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*What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment? (Job 7:17,18).*

*What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water? (Job 15:14-16).*

*What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our LORD, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:4-9).*

# Introduction

What is man? This question has been asked for centuries, and each new generation projects an impressive collection of possible answers. Yet while the many volumes written by scholars the world over yield interesting historical facts about mankind, his customs, and the theories he has embraced at different times, man does not find the explanation of what he is by exploring the archives of human wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. When man humbles his proud, independent heart and becomes as a teachable little child, *then* he discovers *Truth* as he allows the Holy Ghost to enlighten his thinking with the divine Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of God's Holy Word.

Obviously, all the intricate parts that together form a man cannot be listed in a simple sentence; for one reason, the nature of man's being changed from its original state. There was a decided, disastrous change in man's nature after he sinned, and there is another decided, glorious change in his nature when he is *born again* through the Redemptive Work of the LORD Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must consider each of the phases of man's experiences in order to give a complete answer to the question "What is man?"

## Man before Sin

Before his catastrophic fall into sin, man was God's perfect Workmanship, created in God's own Image and Likeness. Appointed the judge and ruler over all the Earth, man was the great depository and guardian of God's Truth and Spiritual Light. For example, man used God's infinite Light of Understanding to name the animals that God had created. That the animals' names corresponded to their natures proves that God vested His Authority in man to use His divine Wisdom.

Man, the crowning work and wonder of God's Creation, was an heir of glory and grandeur. God used three creative substances in equal proportions in making man's threefold being.\* Man's *body* was formed out of the *dust of the ground*; his *soul* was made from *heavenly celestial substance*; and his *spirit* was formed from *divine spiritual substance*. How beautiful and admirable was man's holy form! His countenance was glowingly angelic; his relationship with his God and his fellow creatures was pure and holy!

God mercifully granted to man the pleasurable privilege of dwelling in the beautiful Garden of Eden where all the needs for his body, soul, and spirit were supplied from the abundance and overflowing Love, Life, and Light of God's Word, Spirit, and Glory. God also graciously granted to man the weighty responsibility of total freedom in the exercise of his God-given power of choice.

## Man after His Fall into Sin

Man's fall into sin caused his beautiful Holy Light and God-like nature to become totally corrupt. In his unregenerated, fallen state, man is like all other animals rolled into one package. He is a barking, bone-carrying dog that calls attention to everyone's faults but his own, while he carries the news of others' failures far and wide. He is a vehicle of death that carries more death. He is a roaring lion that rules by the terror of his angry noise. He is a robbing fox that steals for his own exaltation. He is a prowling wolf that attends to everyone else's business but his own. He is a rapacious vulture that feeds on darkness and error. He is a slinky, slithering serpent that works deceitfully and craftily to get his own will and way. He is a weak-eyed elephant that has a strong aversion to and hatred for Light. He is a hypocritical crocodile that weeps tears of self-pity and rage. He is a rebellious donkey that stubbornly resists God's Will.

Fallen man's bestial nature did nothing to increase either his beauty or intelligence or his power of reasoning. On the contrary, the once illustrious, powerful ruler became a weak, frail, helpless worm. Poor, miserable, mortal man is a benighted miniature of his former image of glory. In his darkened state, mortal man is filled with mean and petty wants and desires. Since his disastrous fall, man is in total chaos. He is a contradiction. Man, who once was exalted as lord and master over all created things, now scarcely can command a single thing. Man, who once was made ruler of the Earth, is but a pygmy on this cursed planet. Man is a fallen god who has a remembrance of Heaven. Fallen

man is a fool in disguise. With his twisted thoughts and corrupted reasoning, fallen man has turned God's beautiful Earth into an insane asylum.

Fallen man, conceived in a corrupt womb, is born into an unsteady cradle. He crawls unsuspectingly into childhood; runs fearlessly into adolescence; walks soberly into the reality of adulthood; mellows into maturity; totters into second childhood; humiliatingly enters into the insecure cradle of the helplessness of old age; and, finally, returns to the womb of Death. Such is the circuit of fallen man's short journey between Life and Death in this world.

### **Man after the Redemptive Work of Jesus Christ**

Sin darkened man's glorious past and overshadows his present existence with pain and Death. Unregenerated man faces an eternal night of more Death, shame, and punishment. The gloom of the picture that man presents would be overwhelmingly depressing were it not for the Light and Life that come through the Redemptive Work of the LORD Jesus Christ.

When the spotless Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, creates a New Man inside of fallen man's heart and takes up His abode there, He assumes the responsibility for restoring fallen man to the clean, holy glorious estate that he knew before his fall.

Jesus Christ fills the soul of man with new, exalted, glorious aims of growing up in His Spiritual Stature. If man fulfills his God-given aims, when he reaches full, mature Stature, he will have regained his former Image and Likeness of God. Jesus Christ fills the New Man with immortal desire and longings to be one with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. The LORD Jesus Christ fills the heart of the New Man with spiritual thoughts that ascend through Eternity to the New City, the New Jerusalem.

In his new estate of being born again, man is half mortal and half immortal, half dust and half divine. Fallen man was of such infinite worth to God that He sent His only Begotten Son to redeem His fallen Creation. Once redeemed, man is of much greater and infinite value to God. A Christian's great privilege is to have God dwelling within his heart, where God imparts to man His own Holy Character, Nature, and Likeness. How happy is the Christian man! He has God for his Father, Jesus Christ for his Saviour and Neighbor, his *new spiritual being* created in the Image of Jesus Christ, and the joy of seeing his *old self* continually *transformed* into Jesus Christ's Likeness and Image.

God so loves man that He takes infinite care and pains to visit poor, miserable, weak man with tests, trials, and afflictions so that he might be purged of his fallen, bestial nature; thus, man becomes a fit receptacle of Light for the new holy, pure Nature of the Light of Jesus Christ. Purgings are purifying. Great and glorious are the condescensions of God's divine Grace toward man. The LORD visits every morning with new Mercies and Compassions for man. He tries man every moment to see the condition and nature of his heart. God sets His Heart on man so that He might write His Law in him. Man in his fallen state cannot profess to be clean or righteous, but in his new state of Salvation through Jesus Christ, he can confess both of these qualities. Man, born of a woman, is unclean, but man born of God's Spirit and Word is clean. God is mindful of man because He sees him as a finished product of Love, Light, and Life. God, in His Omniscience, knows that He has Power to take the unclean and make it clean. He can take a mortal and make him immortal. The brightest, most illustrious creatures are impure in the sight of the Holy and Pure Creator. If the saints and the Heavens are not pure in the sight of God, how much less pure must be the appearance of poor, miserable, lost, degenerate man?

The Glory and Honour of God's Power allow Him to take filthy, abominable man, who drinks iniquity like water, and cleanse him so that God's Holy Law can be placed within his heart. God's creation of man was wondrously magnificent, but His creation of the New Man within the heart of fallen man is even more illustrious. God's first creation involved taking something *clean* to make something *clean*. His second creation involves taking something *unclean* to make something *clean*. Obviously, the second is more complex; consequently, it requires more time, patience, and concern.

Psalm, chapter eight, verse three, says that the lights of Heaven, the moon and stars, are the work of God's *Fingers*. God's *Fingers* denote the manner in which God worked to produce the small, fine, minute details which produce Light in the spiritual and natural realms. Just as an artist uses his fingers to make myriad strokes in producing a picture, so God used His *Fingers* to put forth His Word of Light in the stones of the *Torah*. And with the same *Fingers*, He put forth His Word of Light in the form of the moon and stars. Likewise, man was the Work of God's Hands, and he was set in the Earth to be a spiritual Light. Unfortunately, man's Light was swallowed up by

the darkness of sin. The great mystery and miracle of regeneration is that God can take a human heart that is filled with the miserable darkness of sin, wash it, clothe it, and feed it until it is filled with all spiritual Light.

**That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;** (Philippians 2:15).

Before a person asks “What is man?” he should ask “What *was* man?” God created man to be a Light-bearing vehicle of His holy Light of the Law, the *Torah*. But sin darkened man’s vehicle of Light. Still, God is mindful of fallen man and mercifully redeems him so that he can be the burning and shining lamp in this world that he was intended to be. After man has been redeemed by the Blood of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, he is obligated to obey the LORD’s commandment to let his Light shine.

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven** (Matthew 5:16).

This book is written for the purpose of studying the Truths revealed in God’s Holy Word about mankind: his origin, his temptation, his fall, and his final destination. We believe that when God’s Spirit enlightens our understanding of His Word, as we faithfully pray and study, we cannot find fault with the Biblical account of man’s origin. The Bible unfailingly substantiates true scientific findings. However, man must constantly revise his carnal theories until he discovers God’s true Principles of Operation and Creation. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that within its pages are all the treasures of Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge because it is God’s revelation to man of His Son Jesus Christ, in Whom are hid all the treasures of Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge. Man is one of Jesus Christ’s Works, and to understand the Creation, we must understand the Creator Who is revealed through God’s Word.

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\* For further study of man's threefold being see: B. R. Hicks, [\*Man's Threefold Nature, Volume One: His Body, Soul, and Spirit\*](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1999).

# Chapter One

## The Origin of Man

To discover man's true origin, we must turn to God's Word. The Bible teaches that the Creator-God is the Source of *all* forms of Life, including mankind, and declares this to be an absolute Truth. When Genesis states that "God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him," it refers to God's creative act that brought *present* man into being in the finished, mature form in which he now exists. Man is scientifically classified as a primate, which means that his form is upright. With his head, arms, and legs attached to the trunk of his body, man's image takes the form of a Cross. Since God made man in His own Image, God's Image also forms a Cross. When man sinned, his entire image and form became sinful. For this reason, Jesus had to be crucified on a Cross, where He took the place of man's sinful image.

Present man's existence does not preclude the existence of a prehistoric man, neither has man produced any evidence that proves that present man evolved from a prehistoric creature.\* Genesis, chapter one, verse twenty-seven says: "So God created man in *his own image*, in the image of God created him him; male and female created he them." This is a simple but profound statement of Truth.

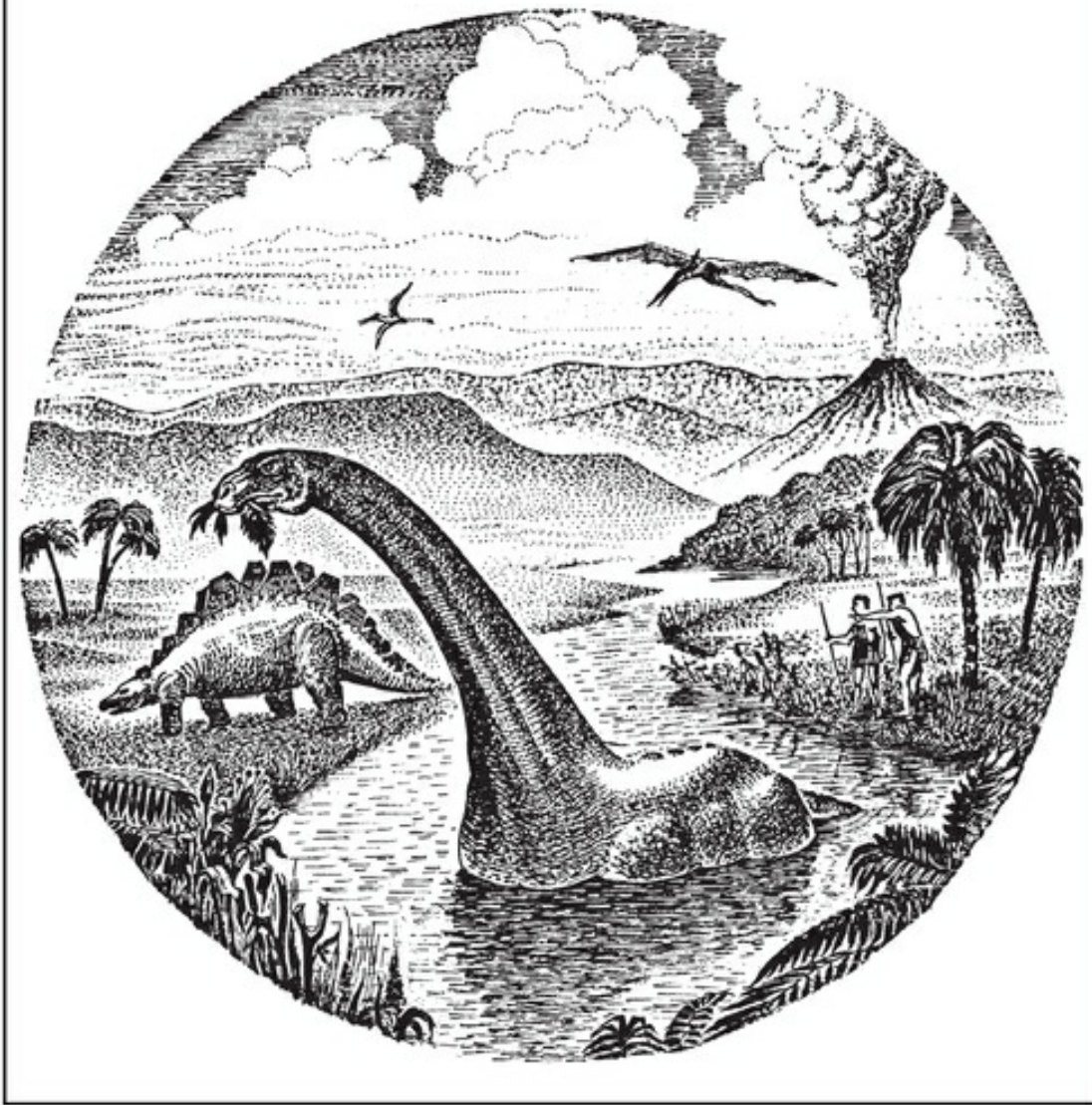
At one time, the majority of people believed the doctrine that man came into being as a mature spirit, soul, and body through an act of the Creator-God. But Darwin's theory of evolution, which proposed the idea that all things have been produced through gradual development and not in an instant, creative act or by a cataclysmic act, has influenced the thinking of people today and has caused them to be unsure of what to believe about the creation of our Earth and mankind. Regardless of the confusion of man's ideas, we hold forth the Biblical account as indisputable. The Bible lets us know that God destroyed the prehistoric Earth through a cataclysmic act of His Judgment, and, then, through gradual, unfolding change, restored the Earth to its present state. Afterwards, God created present man through an instant act of creation. So, in reality, God works in all three ways: through cataclysmic change, through gradual, unfolding change, and through instant, immediate, creative acts. The Word of God furnishes us with enough Truth so that we do not have to live our lives in a state of confusion about such an important matter as our origin.

The Bible does not contradict the scientific discoveries that prove the Earth has been in existence for billions of years and that it has gone through various cataclysmic changes. Scientific evidence indicates the appearance of prehistoric man on the Earth some 2,000,000 years ago. These discoveries affirm the teachings of the Bible that records the existence of a prehistoric Creation. The Word of God refers to three previous Creations, in fact. In each Creation, God placed a particular type of man for that period of time. However, each of the three Creations preceding our present one ended in a cataclysmic change as a result of God's Judgment on their disobedience to the commands that He had given to them. Following God's Judgment on the third creation, when the prehistoric Earth and last prehistoric man were left in a darkened, watery grave and chaotic state, God created present man.

### **I. Prehistoric Man Existed in a Prehistoric Age.**

The first verse of the Bible establishes the existence of a prehistoric Creation. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). God, the Creator of all forms of Life, made prehistoric creatures and prehistoric man to inhabit the prehistoric Earth.

## God's Creation of Prehistoric Life



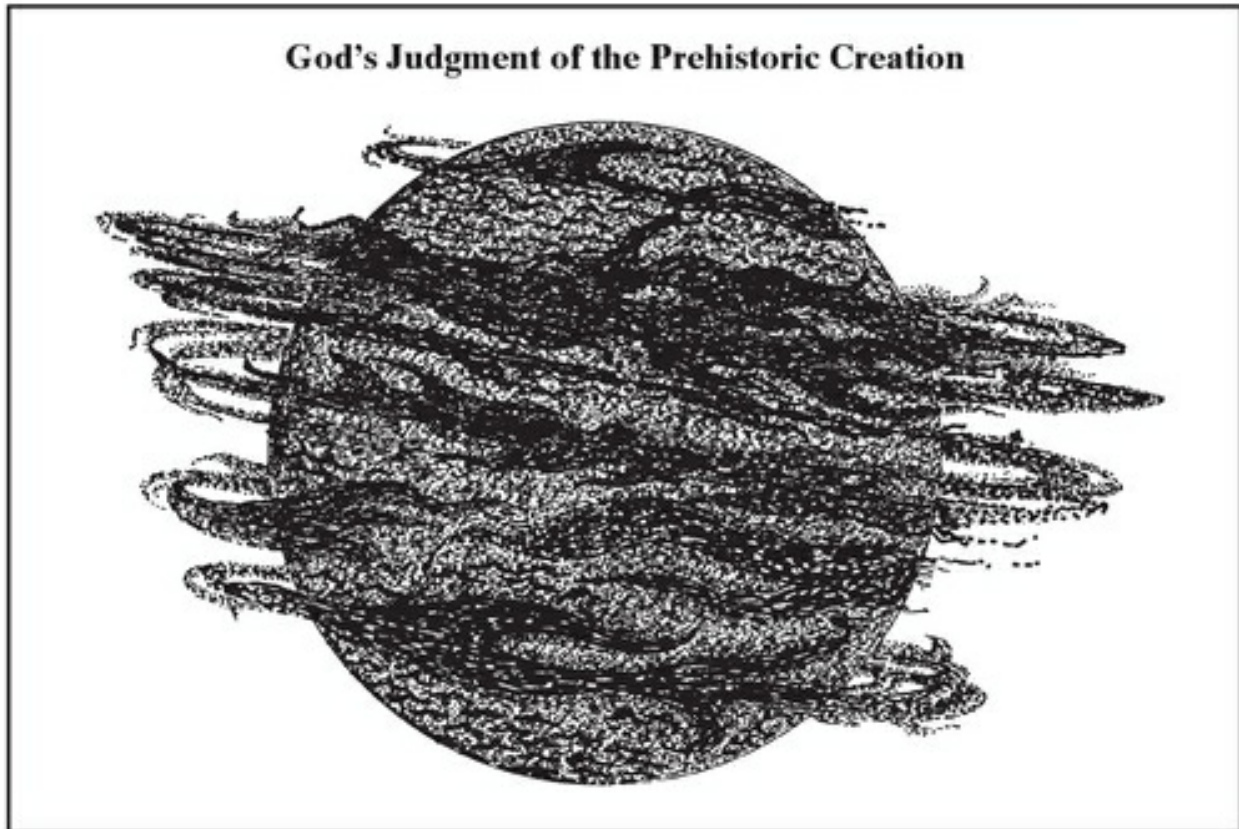
No sin is mentioned in Genesis chapter one, verse one. However, we know by God's divine Principle of Judgment that the prehistoric Creation sinned greatly because God judged that Creation and plunged the Earth and all its inhabitants into a watery grave. God's divine Principle of Judgment is a fundamental, righteous rule of conduct that God enacts when He judges and punishes sin.

Through the Spirit of Prophecy, Jeremiah referred to God's Judgment of the prehistoric creation. The Spirit of Prophecy is able to go into the past, present, or future, according to God's Will.

**I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.** I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. **I beheld, and, lo, there was no man,** and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, **The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black:** because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it (Jeremiah 4:23-28).

Through the eyes of prophetic vision, which permitted him to look into the past, Jeremiah beheld the great

destruction that had caused the prehistoric Earth to become as it is described in Genesis 1:2: “[W]ithout form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.”



We have no written record that indicates how long the prehistoric Earth remained submerged under God's Waters of Judgment and Death, but we know it was long enough for the existing life to perish. No animal Creation, including present-day man, evolved from any prehistoric species, for these forms of life did not survive to be carried over into the present Creation. Scientists admit that organisms that lived on Earth 50,000 years ago differ from those of today. God did a new work when He created present man. However, since the prehistoric Creation and the present Creation were made by the same Creator-God, their appearance bears many similarities.

Since present man's family tree does not have its roots in the prehistoric Creation, we must look, again, in God's Word for the details of our beginning. Prayerful, meditative search of the Scriptures reveals that present man, before coming to this Earth to inhabit a body, existed in spirit and soul form in Eternity-Past in God's creative Loins.

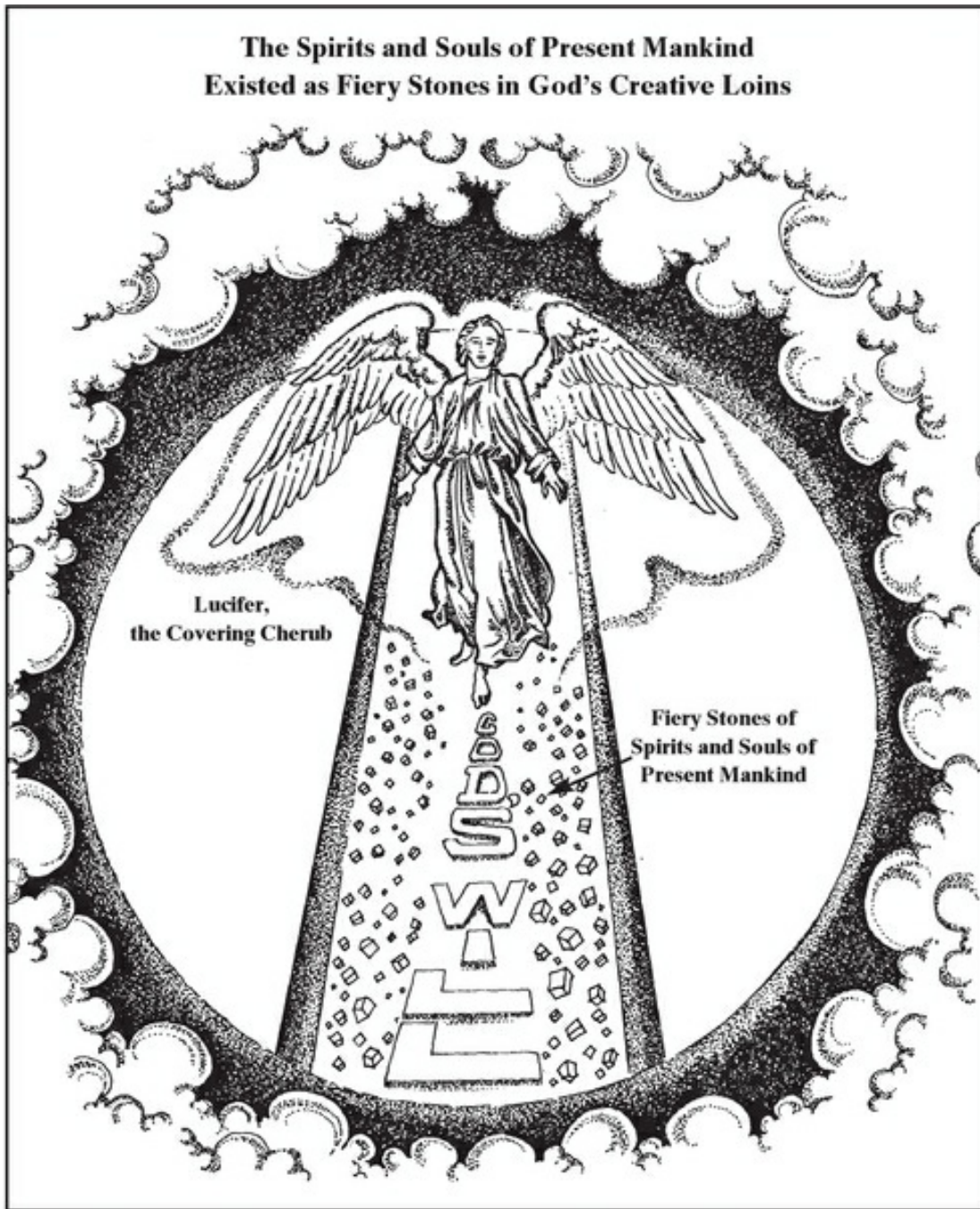
## II. Present Man Preexisted in Eternity-Past.

Present man originated in God's own creative Loins, where he began the existence of his spiritual and celestial being as a spirit and soul. The Book of Ezekiel acquaints us with the fact of man's preexistence in God's Loins in Eternity-Past.

Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; **thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire** (Ezekiel 28:14).

The foregoing verse records the Angel Lucifer's ministry before his fall into sin and disgrace. God created the Angel Lucifer and gave him the exalted position of being the anointed, covering Cherub over His Holy Mountain. Lucifer's exalted position afforded him the privilege of walking up and down in God's fiery Will — “in the midst of the stones of fire.” The Hebrew word for *stones* means to build; it comes from a root word meaning to obtain children. These fiery Stones, the spirits and souls of present mankind, were in Seed form as they rested in God's

creative Loins. Lucifer's ministry was to protect those Seeds.



The concept that all *visible* creation, including mankind, came out of the great creative Womb of the *invisible* God is clearly referred to in God's Word. The Apostle Paul said that understanding God's invisible creation comes by perceiving the visible counterpart that exists in the natural realm.

For **the invisible things** of him from the creation of the world **are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made**, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (Romans 1:20).

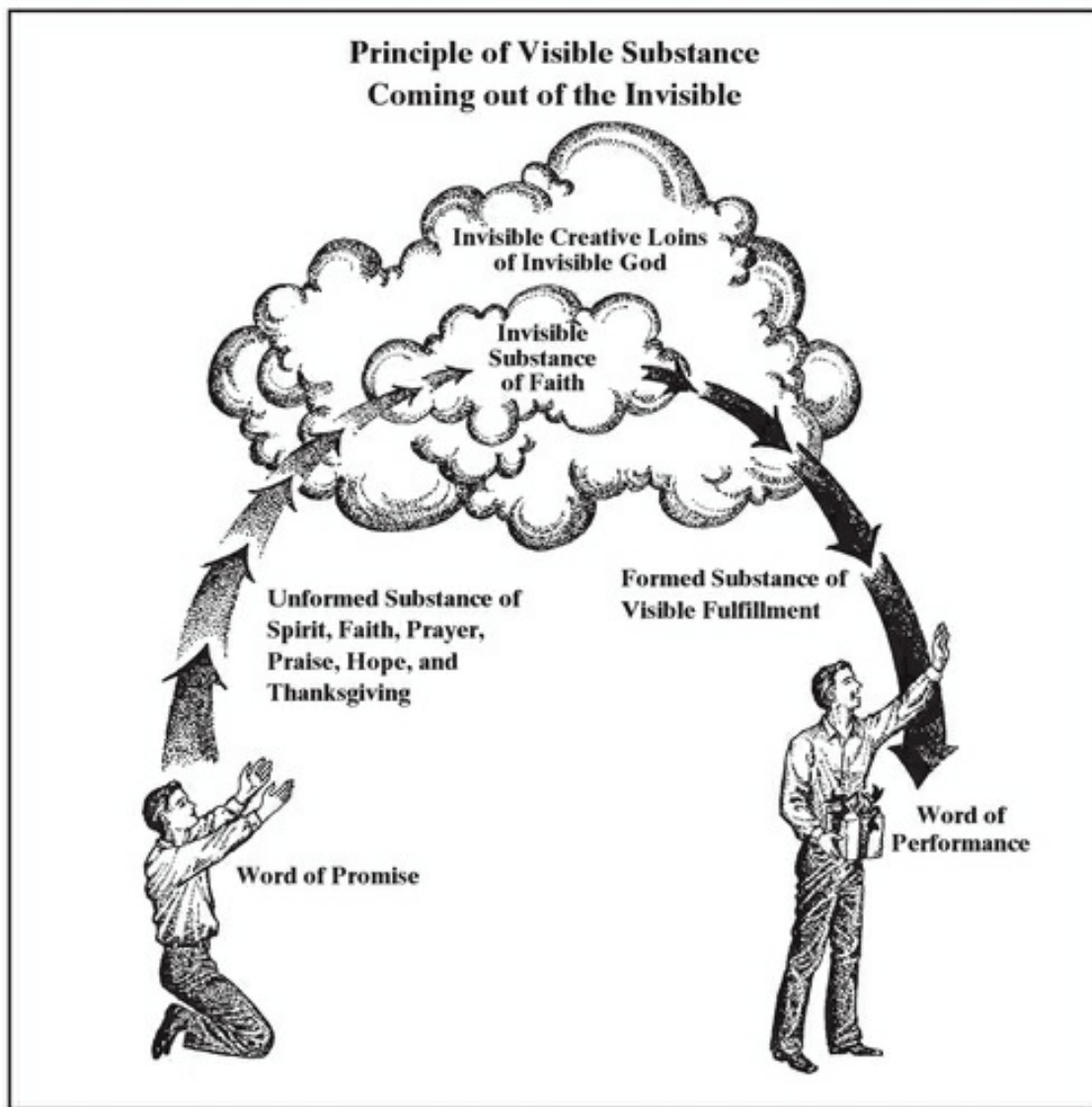
The visible, created Universes clearly declare the Power and Deity of the invisible Creator. Indeed, they set forth such a strong witness of His existence and reality that we must conclude that all men have had a witness of God and,

consequently, are without excuse.

The Book of Hebrews also records the Principle of the Visible Coming out of the Invisible.

**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that **things which are seen were not made of things which do appear** (Hebrews 11:1-3).

These verses show that the visible, tangible worlds were framed by God's Word. The Greek word for *framed* means to complete thoroughly; it comes from a root word meaning fresh, perfect, complete. The Principle by which God framed all things and brought them forth into visibility continues to be an active force today. Let us consider how this works for us when we pray. When we are in the Spirit in prayer, we heave up to the invisible God the invisible substance of faith and hope contained in His Promises in His Word. God uses the invisible substance of faith to answer our prayers and make them visible. When sufficient invisible, spiritual substance of faith has been heaped up into God's invisible, creative Womb, He brings forth the visible manifestation and form of what was first framed and completed in the invisible.



The Book of Colossians also confirms the Truth of the visible Creation coming out of the invisible creative Loins of the invisible God.

**Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature: **For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible**, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist (Colossians 1:15-17).

Natural and spiritual worlds were framed by God's Word, and all things, including mankind, were created by Him. All visible Creation came out of the invisible God.

Not only did man exist as Seeds in God's Loins, but man also existed in Seed form within the loins of his progenitors, which is established in the Book of Hebrews.

And as I may so say, **Levi** also, who receiveth tithes, **paid tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father**, when Melchisedec met him (Hebrews 7:9,10).

Levi had not yet been born; therefore, he did not possess a physical body when his Great-grandfather Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec. The fact that Levi was able to pay tithes by joining his will to Abraham's will shows that his spirit and soul enjoyed a conscious existence even in Seed form. Since it is possible for a human being to exist consciously within the spiritual loins of another, then certainly, it is possible for mankind to have existed consciously within the creative Loins of the infinite, eternal, invisible God.

From the evidence of God's own infallible Word, we realize that present man did not spring from the prehistoric man who inhabited the prehistoric Earth. Instead, *present* man existed in Seed form (spirit and soul form) in God's creative Loins in the ages of Eternity-Past until he was brought into visibility in the form in which he exists today.

### **III. God Created Present Man to Exist in Present Time.**

The second verse of Genesis begins the description of the Creator-God's Work of *regeneration* and *recreation*. God did not have to *recreate* the natural Earth; He merely had to resurrect it from its watery grave. However, God did have to create new forms of life to inhabit the cleansed and sanctified Earth.

God formed the terrestrial body of present man out of the dust of the ground. Then, He breathed into man the Breath of Life, and man became a living soul. This man differed from the bestial types of prehistoric man, for present man was made in the *Image* and after the *Likeness* of God Himself.

**And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:** and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them** (Genesis 1:26,27).

**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul** (Genesis 2:7).

Present man was the masterpiece of God's Work, but man fell short of what God intended him to be. And because of his disobedience, man became a travesty of his original, glorious self. In the beginning, man's reason was noble. Before sin entered, man was endowed with infinite Wisdom, but this fearfully and wonderfully made creature soon marred his beautiful Image and Likeness. When present man sinned, he became confused and twisted, a cesspool of contradiction. Man, whom God had promised to be like Him in Nature, Power, and Glory, became a feeble earthworm. Man, who once had been God's great reservoir of the Light of Truth, became a den of deceit and error. Man, who had the highest and holiest heritage of all God's earthly creatures, became the scandal of the Universe. Man, who should have brought the greatest pleasure to God and the greatest Glory and Honour to His Name, brought great pain and disgrace to his Creator.

Sin brought mortality (Death) to man, but it did not change the fact that he had been created a perfect being. Man has not discovered anything that disproves the Biblical account of Creation. Truth will withstand examination; therefore, we can scrutinize, compare, and analyze God's Word without fear of its Truth being contradicted by any of man's findings. Because man only discovers, his discoveries often have to be revised, but God creates; therefore, He never errs in His Word. This is why our study begins with the Biblical account of Creation.

God made man in His Own Image from three distinct substances: terrestrial, celestial, and spiritual.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air,

and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **So God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them (Genesis 1:26,27).

