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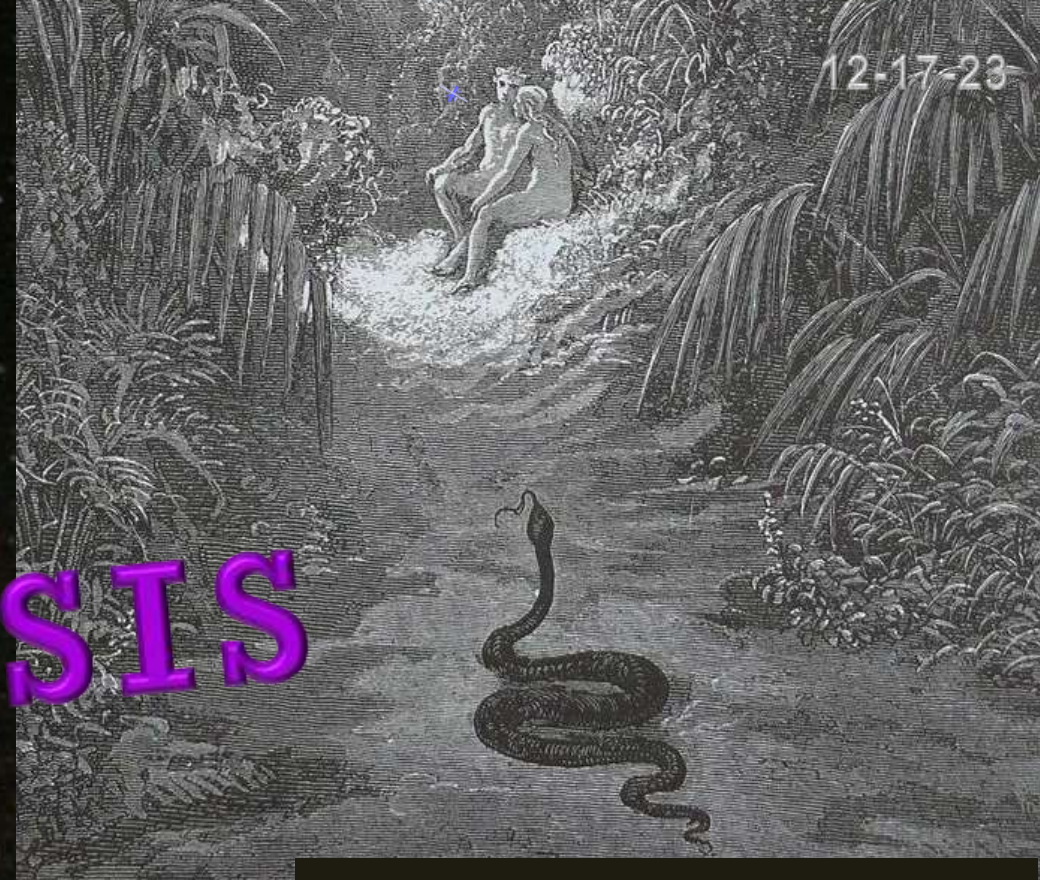
- 1 Created in *His Image*
- 2 Creation of Adam & Eve
- 3 **FALL** in the Garden

Dec 24 & 31 Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

- 6-7 Judgment
- 8 LAND!
- 9-10 Protect
- 11 Stalled
- 12-14 Promised
- 15-16 Impatience
- 17-18 Established
- 19 Purged



GENESIS



12-17-23

Merry Christmas



Serpent in Garden, for John Milton's
"Paradise Lost" 1866
by Gustave Doré (1832-1883)

3:1 Now the serpent was *more crafty*
than any of the wild animals
the Lord God had made.

Merry Christmas – Thank You John & Linda Mincher



Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year

Sergio's daughter, Stephanie Ramos Miller:

Daddy was this year's recipient of the Loretta Hrncir Dedication Award at the Texas Tennis Coaches Association Convention

The winning Coach is clearly dedicated to the sport.

They spend endless hours on the court, in the classroom, on the road, and motivating students to perform at their best!

Daddy fits that bill to the core!

We are all SO very proud of him!



Genesis

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How much TIME between Gen 2 & 3?

Gen 5 – Adam lives 930 years ... how many were **GARDEN YEARS?**

From all the OT ages & dates, creation is c. 4000+ B.C.
HARD date for a LOT of Science

Regardless—Satan FALLS
between chapters 2 & 3

Isaiah 14 recounts Fall of Babylon –
often seen at Satan's Banishment

Is 14:12 How you have fallen from
from heaven, *Morning Star*
(1x in OT KJV, *Lucifer*)
son of the dawn! You have been
cast down to the earth, you
who once laid low the nations!



