

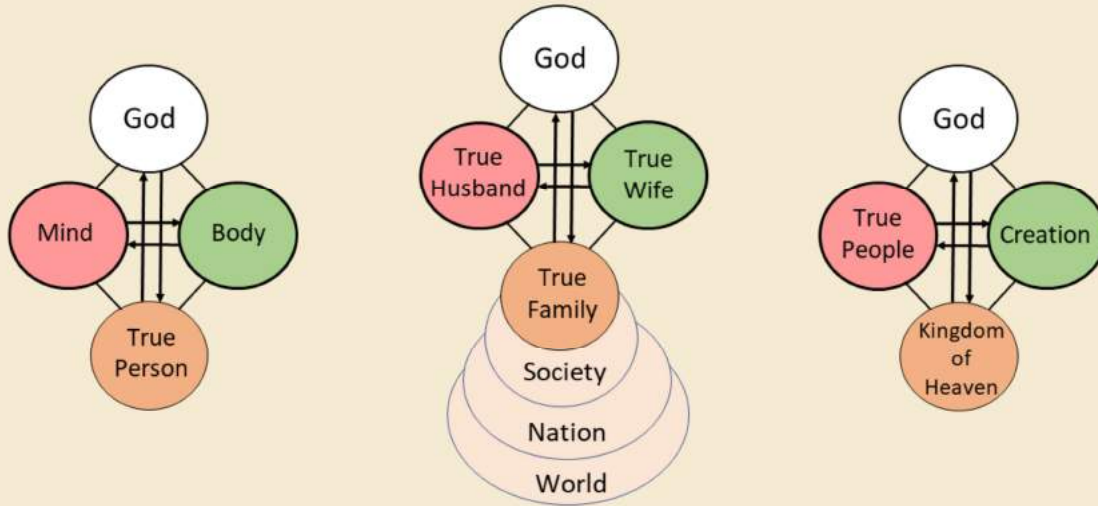
Divine Principle Bible Study 101

- At some point in our lives, all human beings struggle as we try to understand the meaning and purpose of our own existence.
- At the same time, we are all aware of the many problems facing mankind today on a societal, national, and worldwide scale.
- Many ask whether this was the kind of world God intended when He created it, or even whether God exists at all.
- Based upon the Bible, Old and New Testaments, this presentation, we will share some of Rev. Moon's insights into God's original purpose and ideal of creation.

The Origin of Evil

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God's Ideal of Creation – 3 Blessings



- Had Adam and Eve fulfilled their portion of responsibility and kept God's commandment, there would have been no Fall, no sin, and no need for salvation.
- 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 spiritual realm – "on earth as it is in heaven".



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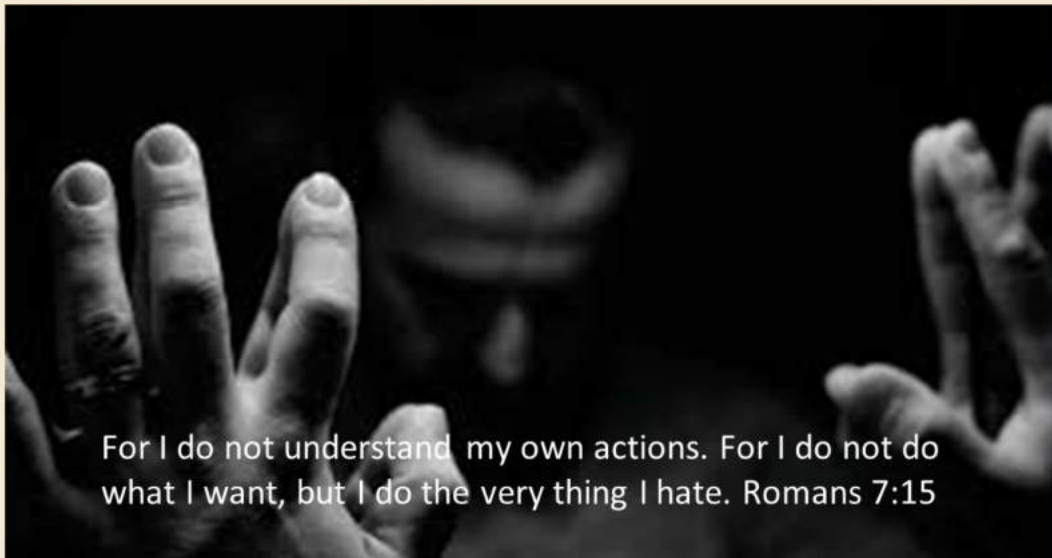
Reality of Evil & Suffering in the World



Human society is filled with people living in loneliness, suffering and confusion. Families, which should be the center of peace, harmony and love, are often plagued by disunity, divorce and betrayal. Not only have we hurt the people around us, humanity has also treated creation with cruelty.



- If human beings were created to experience the joy of God's infinite and ever-present love, why there is so much suffering confusion in our lives, and why the world has been plagued with such suffering, violence abuse and war throughout human history?
Photos; upper left in Middle East, bottom left from Rwandan genocide in Africa, upper right: mass killings in Bosnia, bottom right: organ harvesting from china

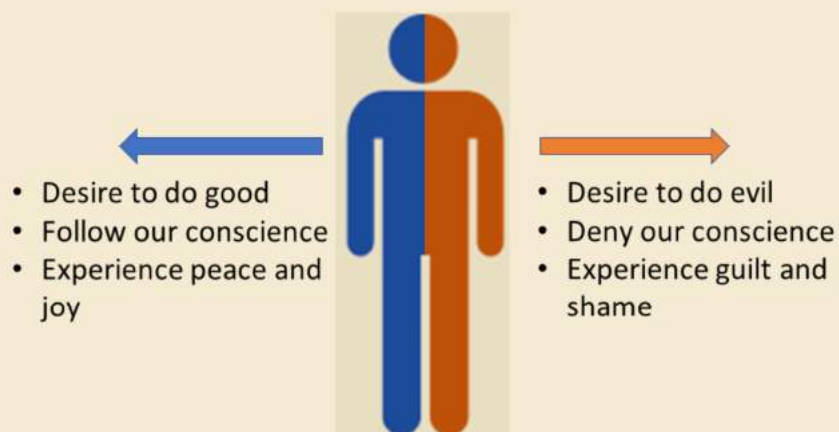


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Inside each of us is a struggle, between what we know is right to do and a darker side that includes addictions, abuse, etc.