And **the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

**The burden of the Word of the LORD** for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and **formed the spirit of man** within him (Zechariah 12:1).

Using the pattern of His own Being, God created present man as threefold being, whose body, soul, and spirit were made in the Image and after the Likeness of the Creator. Unlike the bestial prehistoric man who was made only of terrestrial and celestial substance, present man's threefold being included a spiritual substance.

### **A. God Made Man from Terrestrial Substance.**

God used different Hebrew words to distinguish the three substances from which man was made: *aw-dawn*, *ish* or *esh*, and *en-oshe*.

The Hebrew word *aw-dawm*, which is translated as *man* in many places in the Bible, identifies mankind's *terrestrial* substance. The following Scriptures are just two that relate particularly to the creation of present man.

And God said, **Let us make man [aw-dawm] in our image, after our likeness**; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **So God created man [aw-dawm] in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them** (Genesis 1:26,27).

And **the LORD God formed man [aw-dawm] of the dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

The Hebrew word *aw-dam* means a human being (an individual or the species mankind), another, hypocrite, common sort, low, man of mean or low degree, person. *Aw-dawm* comes from the root word *aw-dam*, which means to show blood in the face, to be red or ruddy. God called present man *aw-dawm* or *Adam* because his terrestrial body was formed out of low substance (earth), a physical material.

When the decision was made in the predeterminate Counsel of the Creator-God to create present mankind, it was settled that he would be made in the Image and after the Likeness of God Himself. This shows that Adam, in his original state, resembled God and that the terrestrial *aw-dawm* substance used in his creation had its origin in God. The word *aw-dawm* was expressive of the pure ruddiness or brightness of complexion possessed by the first Adam, before he became marred by sin.

The Book of Ezekiel describes the bright appearance of God's low, humility *aw-dawm* substance.

And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and **upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man [aw-dawm] above upon it**. And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, **and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about**. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake (Ezekiel 1:26-28).

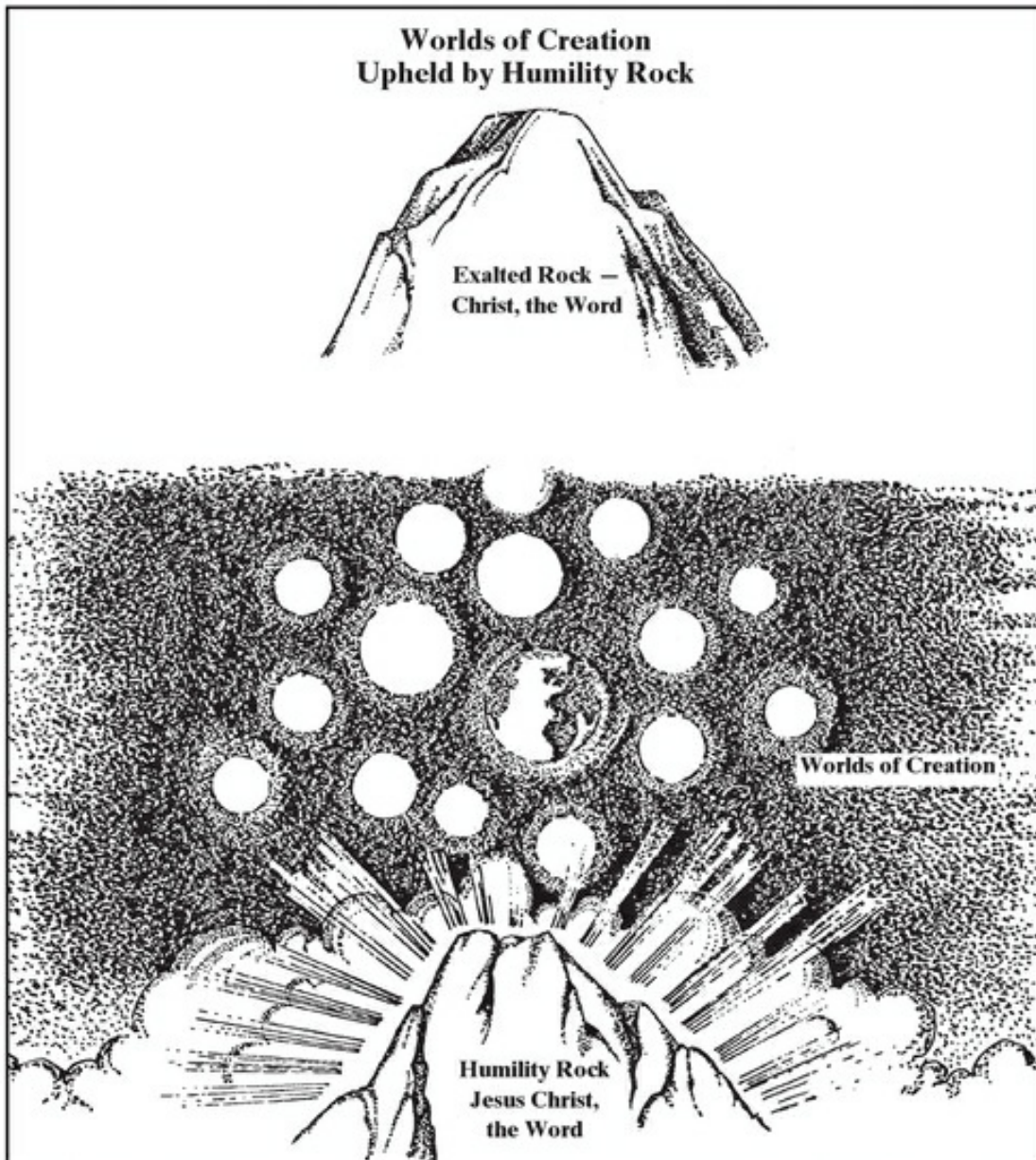
Ezekiel saw the Throne of God, and the One upon the Throne was called *aw-dawm*. The Prophet described the LORD's upward, exalted Glory as the colour of amber, with the appearance of Fire round about within it. The LORD's downward humility Glory was seen as the appearance of Fire with Brightness round about it.

From the definition of the name *aw-dawm*, we know that it pertains basically to humility substance. Yet, from the description in Ezekiel, we realize that humility has heights as well as depths. The fact that Adam the First was made in the Image and after the Likeness of God and that his terrestrial body was formed out of the dust of the ground (the low place of the Earth) indicates that God Himself has some "earth," as it were, which glows with Light and with the Glory Brightness of His low Humility Nature. The Brightness of God's Humility Nature is mentioned again in the Book of Hebrews.

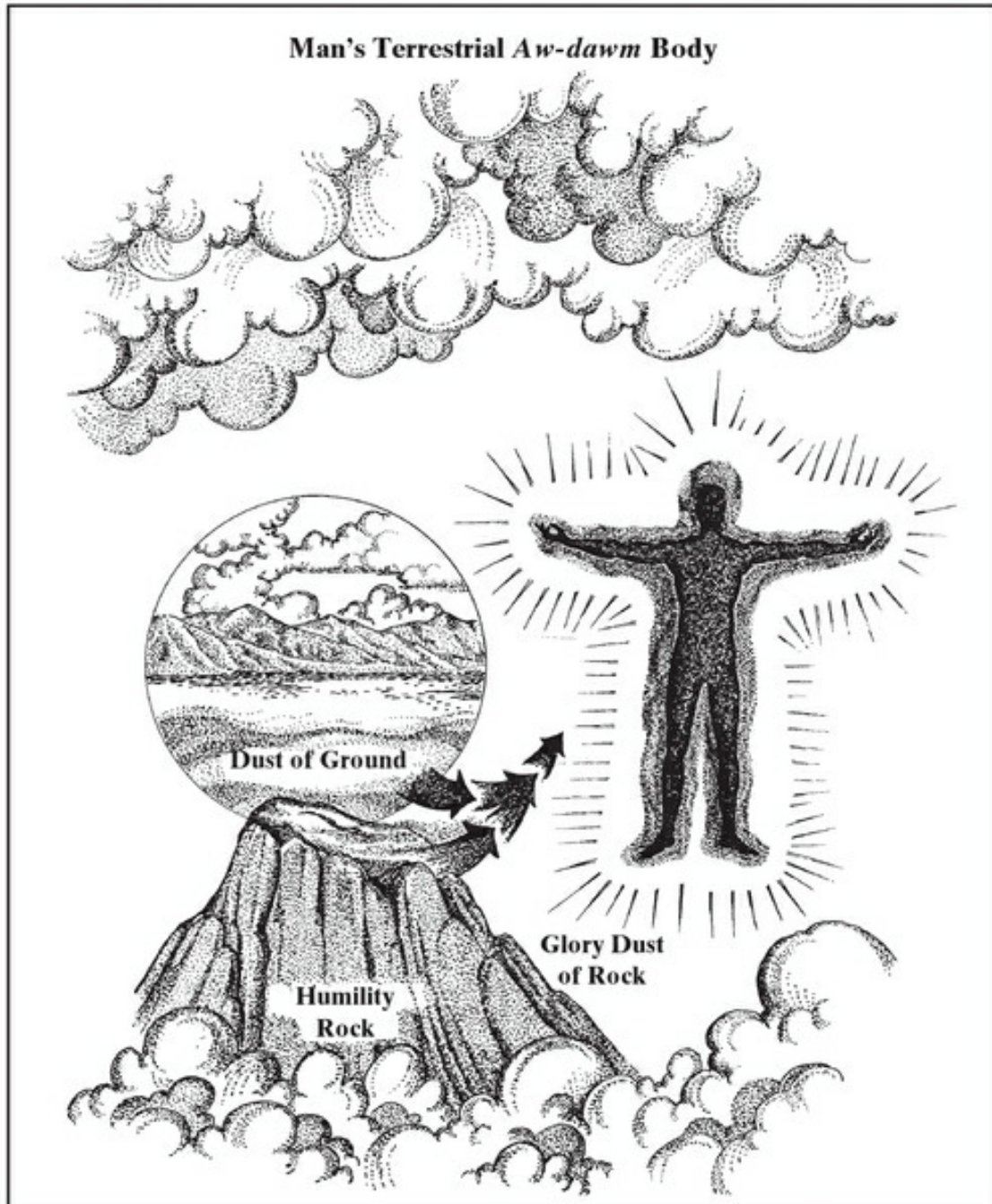
God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by **his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; (Hebrews 1:1-3).

When the Man Jesus came into this world in a terrestrial Body, His complexion glowed with the Brightness of God's Humility Rock, Christ the Word, Who willingly descended below all things so that He could uphold them by the Word of His Power.

God's Humility Rock, Jesus Christ, upholds all things by the Word of His Power.



Jesus Christ made the worlds. He also bears up the worlds and keeps them from falling. Jesus Christ is the Humility Rock that descends *below* all things to become the Life-support system for all Creation. So the Creator mixed, as it were, the very dust of the ground with the dust of the Light and Brightness of the Glory of God's Humility Rock when He formed a terrestrial body for Adam.



In the beginning, because the complexion of present man's body shone with the same Brightness and Glory as God Himself, Adam was declared to be in the Likeness of God. However, when Adam the First sinned, he lost this beautiful Light and Glory-Dust from the Rock (Christ the Word) and consequently became a mortal man. Fallen man's complexion then began to glow with a corrupt redness produced by shame and anger.

When the terrestrial, earthly, mortal body dies, it returns to the dust of the ground from whence it was taken. If we are true, loyal believers in Jesus Christ (the Word in flesh), our bodies will be raised up at His Coming, and once again, the terrestrial dust of the ground will glow with the Brightness of the Light and Glory-Dust of Christ the Word.

The Bible tells us that the Word (Christ) was made Flesh and that men beheld His Glory.

And the **Word** was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace

and truth (John 1:14).

The Word had to come into a terrestrial body in order for the union of terrestrial dust and Glory-Dust of the *aw-dawm* man to be restored and filled again with the ruddiness and Brightness of God's Likeness. The depths to which Christ, the Humility Rock, was willing to descend in order to redeem fallen man's *aw-dawm* substance should give us a new appreciation for the substance God used in the creation of present man's terrestrial body.

## **B. God Formed Man from Celestial Substance.**

The Hebrew word *ish* or *esh*, as it is sometimes spelled, identifies present mankind's celestial substance. The word *ish* means a man as an individual or a male person, good man, mighty man, man of high degree, husbandman. When selecting the substance for present man's soul, God reached into the High, Heavenly, Celestial Realm. We know that He drew this substance from His own Strength, Force, Intellect, Courage, and Might because, in addition to being used to describe mankind, the word *ish* is used to describe the Might and Power of God's own Name or Nature. There are several verses in the Bible in which the term *ish* is used in connection with God.

**The LORD is a man [ish] of war:** the LORD is his name (Exodus 15:3).

Moses described the LORD as a Man (*ish*) of War Who triumphed over His enemies. The LORD is a Master of War, yet His wars are not waged nor won with mortal weapons. The LORD fights by the Strength, Power, and Might of His Name. Even as a Man of War, Who battles against His enemies and avenges Himself upon His enemies, the LORD retains His attributes of Pity and Mercy toward His creatures. He does not go to war without first giving His enemies ample time and opportunity to surrender peacefully. God feeds His enemies and waits patiently for them to repent. Only when He sees that they will not willingly repent does the LORD fight against them as a Man (*ish*) of War.

The Prophet Isaiah also used the word *ish* in speaking of the LORD's Warring Might.

**The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man [ish], he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war:** he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies (Isaiah 42:13).

The LORD will go forth as a mighty Man (*ish*) of War, to attack the Devil's kingdom and to pull down the strongholds of Satan. The LORD, the Man of War, shall deal His fatal blow with awe-inspiring, prevailing success. The LORD, the Man of War, will stir up jealousy; that is, He will be jealous or zealous for the Glory of His Name. He shall destroy the false gods and idols of mankind. He shall roar as a lion and prevail against His enemies. The LORD, the Mighty Man of War, shall devour and destroy His enemies by the Strength and Force of His own Name.

A third example of the use of the Name *ish* in connection with God Himself appears in the Book of Zechariah.

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, **Behold the man [ish] whose name is The BRANCH;** and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: (Zechariah 6:12).

In this verse, the Prophet Zechariah spoke of the future when God's Son, Jesus Christ, Whose Name is The BRANCH, would grow up out of His place (out of Bethlehem, the city of David) and go forth as a Mighty Man (*ish*) to fight against sin. Just as God the Father has an *ish* Nature, so also does His Son possess a pure, holy, undefiled *ish* Nature.

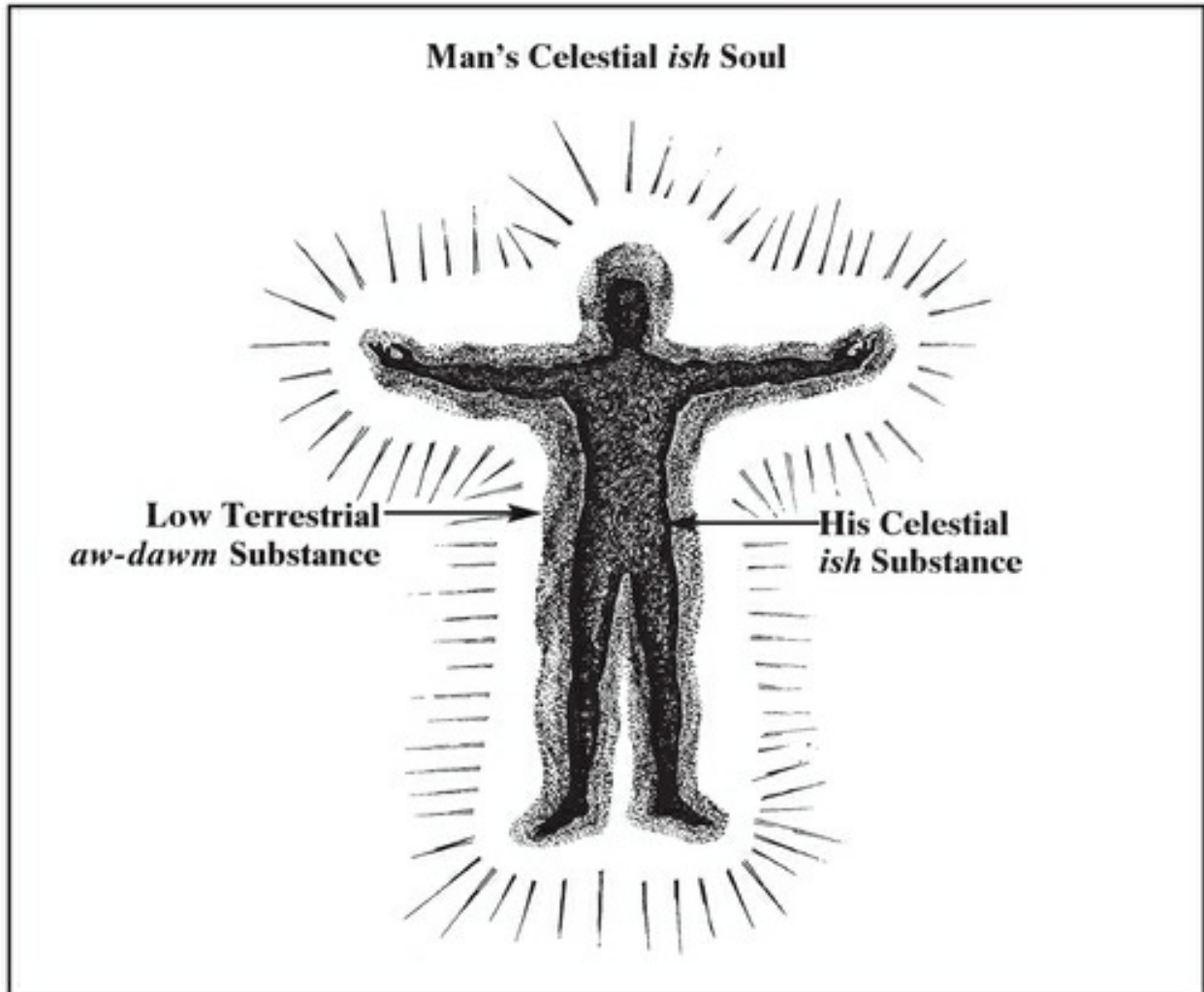
Jesus was planted, as it were, in a dry, barren ground of an earthly family. Yet, neither the Root nor the Branch of His Tree depended upon the dry surroundings for Life. Jesus's Roots descended into the depths to suck nutrients out of the eternal Rock, the Christ; His Branch grew up by the vital Power, Strength, and Might of His own High and Holy Name. In fulfillment of the Prophecy, Jesus went forth as a Man (*ish*) of War, fighting and prevailing over the darkness, sin, and Death of this barren Earth. He went forth casting out devils, healing the sick, and raising the dead by the Power of His Name.

God created present mankind of High and Holy Celestial Substance from Himself, even the *ish* substance of the Might and Power of His own Name or Nature. Since the soul of man came from the celestial part of God, it can become a warrior against God's enemies, too, when it has been cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

God's Word first mentions man's celestial *ish* substance in the Genesis account of the creation of Adam-female.

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam [aw-dawm], and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man [ish], made he a woman, and brought her unto the man [aw-dawm].** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: **she shall be called Woman [ish-shaw], because she was taken out of Man [ish]** (Genesis 2:21-23).

The Biblical explanation of creation shows that within present man's terrestrial *aw-dawm* substance (which was composed of natural dust of the ground and the Glory-Dust of the Humility Rock) was the heavenly, celestial *ish* substance of the exalted Rock.



God made present man's soul of high, celestial *ish* substance. This explains why man always seeks the top position. Before finding Jesus Christ as his Saviour, a person's soul constantly seeks the high places of this world. Man seeks to be higher in power, in status, to be better than someone else, to be above average because of the corruption of the high, celestial substance in him which drives him to excess in all things. However, when a man's soul comes to Christ, it begins to seek for the Holy Things which are above.

**If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above,** where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth (Colossians 3:1,2).

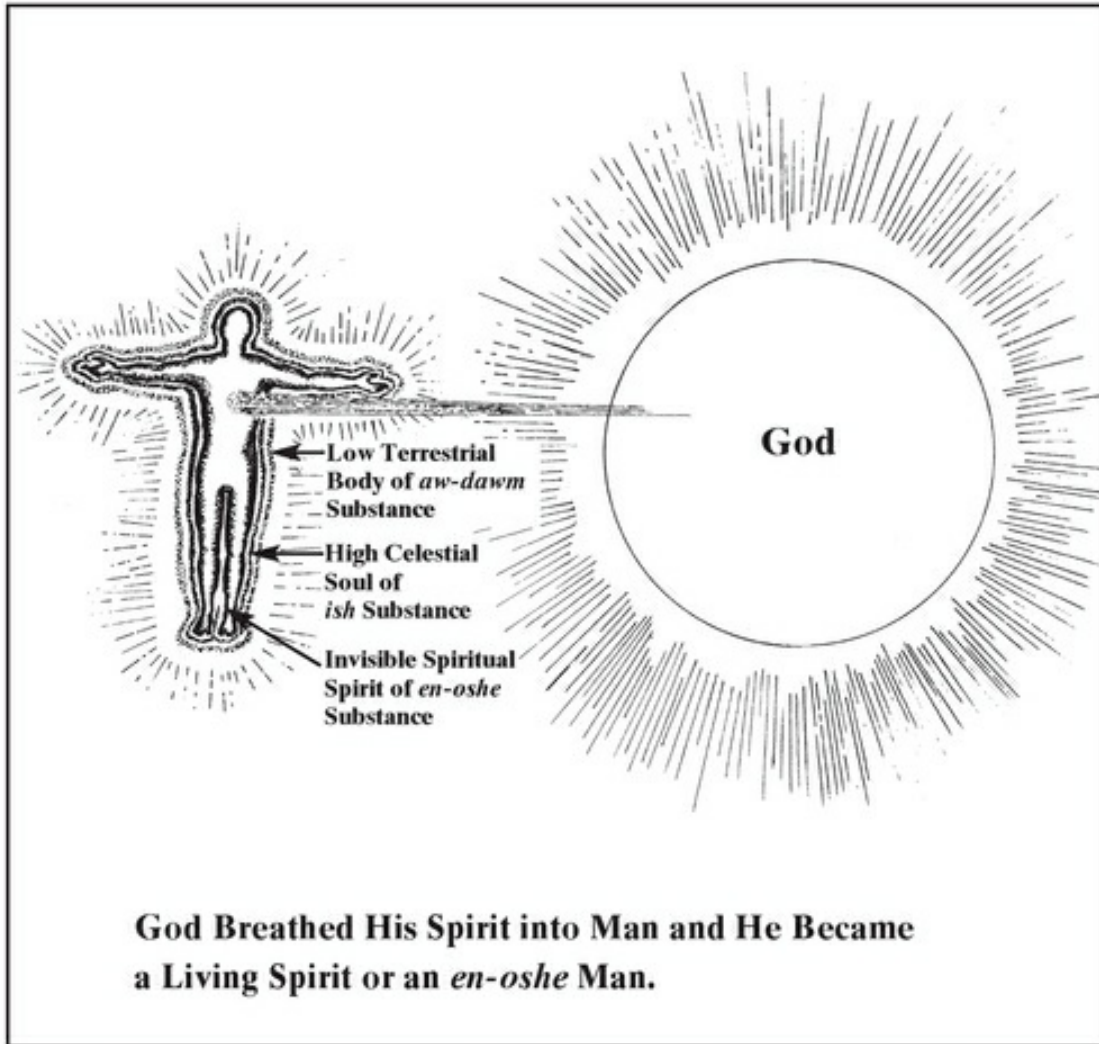
We find complete harmony between the Old Testament's account of Creation and the New Testament's teaching on this subject. The Apostle Paul spoke of both the terrestrial and celestial substance of the body and soul and also of the spiritual substance of the spirit.

***There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.*** *There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body* (I Corinthians 15:40-44).

On Resurrection Morning, each man's terrestrial body, celestial soul, and spirit (which is of a spiritual nature) shall be reunited, and each person will stand up in whatever degree of Glory he or she attained while walking through this life. Let us be faithful, beloved, to spend time with Jesus Christ in prayer and in the study of His precious Word and let Him clothe our soul with His Glory so that we might not be ashamed in the Day of the Resurrection.

### **C. God Formed Man from Spiritual Substance.**

God also created present man out of spiritual, nonmaterial, or invisible substance, which the Hebrew name *en-osh* identifies. Mankind's spiritual substance pertains to his ascending thoughts, mind, feelings, and things not corporeal or visible. The spiritual part of present man consists of his invisible spirit. The sanctified spirit of man, made clean by the Blood of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, is influenced, controlled, and inspired by the pure, holy, sacred, Divine Spirit of God. Hence, man's spirit is his very breath, Life, and power. Man's vivacity, animations, fire, courage, ardour, enthusiasm, and vigour proceed from his spirit, which is supernatural.



The Book of Job speaks of the *en-oshe* spirit in man.

But **there is a spirit in man** [*en-oshe*]; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding (Job 32:8).

Elihu proclaimed that man (*en-oshe*) has the Divine Spirit or Breath (*roo-akh*) to give him Life and intelligence. This is the source of man's wisdom and understanding. God breathed His Breath or Spirit into man and caused him to become a living, rational spirit or (*en-oshe*) man.

The *en-oshe* spirit is not comprised of material substance; therefore, it is not dependent upon matter, but is capable of understanding spiritual concepts and conversing with spiritual beings who are not the objects of conscious, sensory perception. The *en-oshe* spirit-man is an understanding spirit, capable of discovering and receiving spiritual Truth. The *en-oshe* spirit-man loves to meditate upon Truth, trust in Truth, and rejoice in Truth. We know that the inspiration of the Almighty gives us this understanding spirit-man, for He is the God of the spirits of all flesh.

Let the LORD, **the God of the spirits of all flesh**, set a man over the congregation (Numbers 27:16).

Another instance of the use of the word *en-oshe* is found in the thirty-sixth chapter of Job.

Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold. Every man may see it; **man** [*en-oshe*] **may behold it** afar off (Job 36:24,25).

Because God endowed the spirit of man (*en-oshe*) with the eye of faith, man may behold God's Works afar off.

Through the eye of faith in his spirit, Abraham viewed the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, afar off, so he went out looking for it. The eye of faith in the spirit of man enables him to look upward, beyond the things that are seen, and behold invisible things. The spirit of man looks across the valleys of this world to the mountains of Light and joy in God's Word. The spirit of man looks full into Jesus Christ's wonderful Face and Glory and is transfigured by the Glory of God.

The waters wear the stones: thou wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and **thou destroyest the hope of man** [*en-oshe*] (Job 14:19).

Hope is the sense of smell in man's spirit. When God chastens man's spirit, He destroys its corrupted hope so that He can resurrect it in Himself.

Being aware of the three classes of substances used in the creation of present man, the Psalmist David distinguished the *en-oshe* spirit-man from the terrestrial *aw-dawm* man.

**What is man** [*en-oshe*], that thou art mindful of him? **and the son of man** [*aw-dawm*], that thou visitest him? (Psalm 8:4).

The word *en-oshe* means frail and weak. Man's spirit is frail and weak because its senses of faith, hope, reverence, prayer, and worship are dependent upon the soul to supply an image through which it can function. *En-oshe* also is expressed as *mortal* because a mortal body that is subject to Death carries it around. God is mindful of and exercises His providential care for this *en-oshe* spirit-man because it has its origin in the Holy, Divine Father of Spirits. Therefore, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to shed His precious Blood to redeem the terrestrial body and the celestial soul in which this spirit lives.

God created present man as an intellectual being with a spirit and soul capable of understanding spiritual and natural concepts. God also showed respect for the spiritual and celestial intelligence He placed in man, for He exalted the newly created Adam by entrusting him with the responsibility of naming all other living creatures.

And out of the ground **the LORD God formed every beast** of the field, and every fowl of the air; **and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them:** and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof (Genesis 2:19).

Furthermore, God gave Adam-male and Adam-female joint ruling power over the natural Creation. They were commanded to "[B]e fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:28).

God always has a pure, holy Purpose for everything He does. He created present man in His Image and after His Likeness and furnished him with superior intelligence so that man, in turn, could fellowship with God, worship God, and Glorify God.

**Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created** (Revelation 4:11).

Unfortunately for all mankind, the exalted, noble creature called Adam the First sinned. Sin marred man's beautiful God-given Image, defiled his holy God-likeness, and upset the balance of the scales of his God-endowed intelligence. Now, instead of pouring out the energies of his body, soul, and spirit in worship and adoration to his Creator, fallen man uses His God-given energies to bring glory, honour, and exaltation to his corrupted, carnal self.

It has been a shameful reproach to every descendent of Adam that Adam-male and Adam-female failed to fulfill what they were created to do. Nevertheless, present mankind, even in his fallen state, retains enough of the glory and beauty of his original God-given form to refute all arguments presented by proponents of the theory of evolution. Present man did not spring from a bestial savage who evolved through millions of years into the form he now possesses. On the contrary, man originated in spirit and soul form in the creative Loins of the divine Creator-God. Then, though another creative act, God brought man forth out of the invisible and placed him upon this visible Earth.

#### **IV. Darwin's Theory of Evolution of the Species Is Unproven.**

History credits the British naturalist Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882) with being the father of the theory of evolution. The general definition of evolution is contained in this sentence: "The current state of a system is the

result of a more or less continual change from its original state.” According to Darwin’s theory *all* living beings, including man, have similarities and were not individually created; rather, they evolved from more primitive species. In his book entitled *On the Origin of Species*, Darwin argued that natural selection, the mechanism of evolution, worked automatically, leaving little or no room for divine Guidance or Design. Darwin set forth the following explanation of the workings of natural selection.

- All species produce more germ cells, pollen, or spores than ever reach maturity.
- The number of individuals in a species remains fairly constant.
- There must be a high rate of mortality since more young are produced than ever reach maturity.
- The individuals of a species are not all identical but show variation.
- Some variations are better adapted than others to fit into the ecological niches in nature.
- The better-adapted variations will have a better chance of surviving and producing offspring than will the lesswell-adapted variants.
- Offspring resemble parents by heredity.
- Therefore, each successive generation will tend to have an increased proportion of better-adapted variations until finally the population consists only of the better adapted, and the less-well-adapted will have been entirely “eliminated.”
- The gradual accumulation of the adaptations may result in the formation of new species when a population splits into two portions isolated from each other. Each portion then becomes genetically different as a result of its adaptation of its particular environment. Such genetic differences eventually become so great that fertile interbreeding between the two portions can no longer take place, and they have thus become two distinct species.

Darwin’s observations were not all theory; many are obvious facts. Certain changes obviously do occur within a created species. For example, the development of varied and improved plant and animal life brought about by man’s careful breeding and interbreeding of a species is a fact. However, Darwin’s use of the term “natural selection” implies that *no* superior Mind nor Intellect is responsible for the changes within a species. While the excellent quality of many hybrid plants and animals is definitely the result of man’s use of his superior, God-given intelligence, man does not create new life forms; he merely modifies God’s Creation by following laws that God already has established. Man uses predetermined laws for betterment or change. But other changes in a species are the direct result of the Work of the divine Creator-God, Who uses His Master-Mind Intelligence to rearrange and regroup cells until a species fulfills His divine Blueprint that has perfect form as its goal.

Also, Darwin’s theory implies that modern man has evolved through millions of years, from an ambitious one-celled creature, into the bestial savage who inhabited prehistoric Earth, and, finally, into the superior intelligent being who lives upon our present Earth. There is neither Scriptural proof nor natural, experiential evidence to support such a theory.

The Bible clearly shows that prehistoric man perished in the judgment of the prehistoric creation. Not one prehistoric man remained to propagate the race; therefore, modern man could not possibly have evolved from prehistoric man. In spite of man’s dedicated efforts to produce new forms of life, he has been unable to cause a plant to evolve into an animal or an animal to evolve into a man. God’s irrevocable Law of Nature is for every seed to bring forth after its own kind.

**And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind:**  
and God saw that *it was good* (Genesis 1:12).

Corn plants continue producing corn seeds. Monkeys continue producing baby monkeys, and men continue producing human beings. Neither has it been possible for man to create something out of nothing. Man’s limited mortal faculties have forced him to work and to experiment with elements and forms already created by the divine, omnipotent God.

Although Darwin’s theory of how each species has arrived at its present form has not been definitely and finally proven, there is no question that the God-ordained, God-established Principle of Change operates continually.

Through the operation of the Principle of Change, God works (either directly by exercising His own Intelligence or indirectly by directing and influencing the intelligence that He has placed in man) to bring each species up to the perfect form the Creator originally intended for it to attain. It is inconceivable that the intricately complex Creation, of which man is part, came into being *independent* of the supernatural Works of the divine Creator-God, Who conceived the thought of Creation and spoke the worlds into being. That a mind exists in all living matter to control it indicates that its mind was produced by a Mind or a Superior Intelligence. Furthermore, God continues to direct the fulfillment of His divine Plans for His Creation. We have not yet seen the fulfillment nor ultimate end of God's Plans. Man has learned to set some of God's Laws into motion, but man has not yet created his own laws. Man still is at the mercy of an omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God.

