

CHAPTER TWO

The Fall

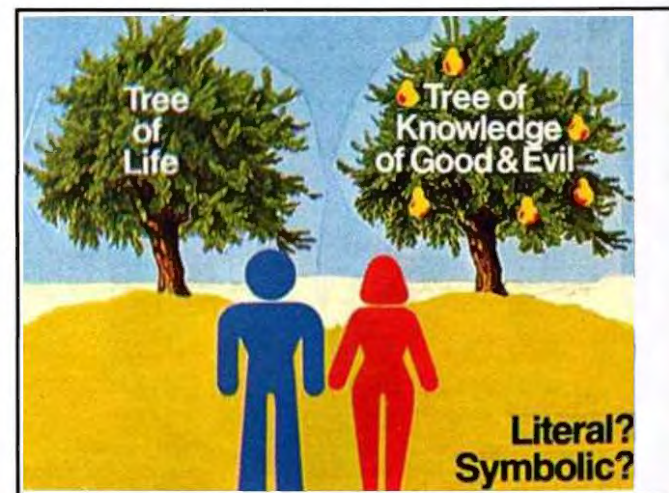
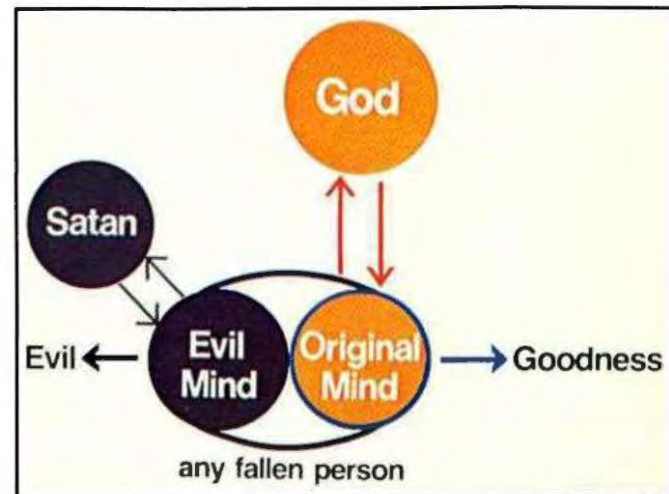
Every person has an original mind, which has the nature to pursue goodness and repel evil. But fallen people are unconsciously driven by an evil force to commit evil acts, contrary to the desires of their original mind. In Christianity, the one who controls this evil force is known as Satan. This chapter, "The Fall," makes clear the identity of Satan and the origin of evil.

I. THE ROOT OF SIN

A. The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

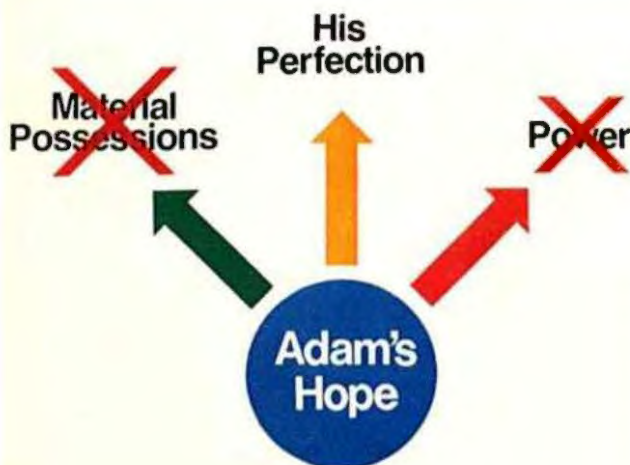
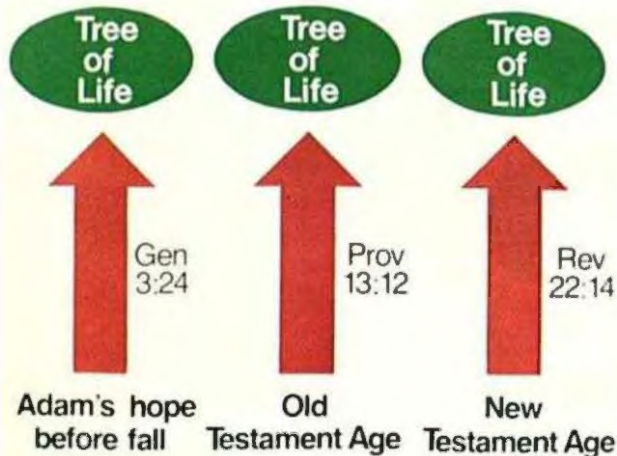
Based on the Book of Genesis in the Bible, Christians have traditionally held the somewhat vague belief that the Original Sin and root of sin and evil was the first human ancestors' eating a piece of fruit—the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (for brevity, often referred to hereafter as the fruit of good and evil). However, is the fruit of good and evil a literal fruit, or is it a symbol, as are many other terms in the Bible? According to The Principle, it is a symbol.

How could a God of love, the parent of mankind, make such an attractive fruit and leave it in a place where it could be eaten by his children and cause them to fall (Gen 3:6)? Jesus said in Matthew 15:11, "... not what goes into the mouth defiles a man. . . ." How then could something edible cause man to fall? It is also inconceivable that the God of love created the fruit of good and evil to test man—so mercilessly as to ultimately cause his death—merely to see whether or not man would obey His Word. The fact that they ate the fruit,



The Fruit is Symbolic

- 1 God of Love
- 2 Jesus' Words (Matt 15:11)
- 3 Not a Test
- 4 Fruit is not worth more than life



despite having been told that they would die, indicates that the fruit must represent something so extremely stimulating that their desire for it was even greater than their desire for life.

Before we can determine what the fruit of good and evil symbolizes, we must know what the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was. Yet the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is mentioned only a few times in the Bible. So, in order to determine what the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil symbolizes, we will first study the Tree of Life, which, according to the Bible, stood with the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden (Gen 2:9, 2:17, 3:3) and is mentioned in numerous places throughout the Bible.

1. The Tree of Life

Proverbs 13:12 says, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life." The Tree of Life is the most fundamental hope of man. As Revelation 22:14 says, "Blessed are those who wash their robes [of sin and evil], that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates." These passages show that attaining the Tree of Life will lead to happiness for fallen man. Then, what is this Tree of Life, such that it was the hope of the Israelites of the Old Testament Age and the hope of the Christians of the New Testament Age?

