

Was the Fall Really About Sex? (The answer may surprise you!)

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Fall was Adam's failure to love the Archangel and thus remove the Angel's feelings of Jealousy. Because Adam failed to take responsibility for his own thoughts and actions and failed to love the Angel, the Fall occurred. The Fall had very little if anything to do with sex as sex and love are two different things altogether. I originally began my inquiry into the Unificationist theory of the Fall of Man back in August of 2000 in order to get a clearer understanding of the Fall so that I could effect restoration with laser-like precision. I was a "gung ho" member at one point and wanted to know everything I needed to know in order to fulfill my responsibility. For example, if sin is really removed by someone drinking "Holy Wine" then logically all we would have to do is spike the local water supply with Holy Wine and all people

in that drinking area will have their sin removed. This is a somewhat comical example (although I have heard some members have actually tried this!), but you can see what I mean. In any case, knowing that we are alive on earth for a very short period of time, I wanted to do my utmost to advance restoration as I understood it. For this reason I sought to focus on what I felt were the essential aspects of the Unificationist world-view. Hence I 1 Version 1.0 written on August 25, 2000, Version 2.0 updated on October 14, 2012.

Page 2 of 19 focused on the accomplishment of the "3 Blessings", the overall purpose of creation and especially the theory of the Fall of man. As in many world-views, there is a description of the purpose of life, the cause of problems and the method for solving problems and reaching the ideal state of existence. For example, Karl Marx posited that the purpose of life was to achieve the communist state. This was a harmonious society where each person received whatever they needed according to their wants and desires. Such a life would be possible due to the super economic abundance achieved by collective labor and advanced technology. In Marx's world-view, the reason why man had not achieved this ideal state was because of the institution of "private property". To Marx, private property was the cause of all evil and the source of human suffering. The concept of private property alienated man from himself making him a "fallen" man (to borrow a Unification Church expression). The capitalist appropriated (took) the product of the labor of his workers and kept it for himself. In so doing he alienated his workers from the product of their work. It was Marx's view of man that for man to be truly man he had to express and enjoy the product of his labor. However when the economic system of production allowed some men to take the product of the labor of the workers, then those workers lost their "species-essence" or lost the quality of being "true men". Marx also went on to theorize that all the institutions of society (religion, government, law, education, and the media) were all directed at maintaining this unnatural, fallen state of affairs. To make a long story short, Marx identified the root of all problems as the institution of private property. Naturally, based on that view, Marx believed that if private property were abolished and that the tools of economic production were owned and controlled by the public, then man would

Page 3 of 19 regain his true nature and be able to produce the ideal communal society which was Marx's concept of the purpose of existence. Marx had a very fascinating theory. However in practice, we see that the theory did not produce the effects that it predicted. In science when a theory does not accurately predict and explain the phenomena it claims to explain, then that theory is either abandoned or modified in order to fit more closely to reality. I mentioned all of this as background for what I am about to discuss here. I majored in philosophy, went to law school, and practiced for quite some time as a litigation and trial attorney. I was also raised as a Christian, studied Divine Principle, Unification Thought, and a host of other religions and ideologies. Therefore, I feel uniquely qualified to examine beliefs from an ideological point of view, that is, I am trained to answer such questions as: "Does a theory make sense?", "Does the theory accurately predict phenomena?", "Is the theory adequately supported by the facts?", etc. These are the types of questions we need to ask and answer in order to properly live a life of Faith and Substance. What we believe gives rise to how we view the world around us. As such, our views of the world, how we see it, gives rise to our attitudes and feelings. These attitudes and feelings then give rise to how we act and consequently the results we produce or do not produce in the physical world. Hence this was my first reason for investigating these topics, was to gain a clearer understanding of reality so that I could fulfill my responsibility and produce good results.

