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whose lifelong devotion to God and
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Foreword

Based on the Divine Principle teachings of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, this series of presentations has been developed by Rev. Alan Feldsott* to convey the principles by which God has created the world and how He relates to His children with the heart of a loving Father. With the Bible as our guidebook, the clear and colorful diagrams along with supporting quotes and explanations help bring these eternal principles to life. Our hope is that these presentations can bring light to an often dark and confused world, leading the hearts of all people to connect deeply with the heart of our Heavenly Father.

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The Fall of Man

The Desecration of Love



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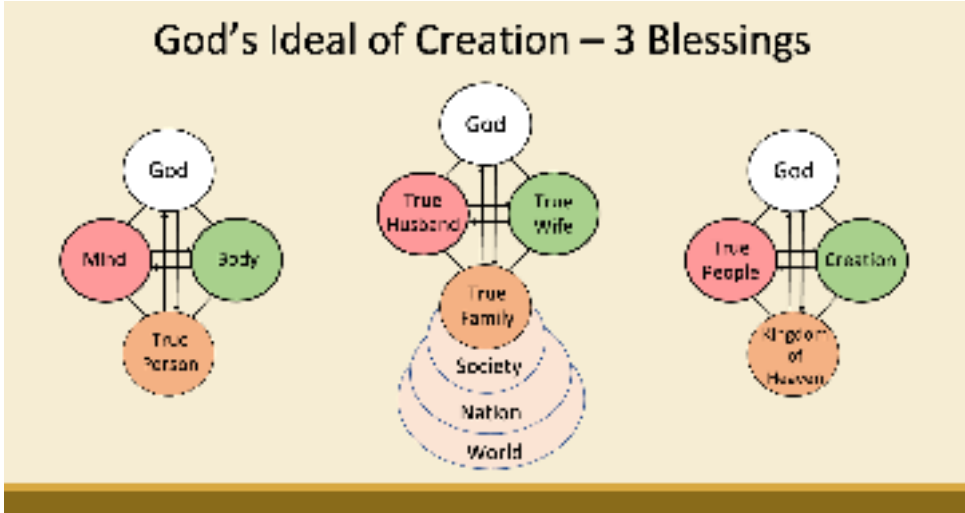
The Desecration of Love

In the first presentation of the Divine Principle Bible Study, (Chapter One) we focused on understanding the principles through which God created us and the universe, and the purpose for which He created.

However, none of us can escape the reality of our lives and the world as it is today, which is far different from God's original plan of creation.

In this presentation, we will study how man separated from God
and from His ideal, as well as the tragic consequences of that separation.

GOD'S IDEAL OF CREATION - THREE BLESSINGS



In order to diagnose a sick patient, a doctor must have clear and extensive knowledge regarding the standard of health for the human body.

For example, when he takes your temperature, he knows it should be 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. If the temperature significantly deviates from that standard, the doctor knows there is a problem.

If many people came into his office displaying a similar high temperature, the doctor wouldn't say, "Let's just change the normal temperature to 104 degrees." The standard of health remains constant.

Then what is the original standard for the lives of human beings and human society? In our earlier presentations, we discussed the standard for the individual, family, and world, a standard which was determined by God, our Creator.

This standard could be summarized as the fulfilment of the three Blessings God gave to man:

"Be Fruitful, Multiply, and Have Dominion over creation."

This is the unchanging standard for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in the eternal spiritual world.



Had Adam and Eve fulfilled their portion of responsibility

by keeping God's commandment, there would have been no Fall, no sin, and no need for salvation.

We wouldn't even need religion, since the purpose of religion is to reconnect fallen people to God from whom we separated in the beginning.

Without the Fall, human beings would have dwelled with God

in the kingdom on earth, and then continued to live forever with God in the Kingdom of Heaven in the eternal spiritual realm.

In the world of God's ideal, human beings would live in freedom and happiness, with each family establishing its own mini-kingdom within God's kingdom.

In order to understand the origin of evil and the history of fallen mankind, we must be perfectly clear about this point.

Jesus prayed in the Lord's prayer,

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

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We know all too well that the world into which we were born and raised is not the Kingdom of Heaven.. Human society is filled with people living in the midst of loneliness, suffering, confusion, and war.

Families, which should be the center of peace, harmony, and love, are often plagued by disunity, divorce, and betrayal.

Not only have human beings inflicted pain and suffering on one another, we have also treated creation with carelessness and cruelty.



If human beings were created to experience the joy of God's infinite and ever-present love, why is there so much suffering and confusion in our lives?

Why has the world been plagued with such suffering, violence, abuse, and war throughout the thousands of years of human history?

The pain and suffering that human beings have inflicted on themselves and on one another is immeasurable.

We see just a few recent examples in the harsh reality of the Rwandan genocide in Africa, mass killings in Bosnia, and organ harvesting in China.



But the problems of our world are not only external.

While crime, abuse, and war are happening constantly around the world, we must recognize that the problems we see externally are a reflection of the internal struggle within each and every human being.

Inside each of us is a struggle between what we know is right and good, and a darker side that includes self-doubt, blame, resentment, addictions, physical and psychological abuse, etc.

THE CONTRADICTIONARY NATURE OF HUMAN BEINGS

Contradictory Nature of Human Beings

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ... For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 7:15-24

Contrary to the concepts many have about the Bible, it is in fact very honest about the struggles that even great, historical people of faith endured in their daily lives. **In Romans 7:15-24**, Saint Paul honestly describes his own conflicting nature.

Certainly a God of love could not have created our bodies to be “bodies of death” that would cause us to struggle and to live in conflict generation after generation. Let us take a closer look at the state of fallen man.

Contradictory Nature of Human Beings



At the individual level, we all desire peace, harmony, and love. Yet all human beings experience a contradictory nature within themselves.

While we have a basic desire to be good, we often act in direct contradiction to that desire.

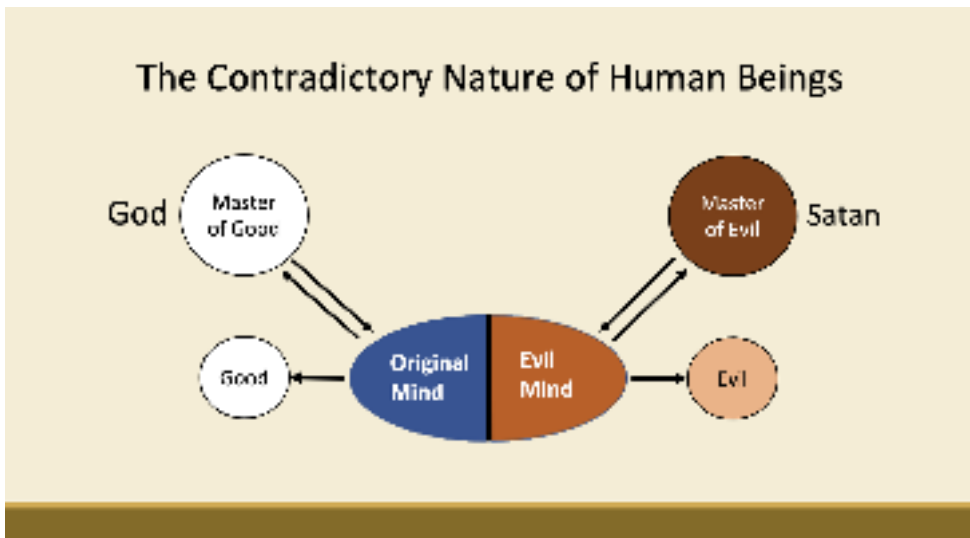
Although we want to act out of love and goodness, we often act out of selfishness and evil. Rather than feeling joy and satisfaction, we often feel guilt, shame, and emptiness.

This struggle between good and evil within human nature has been expressed through religion, literature, art, and music throughout the long course of human history.

Even though science has made a great deal of progress, helping to improve many aspects of our physical lives, it has not resolved this struggle between good and evil. And the fact is that science alone does not define goodness or morality. It can and has been used for both good and evil purposes.

Since science focuses on the human body and the physical world, science cannot resolve the invisible, internal contradiction that exists within human beings.

Through studying the original cause of evil itself, we can learn the process through which God has been working to rid fallen man of evil and restore our original nature and purpose.



We have previously identified God as the origin of the universe.

God is also the origin of goodness, truth, and true love.

God is a unified, harmonious being of goodness. If God the Creator had both good and evil in an inherently contradictory nature then He would not have been able to create this beautifully harmonized and complex universe.

We can say God is the Master of all things Good. Therefore, we must conclude that evil, the contradictory nature within all human beings, must have a different origin. It could not have come from God.

In Christianity, this master and Origin of Evil is known as Satan.

A Deeper Understanding of the Fall of Man

"I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

"I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father."

