

THE MYSTERY OF MANKIND



Primitive Humans

OLDEST MYSTERY

Man lived on the Earth for thousands of years in hunter-gatherer communities. All of sudden Man started building cities with myriads of people. This was followed by a rapid increase in technology, population, social development, and a terraformed world. What caused civilization to appear so suddenly?

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Man discovered agriculture and began to grow enough food to allow some folk to specialize skills. These invented crafts and technologies which permitted settlements to grow into towns and cities. The Humanist explanation for the birth of civilization is presented in the book Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond.

PROBLEMS WITH CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Archeology shows Man discovered agriculture around 10,000 BC. However he stayed in small scattered settlements for 6,000 years. Around 4,000 BC new advances in agriculture and animal husbandry multiplied. A cascade of developments triggered the rapid growth of large cities with a sophisticated ruling class.

The change from primitive man to modern man was so swift it is hard to believe it could happen without the assistance of an external agency. We propose the external agency was forces in the spirit realm.

THE KEY INSIGHT

Man is not merely an exceptional animal. Man is a spiritual being. Unlike animals Man has the gift to interact with the spirit realm (consciously or unconsciously). Powerful forces in the spirit realm influenced the journey of Man in pre-history. The Bible gives a detailed account of how it happened.

OVERVIEW

The thesis of this paper is the first four chapters of Genesis provide a detailed account of Man's development from the first appearance of Homo sapiens to the first civilizations on earth as follows:

- GENESIS 1 Prehistory of Humankind: first Neolithic settlements [~10,000 BC]
- GENESIS 2 Deepening Spirituality: Contact with the Divine Being [~4,000 BC]
- GENESIS 3 Spiritual Test: Contact with the Evil Being [~4,000 BC]
- GENESIS 4 Way of Satan: Elite Social Class, Cities, Trade, Wealth, Abuse of Power

BIBLICAL CREATION ACCOUNT

The conservative Bible interpretation that Man was created by God around 4,000 BC does not fit the archeological record. It is scientific fact that Homo sapiens first appeared around 300,000 years ago. We believe the Bible, correctly interpreted, fits the archeology. This paper explains how that is possible.

Humans were created on the sixth 'Day' of Creation. The Bible says "**do not forget this one thing that with the LORD one day is as a thousand years**" (2 Peter 3 v 8). A prophetic 'Day' can be 40 years, 100 years, 1000 years, or many other possible blocks of time depending on the Bible prophecy. (E.g. see: [The Seventh Day.](#))

The six days of Creation in Genesis 1 are prophetic 'Days' not solar days; prophetic 'Days' of extraordinary length. On the sixth Day of Creation God created "**cattle, creeping things, and beasts of the earth**". These creatures pre-dated the appearance of Homo sapiens by millions of years. So the sixth Day of Creation was millions of years in length. Homo sapiens appeared at the very end of the sixth Day of Creation.

Adam in Genesis 1 represents all humans. Genesis 2 v 4-7 summarises Genesis 1. Genesis 2 v 8-25 describes an individual, also named Adam, who lived in a Garden and walked with God. Genesis 2 v 8 says "**The LORD God planted a Garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom he had formed**". East of what? East of established human settlements. God put one man, the man Adam, in the Garden of Eden¹.

Later the flood destroyed the known world except Noah and his family. People alive today trace their ancestry through Noah to Adam and Eve in the Garden. We inherited Adam's flawed nature and need a Savior. If there were aboriginals in corners of the earth who did not experience Noah's flood, they were still members of the generic human species of Genesis 1. The Bible says they proved themselves sinners by deeds deserving death. God revealed Himself to them through Creation so they are without excuse (Romans 1).

The incorrect assumption that God created the heavens and the earth and all its life in six solar days is an unfortunate error in Bible interpretation that has stumbled countless souls from faith in the LORD.

¹ See our paper: [Garden of Eden](#) on Page 4 PROPHECY of the website Biblenumbersforlife.com

PREHISTORY OF MANKIND

Homo sapiens appeared roughly 300,000 years ago². This is the blink of an eye in geologic time.

In the last 10 million years there have been four geologic ages: (MYA = Million Years Ago)

Miocene	10 to 5.33 MYA	<i>Relatively warmer</i> – Afro-Arabia collides with Eurasia Indian plate collides with Eurasia causing Himalayas
Pliocene	5.33 to 2.58 MYA	<i>Cooler and drier</i> – Mediterranean Sea formed Isthmus of Panama connects N. to S. America
Pleistocene	2.58 to 0.013 MYA	<i>Ice cold</i> – Extinction of all large land animals outside Africa At maximum an Ice sheet covered all of Canada
Holocene	0.013 MYA to present	<i>Warmer</i> – Sea levels rise significantly as global ice melts

Other hominins appeared before Homo sapiens:

Pliocene	Australopithecus	4.2 MYA	(earliest bones E. Africa) First stone tools 3.4 MYA
Pleistocene	Homo habilis	1.8 MYA	(earliest bones Tanzania) Hominids disperse beyond Africa
	Homo erectus	2.0 MYA	(earliest bones S. Africa) First use of fire 0.8 MYA (Levant)
	Homo sapiens	0.3 MYA	(earliest bones Morocco; next most recent bones 0.2 MYA)

When the Bible says “**So God created man** [Homo sapiens]” in Gen. 1 v 26 it lines up with the science. The species Homo sapiens has just appeared on the geological scene³. To put this in perspective, Australopithecus lived on the Earth for 2.3 MY; Homo habilis for 0.7 MY (shortened by cold climate); Homo erectus for 1.9 MY.

IS MAN JUST AN ANIMAL?

The definition of the Homo genus is widely debated. What makes us different than apes? Physically we are different: we walk upright⁴, have a longer opposable thumb, and a different number of chromosomes.

It has been argued that the Homo genus differentiated itself from apes when Australopithecus first used stone tools. This is unconvincing since Chimpanzees use tools. For example: using sticks to fish for termites and using rocks to crack nuts.

² Radio carbon dating is accurate for 50,000 years. Dating prior to that is based on stratigraphy of fossils in sediment layers, potassium-argon dating, climate science, the record of meteor impacts, and many other scientific observations and theories.

³ Homo Sapiens were the only hominins in existence at the beginning of the Holocene.

⁴ The first evidence of walking upright is found in footprints dated to 3.7 MYA (Tanzania).

Humans are intellectually advanced versus apes. But our defining feature is not our brainpower. Man is a spiritual creature: able to conceive of a spiritual realm outside the physical realm and gifted to be able to make connection with spiritual beings.

Genesis 1 v 26 “Then God said ‘Let Us make man in our image, according to our likeness...’”

God is spiritual. Homo sapiens are also spiritual – made in His image.