Page 4 of 19 My second reason for pursuing clearer knowledge about the theory of the Fall was due to my experience. I, along with a number of other Unification Church ("UC") members, felt in our hearts that something was not quite right with our UC experience. We knew the words of the Principle inspired us, but at the same time many aspects of our experience left us wondering if there really was a thing called "true love". Because I was not satisfied with what I saw as the practices of many UC members, I decided to investigate the belief system that was the source of such behavior. I wanted to understand what were the ideological elements that were producing such undesirable results. My third reason for investigating the UC theory of the Fall, was because I was not satisfied with who I was becoming as a person. Initially, I felt there were benefits to my association with the UC. I felt it the fulfillment of my life as a Christian. I felt UC members to be on a higher plane than Christianity since the UC world-view was so much more comprehensive and compelling. Yet over time, as a UC member, I saw myself becoming more church-centered, elitist, racist, and fanatical. I did not see a clear purpose to the UC anymore. It seemed as though we were only seeking recognition and worship from people. I did not see or feel true love in practice and the UC seemed to become as self-centered, church-centered, self-absorbed, and fundamentalistic as any other Christian denomination. I became somewhat confused by the apparent contradictions between belief and practice. It is somewhat like how we criticized Christianity by saying.... "Christianity, though it professed God's love, had turned out to be in reality a dead body of clergy trailing empty slogans." (Divine Principle, p. 6)

Page 5 of 19 Had we too become the same? I think a significant portion of the membership has felt that we have. Finally, the recent events such as the divorce of Nan Sook and Hyo Jin, Nan Sook's subsequent book, "In the Shadow of the Moons", the mysterious death of Young Jin, the alleged sexual affairs of In Jin Nim have caused many of us to question, if not re-examine our faith to see if it is really as sound as we thought it was. Such realities occurring in Rev. Moon's family cannot be ignored. For all of these reasons, I began to re-examine my beliefs. What did I believe? Why did I believe it? Did I have good reasons for holding these beliefs? What experiences were now calling these beliefs into question? I am a man who seeks truth. I can not operate on falsehood. Falsehood brings pain to my mind, since I am accustomed to thinking logically. I need to know clearly. I need accurate and reliable knowledge. Hence I will begin with the theory of the Fall of Man. I begin here because this theory seeks to explain why human beings act in undesirable ways. Likewise the theory advocates a method for solving this problem. If the Unification Church has successfully located the root of sin, then why are these problems still occurring in the movement and in Rev. Moon's family? Hasn't sin been clearly identified and removed? If so, why still these problems? It is my assertion that the true root of sin has yet to be clearly elucidated.

Page 6 of 19 Just as Karl Marx's error concerning his theory of human alienation lead to the unfruitful practices of the Soviet Union, so too, the theory of the Fall of man seems also to be an error that has lead to many unfruitful practices. It is up to you to judge for yourself whether what I am about to say is true, for ultimately we are each responsible for what we believe and for what we do or not do. I intend to demonstrate that what we commonly believed about the Fall of man is an inaccurate theory at best, and a very dangerous theory at its worst. The theory is inconsistent with the Divine Principle text as a whole and inconsistent with the facts of reality. I will offer a counter theory, which I find to make more sense and believe to be more accurate. Let us begin. THE ROOT OF SIN The Unificationist world-view is based on ideas from the Divine Principle. Central to the Unificationist world-view is the concept of the Fall of man and the origin of evil (or in other words, the explanation of how the archangel gained wrongful dominion over human beings and transferred his attitude and character into the minds of human beings, such that we would come to be known as "children of Satan" or "fallen man".) Every Unificationist "knows" that the Fall was about "illicit" sex. That illicit sexual desire and illicit sexual activity are the root of evil. We say that there was a spiritual sexual relationship between the Angel and Eve (the spiritual fall) and a physical sexual relationship between Eve and Adam (the physical fall). During such genital