If fallen people are asked what the essence of happiness and hope is, each person will give a different answer. One person might answer that it is power, and another that it is wealth or knowledge. Then what has been the common hope of people of faith throughout the history of mankind? One thing is clear. If the innermost hope of fallen man is the Tree of Life, then the hope of Adam before the Fall also must have been the Tree of Life. The reason is that each person retains his original nature deep within himself, and thus longs for that which was originally desired before the Fall, but was lost. Genesis 3:22-24 shows that Adam desired to reach the Tree of Life, but because of his sin was not allowed to. Thus, the Tree of Life has remained as only a hope of fallen man.

Then what was this Tree of Life, the hope of the growing, not-yet-perfected Adam? Could material possessions have been the basic hope of Adam in the Garden of Eden, or power, or any external concerns? Since he was to be lord of the cosmos and to rule all things, there was no reason for Adam to hope for more material possessions or power. If Adam had any deep wish while he was still unperfected, it would only have been to achieve his own perfection. In other words, his desire

would have been to become a man of perfect character—one who has fulfilled the Ideal for the Creation.

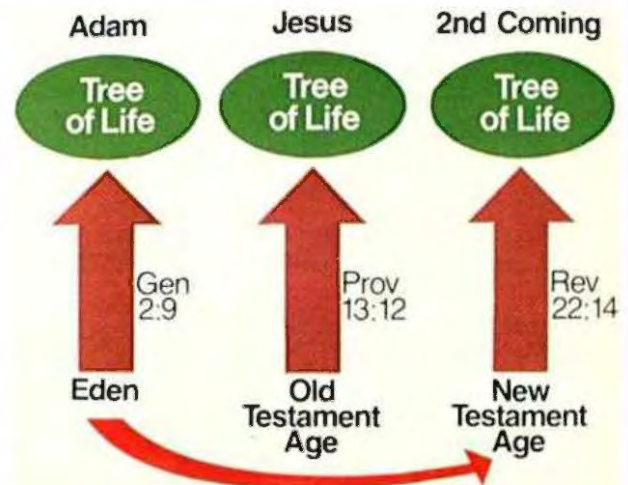
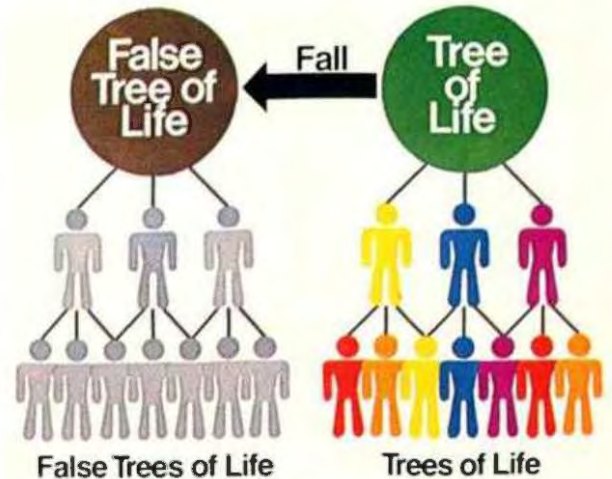
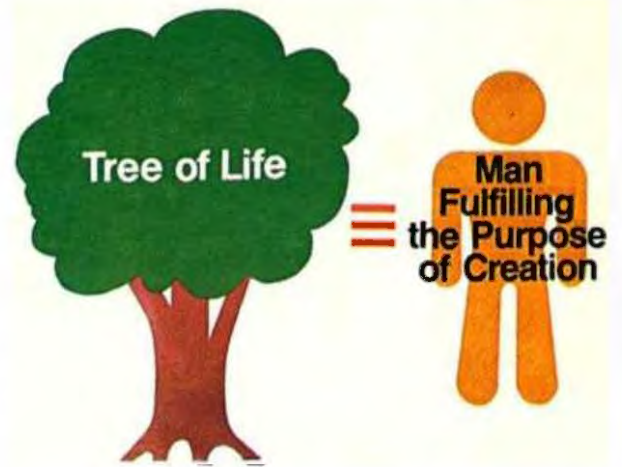
Therefore, the Tree of Life symbolizes the man who has fulfilled the Purpose of the Creation. If Adam had not fallen and had attained the Ideal for the Creation, then he would have become the Tree of Life and he would have established the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which is the garden of the Tree of Life. However, Adam fell, and God blocked his way to the Tree of Life with a flaming sword (Gen 3:24).

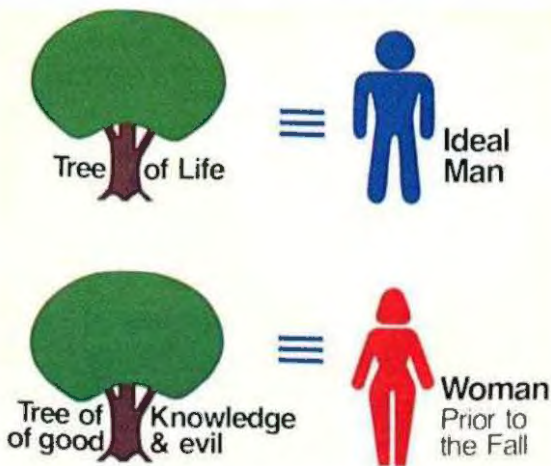
Since Adam abandoned the Purpose of the Creation, he became a false tree of life and bore descendants who were false trees of life, thus establishing a garden of false trees of life, rather than the garden of the trees of life. Therefore, in order to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which is the garden of the trees of life, a true Tree of Life must appear in the fallen world and engraft all mankind to himself. Knowing that the Tree of Life represents Adam, we can then understand that the Tree of Life in the Old Testament (Prov 13:12) represents Jesus (1 Cor 15:45), and the Tree of Life in the New Testament Book of Revelation (Rev 22:14) represents the returning Messiah. Furthermore, we can understand why the purpose of the dispensation for salvation is to restore the Tree of Life that was lost in the Garden of Eden (Gen 2:9) in the Tree of Life that is mentioned in the Book of Revelation (Rev 22:14).

2. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

In the Garden of Eden, God created Adam, and Eve to be his spouse. If in the midst of the garden there was a tree to symbolize the man, isn't it likely that there would also be a tree symbolizing the woman? Yes, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which stood with the Tree of Life (Gen 2:9, 2:17, 3:3), is this tree.