All aboriginals around the globe have an origin story that describe God or gods from other worlds than this one. Apes, gorillas, Neanderthals, and even other hominins have no such knowledge.

Some people lost their origin story or decided to minimize it. The Chinese never worshiped God or a pantheon of gods. However, they admit to the existence of Heaven. Some of their emperors built tombs in preparation for an afterlife. They light incense and pray at little altars. Not religious but very spiritual.

MAN IS A STAR GAZER

The premise of this paper is the first Homo sapiens did not walk with God in a Garden of Eden. They did not converse with Him as a friend confides with a friend. How did they even imagine that a God exists?

Geological ages come and go but the stars in the night sky stay the same. Apes are hunched over. Humans walk upright. It is more natural for us to look up at the night sky and take note of the brilliance of the Cosmos.



The North Star

When Man looks at the night sky he notices that all the stars in the heavens rotate around one point: the North Star. Being intensely spiritual as Man is, Man deduced that One Power rules the Heavens. This is his first conception of a Supreme God or Godhead.

Then came the moment of inspiration: If there is a Supreme God and I am aware He exists then we have a connection. He is able to communicate truth about the nature of the Universe to me through Creation. How can that be? If God is such a Great Power that He rules the Heavens, He must be beyond the perception of my human faculties. Yes, I observe that all the heavens are under his control. But I don't see Him. That means He must be a supernatural being: a spiritual being. Furthermore, if it is possible for me to perceive that God exists, then I must be a spiritual being too!

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Homo sapiens arrived in an Ice Age. Survival was precarious. Wisdom was needed to navigate the world. Study of the Heavens provided Man with valuable survival tools:

- A Compass** The North Star pointed north - the rising and setting Sun to East and West.
- A Calendar** The phases of the Moon divided a solar year into months (or 'moons').
- A Faith** Man was not alone in life. He was connected to a supernatural world.

Observation of the Heavens provided Man with lifesaving technologies. At a deep level Man believed he could obtain blessings from the Divine Being if he meditated on the meaning of the stars.

Man observed that nature was powerful and capricious. Storms, blizzards, hurricanes, and all kinds of tempests arrived suddenly and dangerously. If a Divine Being controlled the Universe, then it would be wise to understand His ways. Perhaps bad things happened because He was displeased. Perhaps there was something He wanted from Man that might please Him or might appease Him.

STUDY OF THE STARS

Like a miner who discovered nodules of valuable ore on the surface and began to dig down to find more, Man doubled his efforts to extract knowledge and wisdom from the stars. He observed:

- Constellations** The sky is mostly dark. Prominent stars seem to be arranged in groups. Groups of stars suggest pictograms of animals and objects.
- Path of the Sun** The ecliptic divides the sky. Constellations are on the ecliptic, above or below. Twelve constellations are on the ecliptic; the path of the Moon close to it.
- Seasonal Patterns** Each day all the stars rotate around the North Star.
Each year the twelve constellations on the ecliptic take turns hosting the Sun.

Study of the stars convinced Man the Universe was organized and well ordered. Stars were methodical in their travel and precise in their appointed times. Each day the Sun could be relied on to rise and set.

As Man acquired more knowledge, Man became more expert at compartmentalizing knowledge. Man yearned to understand the Universe and communicate with the Divine Being. He began to develop systems of understanding the nature of the Universe that could be passed down by oral tradition to the next generation.

Without a writing system the pattern of the Sun, the Moon, and the Constellations became a collection of symbols with which Man passed down knowledge. Observation of nature infused the symbols with meaning. Interpretation of the supernatural was translated using the powerful language of star signs.

EVIDENCE OF STAR GAZING

Pre-history was a time with no written record. We can only infer Man's culture from objects that survived in archeological digs.

The Cucuteni-Trypillia Culture (CTC) flourished in a forest steppe zone in the region of modern day Rumania and Ukraine from 5,000 to 3,000 BC. This was before any cities were established in the Fertile Crescent.

The CTC produced decorated pottery of sophisticated shapes and designs. One of the popular figurines was a curvaceous female in a reclining pose:



The dimensions of the reclining female are abnormal, featuring an exaggerated buttock. A figurine with human features but non-human dimensions suggests a supernatural being. Where did the CTC get a notion of such a supernatural being?

One of the twelve constellations on the ecliptic is [Virgo](#), a female with extra wide hips seated in a reclining position with one arm stretched upward akin to the shape of the CTC figurines:



Virgo

Women in a reclining position are not sleeping, they are giving birth. The CTC Culture correctly identified the constellation Virgo and celebrated this star sign in their homes with figurines.

An important fact about Virgo is it is the first of the twelve signs on the ecliptic and corresponds to the first book of the Bible, Genesis 1⁵. Genesis 1 describes the beginning of human history, an era which included the CTC Culture! The CTC Culture were taking spiritual cues from the Bible in the sky, the stars. Truly Man is an intensely spiritual being.

⁵ This is the mystery of the Sphinx: an unnatural creature with the head of a woman and tail of a lion. To understand prophecy in the stars the 12 signs must be reckoned from Virgo (#1) to Leo (#12). These also correspond to the first 12 chapters in the Bible.

Virgo hosts the Sun from August 23 to September 22 each year. The last day of Virgo marks the Equinox: the last time when the number of hours in the day equals the number of hours in the night (in the Northern hemisphere). It is an auspicious event because the growing season ends.

The key invention of Homo sapiens was agriculture. It was our first technological breakthrough. We were able to master agriculture because the Calendar in the stars guided us to the best time to plant seeds and harvest crops.

To the CTC Culture, during the time of year Virgo hosts the Sun, the life-giving Sun passes through the legs of Virgo. Divine insemination ensures life will be renewed after winter dormancy. Virgo was celebrated. Virgo was a reassurance the Divine Being will never allow night to destroy day. Just as the Divine Being makes the Sun rise, the Divine Being will make Spring return and renew all life on Earth.

THE INVENTION OF AGRICULTURE



Genesis 1 v 29 says “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the Earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.”

Wouldn't the Creator expect that Man would eat grain and fruit? Why would He command that?

It's not as obvious as one might think. Grain and fruit are seasonal crops. They mature in a narrow window of time during the year. At the Equator it might be possible to harvest year around if the rains cooperated. The farther off the Equator the shorter the growing season.

The command to be vegetarian restricted the diet to exclude meat, fish, eggs, and shellfish⁶. For primitive Man this would have been a difficult if not impossible lifestyle. The diet was deficient in protein and fat. Records show Neolithic farmers were shorter in stature than hunter-gatherers in the same biome.

Agriculture requires a settlement lifestyle. Excess food production from agriculture permitted larger families. This supported God's desire for Man to “be fruitful and multiply” Gen. 1 v 28.