Page 7 of 19 copulation, special "elements" were transmitted and exchanged These elements are known as "original sin" elements. The Divine Principle text states... "Additionally, they [Adam and Eve] developed a base of evil within themselves by receiving evil elements from the archangel. The evil element received from the fallen archangel is Original Sin." (Outline of the Principle, Level 4, p. 102) This original sin element is supposedly responsible for the subsequent attitude, character and behavior change in human beings. It is the "hook" or "string" which Satan uses to indirectly control and influence human beings. It is the reason why our thinking and character resemble the Angel and not God's, for as the Divine Principle states: "...fallen people are unconsciously driven 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." (Outline of the Principle, Level 4, p. 39) Original sin element then is cited as the basis of our relationship with Satan. It is what must be "removed" from human beings in order for us to manifest our true, original nature. The Divine Principle ("DP") textbook states: "All sins originate with Original Sin, which is the root of all sins. Thus, man can not be finally cleansed of any sin without first being cleansed of Original Sin." (Outline of the Principle, Level 4, p. 51)

Page 8 of 19 A number of questions then arise however. For example, what exactly is the original sin element? Where did it come from? How did human beings get it? Where in the human body does it reside? Does it reside in the physical body, in the spiritual body or both? How does it "make" us do the will of Satan? What is Satan's will? How can Original Sin elements be removed? And how can we be sure that those elements are completely gone once removed? Is it ever possible to re-acquire these elements after having them removed? These are questions essential to the discussion of the Unificationist view of the Fall. These questions must be asked and answered! How then does the average Unificationist believe that these Original sin elements were transmitted to Adam and Eve? Very simply, through sexual intercourse or more specifically by the unprincipled sexual intercourse between Eve and the Angel. Unificationist belief states that the Angel is the origin of Original Sin and that he transmitted these elements to Eve through her spiritual vagina. This sexual intercourse allowed the Original Sin element to enter into her spiritual blood stream and eventually enter her spirit mind, where it took over her spirit mind like a virus, making her mind a slave to Satan. Somewhere along the line, this Original Sin element seems to have become a physical/genetic substance which Eve then transmitted to Adam through physical sexual intercourse. The element was absorbed by Adam's penis, then entered Adam's spiritual and physical blood stream, infecting his spirit mind and turning him also into a slave of Satan as well.² In this manner human beings came to resemble Satan and multiply Satan's character, for the Original Sin element was subsequently passed on to 2 Note: There is no description in any Unificationist text I've seen that describes the process in this sort of detail. This is just my best guess at how the process worked given the information I already had.

Page 9 of 19 Adam and Eve's children by genetic means. According to Unificationism, it is the Original Sin element (transmitted by sexual intercourse) which is the cause of all problems. Hence if we could locate and remove Original Sin, we could solve the problems of Fallen man. The passage in the divine principle text which is the source of my description of the Fall is as follows: "According to the principle that men were created to exchange elements with the objective being with whom they have become one body through love, Eve received certain elements from Lucifer when she joined into one body with him through love... Adam, by becoming one body with Eve, inherited all the elements Eve had received from Lucifer... these elements were then transmitted to their descendants." (Divine Principle, p.79-80) This is the core passage which illustrates the belief that Original Sin elements were passed to Eve via genital intercourse. However, please note that this passage is curiously vague. For one, there is no evidence given for the claim that people "exchange elements". It is merely a statement that we are asked to accept without evidence. Likewise the nature of the elements exchanged are not elucidated. For example, what kinds of elements were they? Physical? Spiritual? Both? What effect did they have on Adam and Eve? How? Furthermore the phrase "one body through love" seems purposely misleading due to its ambiguity. In one sense, it could mean uniting bodies via genital

Page 10 of 19 intercourse OR it could mean to unite hearts and minds by means of SOCIAL "intercourse". For example, the divine Principle text states: "If they [the people] had become one body with him [Jesus] in both spirit and body... fallen men could have been saved both spiritually and physically." (emphasis added) (Divine Principle, p. 147) Does this then mean that the people HAD to become one body with Jesus by means of SEXUAL intercourse??? Or how about... "Through this love [from the messiah and his bride], new life is infused into us, and our spirits are reborn as new selves. This is spiritual rebirth. Never the less, since human beings fell both spiritually and physically, we must be cleansed of original sin by being born again both spiritually and physically." (emphasis added) (Exposition of the Divine Principle, p. 171) Again, does this mean that we should unite in sexual intercourse with the messiah and his bride in order to be cleansed of Original Sin? Some of you are shaking your heads no. Some of you are not sure. So then, what exactly is meant by "become one body through love"? To elucidate, let us look at how the Principle defines "love".