## V. God's True Creation and Man's True Scientific Discoveries Do not Conflict.

The disciples of the theory of evolution claim that the Earth's proven antiquity disproves the Genesis account of Creation. But no basis for taking such a stand exists. God's true Creation and man's *true* scientific discoveries do not disagree.

As we already have stated, the first verse of the Bible referred to the omnipotent Creator-God's *original* Work, when it said: "*In the beginning* God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The writer of the Book of Hebrews ratified the teaching that God is the Creator of the Earth.

And, **Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:** (Hebrews 1:10).

From Isaiah's writings, we know that God's original Creation was beautiful and properly prepared for habitation.

**For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it;** he hath established it, he created it not in vain, **he formed it to be inhabited:** *I am the Lord; and there is none else* (Isaiah 45:18).

The Creator Himself declared that His Creation was not created in vain. The Hebrew word for *vain* means to lie waste, a desolation, a worthless thing, a desert, confusion, an empty place, without form, a wilderness. We know, then, that the second verse of the first chapter of Genesis was not speaking of God's *original* Creation. We already have spoken of the catastrophic Judgment poured out upon the sinful inhabitants of the prehistoric Earth. In complete accord with man's true scientific findings, the Bible's record establishes the fact of a prehistoric Earth. This accounts for the Earth's great age.

Man constantly changes his theories because scientists continually uncover more facts. In the nineteenth century, for example, the Earth's age was calculated to be about 75 million years. More recent findings have established the age of the Earth as more probably being 4.7 *billion* years. The oldest rock from the moon, tested by radioactive technique, concludes that the age of the moon is about 4.66 billion years. Other evidence, such as fossils, seem to agree with this approximate age of the Earth.

Clinging to the veracity of the first verse of Genesis does not hinder one from believing that the Earth is billions of years old, even though present mankind can trace his history back only a few thousand years. During the Earth's billions of years of existence, it has undergone many gradual, climactic changes as well as cataclysmic upheavals. The second verse of Genesis indicates that the prehistoric Earth and its prehistoric inhabitants were sunk into a watery grave of destruction through a cataclysmic upheaval. The Earth's present form, since God raised it from its grave, is different in many aspects.

God's began His work of restoration in the Earth by restoring light. Each successive day, as God finished His Work, He saw that it was good. On the sixth day, God crowned this phase of His Work by creating present man out of three substances: spiritual, celestial, and terrestrial, and He made man in His own Image and after His own Likeness. This combination of substances makes present man unique from Angels and from prehistoric man. Angels consists of spiritual and celestial substance. Prehistoric man was made of terrestrial and celestial substance; however, he was not made in the Image and after the Likeness of God Himself. Fossils of prehistoric man show that he bore a close resemblance to the beastly animal world.

Scientists have made some fantastic, true discoveries in regard to the Creation, but some of them have strayed from the Truth by trying to make present man a descendant or product of the evolution of prehistoric man. This is impossible. In addition to the fact that the entire prehistoric world was destroyed, the very creative substance used in the formation of prehistoric man differed from the creative substance and form used in the making of modern man.

Modern man is of very late origin. Ussher's chronology shows modern man to be about 6,000 years old.

This chapter has shown prehistoric man's existence in the prehistoric age, present man's existence in Eternity-Past, and present man's existence in Present Time. While the prehistoric Creation and the present Creation have the same Creator-God, they represent entirely separate revelations of His Handiwork. There has been no overlapping of life from these Creations, and no evolutionary process was used to bring present mankind to the form he possesses.

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\* For more information about prehistoric creations, read the book [\*The Missing Link Between the Genesis Creation and Scientific Findings\*](#) by B. R. Hicks (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1988).

# Chapter Two

## The Uniqueness Of Present Man's Being

Of all God's creations, only mankind was made in the Image and after the Likeness of the Creator Himself. However, all Creation reveals some facet of God because He made all things. This is why studying God's natural Creation helps us to understand many beautiful spiritual Truths pertaining to the Glory, Power, and even the Name or Nature of the infinite, invisible God.

We can relate each natural, visible Creation to its spiritual counterpart of God. For example, in addition to being the most brilliant light in the natural Heavens, the natural sun pictures the splendour and Power of God's exalted, resurrected Glory-Light in Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, Who brightens our spiritual day seasons. The Glory-Light of the resurrected Sun of Righteousness fills our heart with the warmest praise to and worship and adoration of God, and it fills our spiritual day seasons with the highest degree of splendid magnificence, pleasure, and satisfaction. On the other hand, the natural moon depicts the beauty and Power of God's Humility Light that penetrates and illuminates the darkness of ignorance, confusion, and Death that surrounds us when we are in a spiritual night season. The Humility Light of the Crucified Christ shines its revealing Light into the recesses of our proud spirit, mind, and heart and shows us ways in which we need to acknowledge our own faults, shortcomings, and defects. The Humility Light of the Crucified Christ enables us to take a low position and rank and still maintain a mild and patient disposition, even when we experience a spiritual night season.

Natural creatures also portray various aspects of their Creator. The power of the kingly lion pictures the Strength of the LORD's overcoming, conquering Power of Humility Wisdom. The Humility Wisdom of Jesus Christ or His lowly Mind was filled with the Knowledge, Experience, and Understanding of His Father's Will, which enabled Him, as a Lion out of the tribe of Judah, to rule over all the proud, religious hypocrites of His day. Jesus' Humility Wisdom enabled Him to rule with discretion and sagacity over all the proud, foolish commandments and errors of mankind. Then, there is the eagle that typifies the swift keenness of the LORD's divine Powers of Discernment and Understanding, while the ox depicts the LORD's infinite, merciful Knowledge that constrains Him to serve His finite Creation.

In spite of the glory, beauty, and life placed in the natural heavenly bodies and many other earthly creatures, none but man can boast of having been made in the *exact* Image and after the Likeness of God Himself. God gave present mankind, alone, this exalted distinction. According to Jesus' teachings, "to whom much is given much is required"; therefore, the great honour of bearing the Image of the Creator-God should humbly remind man of its accompanying responsibility, first, toward God, and, secondly, toward all other creation. This fact alone should keep man submissive to the divine Headship of his Heavenly Father at all times.

Each of us should appreciate our high and holy calling in a greater way as we learn more about present man's being that is patterned after God's own Being. First, man, like God, is made like a wheel.\* The revelation of the Truth that God structured man's being in the form of a wheel is found in the New Testament Book of James.

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, **and setteth on fire the course of nature**; and it is set on fire of hell (James 3:6).

The Greek word for *course* means wheel. This Scripture gives a clear indication that the "wheel of nature" is the threefold being of man. A man's tongue cannot set fire to kindling wood, but it can inflame the entire emotional and spiritual structure of man's nature. When we see that God made man's being in a wheel formation, we can know that God's Being is also like a wheel, for man was made in God's Image.

Many Scriptures prove that man's threefold being exists and turns as a wheel, and this proof has been thoroughly explored in another book by the author.\* In this study, we merely wish to reestablish this Truth very concisely.

### I. The Wheel of Man's Being Has Three Realms.

God's infinite Mind is ONE WHEEL, as it were. Yet because God knows that finite creatures cannot readily comprehend Infinity, He mercifully separates His Wheel into *three* distinct identities, known as Father, Word, and Holy Ghost, which is how He reveals Himself and how He works with mankind. As man studies the separate Truth related to the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, he is more able to grasp the Unified Truth that relates to God's infinite Mind or Headship.

Since God reveals the three individual aspects of His Being, first, before disclosing the secrets of His Unified Headship, we know that present man can be more readily understood by examining the three parts of his being separately, before attempting to understand the unified mind in the very core of man's being.

Although man is an entity, the different substances of man's spirit, soul, and body retain their distinct identities at all times; therefore, he rightly can be called a threefold being. The Scriptures that relate how a sinner's being is separated when he dies clearly show that man can be separated into three distinct identities. The example of a sinner must be used to prove the three distinct separations of a man's being because the believer's reward is that he never will experience complete or total separation of his being, even in Death. Because the destinations of the three realms of man's being are different, in the case of a sinner versus a believer, and also because a New Testament believer's spirit and soul have a different destination from the Old Testament believer's, it is easier to study the facts if we examine the sinner's and the believer's separations and destinations separately.

### **A. The Separation and Destination of a Sinner's Threefold Being Is Explained in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament.**

Death is a certainty for all human beings, sinners and believers alike. When Death occurs, the spirit and soul depart from the body. In the case of a sinner, the spirit and soul separate as they leave the body so that, actually, a threefold separation is experienced. The Bible clearly explains this phenomenon:

#### **1. The Body Goes to the Grave.**

**Then shall the dust return to the earth** as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

At Death, the sinner's mortal terrestrial body is consigned to the grave, where it returns to the dust from which it was taken.

#### **2. The Soul Goes to Hell.**

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: **the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments,** and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom (Luke 16:19-23).

This Scripture leaves no doubt that, at Death, the soul of a sinner descends into Hell to experience torments.

#### **3. The Spirit Goes to God.**

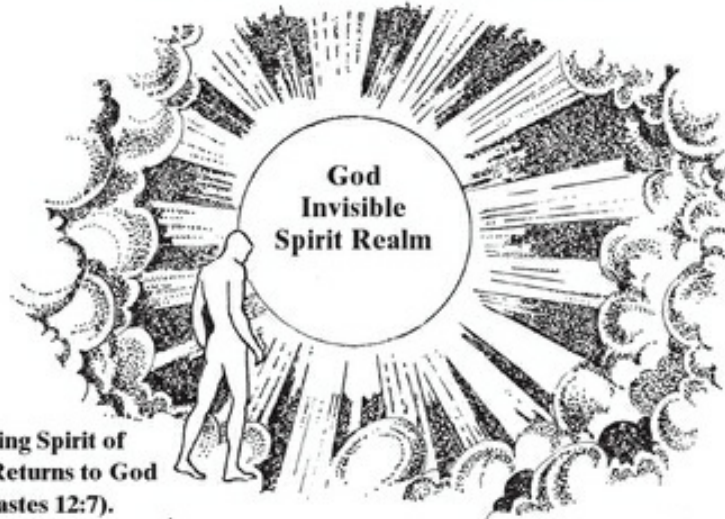
Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it** (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

At Death, a sinner's departed spirit ascends to present itself before God. Because it is an unclean spirit, it does not stay in a place of rest in Heaven, but is left to wander in a discontented, seeking state of unrest. Although they are unconfined, God limits the activities of these unclean spirits. He may use one for an instrument of Judgment, as in the case of wicked King Ahab. God permitted a lying spirit to enter into the Prophets whose false prophecies led Ahab to his ultimate destruction (I Kings 22:20-38).

Also, we know from Jesus' experience, when He died on the Cross in the sinner's place, that He underwent a threefold separation of His Being. The spotless Lamb of God stood in every sinner's place as He hung on the Cross

and said, "Father, **into thy hands I commend my spirit:**" (Luke 23:46). Then, in the sixteenth Psalm, verse ten, David prophesied of Jesus' Death when he said: "For **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell:** neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." The Apostle John recorded Jesus' burial: "**Then they took the body of Jesus,** and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, **as the manner of the Jews is to bury**" (John 19:40).

**The Threefold Separation and Destinations  
of Sinners' Threefold Being in the Old Testament  
and New Testament Dispensations**



**Wandering Spirit of  
Sinner Returns to God  
(Ecclesiastes 12:7).**



**Grave Holds Mortal Body of Sinner**

**Terrestrial Dust Returns to Dust of  
Ground (Ecclesiastes 12:7)**



**Paradise - Also Called Death and  
Abraham's Bosom (Luke 16:22)**



**Hell - *sheol* Sinner's Celestial Soul  
goes to Hell (Luke 16:19-30)**

The separation of a *sinner's* being is still the same in the New Testament Dispensation as it was before Calvary's Cross. If a person does not accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, then at the time of Death, the sinful threefold being is consigned to a threefold separation.

## **B. In the Old Testament Dispensation, the Believer's Threefold Being Experienced only a Twofold Separation.**

A believer in the LORD God did not experience total separation of his being in the Old Testament Dispensation. For a believer, Death meant only a twofold separation. Old Testament believers looked forward, by faith, to the day that the Blood of the Righteous Lamb, God's Son, the Messiah of Israel, would be shed to cancel all their iniquities and sins. Until that day, they accepted God's provided way for the covering of their sins through the shedding of animal blood. Because of their belief in God's saving Grace, they did not have to suffer the pain of total separation of their beings at Death.

Old Testament believers, however, could not enter Heaven because the Blood of Jesus, the New Testament Lamb, had not yet been shed and placed on the Mercy Seat in Heaven.\* Therefore, God provided a place called Paradise in which their spirits and souls could rest until the day of Jesus Christ's Death, burial, and Resurrection. These, then, were the destinations of the threefold beings of believers in the Old Testament: their bodies went to the grave; their spirits and souls went to paradise.

### **1. Believers' Bodies Went to the Grave.**

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: **for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return** (Genesis 3:19).

All mortal sinful bodies, whether they were bodies of believers or unbelievers, were appointed to the grave at the time of Death until the day of the resurrection of the dead.

### **2. Believers' Spirits and Souls Went to Paradise.**

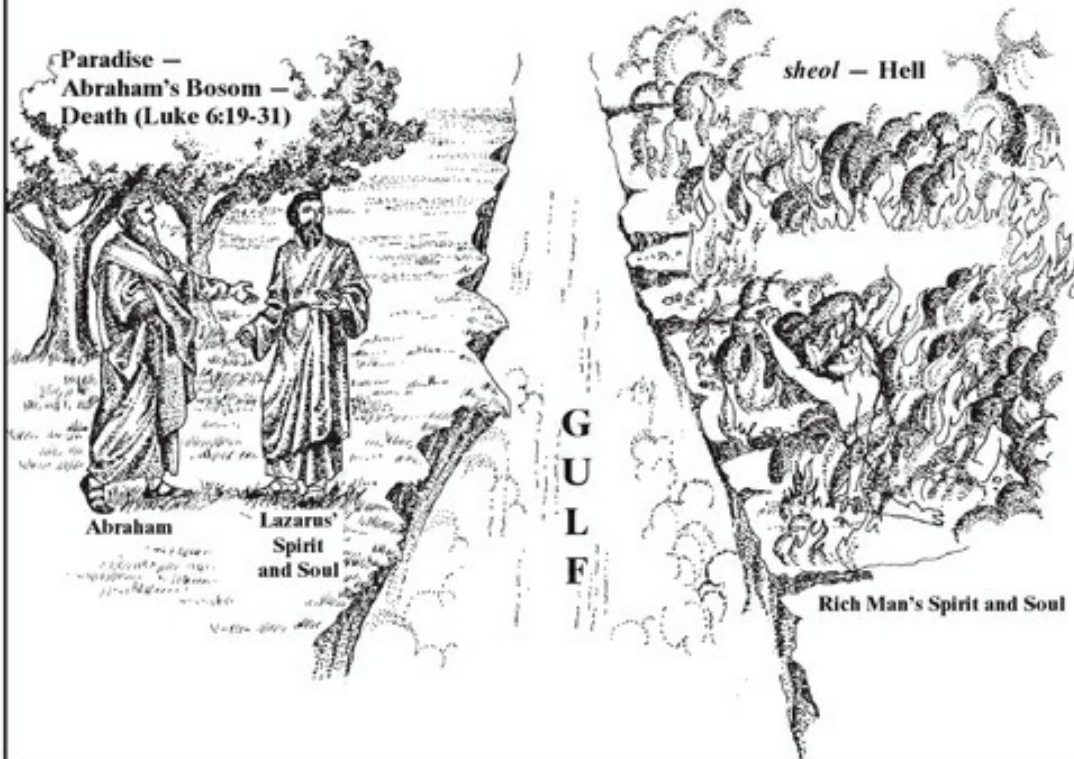
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**Believer's Twofold Separation and Destination  
of His Being in the Old Testament Dispensation**



**Grave Held Mortal Body  
of the Believer (Ecclesiastes 12:7)**

**Grave Held Mortal Body  
of the Nonbeliever (Ecclesiastes 12:7)**



**Paradise -  
Abraham's Bosom -  
Death (Luke 6:19-31)**

*sheol - Hell*

**Abraham**

**Lazarus'  
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**Rich Man's Spirit and Soul**

In these verses, Jesus described a scene that had taken place during the Old Testament Dispensation. The scene tells exactly where the unrepentant rich man went after he had died, for Jesus said that the sinner (the rich man) lifted up the eyes of his soul in *Hell*. We also are told that Lazarus, a believer, was carried to *Abraham's Bosom* after his Death. The place called *Abraham's Bosom* sometimes is referred to as *Paradise*; other times, it is called *Death*. Lazarus' spirit and soul enjoyed the comfort and the cool refreshing, spiritual waters of Paradise. The word *comfort* means to cheer, to calm, to console, to soothe, to solace, to relieve, to ease, to aid, and to encourage. Lazarus' spirit and soul were encouraged and helped by the prophetic Waters of Truth that said that one day he would be released from Paradise by Jesus Christ's Death, burial, and Resurrection. Then, at his resurrection, Lazarus would stand in the personal Presence of God and Jesus Christ. Always *Paradise* relates to the abode of the spirit and soul of the Old Testament believer who died looking forward, by faith, to the time that Jesus Christ would shed His Blood and make a way for the spirit and soul to go directly into the LORD's Presence.

### **C. In the New Testament Dispensation, a Believer's Threefold Being also Experiences only a Twofold Separation.**

Since Jesus Christ's Death, burial, and Resurrection, believers' spirits and souls can go directly into Heaven to be with the LORD until the completion of the final Judgment at the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White Throne Judgment, after which each spirit and soul will be sent to its *eternal* abode. But, as in the case of sinners, even the believers' bodies must go by way of the grave.

#### **1. All Bodies Go to the Grave Except Those Who Are Alive at the Rapture.**

And **devout men carried Stephen to his burial**, and made great lamentation over him (Acts 8:2).

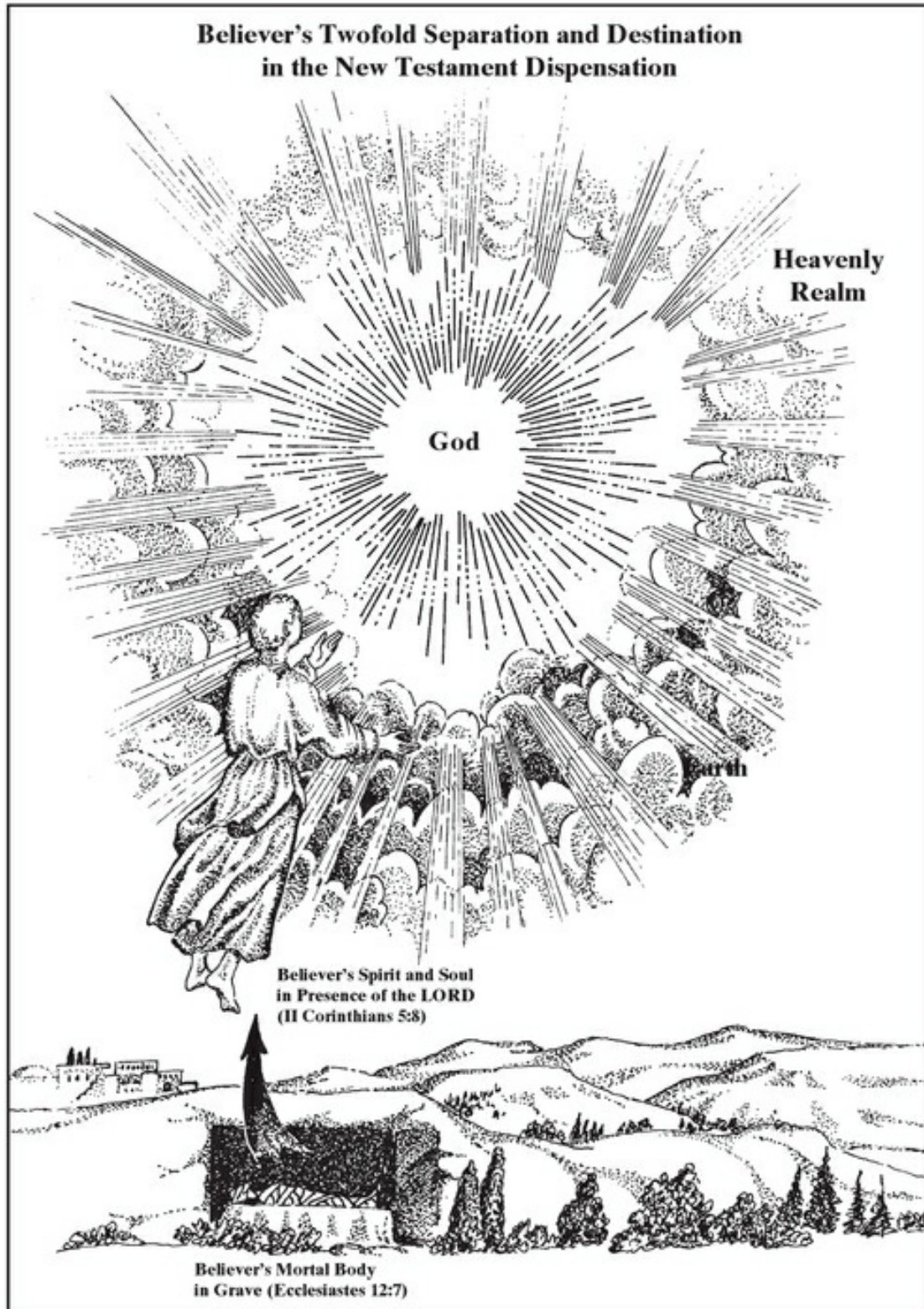
God spoke to *all* men when He told Adam "dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." When the bodies of Adam-male and Adam-female took on sin, they also took on mortality. God condemned their mortal bodies to the grave until the Resurrection Day. Only the overcomers who are living at the time of the Rapture of the saints of God, in the End Times, will ever escape the grave. But even then, their bodies will be *changed* from mortality to immortality.

#### **2. Believers' Spirits and Souls Go to Heaven.**

For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. **For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:** (Philippians 1:21-23).

The Apostle Paul's testimony confirmed the Truth that the spirit and soul of the New Testament believer ascends into the LORD's immediate Presence.

In the fullness of time, the promised Redeemer, Jesus Christ, came in human form to pour out His precious Blood on Calvary's Cross and to descend into Hell and Death in order to pay the price demanded for sin. On the third day, the Son came forth out of the low place and ascended on High to apply His Resurrected Blood on the Mercy Seat in Heaven. Jesus Christ's Resurrected Blood made a Living Way for the believer's spirit and soul to ascend directly into the LORD's Presence. "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (II Corinthians 5:8).



Death is a true witness of man's threefold being. The Scriptures prove that a sinner's being separates in a threefold manner at Death. The body goes to the grave; the soul goes to Hell; and the spirit is left to roam in a state of unrest after having ascended to God. At Death, the threefold being of a believer, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament Dispensations, was and is separated in a twofold way. The spirit and soul of the Old Testament

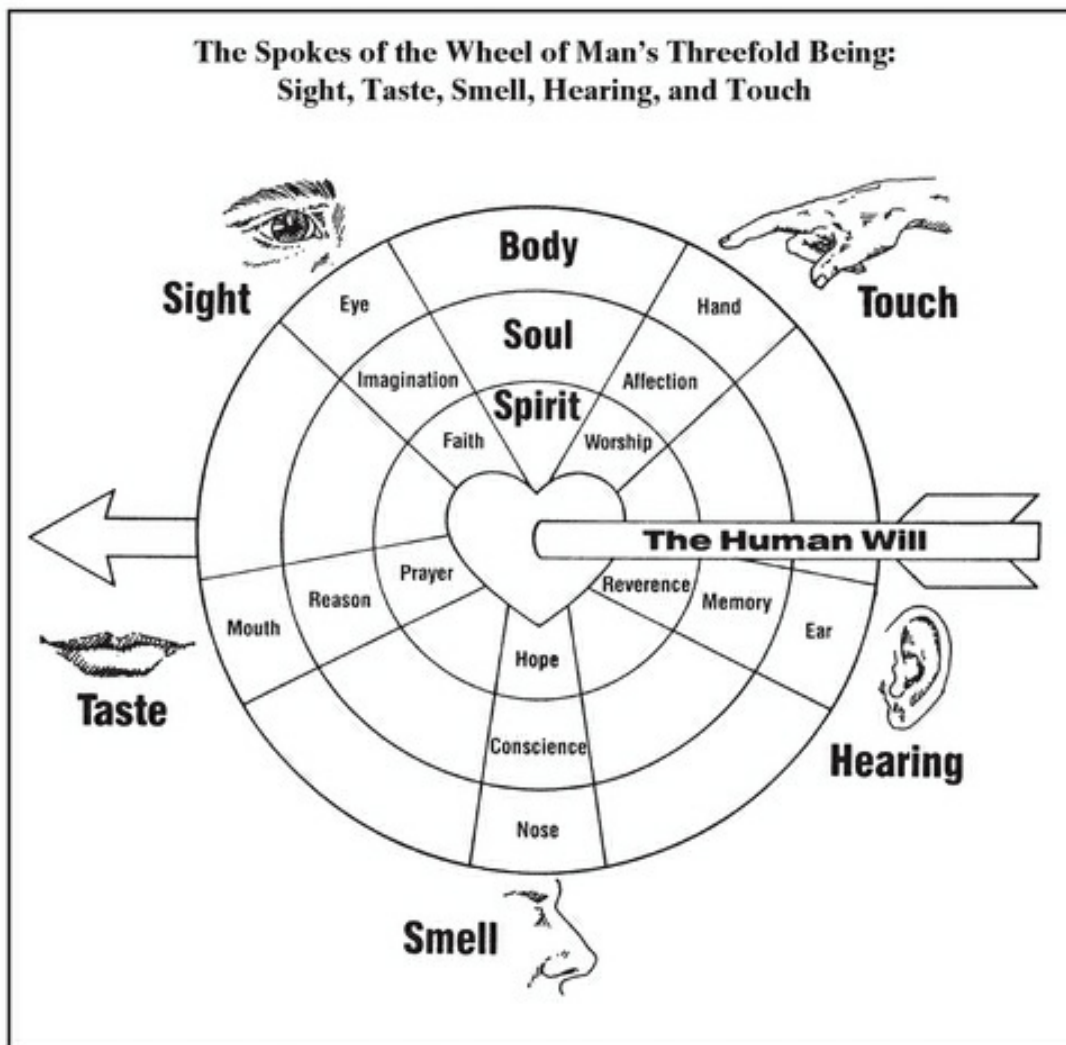
believer went to Paradise, while the spirit and soul of the New Testament believer goes immediately into Heaven.

## II. The Spokes of the Wheel of Man's Being Are Sight, Taste, Smell, Hearing, and Touch.

In studying the structure of man's unique being, we have established his threefold being that is fashioned in the Image of God Who is made like a wheel. During man's lifetime, the wheel of his threefold nature revolves on the axle of his will that is located in the heart or hub of his being. Also, in order for man's threefold being to function as an entity, God equipped it with a communication system composed of five sensory channels that run as spokes through all three realms of his being. Man's senses come together as one in the center of his heart or will.

God designed the three substances of man's spirit, soul, and body so that each picks up certain forms of information more readily than others. For instance, the spirit, because it is comprised of invisible, spiritual substance, recognizes activities going on in the spirit world, long before the soul or the body perceives such things. The celestial soul, comprised of invisible heavenly substance, computes concepts coming in on the rational, intellectual level. The terrestrial body responds to data relating to man's outward existence in this world. This is why God equipped the wheel of man's being with an intricate communication system that is capable of receiving and interpreting information on one realm and translating it into a "language" understood by the other realms of his wheel.

The five channels or spokes that make up man's communication system are his five senses: sight, taste, smell, hearing, and touch.



Man's *body* allows him to communicate and enjoy the companionship of his fellow creatures. Man's *spirit* makes it possible for him to communicate and fellowship with God. Man's *soul*, which resides in his brain and corresponds to man's intellect, permits him to correlate the impressions that come to him from without and within and to express his thoughts, words, and feelings. Man has a conscious mind (soul), and he has a subconscious mind (soul) that reside in his heart. Man's terrestrial heart is not just a muscular organ located in the chest cavity. Spiritually speaking, the terrestrial heart of man is located in the loin area (belly), the seat of man's procreating power. Man's will motivates and governs his being and acts as the shaft that moves and turns his invisible heart that, in turn, moves the wheel of his being.

God could have made mankind into a mechanical robot who would have automatically served His every command. Instead, God wanted a creature who would voluntarily love and serve Him, so He created man a free moral agent, with a will and the power of personal choice in matters of character and conduct. Since God has allotted man a space called Time in which to make his choices for Eternity, he needs to cast his vote wisely and reverently.

When man sinned, his whole being, including his sensory channels, became corrupted. Man would have died in his sinful state had it not been for God's Love and Mercy that constrained Him to provide cleansing and redemption for all of man's threefold nature. God provided a way to bring man into a place of continual victory through His beloved Son.

**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:23).**

The whole man *must* be sanctified. The word *sanctification* has a threefold meaning: (1) to be clean, to cleanse; (2) to set apart, to consecrate; (3) to offer as a sacrifice. God's Word teaches that the sanctification of man's threefold being is accomplished in three ways. First, he is sanctified by Jesus Christ's Blood:

Wherefore **Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood**, suffered without the gate (Hebrews 13:12).

Second, he is sanctified by the Fire and Power of the Holy Ghost:

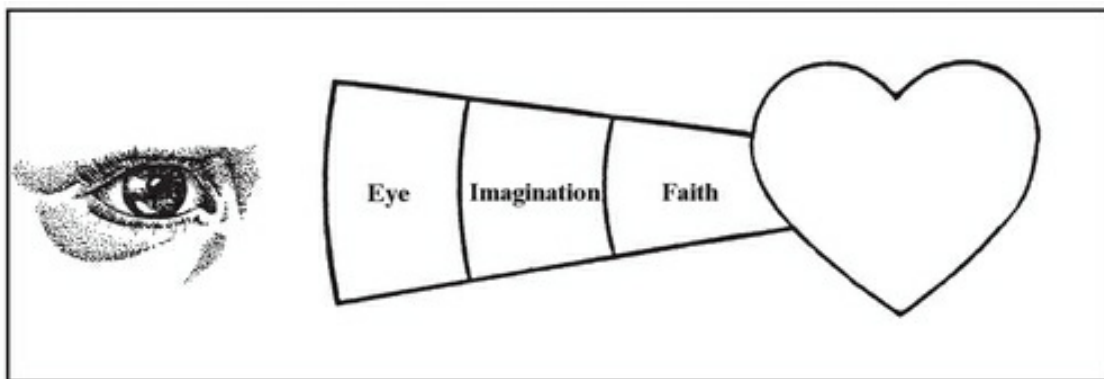
That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, **that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost** (Romans 15:16).

Third, he is sanctified by the Water of the Word:

**That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word** (Ephesians 5:26).

God must cleanse and sanctify the channels of man's being before they can function in the way He intended. God has a Purpose for each of man's senses.

#### **A. Man's Sense of Sight Works in His Body, Soul, and Spirit.**



Sight is the most powerful of man's five senses, for eighty-four percent of his perception passes through the

medium of the *eye* in the body realm. The eye is *imagination* in the soul realm; and the eye is *faith* in the spirit realm. Although different words are used to identify the sight of the body, the soul, and the spirit, God's purpose for the channel of sight remains the same in all three realms — to bring Light or Illumination to man's being.

### 1. The Sense of Sight in the Body Is Conveyed by the Eye.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That **whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.** And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell (Matthew 5:27-30).

The *eye* illuminates the body realm of man's being. God originally intended that sight be instrumental in helping man to know his Creator. If man had used the eyes of his body properly and looked with clear vision upon the intricate beauty and glory of the natural Creation, he would have seen firm, true concepts of the holy Workings of the infinite, invisible God. Unfortunately, when man's first parents sinned, their sense of sight in all realms of their being was darkened. This powerful channel then became the gate, as it were, through which much defilement entered their entire bodies, both naturally and spiritually.

Fornication and adultery, the greatest sins against the body, usually start when man uses the eyes of his body to gaze lustfully upon persons of the opposite sex. God's Word declares that the body is for the Lord and the Lord for the body.

Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. **Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.** And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. **Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.** What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but **he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.** What? **know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's** (I Corinthians 6:13-20).

Fornication is an illegal, physical joining *outside* the bonds of marriage. Adultery is also an unlawful joining with someone, but it is committed *within* the bonds of marriage. The sins of physical fornication and adultery go beyond defiling a person's temple by usurping God's rightful possession, which He has bought with His own Blood. These sins defile the whole Spiritual Body of Christ of Whom all believers are members.

God proved His concern about the body and its five senses being clean and holy by providing man with the sanctifying Power of Jesus Christ's Blood, the Fire of the Holy Ghost, and the Water of the Word. Now, it is each person's responsibility to apply Jesus Christ's Blood, Fire, and Water daily to his eyes. As a Christian goes forth by faith, with a new, living veil of sanctification covering his eyes, he will have something to protect him from the ever-present temptations in a corrupted world.

### 2. The Sense of Sight in the Soul Is Imagination.

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, **and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually** (Genesis 6:5).