John 16:12-13, 25

"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

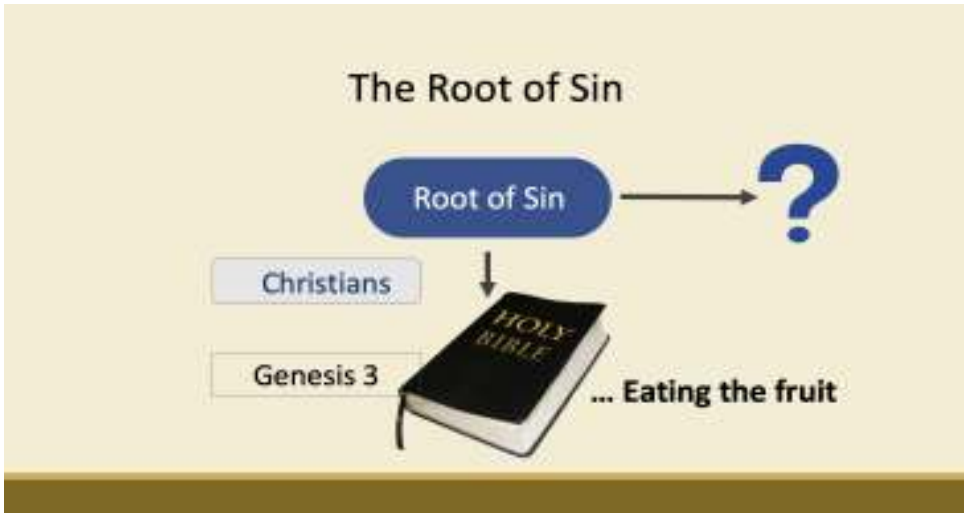
Matthew 5:48

Although we can read the biblical account of the Fall in the book of Genesis and understand that Satan and evil exist, we have not had a full understanding of the root of sin.

In John 16:12-13, 25, we are reminded again of Jesus' words regarding God's Truth. More than anyone, God Himself wants to see the suffering of His children come to an end. God shares His Word as He chooses to reveal it to human beings through history.

Matthew 5:48 says, **"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."** There is no perfection in ignorance. We are blessed to be able to receive God's Word and put it into practice so that we may more closely resemble our Heavenly Father.

THE ROOT OF SIN



Both Jews and Christians have looked to the book of Genesis, which in chapter 3 recounts the story of Adam and Eve falling by disobeying God's commandment not to eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Traditionally, people of faith have believed it to be a literal account of what happened in the Garden of Eden. Let us take another look at the biblical explanation of the Fall in order to try to understand it from God's point of view.

The First Commandment

The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17

Turning back to Genesis chapter 2, we first read that God gave a commandment to Adam. That commandment that was given to Adam was to refrain from eating of the Fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

The Temptation and Fall of Man

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:1-7

Then in Chapter 3, we find the account of the temptation and the subsequent Fall.

It is interesting to note that although Chapter 2 tells us that God originally gave the commandment to Adam, chapter 3 reveals that Eve had come to understand that the commandment applied to her as well.

The Tree of Life and The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil



The Bible mentions two trees by name. They were not apple trees or peach trees, despite how they are often pictured.

Rather, they are specifically referred to as the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Are there really species of trees called The Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?

What is the true significance of these two trees in the garden, which are so crucial to the story of mankind and the fulfilment of God's original plan?

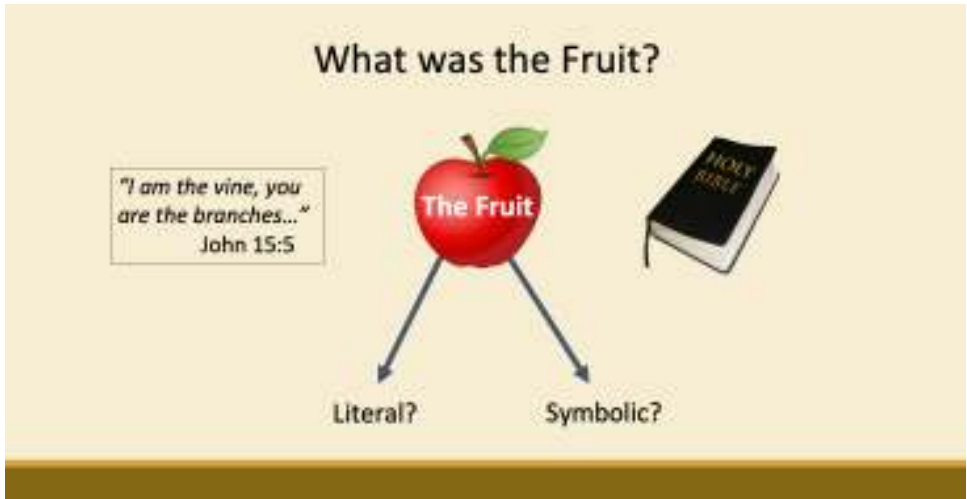


And what about the talking Serpent, and the Fruit growing on the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?

We have never seen a literal talking snake. Nor do we know of a literal fruit that could determine good and evil. Then what was truly at the root of all the evil of mankind?



WHAT WAS THE FRUIT?



When we read the Bible, we find it often makes use of symbols and metaphors to express God's Truth. For example, Jesus tells us in **John 15:5** "I am the vine, you are the branches." However, we understand that when Jesus compares himself to a vine or a tree with branches, he did not intend for it to be taken literally. Then what is the true meaning of the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden? Is this meant to be literal or symbolic?

Was the Fruit a Test of Obedience?

- There are those who believe that God made the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and commanded Adam and Eve not to eat it in order to test their obedience to Him.
- We may ask: would the God of love test humans so severely by a means that could cause their death?

Is there a literal fruit of a literal tree that holds the key to good and evil? Certainly not. Would God create a literal tree and fruit in the Garden solely for the purpose of testing His children, Adam and Eve?

Would a parent build an attractive, harmless-looking bomb and put it in the room with their child, warning them not to touch it, just to test their obedience?

If that happened in our society, the parent would be immediately arrested and thrown into jail!

Adam and Eve Risked their Lives for the Fruit

- Adam and Eve were told by God that they would die the moment they ate the fruit. Yet they still ate it.
- Adam and Eve did not lack for physical food. Nor did they lack the love and attention of God. They would not have risked their lives and disobeyed God only to obtain some literal food delicacy.
- Therefore, we can surmise that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil could not have been an ordinary fruit. Rather, it must have represented something so extraordinarily stimulating and tempting that even the fear of death did not deter them from partaking of it.

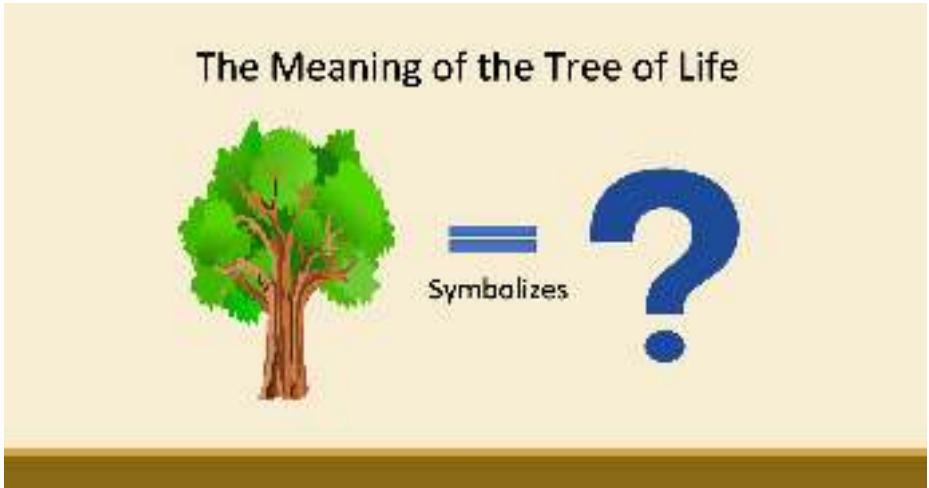
Yet, the Bible tells us that there was such an appealing object in the Garden of Eden.

Adam and Eve were created without sin as God's children and the objects of His love.

However, whatever this fruit was, it was so attractive the Adam and Eve were willing to take this fruit at the risk of their lives.

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THE MEANING OF THE TWO TREES



In order to unravel the true meaning of the Bible story about the Fall, let us take a closer look at some of the other major components of the story. While there must have been many trees in the Garden of Eden, only two are named. One of the Trees in the Garden of Eden was the Tree of Life. We may think, “This doesn’t sound like a name for a normal tree that grows out of the ground.” Since we have already established that the Bible is full of symbols and parables, it is reasonable to ask, “Was this a literal tree, or was it symbolic?”



