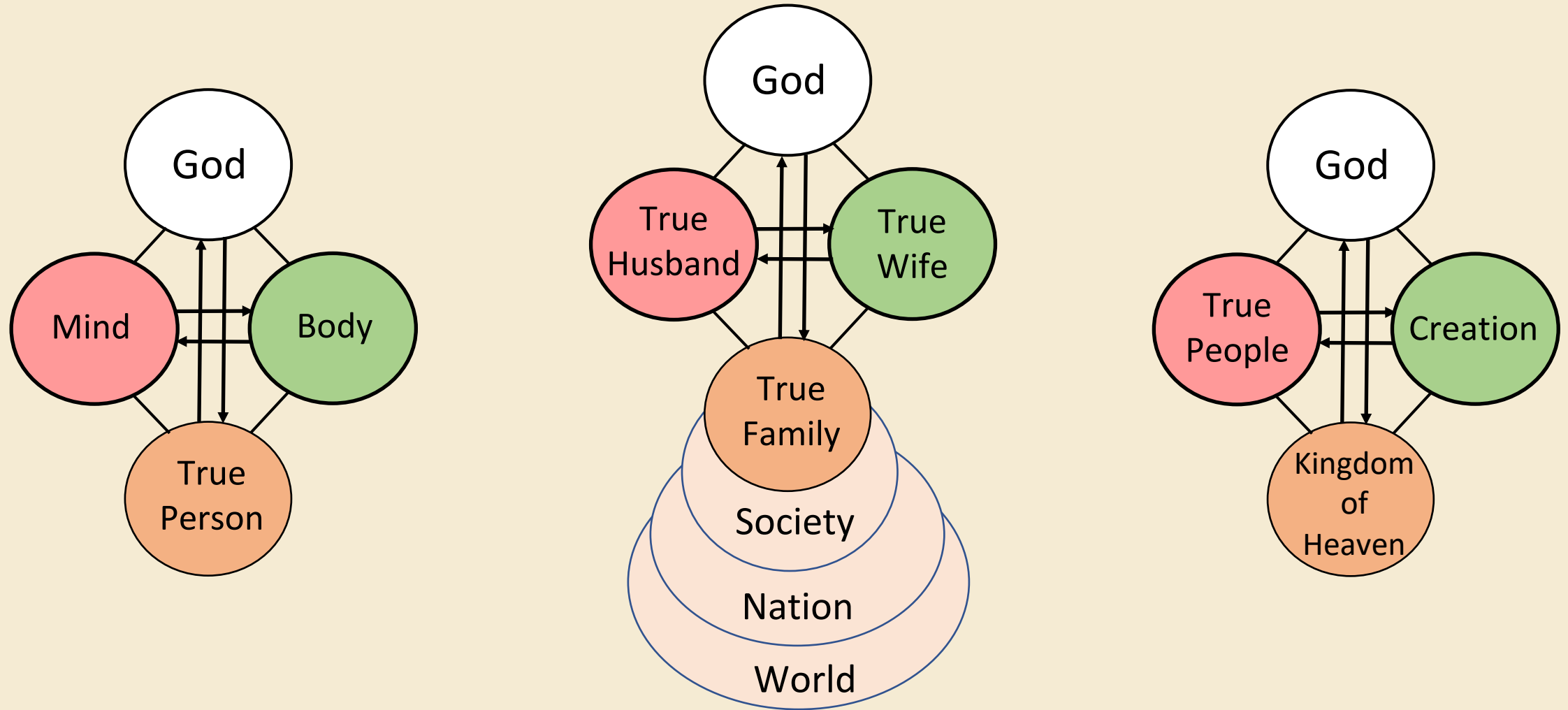
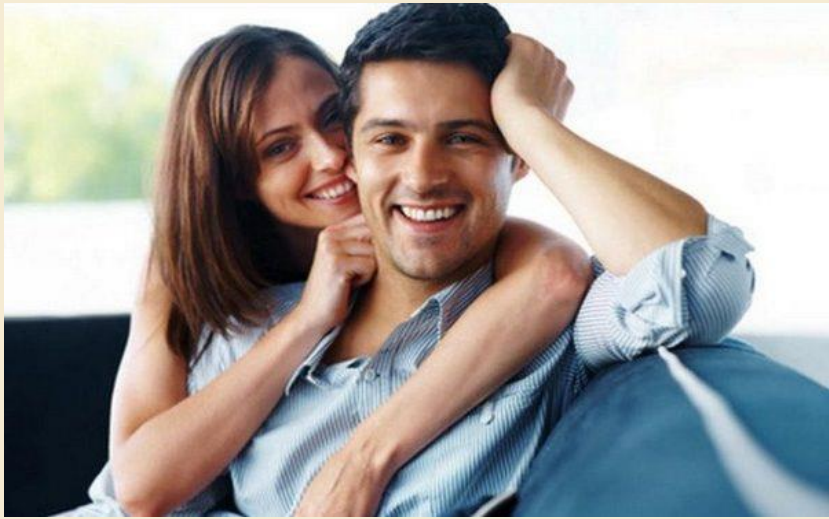


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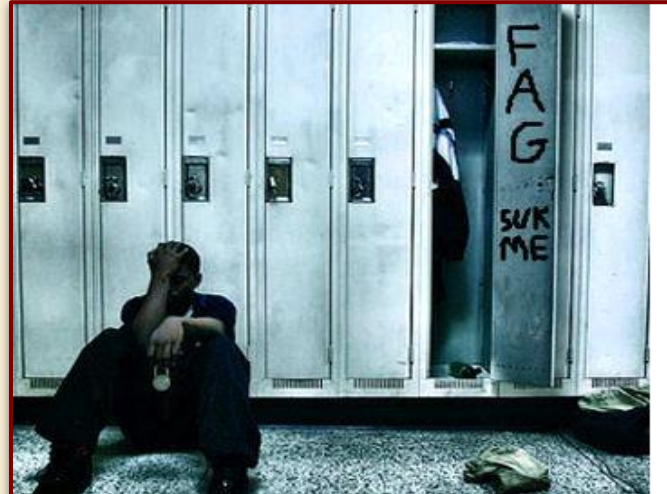
The Origin of Evil

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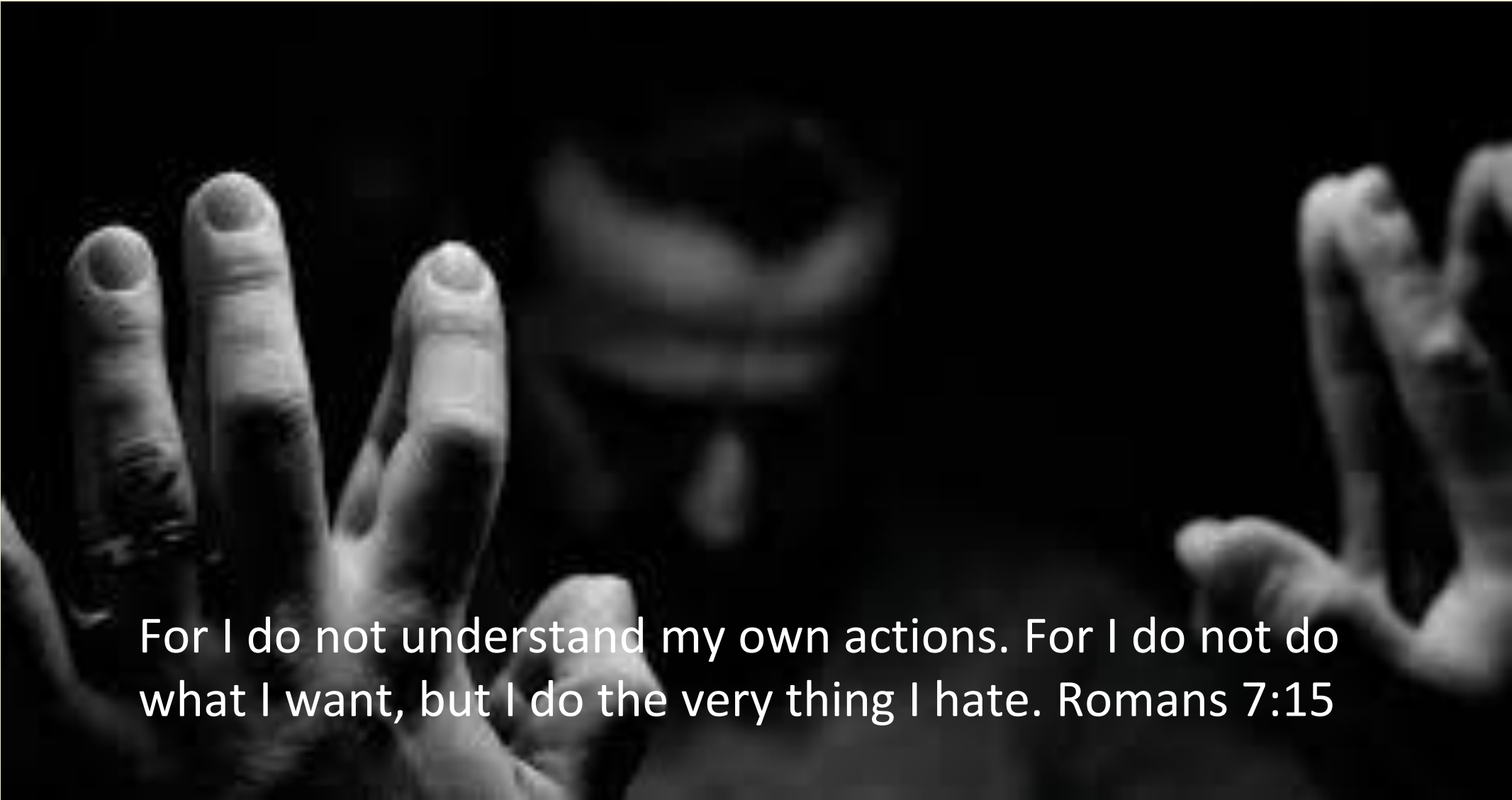