Satan Hurled from Heaven
John Milton,
Paradise Lost, 1866
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Lucifer – Latin for rising of Venus in the morning
some Church Fathers used **Lucifer**, then 1611 KJV

Ezekiel 28 on Tyre is similar
passage often seen used as
Satan's Banishment



Genesis

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Genesis

John Milton (1608-74) one of, or for some *the* greatest English poet

His precocious verse @ 10 yrs old

Areopagitica (1644) artful defense
unlicensed work – first works
defending Freedom of Speech

Paradise Lost 1st 1667, 2nd 1674

Married 1643 – wife abandoned him

Though she returned ... begged
forgiveness & he supported her family

1649 appointed Latin Secretary

1652, he had lost his sight – **BLIND**

Paradise Lost was written while
BLIND with the help of his
two daughters & others



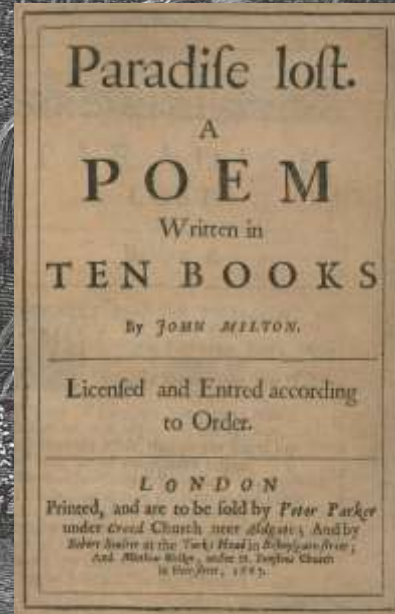
1629 –
21 yrs old



Serpent in Garden
John Milton's
Paradise Lost 1866
by Gustave Doré



Statue of John Milton in the south
aisle of the Church of Saint
Giles-without-Cripplegate



John Milton (1608-74) *Paradise Lost* 1674 ✨

- Bk I After the expulsion of the Devils
from heaven; Satan's character
- Bk II Council of Devils in Pandemonium Plot Evil
- Bk III Council in Heaven & Intro of the Son
- Bk IV Satan Tries to Seduce Eve
- Bk V Raphael teaches Adam about the War in Heaven
- Bk VI Raphael finishes the story of the War in Heaven
- Bk VII Raphael teaches Adam the story of creation
- Bk VIII Adam tells Raphael his and Eve's history
and is warned of Satan's plot
- Bk IX **THE FALL**
- Bk X Judgment; Satan Rejected by the Council of
Pandemonium; Adam & Eve Reconcile
- Bk XI Son Intercedes for Adam & Eve;
Michael Delivers the Sentence
- Bk XII Promise of Redemption;
Expulsion from the Garden



**Satan's Council of Demons
in Pandemonium**
John Milton's *Paradise Lost* 1866
by Gustave Doré

Serpent in Garden
illustration for
John Milton's
***Paradise Lost*, 1866**
by Gustave Doré
(1832-1883)



John Milton's
1674 *Paradise Lost*
Illustrated in 1866
by Gustave Doré



In late 1800s & early 1900s,
there was a tradition
On December 31st ...
wife would **KNEEL** in **FRONT**
of her husband &
apologize for **EVERYTHING**
She got wrong
during the Year.



Male Life Expectancy was also **SHORTEST** during those years

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made.

John Milton (1608-74) *Paradise Lost* 1667

Before the Fall – TIME seems irrelevant

Satan cast out of Heaven to earth BEFORE Gen 3

Milton's fiction fantasizes a War in Heaven
Satan muses his plight in Hell:

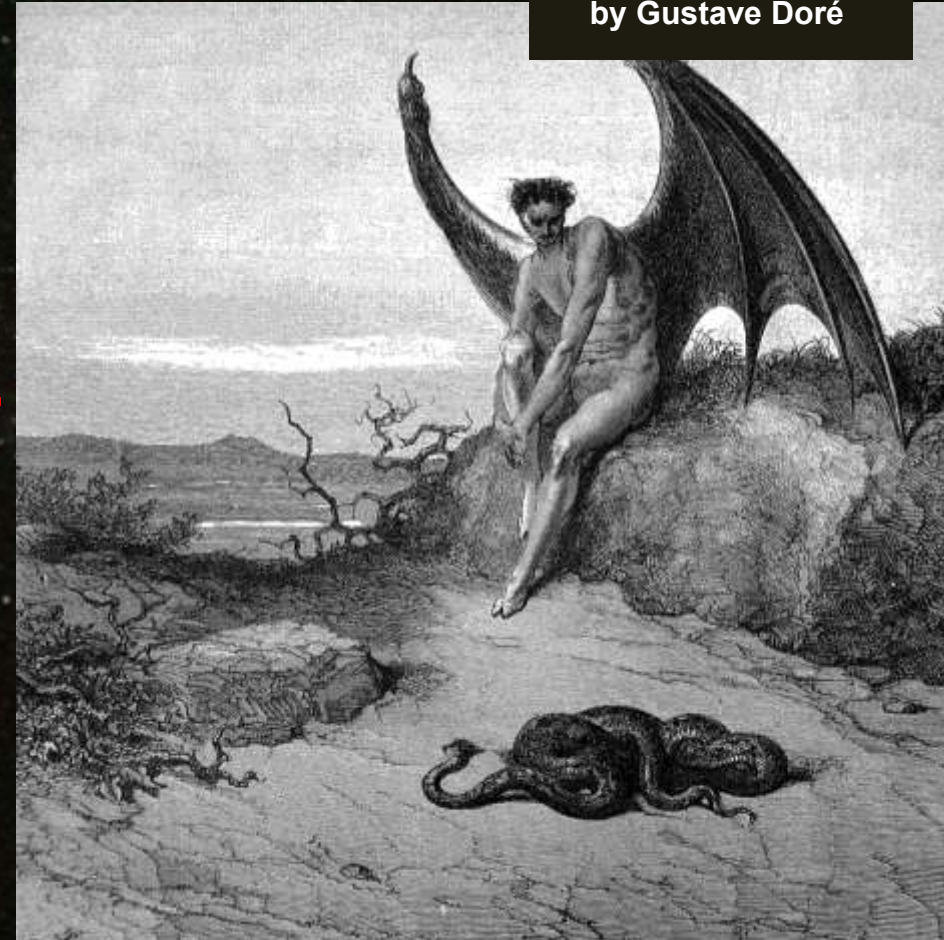
Here we may reign secure; and, in my choice,
To reign is worth ambition, though in Hell:
Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven.