In the Bible, Jesus is at times symbolically represented as a vine (Jn 15:5) or an olive tree (Rom 11:17). In a similar fashion, Adam and Eve are represented by two trees, and through this a clue has been provided concerning the secret of man's Fall. To assert that there was a Tree of Life and a Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the midst of the Garden of Eden does not mean that there were two literal trees in the geographical center of a literal garden, but rather means that the two people, Adam and Eve, are the center and nucleus of God's Ideal for the Creation. God's entire Ideal for the Creation is to be fulfilled through man. When we see things in these terms, we can see that the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil represented the woman, Eve. We must then conclude that the fruit of this tree is somehow related to Eve. However, in





THE SERPENT Gen 3:1-4

- 1 Able to communicate with man
- 2 Knew of God's commandment
- 3 Rev 12:9 "ancient serpent" \equiv Devil, Satan
- 4 Originally lived in heaven
- 5 Able to tempt man
- 6 Has dominated man's spirit since the Fall

order to understand clearly what the fruit represents, we must first determine the identity of the serpent.

B. The Identity of the Serpent

In Genesis 3 the Bible shows that it was a serpent that tempted Eve to sin. However, the serpent referred to there cannot be a serpent in the literal sense—it must be a symbol.

In Genesis 3 we also see that the "serpent" talked with the woman and that he understood that God had told Adam and Eve not to eat the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In order for the "serpent" to be able to speak to man and know what God had instructed, the "serpent" must have been a spirit being. Revelation 12:9 says, "And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him," indicating that the "ancient serpent" is the Devil. This "ancient serpent" is the very "serpent" which tempted Eve. Since Revelation 12:9 says that the "serpent" was thrown down from heaven, we know that the "serpent" was in heaven prior to being thrown down, and therefore that he must have been a spiritual being.

Since we know that the "serpent" is Satan (Rev 12:9), we can learn who the "serpent" was by discovering who Satan is. In order to know who Satan is, we must discover the identity of the spirit being which was in heaven before it sinned. It can be argued that since the "serpent" was originally in Eden before being thrown down from heaven, the "serpent" must originally have been a being that God created with the nature of goodness and a being that was not yet perfect, because (1) there was no being in Eden which was not created by God; (2) God creates only good; and (3) no good being could commit a sin after becoming perfect.

Some imagine that this spirit being which is symbolized as a serpent was a being which existed even before the Creation existed and was a being whose intent was evil, contrary to that of God. However, with the exception of fallen man, everything in the cosmos exists according to one perfect order; so it is not possible that there could have been from the beginning a source of evil which was contrary to God. If there had originally been two opposing forces in the universe, their contradictory purposes would have caused the universe to be destroyed. It can only be concluded that this spirit being was originally created for the purpose of goodness, but later, while in the process of growing, fell and became Satan. This being was able to converse with man; it knew God's Will; it originally lived in heaven; it had the ability to tempt man; and this

being, after falling and becoming Satan, was still able, transcendent of time and space, to influence man's mind and spirit, causing man to lead a life of evil. What being is endowed with such abilities? No being other than the angel is endowed with such abilities. One might ask whether angels can commit sins, but biblical evidence for this is clear. In fact, when we read 2 Peter 2:4, which says "... God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of nether gloom. . .," we can clearly see that angels can and do sin. Taking due note that Revelation 12:7-9, in saying "his angels," indicates that the "serpent" was in fact a leader of angels, we can understand that the "serpent" was an angel.


C. The Sin of the Angel and the Sin of the First Man and Woman

Then what was the sin of this angel? Jude 6-7 says, "And the angels that did not keep their own position but left their proper dwelling have been kept by him in eternal chains in the nether gloom until the judgment of the great day; just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise [like the angels] acted immorally and indulged in unnatural lust, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire." The sin of the angel (in the Garden) was the sin of fornication. Since fornication cannot be committed alone, there must have been a partner. But who could it have been? The Bible tells us of only three beings that sinned in the Garden of Eden; the serpent and Adam and Eve. Let us consider what the sin of the first man and woman could have been.

In Genesis 3:7 we read that after being tempted by the serpent and committing sin, the first ancestors became ashamed of their nakedness and covered the lower parts of their bodies. However, before their fall Adam and Eve were naked but unashamed (Gen 2:25). Then when we read that they covered the lower, or sexual, parts of their bodies with fig leaves after they sinned, we must ask ourselves whether man also committed the sin of fornication.


It is in fallen man's nature to try to conceal his faults and wrongs; so if the fruit of good and evil were a fruit in the literal sense, Adam and Eve should have covered their hands or mouths if they had taken the fruit with their hands or had eaten it with their mouths. Yet we find that they covered their sexual parts, not their hands and mouths. This is an indication that Adam and Eve's transgression involved their sexual parts. Job 31:33 says, "... I have *concealed my transgressions* . . . like Adam by hiding my iniquity in my bosom" (emphasis added). Job's words indicate that Adam concealed his transgression, and since we know that Adam and Eve

Serpent



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Angel



Rev 12:7-9
 "...that ancient serpent . . . was thrown down . . . and his angels were thrown down with him"

● **Sin of the angel :**

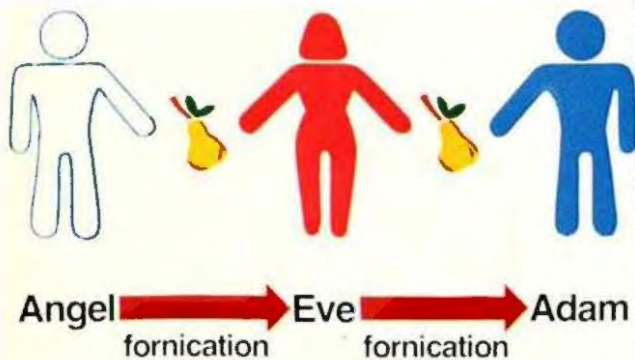
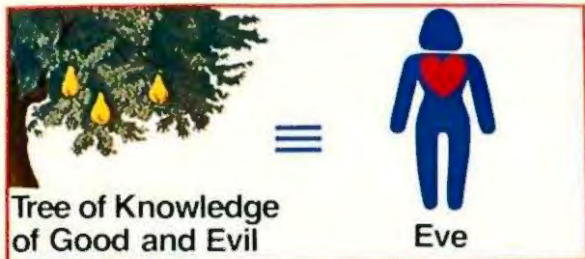
Sexual
(Jude 6,7)

● **Sin of Man :**

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concealed their sexual parts, we can conclude that their sin involved their sexual parts.