Reality of Evil & Suffering in the World



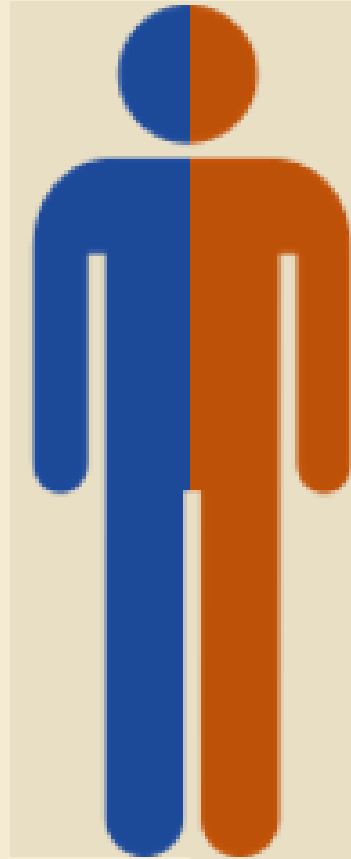




For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Romans 7:15

Contradictory Nature of Human Beings

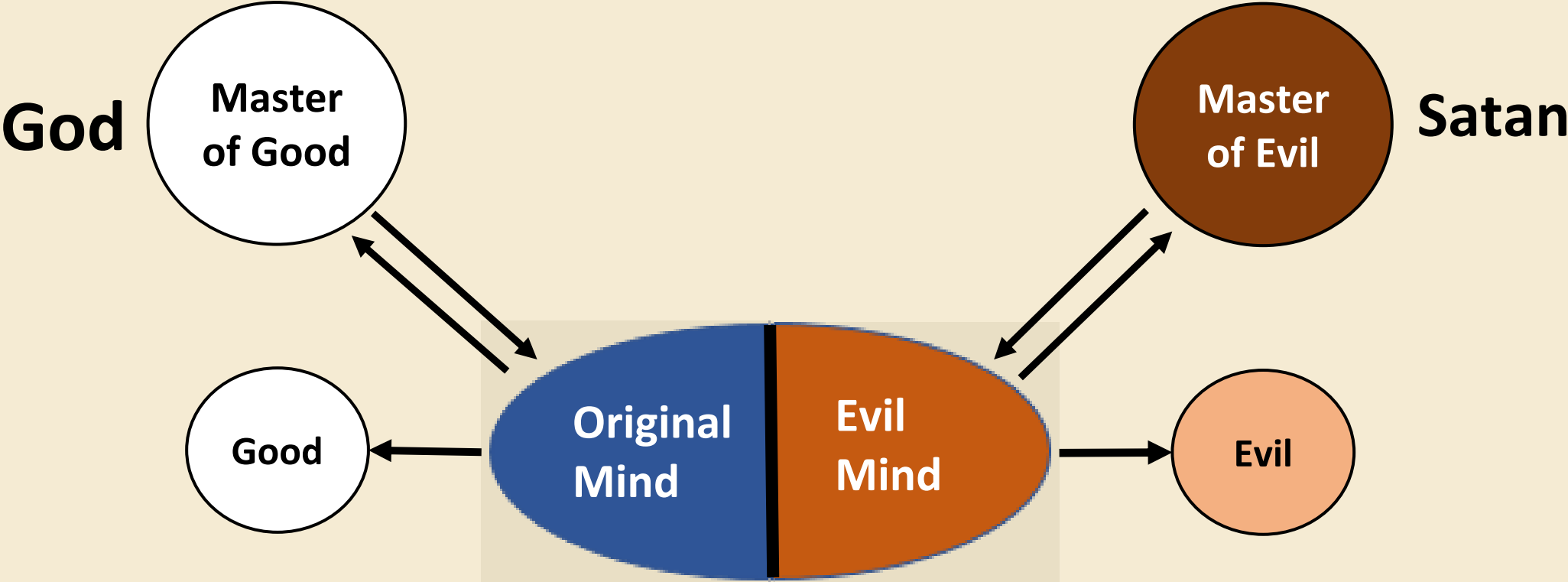
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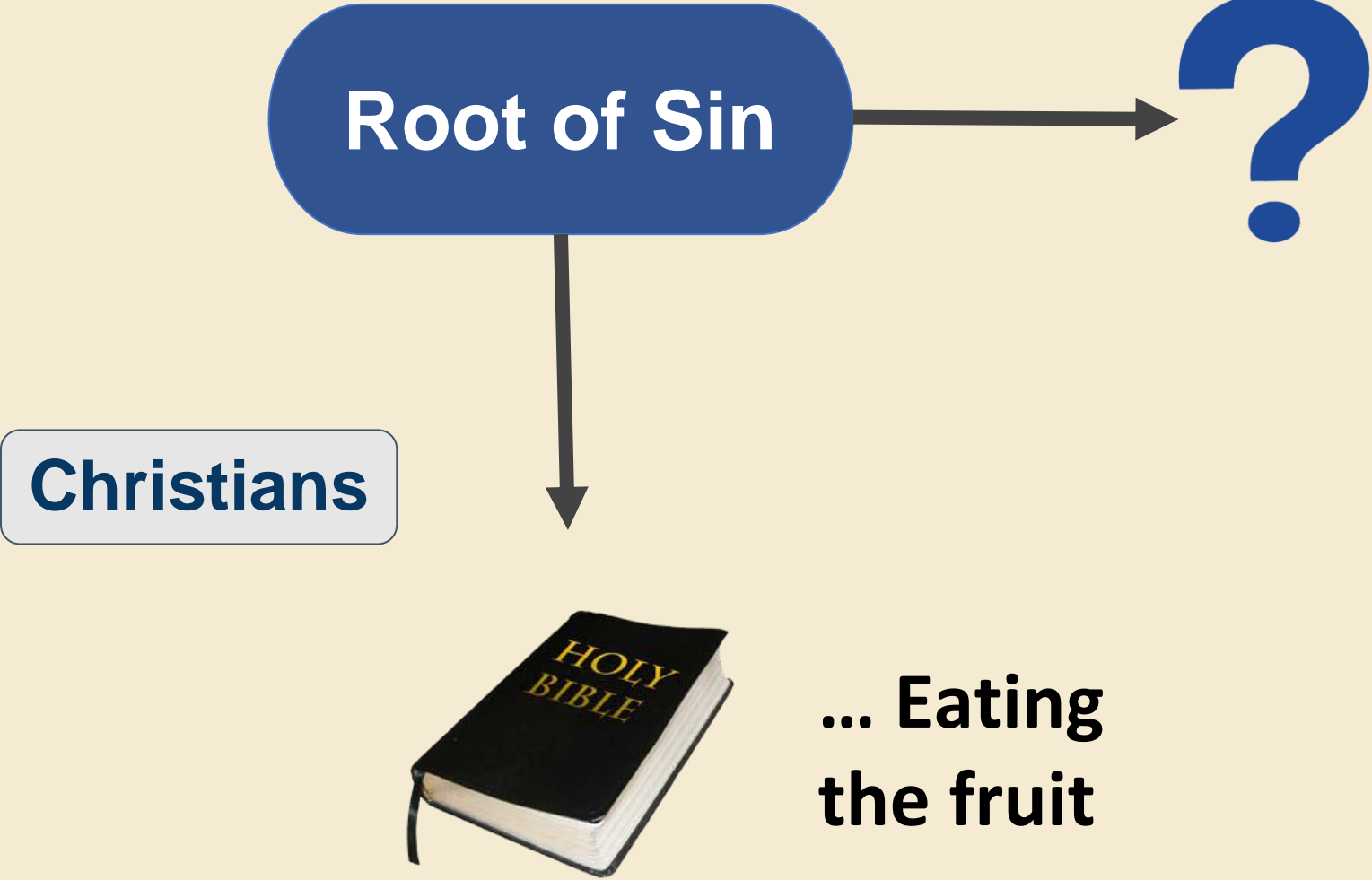
- Desire to do good
- Follow our conscience
- Experience peace and joy

- Desire to do evil
- Deny our conscience
- Experience guilt and shame

The Contradictory Nature of Human Beings



The Root of Sin



The Temptation and Fall of Man

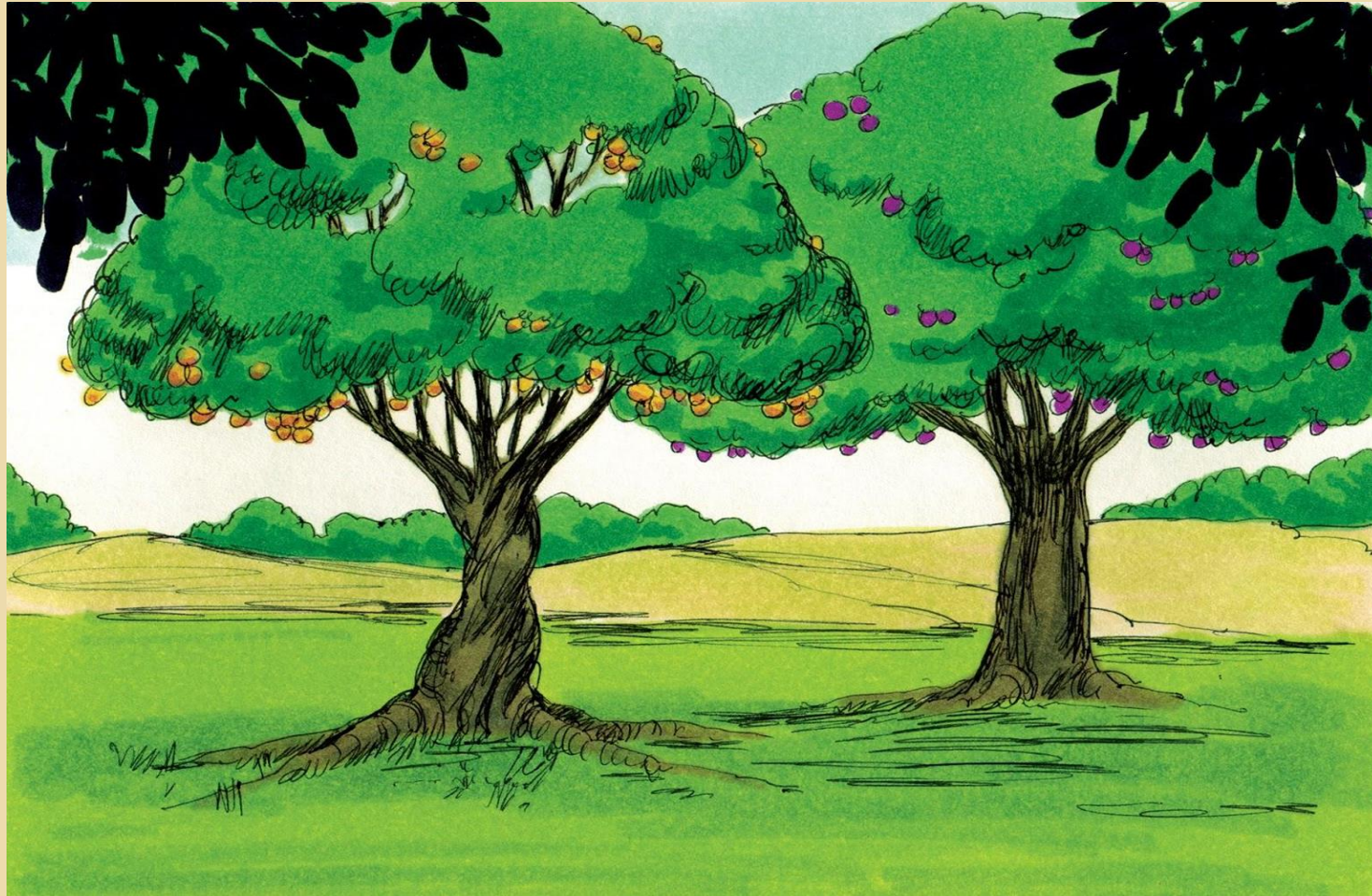
Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. Genesis 3:1-7