Agriculture was a non-violent lifestyle. Men could pursue a wider range of tasks and develop other skills than stalking and killing arts which dominated the hunter-gatherer lifestyle. In particular, God's desire was for Man

⁶ This regulation was voided after the flood Gen. 9 v 3. Modern humans are permitted to have a full diet.

to “**have dominion... over every living thing that moves on the Earth**” Gen. 1 v 28. To ‘have dominion’ did not mean be the top predator, it meant keep wild animals at a distance and domesticate tameable animals.



Shepherd of the sheep

Domesticated animals produce a variety of useful products besides meat. For example: fibers and leather that can be woven and tanned to supply the raw material for garments, bedding, etc. Domesticated animals also produce manure which can be composted and used to amend gardens and fields. This allowed gardens to be replanted continually and not exhaust the soil. It also refreshed pastures.

Archeology in the British Isles shows domestication of animals was a critical survival strategy in Neolithic settlements. Adverse weather could drastically diminish a cereal harvest. In contrast grass to feed cattle was abundant and resilient to weather. Grass grew year around. But cattle weren’t raised for meat. Pottery from Neolithic farmer settlements in the British Isles show 80% of food residues were milk. Milking cows would be impossible if the herd roamed free. In a settlement cows could be penned and milked easily.

We propose in this paper that Gen. 1 is prophetic of human Neolithic settlements prior to the invention of writing [~3400 BC]. This period featured domestication of the most prominent plants and animals in farming:

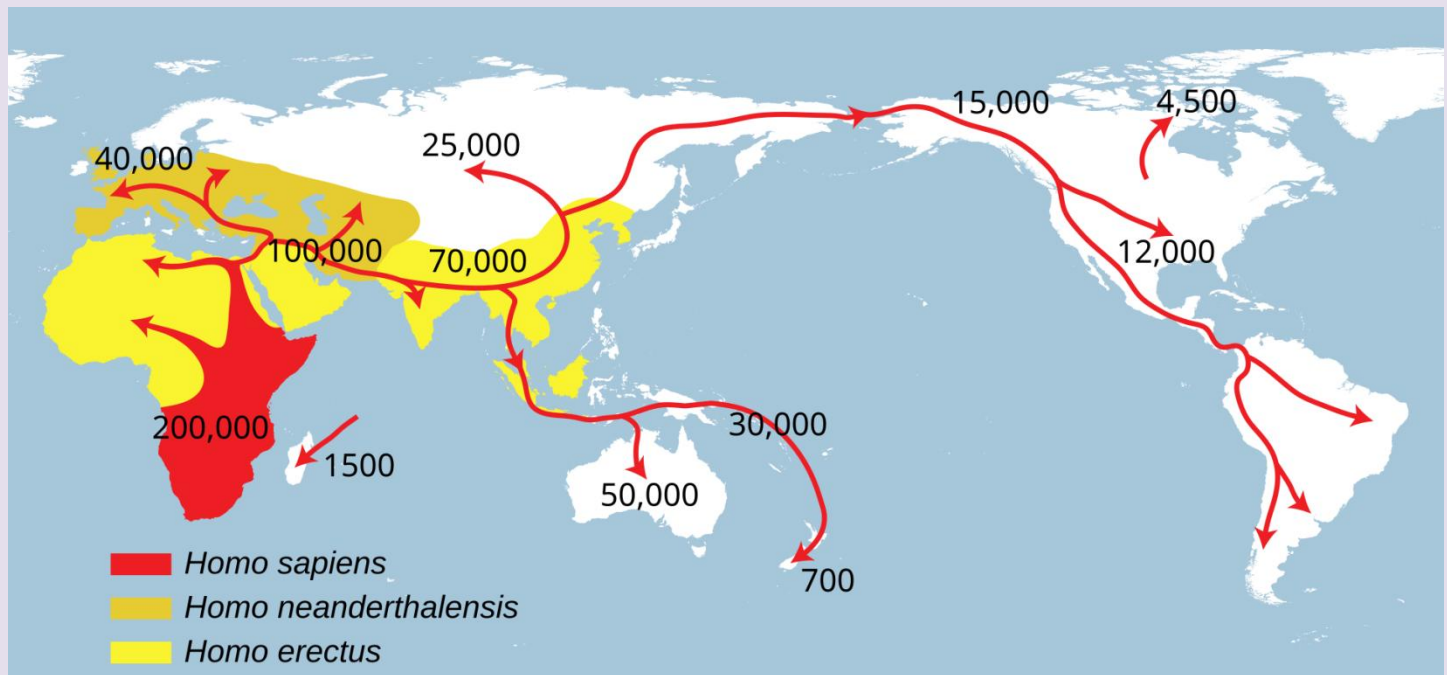
Region	Earliest Date	Plants	Animals
Fertile Crescent	8500 BC	Wheat, pea, olive	Sheep, goat
China	7500 BC	Rice, millet	Pig, silkworm
Indus Valley	7000 BC	Sesame, eggplant	Humped camel
Egypt	6000 BC	Sycamore fig, chufa	Donkey, cat
W. Europe	6000-3500 BC	Poppy, oat	
Sahel	5000 BC	Sorghum, Africa rice	Guinea fowl
Mesoamerica	3500 BC	Corn, beans, squash	Turkey
Andes, Amazonia	3500 BC	Potato, manioc	Llama, Guinea pig

FILL THE EARTH

Here is a miraculous story. Man began his journey in the depths of the last great Ice Age. Three species of hominins before him had perished. It seemed unlikely that Man would survive on Earth for long.

Gen. 1 v 28 “Be fruitful and multiply: fill the Earth and subdue it”

In spite of all odds, primitive Man accomplished a great feat of migration, populating every continent in a short time. Neanderthals were found on one continent. Homo erectus was found on two.



What was the impetus for all these migrations? There were climate shocks.

During the Pleistocene there were numerous extreme cold phases called ‘glacials’ when glaciers expanded. These periods were colder and dryer. This would have affected rain patterns even in Africa where humans dwelled. Glacials occurred every 40,000 to 100,000 years. Archeology confirms migrations of humans out of Africa occurred in waves. Evidence points to early human migrants inter-breeding with other Homo species. Evidence suggests the early waves of humans that came out of Africa died out.

Glacials caused sea levels to retreat and form land bridges. This permitted Man to cross over to continents which normally would be separated by oceans. Glacials were harmful to large fauna. They went extinct on most continents. This made travel for Man less dangerous. Glacials were harmful to Man’s aggressive hunter rivals the Neanderthals who preyed on large fauna. They also went extinct.