Satan broods & plans to retake Heaven
Beelzebub, 2nd to Satan in power ...
concocts to disrupt God's Paradise ... Milton

Some new race, called Man, about this time
To be created like to us, though less
In power & excellence, but favored more



Satan Brooding
John Milton's
Paradise Lost 1866
by Gustave Doré



Genesis

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.

Now the serpent said to the woman,

“Did God *really* say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

3:2-3 The woman said to the serpent,

“We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God *did* say.

‘You must NOT EAT fruit from the tree the middle of the garde
and you must NOT TOUCH IT, or you will **DIE!**’ ”

Milton's *Paradise Lost* – from Heaven God describes His Son:

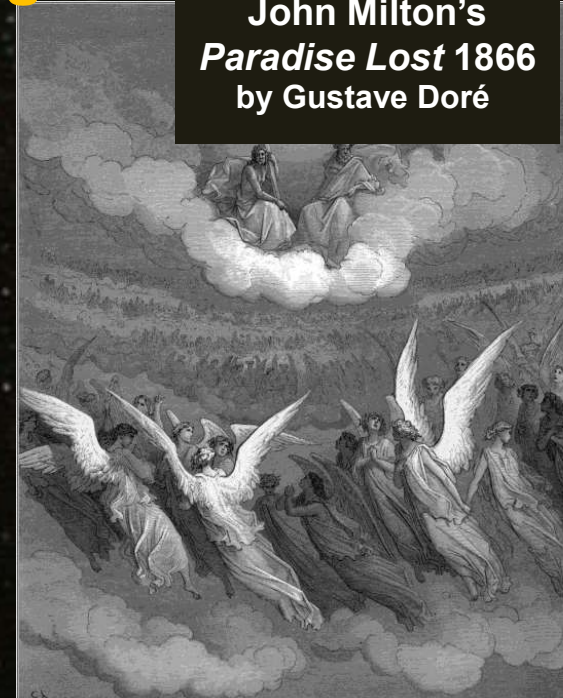
Hail, holy Light, offspring of Heaven firstborn,
Or of the Eternal coeternal beam ...

Dwelt from eternity, dwelt then in thee ...

Whose fountain who shall tell? before the sun,
Before the Heavens thou wert ...



God Explains Son
John Milton's
Paradise Lost 1866
by Gustave Doré



Genesis



God Explains Son
John Milton's
Paradise Lost 1866
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Genesis

3:1 Now the serpent ... “Did God really say ...?”

C.H. Spurgeon on this verse on Dec. 30. 1900:

It is strange that it should be so, but it often is the case that
when Satan shoots his arrow against a Christian,
he wings it with God’s own Word....

Very poignancy of grief, that the **EAGLE**, when the
arrow was drinking up his heart’s **BLOOD**,
saw that the feather that winged it to his bosom
had been plucked from his own breast....

Christian will often have a similar experience.

“Ah!” he will say, “here is a text that I love,
taken from the Book that I prize,
yet it is turned against me.

A weapon out of God’s own armory is made to be
the instrument of dearth against my soul.”



Genesis

3:1 Now the serpent ... “Did God **REALLY** say ...?”

C.S. Lewis' 1942 classic *The Screwtape Letters*

One Demon to a younger Demon on HOW to deceive Humans

dedicated to J.R.R. Tolkien

Demon Uncle Screwtape writes to his young nephew Wormwood

My dear Wormwood, I wonder you should ask me whether it is essential to keep the patient in ignorance of your own existence.

That question ... has been answered for us by the High Command.

Our policy, for the moment, is to conceal ourselves....

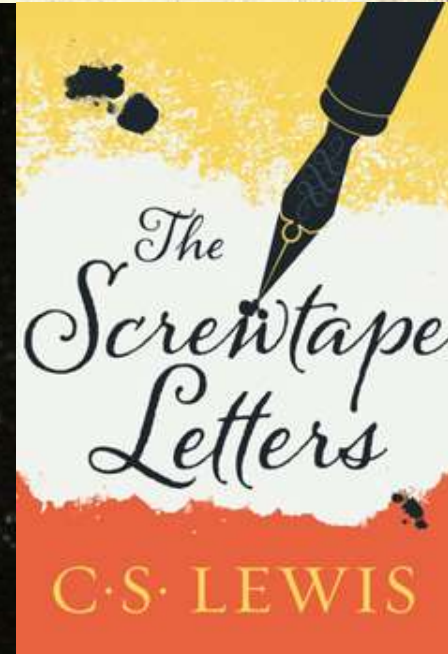
We are really faced with a cruel dilemma.