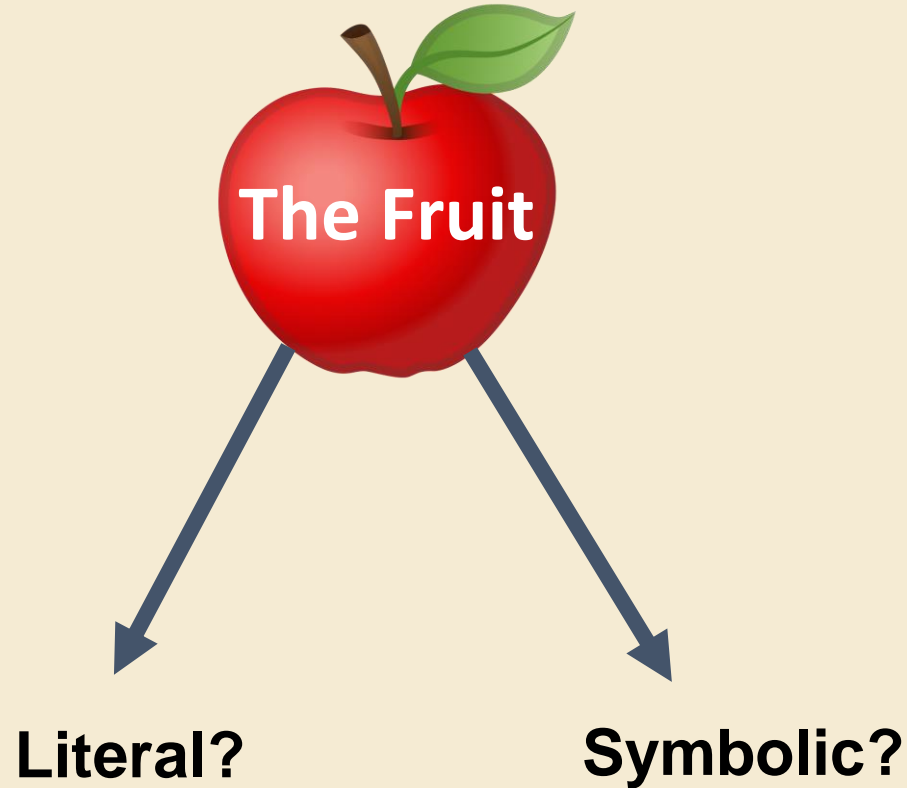
The Tree of Life & The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil



The Serpent and the Fruit



What was the Fruit?



The Fruit- a test of obedience?

There are those who believe that God made the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and commanded Adam and Eve not to eat it in order to test their obedience to Him.

The Fruit- a test of obedience?

We may ask: would the God of love test humans so mercilessly by a means that could cause their death?

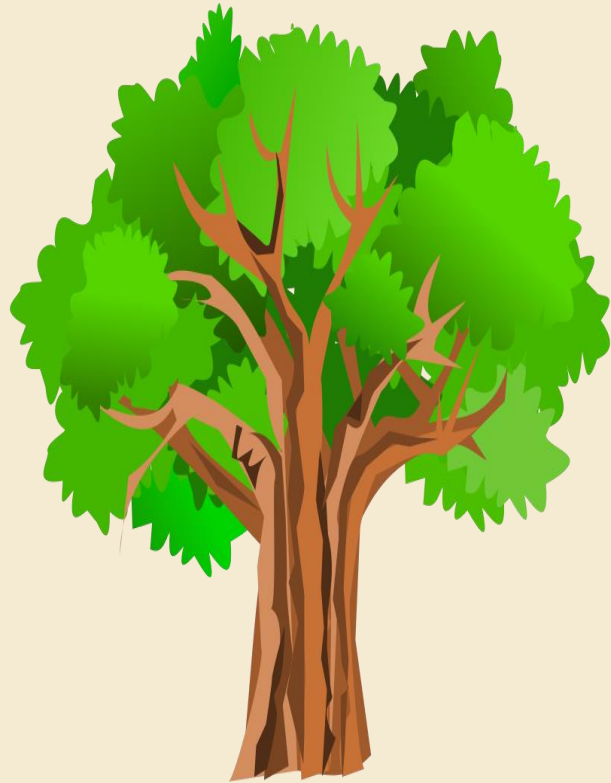
Adam and Eve Risked their Lives for the Fruit

Adam and Eve knew they would die the moment they ate the fruit, for God had told them so. Yet still they ate it. Adam and Eve did not lack for food.

They would not have risked their lives and disobeyed God only to obtain some delicacy.

Therefore, we can surmise that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil could not have been an ordinary fruit. Rather, it must have been something so extraordinarily stimulating that even the fear of death did not deter them from grasping it.

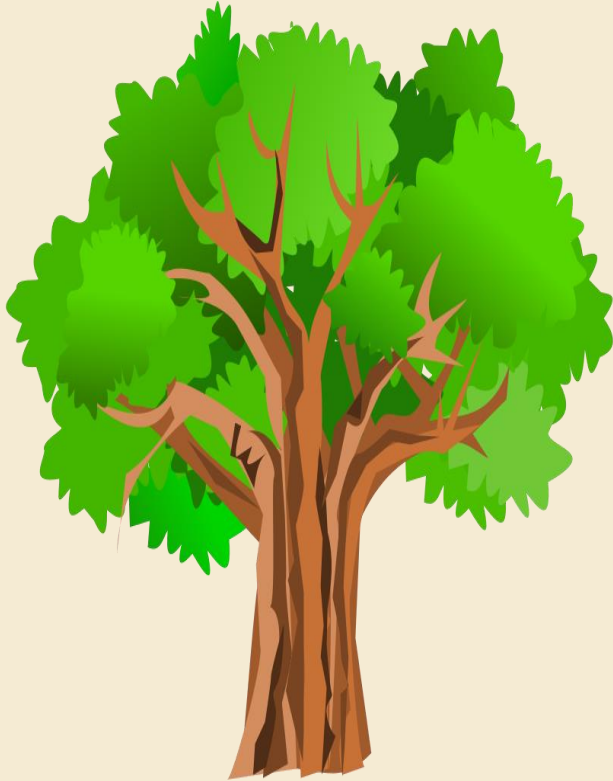
The Meaning of the Tree of Life



Symbolizes



The Meaning of the Tree of Life



*Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but **a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.***

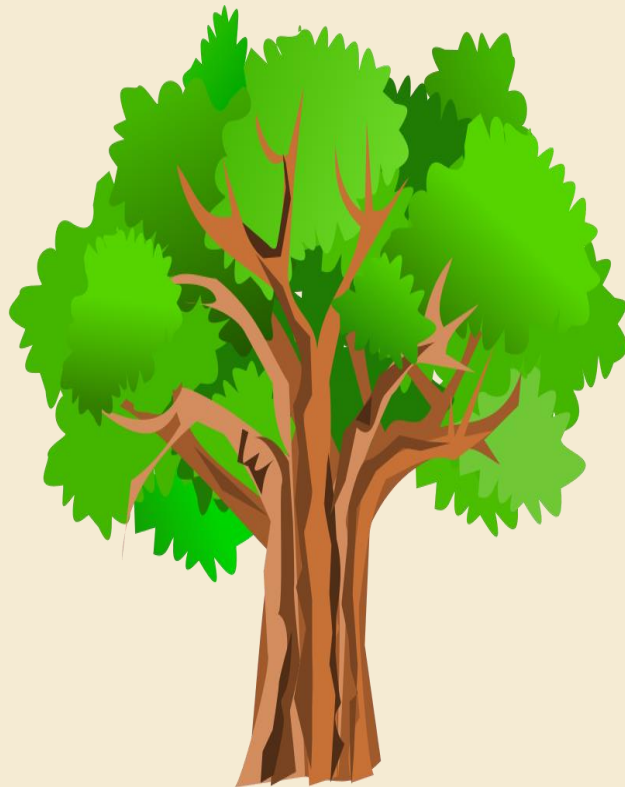
Proverbs 13:12

*"**I am the vine; you are the branches.** If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

*"**Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.**"*

Revelation 22:14

The Meaning of the Tree of Life



Symbolizes



**Perfected
Adam**

The Meaning of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil



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The Meaning of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil



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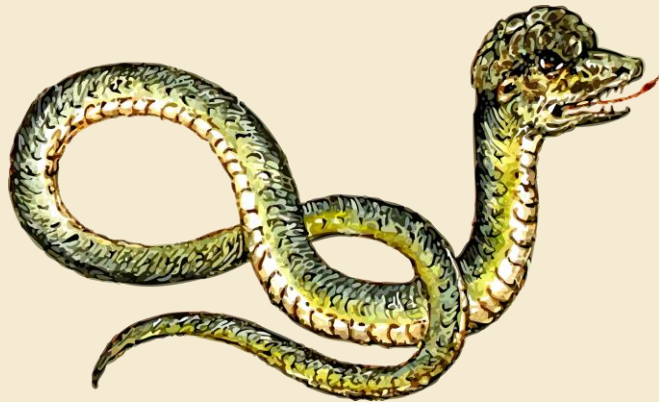
Eve

The Identity of the Serpent

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Revelation 12:9

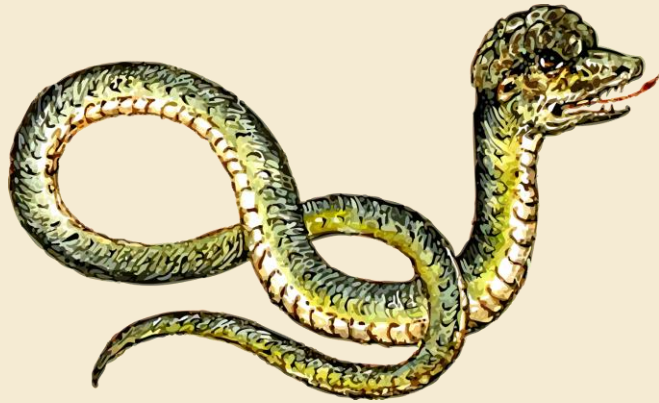
How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Isaiah 14:12