Page 11 of 19 The Principle text states that: "...the emotional force that the subject partner gives to the object partner is called love" (Exposition of the Divine Principle, p. 38) Hence we see that the Principle defines love as an emotional force, not as a sexual act. And how about this quote: "All things were created to receive God's dominion through love." (Divine Principle, p. 78) Does this then mean that all things were to receive God's dominion through sex? The passage goes on to say.... "...Therefore, love is the source of life and the essence of happiness; love is the ideal of all creation." (Divine Principle, p. 78) Sex is the source of life and sex is the essence of happiness? Sex is the ideal of all creation? No, of course not. Hence we can see that the Principle is using two different meanings for the word "love"!!! Sometimes it refers to love as an emotional force and other times it alludes to love as sexual intercourse. The question is... which love is the "love" by which Adam and Eve became one with Lucifer, thus inheriting Lucifer's elements? Again, you are inclined to say it was "sexual love", but is this really true? If

Page 12 of 19 this is really true then we are forced to believe that the only way to become one with the messiah is through sexual intercourse. Why? Because the Principle states: "By joining them in oneness with himself [the messiah], he was to cleanse them of the original sin and restore them as children born of God's lineage." (Exposition of the Divine Principle, p. 284) And... "If they had become one body with him [Jesus] in both spirit and body ... fallen men could have been saved both spiritually and physically." (Divine Principle, p. 147) Are we to believe that becoming "one body" with Jesus and "joining in ones

with him" meant to have sexual intercourse with him? No. Of course not. The full text actually says: "To believe in Jesus means to become *one body* with him...If they had become one body with him [Jesus] in both spirit and body by believing in him, fallen men could have been saved both spiritually and physically."(emphasis added) (Divine Principle, p. 147) So, if we are to take Divine Principle as true, we are compelled to accept that it is possible to become "one body" with someone by believing their words and accepting their will as our own. Hence it is entirely possible that Adam and Eve became one body

Page 13 of 19 with Lucifer, not through sex, but rather through simply believing his words! In fact, the Divine Principle affirms this when it states: "Fallen man unites with Satan in his mind and [then] commits sin through his body" (Outline of the Principle, Level 4, p. 103) Hence, Adam and Eve became one body with Lucifer through their minds, when they accepted the angel's words as their own. This is the way that Adam and Eve inherited the Original Sin elements. It was not via sexual intercourse but rather via social intercourse. For if we can become one body with the messiah and remove Original Sin without genital contact, there is no reason to believe that Adam and Eve became one body via genital contact either. Hence it is entirely possible that the "root of sin" was a non-sexual event. Let us now turn our attention to the concept of the "root of sin". Until now, many Unificationists have believed the root of sin to be illicit sexual desire and illicit sexual activity (adultery). We believed this because the Principle text and Rev. Moon directly say so. For example: "...the root of human sin stems from sexual immorality....the root of sin is found in lustful desires....Even in the most outstanding people, the root of sin—illicit sexual desire-- is constantly active in their souls, sometimes without their conscious awareness" (Exposition of the Divine Principle, p. 61) --- "You must keep your purity and chastity. You must think of it as more valuable,