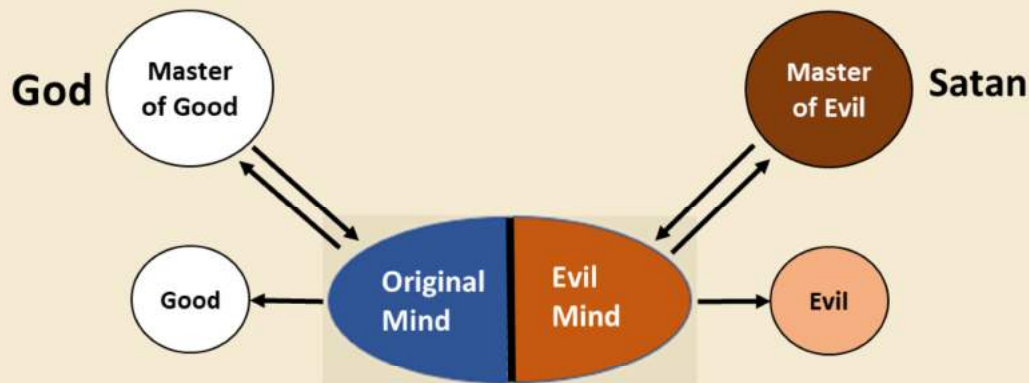
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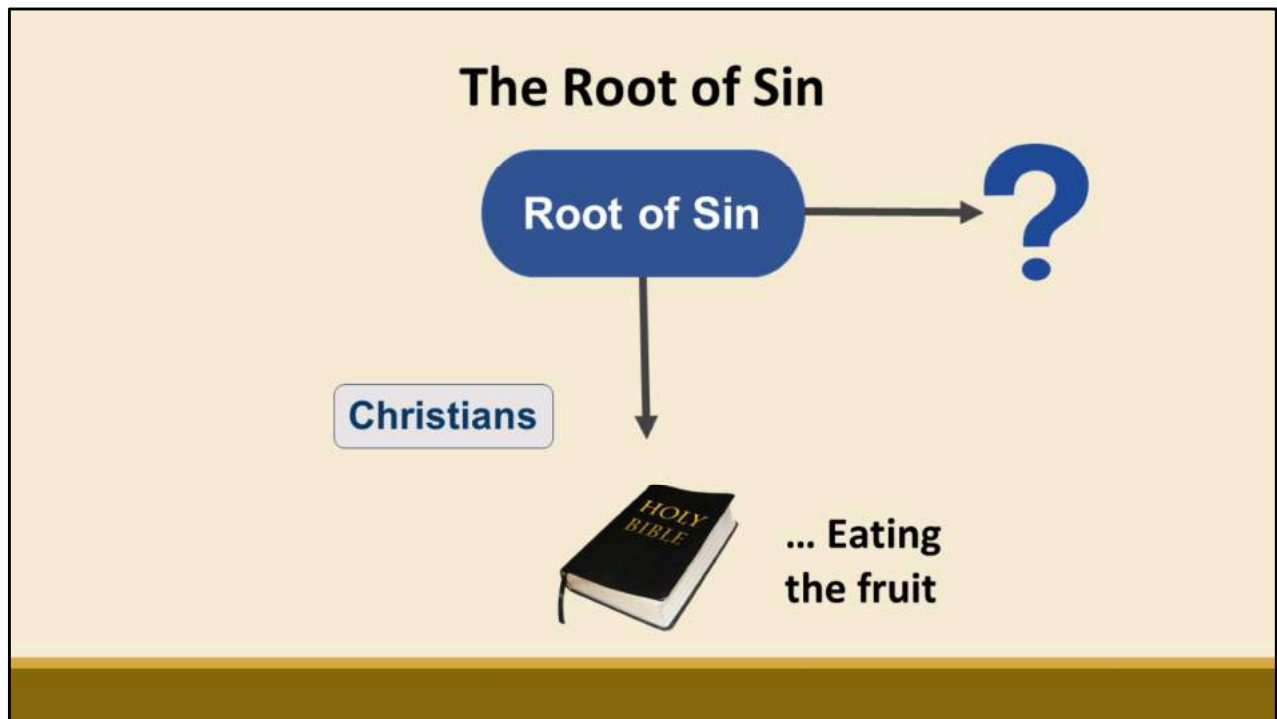
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- At the individual level, we all desire peace, harmony, and love. Yet all human beings experience a contradictory nature within ourselves.
- While we all have a basic desire to be good, we often act in direct contradiction to our deepest desire for goodness.
- While we desire 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 lot of progress, the reality is that science also can and has been used for both good and evil purposes.
- The Principle the we study here today not only explains the original nature and purpose of man, but also the origin of the contradiction within man.
- By understanding the origin of evil itself, we can then learn the process through which God has been working to restore man to his true nature.

The Contradictory Nature of Human Beings



Romans 7:15-24 (ESV) ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² **For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,** ²³ **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.** ²⁴ **Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

- We have identified God as the origin of the universe. God is also the origin of goodness and truth and true love.
- If God is a unified, harmonious being of goodness, then the evil, contradictory nature within each of us must have a different origin.
- In Christianity, this Master and Origin of Evil is known as Satan.



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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'?"

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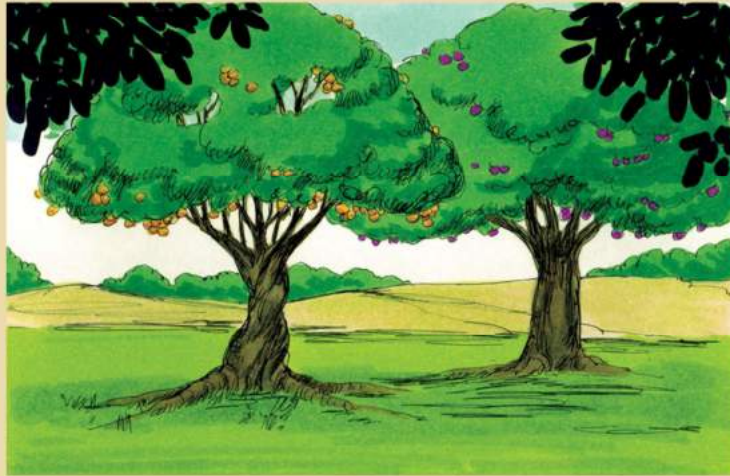
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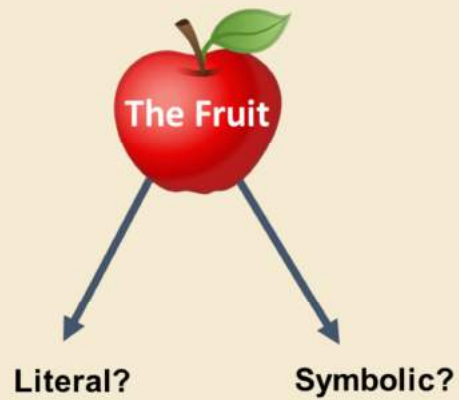
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There are those who believe that God made the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and commanded Adam and Eve not to eat it in order to test their obedience to Him.

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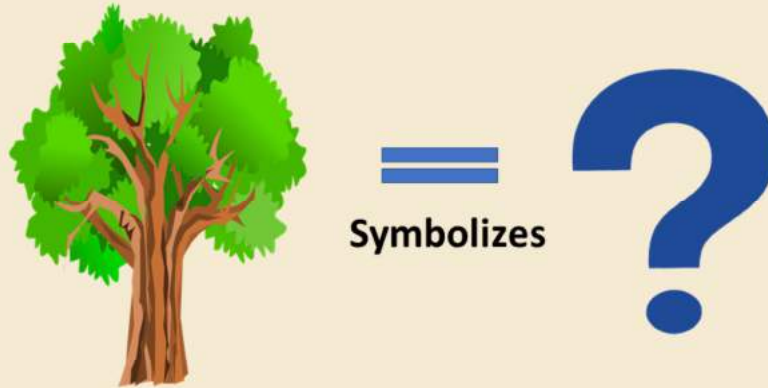
Adam and Eve knew they would die the moment they ate the fruit, for God had told them so. Yet still they ate it. Adam and Eve did not lack for food.

They would not have risked their lives and disobeyed God only to obtain some 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 been something so extraordinarily stimulating that even the fear of death did not deter them from grasping it.

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- We begin by taking a closer look at the major components of the story.
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Proverbs 13:12