The Identity of the Serpent



- Was able to speak
- Was a spiritual being (knew the will of God)
- Originally a being of goodness
- Dominated Adam and Eve after the Fall
- Known as the Devil and Satan

The Identity of the Serpent



Symbolizes



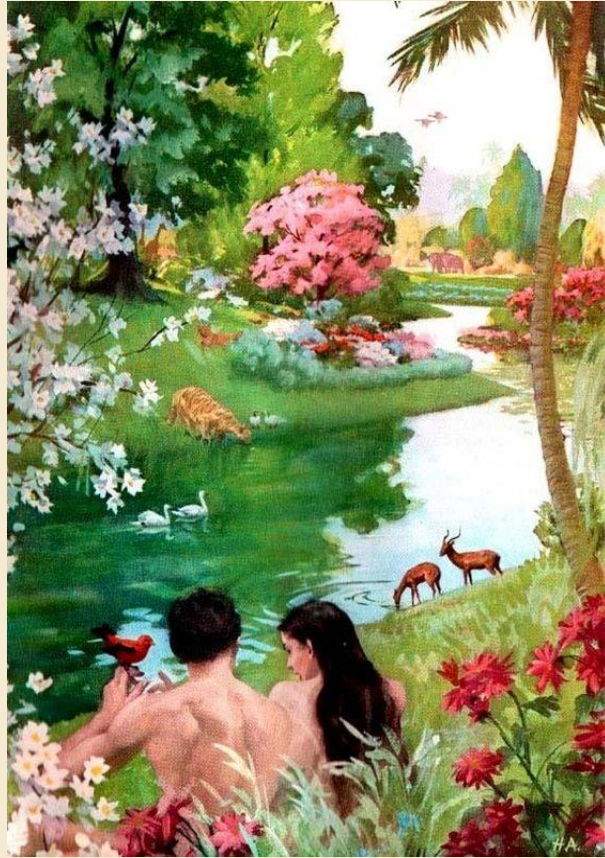
Archangel Lucifer

The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings

*And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— **just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.** Jude 6-7*

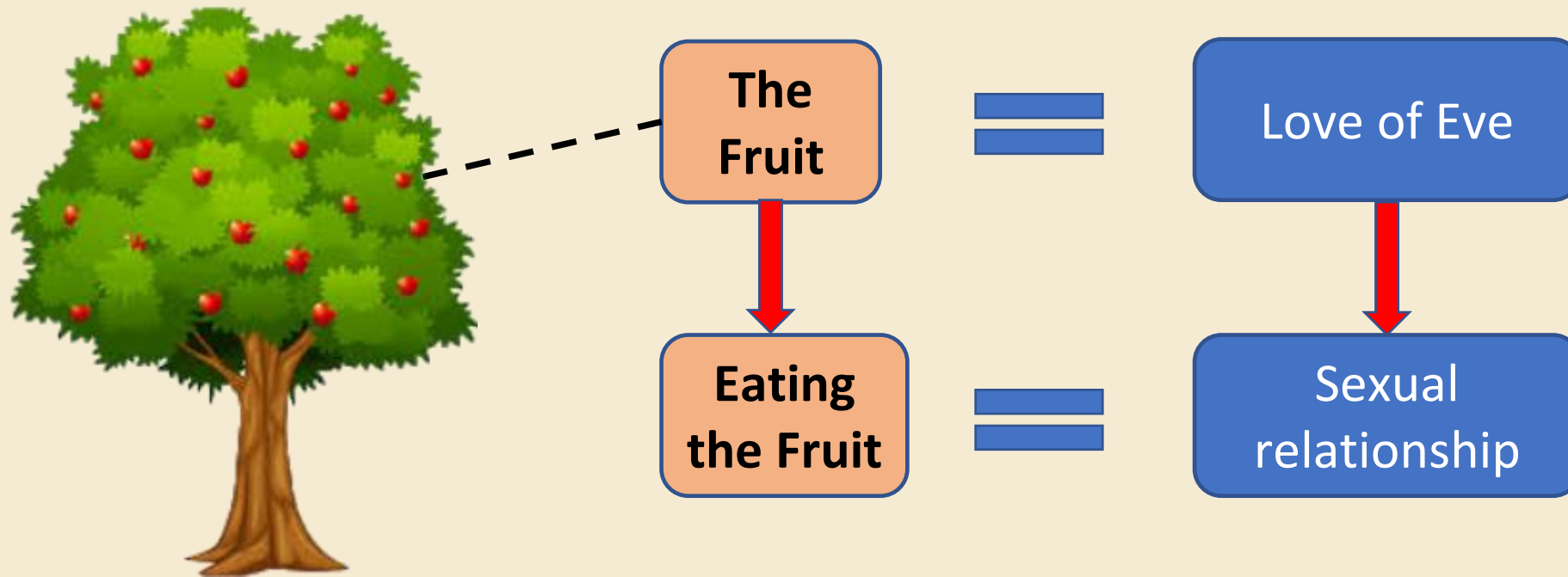
The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings

Before the Fall –
Naked and
unashamed
Genesis 2:25



After the Fall –
Covered their lower parts
Genesis 3:7

The Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

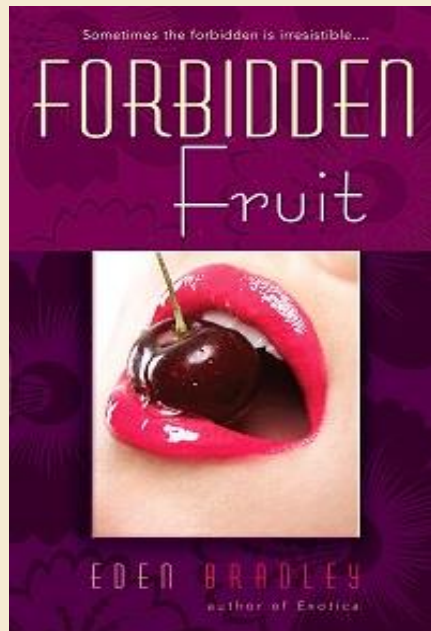


“Eating the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil”

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” Genesis 4:1

*How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights! Your stature is like a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters. I say **I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its fruit.** Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples, and your mouth like the best wine.*

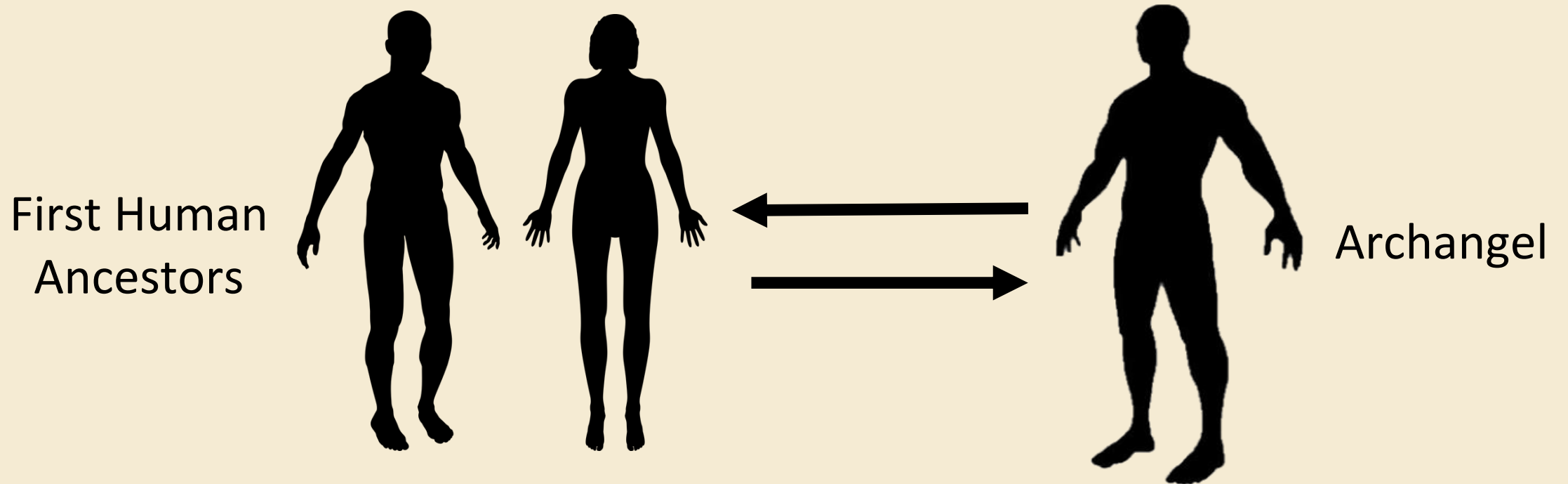
Song of Solomon 7:6-9



“Nakedness” after the Fall

None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the LORD. The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness. The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover. The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for theirs is your own nakedness. Leviticus 18:6-10

The Root of Sin



Illicit Sexual Relationship

The Motivation and Process of the Fall

- God's desire was to create a world where His children could live in His kingdom of love.
- What could have driven the archangel, Eve and Adam to sin against God?

Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings

Like all beings, angels were created by God. God created them prior to any other creation. In the biblical account of the creation of heaven and earth, we find that God spoke in the plural: “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”

This is not because God was referring to Himself as the Holy Trinity, as many theologians have interpreted the passage. Rather, He was speaking to the angels, whom He had created before human beings.

Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings

God created angels to assist Him in creating and sustaining the universe.