In the Garden of Eden, the only sin that man would possibly commit at the risk of his life was a sin involving love. Adam and Eve were to grow as brother and sister, and, after perfecting themselves, were to establish the Kingdom of Heaven by becoming the first husband and wife and creating God's family, fulfilling the Purpose of the Creation. However, when Jesus says in John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil. . .," he clearly shows that fallen people are descendants of the Devil. Adam and Eve forsook God, their true father, and became one with a false father, Satan, which is the reason that Romans 8:23 says, ". . . we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for *adoption* as sons, the redemption of our bodies" (emphasis added). The fact that we are waiting for adoption into God's lineage tells us that we are not of God's lineage. In Matthew 3:7 and Matthew 23:33, respectively, John the Baptist and Jesus called the people a "brood of vipers"—in other words, the offspring of serpents—clearly indicating that fallen man is the offspring of Satan. Thus we can clearly understand that fallen man belongs to Satan's lineage, not God's. This is the result of Eve's committing the sin of fornication with the angel. As a result of this crime, all human beings have been born as the "children" of Satan.*



D. The Fruit of Good and Evil and the Root of Sin

Since a tree reproduces itself by its fruit (which bears the seeds) and man reproduces by a sexual relationship, then the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil symbolizes the sexual love of Eve. The fact that Eve ate the fruit which Satan persuaded her to eat means that she committed fornication with Satan. Since eating something means to make it a part of our flesh and blood, Eve's giving Adam the fruit of good and evil and his eating it mean that Eve caused Adam to fall through this same act of illicit love.

Therefore, the root of sin is not the first human ancestors' eating a literal fruit, but their establishing a blood relationship through fornication with the archangel, who was sym-

* Although Eve and the archangel united in actual fornication by means of Eve's spirit body and the archangel's body (a spirit body), no children can actually be born of a relationship between a human being and an angel. Nonetheless, Eve inherited satanic "love," so when Eve and Adam had their relationships, which could, of course, produce children, their relationships were motivated by satanic "love," and their children were born of that "love." Thus, all people are the "children" of Satan.

bolized by the serpent. This blood relationship is the cause for the Original Sin's being passed on from generation to generation. All religions which try to remove sin have branded and treated adultery as one of the greatest sins. Based on this view of Original Sin, we can understand why the Israelites had to be circumcised to be considered God's chosen people. It was required in order to make restitution for the misuse of the sexual parts, by which man had become Satan's descendants. We may be able to put a stop to all other sins through social, educational, or economic improvements, but even though civilization develops and social and economic conditions improve to the point where we can enjoy a more stable life, the increase of sexual promiscuity and of man's inclination toward moral degradation cannot be stopped by anyone.

The reason that Satan is able to break down the proper order of man's love as the Last Days approach is because the first ancestors became husband and wife without the permission or blessing of God and united with Satan as their false father. Their children were thus born as children of sin, and not of God, and they established a world of faithlessness, evil, and war. Consequently, Satan has dominated man as he has seen fit (Jn 8:44).

Despite the fact that God created man and the cosmos, He has never been able to have the central role in any of the world's affairs—to rule according to his Will alone. Man cast Satan in the starring role, and Satan has been falsely playing the part of the lord. It is for this reason that Satan is referred to as "the ruler of this world" (Jn 12:31) and "the god of this world" (2 Cor 4:4).

II. THE MOTIVES AND PROCESS OF THE FALL

A. The Creation of the Angels

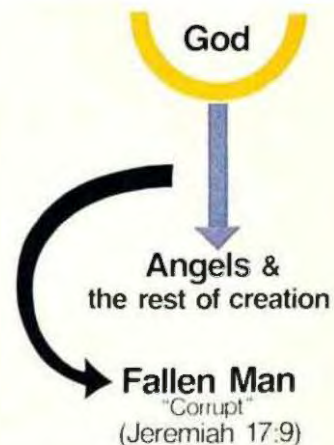
Then with what motive and by what process did Adam and Eve and the angel fall in the Garden of Eden?

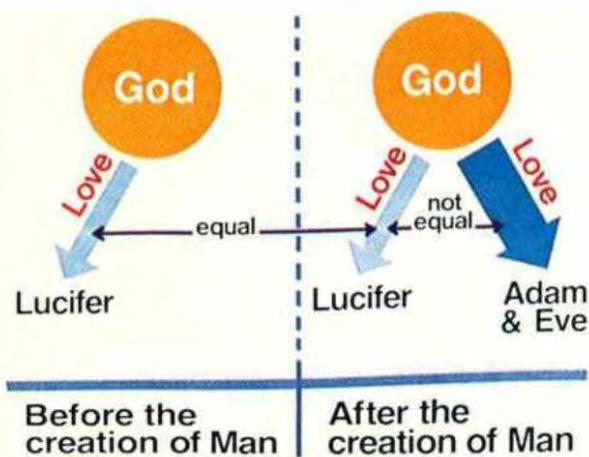
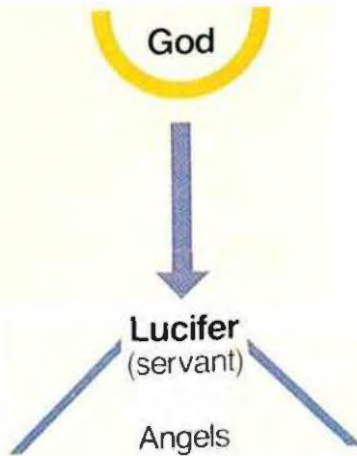
God first created the angels as servants to help with his creation and administration of the world (Heb 1:14). However, since man was created as the child of God and was to have dominion over the Creation, man was also to have dominion over the angels. The reason that today angels are usually considered higher than man is that because of the Fall, man

Religion : fornication, adultery among greatest sins

Israelites : circumcision

Advanced Civilizations : Can't control sexual promiscuity and degradation





became so corrupt (Jer 17:9) that he stood in a position lower than the things of the Creation, including the angels.