When the humans **disbelieve** in our existence

we lose all the pleasing results of direct terrorism....

On the other hand, when they **believe** in us,

we cannot make them materialists and sceptics.



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I do not think you will have much difficulty in keeping the patient in the dark.

The fact that ‘devils’ are predominantly comic figures ... will help.

If any faint suspicion of your existence begins to arise in his mind, suggest to him a picture of something in red tights ... he therefore *cannot* believe in you....

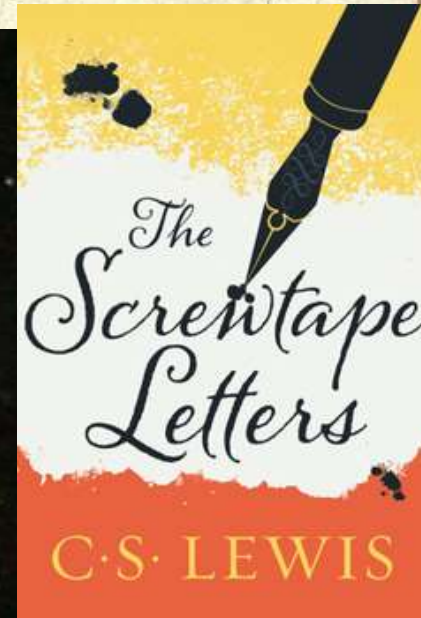
Provided that meetings, pamphlets, policies, movements, causes, and crusades, matter **MORE** to him than prayers and sacraments and charity, **HE IS OURS**—the more ‘religious’ (on those terms) the more securely ours.

I could show you a pretty cageful down here,

Your affectionate Uncle **SCREWTAPE**



dedicated to J.R.R. Tolkien



Genesis

3:4 “You will **NOT** certainly **DIE**,” said serpent,

5 “For God knows that when you eat from it
your eyes will be *opened*, and
you will be *like* God, knowing **GOOD** and **EVIL**.”



Milton's *Paradise Lost* tells how God then describes Satan to the Son
Thus to his only Son foreseeing spake.... Transports our Adversary? ...

So bent he seems on desperate revenge, that shall redound
Upon his own rebellious head. And now ...

Satan wings his way ... Directly towards new created world,

And man there plac'd, with purpose to assay

If him by force he can destroy, or, worse,

By some false guile pervert; and shall pervert;

For man will hearken to his fawning lies,

And easily transgress the Sole Command,

Sole pledge of his obedience: So will FALL



Fall of Satan
John Milton's
Paradise Lost 1866
by Gustave Doré



Satan Descends to Earth

John Milton's
Paradise Lost 1866
by Gustave Doré



Fall of Satan

John Milton's
Paradise Lost 1866
by Gustave Doré

Genesis

3:6 When the woman SAW that the fruit of the tree was GOOD for food & PLEASING to the eye...



Legend based on real Johann Georg Faust (1466-1541)

Faust—an ambitious scholar *deals* for his **S O U L**

Mephistopheles is the **Devil's agent** in the guise of a Franciscan Monk
many poems, novels, plays from 1200s to today

Faust gets magic powers & wisdom for x# Years
AFTER—Devil gets his soul for eternity

One of most famous Faust stories, two-part play by
Goethe *pt 1* 1808 & *pt 2* 1832 – in German
many see best English trans by Albert G. Latham 1908

After listening to Faust pine away



Mephistopheles flying over Wittenberg,
1828 lithograph by Eugène Delacroix

Dr. FAUST *A knock ! Come in!* ✨
Who comes AGAIN to spite me?

Demon MEPHISTOPHELES *'Tis I!*

Dr. FAUST *Come in!*

MEPHISTOPHELES *THREE TIMES you must invite me!* ✨

Dr. FAUST *Come in then !*

MEPHISTOPHELES *Good! Now we shall be Fast Friends, I hope ...*

*For here to chase your brain-sick fancies
I come, a squire of high degree;
In raiment RED, with gold all braided,
In silken mantle, stiff brocaded,
A jaunty cock's plume in my cap,
And on my hip, a long keen weapon;
And here is COUNSEL full of sap....*



Mephistopheles flying over Wittenberg,
1828 lithograph by Eugène Delacroix

Genesis

3:6 When the woman SAW that the fruit of the tree was GOOD for food & PLEASING to the eye and also DESIRABLE for gaining wisdom, SHE TOOK SOME & ATE IT.

She also gave some to her husband, who was WITH her. & HE ATE IT.

And SATAN smiled ... a broad shrewd smile of great satiation ... *pleased* from toe to horns

Whatever eon between Gen 2's blissful Garden & Satan's banishment from Heaven before Gen 3

From ALL we know of Satan's delights ...

This was Satan's Greatest DAY
be assured NO surprise to GOD



Genesis


3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realized they were **NAKED**; so they sewed **FIG** leaves together & made coverings for themselves.

Discovering their nakedness ...