In the Bible we find many instances of angels working for the Will of God:

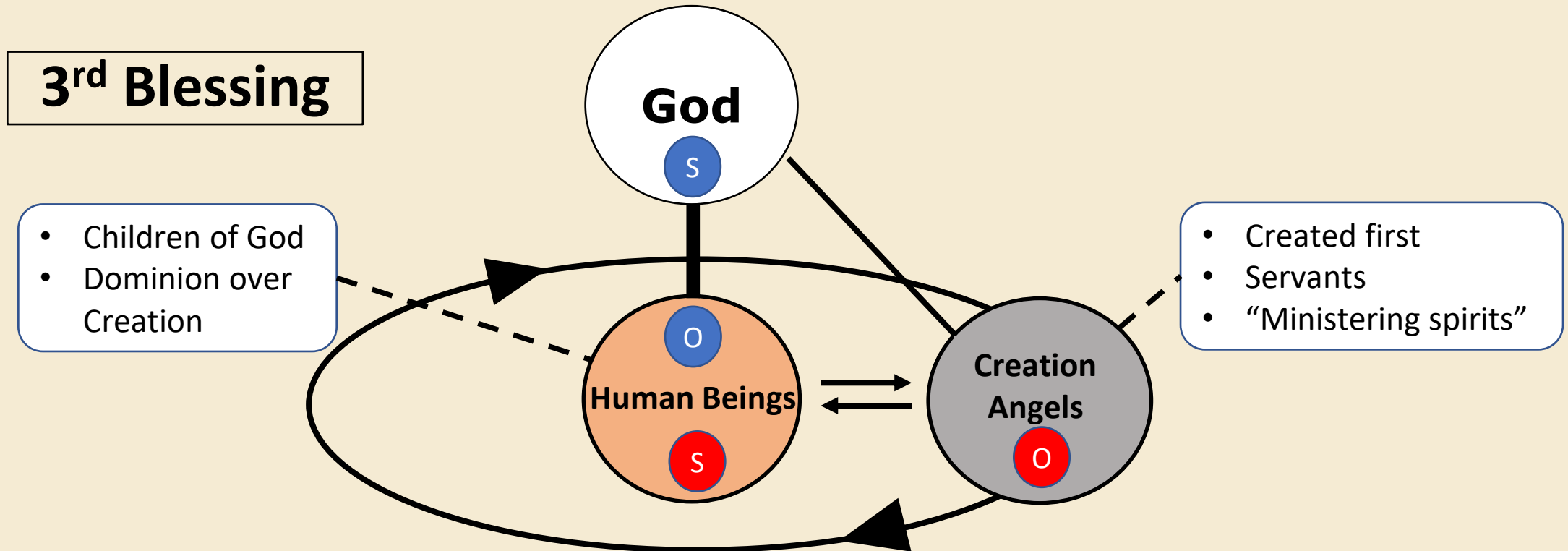
- Angels conveyed to Abraham important words of God's blessing
- An angel heralded the conception of Christ
- An angel unchained Peter and led him out of prison and into the city
- The angel who escorts John in the Book of Revelation calls himself “a servant”
- In Hebrews angels are referred to as “ministering spirits.”

Our Relationship with Angels

*Do you not know that **we are to judge angels?** How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 1 Cor. 6:3*

*Are they not all **ministering spirits sent out to serve** for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Heb. 1:14*

The Creation of Angels and their Relationship to Human Beings



Before the Fall

Lucifer, as the archangel, was the channel of God's love to the angelic world. He virtually monopolized the love of God.

However, after God created human beings as His children, He loved them many times more than he had ever loved Lucifer, whom He had created as a servant.

Lucifer felt a decrease in love

When Lucifer saw that God loved Adam and Eve more than him, he felt as if there had been a decrease in the love he received from God.

This situation is similar to the biblical parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16).

Although the laborers who had worked since morning received a fair wage, when they saw that those who came later and worked less received just as much, they felt underpaid.

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Lucifer left his position as God's servant

Lucifer, feeling as though he were receiving less love than he deserved, wanted to grasp the same central position in human society as he enjoyed in the angelic world, as the channel of God's love. This was why he seduced Eve, and this was the motivation of the spiritual fall.

The Spiritual Fall and the Physical Fall

**Spirit
Self**



Adam



Eve

Spiritual Fall



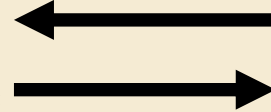
Lucifer

**Physical
Self**



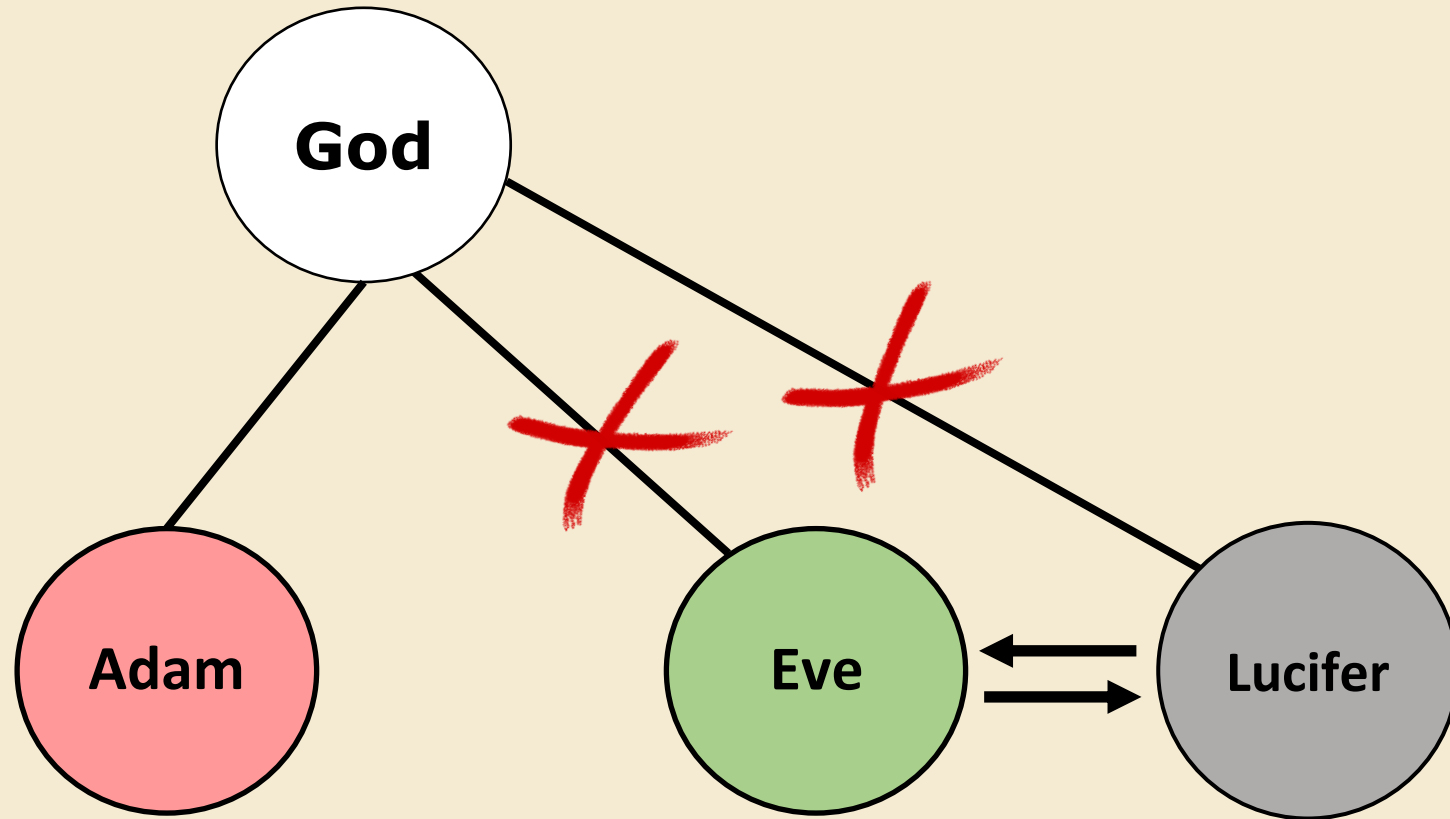
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Physical Fall



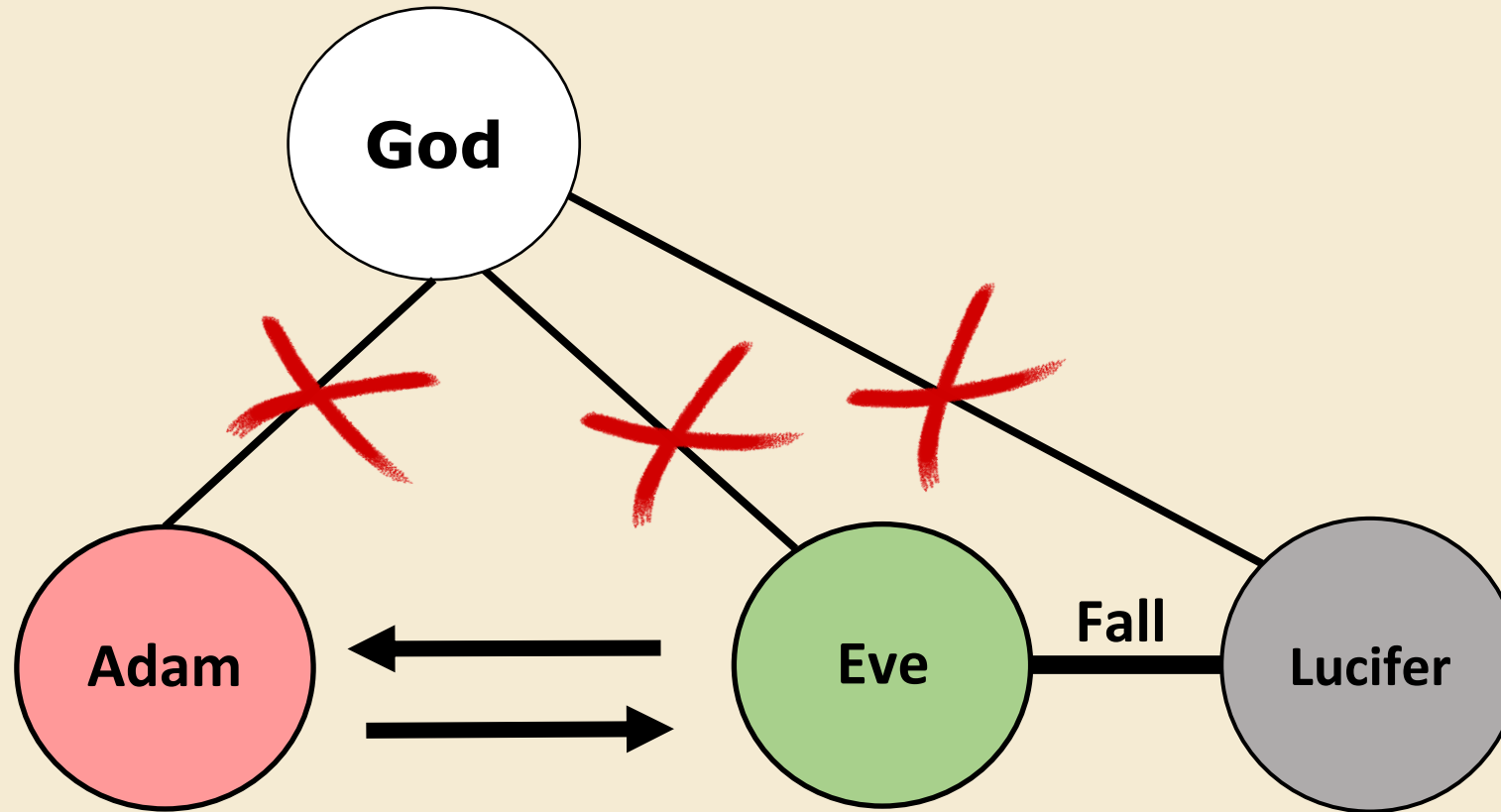
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The Spiritual Fall