1 Corinthians 6:3 clearly tells us that man will have the authority to judge the angels, and many spiritualists see that there are angels surrounding and protecting the faithful in Paradise. Man is to judge angels and the angels protect man because man originally has greater value than the angels.

B. The Spiritual Fall and the Physical Fall

1. The Spiritual Fall

Lucifer (Is 14:12) was in the position of *archangel* and was thus the channel for God's love to the angelic world. It seemed as if only he were in a position to receive God's love. However, since Adam and Eve were created as God's children, God loved them much more than he did Lucifer, who was created as a servant. Yet, in no way did Lucifer actually receive any less love from God after Adam and Eve's creation than he did before their creation. However, by God's giving so much more love to Adam and Eve, Lucifer felt as though there had been a reduction in the amount of love he was receiving. Because of this feeling, Lucifer then tried to supplement the love he received by coming closer to Adam and Eve.

Because God's love is the source of life and beauty, Eve, who received much love from God, was very beautiful in Lucifer's eyes. Lucifer was often very close to Eve and was strongly stimulated by an impulse of love toward her. Eve, still being in a state of imperfection, was susceptible to Lucifer's temptation, and they committed the sin of fornication. This was the *spiritual fall*.

One might ask how it is possible for a sexual relationship to take place between an angel and a human being. This question arises only because man's spiritual perception fell to such a low state due to the Fall. However, in Genesis 32:25, the Bible shows that direct contact between man and angel is possible when it records that an angel wrestled with Jacob and dislocated his hip.

2. The Physical Fall

When Eve united with the archangel (through their spirit selves), she felt a sense of fear, which came from a guilty conscience, and she gained the knowledge that her intended spouse was Adam, not the angel.

Eve wanted to restore her relationship with God and she also wanted to rid herself of the fear derived from the Fall. Adam was her only hope for returning to God, and Eve

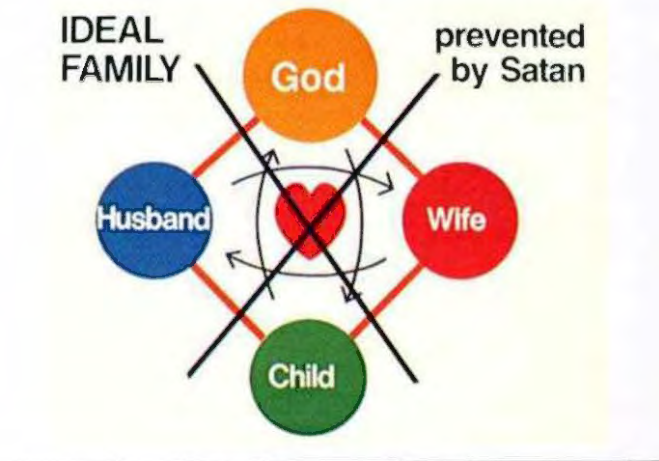
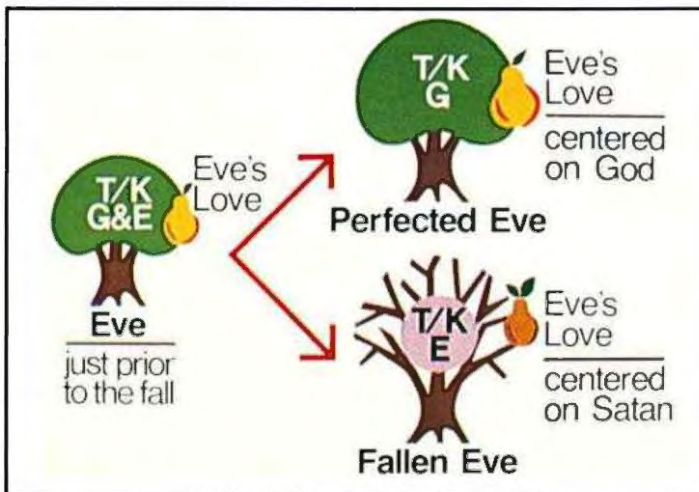
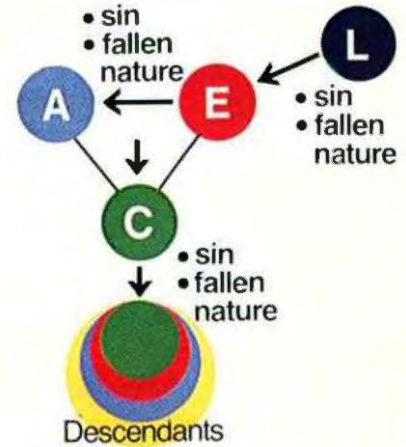
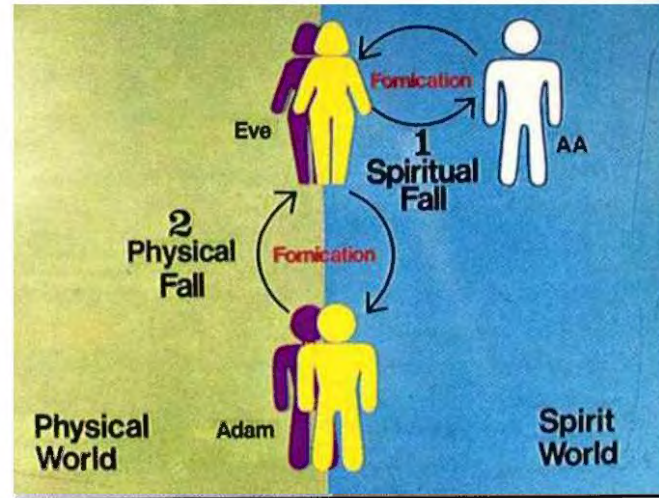
thought she could accomplish this by even then becoming one with Adam, who was meant to be her spouse, and so she seduced Adam. This was the motive of the *physical fall*.