***"I am the vine; you are the branches.** If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* John 15:5

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates."
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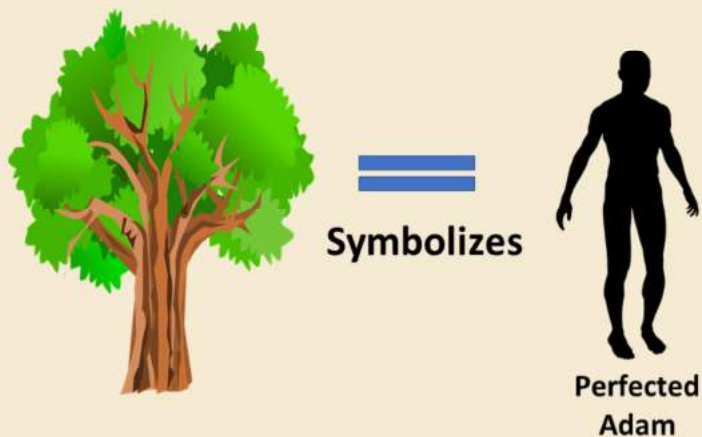
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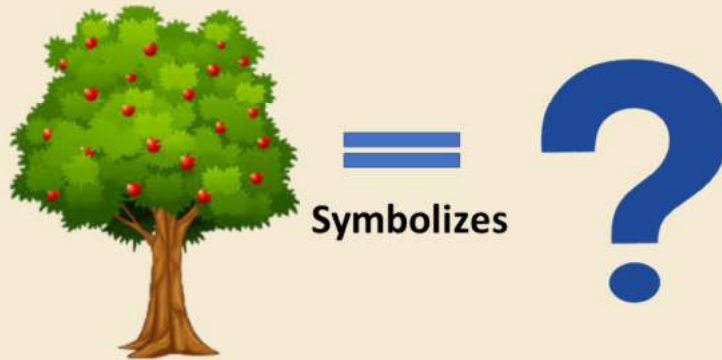
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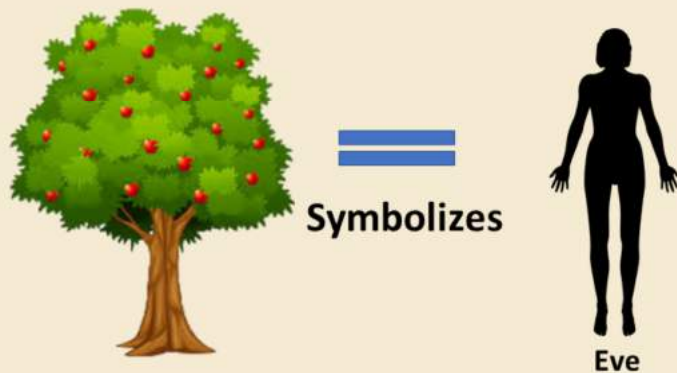
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The Meaning of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil



- 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 bore fruit that was so tempting and destructive that it could bring about man's separation from God?
- Could eating a literal fruit be the Original Sin which destroyed man's spirit and put him under Satan's control?
- Once again, God is speaking the truth in the Bible using metaphors.

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



- There were 2 trees in the garden; one representing True Adam. Then what does the other tree represent?
- The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil represents none other than the woman, Eve.
- What did Eve have that was so tempting that Adam would risk his eternal life to obtain it? It was Eve's fruit, which symbolizes her love.

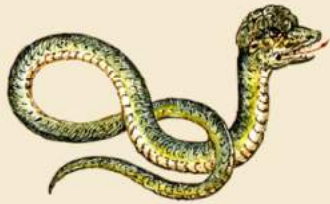
The Identity of the Serpent

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Revelation 12:9

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Isaiah 14:12

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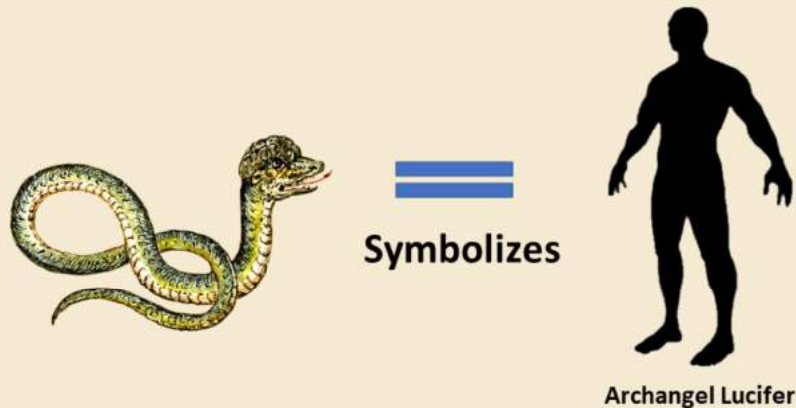
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- Was able to speak
- Was a spiritual being (knew the will of God)
- Originally a being of goodness
- Dominated Adam and Eve after the Fall
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- 1 John 3:8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.
- 2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
- John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your

father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings

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- Again, the Bible gives us insights into the true nature of the Original Sin.
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- Gen 3: ⁶So 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. ⁷**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.**

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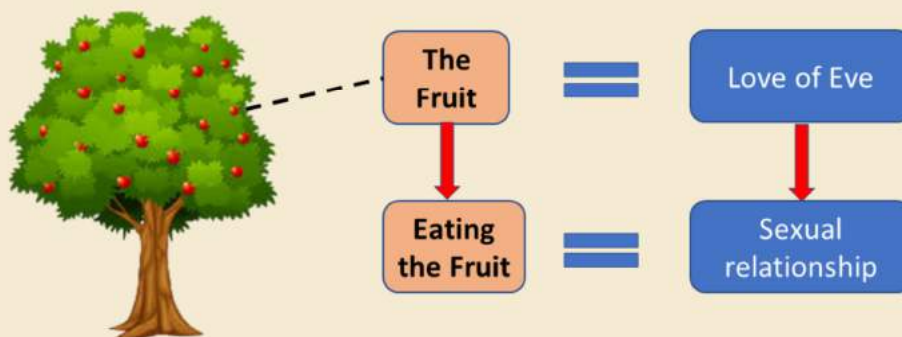


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The Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil



- The Fruit signifies the love of Eve. The fruit of the tree appears when the tree becomes mature. When the fruit is ripe, it is delicious to eat, and also contains the seeds for reproduction.
- Eve's eating of the fruit denotes that, against the Word of God, she consummated a satanic love relationship with the angel, which bound her in blood ties to him.
- She then entered into an illicit relationship with the man, Adam, and subsequently 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, he fell away from God and corrupted his seed with Satan's spirit.
- Adam's seed was corrupted with Satan's evil nature (John 8:44 – "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires."), and that original sinful nature was passed on from generation to generation.

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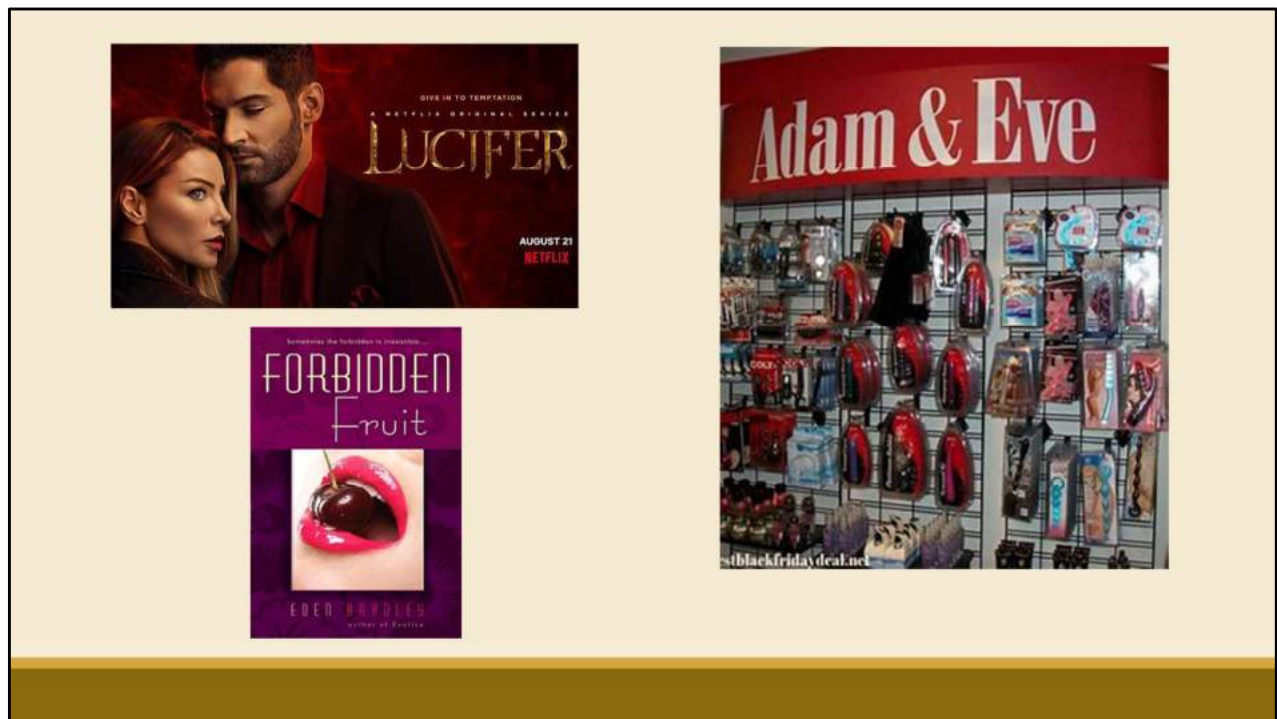
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“Nakedness” after the Fall