Before **The Fall** ...

different *innocent* time

a time we **CANNOT** comprehend

THE FALL marks the human race 
as WE ourselves know it ... 4,000+ later

The Good, The BAD, The UGLY

Satan now shall inflict what mayhem

he can until his **END**



Satan's Council of Demons
John Milton's *Paradise Lost* 1866
by Gustave Doré

Genesis

3:8 Then the man & his wife
heard the **SOUND** of the LORD God
as he was walking in the garden
in the cool of the day, and
they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.



Don't YOU wish you knew the **SOUND** of God walking?

To be able to distinguish GOD's footsteps ... to **KNOW** it was God?

9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 Adam answered, "I heard you in the garden, and
I was afraid because I was naked; **so I HID.**"

FIRST time in human history that the Dark Side was exercised ...

FIRST time in human history that Man tried to **HIDE** ...

Nowadays, we have made "**HIDING**" an art form

Genesis

3:10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden,
I was afraid because I was naked; so **I HID.**”



11 And God said,
“Who told you that you were **NAKED?**

Have you eaten from The Tree that
I commanded you **NOT** to eat from?”

No one “told” Adam ... this was the birth of a spiritual conscience
God **KNEW** what happened ...

God **KNEW** Adam was ashamed of his Garden Salad & Fig Leaves
God **PRESSED** Adam for *Adam's sake* ...

Adam was **NOT** fooled ... Adam **KNEW** he disobeyed ...

YET prior to this ... Adam was **100% FREE** ... **100% FREE**

Adam did **NOT** know **ANY FAILURE** ... not until his Garden Salad

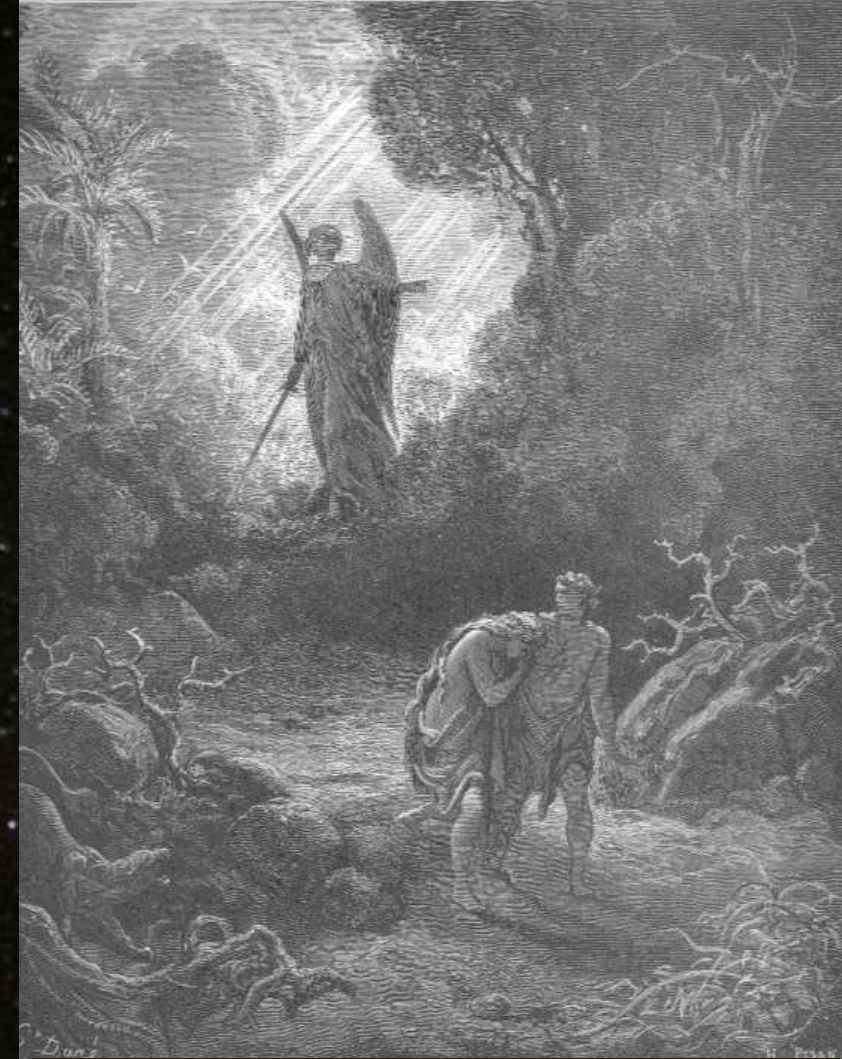
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3:12 The MAN said, “The WOMAN you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”
The WOMAN said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, CURSED are you... crawl on your belly ... ALL the days of your life.

So the SERPENT was not Snake-like UNTIL?
that is the story ... critics call this myth
ORIGIN of the SNAKE from the Garden Curse



Adam & Eve Banished from Garden
John Milton's *Paradise Lost* 1866
by Gustave Doré

Genesis

3:15 I will put enmity between you & the woman,
and between your offspring and hers

Called the **FIRST Gospel Message** ... as
Spurgeon says, with God the Preacher &
ALL of Humanity & Satan in the pews

As C. H. Spurgeon said in Nov 26, 1876

Day of cruel triumph to Satan such joy
as his dark mind is capable of had filled him,
for had he indulged his malice,
and gratified his spite.

