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## Intro

The Original Sin was a far bigger thing than Eve plucking an apple off a forbidden fruit tree. It was so enormous it brought death, illness, and disease into being. It resulted in every deformed and still born baby, every hospital ever built, and every grave that was ever dug. It meant that we humans had to work for a living, and that even nature would produce virulent weeds, thorns and parasites to make that work more difficult.

The original sin produced a new life form, into God's creation. It changed the whole world structure and required the death of God's own Son to correct the error.

## 1st Stage Background

*The Original Sin got Adam and Eve thrown out of the Garden of Eden. The act is often illustrated by artists as Eve picking forbidden fruit (generally an apple) off a tree.*

*It all sounds too simple, a children's story, when shown like that; something hard to believe in. And it is hard to believe, because that isn't what happened.*

The Bible tells the story of "The Fall" in Genesis 3. That story has a number of strange elements in it. They are:

1. Adam was told he could eat from any tree in the Garden of Eden except one; the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
2. A serpent spoke and persuaded Eve, so he could talk, think, and reason, just like man
3. The serpent was the cleverest beast in creation
4. When God judged the serpent He took off his arms and legs changing him from being the most advanced in the animal kingdom to a snake.

5. Eating the fruit of the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil made both Adam and Eve know they were naked.
6. Adam and Eve were evicted from the garden so that they no longer had access to a tree they could previously have eaten from, the Tree of Life.
7. Cherubims are left to guard the way of the Tree of Life.

There is two extra keys to understanding what really went on. The first is chapter 4 of Genesis where twins are born to Eve. These are Cain and Abel; two boys but with totally different characters. The second is in Matthew 13 v38 when Jesus explains the parable of the tares and wheat. The field is the world, the wheat or good seed are the children of God's kingdom, the tares or weeds are the children of the Devil.

Any true explanation of the Original Sin has to link all these things together and have other scriptures link in too.

## Background

### *The Key Players*

### What Was the Serpent Like?

As the ultimate animal, just short of being the living soul that Adam was the serpent must have been the missing link between the animal kingdom and Adam. The serpent could talk with Eve on a one to one basis he could reason, persuade, set plans, even seduce her into going against God's Word. The serpent wasn't a snake; that is what he was turned into.

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Being well above apes he was most likely a well built man, possibly having a more physical presence than Adam. Behind him stood Satan, trying to get into God's created world, trying to have a physical presence. Satan cannot create, he can only corrupt, mix, and crossbreed to make something he can call his own.

Satan is also known as Lucifer, the best looking and most powerful of God's angels. He wanted to become God, receive worship, but to do that he had to inject his children into God's creation, and he couldn't create.

## Who was Eve?

Eve was the feminine part of the original Adam. All the birds, fish and animals had a mate, they were created male and female, but Eve was not created separate from Adam. She was in, and an integral part of, the original Adam.

In Genesis 1 v27 when God created Adam the Bible says that God created him in His own image, male and female created He them. There is a complete mix up of singular and plurals there and one possible interpretation is that Adam contained all that would be Eve. Adam was both male and female and Genesis 2 confirms that when Eve was taken from Adam. Put another way all the feminist parts of Adam were removed to create Eve. Only after that time was Eve a separate person and only then did Adam become fully male.

So Eve was not part of the original creation. She was a part of the original man, separated from him but made to become one with him in marriage. However in the separation from Adam Eve did not have deep spiritual recognition and understanding; that remained in Adam. And without that she was the weaker of the two to persuasion. Adam could not be deceived, but Eve could.

## The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

There were trees of every sort in the Garden of Eden but just two are mentioned in this story; the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam is only told not to eat from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

There is no description of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil only that, in the words of the serpent, to eat of it will make a person wise; so wise they would be as gods knowing good and evil.

## The Story

A young married couple lived in a perfect world. They were as gods of the planet. Being children of God, created expressly to rule the world they were in love and very happy. They had eternal life and had need of nothing.

There was one area they knew nothing about, and that was evil. They didn't even know what "good" meant. There was then no judgement, no rules, no law, as all things operated under God's principle of all life producing after its own kind. As all life was of God and were expressions of God they were all in harmony with God and each other.

An intelligent good looking man approached Eve one day when she was alone for a short while. He talked about God's instruction not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eve agreed that this was God's instruction, and then he points out that eating that fruit would make her as a god. She would understand what God Himself understands.

This sounds fascinating to the young woman. She had been sure before that she understood what the world was about, but now a handsome stranger was telling her that there was more. Of course it

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wouldn't do to go against God's instructions but it did sound fascinating, it wouldn't hurt to hear a bit more about it. And then came the lie. "You know Eve, God is a God of Love. There is no way He would bring death on the most beautiful creature He ever created. Anyway, what is death, have you seen anything die. No, of course not, it doesn't happen. Look, now isn't that interesting, feel it. This brings new life to you. Take it into you..... Nice?"

It was done.

She found Adam, and told him what the serpent had done and how good it felt. She wanted Adam to experience the same thing. Now Adam knew that was wrong; he wasn't deceived. Yet he also knew that Eve would die alone unless he identified himself with her. And he loved her so much he was willing to die to be with her. Afterward they both knew that they were naked, so they sewed leaves to make a covering, their religion or their own way of covering their sin.

## GENESIS 4:1

1 ¶ And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 ¶ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Later, outside the Garden, Cain and Abel, twins were born. One was like his father Adam, and like his grandfather God, a shepherd, but Cain told lies and murdered Abel.

The rule of life in the creation story, that each life produces after its own kind, still held true. Abel was like his father Adam but Cain told lies and murdered Abel. Each life produced after its own kind.

Jesus speaking of the Pharisees

## JOHN 8:38

38 ¶ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Cain was a murderer and a liar; so who was Cain's father?

## JOHN 3:11



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11 ¶ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother.

So the Bible teaches that Cain was of that evil one, he was the son of the serpent. He was the link between man, as God created him, and the animal kingdom.

The original sin was to do with sex, which explains the powerful effect that it has on our minds.

It also gives an insight into why Jesus Christ was born of a virgin. He could not be the sinless sacrifice if fathered by a man.