None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the LORD. The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness. The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover. The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for theirs is your own nakedness. Leviticus 18:6-10

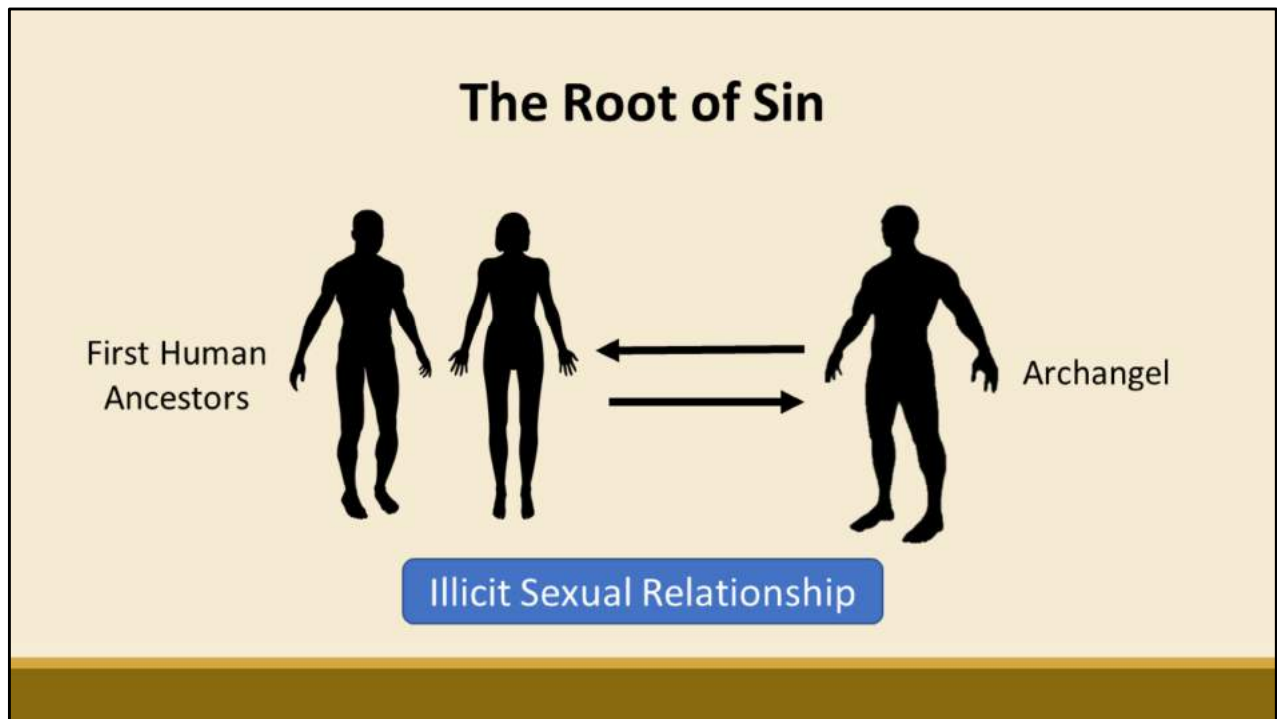
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The Motivation and Process of the Fall

- God's desire was to create a world where His children could live in His kingdom of love.
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Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings

Like all beings, angels were created by God. God created them prior to any other creation. In the biblical account of the creation of heaven and earth, we find that God spoke in the plural: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

This is not because God was referring to Himself as the Holy Trinity, as many theologians have interpreted the passage. Rather, He was speaking to the angels, whom He had created before human beings.

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God created angels to assist Him in creating and sustaining the universe.

In the Bible we find many instances of angels working for the Will of God:

- Angels conveyed to Abraham important words of God's blessing
- An angel heralded the conception of Christ
- An angel unchained Peter and led him out of prison and into the city
- The angel who escorts John in the Book of Revelation calls himself “a servant”
- In Hebrews angels are referred to as “ministering spirits.”

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Our Relationship with Angels

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

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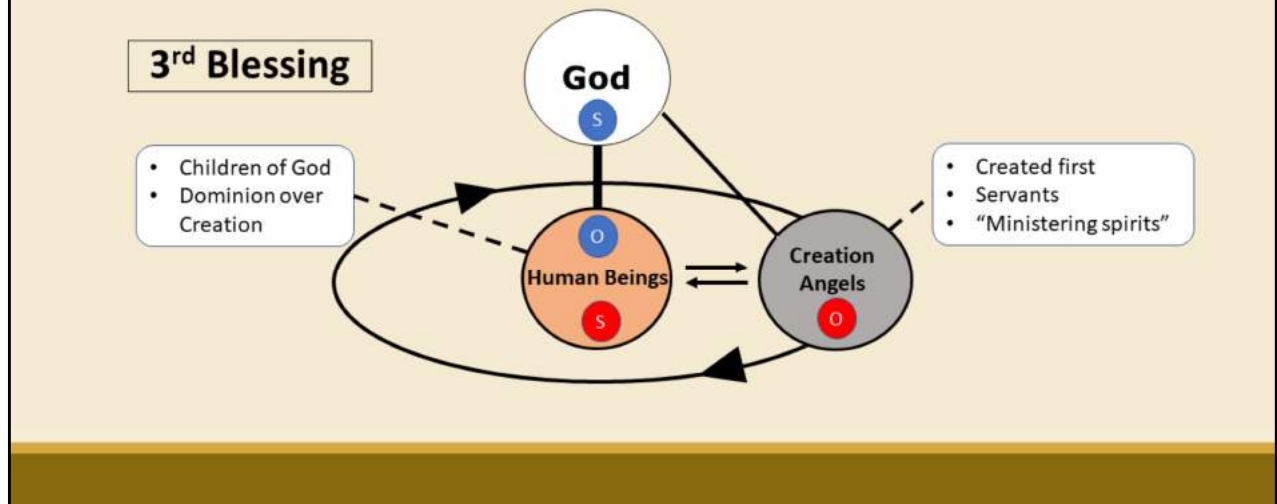
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Before the Fall

Lucifer, as the archangel, 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 loved them many times more than he had ever loved Lucifer, whom He had created as a servant.

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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.

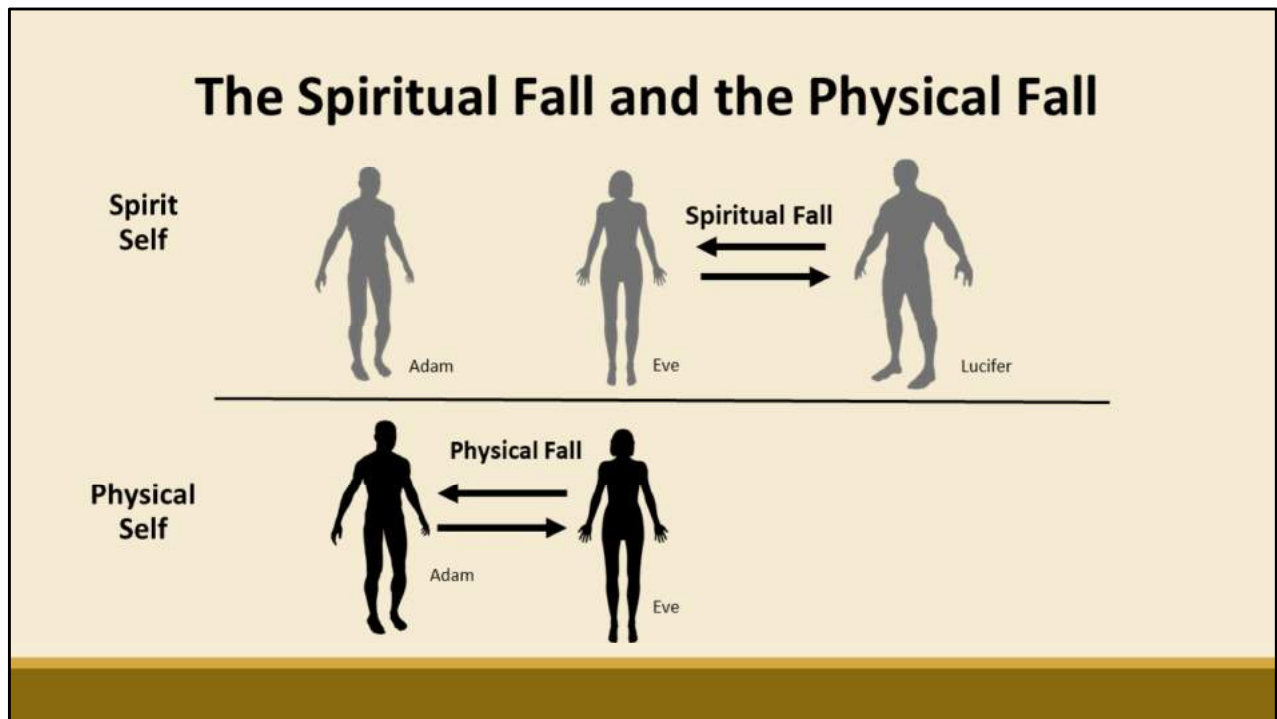
This situation is similar to the biblical parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16).