He had in the worst sense destroyed a
PART of God's works, he had introduced sin ...
Satan had stamped the human race
with his own image



Charles H. Spurgeon by
Alexander Melville (1834-1892)



Adam & Eve Banished from Garden
John Milton's *Paradise Lost* 1666
by Gustave Doré

Genesis

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and between your offspring and hers;

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Satan ... gained new forces to promote rebellion ...
he felt that sort of gladness which a *fiend*
can know who bears a HELL within him.

But now God comes in, takes up the quarrel
personally, and causes Satan to be disgraced
on the very battle-field upon which
he had gained a temporary success.

GOD tells the dragon that he will undertake
to deal with him; this quarrel **SHALL NOT**
SHALL NOT be between the serpent & man,
but between God & the serpent.



Adam & Eve Banished from Garden

John Milton's *Paradise Lost* 1866

by Gustave Doré

Genesis

3:16 To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children.

Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

FAMILY ... we see the family structure ...

Still more to come in the New Testament ...

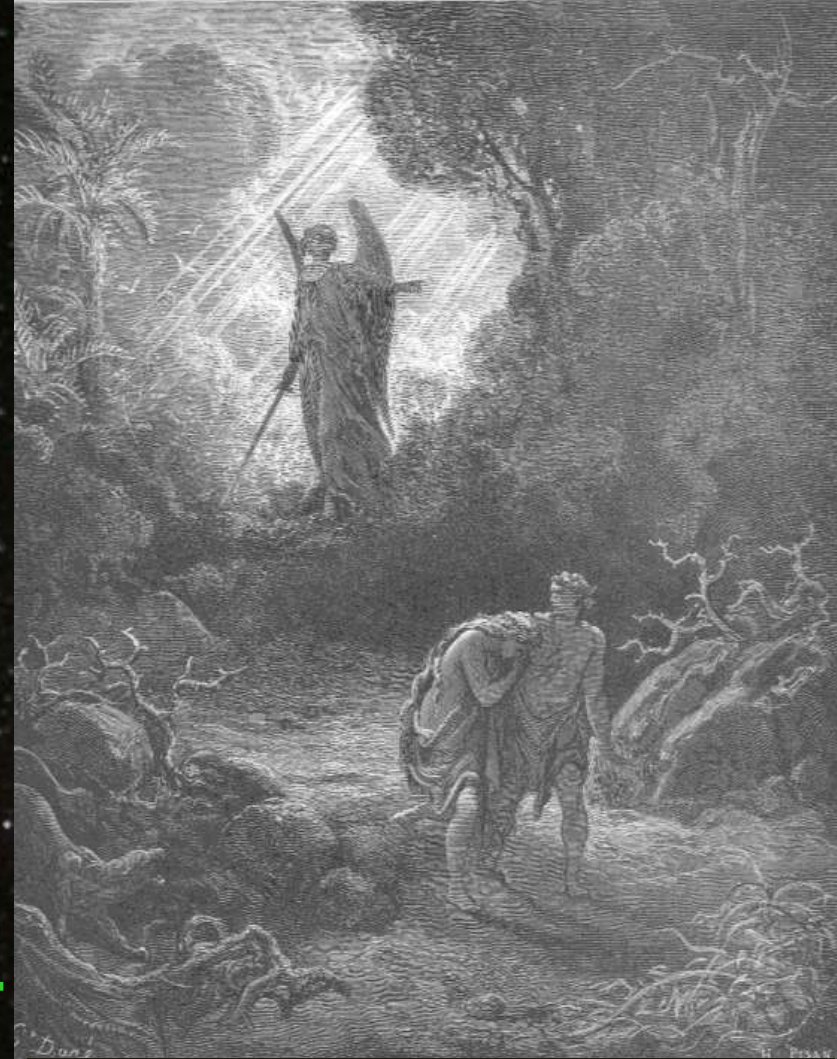
Male Husband & Female Wife ...

TODAY it seems ODD ... FEELS odd to clarify:

Biblically—*Male Husband & Female Wife ..*

Since the Garden Curse ... SATAN has been

ATTACKING the FAMILY



Adam & Eve Banished from Garden

John Milton's *Paradise Lost* 1866

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Genesis

3:17 To Adam he said,

“Because you listened to your wife ...