Page 14 of 19 more important, than your own life, The fallen act of love will kill your descendants" "Chastity and keeping pure is the greatest thing in our group." "The spirit of a person who engages in free sex is so distorted that it even seems non-human. That kind of spirit body is most hideous, dirty human form in the world." (Rev. Sun Myung Moon, The Way of Tradition Vol. III, p. 8, 9, 16) All of these quotes would lead one to believe that illicit sexual intercourse is the worst thing you could do and that illicit sexual intercourse was the very cause of the Fall. But as we have already discussed, there is no reason to believe that sexual intercourse was the only way for Adam and Eve to receive the original sin element from Lucifer. We have actually demonstrated to the contrary that they could very well have become one body with Lucifer simply by believing Lucifer's words. Besides, why do we call the sexual act (a result) the "root"? What does the word "root" actually mean? "Root" means "the most fundamental". Even in the sexual view of the fall, the sex act could not possibly be the most fundamental cause of sin. There had to be something deeper, that this, something that got the entire process of events started in the first place. When we look at the Principle text, it states that the fundamental cause for the Fall was the Angel's feelings of jealousy towards Adam:

Page 15 of 19 "The motivation of the archangel's fall lay in his jealousy of Adam." (Divine Principle, p. 90) Note, it does not say that the fundamental motivation was lust towards Eve. It states it was jealousy towards Adam! So very clearly if anything is a "root" it would more likely be the jealousy that the angel harbored towards Adam. But we can go even deeper than this by asking why the angel had jealous feelings in the first place. This would be the true root of the Fall. When we examine the Principle text (and even examine reality) we find that the Angel was jealous of Adam because he was feeling a lack of love. This lack of love feeling came from the fact that Adam had failed to LOVE the angel as God's representative. For even the Principle text states: "When man perfected himself and loved the archangel as the (archangel's) lord, the [angel's] feeling of being loved less would have disappeared." (Outline of the Principle, Level 4, p. 52) We can conclude then that the true root of sin was Adam's failure to love the Angel from the position of God's representative. Had Adam loved the angel, there would have been no jealousy on the Angel's part and hence no need to tempt Eve so as to supplement his lack of love feeling. In other words, had Adam loved the angel, there would have been no fall!!! Hence we can conclude that Adam's failure to love the angel is the true root of sin!

Page 16 of 19 But you are saying to yourself, "Hey, wait a minute...I thought that Adam and Eve fell because they did not obey the commandment 'not to eat the fruit' and we all know that 'don't eat the fruit' means don't have sex...so it was their failure to follow that commandment that led to their fall"! I can understand why you might think that way. It is true that Adam and Eve failed to follow the commandment and that is why they fell. However I am sorry to report to you that "don't eat the fruit" was not the first commandment they received and it was not even the main commandment that they were supposed to follow. WHAT WAS "THE COMMANDMENT"? Until now, many Unificationists have believed that the commandment Adam and Eve were to follow was "don't eat the fruit" which is interpreted to mean don't have a sexual relationship until you are mature. Unificationists believe that this was the commandment because of the following passage in the Divine Principle text: "The first human ancestors were to become perfect by believing in the divine Word and not eating of the fruit. However, in their disbelief, they ate of it, thus causing the fall." (Divine Principle, p. 55) Here we are shown that Adam and Eve fell because they did not follow God's Word. Then we are told that the "Word" was "don't eat the fruit". Hence, for this reason, many a Unification Church member has thought that "don't eat the

fruit" was the divine word necessary for Adam and Eve's perfection. For this reason we embarked upon a life of celibacy, not looking or touching members of the opposite sex, promoting "pure love"