God’s wisdom was revealed. Man’s migration to every continent set the stage for global population to swell. As the Pleistocene ended the warmer and wetter Holocene made agriculture viable for humans.

GENESIS 2

DEEPENING SPIRITUALITY – THE GARDEN OF EDEN

The Biblical account of Adam dates his birth at 4,222 BC.⁷ (See our paper [Ancient History](#))

Based on the introductory statement “**This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created**” (Gen. 2 v 4) we interpret the event “**And the LORD God formed Man from the dust of the ground**” (Gen. 2 v 7) to be the first humans as described in Gen. 1. The individual Adam whom God put in the Garden came thousands of years later. Possibly he was adopted like Samuel as a weaned child and grew up in a holy place (Samuel 1 v 24). When we get to Heaven we can ask the LORD about that.

The first humans were intensely spiritual from the start. This agrees with the statement “**...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Man became a living being**”. (Gen. 2 v 7) Animals never received the breath of life from the mouth of God. They are merely alive in the flesh. Homo sapiens from the earliest generations knew there was a Creator of the Universe. They had not yet experienced a personal relationship with Him.

The Garden was a place of privileged access to God. It is comparable to the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle of Moses. Only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies⁸.

God put Adam in the Garden to commune with Him. The Garden was a blessed place: different than anywhere on Earth. God spoke to Adam in a voice his inner spirit could hear. The relationship was personal.

WORLD’S NEED FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

We have established God’s will for Homo sapiens was for them to be non-violent and spiritually minded. They were given a mandate to fill the earth with peaceful spiritual humans who cared for the soil and shepherded animals.

The Holocene began in 10,000 BC. By 4,222 BC there were already large settlements of Neolithic farmers emerging. They practiced a simple spirituality but they did not have a personal knowledge of God. They needed spiritual guidance to know God’s will in how to shape their growing societies.

God’s purpose for Adam was to be a special Messenger of God to the World. When he was fully trained he would go into the World and tell the rest of Humanity how to come to God and know Him personally.

Why would Adam voluntarily leave the Garden if it was such a blessed place to be? God would fill Him with compassion for his fellow men that they might share Adam’s blessings. Similar to how the pre-incarnate Christ chose to leave the glories of Heaven to take the form of a lowly man and be Savior of the World.

⁷ Dating the Garden of Eden event is based on assumptions. The LORD put Adam in a deep sleep to remove a rib. We assume the operation took a short time equivalent to the time a person might be sedated for surgery. It might have been any length of time.

⁸ This was an Old Testament law. Under the New Covenant Christians may come boldly into the presence of God. Heb. 10 v 19

TESTING OF ADAM

Before Adam could enter the service of God he must be tested. The Garden of Eden experience was equivalent to the Temptation of Jesus. Satan would arrive on the scene and seek to trip up this disciple with the goal of thwarting God's mission to open a way for Man to know Him personally.

We have already detailed the testing of Adam based on an in depth examination of the Gematria⁹ of Genesis 2 in our paper [The Story of Adam](#). The Gematria reveal the immensity of the struggle between the angels loyal to God and the angels loyal to Satan surrounding the event of Adam's access to the Garden. Literally the fate of the World depended on whether Adam would obey God or be tempted by sin.

THE MIDST OF THE GARDEN

There were two trees in the midst of the Garden: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Gen. 2 v 9).

In Biblical Geometry the center is the place of prominence and power. Like the mountaintop on which a drop of water if it falls on one side will drain away to the furthest coast in that direction and if it falls on the other side will drain away to the furthest coast in the opposite direction.

God said to Adam **"Of every tree of the Garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil [TKGE] you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you will surely die"** (Gen. 2 v 16-17)

If Adam ate from the Tree of Life he would live forever. If Adam ate from the other Tree he would die. It was a momentous decision. Adam's choice would either guide the world to paradise or drag the world to hell.

THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT

We can't be dogmatic on this point but the author believes the TKGE bore no fruit. There was a tender vine that grew upon the TKGE that bore the fruit. The fruit of the tender vine was forbidden for Adam to eat.

The TKGE was Satan's tree. Satan's clan gathered there in its shade. It was a haunt of every evil spirit although to the eye of the undiscerning beholder the TKGE looked majestic and glorious.

Satan's followers eagerly, lustfully gorged themselves on the fruit of the tender vine. Eating the forbidden fruit gave them sleek loins, silver tongues, and abounding energy. It was a noisy boisterous crowd.

The TKGE was a declaration of the wisdom of Satan – which is worldliness. The way to exceed your peers and advance in worldly success and achievement is to prey on the weakest, the most vulnerable. It was the Law of the Jungle: eat or be eaten, kill or be killed.

The TKGE represents 'Beggars thy neighbor': the Tree of Life represents 'Love your neighbor as yourself'.

⁹ For those unfamiliar with the connection of Greek and Hebrew letters to spiritual numbers see our page [8 GEMATRIA](#).

EVE – HELPER OR HELL SPUR

“And the LORD God said ‘It is not good that Man should be alone; I will make a helper comparable to him’” (Gen. 2 v 18)

The goal of Adam’s training in the Garden was for him to go into all the Earth and tell the people how to know God. The Earth is a very big place. Adam would need a helper to go with him and assist him in this great task.

Eve is equivalent to the twelve apostles of Jesus. They were by His side day in and day out, like a loyal wife. Their work was similar in nature to Jesus’ work. They assisted in many ways including: (i) going on preaching missions; (ii) guiding large crowds that followed the LORD; (iii) serving as witnesses of miracles; (iv) listening attentively to the Word of God through Jesus’ mouth and (v) writing Scripture to memorialize the Word.

There was a critical difference. Jesus called his apostles after He had passed the test of Satan’s Temptation. Adam was in the midst of his test in the Garden when Eve was presented. Although the apostles of Jesus at times stood in the way of Him completing his mission and attempted to sway Him from obeying God’s will, they could never succeed because Jesus was incorruptible.

“And Adam said ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh’” (Gen. 2 v 23)

There was another difference between Eve and the Twelve. Jesus was ready to allow an apostle, e.g. Judas, who rejected His teaching to leave His inner circle. Adam was not ready to part with Eve under any circumstances.

Adam committed a huge error in judgment. He joined himself to Eve irrevocably. He left himself no option to divorce her should her actions make her unfit for Ministry. Adam’s treatment of Eve elevated her from dutiful wife and personal helper to coregent in the Dominion of the world. Eve had authority equal to Adam to dictate Faith and Practice on behalf of all believers. Adam was duty bound to accept Eve’s words.

Jesus’ message to believers is the Word of God has absolute authority. Anyone who wishes to follow Him must accept all His teaching. Anyone who disagrees with His teaching is disqualified from His ministry. Jesus’s message is the Kingdom of God is a Theocracy not a Democracy. Wisdom does not come out of the mind of Man but out of the mouth of God.