We find that the Bible often uses trees as symbols. What does this Tree of Life represent in this story?

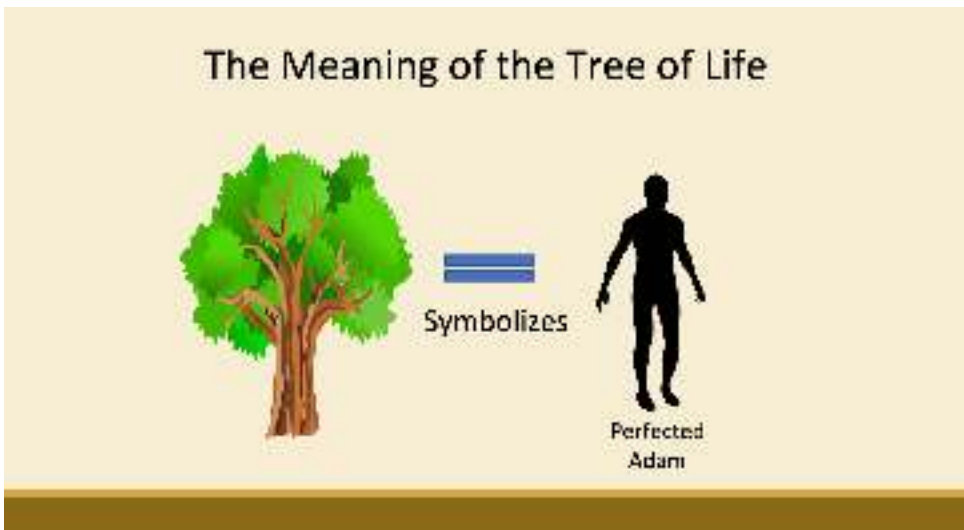
Proverbs 13:12 says, Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. Then what is the deepest desire of human beings? It is to fulfill our purpose of life, becoming one in heart and love with our Heavenly Father.

In John 15:5 Jesus says “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” Here Jesus is comparing Himself to a vine or tree that is the source of true life and blessings.

We read further in the book of **Revelation, 22 :14**, “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life.”

Having the right to access the Tree of Life requires obedience to God’s commandments - the first commandment being not to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Also, **Jeremiah 17:7-8** says, “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river.”



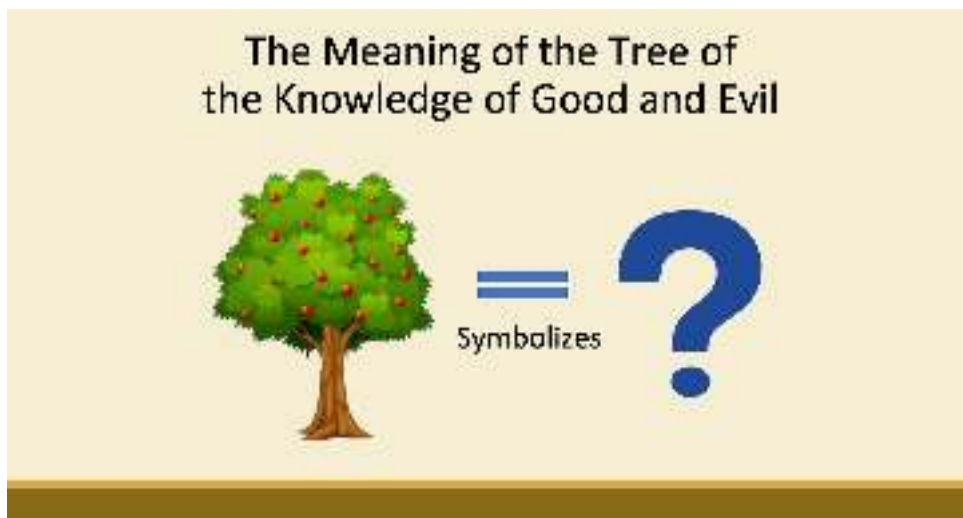
As we learned in the Principle of Creation, human beings must go through a growing period in order to reach maturity and to be able to experience the full love of God.

It was therefore Adam's desire to reach maturity – perfection of heart – and become one with God, his Heavenly Father. Then what did the Tree of Life symbolize?

We can conclude that the Tree of Life symbolizes a True Man – Perfected Adam – a man who has fully realized the ideal of creation.

Had Adam, who was created as God's son, been obedient to God's commandment, he would have continued to grow to full maturity – perfection in the love of God..

Had he fulfilled his portion of responsibility, he would have become a True Son, then a True Husband and a True Father – the root of the sinless lineage of mankind.



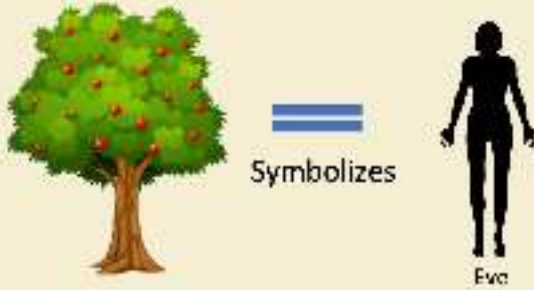
Then what is the meaning of the tree standing next to the Tree of Life – the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?

Could this be a literal tree which could bring about man's separation from God?

Could eating a literal fruit be the Original Sin which crippled man's spirit and put him under Satan's control?

Once again, God is speaking the truth in the Bible using metaphors. Then what does this tree symbolize?

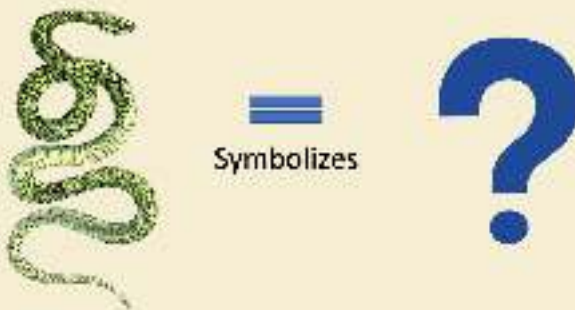
The Meaning of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil



There were two trees in the garden. One, the Tree of Life, represents True Adam – what Adam was meant to become. Then what does the other tree represent? We know that just as there were two trees mentioned by name in the Garden, there were also two people in the Garden.

While the Tree of Life represented Adam, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil represents none other than the woman, Eve. What was it about Eve that was so tempting to Adam that he would disobey God and risk losing his eternal life in order to obtain it? More about this tree and its fruit will be presented later.

The Identity of the Serpent



THE IDENTITY OF THE SERPENT

The Identity of the Serpent



- Was able to speak
- Was a spiritual being (knew the will of God)
- Originally a being of goodness
- Dominated Adam and Eve after the Fall
- Known as the Devil and Satan

According to the Bible, these are some of the characteristics of the “serpent.” Based on this description, the serpent in the Garden also does not appear to be a literal snake like the ones we see crawling in our gardens. Then what being that God created has all these characteristics?

The Identity of the Serpent

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:9

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!”

Isaiah 14:12

Besides the Genesis story of the Fall, the Bible gives many other insights about the nature and true identity of the serpent.

Revelation 12:9 describes what happened to “that serpent of old.”

Isaiah 14:12 names this being who was once in Heaven with God.

So the Bible refers to the serpent in the Garden of Eden as the Devil, Satan, and Lucifer, who was cast out of heaven with “his angels.”

Lucifer was the name of an archangel, a leader of other angels, which explains why the Bible talks about him being cast out of heaven with “his angels.”

The Identity of the Serpent

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 2 Cor 11:3

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8:44

The early followers of Jesus spoke about the nature of this serpent, a being who speaks with a “forked tongue” as being a liar and deceiver.

1 John 3:8 tells us that destroying the works of the devil was the reason Christ appeared.

In 2 Corinthians 11:3, we are taught that we inherited the evil, sinful nature from the devil, just as a child inherits the characteristics of his own father through the blood lineage.

In **John 8:44**, Jesus tells the sinful people accusing him that they are of their father, the Devil. All fallen human beings, born into sin, inherit their sinful nature from Satan.

The Identity of the Serpent



We can conclude without doubt that the Serpent in the story of the Fall of Man is in fact the Archangel Lucifer, who was originally with God in Heaven.

He was rejected by God - thrown down - when he rebelled against God by deceiving God's children into acting against God's commandment.

Now that we have identified the key elements of the story of the Fall, we need to go deeper into understanding the process and motivation of the Fall.

The more we can understand the nature of the Devil, the better equipped we are to recognize his works in order not to be deceived.

This understanding will also shed greater light on the way God has worked throughout history to restore His children, especially the true purpose of the coming of the Messiah.

THE ROOT OF SIN

The Root of Sin

Just as Jesus often spoke using symbols and parables, we can see that many aspects of the story of the Fall are also symbolic.

