



Intro

The Original Sin was a far bigger thing than Eve plucking an apple off a forbidden fruit tree. The effect of this sin was so enormous it brought death, illness, and disease into being.

Until Eve sinned Adam, Eve and, I assume all life, was eternal. There was no such thing as death, whooping cough, cancer or even dandruff. That “original sin” resulted in death. It was the cause of every deformed and stillborn baby, it created every hospital ever built, and it was the cause for every grave that was ever dug. It allowed disease and was responsible for every broken heart.

It also 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.

But what was that original sin?

Unbelief!

Eve accepted Satan’s lie instead of believing God’s Word that if she took of the fruit of knowledge of good and evil she would die. Satan told her she wouldn’t die, Eve believed Satan instead of God, and brought death on us all.

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. Satan used him to persuade Eve to not believe in God’s Word.
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 in their fallen state they no longer had access to the Tree of Life; a tree they could previously have eaten from.
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.

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

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.

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. This is a complete mix up of singular and plurals.

One interpretation all that would become Eve was in Adam. 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. God then separated all the feminine characteristics and attributes from Adam. They would become one again 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 or seduction. 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 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 a couple of areas they knew nothing about, that was evil and sex. 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. There was no creative urge to have children either. All life was of God and forms were expressions of God. All were 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 wouldn't do to go against God's instructions but it did sound fascinating, "Surely 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, God wouldn't do that!

Now what makes God superior? He creates life. You can be as God and create life. 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.

She was also a part of Him. If God destroyed Eve a part of Adam would be lost forever. 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.

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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

11 ¶ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that 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 and those throughout history. 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.

But the Original Sin itself is Unbelief. The choice always has been to either believe God's Word or to continue in unbelief.

God has proved over and over that He is, that He is the Creator, that He became man in the form of Jesus of Nazareth doing incredible miracles. God has also proved that He is still the same yesterday, today and forever through the ministry of William Branham and many of his followers.

The same issues face us today; belief or unbelief.

Satan has tried through the ages to block the effectiveness of God's Word. He was very successful with the Jews. These chosen people had received the Word of God through the prophet Moses. They chose law as their way to salvation and the law, as all laws do, encourages the creation of more laws. These newer law and doctrines became traditions and had the same authority as the original law of Moses.

As Jesus pointed out to the Pharisees their tradition had made the law of no effect.

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MATTHEW 15:1

- 1 ¶ Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,
 - 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
 - 3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?
 - 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.
 - 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;
 - 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Because they placed their teachings, dogmas and traditions as being equal than God's Word when their Messiah and Prophet Jesus came they couldn't accept Him. The choice was belief in God's Word, but they chose to believe their own doctrines and teachings. Satan had done his work well.

Jesus Christ made clear what God intended. He fulfilled the law and sent His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, back on His disciples in the Upper Room on Pentecost. And, as He had promised He sent His Holy Spirit on all who would repent and be baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through all the ages to come.

The trouble is, of course that Satan started his old tricks. Doctrines, dogmas, teachings became more important than the Bible. People were no longer baptised by immersion in Jesus name as Acts 2 v38 says but

sprinkling water or making the sign of the cross on a person's forehead was adopted and the titles Father Son and Holy Ghost were used in place of the name Jesus Christ.

The power has gone out of the church. By the Dark Ages it was selling the rights to get out of purgatory. Jesus never mentioned purgatory and according to Jesus parable of the Rich man and Lazarus a person's fate between heaven and hell is determined during their lifetime on earth. It took Martin Luther to break that lie, pointing to the fact that the Just (the righteous or saved) will live by faith. Their belief that the blood of Jesus covers their sins and makes them acceptable to God gave them eternal life. Unbelief was death!

Wesley took this further by teaching Sanctification, that is that people should live good clean lives, not that that gained them eternal life as Luther's Justification gave them that, but that by being clean they were worthy to be used by God. It is from this that the greatest missionary age ever came.

Then in 1906 in Azusa Street at a revival meeting the Holy Spirit returned in force and people received spiritual gifts such as healing, discernment and speaking in tongues.

But each of these held on to their own traditions and refused the additional revelation and move of God. Again Satan had been doing his work well.

So God sent a prophet, William Branham who through his sermons restored us to an original understanding of God's Word. God vindicated the messages with miracles and healings that were incredible and as

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dramatic as those Jesus of Nazareth Himself did. Not that Branham claimed to be anyone special and gave all the glory to God, but it was God in a man once again with a pure word. And as always the test is, believe, or not believe.

The main churched have become a social service providers, the owners of vast tracts of land and buildings. They are more like corporations than the church of the living God. Most will stick to their teachings and doctrines rather than what the Bible actually says.

The choice for me and you today is the same as that Eve faced. Stand behind the Word of God and accept nothing else or listen to the seductive tones of Satan.

Do we have the true meaning of the Bible?

That is what "The Message" presents.

Is it true?

It all makes sense and it matches the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Is William Branham a true prophet?

The evidence is there. There are web sites promoting the Message and there are web sites claiming Branham was a fake. But then they called Jesus Beelzebub!

The requirement is just the same for us today as it was for Eve back then. God has spoken! God has vindicated Himself through William Branham's

ministry and by many of those who, having believed, preach this same message throughout the world today.

Do you believe God's Word, or do you believe something else will give you real knowledge?

It's your choice, and the result of the choice is the same today as it was in the Garden of Eden; belief or unbelief, life or death.