“And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed” (Gen. 2 v 25)

The project to seal a witness of the Divine Being and send him into the world to proclaim the Mystery of the Universe to the first humans was now in a state of peak vulnerability to Satan’s temptation.

Satan would seize the opportunity. Instead of bringing the knowledge of God into the world, Adam and Eve would be complicit in Satan’s schemes and bring lies into the world. Instead of a theology based on worship of One True God a theology based on worship of false gods would become dogma.

WORLD AT THE TIME OF THE GARDEN

By 4,200 BC the first humans had made strides in fulfilling God's commands:

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| 1. 'Be fruitful and multiply' | Global population was growing rapidly |
| 2. 'fill the Earth' | Humans had migrated to every continent |
| 3. 'subdue it' | Rival Homo species perished; Aggressive mega-fauna were extinct |
| 4. 'Have dominion over ...[animals]' | Animal species had been tamed and domesticated |
| 5. 'herbs [with] seed ... your food' | Agriculture had been invented and included multiple plants |

It was an age of advancement in human development:

1. Widely separated agricultural settlements of less than a thousand people
2. A simple spirituality based on the revelation of the stars – connection of man to the cosmos
3. People were housed, clothed, and fed
4. Permanent homes were built with many quality of life features: beds, hearths, ovens, insulation
5. Practical technologies produced many useful objects: pottery for cooking, eating, and storage
6. A variety of craft skills: weaving, looming, tanning, polishing, baking, painting, firing pottery

There was a communal spirit of co-operation:

1. Community members rallied together to build villages and in a few cases raise megaliths
2. Society was egalitarian. All houses were the same size except a few larger multi-purpose halls
3. Religion was practiced in the home or in the open. There were no large temple complexes.
4. Limited evidence of warfare between communities. No professional soldiers. No high walls.

Notable pre-4200 BC events:

1. Pavlovian Culture [28000 BC] hunter-gatherers - **first ceramic figurines** fired in clay ovens – Moravia
2. Caves, S. China [16000 BC] hunter-gatherers – **first pottery**; spreads to E. Europe [8,680 BC]
3. Gobekli Tepe [9500-8000 BC] hunter-gatherers - foothills of Taurus mountains; **first large stone pillars** – world's oldest megaliths; cisterns carved into rock; 20 acre site full of domestic structures
4. Neolithic farmers migrate as far as Iberia and Central Europe [5600 BC], Germany and Ukraine [5300 BC], Normandy [5000 BC], Southern France [4800 BC], Irish Sea coastline [4,340 BC].
5. Carnac, Brittany [4500 BC] – **first European megaliths**: 10,000 upright stones, 50 Dolmans

GARDEN OF EDEN - INFLECTION POINT IN HUMAN HISTORY

God puts Adam in the Garden of Eden at precisely the chronological time in human history between the relatively benign Neolithic farmer migration period and the establishment of the first cities in the world.

Adam's fall in the Garden would introduce to the world a satanic world system based on class divisions, religious inventions, and exploitation of the masses by powerful insatiable elites: called 'Civilization'.

STONE PILLARS

Genesis 2 corresponds to the 2nd Constellation on the path of the Sun through the sky which is [Libra](#):



Libra

The Sun passes through the sky from left to right. Viewed from the perspective of the Sun, the constellation looks like the outline of a giant pillar in the path of the Sun. Viewed from the Earth it looks like a pillar that is tipping on one side. The picture of a pillar infused with the Sun suggests that pillars are a geometric shape capable of possessing spiritual power, even possibly the power of life and death (the Sun).

Consider how closely the top three brightest stars in Libra resemble a Cross:



Cross

The Cross was the final test of Jesus Christ. The ancients pictured Libra as a set of scales that was unbalanced. An unfair trade: a sinless man dies so sinners are forgiven!

The Cross is the Tree of Life in the midst of the Garden! The place of power over eternal life and death. The very tree described in Genesis 2! Now look at the stone pillars erected in the Gobekli Tepe settlement:



Gobekli Tepe megalith

They have a bridge at the top. A (truncated) cross shape! (Jacob had a similar inspiration: see Gen.28 v 18)

The first humans were intensely spiritual. They meditated on the stars and the movement of the Sun because they felt a connection with the cosmos. It would shock people today to think that early man might have had a belief the Creator of the Cosmos tests every man's faith and man's destiny in the afterlife depends on the outcome of that test. Perhaps Neolithic man (before sin entered the world) erected sacred pillars as a sober reminder that God judges our thoughts and deeds: humans are called to live a holy life before our Maker.

GENESIS 3

Satan is described as “... **more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made**” (Gen. 3 v 1). He wandered about the Garden seeking a gullible soul to snare. His superpower was deception.

How could Eve speak with a beast? Did the serpent have human speech? Satan is the highest rank of angel under God: he possesses supernatural powers. We presume he had learned human speech from listening to conversations between the LORD God, Adam, and Eve¹⁰.

Did Satan appear to Eve in his beast form or in another form? One of his tricks is to transform himself into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11 v 14). We suppose he appeared in glorious attire with a purpose to impress her.

BEWARE THE FRIENDS YOU KEEP

Satan said to the woman “**Has God indeed said ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the Garden?’**” (v 1)

The woman said “**We may eat the fruit of the trees of the Garden; but of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the Garden, God has said ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die’**” (v 2-3)

Eve said God commanded them not to touch the fruit. FALSEHOOD. He never said that.

Eve said God warned them if they ate the fruit they *might* die: “**lest you die**”. FALSEHOOD. God said “**In the day you eat it you will die**”.

Eve was speaking lies. Perhaps this was not the first conversation she had with Satan. Perhaps he had been counseling her and leading her astray for some time. They appear to have been on familiar terms.

The LORD God was not near during the day. Adam was often busy about his duty to tend the Garden. Eve had just been created. No doubt she was intelligent and curious. Perhaps she hung around the TKGE because Satan was sociable and gifted at making speeches.

THE SERPENT SONG

The serpent said to the woman “**You will not surely die**” (v 4) “**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.**” (v 5).

This is the classic distraction deception. He denied God’s Word then swiftly changed the topic so Eve’s attention would move away from the important issue onto a more tantalizing topic.

Eve’s imagination soared with Satan’s intoxicating dream of being like God. Adam was just a gardener and a husband who was often absent in the cool of the evenings on his walks with the LORD. The serpent was

¹⁰ Eve, like all humans at the time, was intensely spiritual. Perhaps the encounter was at the level of spirit to spirit and the words were intelligible but weren’t audible? Another mystery for the ages.

glorious in appearance, eloquent in speech, and glowing with light. Her senses were overwhelmed and she was hypnotized. Like a fan at a rock concert she lost her mind and was star struck by Satan.