And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; **for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth:** neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done (Genesis 8:21).

The sense of sight in the soul realm of man is his *imagination*. Even when man's natural eyes of the body are tightly shut, he can see many things because his eye of imagination illuminates his soul. The word *imagination* means to press into shape or form. God created man with an imagination so that he could use it to press his thoughts (or praise unto God) into shape and form. If a person uses his imagination as God intended for it to be used, he can carry an image of his Creator's holy, righteous Law in his mind at all times. God has filled His Word, the Bible,

with many pictures, figures, shadows, metaphors, parables, and similes of Truth that convey to man the Principles of God's Law. All these various forms of Truth help to establish forms of Truth in man's mind. For example, the Bible gives us the Parable of the Sower who went forth to sow seed in the ground. The meaning of the parable in this: the good seed is the Word of God; the ground is man's heart. This parable was the form Jesus used to let man know that God always desires to sow His Word in man's heart.

The Devil launches his first attack against a person by working through the person's corrupted, evil imagination. Without the sanctifying Power of Jesus Christ's atoning Blood, the Fire of God's Spirit, and the Waters of His Word, man is defeated at every turn because he frames and presses the Devil's lying words into grotesque mental images. Then, instead of carrying around a true image of God's divine Truth and bowing down in worship to the Truth, a person will tremble in fear before the Devil and do homage to false gods. Man's ungrounded, tormenting fears and unChristlike attitudes are the result of gazing upon the false images he has erected in his imagination.

### **3. The Sense of Sight in the Spirit Is Faith.**

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; **but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith** (Romans 12:3).

As the sense of sight passes through the spirit realm of man, it is called *faith*. Faith, like a great, far-seeing eye, enables one to look beyond his present, dark situation. Every person, believer and sinner alike, possesses an eye of faith that illuminates his spirit in one measure or another. This is why everyone can and does have faith in something.

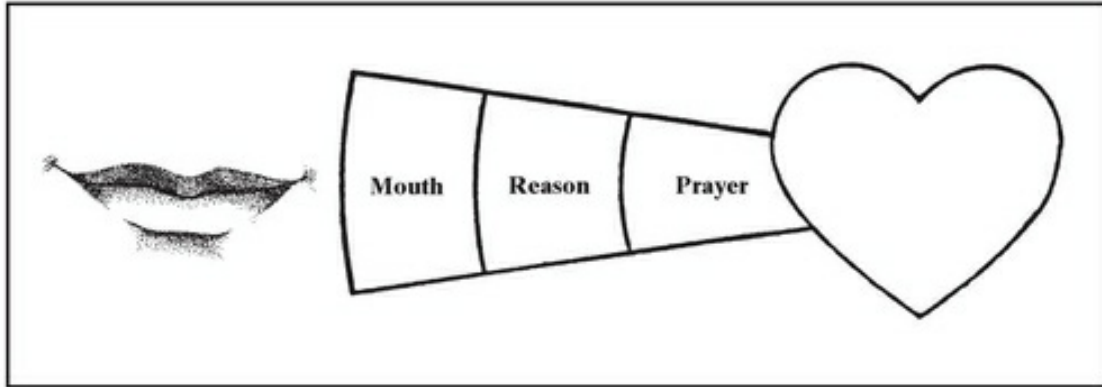
The ability to have faith works for man in many beneficial ways. For example, some men become successful, world-renowned figures in business, politics, art, or another field simply because they exercise faith in their own human abilities to accomplish their goals. Natural faith permits some men to overcome formidable obstacles and rise above the low, humiliating circumstances in which they have first lived. However, man's inherent faith should not be confused with God's supernatural Faith that comes through Jesus Christ. The Faith of the LORD Jesus Christ is entirely different from the natural faith with which every man is born.

Man's fall into sin corrupted the eye of his spirit, as well as the entire wheel of his being, and his eye was filled with darkness. God had intended for man's faith to be centered in Him, but sin prevented man's eye of faith from moving upward to God and caused it to move downward to Earth. Man's natural faith now works in earthly things instead of working toward God in heavenly things.

In order to lay hold of God's Faith, man must be converted (born by the Spirit of God), and he must allow Jesus Christ to sanctify his eye of natural faith so that it can be united with God's own Eye of Faith. Then, man will have faith in its fullest meaning, as God meant for him to have it in the beginning.

### **B. Man's Sense of Taste Works in His Body, Soul, and Spirit.**

The second spoke in the wheel of man's being is the sense of taste. Conveying three percent of man's sensory perception, this channel works through the *mouth* in the body realm, the *reason* in the soul realm, and *prayer* in the spirit realm.



### 1. The Sense of Taste in the Body Is Conveyed by the Mouth.

And the Lord said unto him, **Who hath made man's mouth?** or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? **have not I the LORD?** (Exodus 4:11).

Four sensations make up man's sense of taste: sweet, sour, salty, and bitter. The many other "tastes" are combinations of these four, plus individual reactions and odours. Man's sense of taste is delicate and discerning. A person's taste distinguishes between chemicals, even when they are greatly diluted. Quinine, for instance, tastes bitter when there is only one part dissolved in 2,000,000 parts of water.

Experiments with animals have shown that taste plays an important part in helping them to select the right foods. Animals that need salt for survival have a taste for it and choose salty food.

God created man with taste buds in his mouth so that he could enjoy all of the different flavours that God has placed in food and so that he would have the ability to select the edible from the inedible and, thus, meet his nutritional needs. Because man's sense of taste has been corrupted by sin, he chooses to gorge himself with food and drink that appeals to his depraved appetites. But as a person offers the whole wheel of his being to Jesus Christ for sanctification, Jesus will purify his appetite so that his mouth can take pleasure in eating and drinking food that satisfies the true needs of his body.

### 2. The Sense of Taste in the Soul Is Reason.

Come now, and **let us reason together**, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool (Isaiah 1:18).

Reason, the sense of taste in the soul, is the faculty of man's mind that enables him to bring together facts and figures and "chew out" the right answer. Natural taste buds are capable of discerning even diluted quantities of a substance; so also is the mouth or reason of the soul capable of tasting Truth, even when it is mixed with many bitter facts.

One can think upon no more bitter facts than to ponder man's scarlet and crimson sins. Just a few minutes spent in chewing on even one human sin is enough to sicken the strongest soul. A Christian should be thankful that God does not ask him to chew on these bitter facts without having tempered or seasoned them with the purifying, sanctifying Salt of His Word. If man reasons with the Truth, he comes to the right conclusion — that God has Power to transform all his ugly sins into beautiful, white snow and wool. Then, instead of becoming defiled by the nature of the bitter substance in his soul, man can draw Life-strengthening nourishment from the Truth. As a person continues reasoning with Truth and meditating on the Goodness and Sweetness of God's Holy Nature, the bitterness of sin will be purged out of his soul, just as impurities are purged out of the body, and he will not be stopped in his spiritual growth.

### 3. The Sense of Taste in the Spirit Is Prayer.

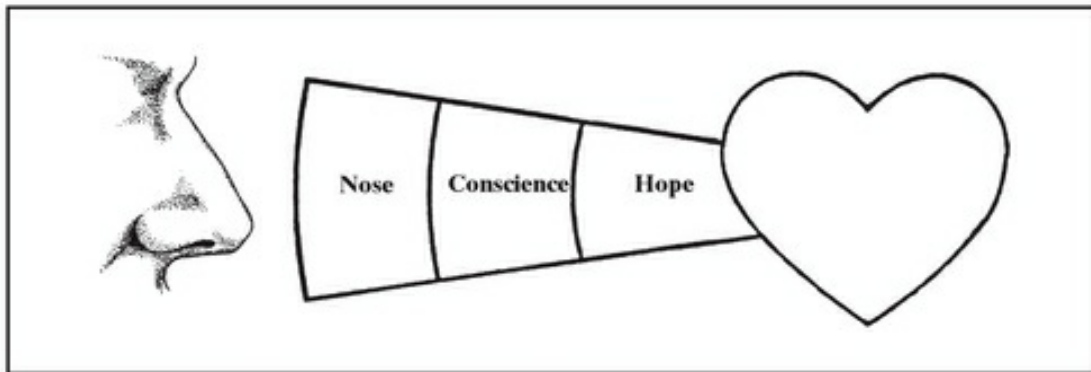
God created man with a mouth of prayer in his spirit so that he could feed upon Jesus Christ's Flesh and Blood.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, **I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.** Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him (John 6:53-56).

Man feeds on Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, through prayer in the Spirit and meditation on God's Word. The Written Word sets forth the theoretical Principles of Jesus Christ's Humility that made Jesus willing to take on a Body of Flesh, with the intention of offering His Body as a sacrifice for mankind's sins. But a person's spirit does not start feeding on this Truth, experientially, until he enters into his prayer closet and lets Jesus quicken to him, personally, His infinite Humility and total surrender of Self. Having the Living Humility Blood and surrendered Flesh of God's Son in him, man finds that the joy of his heart is in setting a table of thanksgiving and praise for Jesus to feed upon. No place seems too low and no sacrifice seems too great as long as a person's mouth of prayer is feasting upon Jesus Christ.

After man fell into sin, his channel of prayer was filled with Satan's corrupt will, and man started using the mouth of his spirit to pray to false gods. He also used prayer as a means of exalting himself in the eyes of others. For example, the self-righteous Pharisees prayed long prayers in public places in an effort to convince others of their piety. They should have been praying to the LORD. A Christian may not do his praying on the street corners as the Pharisees did, but he still may use the mouth of his spirit to impress others with his goodness or great spirituality. Along with the other spokes of the wheel of his being, man's sense of taste in the spirit must be cleansed and sanctified by Jesus Christ's Living Blood, Fire, and Water.

### C. Man's Sense of Smell Works in His Body, Soul, and Spirit.



Smell, the third spoke in the wheel of man's being, conveys three percent of his sensory perceptions. Smells are carried by tiny, airborne particles called *molecules*. The molecules, which exist in the form of gases and vapors, spread rapidly and can be carried long distances. The sensory organs for smell relate to the *nose* in the body realm, the *conscience* in the soul realm, and *hope* in the spirit realm. *Hope* is a feeling of desire mixed with anticipation and expectation of obtaining something. *Faith* is unquestioning belief, trust, and confidence that God will supply the thing a person hopes to gain. *Hope* walks in the Light of the Sun of Righteousness that casts the shadows or the burdens of the impossible behind one, while *faith* walks in front of one, making all things possible. Faith turns evil to good, good to better, and better to best.

#### 1. The Sense of Smell in the Body Is Conveyed by the Nose.

God imparted life to present man by breathing His own Breath into man's nostrils.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

The sweet, living fragrance of the LORD God's Breath stirred man to the depths of his being and aroused him to Life. The body's sensory perception of smell operates through the nose, and what man smells deeply affects his emotions and actions.

While it is not the most highly developed sense in present man, smell is still very sensitive. The sensory organs of smell can react to some vapors when there is only one part to one million parts of air. Artificial musk can be smelled when there are only .00004 milligrams per liter of air. The nose, then, possesses great powers of discernment. Although the organs of smell tire easily and become insensitive to a smell after being exposed to it for a few minutes, these same organs respond immediately to a new smell.

If a man uses his nose as God intended, he can distinguish pure, wholesome food from food unfit for human consumption before he even tastes it. Each breath should also remind man of the Goodness of God's Nature that extends natural life to him. Each breath should stir in each person new worship and gratitude for the One who furnished this planet with so many pleasant smelling fragrances for his enjoyment.

Now, man uses his sin-contaminated sense of smell as a means to stir up his carnal emotions and depraved desires. However, Christians do not have to be overcome or ruled by emotions aroused through their corrupted sense of smell. Each person has access to Jesus Christ's precious Blood, Fire, and Water that, when applied by faith, will sanctify all parts of his being.

## 2. The Sense of Smell in the Soul Is the Conscience.

When the sense of smell passes into man's soul realm, it becomes known as the *conscience*. Just as the nose of the body enables man to distinguish between good food and spoiled food, so did God intend for the conscience to enable man to discern between good and evil thoughts, actions, and feelings. Unfortunately, man's conscience became full of dead works, sin, and evil; it became weak, seared, and defiled. The conscience can safely guide man after Jesus Christ has cleansed and sanctified it.

We know that it is possible for the conscience or nose of the soul to have its God-given functions restored. The Apostle Paul told how his conscience testified to him and let him know whether or not he was pleasing the LORD.

**For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience**, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to youward (II Corinthians 1:12).

## 3. The Sense of Smell in the Spirit Is Hope.

The sense of smell in man's spirit realm is called *hope*.

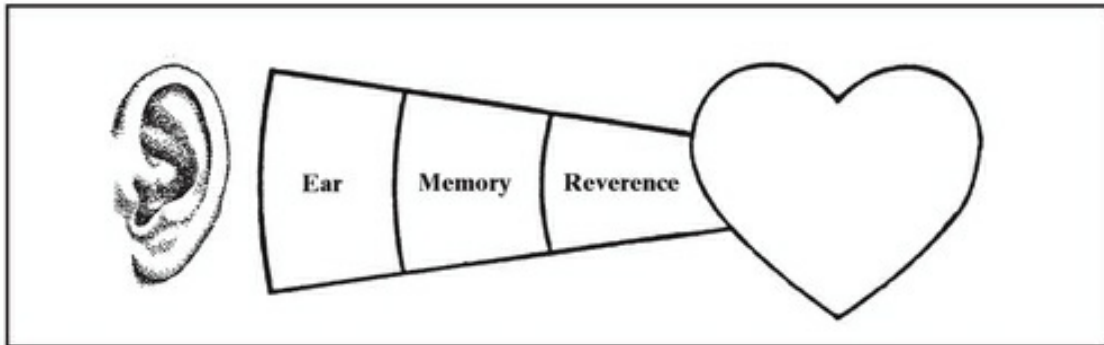
**For we are saved by hope**: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But **if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it** (Romans 8:24,25).

The Greek word for *hope* means to anticipate (usually with pleasure), expectation or confidence, faith.

Although hope and faith have similarities, there is a difference between the two qualities. Both faith and hope pertain to powers of prophetic discernment in man's spirit. The eye of faith permits man to *see* the answer to his prayer, for example, before God has performed it in the natural realm and brought it into visibility. Seeing-faith saves a person from the frustration of wondering if God has heard his prayers or if He will answer them. Faith can see afar off, but man must remember that his eye must be *illuminated* by Truth before it can see. This, then, is the difference between faith and hope: the discerning powers of hope can operate in the dark as well as the light, just as one's smell is equally acute in darkness or light. Long before man can *see* with his eye of faith, his sensitive nose of hope can discern the invisible molecules of fragrant Truth coming from the Promises in God's eternal Word. Many people have been saved from perishing in a dark pit of hopeless depression by the encouragement received from just one Promise from God's Word. Many also have been able to wait patiently, with cheerful expectation, because they were refreshed by the Life inhaled by the nose of their spirit. Just as the sense of smell (hope) and the sense of sight (faith) complement one another spiritually, so do smell and taste work together naturally. The sense of smell enhances one's enjoyment of eating food, and so does hope enhance the spirit's enjoyment of the sense of taste in the spirit, which is prayer. Because all of man's senses work together, it is important for him to keep the nose of his spirit sanctified, clean, and clear. Hope in the infallibility of God's Word saves a Christian's prayer life from being a

tasteless, unpalatable experience.

#### D. Man's Sense of Hearing Works in His Body, Soul, and Spirit.



Since it handles nine percent of the total volume of man's sensory perception, the sense of hearing is the second strongest spoke in the wheel of man's being. In the body realm, hearing comes through the *ear*. In the soul realm, hearing functions as *memory*. In the spirit realm, hearing becomes *reverence*.

##### 1. The Sense of Hearing in the Body Is Conveyed by the Ear.

**I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear:** but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes (Job 42:5,6).

Job testified about having known God by the *hearing of the ear*. The ear primarily functions in the body as a means of converting sound waves into nerve impulses. Certain areas of the brain that receive these impulses perceive and interpret them as sounds. The ear also provides man with information concerning the orientation or position of the head so that man can maintain his equilibrium or balance. If something interferes with the proper functioning of the balancing scales in a person's ears, he may feel as though he is moving or turning even when he is standing still. A person with an ear infection, for example, may stagger or fall like a drunken man, not because he has been drinking, but because the physical scales in his ears are out of balance.

God created man's ears in the natural so that he could weigh all sounds and words and see how they measure up to the Truth that is in God's Son, Jesus Christ, the only Man with a perfectly balanced set of Scales.

Man's ears, corrupted by the disease of sin, render his unsanctified scales incapable of balancing other people's words. Human praise sends man racing to the right side of the scales, where he revels in the stupor of pride and exaltation. On the other side of the scales, negative, critical words plunge him into the pit of despair, where he wallows in misery and depression. Either extreme makes it impossible for him to maintain the degree of balance needed to walk uprightly, at all times, before God and man.

If each one compares his own walk as a Christian with Jesus Christ's walk, he should be convinced that the scales in his ears need balancing so that he can hear as Jesus heard. Jesus Christ did not let human words upset His perfectly balanced relationship with His Heavenly Father or with mankind. Jesus did not fall in love with man's praise. On the right side of the Scales, Jesus did not stagger and let His Heart be joined to the exaltation of becoming a King if it were not His Father's Will. Neither did He take up a spirit of hatred against mankind, not even when some of them called Him a devil and nailed Him to the Cross. All the days of His Life, plus the days He spent in the grave and Death and Hell, Jesus Christ retained perfect inner equilibrium. This perfect balance kept Him constantly aware of His Father's Headship and allowed Jesus to keep walking a straight course in the center of God's Perfect Will. Our Saviour's Scales are perfectly balanced with Truth; therefore, He is qualified to sanctify man's corrupted scales and put them in perfect balance so that man can walk in God's Perfect Will, even as Jesus walked there.

##### 2. The Sense of Hearing in the Soul Is Memory.

The spoke of hearing functions as *memory* in man's soul realm. This faculty allows the soul to "hear" words and sounds from the past as clearly as when they were originally spoken. God gave man ears in his soul so that man could remember his Creator.

**Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,** while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

The LORD wants man to use the ears of his soul to remember His Word or Law. God's divine Principles of Truth can govern man even when he is not in the LORD's personal Presence because man can constantly bring God's Laws to mind. Adam-female would have saved herself and the human race much misery and woe if she had let the ears of her soul remember God's clearly spoken words, "THOU SHALT NOT eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." If man wants the *remembering* powers of the ears of his soul restored, he must let Jesus Christ's sanctifying Blood, Fire, and Water cleanse his sin-defiled memory. As a person lets Jesus Christ purge and wash out bitter, rebellious, defiant, hateful memories from his past, the ears of his soul will be enlarged and, thus, provide more storage room for good, pleasurable memories of God and His blessed Holy Word.

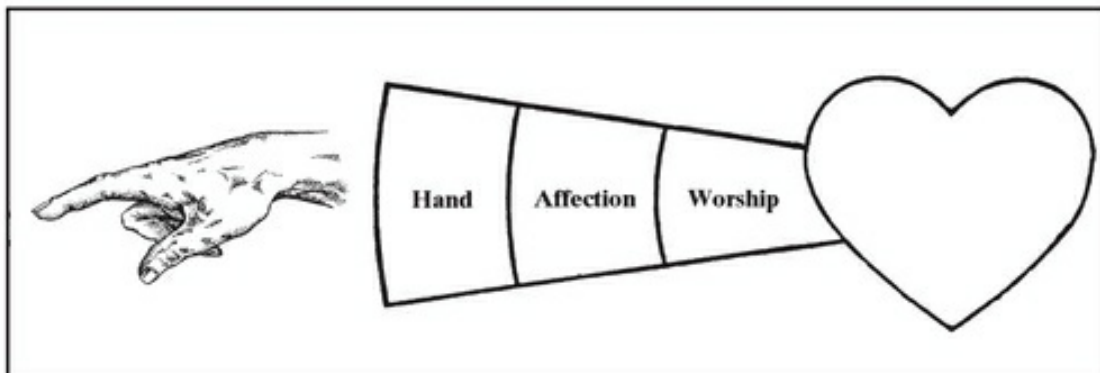
### 3. The Sense of Hearing in the Spirit Is Reverence.

The sense of hearing functions in man's spirit realm as *reverence*. The Hebrew word for reverence has the connotation of mixed feelings of fear, respect, and wonder. God gave man ears in his spirit so that he could fear or reverence the LORD's Name or Nature and respectfully serve Him and keep His Commandments.

And now, Israel, **what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD,** and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? (Deuteronomy 10:12,13).

In the beginning, God intended that man's hearing work in cooperation with the other senses of his spirit to keep him in wonderful Unity and Harmony with his Creator. But when sin upset the balance of the scales in man's spirit, corrupted fear gripped his heart. Then, when Adam-male and Adam-female remembered God, instead of being filled with the mixed delight of holy respect, holy fear, and awesome wonder, fear and dread made the guilty pair hide from the LORD's Presence. Now, instead of having the ears of his spirit tuned toward God in Heaven, man tunes his ears of respect toward the Earth, and he shakes in fear and trembling because of other human beings and the threats of fallen Lucifer. Man will continue grappling with his unnatural fear of other people and devils and with his unholy lack of reverential respect for the LORD and His Word until he offers this part of his being to Jesus Christ for cleansing. The sanctifying Power of Jesus' precious Blood, Fire, and Water restores proper balance to man's sense of hearing in the spirit when man seeks the LORD.

### E. Man's Sense of Touch Works in His Body, Soul, and Spirit.



The sense of touch transmits only one percent of man's sensory messages, yet touch is by no means a weak or

inferior spoke in the wheel of man's being. Touch is the sense which notifies a person of contact with an object. Touch gives man some of his most important knowledge of the objects in the world around him. Touching an object makes one aware of feelings of hot, cold, pain, and pressure. The symbol for the sense of *touch* in the body realm is the *hand*. In the soul realm, touch functions as *affection*. In the spirit realm, touch manifests itself as *worship*.

### 1. The Sense of Touch in the Body Is Identified, Symbolically, by the Hand.

The hand only symbolizes the spoke of touch, for this sense is not limited to any one portion of the body but extends to all its parts. Man possesses four basic types of nerve endings that make him sensitive to light and deep pressures, heat, cold, and pain.

God created mankind with a sense of touch so that he could contact his Creator, first, and then others. But instead of touching God, man extended his hand and took hold of the fruit of the forbidden tree.

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: **and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden**, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24).

Left to their own devices, sinful Adam-male and Adam-female soon would have reached out for the Tree of Life, and in so doing, they would have lived forever in their sinful state. God's Mercy spared them such a horrible fate, though, and sent them out of the Garden of Eden.

God did not *arbitrarily* place a Cherubim and a flaming sword at the east gate of Eden. Both the Cherubim and the sword possessed Power to touch man and impress upon him the seriousness of his crime. Had sinful man boldly tried reentering the gate, the flaming sword would have devoured him instantly.

From the time fallen man reached out for the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, he has been using his corrupted sense of touch to contact the Creation rather than the Creator. Christians have the privilege of offering this spoke of their beings to Jesus Christ for sanctification through His Blood, the Fire of the Holy Ghost, and the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life.

The Apostle Paul exhorted his spiritual son, Timothy, to lift up *holy* hands, which signified that it is possible for man's sense of touch to be cleansed and purified.

**I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands**, without wrath and doubting (I Timothy 2:8).

### 2. The Sense of Touch in the Soul Is Affection.

The sense of touch in man's soul realm, affection, senses both light and deep pressures, hot, cold, and pain. People react in their affections not only to big offenses but also to small irritations. When confronted with a cold shoulder or the heat of anger, people react according to the degree of pain they feel. Human affections also respond positively when pleasurable things touch them.

**Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth (Colossians 3:2).

The fact that Christians are admonished to set their affections on heavenly things shows that God originally created mankind with a capacity in his soul to perceive God's heavenly things. But when the corrupted waters of sin flowed out through man's channel of touch, his affections become vile, unnatural, fleshly, and inordinate. To be fit once more to handle the holy, heavenly things of God, the sense of touch in the soul must be offered to Jesus Christ so that He can sanctify and purify man's affections with His precious Blood, Fire, and Water.

### 3. The Sense of Touch in the Spirit Is Worship.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: **we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God is a Spirit: and they that**

**worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth** (John 4:21-24).

The sense of touch responds in man's spirit realm as *worship*. With this sense, man performs acts of homage, adoration, and devotion. Because of the corruption of sin, man now gives the worship and devotion of his spirit to things other than God. Man's corrupted capacity for worship reaches out to worship four things: the works of his own hands, the Hosts of Heaven, Satan, and God's creatures. The greatest idol in every human heart is the idol of *self*, and man directs most of his worship-energy toward this shameful idol.

The Blood of Jesus Christ, the Fire of the Holy Ghost, and the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life will sanctify and cleanse man's polluted channel of worship so that he can worship the true God. Thank God for creating this wonderful channel that allows mankind to touch and worship his Creator! However, man must allow God to cleanse and purify this channel of his being before his worship is acceptable to a Holy God.

### **III. The Hub of the Wheel of Man's Being Is His Heart.**

A hub is the center of a natural wheel, and in man's being, the heart is the hub of his wheel. The heart refers to the inner part, the middle or center, the vital or most essential part, the core, the essence, the real character or disposition, the very bottom.

## The Hub of the Wheel of Man's Being: His Heart with Its Thirteen Steps of Corruption



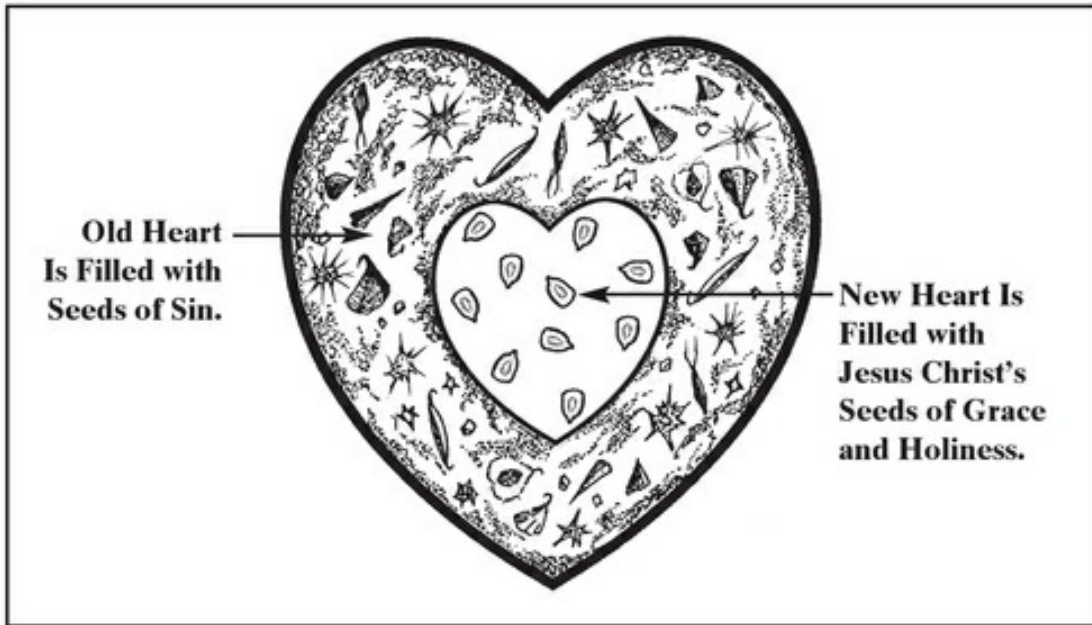
When mankind sinned against God in the Garden of Eden, his heart became totally depraved and separated from God. The Book of Mark names the thirteen steps or categories of degradation we find as we descend in the human heart.

And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, **out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man (Mark 7:20-23).

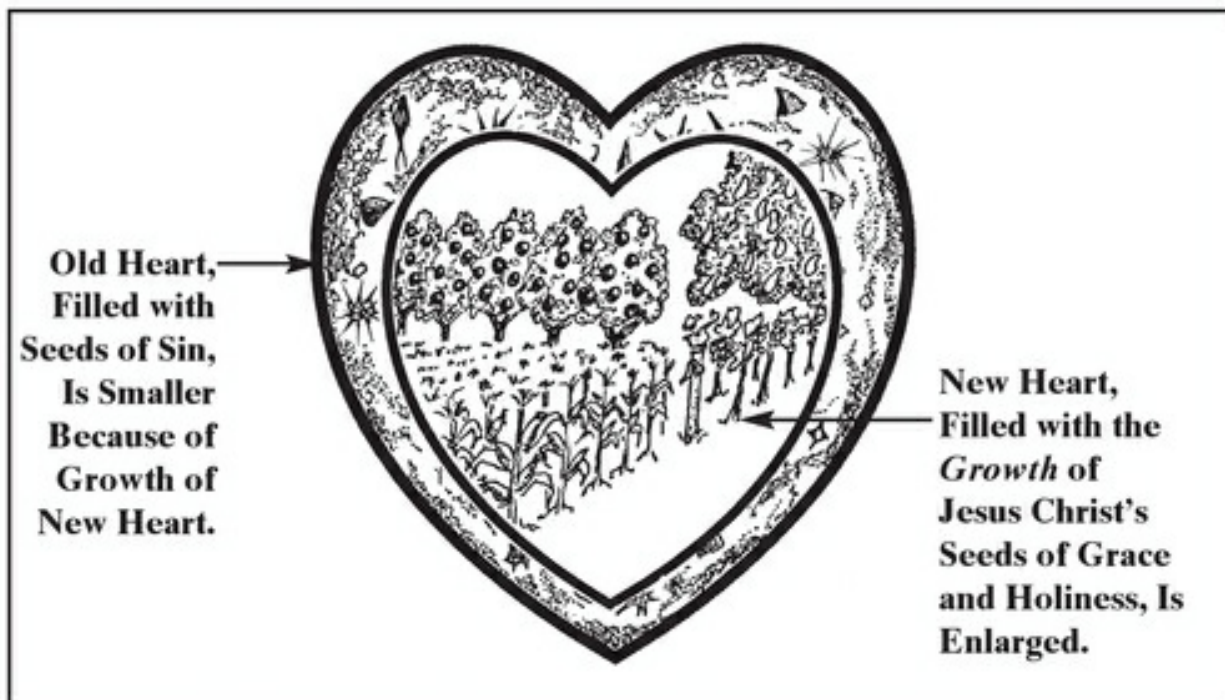
The thirteenfold corruption of man's heart defiled both the conscious and subconscious levels of his being. Since so much of man's corruption lies buried in his subconscious, he finds it difficult to be persuaded of the great power and strength of the sin that lies deep inside his heart. However, a poisonous, destructive body can work whether it is visible or not. Just as woodworms destroy the heart of a natural board, even though its surface shows no damage, so the worm of sin works deep inside man's carnal heart, although all seems well outwardly.

The desires of his subconscious heart motivate man. This is the reason it is so important for him to allow God's Spirit and God's Word to sanctify and purge not only his deeds and words but also the secret thoughts in his heart. The secret thoughts of man's heart lie buried like seeds in the ground. When they are brought to the proper season, they take root downward and manifest their natures upward.

When a person invites Jesus Christ to come into his heart, Jesus creates within him a New Heart, a clean heart, in which the LORD scatters His Seeds of Grace and Holiness.



Each time a believer presents his carnal heart before Jesus Christ for cleansing, the LORD claims new portions of it for His own. Then, after cleansing and sanctifying the ground of man's old heart with His Blood, Fire, and Water, Jesus plants new Seeds of Grace and Holiness. Thus, the pleasant garden in man's New Heart is increased by swallowing up and possessing territory that once supported the deadly seeds of sin.



Since sin produces Death, man acts wisely if he brings his carnal heart to Jesus Christ, daily, so that Jesus can root out, pull down, destroy, and throw down every thought, action, and feeling growing in his conscious and

subconscious hearts that are contrary to God's holy Nature. As the LORD finishes the tearing down process, He builds up new walls to enclose the sanctified ground of man's New Heart and plants in it new Seeds of Truth that produce new Life. This new Life brings new Glory and Honour to the LORD, for it witnesses to the world of mankind about Jesus Christ's Power to transform a desperately wicked heart into something beautiful. Man also benefits, for the sweet fragrance of Jesus' New Life flows out through all the channels of his being, blessing his spirit, soul, and body with Christ's Resurrection Life and Glory.