What exactly is the Root of Sin which has plagued mankind from the beginning of history? What is the original cause of sin and evil in our world?

The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings

*And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which **likewise indulged in sexual immorality** and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.*

Jude 6-7

Once again, the Bible itself gives us insights into the true nature of the Original Sin.

When we think of angels, we usually envision spiritual beings who are high in heaven - absolutely pure and perfect messengers of God.

However, the Bible tells us that some of the angels were involved in serious sins. What kind of sin did the angels commit?

Jude 6-7 tells us that there were angels who, like the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, committed sexual sin.

Genesis 3:6-7 describes the fallen acts committed by the Archangel and by Adam and Eve.

The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:6-7

Now let's compare the sin described in the book of Jude to the sin of the archangel Lucifer and the two people in the Garden.

The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings

Before the Fall –
Naked and
unashamed
Genesis 2:25



After the Fall –
Covered their
lower parts
Genesis 3:7

What changed after human beings committed the sin of “eating the fruit?”

Before the Fall, **Genesis 2:25** tells us that the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

After the Fall, **Genesis 3:7** explains, “Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.”

What changed is that Adam and Eve experienced guilt and felt ashamed, covering their lower parts, meaning their sexual parts.

Why would they suddenly feel shame about their sexual parts? If Adam and Eve had committed sin by eating a literal fruit, they would have naturally covered their hands and mouths in shame.

Because Adam and Eve hid their lower parts in shame, it is clear that the sin that they committed in the Garden of Eden, which caused their conscience to be stricken, was committed with their lower parts - their sexual parts.

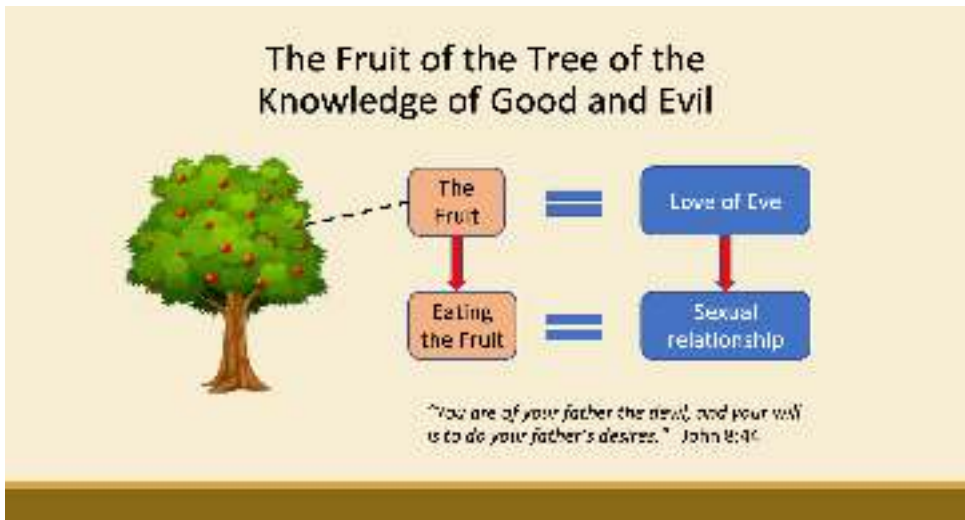
We know that God created man to be fruitful, multiply, and have dominion over all things. Those are godly things.

In order to multiply, God gave human beings sexual parts and the ability to experience and enjoy sexual love as a mature, committed husband and wife.

Therefore, sexual love between a husband and wife was created to be an expression of God's own love and goodness. In fact, it would represent the fulfilment of the Second Blessing that God gave to man in the beginning.

When human beings act in accordance with God's Will and principles, they naturally feel God's love and have no sense of shame or guilt.

On the other hand, God designed human beings with a conscience that directs us to follow God's Word, and which produces a feeling of shame or guilt if we go against His Word.



The Fruit of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil represents the love of Eve.

The fruit of the tree appears when the tree begins to mature.

When the fruit is ripe, it is delicious to eat and contains the seeds for reproduction.

Eve's eating of the fruit after being tempted by Lucifer means that, against the Word of God, she consummated an unprincipled love relationship with the angel.

She then entered into an illicit relationship with the man, Adam. Due to their unprincipled relationship centering on Satan's false word, they were separated from God and came under Satan's dominion.

Subsequently, Adam and Eve gave birth to sinful children, passing on the seed of Original Sin to them. Adam's original role was to become the perfected image of God on earth, passing on the seed of God as the beginning of God's own blood lineage. Instead of becoming the image and body of God, Adam fell away from God and corrupted his seed with Satan's evil nature. That original sinful nature was passed on from generation to generation.

In John 8:44, Jesus said, "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires." Let us examine additional biblical evidence showing the real meaning of the Tree of Knowledge.

Eating the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord."

Genesis 4:1

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them."

Genesis 19:4-5

Genesis 4:1 says, Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.

This expression does not mean that Adam and Eve were acquainted with each other. This type of knowledge means having a sexual relationship.

Then in Genesis 19:4-5 it says, But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.'

The fallen, sexually immoral men of Sodom did not want to have a conversation with the angels in Lot's house. They wanted to have sex with them. These are additional examples of how the word "knowledge" or the verb "to know" is used to describe sexual relationships in the Bible.

Eating the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

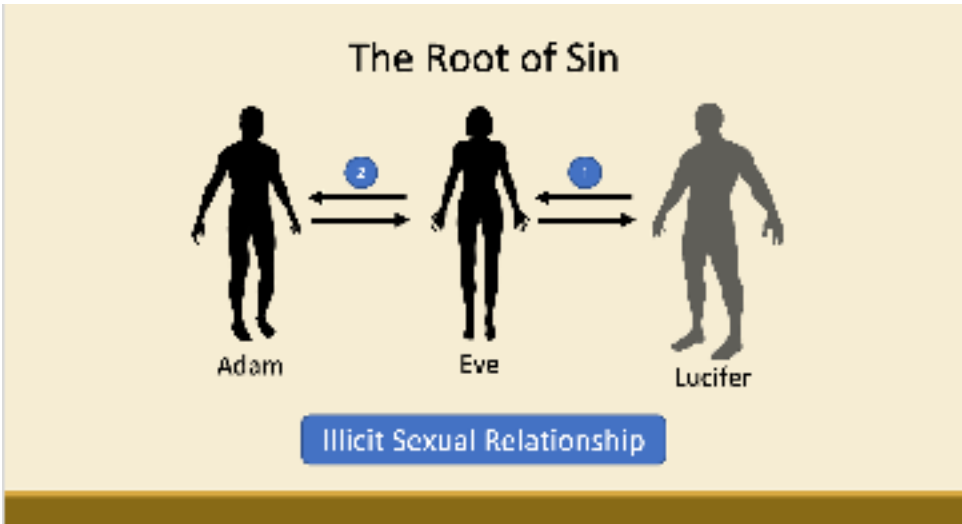
*How beautiful and pleasant you are,
O loved one, with all your delights!
Your stature is like a palm tree,
and your breasts are like its clusters.
I say I will climb the palm tree
and lay hold of its fruit.
Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine,
and the scent of your breath like apples,
and your mouth like the best wine.*

Song of Solomon 7:6-9

In the Bible we find references to the fruit as symbolic of a woman's sexual parts. In **Song of Solomon 7:6-9**, he compares his lover to a tree with fruit.



Although this understanding of the biblical story may seem new to many people of faith, we see evidence of the effects of the Fall all around us. From movies and television shows about sexual seduction to stores selling sex-related products, it is clear that God's original ideal for the relationship between man and woman was defiled by the first human ancestors.



Therefore the root of sin was the illicit sexual relationship that God's daughter Eve had with the archangel Lucifer, followed by the premature and illicit sexual relationship Adam had with the fallen Eve.

Had Adam resisted and rejected the temptation from Eve, God could have continued to work through Adam. However, Adam succumbed to Eve's temptation.

Therefore, they could not multiply God's good, pure lineage. Instead, they multiplied Satan's evil lineage.

This also explains why, as Christians understand, all human beings descending from Adam and Eve are born into sin and need salvation.

The fact that Adam and Eve's descendants are born with sin could not have been part of God's original plan and ideal.

This sinful nature came about as a result of man's disobedience to God's commandment, leading to the change of blood lineage from God's to Satan's.

THE MOTIVATION AND PROCESS OF THE FALL

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- God's desire was to create a world where His children could live in His kingdom on earth and in Heaven for eternity.
- What was the process that could lead God's own creations to rebel against him?
- What could have driven the archangel, Eve, and Adam to sin against God?

To truly understand the Fall, since it was initiated by the archangel Lucifer, we need to understand more about angels and their mission.



Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings

Like all beings, angels were created by God. God created these spiritual beings prior to any other creation.

Angels were created in the position of servants – not as God's children. God created angels to assist Him in creating and sustaining the universe.

In the biblical account of the creation of heaven and earth, after God had created the angels, we find that God spoke in the plural: *"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."* (Gen 1:26)

In the Bible we find many instances of angels working for the Will of God. Usually, the angels have the appearance of men.

Angels, Their Mission and Their Relationship to Human Beings

Biblical references to angels working for the Will of God

- Angels conveyed an important message to Abraham about God's blessing
Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him, and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground... And he said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." Gen 18:1-2, 10
- An angel heralded the conception of Christ
"... Behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she shall bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he shall save the people from their sins.'" Matt 1:20

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Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings

- An angel unchained Peter and led him out of prison and into the city.
Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him."
Acts 12:7-10

In the book of Acts, we read another example of how an angel helped Peter escape from prison.

Rather than being depicted as occupying a position higher than that of human beings, who are God's children, angels are described as servants.

Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!" Revelation 22:8-9

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Heb 1:14

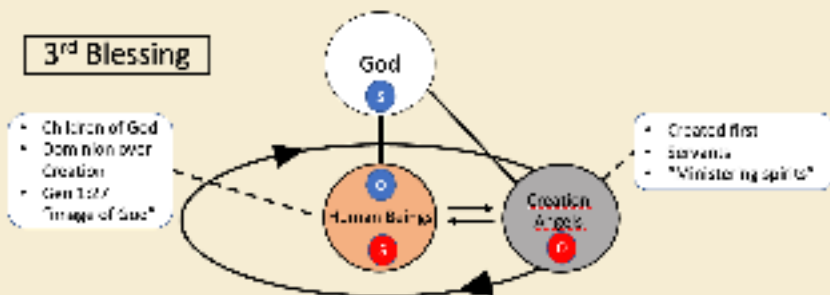
Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 1 Cor. 6:3

In Revelation 22:8-9, The angel who escorts John in the Book of Revelation calls himself “a servant.”

In Hebrews 1:14, the angels are referred to as “ministering spirits.”

In 1 Corinthians 6:3, Paul tells us that we, as God's children, are meant to judge the angels.

The Creation of Angels and their Relationship to Human Beings



Human beings are the only beings who were created in God’s own image to have “dominion” over the earth and all creation.

What is the position of the angels, and what is their relationship to human beings? Again, we turn to the Bible for understanding.

God is the Father to Adam and Eve, as well as the Master of all creation, which includes the angelic world.

Although we often think of angels as being in a higher position compared to us, angels are “ministering spirits,” or servants, to God and to people.

Gen. 1:27 says, So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The highest position in God’s creation is that of His children, God’s own lineage.

Angels were not created as God’s children. The angelic world is part of the creation, over which man was given the authority to have dominion. It is only due to the Fall, when human beings lost their original position as true sons and daughters of God, that they came to see angels as higher than themselves.

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What was the relationship between God, Lucifer, and Adam and Eve before the Fall took place?

Before the Fall

- Lucifer, as the archangel appointed by God, was the channel of God’s love to the angelic world. He virtually monopolized the love of God.
- However, after God created human beings as His children, He naturally loved them many times more than he had ever loved Lucifer, whom He had created as a servant.

Lucifer felt a decrease in love

- When Lucifer saw that God loved Adam and Eve more than him, he felt as if there had been a decrease in the love he received from God – even though he was receiving the same amount of love as he did before.
- This situation is similar to the biblical parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). Although the laborers who had worked since morning received a fair wage, when they saw that those who came later and worked less received just as much, they felt underpaid.

How did Lucifer feel when he saw God pouring out all His love to His children, created in God's own image?



Although Jesus used the parable of the laborers in **Matthew 20** to illustrate a different situation, the spiritual and emotional dynamics are similar to what transpired in the Garden of Eden.



“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’ ... So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.” **Matthew 20:1-16**

Lucifer left his position as God's servant

- Lucifer, feeling as though he were receiving less love than he deserved, wanted to hold the same central position in human society as he had enjoyed in the angelic world, as the channel of God's love. Out of jealousy towards Adam and Eve, he seduced them and dominated them, separating them from God.
- Had Lucifer unconditionally served Adam and Eve, who were in the position of God's children, and maintained his own servant position, he would have received even more of God's love than he did before. Instead, he acted out of jealousy, separating them all from God.

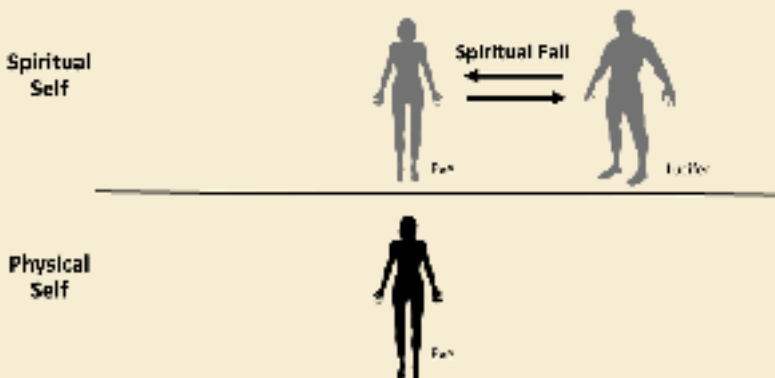
Rather than maintaining his heart of humility and gratitude before God and sincerely dedicating himself to accomplish God's will, Lucifer left his position as God's servant.

Additional reference in 1 Samuel:

In the Biblical story of the King Saul and David, we can find another example of jealousy towards the one God loved most. Saul becomes jealous when he realizes God's blessing was upon David, who is to inherit the kingdom. Saul even tries to kill David several times.

Let us take a closer look at the order of events which comprised the Fall of Man.

The Spiritual Fall and the Physical Fall



THE SPIRITUAL FALL AND THE PHYSICAL FALL

First, as we read in Genesis chapter 3, the Archangel Lucifer tempted Eve to eat the fruit.

Eve should have remembered God's Word and obeyed the Word, no matter how Lucifer may have tempted her.

Lucifer could not force Eve to fall. However, God created His children with free will and responsibility. Therefore it was Eve's responsibility to keep the commandment. However, in disobedience to God's commandment, Eve gave in to the temptation and ate the fruit.

The fallen, unprincipled action which took place through the sexual relationship between the angel and Eve is called the Spiritual Fall, since Lucifer is only a spiritual being.

In a sexual relationship between two human beings on earth, the sexual give and take happens between both the physical and spiritual substantial selves. In the relationship between the archangel and Eve, that fall happened between their spiritual selves.

How can the Fall occur between Lucifer, an angel, and Eve, who is a human being?

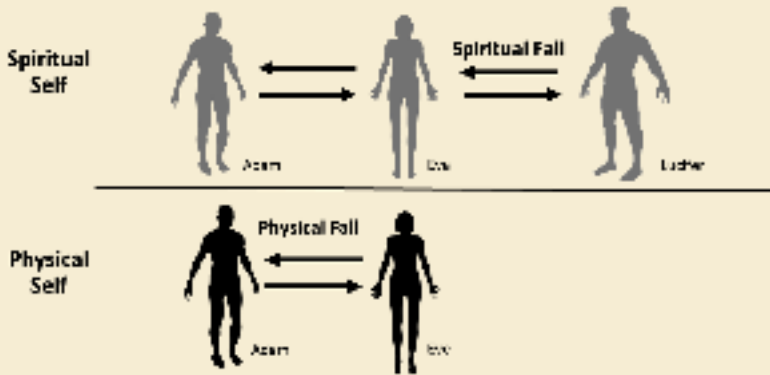
In the Bible we find many stories of encounters of a substantial nature between angels, who are spiritual beings, and human beings.

The Spiritual Fall and the Physical Fall

Interactions between angels and human beings in the Bible

- Jacob wrestled with an angel, who put his thigh out of joint.
(Gen 32:24-29)
- Three angels visited Abraham's family and ate a meal of veal, milk and curds.
(Gen 18:1-8)
- Two angels visited Lot's house and ate the unleavened bread he served them. The people of Sodom lusted after them.
(Gen 19:3-5)

The Spiritual Fall and the Physical Fall

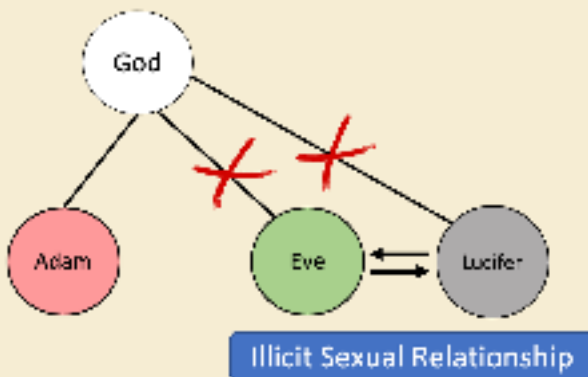


Then what about the second act of the Fall? When Eve tempted Adam, he gave in to that temptation and they engaged in a sexual relationship.

