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23. But 'Atham and 'Ishshah did have volition. Their free will allowed them to make independent decisions. As long as they did not violate any of the Lord's commandments, they could continue enjoying their Perfect Life in a perfect environment with perfect happiness and perfect provisions.

- 24. This is the same situation the angels enjoyed before one-third of them joined Lucifer in his rebellion. Note that all the angels were created with Eternal Life. The critical decision that confronted each of them was to remain loval to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- 25. Lucifer, whose title before his fall was the "Anointed Cherub," had delegated authority over the entire angelic population:

Ezekiel 28:14*a* "You [Lucifer] were the anointed cherub [four-wing insignia of rank] who guarded the throne room in the third heaven. I [the Lord] placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God. (EXT)

Following his rebellion, Lucifer was arrested along with one-third of the 26. fallen angels who joined this attempted coup d'etat. We know they were arraigned before the Supreme Court of Heaven, brought to trial, and found guilty (Genesis 1:2a). The Lord's commentary on this is found in:

> "Then He will also say to those on His **Matthew 25:41** left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire [the lake of fire] which was prepared following the guilty verdict in eternity past for Lucifer and his fallen angels [prior to the decision to allow Lucifer's appeal]." (EXT)

- 27. Following the guilty verdict and subsequent sentence, Lucifer petitioned the court to allow an appeal which God granted. The courtroom for the appeal was determined by God to take place on planet earth, in time, and in a perfect environment (Genesis 1:2b ff).
- 28. Lucifer and his fallen angels were still allowed access to the earth. God chose to create a new category of individuals who were Homo sapiens. They too, were perfect but with a much lower IQ than the angels. Their souls were provided with self-consciousness, mentality, a conscience, and volition.
- 29. Lucifer and his demons were free to challenge the volitions of the couple and they were encouraged to use their free will to ward off their cosmic propaganda.
- 30. When 'Atham was created, he was a perfect person with a perfect life and possessed volition to make personal decisions. He was later joined by 'Ishshah who was also perfect with a free will which we noted in Genesis 2:21-22.

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These two perfect people were the first *Homo sapiens*. They were 31. introduced initially to be witnesses for the Prosecution. 'Atham was informed about the trees of the garden from which they were permitted to eat with the exception of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

The attorney for the defence is Lucifer. He was able to neutralize both the 32. woman and the man, beginning with 'Ishshah in Genesis 3:1–3.

> Genesis 3:4 And the <u>serpent</u> [possessed by Lucifer | said to the woman, "Most assuredly, you will not die [physically]...

Lucifer's propaganda continues by disassociating the linkage between sin and 33. dying spiritually. In the perfect environment of Eden and the perfect body of 'Ishshah reside the quintessential isolation from sin, death, and evil. Yet the devil raves on:

> Genesis 3:5 For God keeps on knowing that in the day you eat from it [the forbidden fruit] then your eyes shall be opened and you shall become like God, knowing [יַדע] (yatha'): discernment of] good and evil.

34. The desire for knowledge can be a positive desire to be better informed. However, when a lust for knowledge has as its goal a means to acquire power, it can very well become tyrannical.

> Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and a delight to the eyes, and being desirable to make one wise, she decided to take the fruit and kept on eating it; and she gave it also to her husband with her, and he ate.

- 35. 'Ishshah had the opportunity to have every asset imaginable in the perfect environment of Eden. However, she also, even without having a sin nature to prompt her, thought and then ate herself into a state of rebellion.
- 36. From her own volition she submitted to this rapid sequence of rationales: (1) she saw that the tree was good for food, (2) it was a delight to look upon, (3) its nourishment would make her smarter than anyone else. These three observations motivated her to act: (1) she took the fruit, (2) kept on eating it, and (3) she gave it to 'Atham who also ate.

[&]quot;Homo sapiens, genus and species to which all modern human beings belong. Homo sapiens, 'man the wise,' is the only currently existing species of the genus *Homo*. It is difficult, if not impossible, to follow the evolutionary steps that led to this distinction in the fossil record. Charles Darwin himself defined the problem. "In a series of forms graduating insensibly from some ape-like creatures to man as he now exists," he wrote in The Descent of Man, "it would be impossible to fix on any definite point when the term man ought to be used." The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia (Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 2010), 6:28.

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> Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of their souls were opened and they knew they were both naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves coverings [חגוֹרָה (hagorah): loincloths].

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- 37. Both were now informed on the issues of good and evil. Now with knowledge of good and evil they submitted to acts of legalism. They were the only two *Homo sapiens* on the planet and they were married to each other. Yet, their rationale was to somehow become modest with each other.
- Before the "eyes of their souls were opened," they had a relaxed mental 38. attitude toward each other. God had created them and allowed them to enjoy Eden's perfect environment without the necessity of clothing.
- Since they were married to each other, there were no other residents in the 39. Garden, and the environment was perfect, why become legalistic? Oh, wait! The planet was not perfect anymore. Human-good rationales were now in concert with the loss of perfection.