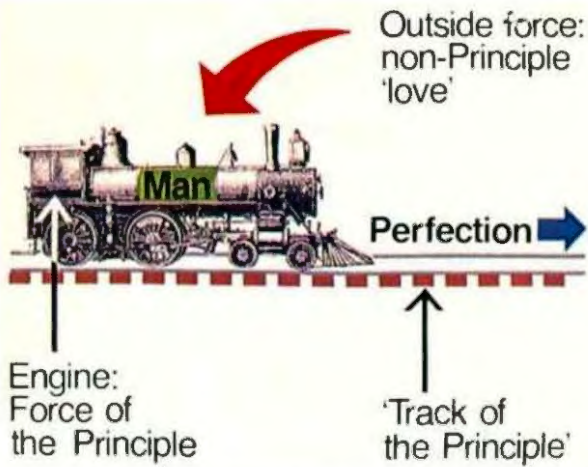
As explained in "The Principles of the Creation," Adam and Eve were to realize the Three Blessings. In order to do this they ultimately had to become husband and wife. In other words, the Ideal for the Creation was for Adam and Eve to perfect themselves individually and then become husband and wife of eternal love, centered on God. But because they acted as husband and wife prematurely and centered on Satan, their relationship resulted in the Fall and not in the realization of God's ideal. By uniting with Eve, Adam inherited the evil elements which Eve had received from Lucifer. These evil elements were then transmitted to their descendants from generation to generation.

If the first ancestors had not "eaten of the fruit of good and evil," they would have perfected themselves as the son and the daughter of God, and then, blessed by God, they would have become husband and wife centered on God's love and produced children with natures of goodness, fulfilling the Ideal for the Creation. Then, after Eve fulfilled the Ideal for the Creation, her love would have been a fruit of goodness, and she would have been likened to a tree of goodness.

However, before she could become perfect, Eve committed the sin of fornication with the archangel and became a fallen person. She furthermore caused Adam to fall, thus creating the first of the fallen families, none of which God can work through. Therefore, fallen Eve was likened to a tree of the knowledge of evil and her love to a fruit of that tree.

In retrospect, we can see that since just prior to the Fall, Eve was in a position to become either a tree of goodness, by accomplishing the Purpose of the Creation, or a tree of evil, by





falling, she was symbolized by the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Since prior to the Fall, Eve's love was capable of bearing either a fruit of goodness, fulfilling the Purpose of the Creation, or a fruit of evil causing the Fall, her love was symbolized by a fruit of good and evil.

According to "The Principles of the Creation," God was to accomplish the purpose of man's creation through love. Thus, love is the source of man's joy, life, and happiness. However, because the first ancestors disobeyed the rules of heaven, and fell, love itself was corrupted, and Satan has dominated man and has made him suffer. Thus Satan, who corrupted man's love, is the ringleader behind the destruction of the ideal family.

III. HOW IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR MAN TO FALL

A. The Force of Love and the Force of *The Principle*

Man was created to grow to perfection, moved from within during the growth period, or period of indirect dominion, by the force of *The Principle* to live in accordance with *The Principle*.^{*} Therefore, the force of *The Principle* cannot itself derail man from the track of *The Principle* and make him fall. But, prior to perfection man is liable to be derailed from the track if hit by a force stronger than that of *The Principle*, which directs man's growth. The only force stronger than that of *The Principle* is the force of love. Then while man is still imperfect, prior to experiencing the perfect love of God's direct dominion, it is possible for him to fall because of non-Principle "love," love directed toward a purpose different from God's.

Then why did God make the force of love stronger than the force of *The Principle*? Love is the motive and purpose for God's creating the Creation, and therefore, love is the most precious aspect of all things. To the Creation it is the source of life, happiness, and joy. Although God created all things in accordance with *The Principle*, or laws, since he ultimately desired a dominion of love, he made love the strongest force.

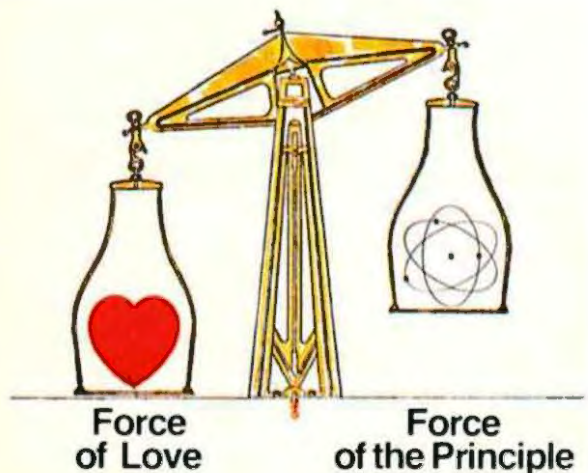
B. The Purpose of the Commandment and the Period Necessary for It

Because the force of love is stronger than the force of *The Principle*, there is always the possibility that during his growth period a person may fall due to non-Principle "love." What can prevent this? Once the force of non-Principle "love"

True Love



- motive and purpose for the creation of man and the universe
- most precious aspect of existence
- source of life and happiness
- strongest force



comes into play during the period when a person is still imperfect and not directly in the dominion of God's love, he may fall. In order to prevent this, God gave man the commandment 'not to eat of the fruit of good and evil'. As long as the human ancestors had faithfully kept the commandment, they would not have established a reciprocal base with the archangel. Accordingly, the force of non-Principle "love" would not have come into existence. However, since they did not maintain their faith and observe the commandment, but instead established a reciprocal base and a give and take relationship with the archangel, the force of immoral "love" caused them to deviate from the track of *The Principle*.

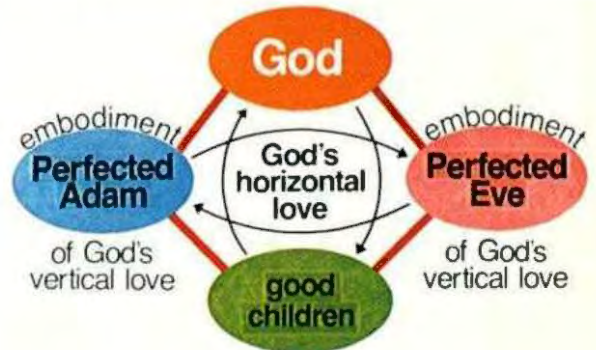
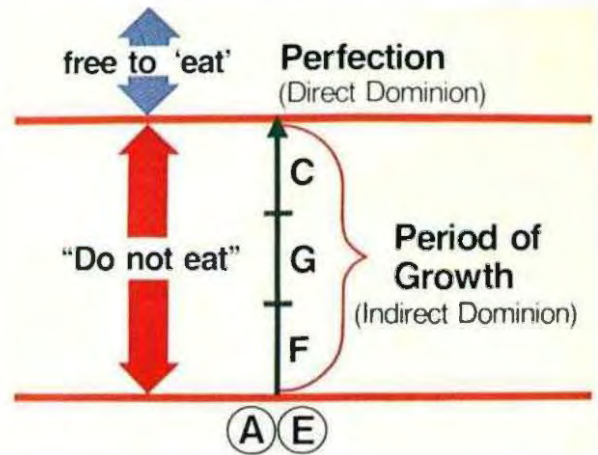
Then how long would God have required the first ancestors to keep the commandment "not to eat," which is the condition of faith that God gave them? Once Adam and Eve had perfected themselves and established *horizontal* love as husband and wife centered on God, there would have been no force that could break that love, because the love created between them would have been absolute love. Then, after having perfected themselves, they could never have fallen. The force of the lower-level love of the archangel cannot violate the love between a perfected husband and a perfected wife. Accordingly, God's commandment 'not to eat' was required only as long as Adam and Eve were still in the period prior to their perfection.