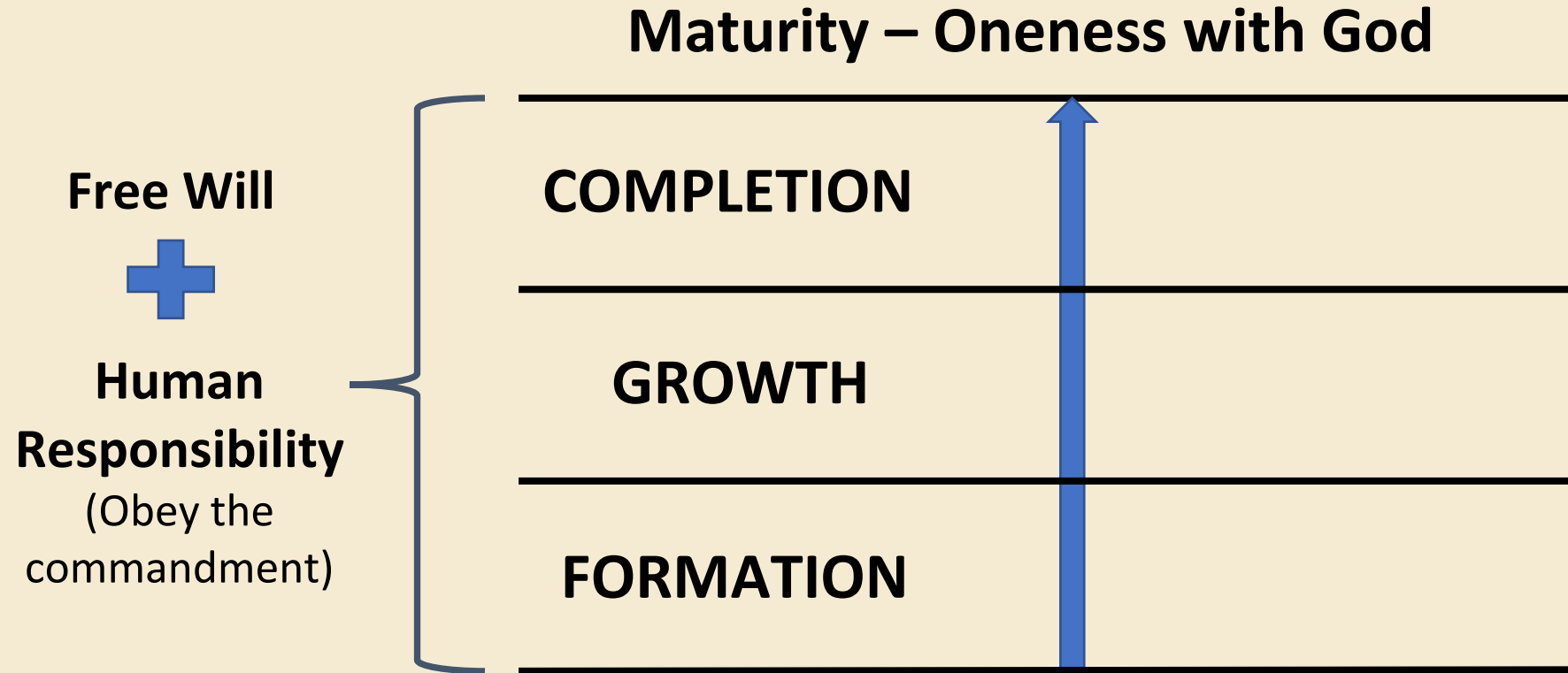
Illicit Sexual Relationship

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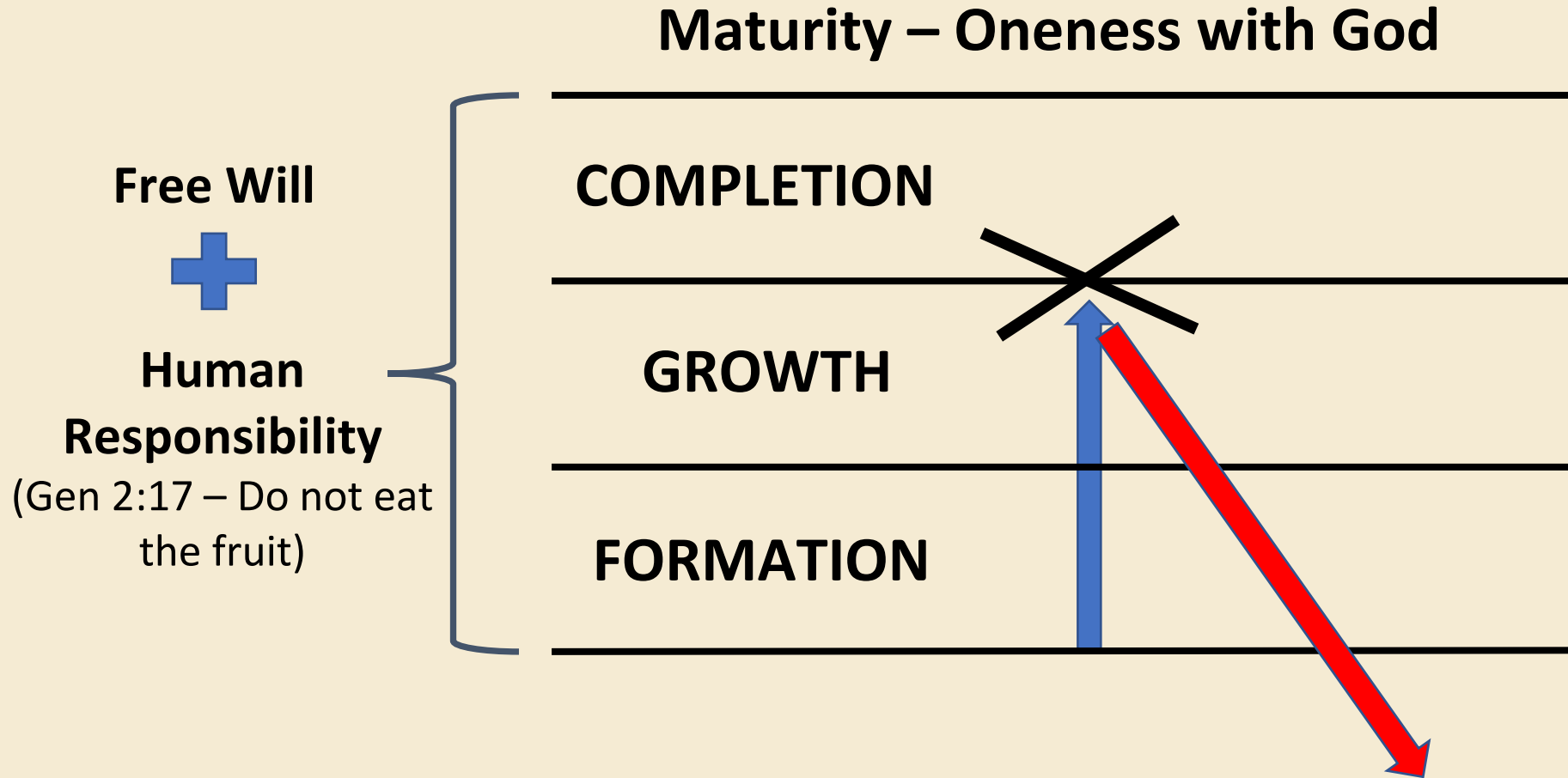


Illicit Sexual Relationship

The Fall took place during the Growing Period



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The Fall was an Illicit Love Relationship

When did Adam and Eve fall? It was during their teens. They were not old. Centering upon what did they fall? They fell centering on love, and two different kinds of love appeared. As a result of the illicit love relationship, evil seeds were sown throughout the world.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, *Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom (Vol. 1)*

Consequences of the Human Fall

*Now is the judgment of this world; now will **the ruler of this world** be cast out. John 12:31*

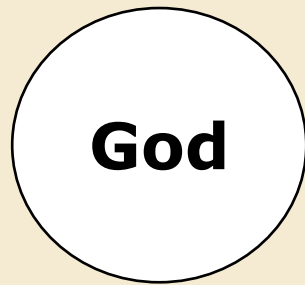
As a result of the fall, humankind came to reflect the fallen nature of their false father, Satan, who came to be the “god” and “ruler of this world.”

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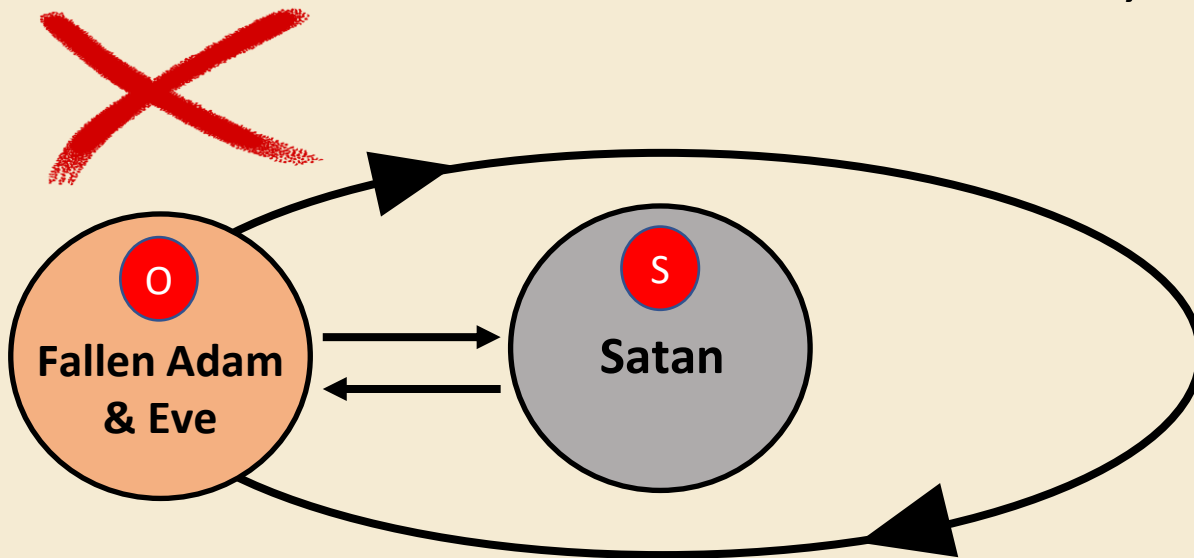
In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Cor 4:4

Struggling in spiritual darkness, the world became a place of confusion, heartbreak, suffering and war.