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.

Lucifer left his position as God's servant

Lucifer, feeling as though he were receiving less love than he deserved, wanted to grasp the same central position in human society as he enjoyed in the angelic world, as the channel of God's love. This was why he seduced Eve, and this was the motivation of the spiritual fall.

The Spiritual Fall and the Physical Fall

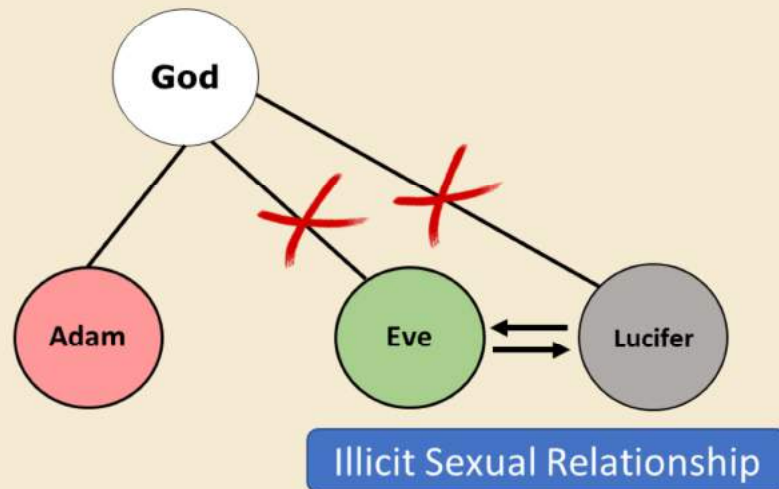


- First, the Archangel Lucifer tempted Eve to eat the fruit.
- Eve should have remembered God's Word and obeyed the Word, no matter how Lucifer may have tempted her.
- However, in disobedience to God's commandment, Eve gave in to the temptation and ate the fruit.
- The fallen, unprincipled action which took place through the sexual relationship between the angel and Eve is called the Spiritual Fall, since Lucifer is only a spiritual being.

How can the Fall occur between an Angel and Eve?

- In the Bible we have the account of an angel who wrestled with Jacob and put his thigh out of joint.
- Three angels visited Abraham's family and ate a meal of veal, milk and curds.
- Two angels visited the house of Lot and ate the unleavened bread he served them. When the townspeople saw the angels, they were excited with lecherous desires for them and surrounded Lot's house, shouting, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them."

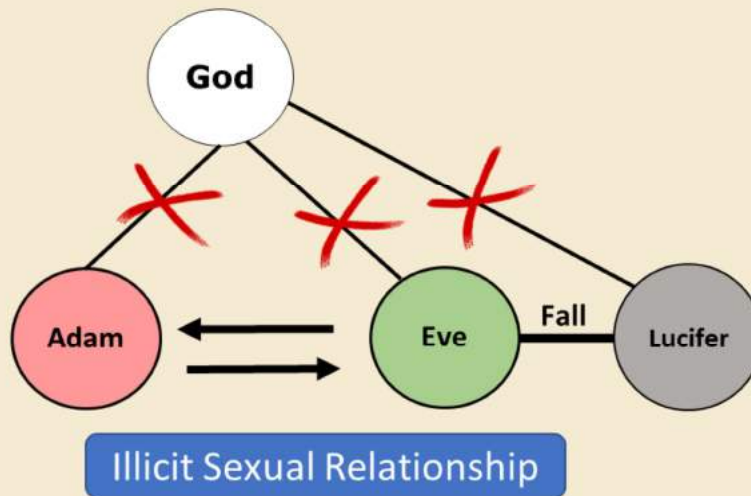
The Spiritual Fall



- After the creation of human beings, Lucifer, feeling as though he were receiving less love from God than he deserved, wanted to hold onto the same central position in human society that he enjoyed in the angelic world, as the channel of God's love.
- It was with this self-centered motivation that he seduced Eve, knowingly going against the Will of God. This was the motivation of the Spiritual Fall.
- Lucifer, who appeared powerful and wise in the eyes of Eve, took advantage of Eve's innocence and purity, and seduced her into having an unprincipled sexual relationship.
- We often see, even in today's world, that same pattern when an older man in position of power, wealth or fame takes advantage of an innocent, younger woman.
- Lucifer, who left his proper position due to his excessive desire, and Eve, who wanted to open her eyes and become like God before the time was ripe, formed a common base and began giving and receiving action.
- This bond that was created, totally apart from God, eventually led them to consummate an illicit sexual relationship on the spiritual plane.
- Having gone against the Word of God and her own conscience, Eve felt guilt and shame.

She immediately sought to restore the joy and innocence she had lost.

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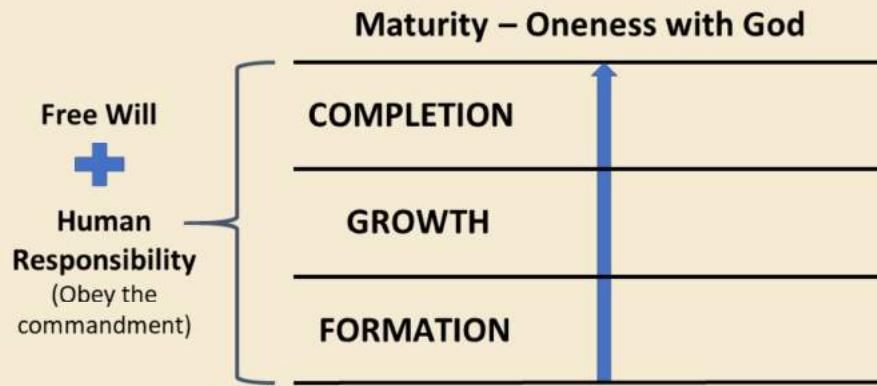


- Fallen Eve seduced Adam with the hope that by uniting with Adam, who was originally meant to be her husband, she could rid herself of her fear and guilt, and once again receive the love of God.

This was Eve's motivation which led to the Physical Fall.

- Against the Will of God, Adam responded to Eve's temptation and formed a common base with Eve, who had already committed the fallen sexual relationship with Lucifer.
- Adam and Eve began giving and receiving action with each other, which brought them together in an illicit spiritual and physical relationship of sexual love.
- Not only was Lucifer cut off from God, but Eve and Adam as well.
- 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.

