

Sin, Guilt, Self-justification, & Projection

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Arrogance knows no bounds! Adam doesn't stop with transferring judgment away from himself and onto his wife but he concludes the Lord guilty as well. There is even an indirect projection of blame on the tree. This is the shotgun approach to self-justification. Throw out enough suspects and maybe the Lord will buy in on at least one of them.

“It was the woman, and if not her, then it was You who hauled her in here, and if not her or You, then it was that tree You planted.”

Feelings of guilt are often alleviated by projection. Projection is a mechanism in which a person falsely attributes his own failures, sins, or weakness to others under self-justification. People who condemn others for their very own weakness are divorced from reality.

Assigning your failures to someone else provides a temporary solution to your problem. Awareness of a wrong thought, decision, or action produces guilt. The human mentality's solution for dealing with guilt is the creation of a separate personality which is very self-righteous and very critical of others. This alter personality projects blame for its own shameful tendencies on a victim to get rid of guilt. Thus, sins of self-justification remove the believer from reality and begin the process of creating the psychotic Christian.

The sins of self-justification include the lust complex, jealousy, hatred, bitterness, implacability, self-pity, revenge, murder, or fornication. The more sins of reaction you accumulate in your soul, the greater the stress factor, and the two together form a psychotic believer. Adam and the woman sinned and created a split personality.

God created both Satan and mankind with a unified soul. Creatures have volition and make decisions which split their soul. When the sinful nature controls the soul, we are one person, when the Holy Spirit controls, we are another.

Galatians 5:17 - The sinful nature sets its desire against the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit against the sinful nature. For these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you wish.

Every time we sin, we split our personality. When the personality is split, it is split by sin in the life. The inculcation of Bible doctrine creates unity in the stream of consciousness. Unity in this application means that which is not multiple but rather in harmony and accord. Without the inculcation of doctrine, the stream of consciousness will become divorced from reality and expresses itself in either moral or immoral degeneracy.

James 3:14 - If you have bitter jealousy and inordinate ambition in your stream of consciousness, stop being arrogant and stop lying against the truth.

James 3:15 - This false wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

James 3:16 - For where jealousy and inordinate ambition exist, there is disorder of the soul and every evil deed.

The effort to execute the Christian way of life from a split personality can only produce dead works: Operation Human Good and Evil. Those who are brought down by their sinful natures must utilize biblical problem-solving devices, which in the case of Adam and Ishah would be Operation Reconciliation.

Our Lord now turns to Ishah in order to get her side of the story:

Genesis 3:13 - Then YHWH Elohim said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” And the woman answered, “The serpent caused me to be deceived and I ate.”

The woman should have taken the responsibility of confessing her guilt to the Lord. She however followed Adam’s lead and projected blame on the serpent. She accurately assigns to him the sin of deception, the hiphil perfect of the verb *NASHA’*. It means to “lead astray, seduce, mislead, or deceive.”

Instead of taking responsibility for her own decisions she blamed it on something else, an animal called the serpent. Note the process:

1. Ishah understands that she has committed a wrong.
2. This prompted the emergence of guilt from the emotion of the soul.
3. Guilt, in a desire to be assuaged, seeks a solution and finds it in self-justification.
4. Self-justification is the first arrogant skill.
5. Self-justification is accomplished through projection of blame onto someone or something else.

This is a human-viewpoint problem-solving device and God never permits such tactics to achieve success.