THE WAY OF SATAN

“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 the fruit and ate.” (v 6a)

Other trees had edible fruit. This tree had fruit that was good for food.

Other trees were attractive in a basic way. This tree was pleasant to the eyes.

Other trees offered little else than edible fruit. This tree was able to make one wise. Wise even like God.

Eve was ambitious. She wanted to better her life. She compared the food offerings at all the trees and picked the one that was best for her. She wanted Satan’s lifestyle: gorgeous attire and a daily menu filled with delicious food. She wanted to be at the pinnacle of society – ‘like God’ - dictating orders to the rest of humanity. She wanted a decadent lifestyle in the worst way.



Marie Antoinette

Eve’s desire to elevate herself above the rest is the hallmark of powerful elites through the ages: so sophisticated, so well dressed, so unconcerned with the plight of people beneath their station.

THE CONFLICTED HUSBAND

“She also gave to her husband with her and he ate” (v 6b)

Adam was a humble gardener who loved to converse with the LORD God, meditate on the stars and spend time studying the ways of the animals. He wasn’t prepared for dealing with a strong willed wife.

After Eve ate the fruit she glowed, she effused, she bubbled over with enthusiasm for Satan’s way.

Adam was supposed to be the leader in the family and Eve his dutiful helper. He discovered Eve was not inclined to be anyone's servant. Eve would not cease lobbying to change the family agenda until her wishes were gratified. Her craving was fame, fortune, and a fabulous lifestyle.

As much as Adam was drawn to the spiritual life he was bound by oath to Eve. He left himself no choice. No doubt he was transfixed by Eve's ebullient enthusiasm. He partook with her and enjoyed sin for a season.

THE COVER STORY

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they knew they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings" (v 7)

Living a simple humble life before God is free (and freeing). Living a lavish lifestyle is far from free. Someone has to pay for it. Eating the fruit of the tender vine that grew on the TKGE crushed the hopes of the poor. That fruit was supposed to be their wages. With arrogant boldness the new aristocrats snatched it away.

"Indeed the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields you kept back by fraud..." (James 5 v 4)

When the dizzying excesses of the feast wore off Adam and Eve realised they had sinned. An injustice was done. They needed to hold themselves above suspicion. They needed a cover story.

The preferred cover story of elites preying on the commoners is been to dictate a belief elites are needed to uphold social order. They say commoners aren't fit for the task because:

1. Commoners are stupid. They aren't qualified to debate complicated questions of government.
2. Commoners are undignified. Rulers are cut from finer cloth: discreet, polite, and well groomed.
3. Commoners are unruly and lazy. They need overseers to keep them in line and spur their effort.

THE DISAPPEARING ACT

"And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the Garden in the cool of the day..." (v 8)

Did the LORD God have heavy footsteps? No. The LORD God was gathering his sheep for the night. The LORD God was calling the sheep. Bleating lambs and sheep came running from all directions.

He probably gathered them to a hilltop to rest for the evening. The best place to view the stars at night is in an open space. From such a spot He could teach Adam his daily lesson. Not this evening.

"Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees in the Garden" (v 8)

Elites prefer an exclusive lifestyle. They don't want to be around common people [bleating sheep]. The more rich and powerful they are the fewer commoners ever see their face. The mansion of the Emperor of China is called The Forbidden City. Commoners could not enter. Diplomatic missions might visit a small portion of the

space. If permitted an audience they spoke to the Emperor through a screen. Only a few chosen servants had access on a regular basis. A similar story applies to ruling elites in other cultures.

THE BLAME GAME

“Then the LORD God called to Adam and said “Where are you?” (v 9)

“So he said ‘I heard your voice in the Garden and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself’” (v 10)

“And He said ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?’” (v 11)

“Then the man said ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she took of the tree, and I ate’” (v 12)

“And the LORD God said to the woman ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said ‘The serpent deceived me and I ate’” (v 13)

Elites in particular, but all sinners in general, prefer not to be accountable. When events don’t unfold as intended and misdeeds come to light they prefer to let others take the fall.

Elites in particular, but all sinners in general, have scant remorse for misdeeds. Their hearts are hard. They never apologize. When discovered they try to dodge the consequences.

ENEMIES MULTIPLY

“So the LORD God said to the Serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than any beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.”

The Serpent was a member of the elite. His advice corrupted the administration of the Garden. Elites took advantage of less privileged members of society to strengthen their grip on power and fuel their lifestyles.

The Serpent was cast out of ‘heaven’ – pushed out of the life of privilege and access – down to the very dregs of society. It was more than he could bear. Not having his own conscience to tell him he was deserving of punishment, the Serpent was enraged and aggrieved by his loss of place in the world.

Elite status is subject to change. When William the Conqueror defeated the English he promoted loyal Norman men to dukedoms and kicked out the former hereditary aristocrats.

Thus the cycle of conquest, corruption, war / civil war becomes ingrained in the fate of nations. No elite is safe. There is always a rival elite, within or without, that wants to eat your apple.

Be careful how you treat the weakest in society. If you abuse them or neglect them, violence and chaos will follow you: over and over again. The stain is never removed.

THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

It is Genesis 3. The 3rd heavenly sign in the path of the Sun is [Scorpio](#):



What of the peons? What of the peasants whose quality of life was suppressed by insatiable aristocrats? Privileged elites face danger from the lower classes too. Given the chance aggrieved commoners will seek their own vengeance. Even if costs them their life.

Scorpio gets a bad rap. If you look at the star map carefully Scorpio is downtrodden: under the foot of high and mighty Opheuchus¹¹.



freedom fighters

Rebellion to authority takes many forms. It may be a worker strike. It may be worker sabotage. It may be roaming gangs of youths. It may be domestic terrorism. It may be a life of crime. It may be suicide.

What do the elite do to protect themselves? They recruit police forces, secret services, and armed forces to protect their interests. These are rough tough characters who hit hard: the “**heel**” of government authority. All criminals and insurrectionists can do is “**bruise the heel**” – fight on the street. It isn’t a fair fight. The seed of the woman, her protectors, have the power to decapitate them - “**bruise his head**” – El Chapo style.

¹¹ Who is wrestling with Serpens (the rival elite faction).

No revolution ever succeeded in removing Satan's world system – the government of elites over commoners. Wars, revolutions and civil wars have only changed the occupants of the corridors of power.

JESUS CHRIST

The cycle of sin and judgment would be never ending and the fate of humanity doomed but for the life and death of Jesus the Messiah. He was the prophetic 'Seed of the Woman' who would crush the head of Satan.