This relationship, between Eve and Adam, was both a spiritual and physical sexual relationship.

This is known as the Physical Fall.

The Spiritual Fall



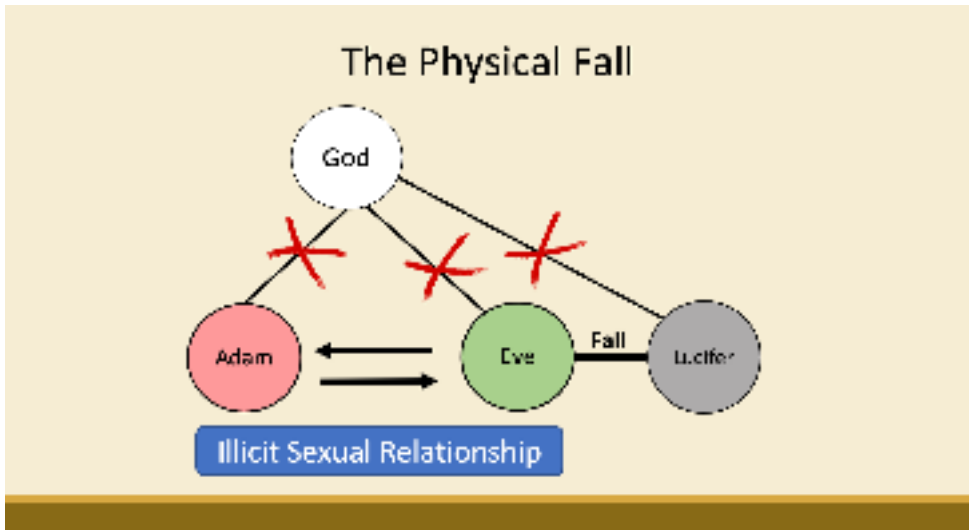
How did the Fall affect Adam and Eve's relationship with God?

When Lucifer tempted Eve into committing an illicit sexual relationship

with him – an unprincipled love relationship – both of them were immediately cut off from the love of God.

Because God is an absolute God, He cannot fully relate to anything or anyone that goes against His Principles.

Eve, having gone against the Word of God and her own conscience, felt guilt and shame. She immediately sought to restore the joy and innocence she had lost.



Fallen Eve then seduced Adam with the hope that by uniting with Adam, who was originally meant to be her husband, she could rid herself of her fear and guilt, and once again receive the love of God. This was Eve’s motivation, which led to the Physical Fall.

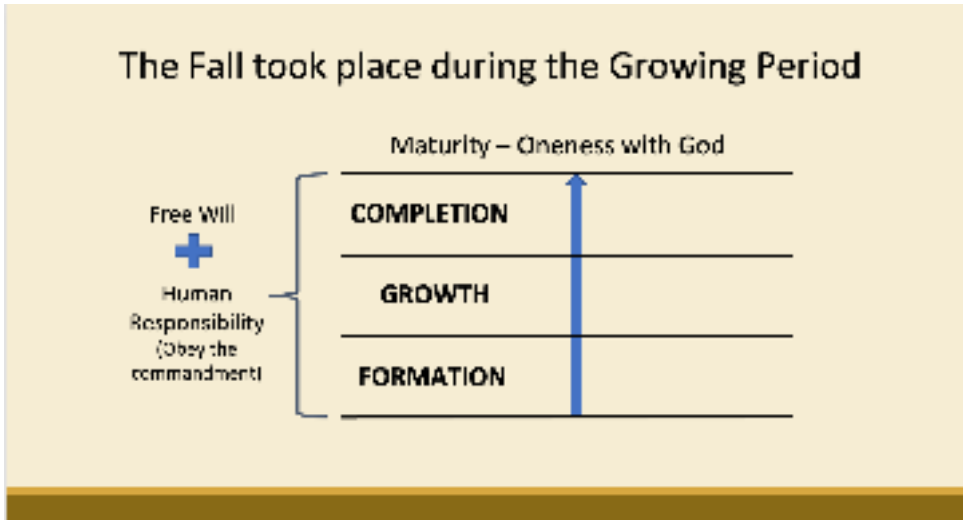
Going against the commandment from God, Adam responded to Eve’s temptation by coming together in an illicit spiritual and physical relationship of sexual love.

This caused God’s son, Adam, to be separated from God and under Satan’s dominion.

God, our parent of love, had to watch as Adam and Eve came to be dominated by the fallen archangel Lucifer.

God lost His own children, and His lineage became corrupted with Satan’s sinful seed.

THE FALL WAS DURING THE GROWING PERIOD



If God is a perfect God, then how was it possible for something to happen that was not His Will?

As we learned in the Principle of Creation, human beings are not created, or born, mature.

Man was given freedom and responsibility in order to co-create himself, and to stand in the position of Lord of creation.

God intended that during the Growing Period Adam and Eve would remain pure and relate to each other as brother and sister.

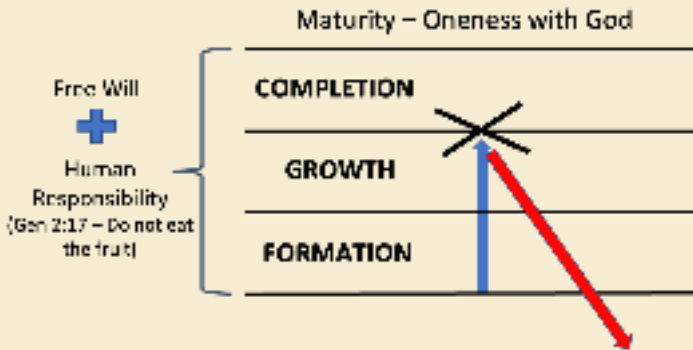
Because human beings have free will, it is possible that during the Growing Period, before they reach maturity, they could choose to disobey God.

God gave them the commandment to protect them, so that they could become fruitful - mature in godly love.

God would then have blessed them in marriage, fulfilling His Second Blessing to them.

At that point, Adam and Eve would relate as husband and wife, experiencing the joy of pure, God-centered sexual love.

The Fall took place during the Growing Period



Then how was it possible for the Fall to take place? God could not interfere with the actions of human beings, since He had given them free will. God could not contradict His own Principle of Creation.

Human beings fell into an unprincipled state apart from God. The realm that Adam and Eve fell into was even below the formation stage — an unprincipled state of being that has nothing to do with God.

The root of sin was the illicit sexual relationships that the first human ancestors had with the archangel Lucifer and with each other.

The Fall was an Illicit Love Relationship

When did Adam and Eve fall? It was during their teens. They were not old. Centering upon what did they fall? They fell centering on love, and two different kinds of love appeared. As a result of the illicit love relationship, evil seeds were sown throughout the world.

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Adam and Eve could not become True Parents and multiply God's good, pure lineage. Instead, they became False Parents and multiplied Satan's evil lineage. This also explains why all human beings descending from Adam and Eve are born into sin and are in need of salvation.

The fact that Adam and Eve's descendants are born with sin could not have been part of God's original plan and ideal. Instead, this sinful nature came about as a result of the Fall, changing man's blood lineage from God's lineage to Satan's lineage.

This is the core reason human beings need to be reborn - to change from being Satan's children to being God's children.

Then what is the meaning of heaven and hell in terms of the true nature of the Fall?

The Fall was an Illicit Love Relationship

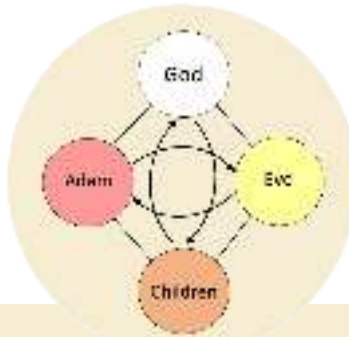
Now, let us discover the dividing line between heaven and hell. Is it in midair? Where is it? It is none other than your sexual organ. This is a serious matter. This concept has turned heaven and earth upside down. Who can deny this? This is explained in the chapter "The Fall" in the Divine Principle, the teaching of Rev. Moon. If you doubt this, ask God.

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Although this understanding may be different than what we have heard in the past, it is important that we not depend on any particular preacher or church theology.

To know the depth of God's true Word, we need to pray and ask God Himself. God will answer our sincere prayers.

In summary, we can say that there is an eternal, unchanging principle through which God created that puts the God-centered family at the center of His Kingdom.