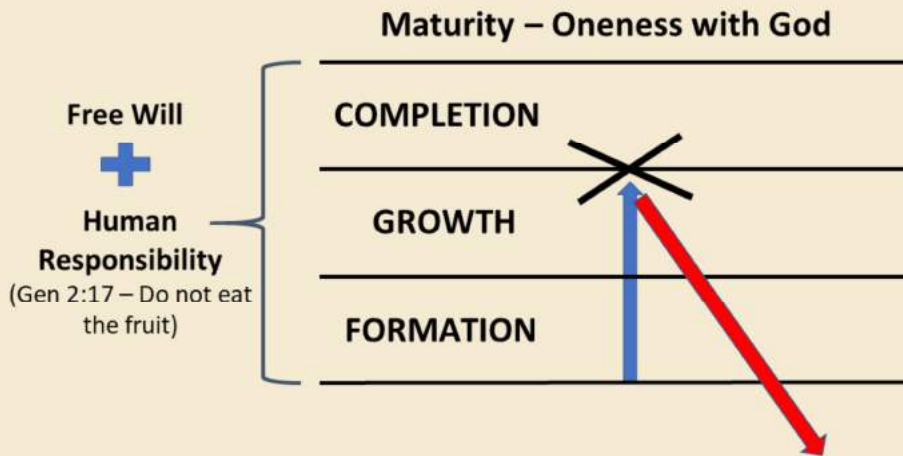
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- As we learned in the Principles of Creation, human beings are not created, or born, mature.
- Man was given freedom and responsibility in order to co-create himself, and to stand in the position of lord of creation.
- God intended that during the Growing Period, Adam and Eve would remain pure and relate to each other as brother and sister.
- Once they reached maturity following the commandment God gave them, fulfilling the First Blessing to become "fruitful", God would have blessed them in marriage, fulfilling the Second Blessing. At that point, Adam and Eve would relate as husband and wife, experiencing the joy of pure, God-centered sexual love.
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- So then, how could the Fall happen, and when did it happen?
- As we learned in the Principle of Creation, God created His children to have free will and responsibility.
- Therefore, because God did not create man already perfected or mature, it was possible for the Fall to take place.
- The fulfillment of the 3 Blessings and the establishment of the Kingdom of God requires the completion of man’s human responsibility.
- Free will was a Blessing given to man, to allow him to become a co-creator, and true children of God.
- God could not interfere with the actions of human beings, since He had given them free will, and would not contradict His own Principle of Creation.
- Human beings fell into an unprincipled state apart from God. Even the formation stage is in God’s principled realm, so the unprincipled realm that Adam and Eve fell into was even below the formation stage.

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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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.”

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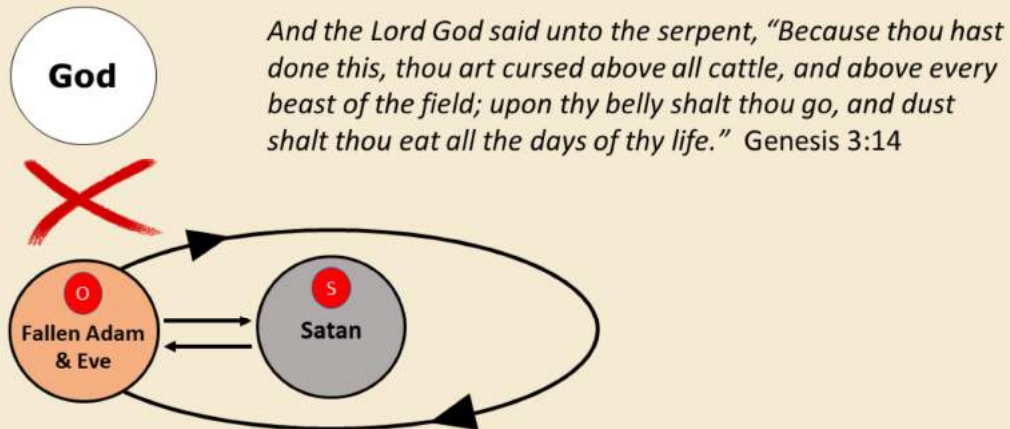
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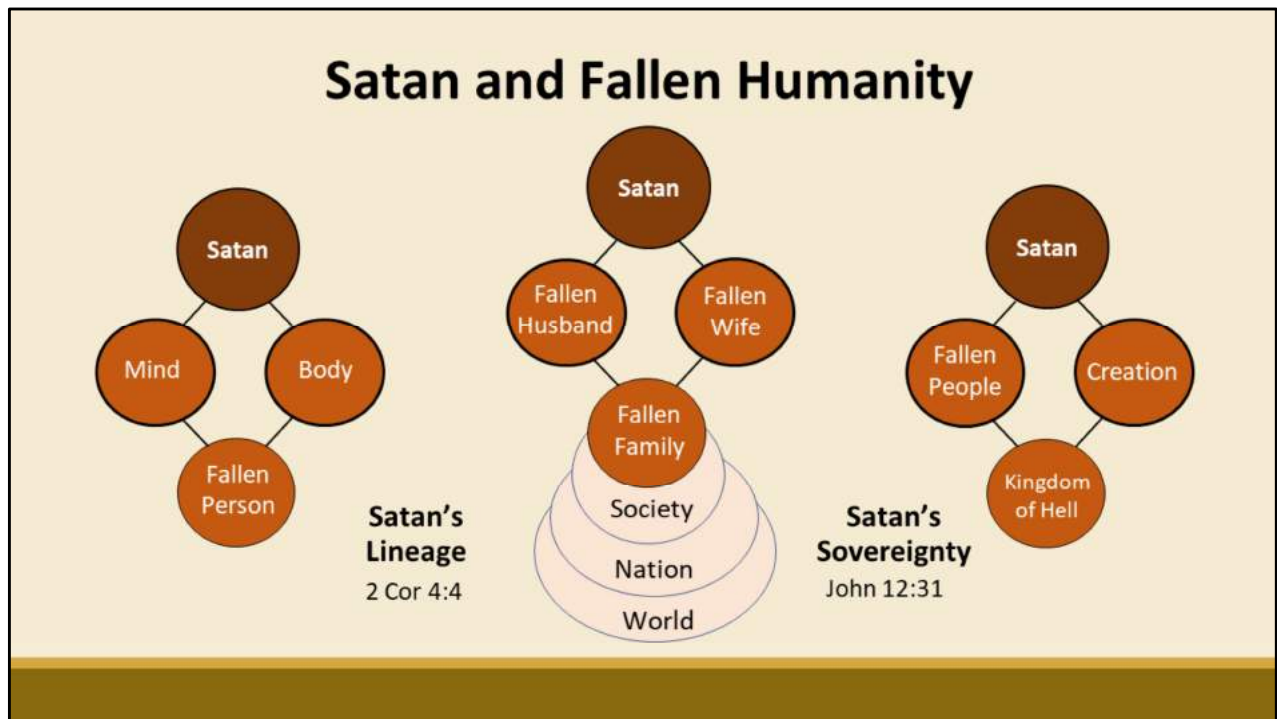
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The Relationship between God, Satan, and Fallen Man



- Originally, God should have been the center of Adam and Eve's lives.
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- 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.
- Instead, Satan, a fallen angel, took the position of their false subject and false father. (John 8:44)
- The creation, therefore, could not receive God's love through God's children, who were meant to have a dominion of true love over creation.
- John 8:44



- 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.

John 8:41-44 ⁴¹ You are doing the works of your own father."