Genesis 3:8 And it came to their ears the voice of the Lord God—Jehovah Elohim—moving about in the garden looking for them yet <u>during a windstorm</u>² when they usually had Bible class. 'Atham and 'Ishshah hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

The Lord is showing up at the usual time for Bible class, but His top priority 40. on this occasion is the restoration of fellowship between Himself and His fallen couple:

> Genesis 3:9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Why are you where you are?"

41. Jesus is not desirous to know where 'Atham is physically, but rather where 'Atham is spiritually. He is not at the designated place where they usually have Bible class. 'Atham got the implication as is indicated by his response in:

> Genesis 3:10 'Atham replied and he said, "I heard you moving about in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

The expression is traditionally rendered "cool of the day," because the Hebrew word קוֹם (ruach) can mean "wind." J. J. Niehaus (God at Sinai [155–57] offers a different interpretation of the phrase, relating יוֹם (yom, usually understood as "day") to an Akkadian cognate umu ("storm") and translates the phrase "in the wind of the storm." If Niehaus is correct, then God is not pictured as taking an afternoon stroll through the orchard, but as coming in a powerful windstorm to confront the man and woman with their rebellion. In this case קוֹל יהוה (gol yehvah: "sound of the Lord") may refer to God's thunderous roar, which typically accompanies his appearance in the storm, to do battle or render judgment (e.g., see Psalm 29). [See Genesis 3:8 in The NET Bible (2005), translator's note: tn 2.)

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42. This opened up an interrogation by the Lord who knew exactly what had happened. In fact, the Lord has omniscience so His entry into the garden displayed His knowledge of the couple's wrongdoing with the forbidden fruit and Lucifer. His cross examination began in:

> Genesis 3:11 And the Lord God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat?" (NET)

- Lucifer previously held the rank of a cherub with the equivalence of a four-43. star general over the myriads of angels. He also was a genius by comparison to the newly introduced *Homo sapiens*.
- 44. Lucifer was obviously allowed on the earth at this time because it was the courtroom for the Appeal. Consequently, he was allowed to hear the instructions given by God to the newly created couple including the imperative command for them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 45. Lucifer, as the defense attorney for the fallen angels, had the authority to gather evidence and use discovery to pose questions to the two witnesses.³
- Jesus knew that Lucifer was in the courtroom and who had gathered evidence 46. for the defense. It was 'Atham and 'Ishshah who had the responsibility to do what they were told regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Lucifer most likely could not believe his good fortune. These two Homo 47. sapiens were truly easy money. He is convinced that he will work them over and soon win the appeal. He was further encouraged by 'Atham's next remark:

And 'Atham said, "The woman whom Genesis 3:12 You gave to be with me, she has given me the fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

48. It is unorthodox in our system of jurisprudence, but the next verse has 'Ishshah back on the witness stand where the Lord asks her back to explain herself:

> Then the Lord said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman replied, "The serpent tricked me and I ate."

49. Both of these people were told not to eat the fruit yet each did. This is rebellion. They, at this point, are no different than Lucifer, the perfect Anointed Cherub, who later fomented his rebellion against God and now this perfect couple has done the very same thing—both are fallen.

[&]quot;Discovery." The ascertainment of that which was previously unknown; the disclosure or coming to light of what was previously hidden." (Henry Campbell Black, Black's Law Dictionary, rev. 4th ed. (St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1968), 552.

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50. Lucifer, 'Atham, and 'Ishshah were perfect yet each failed. Ergo, it is obvious that fallen mankind so easily does so as a matter of course.

51. We are in a period of our nation's history where arrogance, pride, and propaganda are so pervasive that the illuminati pronounce themselves geniuses. All are presently dispensing fruit from the tree of good and evil and the benighted masses chomp away in fear and trembling.

The Denouement of Homo Sapiens' Fall from Grace

The noun, denouement (dā-nü-mä'), is defined as "the NOTE: issue, outcome, or solution of a complex situation."⁴ The outcome of a complex sequence of events.⁵

> The following passage reveals the sequence of events that occurred following the opening arguments presented before the Divine Court of Appeals.

> Lucifer's argument was stated by means of his indwelling of the serpent whose propaganda resulted in the fall of 'Ishshah who then propagandized 'Atham.

Both of these events were challenged by Jesus Christ.

The next two verses establish the structure for the rest of the Bible which 1. presents witnesses for the defense and witnesses for the Prosecution in the Divine Court of Appeals:

> Genesis 3:14 The Lord God said to the serpent [wn] (nachash)], "Because you have done this, you are being cursed more than all domestic animals and more than every wild animal; on your belly you shall move and dust shall you eat all the days of your life [implication: this was the Lord's punishment for the serpent by His creation of the genus, έρπετόν (herpetón): reptiles, who previously had legs, but no longer].

> Serpentine locomotion. The body assumes a position of a series of S-shaped horizontal loops, and each loop pushes against any resistance it can find in the environment, rocks, branches, twigs, dust, sand, pebbles, etc.

⁵ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed. (2014), s.v. "denouement."



⁴ Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2d ed. (1953), s.v. "denouement."