After the Cross believers in Jesus can repent of their sins and be forgiven. This applies to elites as well as commoners. We are all guilty parties. We can all reform and transform by the power of God.

When Christ returns the second time Satan will be thrown into a dungeon for a thousand years. The world will be restored and repopulated with intensely spiritual men as in the beginning. Peace and the knowledge of God will fill the world. Put your hope in the LORD. The day of His appearance is not far off.

ELITES IN RETREAT

"To the woman He said 'I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you'" (v 16)

God revokes Adam's co-regency with Eve. The throne of authority will not be shared. Adam will rule over his wife. She loses her royal status and is demoted to be his servant (as was intended in the first place).

Eve retains a place, albeit a minor role, in the 'heavens' – the apex of the social order. She did not fall so terribly far as Satan. She still retains access to Adam, a great privilege. She can still use her influence.

By demoting Eve, God is concentrating power in Adam. God is attempting to neuter Satan's world system. No one will live for free off the labor of others. Eve will be tasked with birthing and raising children. Adam will be tasked with leading the clan and working in the fields.

Eve won't be wearing gorgeous clothes or feasting on delicacies any more. Her desire will be her husband's success because it will dictate her survival.

ADAM THE FARM LABORER

"Then to Adam He said 'Because you have heeded the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of which I commanded you, saying 'You shall not eat it': cursed is the ground for your sake. In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life'" (v 17)

Adam came from regular human stock (see page 10). God put him in the Garden to see if he could pass the test to be a Messenger of God. Adam failed. Adam is leaving the spiritual air of the Garden and is returning to the normal life of humans in those times – subsistence agriculture.

God's will is for everyone to work with their hands and earn a living. No sky high ambition: just honest work.

BARRIERS TO FORMING A SOCIAL ORDER WITH ELITES

“Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field” (v 18)

Outside the Garden Neolithic settlements were scattered over the face of the Earth. Some had grown to a population of hundreds. They could not establish settlements of thousands of people because God’s spirit was restraining them.

Neolithic populations grew with the invention of agriculture around 10,000 BC. For 6,000 years they never established towns and cities. Proof that man is a spiritual being. Man’s progress is influenced by spiritual conditions, which God ordains. He is the Creator of Heaven and Earth. Lord of all.

“In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread...” (v 19)

Elites could not establish because life was hard. Anyone who did not work did not eat.

A HUMBLE HEART THAT GOD DESIRES

“...till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; ...dust you are and to dust you shall return” (v 19)

God is emphasizing to Adam, although he is made in the image of God, he was made from dust. Man is to keep a lowly opinion of himself and walk humbly with his God. Man is a sinner. Man is subject to corruption both physically and morally. Man receives attention from God not because he is worthy but because God is merciful to sinners.

GOD HAD A PLAN

Neolithic life was sustainable. There was low impact on the environment: low carbon emissions, low air and water pollution. Plant and animal diversity was preserved for the generations.

Civilization is not sustainable. In the six thousand years since the Garden we have proved civilization is a scourge. Quality of life is good for a few. Quality of life is miserable for the rest. The environment is raped for resources. The atmosphere is polluted. Land and sea are spoiled for future generations. Wars and bombs kill millions. It will end in world-wide dystopia.

Modern man looks at the simple rural life with disdain. He can’t comprehend it because he’s never lived it. Living close to nature in a small agricultural setting is good for the soul. Working the soil, being around farm animals, harvesting food, being part of a co-operative community is deeply satisfying.

God judges the simple rural life better than the fast city life:

“Better is a meal of vegetables where there is love, than the fatted calf where there is strife”

FAITHFUL REMNANT

“And Adam called his wife’s name Eve because she was the mother of all the living”

“Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin and clothed them” (v 20-21)

Adam was a vegetarian. He did not eat animals. He had never seen an animal slaughtered. What must he have thought when the LORD God took one of his own sheep [or goats or cattle – we don’t know] and slaughtered it before his eyes?

The slaughter was a violent scene. Adam and Eve would have been shocked to see it. The experience made a deep impression on them.

On the one hand the slaughter was a depiction of the judgment of sin by a holy God. On the other hand the slaughter was a depiction of the covering of sin by a loving God.

Adam had nothing to pay God for this service. God had taken out His own flock a perfect unblemished sacrificial animal. Adam was in debt to God for this kindness. Such acts of grace stimulate the heart to enduring gratefulness.

Adam deserved to die. Animal sacrifice spared him. God could have punished Adam on the spot and ended the whole experiment. God chose to forgive and allow a faithful remnant to survive.

Animal sacrifice became a touchstone of faith in the Divine Being for the generations after Adam.

The death of an animal could not take away sins. It merely covered sin. It put off the judgment of God for a time until Christ could come to do away with sin.

NO MESSENGER OF GOD

“Then the LORD God said ‘Behold, the man has become like one of us, to know good and evil. And now lest he put out his hand and take also from the Tree of Life and eat and live forever’”

“Therefore the LORD God sent him out of the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken”

“So he drove out the man and He placed Cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden and a flaming sword which turned every way to guard the way to the Tree of Life” (v 22-24)

Adam failed to pass the test. He did not taste everlasting life (eat from the Tree of Life). He was unfit to offer a gospel of eternal salvation to the world.

The world was without a Messenger of God. Neolithic man was intensely spiritual but no one would be sent to them to unlock the mystery of the universe. They were like sheep without a Shepherd. Neolithic man was vulnerable to false teachers and they would soon be led astray.

From 4,222 BC onward we see pagan religions spring up and entrench in hearts and minds. Shamans will lead them to fear false gods. Men will lose a personal connection to the cosmos and become slaves of false gods.

All the world was falling into the domain of darkness. Yet, through Adam the line of faith continued; a flickering candle in the wind that would not snuff out. God kept the door open for a Messenger of God to come at a later time and offer eternal salvation to a dying world: Jesus Christ.

GENESIS 4

The struggle between Cain and Abel foreshadows the post-Neolithic world.

THE TRANSFORMATION BEGINS

“Now Adam knew his wife Eve and she conceived and bore Cain and said ‘I have got a man from the LORD’”

“Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground” (v 1-2)

Cain is the first modern man. He broke the mold of Neolithic tradition. He resisted the counsel of God.

Cain was an innovator. His father Adam worked by hand clearing the land, turning the soil, weeding, and harvesting. Cain was a tiller of the ground. He drafted animals to pull a plough. Cain could clear more land with less sweat. Cain’s invention greatly increased harvest yields. He single-handedly turned the family farm from subsistence to prosperity.

Abel was traditional. His mission was to preserve the faith. Sacrificial animals were needed to memorialize God’s grace in the Garden when he covered Adam’s nakedness. As a shepherd Abel was careful to protect his sheep. The sheep [or cattle or goats] prospered under Abel’s hand. Abel ate none of them. He foraged.