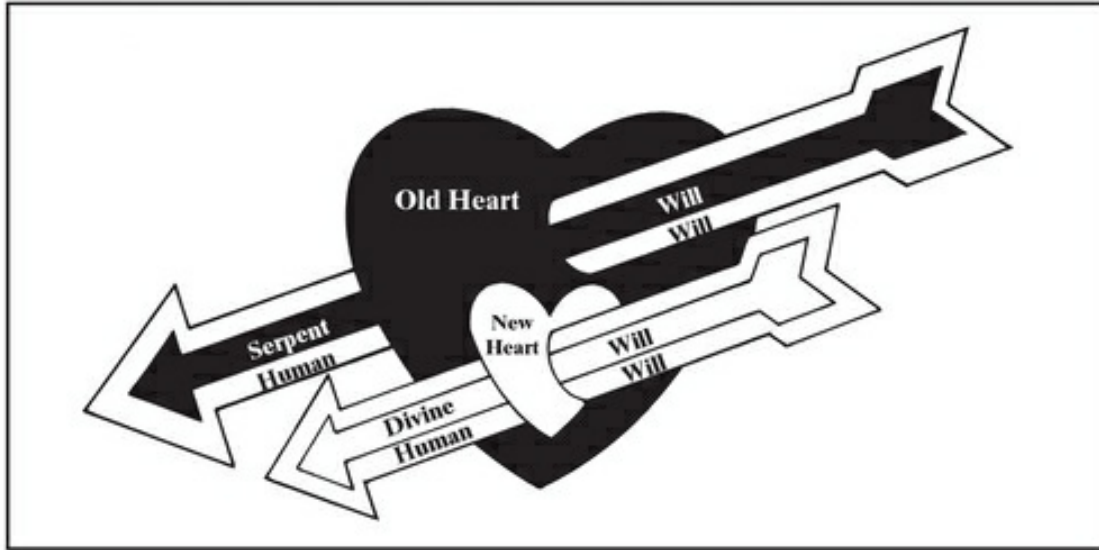
#### **IV. The Axle of the Wheel of Man's Being Is His Will.**



Man's *will* functions as an axle to turn the wheel of his being. When Adam-male and Adam-female chose the Serpent's will instead of the God's Will, man's being became totally corrupt, totally depraved: body, soul, spirit, heart, and will. Fallen Lucifer invaded and infused man with his Luciferic will, thus he corrupted man's entire being.

When man confesses his sins and accepts Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, God forgives his sins and implants within him a New Heart, a new nature of holiness and righteousness that has God's Will as its shaft. Christ's Spirit indwells the believer within the little New Heart that God's Mercy and Grace has imparted to him. This New Nature cannot sin:

**Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God (1 John 3:9).**



Christians press on to know God by yielding themselves to Jesus Christ and by letting their carnal wills be nailed to Christ's Cross. God's divine Will increases within them as their corrupt wills decrease. With each additional growth of the New Heart and each increase of God's divine Will, the whole wheel of man's being moves and functions more and more as God intends. When a believer divorces his human will from its union with Fallen Lucifer's serpentine will and joins it in a spiritual marriage Union with Jesus Christ's Will, the believer will cry to God, even as Jesus cried, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

Surely, any intelligent person does not have to look beyond the borders of his own being to see the absurdity of suggesting that present mankind evolved from any form of the prehistoric creation. Present man is unique because he has been made in the Image and after the Likeness of God Himself. Present man's body, soul, and spirit form the three realms of the wheel of his being. The five sensory spokes that run through all three realms of man's wheel are sight, taste, smell, hearing, and touch. The hub of man's wheel is his heart, and the axle that turns his entire wheel is his will. How marvelous are God's Works!

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  - \* For a complete study of the Old Testament Tabernacle, see: B. R. Hicks, [\*Precious Gem in the Tabernacle\*](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1961).

# Chapter Three

## Present Man's Existence In Eternity-Past — His Temptation By Fallen Lucifer And The Results Of His Choices

In Eternity-Past, present mankind had a grand and glorious beginning as a spirit and soul in God's creative Loins. Even in his Seed form, man had a will with the God-given power of choice. Man's existence as a Seed is not more mysterious than the full stature of an oak tree being produced from an acorn. So when man was tempted while in God's Loins, he used his will, even as a Seed, to make choices.

Fallen Lucifer is man's archenemy, for he has always sought to draw man away from his Creator. Originally, fallen Lucifer was the covering Cherub who guarded the *Stones of Fire* or the Seeds of mankind in the midst of God's Will. When Lucifer enticed them, some Seeds or Stones of Fire chose to follow him, while others chose to follow Jesus Christ. Man always reaps the results of his choices: those made in Eternity-Past, those made in Present Time, and the ones he will make in Future-Eternity.

Scriptures clearly reveal that man did exist in Eternity-Past, that fallen Lucifer tempted him in his Seed form, and that man did make a choice for or against God when he was a Seed in God's Loins.

### I. Man Existed in Seed Form in God's Loins in Eternity-Past.

The Prophet Ezekiel saw the living Seeds of mankind as fiery Stones in the middle of God's Will.

**Thou art the anointed cherub [Lucifer] that covereth;** and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; **thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire** (Ezekiel 28:14).

The Hebrew word for *stones* means to build, a stone, carbuncle, mason, plummet, chalkstone, hailstone, headstone, slingstone, stony, divers weights; it comes from a root word meaning to build, to obtain.

God tells us very clearly in the Book of Proverbs that these "Stones" were the living Seeds of present mankind in spirit and soul form.

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I [Wisdom] was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, **before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.** When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; **and my delights were with the sons of men** [*aw-dawm*] (Proverbs 8:22-31).

These verses in Proverbs pertain to the birth, in Eternity-Past, of Jesus' Spirit and Soul. Jesus, God's only Begotten Son, is personified in these Scriptures as Wisdom. Jesus Christ was perfect in His Humanity and perfect in His Divinity. God the Father begot Jesus the Son as perfect Humanity. Christ is the Name of the Messiah, the Word. The Word was perfect Divinity because the Word was God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**" (John 1:1). Christ is the Name of God, the Word. In Jesus Christ, humanity was joined to Divinity. God's only Begotten Son did not have a terrestrial Body of His own until one was prepared for Him in the Virgin Mary's womb.

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me:** (Hebrews 10:5).

While still in the Bosom of the Father, Jesus' Spirit and Soul laboured together with the Father to bring forth all

of God's creative Works. Notice in verse thirty-one that the Son's special delights were with the sons of *men*. The Hebrew word for *men* in this verse is *aw-dawm*, and this same word relates to *Adam* in the first chapters of Genesis. Besides describing Jesus' birth in Spirit and Soul form, this passage of Scripture also describes God's procreative and creative Works done in Eternity-Past, before the creation of this present world. Thus, the "sons of men" or sons of Adam existed in Seed form in God's Loins before they existed in Adam's loins in the Garden of Eden.

While mankind's living spirits and souls were still in Seed form in the invisible, spiritual realm in Eternity-Past, they were tempted by Lucifer.\* As the exalted, covering Cherub over God's Holy Mountain, Lucifer was privileged to walk up and down in God's invisible Fiery Will, and it was there that he became acquainted with the living Stones called "man."

Lucifer became proud of his exalted ministry and sinned by trying to usurp God's place. His sin brought about a threefold corruption of his will. Thus, when the Seeds of men succumbed to Lucifer's enticements, they accepted his proud will and its corruption. If we examine Lucifer's downfall, we will see how man's will was affected by Lucifer's will.

## II. When Lucifer Sinned in Eternity-Past, He Suffered the Consequences of His Fall.

The Book of Ezekiel describes the mighty Angel Lucifer and his fall in Eternity-Past.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God,** though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: **Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas.** Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, *I am God?* but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: **therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: **I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings,** that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; **therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.** All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more (Ezekiel 28:1-19).

The city of Tyre literally existed and was ruled over by literal men; however, the description of the Prince and King of Tyrus lists more than the attributes and activities of any natural man. These verses refer to the Cherub Lucifer who was complete or perfect in wisdom, in beauty, and in his ways until iniquity was found in him.

God did not create iniquity. Lucifer brought iniquity into existence by willfully corrupting and perverting or crooking the perfect, straight substance of Truth and Light that God had placed within him! Instead of using his Wisdom, Beauty, and Angelic Light, Love, and Life energies to bring Glory, Honour, and Praise to the Name of the LORD God, Lucifer proudly used God's gifts to try to exalt himself and his throne above God's Person and God's Throne.

The Prophet Ezekiel did not call the Covering Cherub by his angelic name, but it is evident from other Scriptures that Lucifer was indeed the Angel of whom Ezekiel spoke. The Prophet Isaiah gave a similar account of Lucifer's proud rebellion against God and identified him clearly.

**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! For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the**

**congregation**, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.** They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners? (Isaiah 14:12-17).

When Lucifer became proud and thought to exalt himself above God, a threefold corruption took place in his will.

#### **A. Lucifer's Will Was Corrupted by His Pride of Revelation.**

For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will ascend into heaven**,... (Isaiah 14:13).

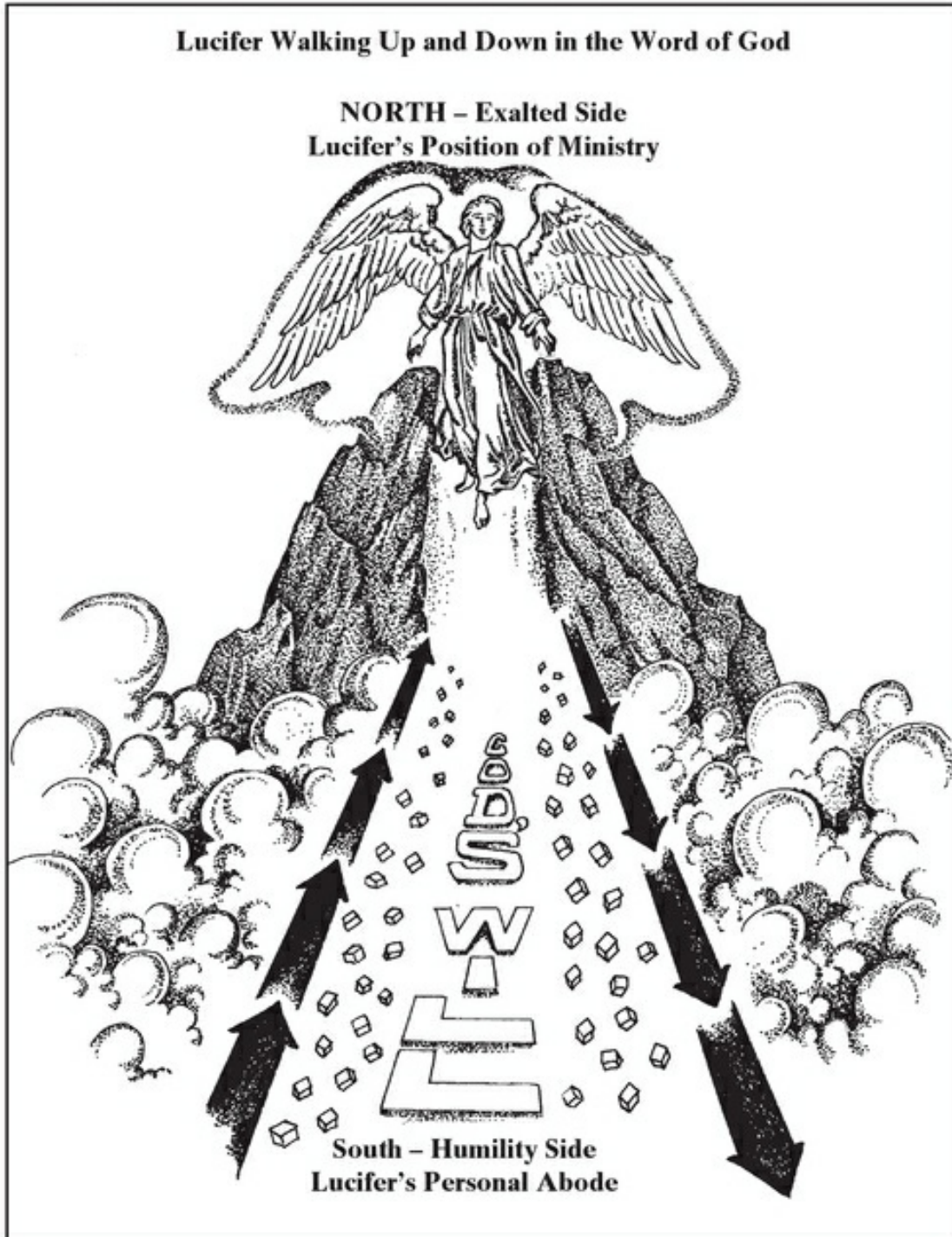
The Covering Cherub was well acquainted with God's Principle of Ascending into Exaltation and Descending into Humility because he was accustomed to walking *up* and *down* between his personal *home* on the *humility* south side of Heaven and his position of *ministry* on the *exalted* north side of Heaven.

Somewhere along the way, on one of his trips, Lucifer conceived the proud revelation that he was worthy to ascend and remain in the high place. His Pride of Revelation told him that he was too exalted and beautiful to have to keep going back down to the low place in the South, where God had created him and had given him a dwelling place.

#### **B. Lucifer's Will Was Corrupted by His Pride of Redemption.**

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:** (Isaiah 14:13).

As the "Son of the Morning," Lucifer had the glory of a Star Angel by creation, and His glory light was perfect for a star. However, the fiery star glory does not compare with the glories of the full moon and the full splendour of the sun. Lucifer's Pride of Redemption made him determined to redeem himself out of the low position he held as a Star Angel. His proud will made him determined to deliver himself out of the place of subjection to God's Will and Authority. Thus, Lucifer purposed to set up his own exalted throne from which he intended to rule and reign, according to his own proud will, over God's angelic Bride, who lived on the Holy Mountain in the North.



**C. Lucifer's Will Was Corrupted by His Pride of Satisfaction.**

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High (Isaiah 14:14).

God uses Clouds\* as a covering for His Glory. Thus, when Lucifer said, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High," he expressed his intention of ascending above the clouds and gazing down

upon the unveiled Glory and Likeness of God Himself. We can begin to realize the magnitude of Lucifer's offense after we learn that God has established a Principle in His Word that says man absorbs the nature of those things upon which he gazes, and he becomes like them.

When the Patriarch Jacob applied this Principle in God's Will, he saw the inner nature of solid-coloured animals changed so that they brought forth young that were ringstraked, speckled, and spotted, like the peeled rods upon which they had looked.

**And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods** (Genesis 30:37).

Jacob's purpose in peeling away some of the outer layers of living trees was to change the animals' inner natures by their looking upon the exposed nature of the heart of the trees. The Principle worked. The young that came forth from the solid coloured animals had developed the ringstraked, speckled, and spotted look of the rods.

Lucifer possessed no such desire for inner change. He was not interested in looking upon God's *Inner* Nature that would have changed him and made him like God in Holiness and Righteousness. On the contrary, Lucifer's motive was to get above the clouds in order to let his proud will take perverted satisfaction in gazing upon God's Head-realm, *outer* Glory and Power. Lucifer knew that if he gazed with an unclouded view upon God's Power, he would absorb some of what he gazed upon; therefore, he would become like God in Power. But he still would not be like God inwardly. He would not gain God's inward Nature of Goodness, Humility, Love, and Kindness. Lucifer was interested only in God's Power. By gaining more Power, he hoped to satisfy his unholy ambition to overthrow God's divine Rulership and Authority and take control of God's angelic Bride.

### **III. Lucifer Tempted Man in Eternity-Past, and Man Has Suffered the Results of the Choice He Made Then.**

The Bible does not tell us everything about the plan that Lucifer used in tempting the fiery Stones or Seeds of mankind, but we know from the Word of God that Lucifer was a trafficker, a peddler. At least part of what Lucifer peddled, as he walked up and down among the Stones of Fire, was the merchandise of his own corrupted light and the fragrant spices of his pride.

What was Lucifer's motive in trying to seduce the living spirits and souls of men into following him? He had a proud desire to exalt himself above God, and he wanted to use the fiery Stones to build a kingdom for himself.

In response to Lucifer's enticements, each Seed had to make a choice in his will as to which master he would serve — God or Lucifer.

We know that Lucifer gained a partial victory in his campaign to lure the Seeds of mankind away from the middle of God's Will, for the Prophet Isaiah tells us that Lucifer was cut down to the ground because he weakened the nations.

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).

The Hebrew word for *weaken* means to prostrate; by implication, to overthrow, to decay, to discomfit, to waste away, to weaken. Although the nations of this world still were in Seed form, Lucifer's lies weakened those who believed him; that is, they were brought down low and corrupted by the pride in Lucifer's will.

God has various ways of revealing spiritual Truth. Some Truths are so plainly set forth in the Scriptures that even a child can see them. God's Love for sinners, described in John, chapter three, verse sixteen, is a good example of this class of open revelation. Other Truths are hidden in parables, allegories, and similitudes, while the deeper mysteries are reserved for those who acknowledge their own lack of Wisdom and Understanding and who are willing to sit and learn at the Feet of the Master-Teacher, Jesus Christ. Still another way of discovering Truth is by wisely applying God's methods of working. God always uses Principles of Operation that are as universal as the laws of nature. They are consistent; they never vary. One of God's most important Principles is that He never changes! "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Once we learn what happened yesterday, we know by Principle that the same thing is happening now and that it will continue to happen in the future.

The Truth of present man's temptation in Eternity-Past is an example of this last class of revelation. The Bible tells us that God had to judge Lucifer and cast him down when he sinned by proudly exalting himself in Eternity-

Past. Therefore, since Lucifer used his proud will to tempt the Stones of Fire in God's Loins, we know that man's downfall in Eternity-Past came because he followed fallen Lucifer's pattern of proud, sinful thinking. Consequently, when he accepted Lucifer's will, man's will also suffered a threefold corruption.

### **A. Man Chose Lucifer's Corrupt Pride of Revelation.**

Lucifer's downfall in Eternity-Past started when he fell in love with the image and shadow of his own self.

**Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness:...** (Ezekiel 28:17).

Lucifer gazed so intently and so long upon his gifts of Beauty and Wisdom from God, the Creator, that his eyes became dazzled and deceived by his gifts, and his first proud, arrogant, independent thought begot the Pride of Revelation in his heart. Pride caused Lucifer to think that he was sufficient in himself; that the gifts were his; that he did not need the Source of the gifts, his Creator; that he was worthy of lifting himself up on High to a ruling and reigning position; and that he was worthy of usurping God's Authority and Power. The entrance of these darkened thoughts blinded his eyes to the true Light and kept him from seeing the true Way of Humility and Obedience to God's Will. Darkness corrupted the splendour and brightness of Lucifer's God-given Wisdom. By becoming puffed up about his glorious gifts of Wisdom and Brightness, Lucifer lost the excellency of both.

God did not cast Lucifer out of Heaven immediately. Instead of taking advantage of his season of mercy-blessing by using it to repent of his sin, Lucifer used this time to present his proud merchandise to the Stones of Fire or the Seeds of mankind.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and **thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire** (Ezekiel 28:16).

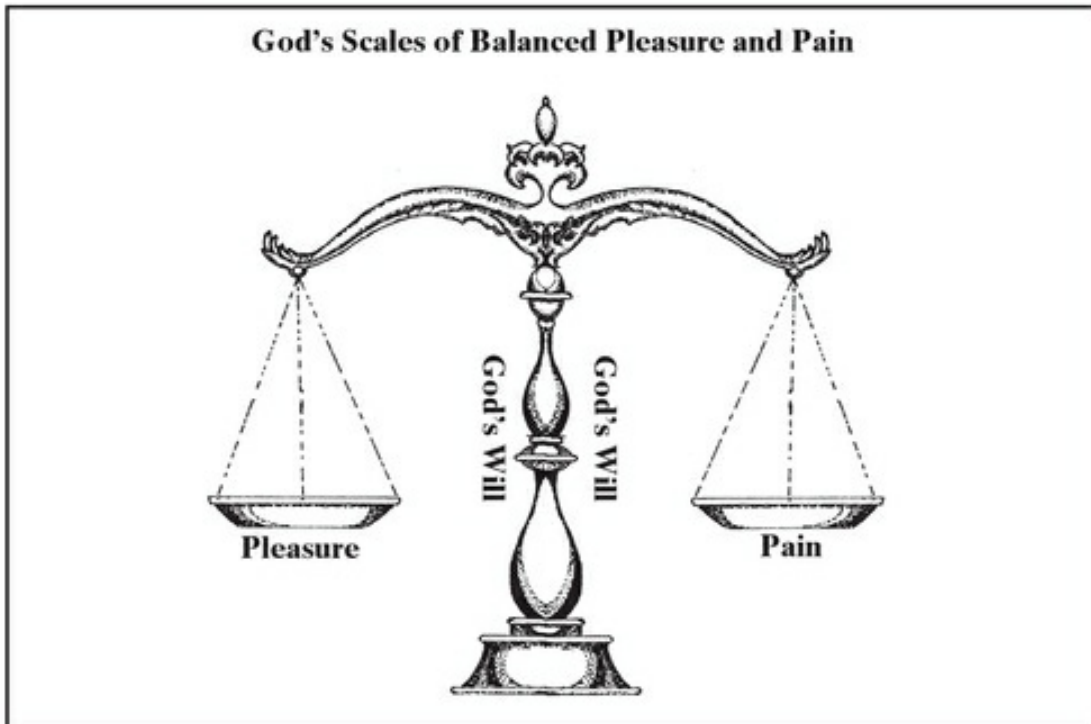
Just as Lucifer fell in love with his own image and shadow, so did some of the Stones of Fire fall in love with the image and shadow of how they looked in the kaleidoscope of Lucifer's broken light of corrupted wisdom. Instead of promptly rejecting Lucifer's merchandise of pride, part of the Seeds or Stones of mankind gazed until they conceived the proud revelation that they looked better in Lucifer's disharmonious arrangement of light than they did in the Creator's perfect, orderly balanced arrangement of Light that radiated out in the form of the Cross. The Pride of Revelation causes man to fall in love with himself instead of God.

### **B. Man Chose Lucifer's Corrupt Pride of Redemption.**

Lucifer's Pride of Redemption went into action to redeem himself a kingdom out from among the Stones of Fire. The Hebrew word for *merchandise* means to trade, peddle, travel, spice merchant. It goes back to a root word that means to go about as a talebearer. Lucifer bore false witness as he went up and down among the Stones of Fire. As a spicy, fragrant talebearer of his own pomp, glory, and importance, the Covering Cherubim proclaimed what a wonderful king and ruler he would make. He tried to persuade the sons of men that they were in bondage to the Creator-God and that he would lead them to freedom. Some of the fiery Stones of mankind accepted Lucifer's proud lies about himself and believed that he would help them establish their independence from God.

### **C. Man Chose Lucifer's Corrupt Pride of Satisfaction.**

After some of the Stones of Fire had accepted the merchandise of Lucifer's proud Will of Revelation and his Will of Redemption, he very confidently displayed his proud Will of Satisfaction before them. This is the ultimate goal of pride — to find satisfaction outside of God's Will. Lucifer found gratifying pleasure in proclaiming his own excellencies. To do this, he had to call evil good and good evil. In other words, he perverted God's Balanced Truth by switching the Truth and saying that pleasure is pain and pain is pleasure. Lucifer was acquainted with God's Scales which weigh out pleasure and pain according to His Will. The center support of God's Scales is His Will, and the only way to have a just measure of pleasure and pain is for them to be balanced by God's Will.



Lucifer walked up and down in the midst of God's Will; therefore, he knew the Truth. But by using his corrupted wisdom and his broken light to project only half of the Truth, Lucifer convinced some of the Stones of Fire that satisfaction could be found only in pleasure. Those who believed this lie forsook the center of God's Will, followed Lucifer to the pleasure side of the Scales, and looked for satisfaction only in pleasurable situations.

Not all of the fiery Stones of mankind bought Lucifer's merchandise that he had labeled "Satisfaction is found only in pleasure." So Lucifer presented them the other side of the Scales. By telling the other half of the Truth, he deceived others into believing that satisfaction is found only in pain. Those who bought this lie followed him to the pain side of the Scales and began their search for satisfaction in painful situations. Still, there were other Seeds who chose to follow Jesus Christ. They loved the Truth that God's Perfect, Balanced Will consists of the Union of Pleasure and Pain. Therefore, they chose to stay in the middle of the Scales. There, they experienced the balanced pleasure and pain found in God's Will. Each of the three choices carried its own Reward, Blessing, or Judgment for the Seeds of mankind. Also, as the instigator of sin in the present Creation, Lucifer, too, came under God's Judgment for his sin in Heaven.

#### **IV. God Judged Lucifer for His Rebellion in Heaven.**

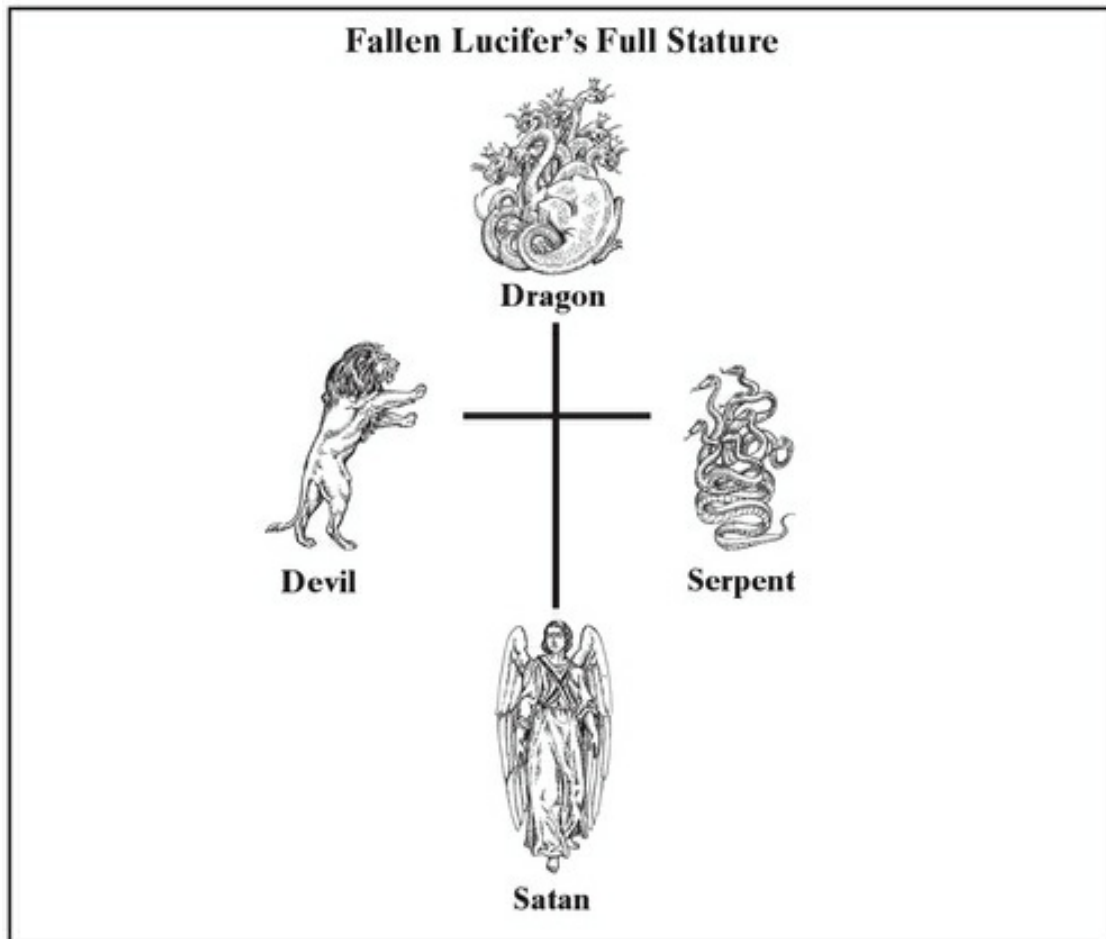
When He judged Lucifer for his sin, God cut the covering Cherub down from his exalted position on the Holy Mountain of God; then, God cast him down to the ground.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: **therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God:...** (Ezekiel 28:16).

In Eternity-Past, Lucifer took his broken wisdom and brilliancy, formed them into a kaleidoscopic pattern of illusionary harmony and peddled them as desirable, spicy merchandise among the Stones of Fire. He did this to the ultimate detriment of himself and those who believed his pleasurable and woeful tales. God judged Lucifer and cast him out of Heaven. Thus, Lucifer's Pride of Revelation, Pride of Redemption, and Pride of Satisfaction brought him from the high and holy place of Heaven, the place of esteem and reverence, to the low, contemptible place of sin.

After God had cast Lucifer down to the ground, Lucifer manifested his corrupt nature in four ways. The Book of Revelation records the full stature of names that fallen Lucifer was then called: "And the great *dragon* was cast out,

that old *serpent*, called the *Devil*, and *Satan*, which deceiveth the whole world” (Revelation 12:9).



Each of Lucifer's names indicates a specific degree of his fallen nature, power, and authority that he has used to deceive the nations of the world, both now and in Eternity-Past. By understanding how fallen Lucifer uses these four facets of his nature to war against the child of God, today, we can perceive the class of warfare and temptation the fiery Stones of mankind encountered in Eternity-Past.

**A. *Satan* Wars Against Believers by *Attacking* the Truth.**

The name *Satan* means attacker, resister, adversary. Satan's very nature attacks the Truth, resists the Truth, and is an adversary of the Truth. Satan's nature deceives, for he appears as an Angel of Light. It is important to remember that Satan's light is corrupted, and those who accept his corrupted light become attackers, resisters, and adversaries of the True Light of God's Word.

**B. *The Devil* Wars Against Believers by *Accusing* God's Nature to Them.**

The name *Devil* means an accuser, to exhibit as a spectacle, a traducer (one who lowers or disgraces the reputation of another), to defame, to violate, to betray, to vilify. Instead of covering and protecting God's Holiness, Righteousness, and Glory, the Devil uses his powers to defame, violate, betray, vilify, and bring disgrace to God's Nature. The Devil's purpose in degrading God's reputation is to discourage others from following God. Once a person becomes discouraged and disappointed in God, he becomes an easy prey to all of the Devil's lies. Before long, the Devil has an individual actively engaged in degrading God's Power and Glory; as a result, God's

reputation is damaged more and more.

### **C. The Serpent Wars Against Believers by *Enticing* Them to Join Their Hearts and Wills to His Will.**

The name *Serpent* or *Leviathan*, as this portion of fallen Lucifer's nature is called in the forty-first chapter of Job, traces back to a Hebrew root word that means to entwine, to unite, to lend, to abide with, to join. The Serpent's stature and nature has uniting or joining power. Instead of using this power to get people joined to God's divine Will, the Serpent entwines himself about their hearts and wills to get them joined in his corrupt will.

### **D. The Dragon Wars Against Believers by *Changing* God's Truth.**

The name *Dragon* means to elongate, to stretch out, to fascinate. Fallen Lucifer uses this portion of his nature to distort the Truth and to draw people to himself by charming them with his fascinating, exaggerated tales.

Thus, in this present Creation, sin originated in Lucifer's proud will, and he, in turn, presented the temptation to sin to present man. He is man's archenemy, and he seeks to draw men away from the true God and the fullness of His Light, to all kinds of false gods and their corrupt light.

God judged Lucifer's rebellion in Heaven in Eternity-Past by cutting him down to the ground, but this was not Lucifer's final defeat in his effort to destroy present man. Lucifer still has access to Heaven in Present Time, for it is recorded in the Book of Job that he appeared before God to accuse righteous Job. Since being cast out of Heaven, Lucifer continues his enmity against God and present man. Therefore, he remains man's archenemy and continually attempts to lure men into joining him in his rebellion against the Creator. However, the Bible has prophesied Lucifer's final defeat *in Heaven* when the great Angel Michael will engage him in a tremendous warfare, just before the great Tribulation Period on Earth.

We can gain victory over Satan, the Devil, the Serpent, and the Dragon in the same manner that will be used by Michael and his angelic Army. This also is the way the saints in the Tribulation Period will overcome the Antichrist: they will uphold the Truth.

### **E. The Angel Michael and His Army Will Finally Defeat Lucifer and His Army in a Great Battle in Heaven.**

Lucifer's ultimate defeat is an established fact, according to the Prophecies in the Book of Revelation. We know, then, that he is vulnerable and that he is not an indestructible foe. If we use the Angel Michael's methods of warfare in our daily lives, we, too, can achieve victory over Lucifer's full stature.

**And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:7-9).**

Truth ultimately will overcome error. And this is the Spiritual Principle that Michael and his Army will use to defeat Lucifer when they battle against him and his army. They will use the complete Light of Truth, the precious Blood of the Lamb, and the Word of their testimony to overcome Lucifer's lies and his proud rebellion.

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (Revelation 12:11).**

God resurrected the Blood of the Lamb with Glory, Light, Life, and Love. If we will testify of this Light, Life, and Love of the Blood, we, too, can overcome all the opposing forces of fallen Lucifer as we uphold the Light of Truth.

In the Book of Ephesians, the Spirit of Truth declares that the only way to battle the enemy successfully is by putting on the *whole Armour* of God.

**Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11).**

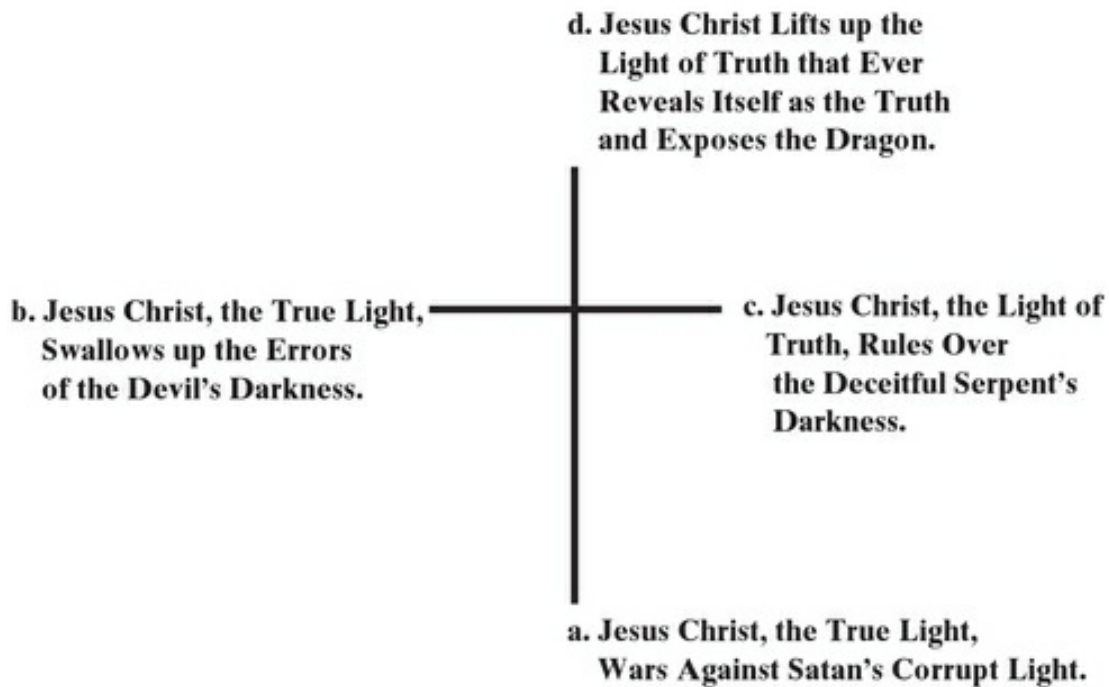
The Book of Romans explains that God's Armour is an Armour of Light or the Light of Truth.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, **and let us put on the armour of light** (Romans 13:12).

### **1. Michael and His Angels Will War Against Lucifer and Overcome Him with the Light of Truth.**

Since the Bible prophesies Michael's ultimate triumph over Lucifer, we know that this great Angel will have on the whole Armour of Light of Truth of Jesus Christ as he fights against Lucifer. In other words, Jesus' Light of Truth will have penetrated Michael's being so thoroughly that Truth will stand up in him to defeat Lucifer's errors and lies.

As the Light of Truth, Jesus Christ works in four ways to bring victory.



Even the bitterest enemy cannot stand against Jesus Christ's resurrected Glory-Light, Life, and Love. Jesus' Death on the Cross of Calvary sealed Lucifer's fate once and forever.

#### **a. Jesus Christ, the True Light, Wars Against Satan's Corrupt Light.**

The Apostle John described John the Baptist as being a *witness* of the Light, for there is only *one True Light* and that is Jesus Christ.

He [John the Baptist] was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world* (John 1:8,9).

Jesus Christ is the *true* Fountainhead of all Light, both in the invisible, Heavenly World and in the visible, earthly world.

On the other hand, Satan comes as a *deceitful* angel of light:

And no marvel; **for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**" (II Corinthians 11:14).

Lucifer's Satanic nature presents itself as an angel of light to war against Jesus Christ's True Light. But True Light ultimately swallows up corrupt light. The Bible says that the Light of Knowledge of God's Glory is in Jesus Christ's *Face*. The True Light from Jesus Christ's Face swallows up all corrupt light of the melancholy, miserable worlds of religion. Therefore, Jesus stands as the mighty, victorious Sun of Righteousness, as He swallows up all of Lucifer's corrupt light. None of the gods of other religions have ever gone into the regions of Death and Hell and come forth with the Keys of Death and Hell; only the Holy One of Israel, Jesus Christ, has accomplished this. Jesus Christ came forth from Death and Hell with the Glory Light of Resurrection Power. The True Light of Jesus Christ swallows up all other corrupt light of human reasoning and Satanic opposition.

### **b. Jesus Christ, the True Light, Swallows up the Errors of the Devil's Darkness.**

The Apostle Paul's conversion is an example of how Jesus Christ's Light swallows up the Devil's darkness. Saul was engulfed in a Light as he walked along the Damascus Road. Although the brightness of the Light left him temporarily blinded, the Light struck away his spiritual blindness, and he saw Jesus as Lord.

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: (Acts 9:3).

At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me (Acts 26:13).

The True Light of the Sun of Righteousness shone upon Saul and swallowed up the darkness of his ignorance and unbelief. This Light shone more brilliantly than the natural sun. While the natural sun could not penetrate Saul's spiritual darkness, the Heavenly Light of Truth from above did. It shone round about Saul. He was engulfed, enclosed, and encompassed on every side so that he was translated from a world of spiritual darkness into a world of Spiritual Light. The Light of Truth always brings man's proud, darkened will to a prostrate position where it says, as Saul did, "Who art thou Lord? Lord, what wilt thou have me to do"? Saul confessed his darkness and ignorance of the Light: "Who art thou"? he asked. He confessed his willingness to be swallowed up by the Light: "What wilt thou have me to do"? Saul became the Apostle Paul and carried this glorious Light of Truth to the darkness of the whole world.

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me (Acts 26:18).

The Apostle Peter also described how True Light can swallow up the Devil's darkness.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (1 Peter 2:9).

### **c. Jesus Christ, the Light of Truth, Rules over the Deceitful Serpent's Darkness.**

As children of Light, we have the glorious privilege of having Jesus rule our life with the Light of Truth. Like a city set on a hill, Jesus Christ sets the Light of Truth on high so that the Light Rays of Truth may ever reveal and prove, over and over again, that Truth is holy and without the blemishes of delusions and lying illusions.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (Ephesians 5:8).

Christ, as the Ruler of Light, gives *more Light* to those who want Him as their Ruler of Light. When God's people love the glorious Light of Truth, Jesus Christ will impart more Light of Truth to them so that each day can be filled with new Light.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light (Psalm 36:9).

But all things that are reprove are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, **Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light** (Ephesians 5:13,14).

Jesus Christ, the Ruler of Light, will send His True Light through situations, people, and circumstances to help us discover how Lucifer the Serpent works through our carnal nature in deceitful, dark ways.

**d. Jesus Christ Lifts up the Light of Truth that Ever Reveals Itself as the Truth and Exposes the Dragon.**

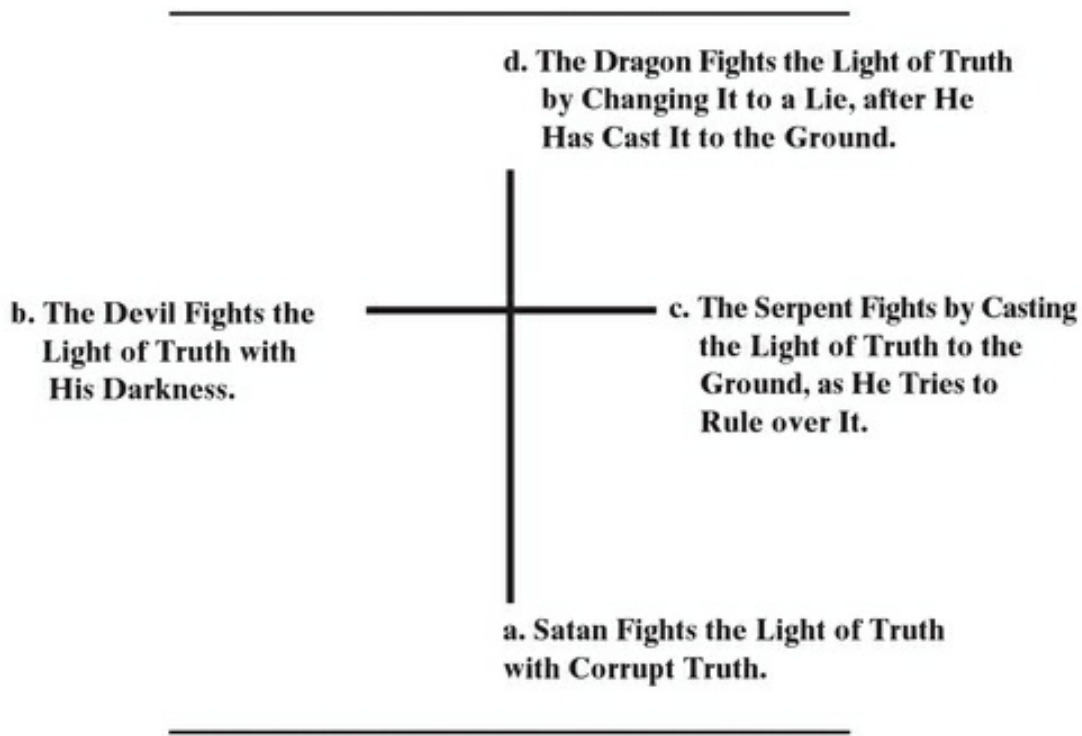
Jesus Christ proved Himself to be the Ruler and Revealer of Light when He arose with Resurrection Glory and Light. The Light of Truth is a Fountain of Light that continually rises up, flowing forth and ceaselessly enlightening the children of Light with more Light. Jesus Christ also can reveal God. Jesus Christ, the Revealing Light of Truth, exposes the spiritual wickedness of the Dragon who desires to put the Truth to the ground and change it into a lie. Jesus Christ is the Vehicle of Light that bears all Light of the glorious Godhead.

This same picture of Truth also is seen in the first chapter of the Book of Ezekiel. God's Vehicle, War Chariot, or Living Creatures were filled with Light, and they bore the Glory of God in their chariot. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, and He bears all the Glory of God. Jesus Christ ever lifts up and establishes the Light of Truth so that its infinite, divine Nature might be revealed and known. As a result, the Light of Truth reaches out to expose the Dragon's spiritual, wicked nature.

Lucifer will meet his final defeat in Heaven when Michael and his Angels come against him with God's whole Armour of Light. They will defeat him by lifting up the Light of Truth. This is the way we, too, can overcome Lucifer's full stature and be conquerors — by lifting up the Light of Truth.

**2. The Light of Truth Will Overcome the Full Stature of Fallen Lucifer's Darkness.**

For every bit of Light that Jesus has for us, Lucifer fights to corrupt it, turn it to darkness, or rule over it by casting it to the ground and changing it to a lie.



As God's and man's archenemy, Lucifer uses every weapon he has to discredit God and to deceive man.

Knowing his methods of attack can alert believers to ways of counterattacking with the Light of Truth.

#### **a. Satan Fights the Light of Truth with Corrupt Truth.**

One day Satan appeared before God to accuse God's servant Job. In the course of his accusations, Satan answered God:

**Then satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?** (Job 1:9)

So the LORD allowed Job to be tested by Satan.

**And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand.** So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD (Job 1:12).

Satan had the proud audacity to go to God's Face with his corrupted light and try to prove that God's Light of Truth was a lie. He tried to swallow up God's Light of Truth with his lying words. God had said that Job was a perfect, upright man and that he feared God and had turned away from evil. Soon, Satan's lying light made the accusation to God that Job served Him for material, not spiritual, reasons. When God gave His permission for Job to be tried, Satan, first of all, took Job's natural possessions. In this first trial, the glorious Light of Truth burst forth from Job and swallowed up Satan's lying light.

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: **the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.** In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly (Job 1:21,22).

Job defeated his enemy because he confessed the Truth, thus he let the Light of Truth shine out to swallow up Satan's darkness.

#### **b. The Devil Fights the Light of Truth with His Darkness.**

Satan took Job's possessions; then, the Devil's darkness tried to swallow up the Light of Truth in Job's heart by taking his health.

Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. **What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?** In all this did not Job sin with his lips (Job 2:9,10).

Job used his tongue that was set on fire with the Light of Truth to swallow up the Devil's darkness that came through his wife. Job confessed the Light of Truth that knows that God deserves to be praised, not only in pleasurable, prosperous times, but also in painful times of adversity.

#### **c. The Serpent Fights by Casting the Light of Truth to the Ground, as He Tries to Rule over It.**

If Lucifer, in his Satan and Devil natures, cannot take away the Light of Truth with his corrupt light and darkness, then he will try to rule over the Light of Truth with his Serpent nature. He knows that if he can *rule* the Light of Truth, he can cast It to the ground and not leave It on the ruling throne of exaltation. By so doing, he can change Truth into a lie. This, then, is how the Serpent form of Lucifer ministers. In the Garden of Eden, the Serpent changed God's Light of Truth and said, "Ye shall *not* surely die." God had said, in so many words, "If you eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, *ye shall surely die.*" The Serpent tried to rule over the Light of Truth that God had given to Adam-female by casting it to the ground.

#### **d. The Dragon Fights the Light of Truth by Changing It to a Lie, after He Has Cast It to the Ground.**

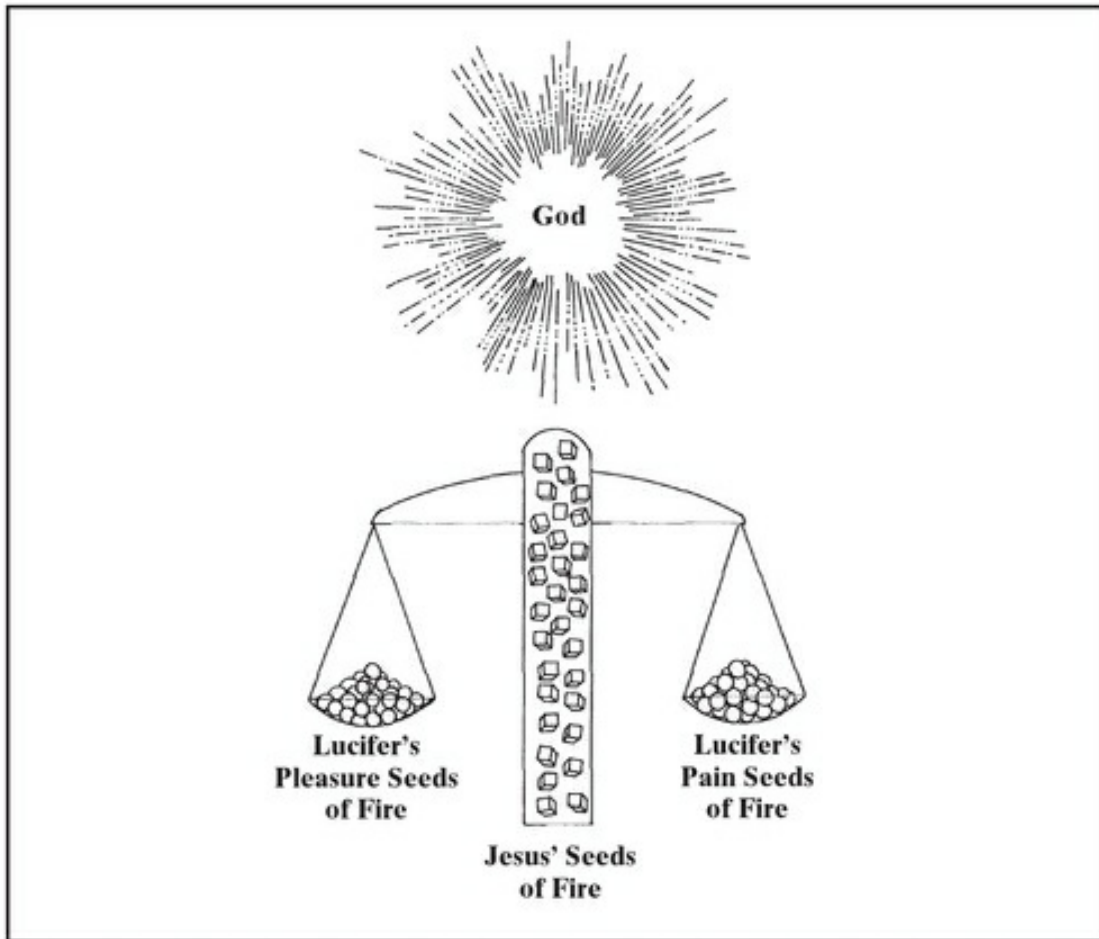
Once Adam-female had accepted the Serpent's lie, when he tried to rule over the Light of Truth by casting It to the ground, the Dragon nature of Lucifer changed the Light of Truth into a lying, deceptive light. So Adam-female saw the Tree of Knowledge as something desirable, in spite of the fact that it was not in God's Will for her to eat of it.

Although Lucifer said the Tree of *Knowledge* would make one wise, he was lying, for the Tree of *Life* is the Tree of *Wisdom*. To be wise, one must eat of the Tree of Wisdom. Had Adam-female obeyed God and eaten of the Tree of Life, she would have had the Wisdom to refuse the temptation to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil or Pleasure and Pain.

God's archenemy, fallen Lucifer, continuously wars against the Light of Truth in all its stages of growth — in its inception as a Seed — as it grows into a Blade — in its Ear stage — and, finally, in its Full-ear stage.

Because God works by Moral Principles that never change, studying the Angel Michael's victory over fallen Lucifer reveals how some of the fiery Stones of mankind overcame Lucifer's temptation in Eternity-Past. They practiced the Principle of Pleading the Blood-Light, Life, and Love of the Lamb over their beings, by testifying to Lucifer about their own personal experiences with God and His Living Truth, and by not loving their own lives unto death, as they cast themselves upon the God's Mercy that could keep them in His Perfect Will.

But the other two groups of the fiery, living Seeds of mankind yielded to temptation and bought, as it were, Lucifer's proud merchandise when he said that God was *all* Pleasure and *no* Pain. Lucifer peddled these corrupted half-truths in the invisible realm, which caused some of the Seeds to follow him. Some of these Seeds still are buying Lucifer's proud merchandise of corrupted half-truths in this visible, present, evil world.



The Seeds of Fire who chose to follow Jesus Christ in the Loins of God lifted up the Light of Truth that God is *One*. He is both a Pleasurable God and a Long-suffering God Who knows good and evil. Man's first test and trial in God's Loins was over good and evil or pleasure and pain. When God tested man the second time, he was in the

Garden of Eden, and there God forbade man to eat of good and evil or pleasure and pain. Instead, God encouraged Adam-male and Adam-female to eat of Life so that they could *grow* into the complete Truth that encompasses pleasure and pain, after first learning Wisdom.

## **V. In Present Time, Man Reaps, in a Corrupt Body, the Results of the Choices He Made in Eternity-Past and that He Made in a Sinless Human Body in Present Time.**

By using the Principle of God's Unchangeableness, we can unlock the mystery of many Truths. Because He is unchanging, we can ascertain how God operated yesterday by noting the Moral Principles that are in operation among his Creation today. God's Design has consistently been that growth and development begin in a seed stage; that they progress to a blade stage; and, then, enter into an ear stage of growth and development before maturing into the full ear. Each stage of growth is blessed with an increased amount of Glory and Light. This same invisible Spiritual Principle also works in the visible, natural realm. For example, when a small seed is buried in the ground, it receives and absorbs less glory-light of the sun because of its size and the fact that it is hidden under clods of earth. But as the seed ascends above ground and continues its growth, it gradually begins to absorb more and more light from the sun.

Because God created man's spirit and soul in Seed form, in the beginning, the fiery Seeds were limited to the amount of Light of Truth that they could absorb or which God actually was willing to expose them to because of His gracious Kindness. God never gives Light out of season since He is totally aware of man's stage of development and the rate at which he can absorb the Light of Truth. In contrast to God's Creation of man and the Creation relating to him (all of which began in seed form), the Angel Lucifer was created in full mature form.

Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created**, till iniquity was found in thee (Ezekiel 28:14,15).

As a result of the way God created him, Lucifer had realms of Light that the Stones of Fire did not have. However, Lucifer rebelled against God and used his Brightness and Light to lead others astray. When Lucifer tempted the Angels and the Stones of Fire, some of the Angels and some of the Seeds of mankind chose against God because Lucifer promised them more Light than God had given them.

Later on, after he had been cast to the ground and the period called "Time" had begun, Lucifer used this same Principle in the Garden of Eden, when he came to Adam-female in the form of a wise Serpent. He used the light of his cunning wisdom to promise man that he would be gods or that man would be like God Himself. In other words, man would be full of Light. This was, of course, a lie because the only way to obtain more Light is to press on in obedience to the present Light, as one reaches toward the *Source* of all Light. This Principle is true in the natural realm. Suppose Satan had the power to say to a seed in the ground, "Come on, follow me, and I will give you all light. You do not have to ascend toward the sun. I will give you more light if you will descend with me." We can smile within ourselves at such a foolish, ridiculous thought because we know the Truth. If the seed did take a total downward journey away from the sun, the source of all light in the natural realm, it would end in darkness, destruction, and death.

This same process takes place in the spiritual realm when we turn from the Source of all Light, the Son, Jesus Christ. Lucifer, the created Son of the Morning, was jealous of God's only Begotten Son, so he tried to steal the LORD's followers by using his formation of light (which was greater than the formation of light that the fiery Seeds possessed) to lead them away from the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Source of all Light for God's Creation.

Lucifer had been up and down in God's Loins. He knew there was both pleasure and pain in God's Will. He knew more in his full angelic-stature form than the tiny Seeds of Light because they were not in an advanced stage of growth; they still were in a Seed form. Therefore, Lucifer was able to take his light and arrange it into a deceitful structure, through which he tried to influence some of the tiny Seeds of Light to choose his will in preference to God's Will. In response to the offer that Lucifer made them, some Seeds chose to follow Lucifer in Eternity-Past. However, man's choice as a Seed did not carry irrevocable consequences. God provided a way through the sacrifice of His Son for there to be a propitiation for man's sin. In Present Time, man has a chance to change His choice.

### **A. Some Seeds Chose to Follow Lucifer.**

In due season, God rewards all the invisible Seeds of mankind with a visible, mortal body because of the choice they made while they were in Seed form as spirits and souls. While the fiery Seeds of mankind were in God's Loins, they were enticed by Lucifer to follow his proud will. Then, when the time arrived for present man to make his appearance on Earth, the invisible spirits and souls of mankind were placed in Adam's loins. Who, then, should shortly appear in the Garden of Eden but man's past enemy, Lucifer? Lucifer came into the Garden still desiring to rule over man and to build himself a kingdom. To Adam-male and Adam-female and the Seeds of future nations that were carried in Adam's loins, Lucifer once again offered a choice. This time, would man choose the Tree of Life and receive a body of immortality? Or would he choose knowledge outside of God's Will and reap the penalty of a body of mortality? *Adam* and *all the Seeds* in his loins *chose stolen knowledge and mortality*. Once again, the fiery Seeds who had followed Lucifer, either to the Pleasure-side or the Pain-side of God's Scales in the Loins of God, chose Lucifer's deceitful light when it was presented to them while they still were in Seed form in Adam's loins. Moreover, the *Seeds who had followed Jesus* to the Unity of God's Nature in the middle of Scales in God's Loins *now chose to join* with all the other Seeds in following Lucifer's deceitful light.

Because of the choices man made when he was a Seed in Adam's loins, man comes into this world clothed in a mortal body. While he is within a visible body, man can make visible the rebellious choice he made while he was in the invisible in Eternity-Past. However, man has a chance for a third choice because, in His Omniscience, God conceived a Plan of Redemption that would give the rebellious ones another chance to choose against fallen Lucifer by choosing for the LORD. Because God willingly sacrificed His only Begotten Son and provided a pure, holy covering of Blood for the ones who had sinned against a Pure, Holy God, man *can choose to follow Jesus in this life*, and his wrong choices in Eternity-Past and in the Garden of Eden will be cancelled by Jesus Christ's Blood. Because God the Father loved the whole world, He provided regeneration and reconciliation for *all* mankind by lifting up His Beloved Son at Calvary's Cross. *Whosoever* comes to Him and believes on Him shall be saved. God magnified His Love *for us* in giving Jesus *for us*, and He magnified His Love *to us* in giving Jesus *to us*. Some of the Seeds of Fire who chose *against Jesus in Eternity-Past and in the Garden* will *choose Jesus Christ* as their Saviour *in this world* and turn from their visible and invisible rebellion against God. But other Seeds who made the same two wrong choices will compound their sin by making a third choice to follow Lucifer in this present world. The third group of seeds who chose for Jesus Christ in Eternity Past, but who chose with Adam against Him in the Garden, will rectify their mistake by making a second choice for Jesus Christ as their Saviour in this present world.

Thus, we see that man has been tested in three ways:

### **1. Man Has Been Tested in God's Divine Loins.**

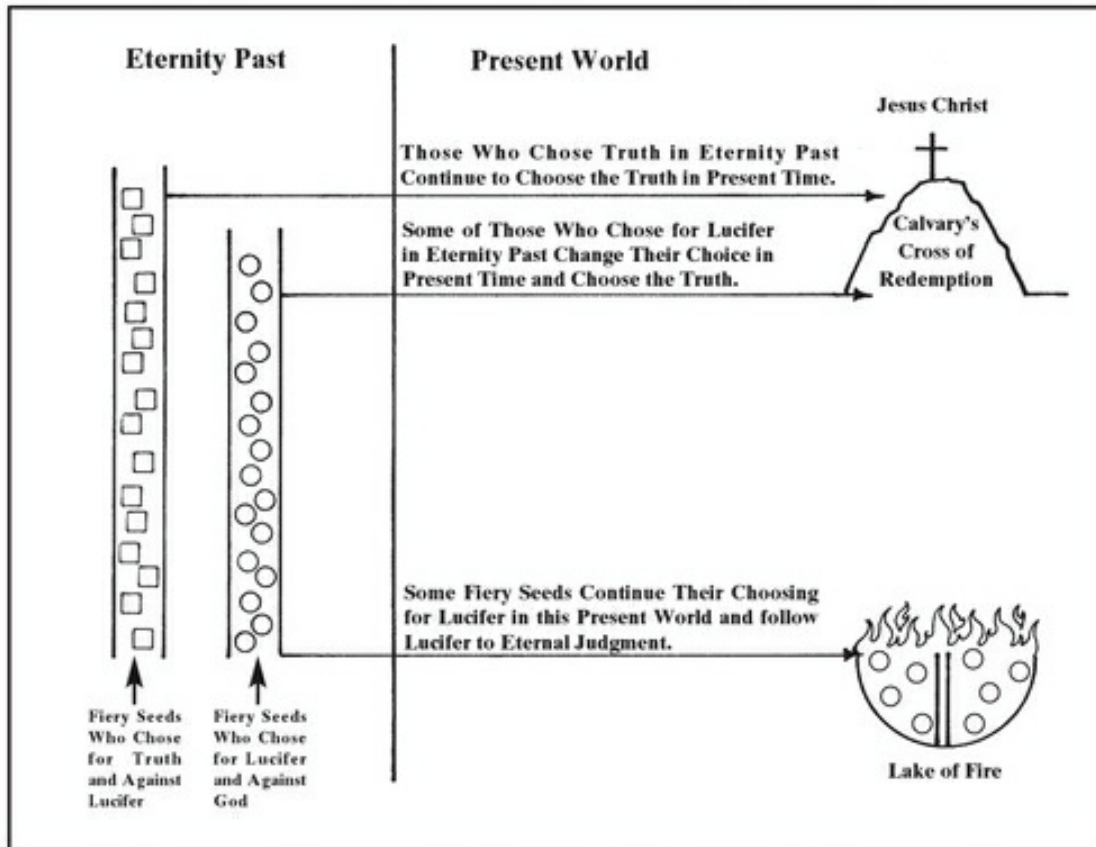
The Seeds of mankind, in spiritual and soul form, were subjected to a choice *for* or *against* God while dwelling, as it were, in the Body of the Glory of God or in the Loins of God. In this stage, some Seeds won victory over Lucifer's temptation by making a choice for God. But some Seeds failed and were defeated by making a choice against God.

### **2. Man Has Been Tested in a Sinless Human Body.**

Then, the Seeds of mankind, in spirit and soul form, were tested in a sinless human body, in the loins of Adam the First. Here *all the Seeds of mankind* chose against God. All the Seeds agreed with Adam the First to eat of the Tree of Knowledge. Therefore, each Seed inherited a mortal body as its reward.

### **3. Man Is Tested after He Is Born into a Sinful Human Body.**

Since man's sin in the Garden, each person's spirit and soul, born in this Present Time, takes on a sinful human body, and the person is tested again as to whether he will choose Jesus Christ and be saved from *all* his sinful choices or whether he will choose, once more, to follow Lucifer and reap eternal Judgment with him.



As in Eternity-Past, when man accepted Lucifer's corrupted light in the Garden, he accepted Lucifer's corrupt will. Man's actions in this present life clearly manifest the choices made in Seed form in Eternity-Past. Since his fall in Eternity-Past and in the Garden of Eden, man loves his own self and his gifts from God, rather than being in love with his Creator. Therefore, Lucifer goes about tempting man to use his Pride of Revelation to continue establishing his independence from God.

From the time of his birth into this world, fallen man uses his pride to take God-given natural beauties, talents, abilities, and intelligence to clothe himself with bright, shining independence. The Pride of Redemption provokes a man to bear false witness about himself. From Eternity-Past onward until today, proud man has loved to believe the spicy lies that he deludes himself with when he tells himself that he does not need God nor Jesus Christ's Salvation. Man loves to believe that he can make a name for himself and be a success apart from God.

Man's Pride of Redemption starts early to peddle its wares, to be a talebearer of his overcoming beauty, glory, and power. Redemptive pride is easily recognized in one's children. "My doll is prettier than yours. My clothes are nicer than yours. My boat can sail faster than yours," they say. On and on their proud songs go. As man matures, his Pride of Redemption causes him to go about seeking to peddle his name in lights, one way or another.

Because many people accepted Lucifer's proud Will of Satisfaction when they were Seeds in God's Loins, in this life, they remain married to the proud concept that satisfaction can be found only in pleasurable experiences. This is true, however, only if they were the Seeds who chose the Pleasure-side of God's Scales. Those who believed this particular lie forsook the center of God's Will, followed Lucifer to the Pleasure-side of the Scales, and looked for satisfaction only in pleasurable situations. These people spend their days and nights in the continuous pursuit of illusionary pleasures. If some painful reality enters their world, they work feverishly to cast it out. If obliterating all their pain is not possible, then they do the next best thing, which is to push their painful reactions down into the subconscious area of their beings. They simply refuse to think about anything that detracts from their fleshly pleasure, even if the circumstance happens to bring them Truth and God's Will for their lives.

Not all the fiery Stones of mankind "bought" Lucifer's merchandise, labeled "satisfaction is found only in pleasure." So, Lucifer presented the other side of the Scales to them. By telling the other half of the Truth, he deceived them into believing that satisfaction is found only *in pain*. Those who "bought" this lie followed him to the

Pain-side of the Scales and began their search for satisfaction in painful situations. The individuals who swallowed this particular lie of Lucifer's are happy only when they are miserable. Just as the "good time" group work to create pleasurable satisfaction for themselves, the "kill joys" go to great lengths to create distressful circumstances for themselves. They are pessimistic in their outlook on life and reject all encouraging aspects of a situation, for these people delight in indulging themselves in the satisfaction of painful self-pity.

Proud man finds satisfaction in saying, "Pride is noble. Pride is decent. Pride is laudable. Pride is becoming." Can pride be noble if it causes man to establish independence from God, his Creator? Can pride be honourable when, as in the case of the prodigal son's gross ingratitude, it takes the gifts and beauties that come from the Heavenly Father, corrupts them in the world with pride, riotous living, and, finally, degrades them in the pig pen of total selfishness? Can pride be decent when it is the epitome of corruption; rather, it should make man hang his head and blush in shame. Can pride be laudable when it exalts itself and takes all praise to *self* instead of giving all the praise and Glory to God Who deserves it? Can pride be becoming when it clothes Man with deceitful ignorance? While man assumes the position of knowing the most, he knows the least.

Pride is like a compass that points to the magnetic pole of *self*. Pride, like a bleeding boil, drains its corruption into all man's thoughts, feelings, and actions until he is overcome with the disease of *self*. Pride can love no one. Pride forever degrades and slanders the goodness and virtues it finds in others. Pride constantly looks for a new revelation of its own worth and importance. Pride tries to discover a new redemptive way to bring glory to *self* so that it can enjoy the proud, perverted satisfaction of its own independence. Pride cripples and deforms all it touches. These thoughts, actions, and feelings in a person indicate that he made a wrong choice in Eternity-Past or in Present Time or perhaps in both places. The Seeds who choose a third time against God never reach a place of repentance in this life; therefore, they will be rewarded in Eternity-Future according to the choices they have made.

## **B. Some Seeds Chose to Follow Jesus Christ.**

The Seeds of Fire who chose the first time against Lucifer, when they were in God's invisible Loins, are given a sinful mortal body, too, because of the choice they made in the loins of Adam the First, when *all* mankind chose Lucifer's deceitful light. As all men, they, too, are born in sin:

Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and **in sin did my mother conceive me** (Psalm 51:5).

The Book of Romans repeats this Truth:

**For all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23).

The difference is that the Seeds who made a choice *for* Jesus Christ in Eternity-Past never can rest in their spirits and souls, in this present world, until they find the Word of Truth, Jesus Christ, Whom they knew and chose in the beginning. He is God's chosen Redeemer for the world, and the Seeds who stood for Jesus Christ, the Truth, in the invisible Loins of God, stand for Him once more in their visible mortal bodies when they find Him as Saviour.