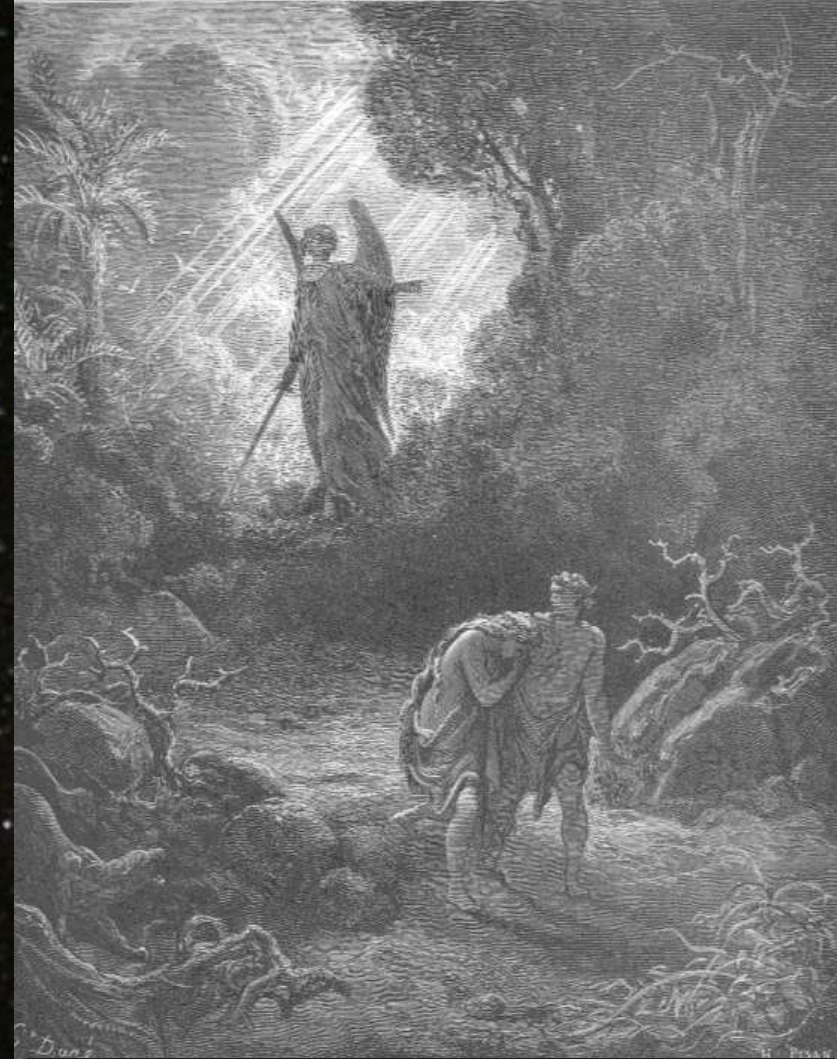
“Cursed is the ground because of you;
thru painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.

18 It will produce thorns & thistles for you,
you will eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat ...
until you return to the ground ...
for dust you are & to dust you will return.”

Since the Garden Curse, SATAN has been

ATTACKING MEN



Adam & Eve Banished from Garden

John Milton's *Paradise Lost* 1866

by Gustave Doré

Genesis

3:20 Adam named his wife Eve,
because she would become the
Mother of ALL the Living.

Mother of ALL Humans ...
of the *entire* Human Race ...
We are ALL related ...

Ancestry.com ... has a SALE
save up to 40% by Dec. 31st

Trace your lineage ALL the way back

NOT to an ameba, tadpole, or walking FISH

but to Adam & Eve ...



Genesis

3:21 The LORD God made garments of skin
for Adam & his wife & clothed them.

22 LORD God said, "The man has now become
like one of us,

KNOWING GOOD & EVIL

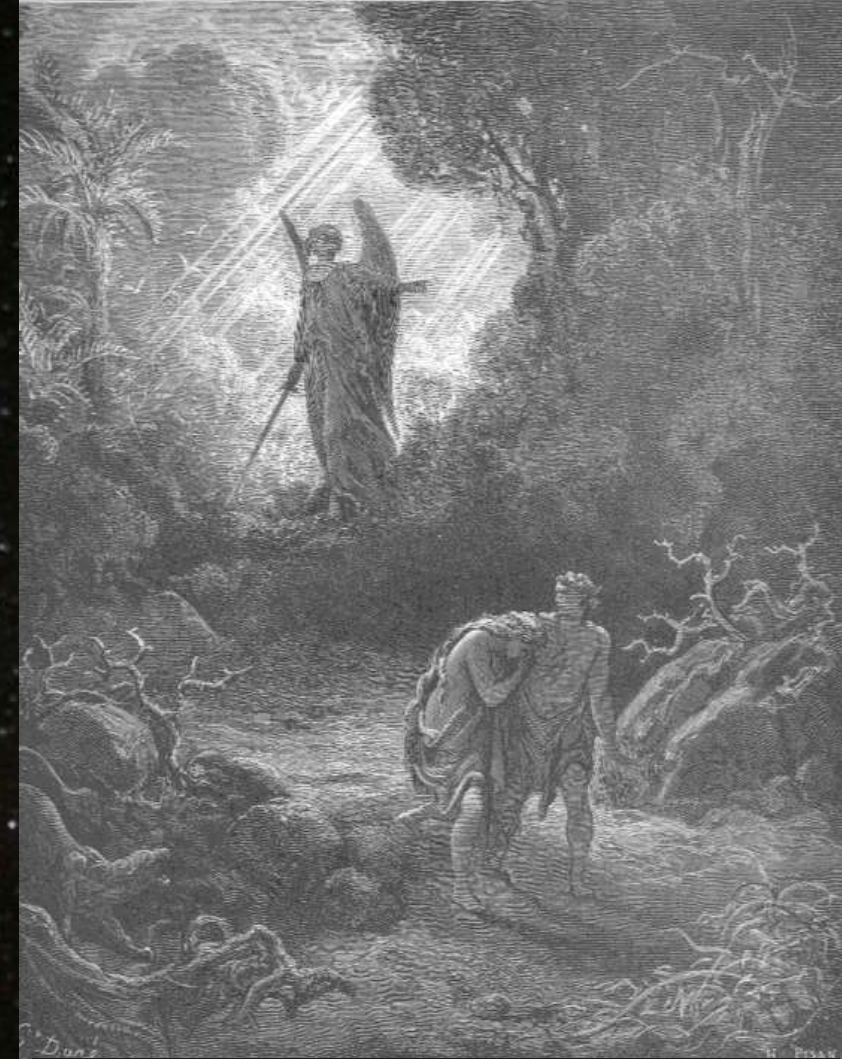
He must not be allowed to reach out his hand &
take also from the Tree of Life and eat and

LIVE FOREVER

John H. Newman, c. 1850 said Adam & Eve took
"the word of a Professor of Lying **Satan**,
that he does **NOT LIE!**"

Friedrich Philippi, c. 1883, "So man became
like God, a setter of law to himself.