The Foundation of the Kingdom of Heaven is the God-centered Family

- God's Kingdom begins with the fulfillment of the 3 Blessings - one man and one woman united with God's blessing, creating God's lineage on earth.
- To destroy God's Kingdom, Satan attacked man's trust in God, and then corrupted the standard of holy marriage through the misuse of love.
- Satan replaced the God-centered love relationship between man and woman with a self-centered, fallen view of life, love, sex and marriage.

In order to have a just, flourishing, and harmonious society, the God-centered family must remain intact.

The love between a husband and wife blessed in holy matrimony was meant to be the place where God's love would dwell - in the sexual relationship between man and woman, in the parental love between parents and children, and in the sibling love between brothers and sisters.

The sexual parts of human beings were created by God. The sexual love relationship between a true husband and wife was meant to be a wonderful, God-centered part of life. It is only because Satan stole human love and sexuality through the Fall that sex came to be perceived as dirty or shameful. This was the result of the Fall.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE HUMAN FALL



Consequences of the Human Fall

- As a result of the fall, humankind came to reflect the fallen nature of their false father, Satan, who came to be the “god” and “ruler of this world.”
- Struggling in spiritual darkness, the world became a place of confusion, heartbreak, suffering, and war.
- As the loving Heavenly Father of His children, God Himself was greatly impacted. Genesis 6:6 tells us, *“And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”*

The God of love created this world to be a place of love, joy, and happiness. He would never have created the world to be a place where His beloved children would suffer.

And yet, the world that human beings have known since the beginning has been dominated by untold evil and misery.

Consequences of the Human Fall

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

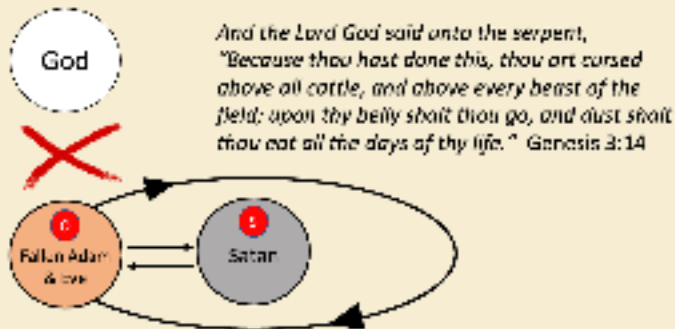
John 12:31

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Cor 4:4

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." John 8:44

The New Testament affirms that Satan came to replace God as the ruler of this world, and that fallen people inherited Satan's nature instead of God's nature.

The Relationship between God, Satan, and Fallen Man



Originally, God should have been the center of Adam and Eve's lives.

As children of God, they should have taken the true subject position over the angels and the rest of creation.

Instead, Lucifer, who became known as Satan after the fall, became the false subject and ruler over God's children, Adam and Eve, leaving the true God out of every aspect of human life. Adam and Eve could no longer experience the direct love of God, their true Heavenly Father.

The creation also could not receive God's love through God's children, who were meant to have a dominion of true love over creation.



When the first human ancestors fell, they bound themselves in blood ties with Lucifer. They formed a 4-position Foundation yoked to Satan. Thus, all humanity became children of Satan.

Through the Fall of Man, Satan became the subject of the world, taking the position of God, and established the False 3 Blessings centered on himself.

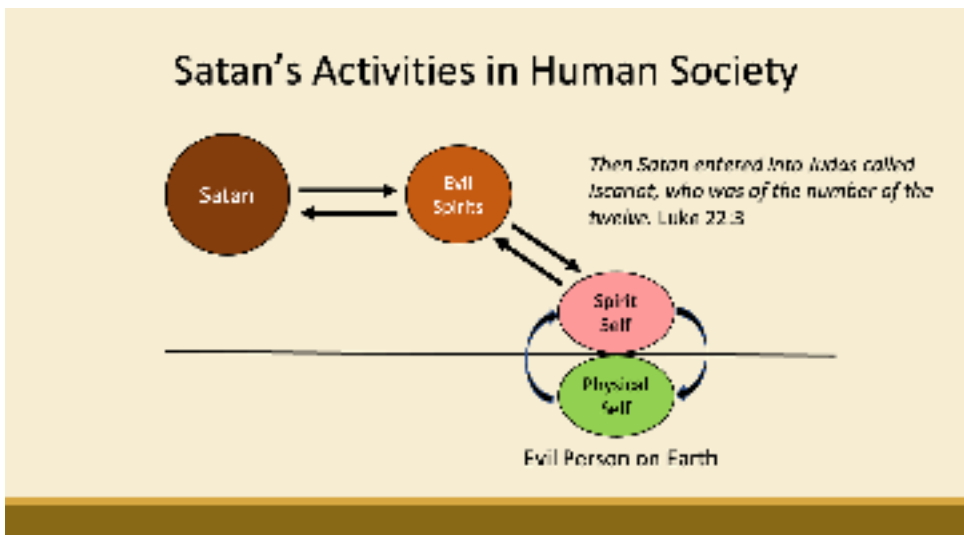
In John 8:41-44, Jesus confronts the Pharisees, "You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father - God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

In John 12:31 Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

2 Corinthians 4:4 tells us, The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers.

The Bible explains how even the creation has suffered as a result of the Fall.

Romans 8:19-22. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves who have the first fruits of the spirit, groan inwardly as we await the adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.



How does Satan interact with people and affect human actions?

In Luke 22:3 we read, Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.

Satan cannot perpetrate his evil activity unless he first finds an object partner with whom he can form a common base and engage in giving and receiving action.

Satan's object partners are evil spirits in the spirit world. These evil spirits include angels who fell along with Lucifer, as well as the spirits of fallen people who died and came to reside in hell in the spirit world.

The object partners to these evil spirits are the spirit selves of evil people on earth, and the vehicles through which these evil spirits act are the physical selves of these evil people.

Accordingly, the power of Satan is conveyed through evil spirits and is manifested in the activities of earthly people.

When we refer to Satan's influence, we include not only the fallen Lucifer himself, but angels and people who act in accordance with Satan and his sinful ways.

SIN



Based on this understanding of God's original plan and the reality we see today, how can we define "sin?"

Sin is a violation of heavenly law which is committed when a person forms a common base with Satan, thus setting a condition for unprincipled giving and receiving action.

Types of Sin

1. Original sin
2. Hereditary sin
3. Collective sin
4. Individual sin

Sin can be classified into four major types or categories, all of which we can find described in the Bible.

1. Original sin. This sin originated with the spiritual and physical fall of our first human ancestors. It is the root of all sins, ingrained in our lineage, and passed down to our descendants.

2. Hereditary, or Ancestral sin. This is sin which one inherits from one's ancestors on account of their connection through lineage. Each person born into this world has a unique ancestral line.

3. Collective sin. This is sin for which a person is responsible as a member of a group, such as a nation or religion, even though he neither committed the sin himself nor inherited it from his ancestors.

4. Individual sin. This is the sin which an individual himself commits. We can find examples of each type of sin in the Bible.



Original Sin

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Psalm 51:5

This Bible verse from the book of Psalm provides an example of Original Sin, which came into existence beginning from Eve's spiritual fall with Lucifer, and then multiplied through the spiritual and physical fall between Eve and Adam.

Hereditary Sin

The LORD is slow to anger and rich in faithful love, forgiving wrongdoing and rebellion. But He will not leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the consequences of the fathers' wrongdoing on the children to the third and fourth generation.
Numbers 14:18



This verse from the book of Numbers demonstrates Hereditary, or Ancestral sin.

The sins of fallen human beings are passed down through the blood lineage to one's descendants.

Collective Sin



In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria. And this was so, because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God... and walked in the customs of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel.

2 Kings 17:6-8

In **2 Kings 17:5-8**, we read how Israel was punished as a result of its disobedience towards God as a nation.

The citizens of that nation bear a collective responsibility for its sins. This gives us a clear biblical example of the reality of Collective sin.