When the Seeds who made a right choice were in God's Loins, they enjoyed such Unity and Harmony with God that, upon encountering this experience again, through their relationship with Jesus Christ in this present world, they *never* want to leave His side or backslide away from Him. This is their present reward.

The future reward of all men will be based upon the choices they make in *this* life. Each spirit and soul can choose, now, the place in which he will live in Eternity-Future — in the New Heavens, on the New Earth, or in the New City; or he can choose to go with Lucifer to the Lake of Fire. **NOW IS THE TIME FOR MAN TO CHOOSE WHAT ETERNITY-FUTURE WILL HOLD FOR HIM!** Many Scriptures prove the foregoing Truths.

Notice what Romans chapter eight, verses twenty-nine and thirty, say, for example:

**For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified (Romans 8:29,30).

God never predestinated any Seed of Fire to go to Hell or to the Lake of Fire. **All** mankind has the same opportunity, during their lifetime on Earth, to come to the LORD Jesus Christ and be saved. But the Seeds of Fire who chose the Truth have a fence around them. Because of their choice in Eternity-Past, they do not fit nor feel comfortable in sin

and the world, even when they are lost as sinners. The Seeds of Fire who stood for the Truth in Eternity-Past, once they find Jesus Christ in this world, never want to leave Him and go back to the world. Predestination means to limit, to fence in. God is not partial! It is *our own choice* for Truth that builds a fence around us. The fence formed by our choice for Truth keeps the Truth *in* and the lies of the Serpent *out*.

The first chapter of the Book of John relates the incidents of the calling of the Apostles Peter, Philip, and Nathanael. In the case of Nathanael, Jesus indicated that He had known Nathanael before Philip introduced him to Jesus.

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. **Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.** Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel (John 1:45-49).

This passage proves that Jesus had foreknowledge of Nathanael and that Nathaniel's heart was filled with Truth. He was fenced in by the choice he had made for Truth because he immediately accepted more Truth when Jesus spoke it to him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, **Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these** (John 1:50).

For further proof of the Truth that man's choice for the Truth in Eternity-Past fences him in or restricts his heart to the Truth in Present Time, note what the LORD told the Prophet Jeremiah:

**Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations** (Jeremiah 1:5).

God confessed that He had previously known Jeremiah in such an intimate way that He desired to make him a special Prophet to carry His Words of Truth. God chose Jeremiah before a body was formed for him in his mother's womb.

Also, the Apostle Peter said the following:

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again** unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (I Peter 1:3).

This is proof that Peter had experienced hope in Jesus Christ *before* this Present Time.

In his prayer in the ninetieth Psalm, Moses acknowledged that he always had chosen God in all the generations that he had passed through as a Seed of Fire in spirit and soul form.

**LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations** (Psalm 90:1).

This Truth in no way is to be confused with the error of reincarnation. God never made provision for a spirit and soul to be clothed with many earthly bodies; each was to have only one visible, earthly body of its own.

God declared in the Book of Isaiah that He knew and called the generations from the beginning.

Who hath wrought and done *it*, **calling the generations from the beginning?** I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I *am* he (Isaiah 41:4).

The Hebrew word for *calling* means to address by name. God knew that all the Seeds of Fire would pass through sin in due season. Therefore, before they were created, God made provision for their redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ Who was slain from the foundation of the world.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world** (Revelation 13:8).

However, the *ordination of this sacrifice* was *before* the foundation of the world.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition

from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you, (1 Peter 1:18,20).

Man was given a chance to choose for the Truth (1) in Eternity-Past, (2) in the Garden of Eden, and (3) in Present Time. On all these occasions, his tempter was and is fallen Lucifer who tries to make his *limited formation of light by gift* seem brighter than the *Source of all Light, the Creator*.

Christians, too, begin their life on this Earth with a corrupt will, which they have inherited from their union with the corrupt choice of Adam the First; hence, they do not escape the temptation to sin because they are constantly exercising Lucifer's three classes of pride that fill their wills. As a matter of fact, Christians face a twofold temptation. As all other people, they are tempted with pride in the natural realm, which prompts them to usurp their natural gifts and abilities and use them for their own pleasure. In addition to that, they are tempted in the spiritual realm with pride that prompts them to use the gifts of the Spirit and the Word for their own exaltation and pleasure. Thus, Christians must overcome natural and spiritual pride. Outside of the Redemptive Work of Jesus Christ, Lucifer's will and fallen man's will are a diabolical duo, implacable and inextinguishable.

In this chapter, we have seen how man existed in Eternity-Past in Seed form in God's Loins. While there, man experienced total harmony and peace with God, until the mighty Angel Lucifer, who guarded the fiery Seeds of mankind, became filled with pride and sinned against God by trying to usurp His place on the Throne. From that time onward, Lucifer has continually been man's archenemy — in Eternity-Past and in Present Time. Lucifer became corrupted through his own Pride of Revelation, Pride of Redemption, and Pride of Satisfaction. Then, he used his merchandise of pride to tempt the fiery Stones of mankind who were in God's Loins. In Eternity-Past, some of the Seeds of mankind (in spirit and soul form) sinned by the Pride of Revelation, Pride of Redemption, and Pride of Satisfaction as they took on Lucifer's will. Others chose to follow Jesus Christ. Yet, when they were faced with Lucifer's deceitful light, as he enticed them once more in the Garden of Eden, all the Seeds of mankind chose Lucifer's will. Therefore, all mankind came under the curse of sin and mortality in Present Time.

God resists the proud and has avowed to humble and abase that which lifts itself up. God has said that pride is abominable to Him. Yet, in His great Mercy, God has provided a way through His Son, Jesus Christ, whereby sinful man can put off the trappings of his pride and put on the iridescent garments of humility.

Jesus Christ is the Light of Truth Who can defeat every enemy, if man will be a witness of the Light, Life, and Love of His precious Blood. God made man a free moral agent to choose between Life and Death. To choose Life, man must choose the Source of Life, Jesus Christ! He gave His Life so that we who chose Death might correct our mistake and choose New Life in Him.

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\* For further study on the Stones of Fire, see the following book: B. R. Hicks, [\*Lucifer\*](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1970).

\* For more about Clouds, see: B. R. Hicks, [\*Revelation Book Three, The Son Of Man On A White Cloud\*](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1980).

# Chapter Four

## Present Man's Temptation And Fall In The Garden Of Eden

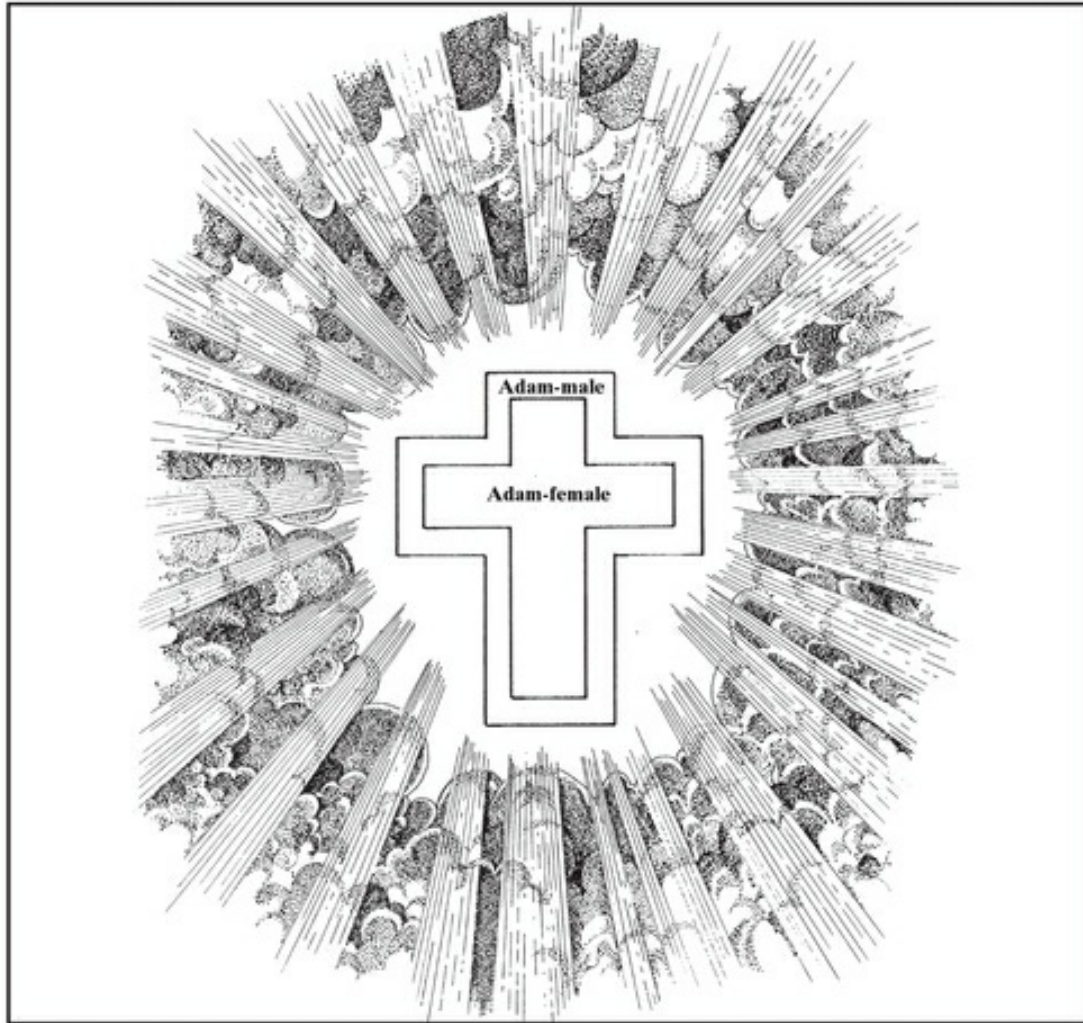
Present man's second temptation and fall took place in the Garden of Eden. Chapter three of this book mentioned man's choice in the Garden because man's choices and the results of his choices, made while he was still in his spirit and soul form or in his Seed form, were the subject of that chapter. Man consciously chose, as a *Seed*, to agree with Adam-male's choice for mortality. Death was one of the results of the choices that man made while he was in the invisible form of a spirit and soul. However, God gives man another chance, while he is in a visible body, to choose for his Creator or Life. Therefore, we now want to trace man's choices and their results from the time he entered Present Time in a visible body.

Waters of Death and Destruction had covered the prehistoric Earth as a result of God's Judgment on prehistoric man's disobedience and sin. Thus, the second verse of Genesis begins the story of the *recreative* Work of God, during which period of time He restored the Earth to a fit habitation for present man. After God's Work of recreation, He planted a Garden in the east part of Eden in which man would dwell.

Throughout successive days, the Creator-God worked to bring forth Life on the Earth, and He furnished it with everything necessary to sustain Life. On the sixth day, present man was created in God's own Image and after His own Likeness.

**And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;** and man became a living soul  
(Genesis 2:7).

With His own Hands, God formed and shaped the dust of the ground until it bore His own Image and Likeness. Then, from His own Mouth, God breathed into man's inert form the Breath of Life, and man became a *living* soul. When God first created Adam-male and Adam-female, they were one. The female was hidden inside the male.



Then, God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam-male and took Adam-female from his side.

**And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman,** and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (Genesis 2:21-25).

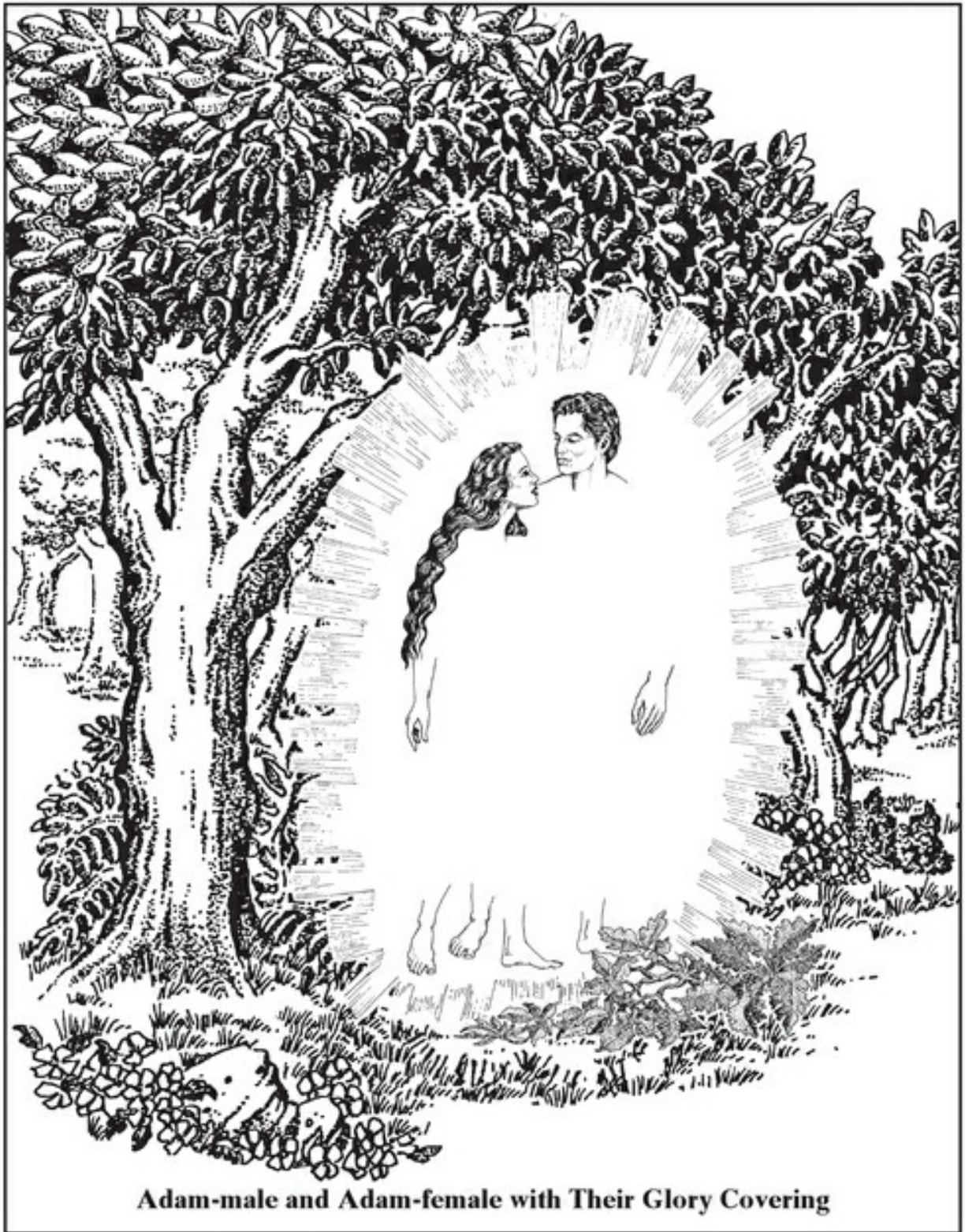
In other words, God prepared special bodies to receive present man's spirit and soul that had existed in Seed form in Eternity-Past. Since man existed in Eternity-Past, it cannot be that present man appeared on the present Earth through the process of evolution that began with the prehistoric creation. The prehistoric creation was judged and *destroyed*. The creation of present man was a separate, divine Work of God.

God intended to cover Adam-male and Adam-female with all the fullness of His own Glory, so He created them without a physical, natural covering. They were naked compared to the animals who had fur, feathers, or scales. "And *they were both naked*, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed," the Bible says.

Although physically naked, Adam-male and Adam-female were covered with a portion of God's spiritual "Glory Covering" of Light. We know they possessed a Glory Covering of Light because God created them in His Image and after His Likeness, and God is clothed with Light.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. **O LORD my God,** thou art very great; **thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with a garment*:** who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: (Psalm 104:1,2).

Adam-male and Adam-female's original covering, then, was a God-given gift of spiritual Light whose brightness emanated from within and surrounded them with a glowing, shining covering for their physical nakedness. Whether or not man would keep this glorious covering of Light depended upon his obedience to God's Will.



Since man had no outward covering of his own, if he were not to be naked, he had to depend upon the garment of another (namely, the Glory Light of the Word of God) to clothe and cover him. However, mankind's nakedness did not stop with his outward appearance. Adam-male and Adam-female were bare inwardly, in their wills. Thus, present mankind was naked inside and outside, as far as his own personal covering was concerned.

Just as God made man totally dependent upon another for the clothing of his naked, outward being, so did He make man totally dependent upon another for the clothing of his naked, inward will. God never meant for the human will to stand alone. He intended for it to be covered with a stronger, more powerful Will. This is why God quickly gave His new Creation a chance to obtain and personally possess the Garment of His divine Will. God desired that man's naked human will be clothed with His divine Will.

To show His loving concern for His Creation, God personally planted a Garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. Eden, which means delight and pleasure, was a Paradise, a living, spiritual Garden, prepared especially for present man. In the Garden of Eden, God made provision for all of Adam-male's and Adam-female's needs — body, soul, and spirit.

God's Perfect Will for His newly formed Creation was for them to abide in the Garden of Eden as caretakers, and there they would know perfect fellowship and Union with their Creator. Although God possessed omnipotent Power, He did not force His Perfect Will upon present man. Neither did God plead with man to take His Will. Instead, He revealed His Will in the form of a Command; then, He withdrew Himself for a space or season. Left alone, Adam-male and Adam-female had an opportunity to exercise the choice of their free moral wills.

After explaining the recreation of the Earth, the Book of Genesis continues with the story of man, his temptation, and his failure to make a choice for God in his will, when he dwelt in the Garden of Eden.

### **I. God Gave His Command to Man in the Garden of Eden in Present Time.**

**And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it:** for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Genesis 2:16,17).

Present man, Adam-male and Adam-female, had to decide either to obey or to disobey God's Will, which came to them wrapped up, as it were, in His Word. When God forbade man to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, He was, in reality, giving man the opportunity to choose Union with His Will or to choose union with fallen Lucifer's will. It was the Serpent, the deceitful nature of Lucifer, that came into the Garden to tempt man. Man had to choose for Union with God's Will to have his naked will filled with Truth or Love, Light, and Life; or he could choose the Serpent's will, and his naked human will would be filled with hatred, deceit, and death.

### **II. Man Chose to Disobey God's Command in Present Time.**

When God created Lucifer and all the other Angels, he filled part of their inner wills with Truth. This Truth was *given* to them. However, God left a portion of their wills vacant or empty so that they could fill a portion of their wills with Truth that they would personally choose. Thus, they would have the Truth, first, by gift and, second, by choice.

#### **God's Creation of the Angel's Wills**

Truth by Gift from the Tree of Knowledge
Empty (Place for Truth by Choice)
Truth by Gift from the Tree of Knowledge

But Lucifer, who was an Angel, abode not in the Truth that had been given to him by his Creator. Therefore, because he loved not the Truth by gift, he cast it out of his will. He preferred a lie, so he did not obtain the Truth by choice.

God created Adam-male and Adam-female in the same manner. He created man and filled part of his will with Truth by gift from the Tree of Knowledge. Man obtained this Truth by gift from His Creator. The Truth, which man received as a gift, made present man knowledgeable of God's Will. However, as with the Angels, God left the other

part of man’s will empty so that he had to choose to fill the empty part of his will with the Truth, if Truth was what he wanted. If man chose Truth, he would have Truth in his will by *gift* and by *choice*.

**The State of Man’s Will before Sin**

Truth by Gift from Knowledge
Empty (Place for Truth by Choice from Tree of Life)
Truth by Gift from Knowledge

The choice belonged to Adam-male and Adam-female, for they were created as free moral agents. If they had obeyed God’s gift of Truth, it would have led them to the Tree of Life. As a result, they would have been joined to the Truth from the Tree of Life by choice. **Life comes by choice; Knowledge comes by gift.** But Adam-female accepted fallen Lucifer’s perverted will, and her human will became filled with his river of deceit from the Tree of Knowledge. Furthermore, when she chose to follow in Lucifer’s, the Serpent’s footsteps, she did not abide in the Truth that had been given to her by gift. Neither did she obtain the Truth from the Tree of Life, which she could have had by choice; instead, she preferred the Serpent’s lies.

Although fallen Lucifer tempted Adam-female by appearing as a wise Serpent, his Devil nature was also there to work with its begetting power. (Jesus said, in John, chapter eight, verse forty-four, that the Devil is the father of lies or deceit.) Fallen Lucifer, then, used his Devil power to beget an overflowing river of deceit, and this flood of deceit rushed in to fill the naked, empty part of Adam-female’s will when she opened her ears to Lucifer’s lies.

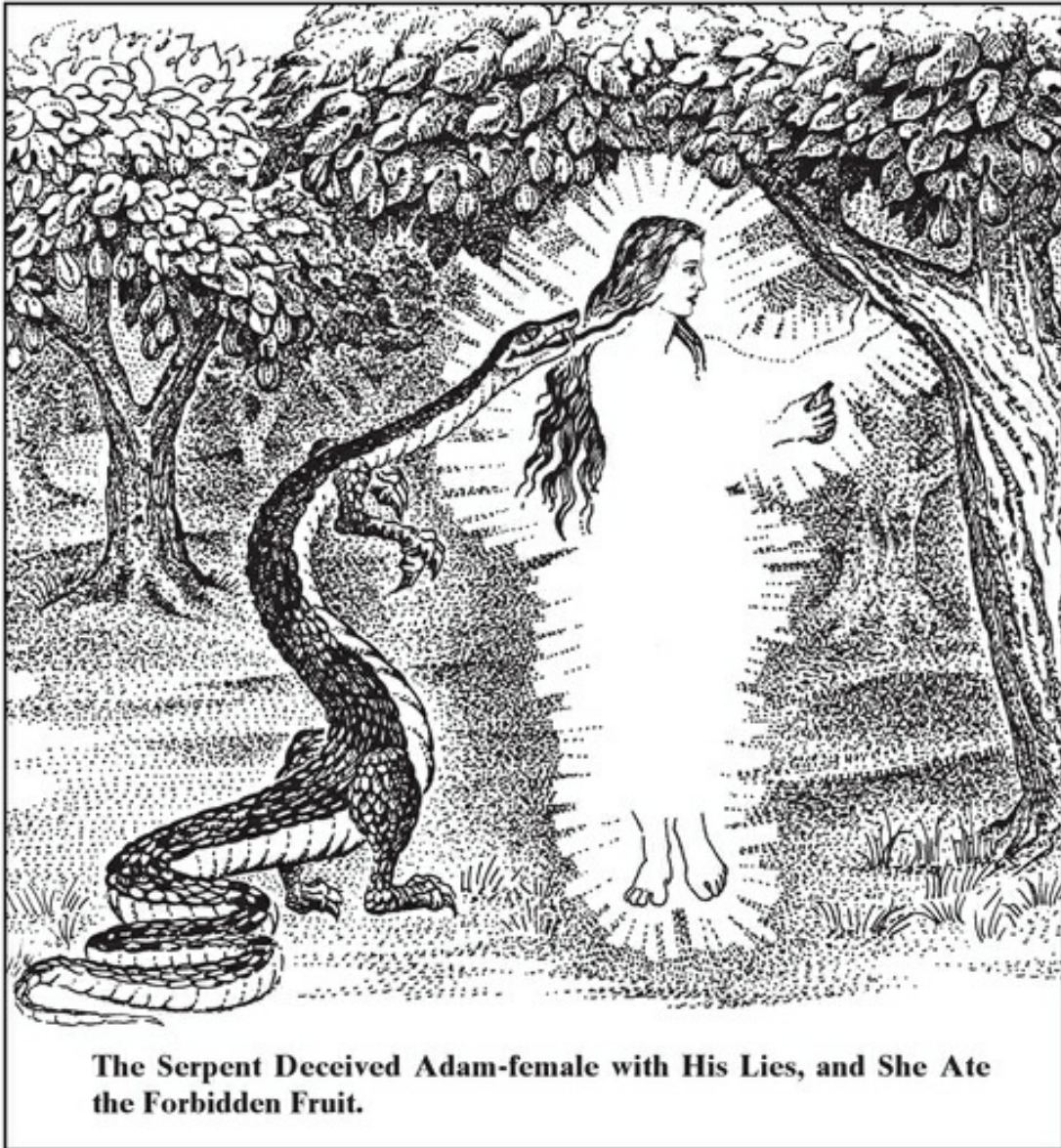
**Adam-female’s Will after Accepting the Serpent’s Deceit**

Truth
River of Deceit in Empty Place
Truth

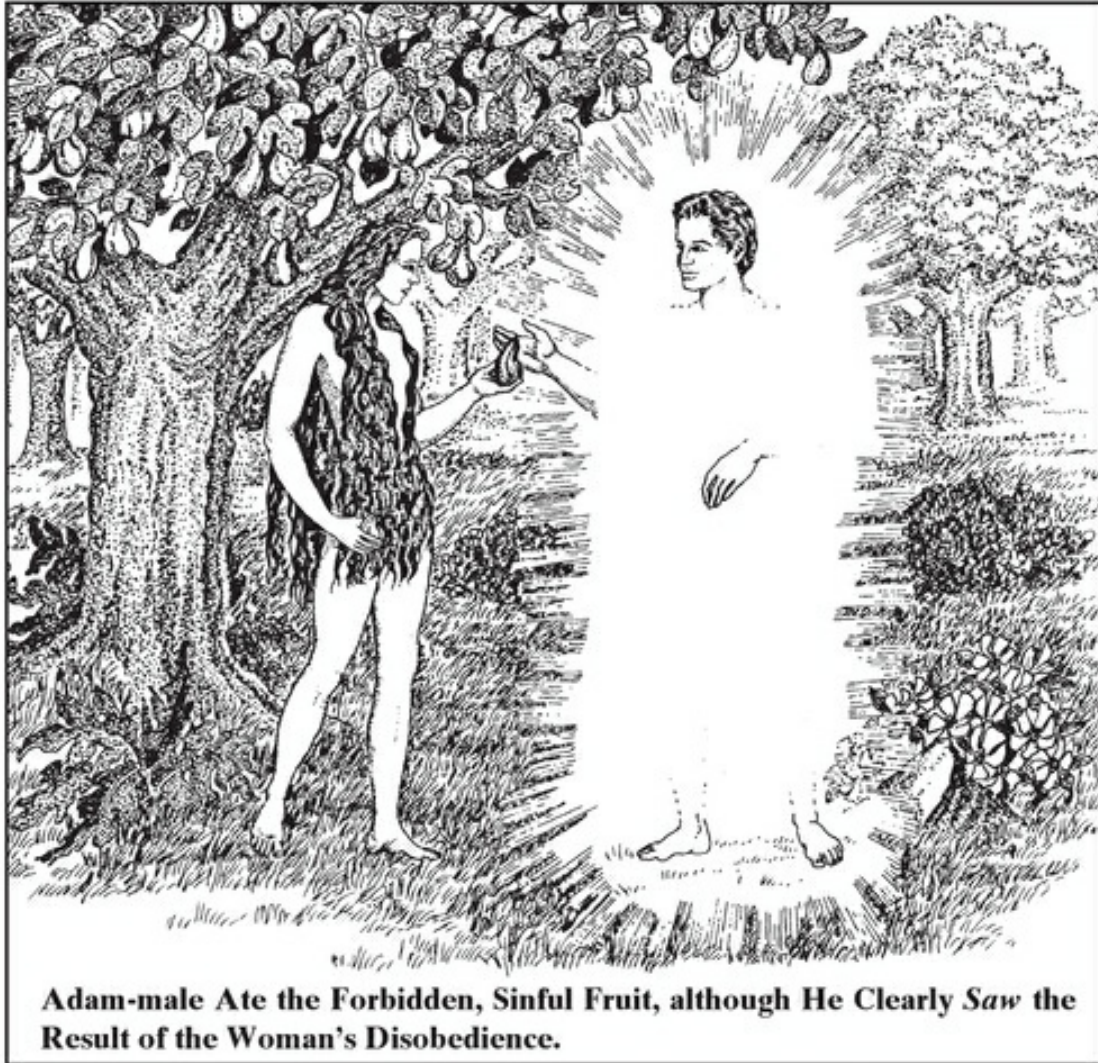
The fact that Adam-female saw the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil just as the Serpent saw it proved that her ears had accepted the Serpent’s river of deceit and already had allowed sin to enter into her will. When Adam-female’s ears began to listen to and respect the words of the Serpent, her hearing affected her eyesight. Instead of seeing the Tree of Death as something to be shunned and feared, Adam-female saw the forbidden Tree as something desirable, good, and pleasant.

**And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat (Genesis 3:6).**

How perverted Adam-female’s eyesight became, as the Serpent’s river of deceit flowed into the middle of her will. God’s Word teaches us that *the woman was deceived*. Adam-female was deceived by the sound of the Serpent’s words in her *ears*. His words sounded so *truthful*.



However, Adam-male was not deceived through his hearing nor by his ears. He saw through his eyes what he deliberately chose and, hence, flagrantly disobeyed God. "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression" (1 Timothy 2:14).



Adam-male saw the visible evidence of the sinful darkness and corruption of the mortal flesh that was the result of his wife's choice as she stood before him in her fallen state; yet, he presumptuously and willfully chose to go his wife's way and suffer the same consequences of sin. Adam-male chose to join Adam-female in her sin, and he chose to have his empty will filled with both the shaft of the Serpent's deadly, *deceitful will* and with the shaft of the Serpent's *deadly, murderous will*. Therefore, he not only partook of the same Death as his wife, but also the Death of his own choice. God's Truth could not be joined to *deceitful* disobedience and *presumptuous* disobedience, so Truth departed. Death was the speedy result, both spiritually and naturally.

#### **The State Man's Will after His Sin of Disobedience**

Death — Error
<b>River of Deceit</b>
Death — Error

**And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;** and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden (Genesis 3:7,8).

The Hebrew word for *naked*, here, differs from the word used in the second chapter of Genesis. This Hebrew

word means cunning, crafty, to deal subtly. Now, Adam-male and Adam-female had a new kind of nakedness, for the Serpent's river of deceit could not clothe them with the Light of Truth that would have come to them by their choice for God's Will. It also caused the Light of Truth that they had received by gift from God to flee from their wills, which left them filled with deceit, subtlety, and craftiness.

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil was, by nature, a Tree of Death. The Knowledge of Good and Evil brings destruction when it is not joined to the Tree of Life. Although *good* means success, prosperity, and happiness, the Good from the Tree of Knowledge was outside of God's Perfect Will. Good, under the headship of the Serpent, brings Death and Destruction. Therefore, the Good from the Tree of Knowledge brought certain Death to those who ate its fruit.

Worldly success and happiness are not necessarily a sign of God's blessings. In Adam's case, the good and the prosperity came from the Tree of Death. The Tree of Knowledge of Good also had the Knowledge of Evil with it. The word *evil* means affliction, misery, woe, sorrow, and heartache. What a sad picture! The river of deceit planted the Tree of Death in man's will by welcoming the forbidden Tree into his will, by holding on to it after it came in, and by nurturing it to full maturity. Thus, by his own choice, man filled his will with mortal happiness and success that was entwined with mortal misery, affliction, and woe.

### III. Man's Disobedience to God's Command in Present Time Brought Death to Him.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; **and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons** (Genesis 3:7).

Shame was one of the immediate results of sin. The fig-leaf aprons that the fallen pair sewed together to cover their outward nakedness were poor substitutes for the spiritual covering of the glorious Light of Truth they had lost. The Hebrew word for *aprons* comes from a root word meaning to gird on as a belt or armour. In other words, instead of repenting when they saw that they had missed the way, Adam-male and Adam-female girded themselves in an effort to continue resisting God and the Light of Truth. Adam-male and Adam-female were naked and ashamed because of their sin, yet they did not seek God in order to regain the Light of Truth. Instead, they armed themselves to defend the new kingdom of darkness that now occupied their wills. The Creator came looking and seeking for the lost, sinful creatures of darkness in order to bring them new Light of Redemptive Truth, which was a new covering or clothing acquired through the sacrificial Death of another.

**And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and **I was afraid**, because **I was naked**; and **I hid myself**. And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, **she gave me of the tree, and I did eat**. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, **The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat** (Genesis 3:9-13).

Adam-male and Adam-female gained some knowledge by partaking of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, but it did not meet their expectations. Their newfound knowledge was neither pleasant nor satisfying. Instead of the satisfaction and exaltation they had anticipated, they experienced the painful and distressing results of their choices:

- The Word they heard *pierced* them.
- Their shame and embarrassment caused them to hide from God.
- They now knew fear.
- They were conscious of their nakedness, for the Glory of their Light-Covering had left them.
- Adam-male blamed God, the Creator, for his failure.
- Adam-male blamed the woman, a creature, for his failure.
- Adam-female blamed the Serpent for her failure.

This was not a picture of satisfaction and exaltation that the Serpent had promised.

