

Adam And Eve's Growing Period

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Adam and Eve were created with the possibility of becoming perfect without any sin. Adam and Eve were growing to perfection according to the law of God. During the period for them to become perfect as a man and woman, the relationship of Adam and Eve was to be as brother and sister. They were to form a pure tradition while they were brother and sister.

The love between man and woman was to begin after love matured during adolescence. Until that time God was watching and waiting for their love to mature and become perfect. This is why we in the Unification Church call this period "God's indirect dominion over the result in the Principle."

The reason God told Adam and Eve "not to eat" was because the time for them to love each other as husband and wife had not yet been reached. Because Adam and Eve were still in the growing period, God gave them a commandment to wait until they matured.

When a person is born through a parent, he or she is not born readymade as a husband or a wife. He or she is born as a son or a daughter and is educated in love. Through this education, one must be taught that man and woman should unite.

Therefore, we must stand before God in order to receive the education of love centering on God's love. During the period of receiving this education, one should learn the true standard of all value, and this education must be given until the time of maturity.

However, we do not find any Old Testament record of Adam and Eve's growing up by receiving God's love. Instead the Old Testament starts with a story about the fall.

Then how should Adam and Eve have behaved in order to receive God's love? Because God and Adam and Eve were in the relationship of parent and children, Adam and Eve should have followed wherever God went, receiving His dominion; however, on the contrary, they failed this original responsibility. Because God is the absolute being, Adam and Eve also had to follow and obey God absolutely. God was the womb of the lives of Adam and Eve, and He was their guardian. God was to protect them from any threat to their lives. Therefore, it is obvious that God would have enjoyed seeing Adam and Eve mature and love each other more than they loved.

Him. Why? Since God is the subject, if His object embodies a wonderful love substantially, God as subject will be able to feel a much greater value of love. Therefore, God would feel happiness.

This is the very first law of creation for human beings. Therefore, fallen human beings who cannot receive this education of love cannot reach this position.

Adam and Eve, as the Lords of all creation, should have waited until the time decided by God, their Father; i.e., they should have waited until they had matured both physically and spiritually. God also told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. This means that, after their physical and spiritual bodies had matured completely, they were to become husband and wife and to love each other, multiplying sons and daughters.

While they were physically growing up, Adam and Eve spent much of their time together. When something startling happened, Eve would say, "Oh! I'm scared," and be embraced by Adam or hide behind him. When being embraced by Adam, Eve would be relieved, but at the same time, she would be receiving a strong masculine stimulation from Adam. Adam, who did not dislike Eve, would also have received sexual stimulation from Eve, a being different from himself. At the moment when a sexual emotion occurred between Adam and Eve, who sinned first? Eve, who was afraid and jumped to be embraced, was the one who sinned first. From that time on, they gradually fell in love.

God created man and the universe through love. Therefore, Adam and Eve centering on God should have made the world into one systematized world of love, thus connecting everything to God. We must always think what kind of attitude Adam and Eve, who had this mission, should have had, and how together they should have carried the love which God permitted. Because this problem of love is so important, it was to determine their life and death.

Humankind has been longing for maturity. We have to know why man and woman have had to wait for maturity to arrive. It is necessary because our ability to love requires a period of growth.

Adam and Eve, when they become sixteen, seventeen, or eighteen, would naturally start caring about the eyes of the opposite sex. Just as when flowers bloom, man and woman are intoxicated by their fragrance, when they reached adolescence, Adam and Eve began to think about the opposite sex. God also gets involved in this fragrance. When the three God's love, and Adam and Eve's minds and bodies -- unite together, that point becomes the core of the universe and enters the original orbit where love controls everything. However, Adam and Eve fell from this point. If Adam and Eve had not fallen, they would have completely united. If they had united, God would not have been able to leave, and Adam and Eve would not have been able to leave each other as well. Therefore, all generations would have been connected together, realizing the ideal tribe, nation and world. This place would have become the beautiful world, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

If Adam and Eve, when they reached adolescence around seventeen or eighteen, had not fallen and instead had united centering on God's love, their minds and bodies absolutely would not have divided. Then Adam and Eve, with a perfect life and perfect love, would have been able to become a perfect man and woman living in a perfect environment. After the fall, man and woman have always remembered the feeling of standing in that position, and throughout our lifetime, we long to think, to find, to live and to love as we were intended to . . . We will always desire to live in that environment.

When can God, man and woman completely unite together with us receiving the direct dominion of God? It begins at the time man and woman individually perfect themselves through the give and take of love. That is also the time when the reciprocal relationship of subject and object and the original human love, matured in all aspects, are prepared. When this is realized, God, man and woman are in complete harmony centering on love and will start going around the eternal original orbit.