Page 17 of 19 campaigns, "free teens" programs and the like. It was because we thought that the Word or commandment was "don't eat" or in other words "don't have sex". But, could this really have been the divine word, that if followed, would have led to Adam and Eve's perfection? If "not eating the fruit" was all that was necessary for a person to reach perfection, then the Catholic pope must be perfect, along with all the monks, nuns and priests of the Catholic church as well as the Dali Lama of Tibetan Buddhism since they all allegedly abstain from sex! But as we can see from the facts, simply refraining from sexual intercourse does not a perfect person make. Hence "don't eat the fruit" could not have been the divine word that if followed would have led to Adam and Eve's perfection. You may now be asking yourself, if "don't eat" was not the commandment...then what was? I did not see any other commandments that God gave to Adam and Eve, so 'don't eat' must be the commandment! Well, I can understand your confusion here as well, you did not see any other commandments because they were hidden from your view but those commandments were there hiding in plain sight. They were hidden because we are used to calling them "blessings"!!! THE 3 GREAT COMMANDMENTS God's commandment to Adam and Eve were to "Be fruitful", "Multiply", and "Take Dominion". If you look at the grammatical and linguistic structure of these words, you will clearly see that these are COMMANDS. An exhortation to do a specific action. We did not recognize them as commands because we were always calling them "blessings" by mistake. Hence we did not see them for what they really were. It was in failing to follow these commands that Adam and Eve fell. Most especially it was in failing to follow the 1st command "Be fruitful" that they fell. For had they become

Page 18 of 19 fruitful (perfected themselves) then they would have been able to love the angel and the rest of the creation from the position of God's representatives. And as we had discussed earlier, had they done this, there would have been no jealousy on the part of the Angel and hence no fall! **THUS THE TRUE ROOT OF SIN IS ADAM'S FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE COMMAND TO "BE FRUITFUL". AS A RESULT HE FAILED TO LOVE THE ANGEL AND THIS FAILURE LED TO THE ACTIONS OF THE FALL.** This brings us to another important point and that is the topic of Cain and Abel. **CAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY?** When we thought that the root of the fall was about sex...we avoided sex. We thought that if we kept our genitals to ourselves, then we would be OK with God, we would perfect ourselves automatically. We thought that the Fall was all the Angel's fault and hence we always blamed the angel. We are now forced to recognize that the Fall was not the angel's fault at all but rather ADAM'S fault! Until now, since we thought the Fall was the fault of the angel, we spent a lot of time talking about "Cain's responsibility". How Cain should love Abel, how Cain should listen to Abel, and how Cain should serve Abel. What bullshit. Why does the Principle text go into so much detail about what Cain is supposed to do? Restoration has nothing to do with Cain...it has everything to do with Abel! Let me illustrate. In the Principle text, Cain is representing Lucifer and Abel is representing Adam. The purpose is to recreate the scenario in the garden of Eden. To recreate the characters and the emotions of that time. The purpose is to correct the failure

Page 19 of 19 that occurred in the Garden of Eden. As has been revealed, that failure was ADAM'S failure to love the angel. The perfect example of this principle is the story of Jacob and Esau. In this story, what responsibility did Esau have? Nothing, nada, zilch, zip, naught, goose eggs! In fact Esau was still waiting to kill Jacob up to the very last minute. Esau was as "Cained out" as anybody could get!!! Yet we do not see him do any of the things which we were led to believe were "Cain's" responsibility. Who is doing all the work and making all the effort? Jacob is!!!! And Jacob is seen as the first and MOST SUCCESSFUL person to resolve the scenario of the Fall. We see that like Adam, Jacob was to take responsibility and love Esau who represented the Angel. Hence the Principle wastes our time by telling us what "Cain" is supposed to do. Cain doesn't have to do shit! It's all up to Abel. The Principle text should instead actually say "here is what Abel is supposed to persuade Cain to do". We can see how the "Cain's burden of responsibility" theory was started, refined in Japan, exported to the American Unification Church, and then exploited by the Unification church leadership. Members feared if they did not follow their "Abel" then they would go to hell. But now as we review the facts...we realize that this was all incorrect and instead of us serving our central figures...our central figures should have been serving us! This I believe is the main cause for the failure of the Home Church providence in America. We were all trained with the "Cain's responsibility" mentality. Hence we expected our tribe to bow down to us merely because we were in the "Abel position". Had we been trained properly, the Unification Church would be in a very different situation.