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me.⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

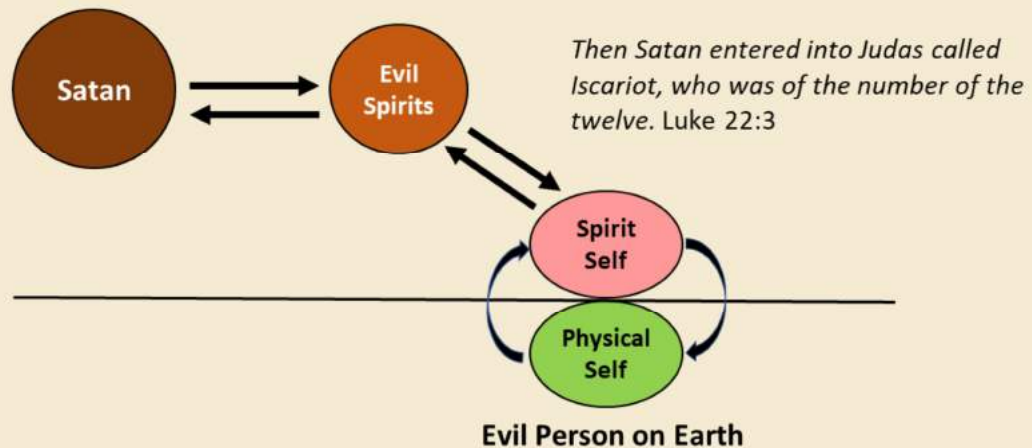
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- The Bible explains how even the creation has suffered as a result of the Fall:

- Romans 8:19-22 ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not

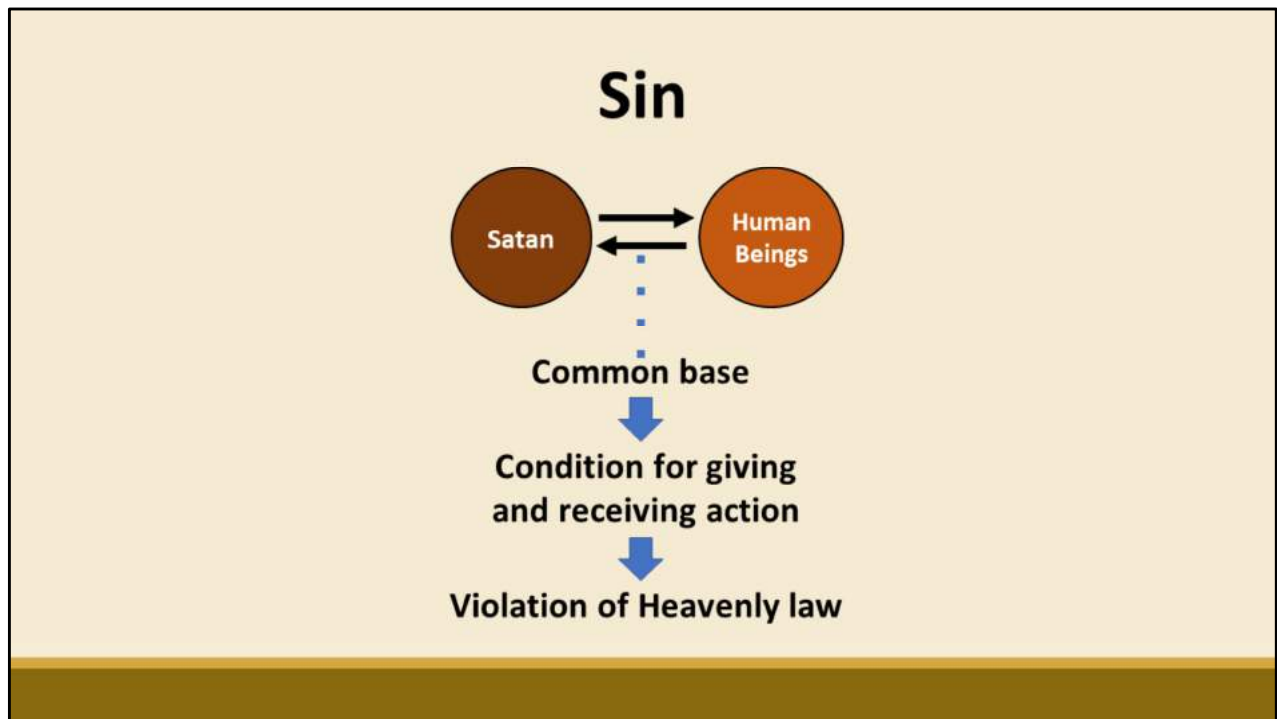
willingly, but because of him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now; and not only the 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.

Satan's Activities in Human Society



Luke 22: ³ 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 evil ways.



- 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.
- What are the different types of sin?

Types of Sin

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

- Sin can be classified into 4 types:

1. Original sin - This sin originated with the spiritual and physical fall of our first human ancestors. It is ingrained in our lineage and is the root of all sins.
2. Hereditary, or Inherited sin - This is sin which one inherits from one's ancestors on account of their connection through lineage.
3. Collective sin - This is sin for which a person is responsible as a member of a group, even though he neither committed the sin himself nor inherited it from his ancestors.
4. Individual sin – 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

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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

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Collective Sin

*In the ninth year of Hoshe'a 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*

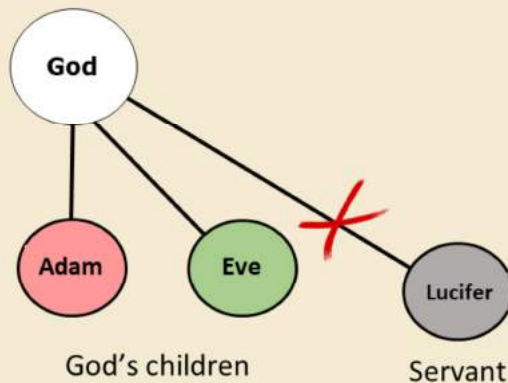
- 2 Kings 17: ⁵Then the king of Assyria invaded all the land and came to Samar'ia, and for three years he besieged it. ⁶In the ninth year of Hoshe'a, the king of Assyria captured Samar'ia, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. ⁷And this was so, because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and had feared other gods ⁸and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs which the kings of Israel had introduced.

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*

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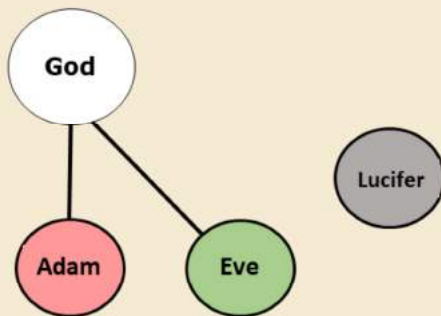
The Four Fallen Natures



1. Failure to see from God's viewpoint

- Eve inherited from the Archangel Lucifer all the proclivities incidental to his transgression against God when he bound her in blood ties through their sexual relationship.
- Adam, in turn, through his relationship with Eve, acquired the same inclinations.
- These proclivities have become the root cause of the fallen inclinations 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 being the failure to see from God's viewpoint.
- Lucifer initiated the sequence of false relationships by tempting Eve, which he never would have done had he maintained God's perspective. He would have seen Adam and Eve as God's son and daughter, and himself as a trusted servant whose job it was to support them and honor their position as God's children.

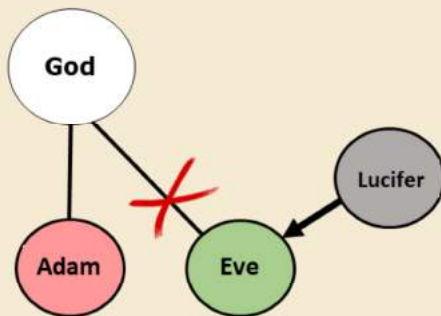
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1. Failure to see from God's viewpoint
2. Leaving one's proper position

- 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 fallen nature: Leaving one's proper position

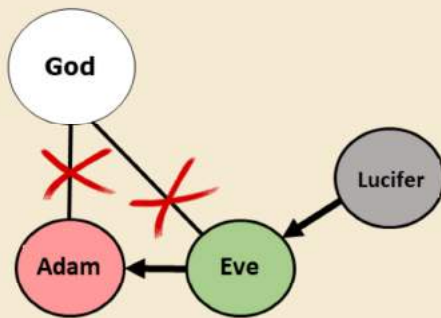
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1. Failure to see from God's viewpoint
2. Leaving one's proper position
3. Reversal of dominion

- 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 come under the dominion of Adam, dominated him instead.
- This is the 3rd fallen nature, the reversal of dominion.