Individual Sin

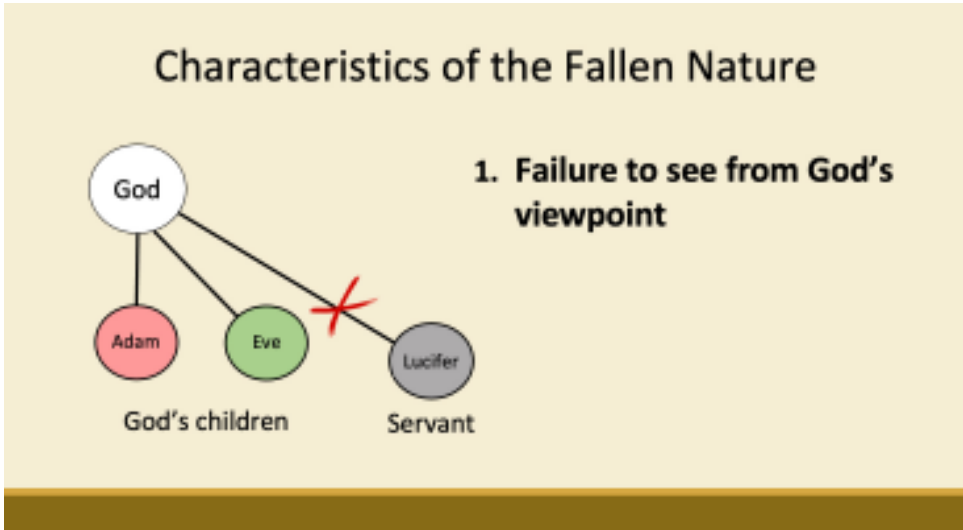
*There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.
All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.*

Romans 3:10-12



Finally, this verse from **Romans 3:10-12** shows us the nature of Individual sin - the sin which an individual himself commits.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FALLEN NATURE



Eve inherited from the Archangel Lucifer all the fallen tendencies related to his transgression against God when he bound her in blood ties to himself through their sexual relationship.

Adam, in turn, through his sexual relationship with Eve, acquired the same inclinations.

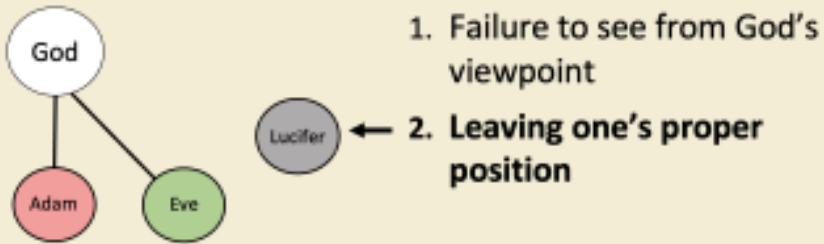
These fallen characteristics have become the root cause of the fallen nature found in all people. These inclinations are known as the primary characteristics of the fallen nature.

Thus, the primary characteristics of the fallen nature can be divided broadly into four types, the first of which is the failure to see from God's viewpoint.

Lucifer initiated the sequence of false relationships by tempting Eve. Had he maintained God's perspective, he would have seen Adam and Eve as God's son and daughter, and seen himself as a trusted servant whose job it was to support them and honor their position as God's children.

Whenever we fail to see others from God's perspective, we are exhibiting the first characteristic of the fallen nature.

Characteristics of the Fallen Nature

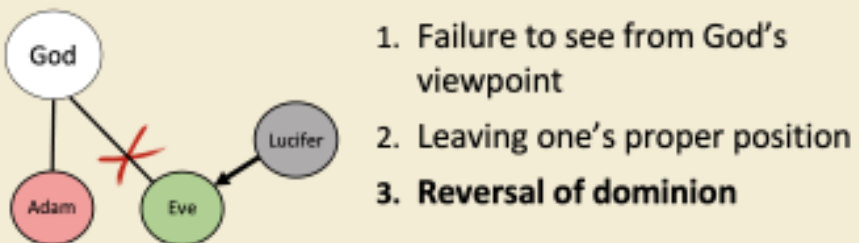


Secondly, Lucifer then left his position as servant and moved into an independent position apart from and unrelated to God.

He put himself into a position of challenging God's commandment and authority for his own personal gain and satisfaction, thus exhibiting the second characteristic of the fallen nature: leaving one's proper position.

When we rebel against God and His authority, following a self-centered course separate from Him, we are exhibiting the second characteristic of the fallen nature.

Characteristics of the Fallen Nature



Then, when Eve united with the Archangel Lucifer in believing his evil word in contradiction to God's Word, Satan took the position of dominating Eve centered on his own selfish desires.

The angel, who was supposed to come under the dominion of human beings, instead dominated Eve.

Then Eve, who was supposed to stand in the object position to her husband Adam, dominated him instead.

This is the third characteristic of the fallen nature: the reversal of dominion. Whenever we seek to manipulate or dominate others for self-centered reasons, we are exhibiting the third characteristic of the fallen nature.

Characteristics of the Fallen Nature



1. Failure to see from God's viewpoint
2. Leaving one's proper position
3. Reversal of dominion
4. **Multiplication of evil**

Eve, realizing her mistake, multiplied her mistake by tempting Adam into committing sin in the same way she herself was tempted by Lucifer.

Adam, by uniting with Eve, broke his relationship with God and likewise became subjugated by Lucifer.

Thus, we see the evil committed by Eve was multiplied. This is the fourth characteristic of the fallen nature: multiplication of evil.

When we influence others to commit the same sins we have committed, we are exhibiting the fourth characteristic of the fallen nature.

SATAN USURPS THE LINEAGE



Throughout the Bible we find references to the corruption of mankind's lineage through the Fall.

Through the Fall, Satan corrupted the spirit of Eve. Through give and take with Eve, Adam became separated from God, as his seed was poisoned with the sinful spiritual elements of the archangel.

Beginning with the first fallen sexual relationship, the Fall of Man, Satan's seed has been passed on from father to child in the form of Original Sin.

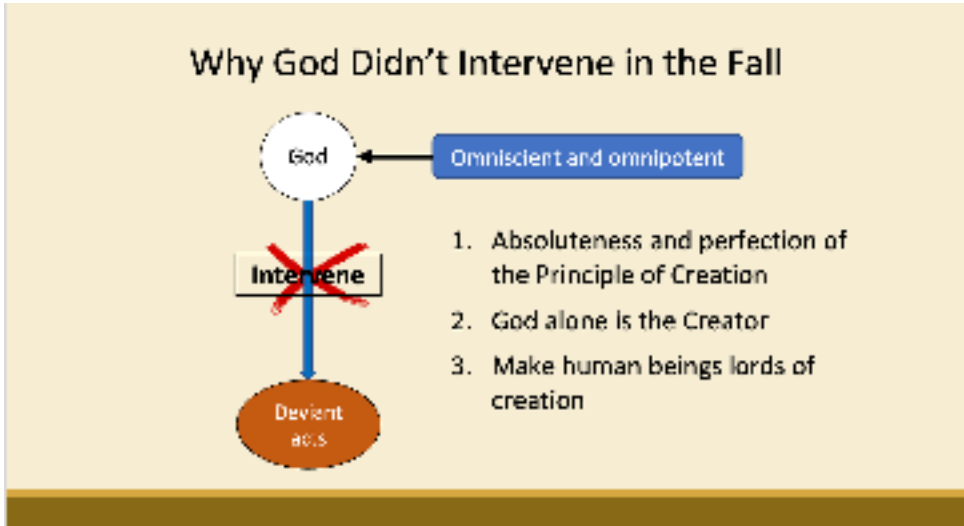
Satan became the false father and false ruler of this world, taking away that position from the True Father and King, our Heavenly Father.

All human beings, as descendants of Adam and Eve, are therefore part of Satan's lineage.

The kings and rulers of this world are all descendants of the archangel, Lucifer, and have his blood running through their veins.

It is for this reason that Jesus preached that we must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God. We must change our blood lineage and establish God's lineage which has nothing to do with sin! Only then can God's Kingdom on Earth come about.

WHY GOD DIDN'T INTERVENE IN THE FALL



We may wonder, then, why didn't the "all-powerful" God intervene to prevent the Fall from occurring in the first place?

First, God could not violate the Principles by which He created the universe. If He intervened, it would be in essence recognizing that His own Principles were not true or absolute. Regardless of the consequences of man's failure, including the historical suffering of God and His children, God had to uphold the absoluteness and perfection of His Principle of Creation.

Second, if God intervened in a way that was not according to His own Principle, He would be recognizing another lord and creator - an evil, anti-God creator - who is Satan.

Third, one of the blessings God gave to His children was to be the lords of creation. To fulfill this blessing, God's children must themselves take dominion over the creation through fulfilling their own portion of responsibility. If God intervened while they were immature, He would be preventing them from becoming true lords of creation, contradicting His own Principle of Creation.

GOD'S PROMISED TO SAVE HIS CHILDREN

God Cannot Leave His Children in This Fallen State

*"I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed; he shall
crush your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

Genesis 3:15

No loving parent can just stand by and do nothing while their children suffer. God determined to find a way to save His children from the consequences of the Fall.

In the book of Genesis, immediately after the Fall took place, God proclaimed this Messianic prophecy.

Genesis 3:15 sets the stage for the coming of someone who would one day inflict a death blow on Satan and evil.

God is absolutely determined that He will achieve the restoration of His children and His Kingdom on earth and in Heaven.

As God proclaimed through the prophet Isaiah:

Isaiah 46:11, "I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it."



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