IV. THE RESULTS OF THE FALL

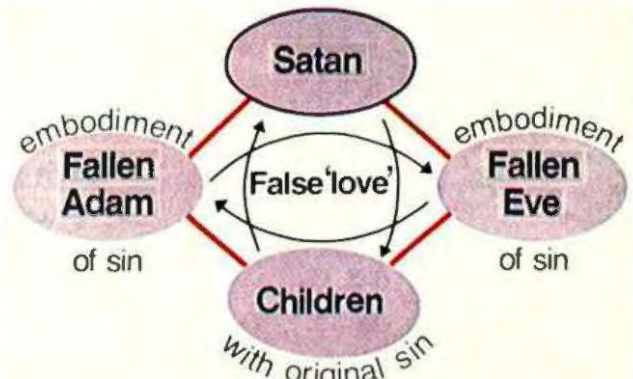
A. Satan and Fallen Man

What were the results brought about in the Creation by the spiritual and physical falls of Adam and Eve and the archangel? Let us consider this by comparing the results of the Fall with what would have happened if Adam and Eve had not fallen, but had realized the Three Blessings.

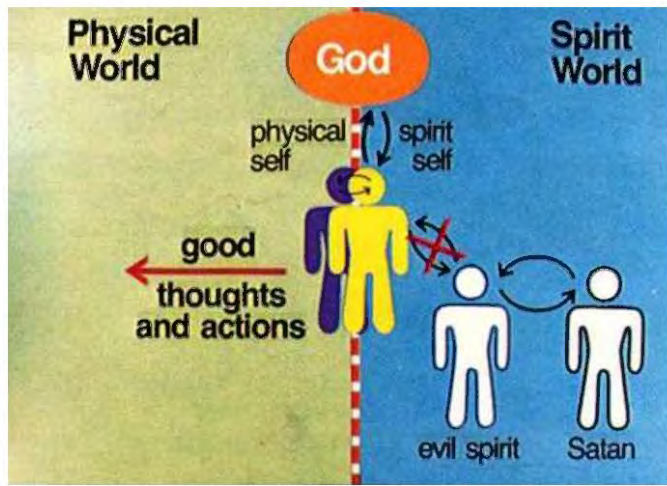
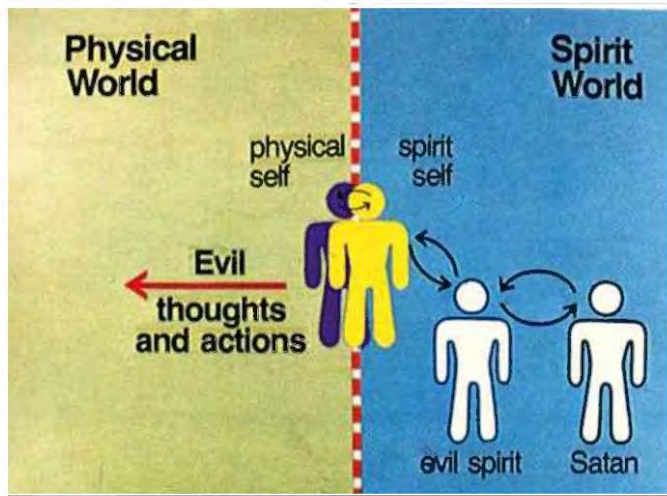
If Adam and Eve had not fallen, but instead had achieved the perfection of their individual characters by becoming the incarnations of God's vertical love, they would have become husband and wife, establishing God's horizontal love, and they would have borne children with natures of goodness. Then, the Four Position Foundation through which they could experience the direct dominion of God's love would have been realized. But because Adam and Eve fell and became the embodiment of sin as a result of the non-Principle love initiated by the archangel, God, who is the lord of *The Principle*, was excluded, and a *pseudo Four Position Foundation* was established centered on Satan's false 'love' and on Satan, who



God's dominion over Creation through man



Satan's dominion over Creation through man



has falsely played the role of the lord. This is the reason that the Bible says fallen people are the children of Satan (Jn 8:44) and that he is "the god of this world" (2 Cor 4:4) and "the ruler of this world" (Jn 12:31).

Originally man was to have dominion over the angels, as well as over the rest of the Creation. However, Satan reversed this and came to dominate man and the cosmos. Therefore, as Romans 8:19 says, "... the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. . . ." Because of man's fall, all things are crying out to be freed from the dominion of Satan and to experience the dominion of true persons.

B. Satan's Actions in the Fallen World

How does Satan control the fallen world? Even Satan, who is "ruler of this world," can perform satanic actions only when he has an object with whom he has a reciprocal base. Satan's objects are *evil spirit persons* (those who dwell in the spirit world); their objects are the spirit selves of persons on earth; and, of course, the objects responding to people's spirit selves are their own physical selves. Accordingly, Satan's power is manifested in persons on earth through the influence of evil spirits in the spirit world. Furthermore, since Satan is a spirit being, he can manifest himself transcendent of time and space, as long as he has a reciprocal base. When Luke 22:3 says that Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, it means that by establishing a reciprocal base and having a give and take relationship with Satan, Judas became the instrument of Satan. To restore the Kingdom of Heaven on earth means to realize the world in which Satan cannot act at all. To do this, every person must completely dissolve his relationship with Satan and restore a relationship with heaven, having a give and take relationship with God alone.