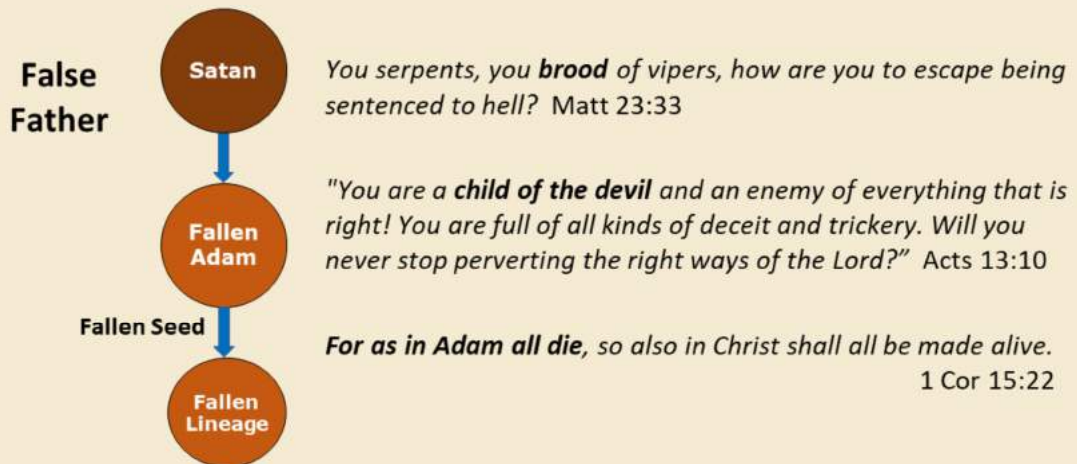
The Four Fallen Natures



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, then multiplied her mistake by tempting Adam into committing sin in the same way she herself was tempted by Lucifer. Adam, by uniting with her, broke his relationship with God and likewise became subjugated by Lucifer as he became bound to her in blood ties through their sexual relationship.
- Thus, we see the evil committed by Eve was multiplied. This is the 4th fallen nature – multiplication of evil.

Satan Usurps the Lineage

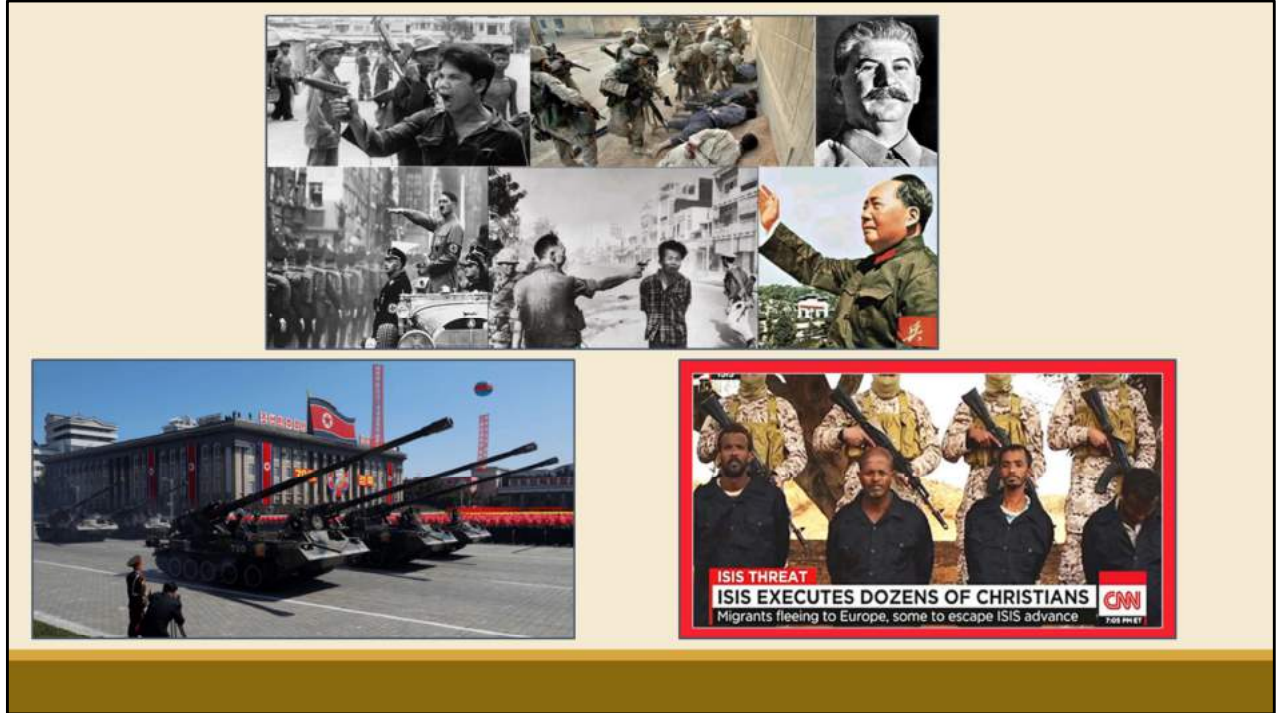


- Matt. 23:33 ³³ You serpents, you **brood** of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?
- Acts 13:10 "You are a **child of the devil** and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?"
- Romans 5:12 ¹² Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and **so death spread to all men** because all men sinned.
- I John 3:9 ⁹ Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for **His seed** remains in him; and he cannot sin, because **he has been born of God**.
- 1 Cor. 15:22 ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- Through the Fall, Satan corrupted the spirit of Eve. Through give and take with Eve, Adam became separated from God, and **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. (John 8:44)
- **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 them.
- 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.

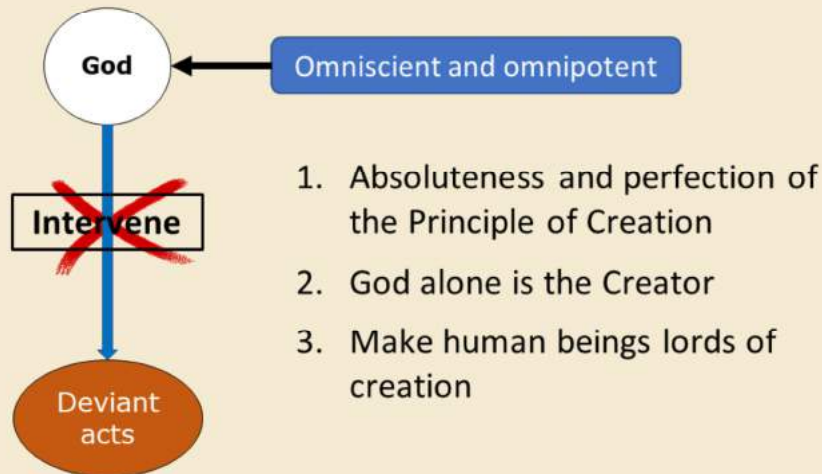
The Kingdom of Hell

- As a result of the Fall of Man, Hell was established on earth.
- Resembling their false father, people often use physical, political, economic and military power to use, deceive and enslave others
- After leaving this earth, the world of Hell continues in the spiritual realm for those whose spirits remain under Satan's dominion.



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Why God Didn't Intervene in the Fall



- We may wonder, then, why the “all-powerful” didn’t God intervene to prevent the Fall from occurring?
- 1. 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 good. 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.
- 2. If God intervened in a way that was not according to His own Principle, He would be recognizing another creator – an evil, anti-God creator, who is Satan.
- 3. One of the blessings God gave to His children was to be lords of creation. In order to fulfill this blessing, God’s children must themselves take dominion over the creation – not rely on God to do so directly.

How God was Affected by the Fall

The moment that Adam and Eve fell, God's heart was torn so painfully He almost went insane. You should never forget about the Father who was shaken so thoroughly as to almost forget Himself. Have you ever thought about that?

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Oct. 11, 1959

- We may be conscious of the suffering that resulted from the Fall of Man.
- But what about God, who is our loving Father? Even fallen, human parents experience tremendous pain when their children suffer.
- Rev. Moon, through deep prayer and terrible trials, came to understand the great suffering that our Heavenly Father experienced as a result of the Fall.

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.
- First Messianic prophecy - **Gen. 3:15** (read slide)
- *For the lecturer - Explanation of this verse:* "Just as Genesis sets the stage for everything that follows in the Bible, this verse sets the stage for the coming of someone who would inflict a death blow on Satan and on evil. As a result, many understand this to be the first hint of a coming one who will be victorious over evil." (jewsforjesus.org)

Thank You Very Much!