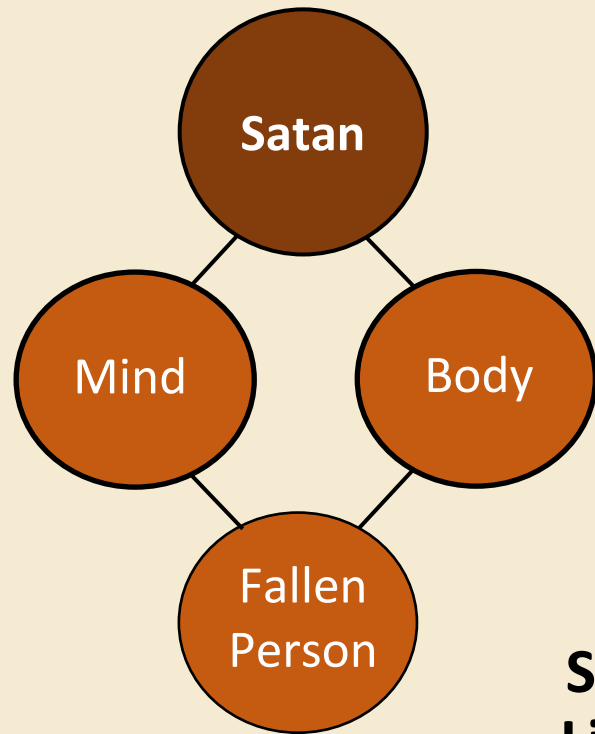
The Relationship between God, Satan, and Fallen Man



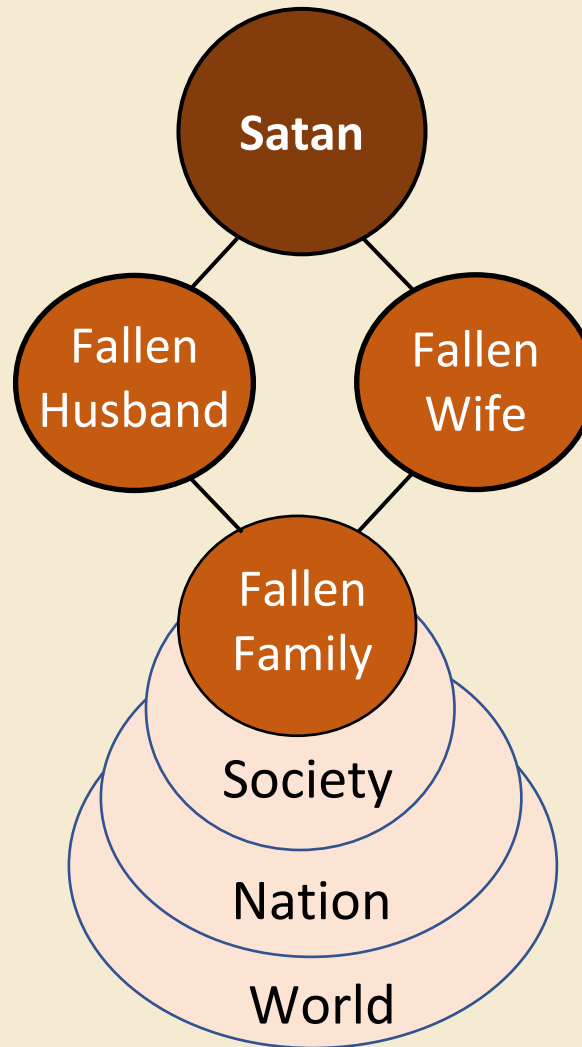
And the Lord God said unto the serpent, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." Genesis 3:14



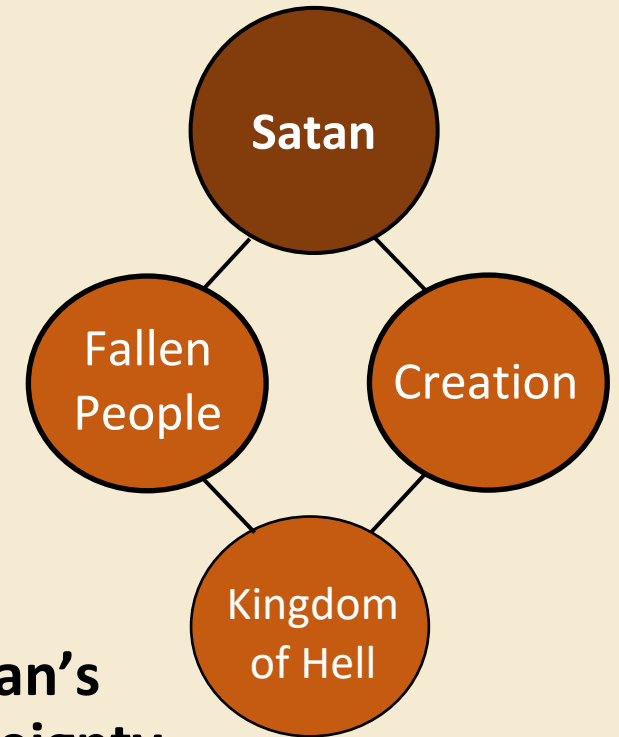
Satan and Fallen Humanity



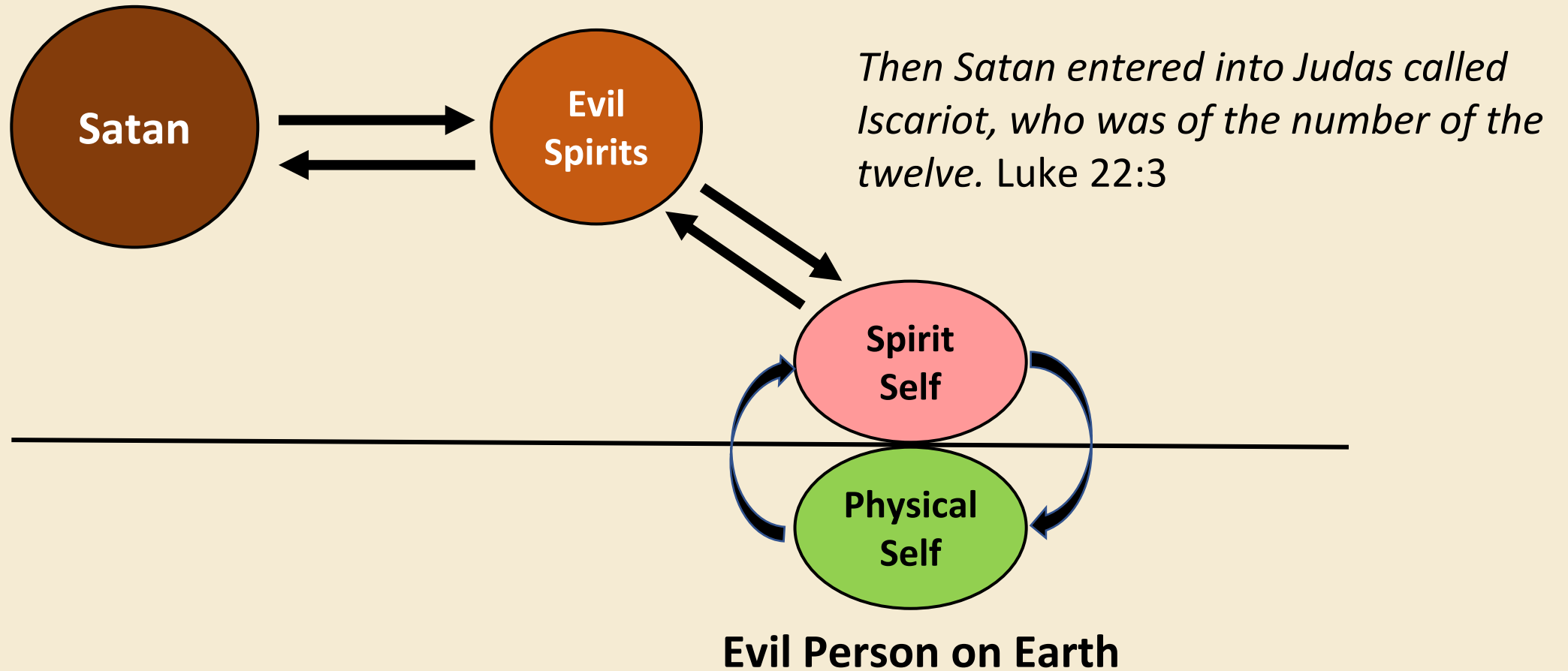
Satan's Lineage
2 Cor 4:4



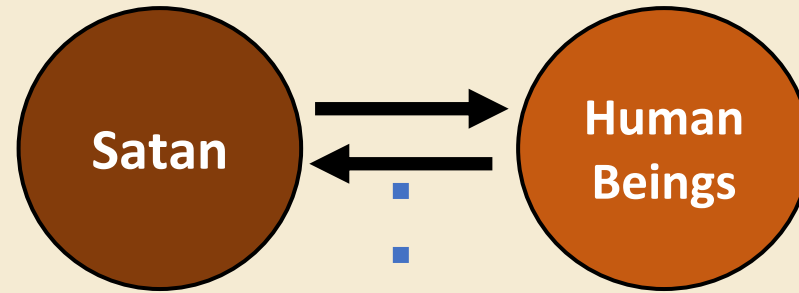
Satan's Sovereignty
John 12:31



Satan's Activities in Human Society



Sin



Common base



Condition for giving
and receiving action



Violation of Heavenly law

Types of Sin

1. Original sin
2. Hereditary sin
3. Collective sin
4. Individual sin

Original Sin

*Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from
the time my mother conceived me.*

Psalm 51:5

Hereditary Sin

The LORD is slow to anger and rich in faithful love, forgiving wrongdoing and rebellion. But He will not leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the consequences of the fathers' wrongdoing on the children to the third and fourth generation.

