The Fall of Man: Fact or Fiction?

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In recent years, it has been brought to my attention that some of our Unificationist friends have completely written off the story of Garden of Eden and the Fall of Man as a fiction, or as poetry. They have concluded that Adam and Eve never existed and the act of the Fall-sexual transgression of our first ancestors- never actually happened. I would like to offer the following cliff notes to those friends as additional points to ponder:

- 1. The story in Genesis is around 3000-4000 years old and it was probably received through a revelation from an unidentified angelic entity. However, it is interesting that right after the story of God's creation it outlines the story of Garden of Eden and the rebellion of the first human couple, prompted by a snake, and against a specific divine mandate. Then in the book of Revelation we see the reference to that same ancient serpent mentioned in Genesis, who is also called the Devil and Satan, and was committed to the pits of nether glooms together with his angels due to their engagement in acts of UNNATURAL LUST!
- 2. Then we see the story of God's attempting to kill Moses whose life was saved only by his wife's act of circumcising their son and throwing the foreskin before the angle as a sacrificial offering!!!
- 3. A good many years later comes along Isaiah and receives the revelation about the Messiah who will be called the everlasting FATHER.
- 4. Then came along Jesus, the Christ, who called himself the Tree of Life and encouraged people to connect to him as his branches. He also called the disbelievers; the brood of vipers in the moments of anger, while telling them that their will was to do the will of their FATHER the devil?!
- 5. Then comes along Saint Paul who actually never met Jesus but had received his own personal revelations about the essence of Jesus' mission and on a few occasions introduced it as correcting Adam's mistake and the redemption of sin in all men caused by Adam's disobedience.
- 6. Around 600 years later comes along another great prophet and the founder of a major world religion, called Mohammed. Although illiterate, he began receiving a series of revelations from the Archangel Gabriel, which was eventually published as the Holy Quran. Coincidentally, the story of Garden of Eden and Adam and Eve was among his earliest revelations! The story begins in the Garden of Eden and the Forbidden Tree in the midst of it. Then it is clearly explained that God had made Adam to be the Lord of the creation and had asked all the angels to bow down and submit to him. It continues that all the angels

submitted to Adam except the Iblis (Lucifer) who thought he was higher than Adam, who was made of dust, since he himself was made of fire. Eventually Iblis was cast out of heaven by God and he pledged to tempt all the children of man until the end of the days. It is of great interest to know that Mohammed also clearly stated that, "the position of Jesus before God is like the position of Adam."

- 7. Finally we see the arrival of Rev. Sun Myung Moon as the second advent of the Messiah. He introduces the original root of sin and the cause of human suffering as unprincipled sexual relationships committed by the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, following Eve's illicit sexual act with the Archangel Lucifer which has bounded all humanity with him through a blood relationship. He then goes on to present the essence of the Messianic mission as nothing but the restoration of that original mistake by reconnecting the blood lineage of humanity back to that of God. In fact, I have never read nor listened to any of Father's speeches without multiple references to the story of the Fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In my estimation, Father must have repeated that story at least 50,000 times throughout his life, whether he was speaking to a group of his followers, at a science conference, or in the US Congress. In addition, he introduced the central purpose of the entire Biblical history as the arduous search of God for that one man, the Christ, who would be capable of discovering and restoring the sins of the first human family- namely; Adam and Eve, and Cain and Abel problems. I.e., The two tablets of the stone within the Ark of the Covenant were the representations of Adam and Eve; Aaron and Miriam standing before Moses represented Adam and Even who were standing before God; Jesus and Holy Spirit were standing in the position of the second Adam and Eve who became the spiritual True Parents of all humanity; and finally the Messiah need to return to the earth to stand in the position of the Third Adam and Eve and fulfill the position of the True Parents before all humanity by offering them the gift of rebirth, and by reconnecting them to the blood lineage of God which was lost due to the Fall of the first human ancestors.
- 8. Around 18 years ago, one of the earliest disciples of our True Parents, Rev. Sang Hun Lee, passed away to the spirit world. Shortly after his passing he began communicating back with the earth through a spiritual medium called Mrs. Kim. Eventually, all those series of revelations were published under the title, "Life in the Spirit World an On Earth," and was proudly included in the literature which was distributed to the public as part of Father's legacy during the celebration of his 80th birthday in Washington D.C. In that book, Rev. Lee clearly explains all the details of his meeting and conversations with Adam and Eve, as well as scores of other prophets and historical figures.
- 9. A quick observation of all human history clearly testifies to the fact that there has never been any perfected human being who had embodied the full perfection of God as it was promised to Adam as his blessing, and commanded by Jesus to his followers. That fact in itself indicates that the problem of separation of God and man must have been initiated in the first human family, which was then inherited by all humanity through their lineage connection to our original ancestors, Adam and Eve. Thus the necessity for the advent of Christ as the only begotten son of God, in order to reconnect us back to the lineage of our Heavenly Parent God, through the process of rebirth.
- 10. Last but not least, is my own direct communication with Adam and Eve during a spiritual dream that I had about 25 years ago!?

Conclusion: In light of all the above mentioned evidence, all of us are faced with two very clear and distinct options:

A. Adam and Eve were indeed our original historic ancestors who had committed a sexual transgression against God that polluted the purity of their lineage, and thereby affected all humanity through their lineal connection. Since God is our parent, he has been searching unceasingly to find his lost children in order to restore them back into His bosom of eternal Love, Life, and Lineage. Nevertheless, since this separation was initially caused by the rebellion of a man (Adam), based on the principles of responsibility and mutual trust/respect, there must eventually appear another man (Christ) who can discover the original cause of man's separation from God, and through his practice of obedience and sacrifice finally reestablish his original unity with the Divine and thereby open the gates of salvation and unity for all the children of man through a grafting process. Based on this understanding, the true knowledge of the human Fall and the original cause of our separation from God in the first human family should be considered as the most precious, the most significant, and the most holy discovery of the entire human history, which could only be made possible through the most anticipated and the most Holy Advent of the Christ as the True Parents of humanity. May be this is the reason that all throughout history, starting from the pre-old Testament age and all the way through completed Testament Age, the angelic world has been trying to communicate this knowledge to various saints and prophets up to the level of their understanding and purity. However, the full knowledge of the human Fall can only be discovered by a man who has been liberated from the slavery to his fallen lineage. This is also the reason that our True Father has been so proud of his discovery that he has been repeating it non-stop and for tens of thousands of time, and to whomever would be willing to listen! "He who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches", "for he will not speak on his own authority", and finally, "no one has ever seen God; the only son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known." Aju!

B. As you have concluded, there has never been such historical persons as Adam and Eve, and there has never been a substantial act of rebellion against God in the form of a sexual abuse which has polluted the lineage of humanity since its inception. This line of reasoning will naturally bring us to the following conclusions; all these revelations are nothing but children stories, concocted in the minds of those so called prophets, saints and self-proclaimed Messiahs, in order to coax humanity into the practice of absolute humility and submission to their illusory and self-perceived Divine authority. That assumption would present our True Father as the biggest fraud of all, since he is the one who has been repeating that fake story about the origin of human suffering more than anyone else in the entire human history!

Finally, the choice is up to every human being in accordance with his/her own level of wisdom and belief. We have all been granted freedom and therefore the responsibility for our choices before God and His principles of restoration and righteousness. Obviously, I have already chosen the option A!

In conclusion, I would also like to thank you in advance for considering the aforementioned points in your future conclusions. May the light of God's blessings continue to shine upon you, your family, and all your future endeavors.

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