C. Good and Evil Seen from the Viewpoint of Purpose

If Adam and Eve had become the incarnations of goodness and established the Four Position Foundation with love centered on God, they would have realized the world of goodness. Yet, because they related through love that was directed toward a purpose other than God's, they became incarnations of evil, established a pseudo Four Position Foundation (centered on Satan), and established a world of evil.

Although in their initial stages of development good and evil actions appear to be similar to one another, as they move to accomplish their opposing goals they become separate and distinct. Good and evil are not innately decided by the parti-

cular action or type of action and result themselves, but are decided by whether the motive, direction, and purpose are toward the Will of God or toward the will of Satan.

D. Sin

Sin is an act or thought which violates *heavenly law*^{*}, creating the condition through which one forms a reciprocal base with Satan and enters into a give and take relationship with him, directly or indirectly. In the ideal world which God originally conceived of, sin could not exist—there could not be a sinful act in the realm of God's love, for Satan could not exist there. As the result of Adam's and Eve's forming a reciprocal base with Satan and sinning, man lives in the non-Principle world and commits sin by becoming Satan's partner, directly or indirectly.

Sin can be classified as *Original Sin*, *Hereditary Sin*, *Collective Sin*, and *Personal Sin*. Original Sin is the sin derived from the spiritual and physical fall of the first man and woman. It is the root of all sin. Hereditary Sin is the sin which is inherited from one's ancestors through the blood lineage (as mentioned in the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:5)). This sin is analogous to the trunk of a tree. Collective Sin is neither one's own sin nor hereditary sin, but is the sin for which everyone is partially responsible as a member of mankind. The faithlessness of John the Baptist, the chief priests, and the scribes toward Jesus was responsible for his crucifixion. Though a relatively small group of people was directly responsible for the Crucifixion, Christianity, in particular, and mankind as a whole, have had to bear the responsibility for that sin and as a result have suffered greatly. Collective Sin is like the branches of a tree. Personal Sin is the sin committed by each individual. Such sins may be compared to the leaves of a tree. All sins originate with Original Sin, which is the root of all sin. Thus, man cannot be finally cleansed of any sin without first being cleansed of Original Sin.

E. The Fallen Nature

The angels and the first man and woman were created with the purpose of goodness and were to have only the *original nature* that they were endowed with when they were created. Prior to the Fall, the relative position of the archangel within the entire order of the Creation was not yet completely clear. The first man and woman were still in their growth period, in other words, they had not yet fully perfected themselves in accordance with their original nature. The archangel and Eve, and then fallen Eve and Adam, had illicit love relationships



^{*} Heavenly law is *The Principle* as it applies to proper human conduct.

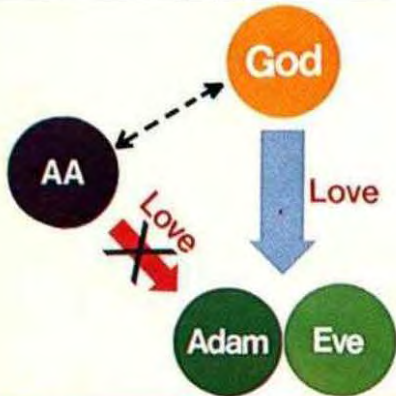
while they were still not perfected. At the moment of the Fall, the original nature was suddenly turned in the wrong direction, and this wrongly-directed "original nature" became man's *Fallen Nature*. This Fallen Nature was passed from the archangel to Eve, from fallen Eve to Adam, and from Adam and Eve to all their descendants. The origin of the Fallen Nature was this wrongly-directed "original nature." Ultimately, this wrongly-directed "original nature" is the fundamental nature which gives rise to all of the fallen natures of fallen man. In *The Principle* it is called the *original* (in the sense of fundamental) *Fallen Nature*.

The basic motive that caused the original Fallen Nature grew out of the archangel's sensing a lessening of God's love for him after God's creation of man. This feeling of being loved less was an inevitable by-product for the archangel because he was endowed with desire and wisdom in his original nature. However, it was not also inevitable that the archangel fall because of the desire that he had been endowed with. When man perfected himself and loved the archangel as the (archangel's) lord, the feeling of being loved less would have disappeared. Even in man's immature period, when a lessening of God's love was felt by the archangel, if the archangel had maintained his original direction, longing for God's love and centering on Him alone, the archangel could not have fallen. However, when the archangel's feeling of rejection caused him to alter his direction and center on himself, he developed a strong feeling of jealousy toward Adam. When Eve sympathized with the archangel's feelings and viewpoint, she then formed a reciprocal base with the archangel that led to their illicit relationship and fall.

We can separate the original Fallen Nature into four major aspects. First, the motivation of the archangel's fall lay in his failure to see Adam from God's viewpoint, his failure to love Adam as God loved him; instead he took his own direction and became jealous of Adam. We see something of this when students feel jealousy toward a teacher's favorite instead of loving him as the teacher does. This reaction has its origin in the original Fallen Nature.

The second major aspect of the Fallen Nature is the nature to leave one's own given position. The archangel's excessive desire to receive more love from God and to enjoy the same position of love in human society as he did in the angelic realm led to his leaving his position and falling. The actions that fallen people perform beyond the limits of their position and authority in order to fill an unrighteous desire are manifestations of this original Fallen Nature.

The third major aspect of the Fallen Nature is the nature to reverse the order of dominion. The angel was ultimately



Not loving as God loves



Leaving the proper position

supposed to be under man's dominion, yet he dominated Eve, reversing the proper order. Eve was supposed to be under Adam's dominion, yet she dominated him. These reversals of dominion resulted in the Fall. All of the various disorders in the fallen world have their origin in this aspect of the original Fallen Nature.

The fourth major aspect is the nature to multiply (or pass on) unrighteous desires and sinful actions. If Eve had not multiplied her crime by seducing Adam after her fall, Adam would have not fallen. To restore Eve alone would have been relatively simple. Eve took the archangel's unrighteous desire 'to eat the fruit of good and evil' and his sinful act of disobeying God and made them her own will and direction, thus multiplying the archangel's will and actions. That unrighteous will and disobedience were then multiplied in Adam, and thus, the Fall was brought about. The fact that in the fallen world evil is more rapidly transferred and multiplied than goodness is a manifestation of this original Fallen Nature.