Numbers 14:18

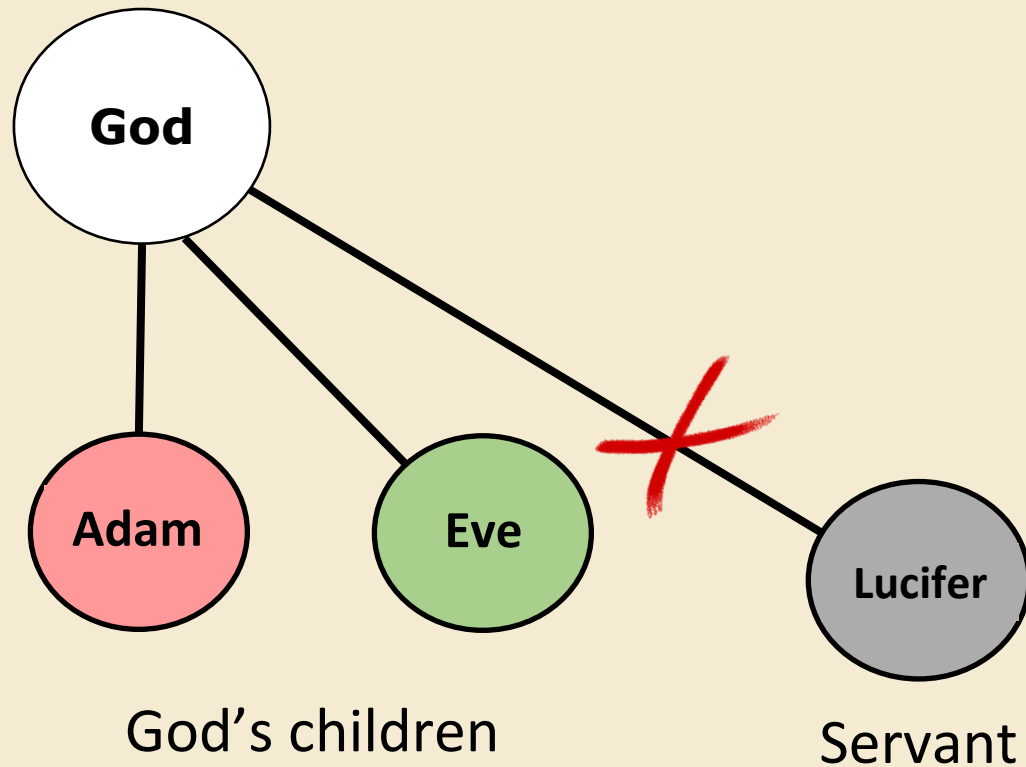
Collective Sin

*In the ninth year of Hoshe'a the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria ... And this was so, **because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God ... and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel.** 2 Kings 17:6-8*

Individual Sin

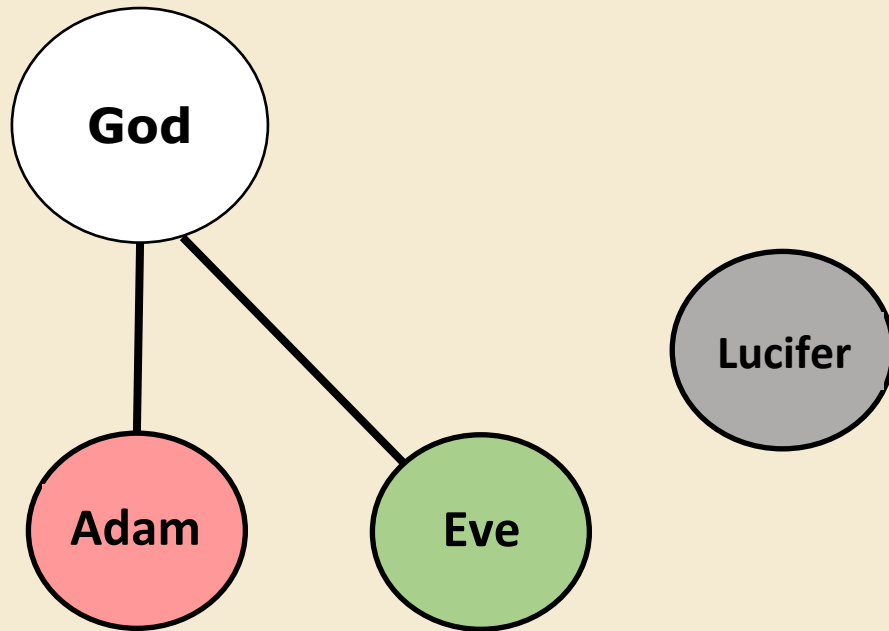
*There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.
All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good, not even
one. Romans 3:10-12*

The Four Fallen Natures



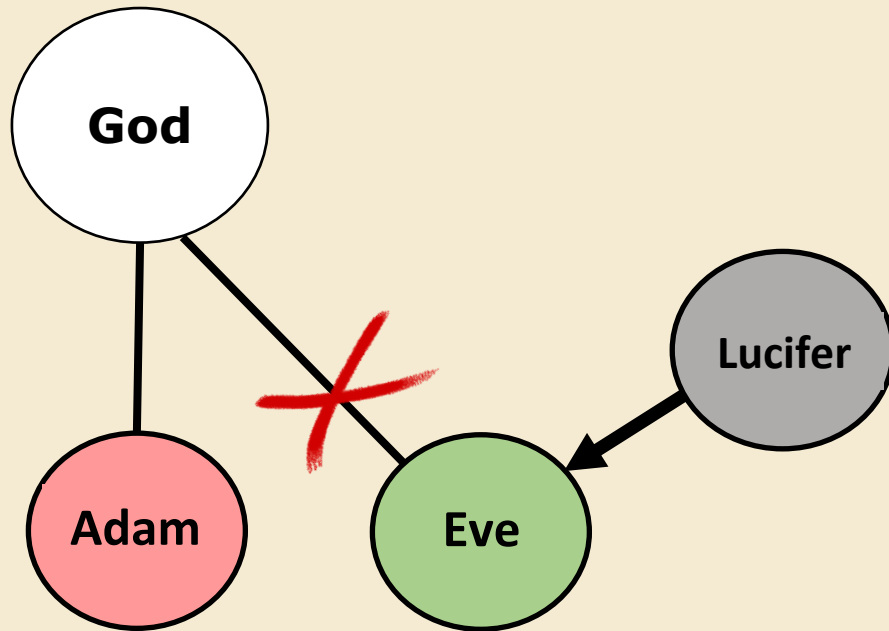
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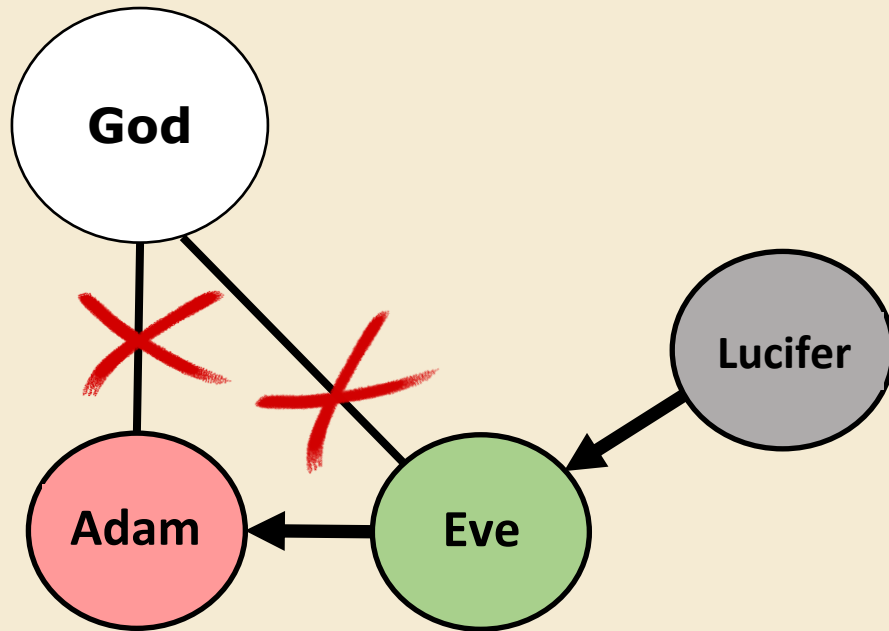
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1. Failure to see from God's viewpoint
2. Leaving one's proper position
3. Reversal of dominion

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1. Failure to see from God's viewpoint
2. Leaving one's proper position
3. Reversal of dominion
4. Multiplication of evil

Satan Usurps the Lineage

**False
Father**



*You serpents, you **brood** of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? Matt 23:33*

*"You are a **child of the devil** and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?" Acts 13:10*

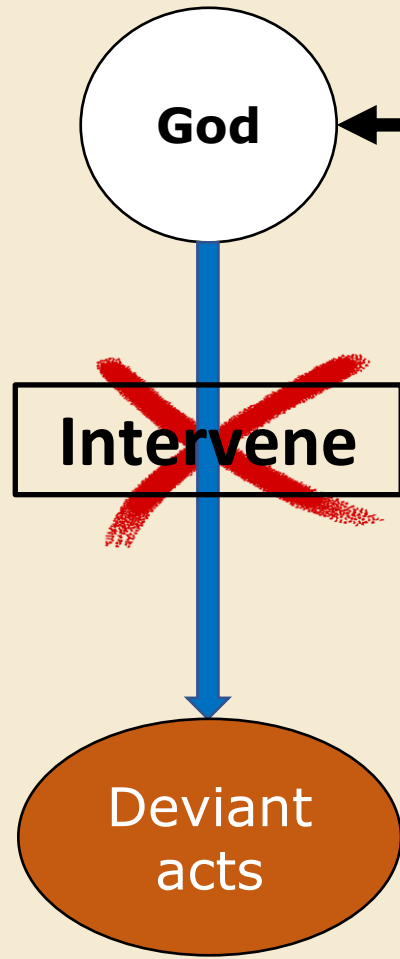
*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
1 Cor 15:22*

The Kingdom of Hell

- As a result of the Fall of Man, Hell was established on earth.
- Resembling their false father, people often use physical, political, economic and military power to use, deceive and enslave others
- After leaving this earth, the world of Hell continues in the spiritual realm for those whose spirits remain under Satan's dominion.



Why God Didn't Intervene in the Fall



Omniscient and omnipotent

1. Absoluteness and perfection of the Principle of Creation
2. God alone is the Creator
3. Make human beings lords of creation

How God was Affected by the Fall

The moment that Adam and Eve fell, God's heart was torn so painfully He almost went insane. You should never forget about the Father who was shaken so thoroughly as to almost forget Himself. Have you ever thought about that?

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Oct. 11, 1959

God Cannot Leave His Children in This Fallen State

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15

Thank You Very Much!