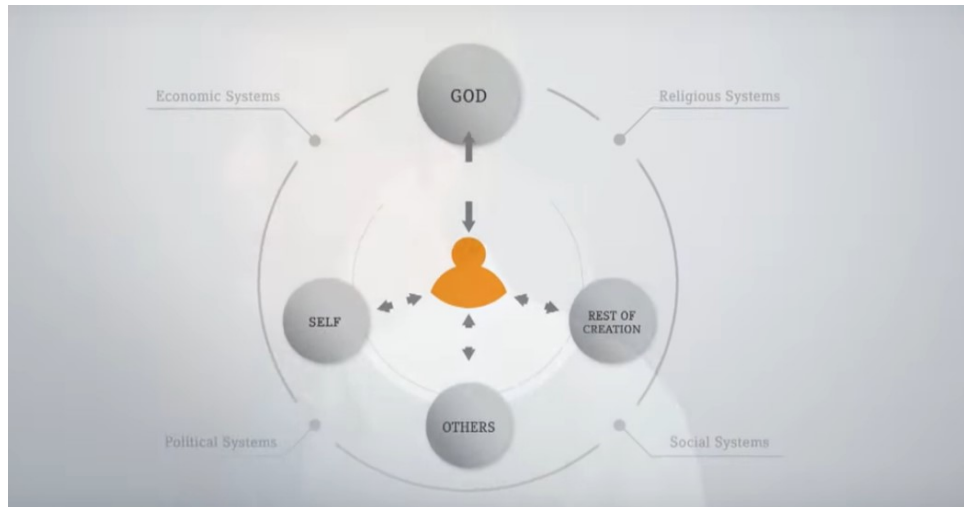


World Economics sees humans as Material beings.

The Church sees humans as Spiritual beings.

We are both!

A New People Group with broken relationships.



Broken Relationships with:

1. **God:** Denies God's existence or acts as though He is irrelevant.
2. **Rest of Creation:** Workaholics
3. **Others:** Self-Centeredness
4. **Self:** Pride or god-complexes

This People group is Mainstream Society.

Poverty is a set of relationships that don't work.

Don't work for the materially poor.

Doesn't work for the materially rich as well.

We have a problem of thinking that we are more than we are.

Being a Workaholic is as much of a sin as laziness.

We need to Consider interests of others as well as ourselves.

### Contrast of Materially Poor and Mainstream Society



Ways to show love: by reminding the spiritually poor that they:

1. Are Image bearers
2. Have tremendous value as a human being
3. Are Called to be stewards of resources and opportunities.

We must walk humbly with the materially poor.

As Christ transforms both of us.

Poverty alleviation is about reconciling relationships.

A process in which people – both materially poor and non-poor – move closer to living in right relationship with God, self, others, and the rest of creation.