The Light of Redemptive Truth helped man to discover that God will not leave His Gift of the Light of Truth in

the human will and have it joined to the Death and Darkness of the Serpent's will. God will not tolerate such an unholy union. He will not give His River of Light of Truth by choice to a will that has rejected the Light of Truth by gift. Man must choose God's Word and Will voluntarily. One must abide in the Knowledge of the Truth given by gift, if one would be counted worthy to choose the River of Truth and the Tree of Life. Thus, Adam-male's and Adam-female's wills were left naked, inwardly, bereft of the Truth that God had originally given to them. In other words, the Truth was stripped from their wills after they accepted the Serpent's lies. They were conscious of their loss, yet they did not repent.

Man cannot keep God's divine, spiritual possessions of Light and Truth when his will is married to Lucifer's corrupt will of darkness and error. Ever since Adam-male and Adam-female fell, man has been trying unsuccessfully to cover his nakedness and trying to gain spiritual possessions with his own flimsy covering of fig leaves. Church membership, good works, charity, worldly success, financial status, and public respectability are some of the "fig leaves" most frequently used by man. Because he is unwilling to face the Light of Truth that exposes his proud, naked, shameful condition, fallen man runs from the Light of Truth, the Voice of Truth, just as Adam-male and Adam-female ran from it in the Garden of Eden. The Light of Redemptive Truth constrains fallen man to return to God and to his Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Tree of Life, to Whom he must humbly confess his sinful condition. And if man sincerely repents of his disobedience, the Light of Truth also constrains him to turn from his wicked ways and seek the fullness of Knowledge of God's Word or the Tree of Knowledge. Thus, through Jesus Christ, man's will can be returned to God's original Design and Purpose, but this can only be accomplished if man chooses the Light of Truth.

### Man's Will after Restoration

<b>Knowledge by Choice</b>
<b>Life by Choice</b>
<b>Knowledge by Choice</b>

Originally, man's will was clothed on either side by the Tree of Knowledge. Then, God waited for man to exercise his free moral will and choose the Tree of Life to fill the center of his will. Since man, by his acts of sinful disobedience, went against the Light of Truth by choice and by gift, he now must *choose every bit of Truth* that enters his will. God now requires man to choose, voluntarily, both the Tree of Life, Jesus Christ, as his Saviour and also the Knowledge of God's Word, which man can gain only by persistently studying the Bible and praying. In the reconstruction of man's will, he is forbidden any Light of Truth by gift! All Truth must enter his will by choice. The Light of Redemptive Truth restores the Light of the Tree of Life and the Light of the Tree of Knowledge into man's will only if man chooses to accept the Light of Truth.

With His Light of Redemptive Truth, God mercifully and graciously sought those who were lost in sin, and when He found them, He sought a confession of their sin. "Who told thee thou wast naked?" Adam-male blamed Adam-female and God for his failure. Adam-female, in turn, blamed the Serpent. We all want a scapegoat, as it were, someone to blame for our failures, but in the final analysis, each of us must answer for his own guilt. The Light of Redemptive Truth forces each one to accept his own sinful blame with its accompanying punishment.

Not only did man come under God's Judgment, but the Serpent also was cursed for his part in man's fall.

**And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel** (Genesis 3:14,15).

In conjunction with the curse upon the Serpent, God spoke prophetically of the coming Redeemer, Jesus Christ. The Seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, would eventually bruise the Serpent's head, thereby destroying his power. This was fulfilled when the Virgin Mary gave birth to the Body of Jesus Christ that later hung on Calvary's Cross. The Serpent *bruised Jesus' heel* by bringing about his Death on the Cross. But the *Redemptive Blood of Light and Truth* that flowed from His crucified Heel *bruised the Serpent's Head* of Death and Darkness. Since the woman was the first to fall into sin, God graciously and mercifully used the woman, first, by bringing forth His Promise of Redemption through Adam-female and, then, by bringing forth His Performance of Redemption through the Virgin Mary.

When He pronounced Judgment on the woman for her sin, God said:

Unto the woman he said, **I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee** (Genesis 3:16).

God gave to Adam-male a *woman* who was to be his “helpmeet.” One of the Hebrew words for *man* is the word *ish*; the Hebrew word for *woman* is *ish-shaw*. In other words, the woman is the wife-man or the womb-man. The term *helpmeet* in the Hebrew means to aid, to surround, to protect, to help, and to succor. Adam-female’s duty was to surround and protect Adam-male. This is why the Serpent came first to the woman. He knew that he could reach Adam-male only after breaking through Adam-female’s protective shield.

Because of Adam-female’s guilt in failing to protect her husband’s Life and because of her sin of accepting the Serpent’s will, God pronounced Judgment upon her. God’s Word declares that what a person sows, he reaps. Adam-female sinned against Life, the Tree of Life, by rejecting it. She sinned against the Life of the Seeds in hers and Adam’s loins by influencing them with deceit. And she sinned against Adam-male’s Life by not protecting it. Therefore, she was punished with pain centered around Life. First, the Light and Love of the Tree of Life that she had rejected was replaced with the Serpent’s darkness, hatred, hostility, bitterness, and opposition. Second, the Seeds of Life in spirit and soul form that she had helped to influence with deceit were brought forth into mortal bodies only through much sorrow and travail. (Mortal bodies may be conceived in pleasure, but they are brought to birth through much grief, pain, and woe.) Third, Adam-female sinned by failing to protect Adam-male’s Life; therefore, her punishment was that she had to suffer Adam-male’s wielding his living, mortal headship over her.

Down through the centuries, man’s living, mortal, carnal ruler-ship over the woman has been a rod of punishment upon both of them. Woman’s pride resists subjection to the man, while his pride demands it. Let us look at the renewed, living Headship that God has established through Jesus Christ, the Tree of Life, God’s only Begotten Son, since He purchased our redemption from the curse by dying on Calvary’s Cross. God’s order of Headship in the home is recorded in the Book of First Corinthians.

Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you. **But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God** (1 Corinthians 11:2,3)).

The New Testament order of Headship is not under the curse. Christ died to take away sin’s curse. Under the Old Testament order, the woman was under the natural headship of the man, her husband, and down through the centuries of time that order has proven to be a curse both to the woman and to the man.

Some Christian men use this Scripture in First Corinthians to browbeat their Christian wives, trying vainly to bring them under subjection to their carnal headship. Thus, they try to continue holding on to the Old Testament order of the curse from Adam the First that gave man ruling power over the woman, but it never has brought unity and harmony between husbands and wives.

God, in the beginning of His creation of Adam-male and Adam-female, made them *one* and gave them *joint* rule and reign over His creation. When Adam-male and female sinned and left God’s divine order, God pronounced His painful judgment on the wife by giving the husband’s carnal headship power to rule over her. This proved to be a divisive “curse” in the home. From that moment in the Garden of Eden until this very time, the husband’s carnal headship has caused a continual division in the relationship of the man and the woman in the home.

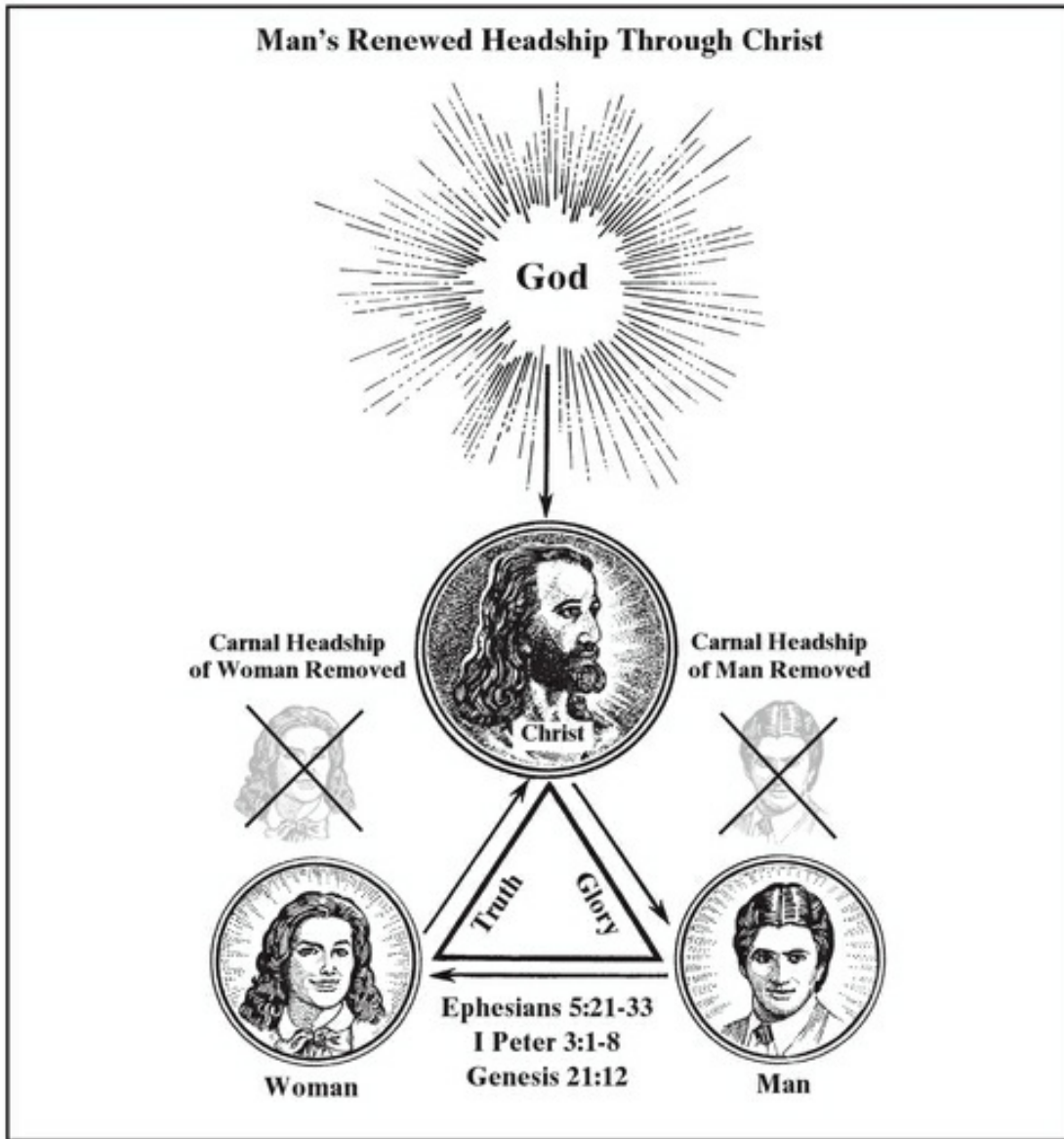
Since the husband’s natural, carnal headship over the wife is a result of the curse Adam the First brought upon the creation when he sinned through his disobedience in the Garden of Eden, we need to understand what a curse is. A curse means to call evil down upon a person’s head, and evil means misery, woe, sorrow, and affliction. The husband’s carnal headship, inevitably and always, has caused divisive misery and distress, both to himself and to his wife.

Ever since Adam the First was cast out of the Garden of Eden, every carnal husband has lived in mortal, tormenting fear that his wife will steal his carnal headship and rule over him instead of his being able to rule over her. This is a part of the original curse. Likewise, each carnal wife has lived in constant rebellion against her husband’s carnal headship. The carnal wife lives in tormenting, resentful fear lest she be ruled over by her husband. Great divisive misery and woe are found under the old cursed order of headship that has descended from Adam the First.

The Second Adam, Jesus Christ, brought in a new order of Headship, and the new order is diametrically different from the old order. The Headship or Rulership under Adam the Second is spiritual, whereas the headship of Adam the First was a natural one, instituted under a curse — under misery, woe, and affliction.

Under the New Testament order, God is the Source of all Ruling Power that flows through Christ Jesus, through

the husband, and on down through the wife, then back to Christ Jesus, redounding to God's Glory. Hence, God is both the Giver and the Receiver of His divine, holy Headship.



Christ's Spiritual Headship lifts man's natural headship from sin's miserable curse and joins it to the blessing of the Father's divine, gracious Headship. Then, the husband is able to bless his wife with God's holy Headship and with its gracious Purposes, thus the woman glorifies and magnifies God for her husband's harmonious agreement with her in thoughts, feelings, and actions. The blessing of God's Headship produces peaceable, friendly relations. His Holy Headship brings a combination of parts into a proportionate whole. Consequently, God's Headship puts man's headship under a diametrically different rulership.

God did not promise to bless the marriage union of Adam and Eve after their sin because theirs was a union based on the husband's carnal headship over the wife, according to the curse. Such a sinful union has brought only disunity, misery, woe, and affliction to man's mind and disharmony to his home.

As long as the cursed headship of Adam the First is the controlling headship in a home, a man and his wife cannot know the blessing of the sweet harmony and unity that comes when Christ's Spiritual Headship is the ruling force. Only one headship can rule at a time. The man who wants peace and unity in his home will choose Christ's Holy Headship.

In order to receive the holy Spiritual Headship of the Second Adam, Jesus Christ, the husband must give up his natural, carnal headship, which he has received from Adam the First. And, just as the husband must ask Christ to take away his fear of not being able to rule, so must the wife surrender to Christ her carnal head with its fear of being ruled over.

Adam-male and female desired to obtain more ruling power than God had given them; therefore, they willfully and willingly received the Serpent's deceitful lie that they would become as *gods* by eating of the forbidden Tree. However, instead of gaining more power, Adam-male and Adam-female lost the power and authority to rule and reign over God's Creation. Adam was left with just a rebellious wife to rule over, and Eve was left with no power to rule at all.

God allowed the Serpent to test their abilities to rule over their own creature-natures, and they failed the test. Consequently, they became filled with sinful fears — fear of not being able to rule and reign and fear of being ruled over by God or by anyone else.

The carnal, sinful root to the fear that both the man and the woman possess is the fear of being ruled over. This accounts for the constant power struggle for supremacy in the home that exists between the husband and the wife unless the rule of their lives has been given over to Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament order, Christ accepts God's Headship, the position of authority as the Chief Leader and Commander over ALL things. Christ willingly receives and willfully submits to His Father's Mind that is revealed in God's Master Plan and Purposive Will, and He passes this Mind down to the man who, in turn, passes it on to his wife. As a result, because God's holy, righteous Mind is received favourably and responded to in the affirmative by Christ, by the man, and by the woman, their unified, submissive obedience redounds to God the Father's Glory and Honour. Christ Jesus is the only One Who can help the husband and the wife achieve this oneness of spirit, this unification of purpose, and this harmony of opinions.

To continue the results of Adam-female's disobedience, God said that the woman would bring forth children in sorrow, but, in the New Testament, a gracious promise was extended to mothers.

**Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they [the husband and wife] continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety**  
(1 Timothy 2:15).

Thus, the part of sin's curse or the Punishment of Death, which every woman has experienced during childbearing from the time of Adam the First until the time of Jesus Christ, the Second Adam, has been lifted from those who partake of God's Plan of Redemption. God has promised that Christian mothers will be saved through childbearing *if* they continue in faith, love, holiness, and the sober-mindedness demanded under Jesus Christ's Covenant of the New Testament. As a woman goes down into death, suffering the pangs of childbirth, then comes up bringing forth a child, she presents a picture of the LORD Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection.

Although a woman sometimes gives up her life to bring a child into the world, as Rachel did when her son Benjamin was born, this does not always happen. But the fact that a woman reaches down into painful depths, then comes up bringing forth new life, represents the depths of pain that Jesus Christ suffered to bring believers New Life.

After Adam's sin, God told him this:

**And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return** (Genesis 3:17-19).

The woman did not bear all the Punishment and Judgment by herself; Adam, too, was guilty. Furthermore, his sin was a deliberate, presumptuous sin and disobedience to God. Consequently, he also came under God's Punishment. Because he hearkened unto the mortal, living voice of his wife, Adam-male joined Adam-Female in her disobedience to God's command. Ever since the fall, man has been punished through the rebellious, nagging, and demanding voice of the woman who tries to rule and reign in every situation. Her thrust is to obtain her husband's continued servitude to her will. Second, Adam-male also sinned against the Seeds of Life in spirit and soul form; therefore, God cursed the ground with evil seeds of life, called thorns and thistles, so that man might be punished for his sin against the Seeds of Life. Man's continual pain in earning his bread is ever a reminder of the original sin in the Garden of Eden. Third, Adam-male failed to guard and protect the Garden which had all the Living Trees

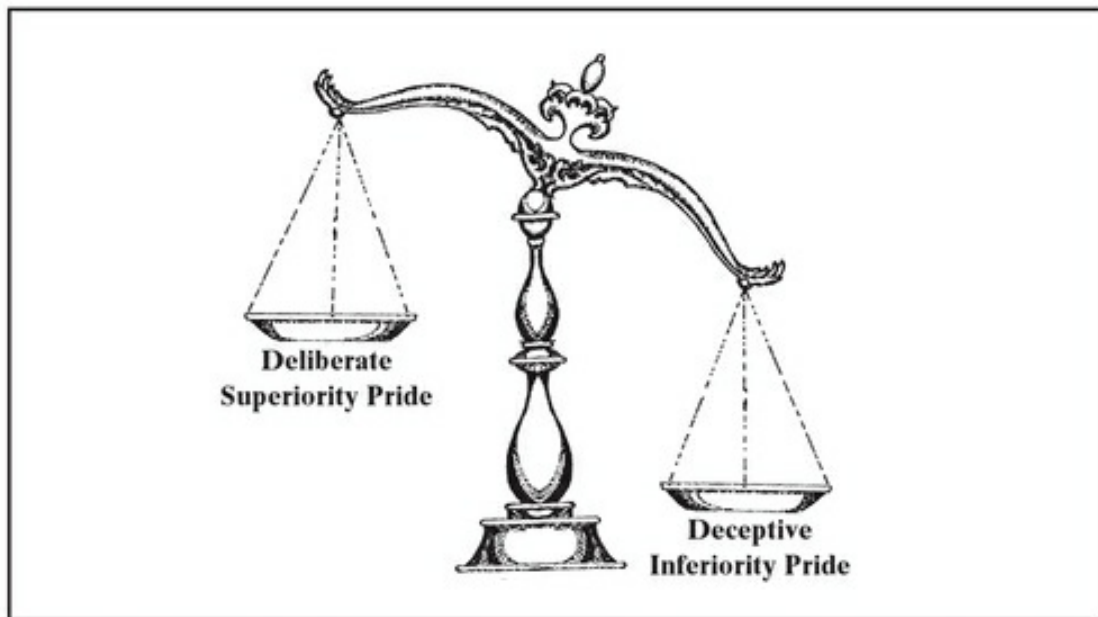
enclosed there, so he was punished by having his mortal life condemned to return to the dust of Death.

Another result of sin has been that mankind has inherited both attributes of pride from Adam-male and Adam-female. The deceptive or inferior side of pride comes from Adam-female, and the deliberate or superior side of pride comes from Adam-male. Since every human being in Present Time has issued from Adam-male and Adam-female, they all have been born with the characteristics of inferior pride and superior pride.

Upon acceptance of the Serpent's corrupted will, Adam-male and Adam-female became totally depraved in their threefold beings. This same depraved condition has been passed on to every human being. The Apostle Paul taught this Spiritual Principle to believers in the New Testament Dispensation.

**Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:** (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adams transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift: For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: **for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.**) Therefore, as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous (Romans 5:12-19).

By the First Adam, sin and Death came upon all mankind. We all have inherited the deceptive inferiority and the deliberate superiority capacities of the perverted Satanic will of pride which joined itself to Adam-male's and Adam-female's wills in the Garden of Eden. Man's proud will swings toward one side or the other side of the Scales, depending upon the situation in which man finds himself.



In the beginning, God gave man a body that was neither mortal nor immortal. Man had the privilege to retain the Light of Truth, which he had received by gift, and he also had the power to choose the River of Light and Truth. His choice would determine whether his body would be clothed with Life, Light, and Immortality or with Death, darkness, and the mortality of flesh and blood. In the beginning, God also established the law that every seed would bring forth after its own kind.

And **the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit**, whose seed was in itself, **after his kind:** and God saw that *it was good* (Genesis 1:12).

Since man chose the Seed of Death and mortal corruption, man can beget only human beings that are mortal and

full of Death and sin.

Through the blood stream, sin and Death are transmitted to the physical body by the seed of corruption in the mortal flesh.

**Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me** (Psalm 51:5).

All men are conceived in sin. When a physical body is formed within the mother's womb, the Seed of Corruption, carrying a little body of sin and Death, enters through the blood stream and continues to grow until it controls man's whole spirit, soul, and body. If sin and Death had not entered into the blood stream of man, then nothing but the purity and honour of immortality would have attended all fulfillments of God's great blessing to "Be fruitful and multiply." But, now, man's nature is totally depraved and degenerated, and the propagation of the corrupt nature of sin and Death is attended by the impurity and dishonour of mortality. Each father passes on to his offspring the corruption of sin and Death through his mortal blood stream.

The Book of Romans says that sin has a body:

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin: (Romans 6:6).

The body of sin is called the body of Death.

O wretched man that I am! **who shall deliver me from the body of this death?** (Romans 7:24).

The body of sin is described as living in the *old man*.

That ye put off concerning the former conversation **the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;** (Ephesians 4:22).

The body of sin has so permeated the old man that it is a body of sin until the LORD Jesus Christ destroys it through His Blood that He shed on the Cross and through His Death, Burial, and Resurrection, all of which provide cleansing for the old man.

The body of sin lives in the *flesh*.

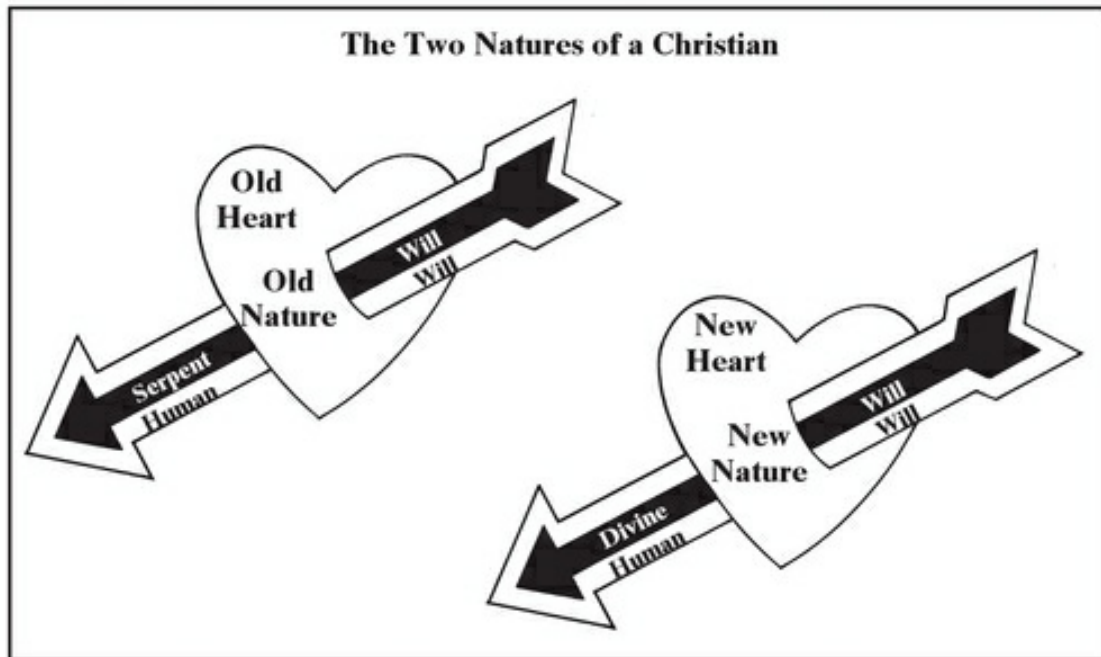
For **the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh:** and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would (Galatians 5:17).

The flesh is also referred to as the *old leaven*.

**Purge out therefore the old leaven**, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: **Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness;** but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth (I Corinthians 5:7,8).

Everything a man thinks, says, or does, unless he is being motivated to act by the regenerated Life given through Jesus Christ, and unless he is acting in God's Will, is motivated by the axle of his wheel — his corrupt will — known as the Pride of Revelation, Pride of Redemption, and Pride of Satisfaction. Man's corrupt, proud will is the root of his problems; consequently, anyone who wants to put an end to his problems must invite God to lay the axe of crucifixion to the root of sin and Death that lives in his self-will or his fleshly will.

When, through crucifixion of the flesh, the human will's union with its old husband (fallen Lucifer) is broken, man's will is then ready for a new Marriage Union with a new Husband, Jesus Christ, and His righteous Will.



When man sinned, he forfeited his rights and privileges as a created son. Nevertheless, God's great Will of Redemption, His Will of Revelation, and His Will of Satisfaction found a way to redeem the lost and to restore mankind to fellowship with his Creator. God provided fallen man with a complete covering to replace the incomplete covering that the fig leaf aprons offered.

Unto Adam also and his wife did **the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them** (Genesis 3:21).

In His Love, God gave Adam-male and Adam-female a proper covering through the shedding of blood. The covering of the skins demonstrated this Spiritual Principle: the price for clothing man must be paid by sacrificing Life and shedding Blood.

By the Second Adam, Jesus Christ, came justification and righteousness. When Jesus died on the Cross, He provided spiritual cleansing and clothing for sinful man through His precious Blood and Life that was given up to Death. Praise God for the garment of righteousness that was woven for present man at the Cross of Calvary! Through Jesus Christ, the sons of the First Adam can know Spiritual Marriage Union with the Creator.

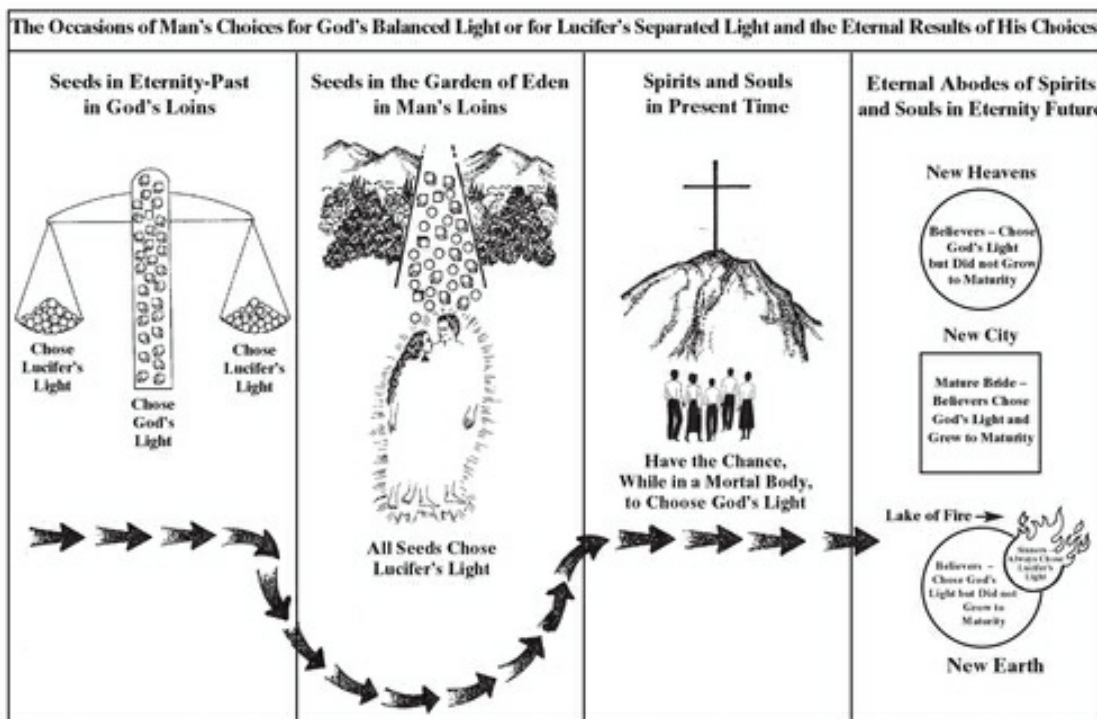
**In Summary:**

In this study of mankind, we have learned that the Bible teaches the existence of a prehistoric man on a prehistoric Earth, which, because of its sin, God was forced to judge and bury in a watery grave of destruction. There is no connection between prehistoric man and present man. Present man's celestial, spiritual being began its existence in Seed form, as a spirit and soul in God's creative Loins in Eternity-Past. Then, God created a body for the spirit and soul of present man, and he became a threefold being with a *spirit, soul, and body*. Present man is unique because he was created in God's own threefold Image and after God's own threefold Likeness.

Man, like God, is made like a wheel: his body, soul, and spirit encircle his heart. Man's heart is the hub of the wheel of his being, while his will is the axle that turns his entire wheel. The five spokes of man's wheel are his senses of sight, taste, smell, hearing, and touch that travel through his entire being.

In each period or age of existence, God has tested the spirits and souls of mankind with Light. First, they were tested as Seeds in the spiritual realm in Eternity-Past; then, they were tested as Seeds in Present Time in a perfect body in the Garden of Eden. Now, in Present Time, after being born into a mortal body, man is tested a third time, and this time his test is in both the spiritual realm and the natural realm.

Based on the choices made in these three tests, man will spend Eternity in one of four places\*: all sinners will eventually end in the Lake of Fire. Believers will go to one of three places: the New Heavens, the New Earth, or the New City.



**THE SPIRIT AND SOUL SEEDS OF MANKIND WERE TESTED IN ETERNITY-PAST IN GOD'S LOINS.**

Man's test in the spiritual realm in Eternity-Past was whether he would choose the Oneness of God's Light of Truth in the middle of the Scales, in God's Loins, or whether he would choose the separation of the Light of Truth — to the right and left — as presented to him by Lucifer. Some Seeds chose to follow Lucifer to the left or the Pain-side of of God's Scales, while some went to the right or the Pleasure-side of His Scales. However, other Seeds chose

to stay in the balanced Light in the middle of the Scales in God's Loins.

**THE SEEDS OF MANKIND WERE TESTED IN PRESENT TIME  
IN A PERFECT BODY.**

In the Garden of Eden, in Present Time, God once again offered man the Oneness of the Light of Truth that they could gain if they obeyed God and ate freely from the Tree of Life. But Lucifer was there to tempt them to seek, once again, the separation of Light that they would gain from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Seeds of mankind in Adam's loins agreed with Adam to accept Lucifer's deceitful light, which led them to Knowledge outside of God's Will.

Lucifer's separated light showed Adam-male and Adam-female how to try to gain their redemption. His corrupted, stolen light from the Tree of Knowledge told them that their own works would redeem them. His light persuaded them to work independently from God. Adam-male and Adam-female knew how to work to provide their own independent fig leaves for covering after they had eaten from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. But God rejected and stripped away their self-covering. To replace man's covering, God slew animals and obtained their atoning blood and skins to cover their nakedness and to teach him that all Light of Redemptive Truth has its origin in the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Tree of Life. Lucifer is ever teaching man new ways and means of working to the right and left in trying to obtain independent garments of atonement and redemption from sin.

The account of present man's transgressions and fall is the disgrace of Time and Eternity. Had it not been for the Creator-God's infinite Love and Mercy, Adam and all his descendants would have perished and gone to a devil's Hell.

**MANKIND IS TESTED IN A MORTAL BODY  
IN PRESENT TIME.**

After man had been cast out of the Garden of Eden, God tested him again, both in the spiritual realm and in the natural realm. When man sinned, God gave them the Truth of how they were to be redeemed from their sin. He slew animals, and from the sacrifice, He made coats to cover man's nakedness. Thus, God presented to man the Oneness of the Light of Redemptive Truth that is hidden in the blood sacrifice for atonement and redemption from sin. God's Light of Truth revealed that man's redemption must come by gift, through a Blood sacrifice, and not by mortal works of man.

**For by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God: Not of works,** lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8,9).

In God's perfect Time, he sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the eternal price for the redemption of present mankind. Those who willingly accept Jesus Christ's Blood-bought Redemption in this life know the joy and pleasure of Jesus Christ's forgiveness of sin.

In Present Time, those who become believers and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and who grow up to maturity in the Light of Truth from the Tree of Life will be rewarded by having the New City, the New Jerusalem, as their Eternal Abode. Believers who accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, but who have less maturity in the Light of Truth from the Tree of Life, will be rewarded by having the New Earth as their Eternal Abode, and since they will not have reached full spiritual maturity while on this present Earth, they will continue growing in the Light of Truth in Eternity. There also will be a third class of believers who will accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, but these people will have still *less* maturity than those who will live forever on the New Earth. These believers will be rewarded by having the New Heavens as their Eternal Abode, and they, too, will continue to grow in the Light of Truth from the Tree of Life, for they must grow to full maturity.

But the people who have rejected Jesus Christ as their Redeemer and Saviour will reap a reward of punishment in the Lake of Fire, which will be their Eternal Abode. In the Lake of Fire, they will be forced to accept the Light of Truth from the Tree of Life, but they will never change their eternal place of abode. **Today is choosing time for one's eternal destiny.**

Throughout Eternity, the songs of the redeemed will ring loud and clear with praises to the Lamb of God Who has

taken away the sins of the world!



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