Man's self-elevation to godhood was his **FALL**.
God's self-humiliation to manhood was man's restoration & elevation."



Adam & Eve Banished from Garden

John Milton's *Paradise Lost* 1866

by Gustave Doré

Genesis

3:23 So the LORD God *banished*
Adam & Eve from the Garden of Eden....

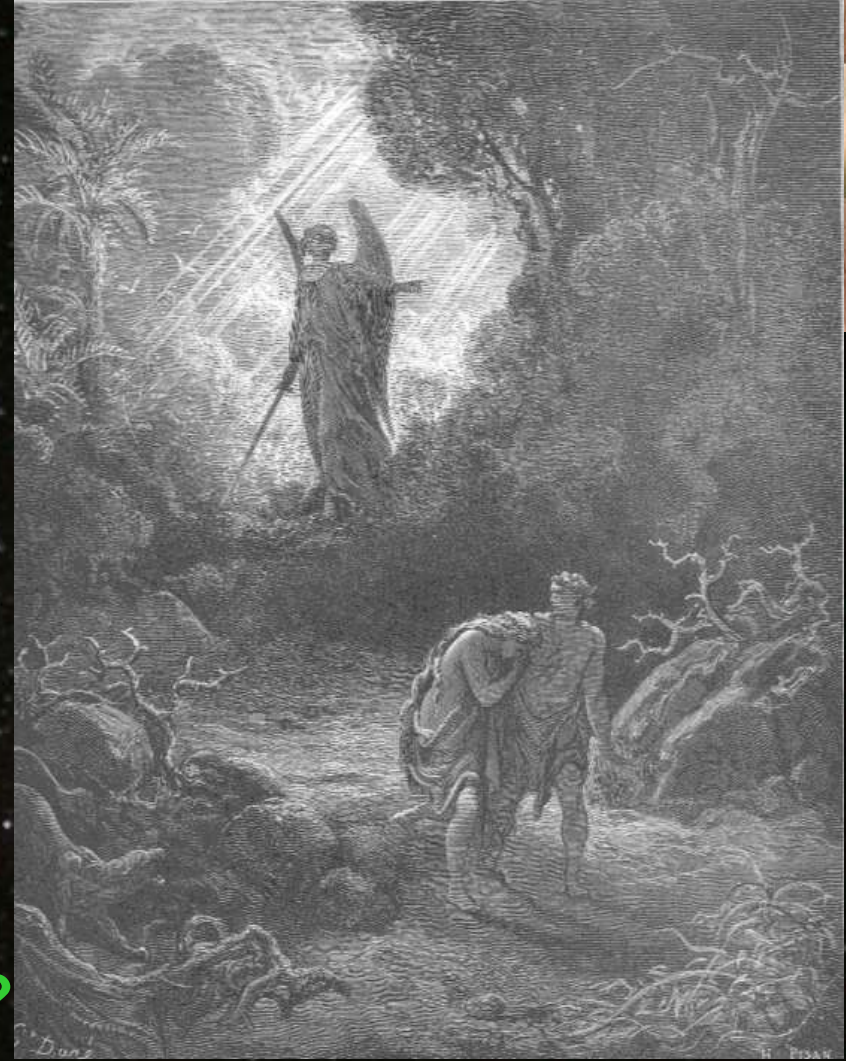
24 After he drove the man out,
God placed on the east side of the
Garden of Eden cherubim and a
flaming sword flashing back & forth
to GUARD THE WAY to the TREE OF LIFE.

What happened to the *Guarded* Garden of Eden?
... & to the *Everlasting* Tree of Life?

IF from a bite ... Adam would LIVE FOREVER
why is the Angel-guarded gate no longer seen?

Don't KNOW ... as we don't know details about the
Fall of Satan between Gen 2 & 3 ...

I suspect after a *time* God closed the Garden & saved the Tree of Life for later



Genesis – the Beginning

Garden of Eden ... we had a chance at a
Perfect Family ... with

Perfect In-Laws

Perfect Brothers, Sisters, Aunts
Uncles, Grandpas, Grandmas

Leave It to Beaver & FATHER Knows Best

But we – you & I – messed it up ...



You & I could *not* have done better ...

100% FREEDOM too Big for us ...

Now we must *contend* with Satan ... and
contend w our own contrary selves ...

Yet take courage ... GOD knew & planned
NO *return* to the Garden of Eden

Heaven much *better* than Eden ... we'll share God's own Eternal LIFE & LOVE



Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year



FAMILY—from the Fall to Heaven

Christmas Blessings