Early forms of plough have been dated to the third millennium BC. Adam left the Garden around 4159 BC¹². Cain was born not long after. Cain’s plough invention fits the timeline. Wide adoption would have been slow.

CONTENTION OVER THE FAITH

“And in the course of time Cain brought an offering of fruit of the ground to the LORD.”

“Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering”

“but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry and his countenance fell.”

Cain was the son of Eve. Eve was the woman of ambition (see page 16) and the first convert to the Way of Satan. Neolithic people were intensely spiritual until Cain was born. A new line of carnal men appeared.

¹² See [KEY DATES IN BIBLE CHRONOLOGY](#) table (p2) on our website.

Cain was a gifted individual. He was superior in intellect and craft than all his contemporaries. His thoughts proceeded out of his ingenious mind. He drew no inspiration from the stars or the teaching of the elders.

Cain was impressed by the abundance his invention produced. Naturally he thought his offering would impress God. Perhaps he also wanted to impress the community with the great pile of vegies on the altar.

Cain put his offering of vegetables on the altar in front of the whole community. God did not answer by fire. Cain was humiliated. This stung his pride like a lance from a charging steed.

Abel put his offering of a firstborn of his flock and fat on the altar. God answered by fire. The faith was preserved. Abel was confirmed as a spiritual leader to the remnant of the faith.

Cain should have known his sacrifice would be unacceptable: (1) Vegetables have no blood. Animals have blood. Man is an animal not a plant. (2) The LORD God had sacrificed animals in the Garden to cover Adam's nakedness. (3) God explicitly told Adam not to cut plants (to sew fig leaves) to cover his nakedness.

But Cain wasn't humble enough to be teachable about the things of God.

CONTENTION OVER THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Abel added fat to the sacrifice. Fat is high in calories, rich in flavor. Fat is formed from the excess of food consumed over the body's needs to survive.

Through the fat offering Abel was saying to the LORD: 'We are content with having our needs satisfied. We don't need to store up wealth or strive for prosperity because God will provide all our needs.'

Those who were spiritually minded in the community took Adam's point. Cain's program of advancement out of the Neolithic age by inventing new technology had the negative effect of diminishing faith in God.

The spiritually minded correctly calculated the community had a better chance of success when it walked in God's will. He would shepherd them and protect them from dangers they did not even know about.

In his role as a leader of the faith Abel advocated against adopting Cain's innovations. Cain might tolerate the humiliation of God rejecting his sacrifice. But Cain could not tolerate Abel's resistance to innovations.

SIN IS LIES AT THE DOOR

"So the LORD said to Cain 'Why are you angry? And why is your countenance fallen?'"

"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." (v 6-7)

The community had made its decision. Cain now had to decide whether to abide by community standards. If he swallowed his pride and worshipped God acceptably, he would be accepted. If not, sin would control him.

HOT TEMPERED CAIN

“Now Cain talked with his brother Abel, and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against his brother and killed him.” (v 8)

Cain was not ready to swallow his pride and submit to the community standards. As predicted his soul was invaded by evil spirits who drove him into a rage of hatred for Abel. He reasoned in his deluded mind that if he killed Abel he might sway the community back to his beliefs and his program for development.

Cain is the poster boy for what happens to unspiritual ambitious people. It is a deadly combination. They will destroy everything in their path that hinders their ascendancy in the world.

People with insatiable lust for power and wealth are the driving force of what we call civilization. Like Pharaoh of Egypt they would happily enslave their entire community and dispossess them of land if it would benefit them. Like Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and Stalin of the Soviet Union they would happily throw their citizens into a furnace or banish them to a gulag if they perceived the slightest disloyalty.

CHANGE IN THE SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE

The relative peace and harmony of the Neolithic world before the Garden of Eden was irreversibly ruptured when Cain killed Abel. The curtain of civility was torn apart. Evil spirits of lust, hatred, murder and unbelief were loosed on the Earth. Satan’s plan to corrupt man through the temptation of Eve was unfolding.

Of course, man had killed man before the Garden of Eden. Neolithic life was no paradise. Man had always been a sinner. It happened but it wasn’t out of control. Neolithic man was intensely spiritual. Neolithic man felt a reverent connection to the cosmos and to the community. God held back the forces of darkness.

Carnal man has trouble understanding how the spirit realm affects the earthly realm. Look at the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean. One half of the island is Haiti, a nation rooted in voodoo witchcraft and the haunt of pirates. Many buccaneers settled there. The other half of the island is the Dominican Republic, a nation of law abiding peace loving citizens. The Dominican Republic is the second largest economy in the Caribbean and is the most visited tourist destination. Haiti suffers extreme poverty and gang wars.

Adam failed the test. Adam dropped the bottle. Cain was the genie. The genie was out of the bottle. The world would never be the same because man is made from dust. Man has no weapon against the power of the spirit realm. Man is either controlled by God or is controlled by sin. Man is deluded to think he can be the captain of his destiny, the author of his fate. Carnal man is a dead leaf blown by the wind.

Satan has a plan to corrupt the world. Cain was his fervent disciple (whether he knew it or not).

It is a plain historical fact that the great civilizations of the world emerged not long after the fall of Adam and Even in the Garden of Eden. This is the evidence that spiritual matters affect the material world.

A STRANGE NEW CLASS OF PEOPLE: LANDLESS WANDERERS

Neolithic farmers lived off the land for countless generations. Sometimes they crafted tools or went on a trading expedition. They always returned to the homestead for seed time and harvest.

Cain was no different. He was a tiller of the soil. A man of the land: deeply connected to it¹³.

“Then the LORD said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’. He said ‘I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?’ And He said ‘What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries to me from the ground’”

“So now you are cursed from the Earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you till the ground it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be from the Earth.”

Cain will wander off. He will found the first city. He will establish himself as the ruler. In the course of time, as the account of Joseph interpreting Pharaoh’s dream tells us, rulers steal land away from the farmers and reduce them to serfdom. Cain’s offspring will never lose the love of the land. They will own millions of acres of it. They just won’t lift a finger to work it. They see toil as beneath their station in life.

THE ORIGIN OF ELITE ENTITLEMENT

Cain had legitimate concerns being landless would get him in trouble with the locals. In his wandering he might unknowingly trespass on someone’s land and suffer their wrath. Or he might collect some grain from a field to make a daily meal and be accused of thievery.

“And Cain said to the LORD ‘My punishment is greater than I can bear. Surely you have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the Earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.” (v 13 – 14)

The LORD rightly judged Cain needed a way to certify he had Divine approval to carry on his affairs or the faithful farming communities would become so irritated they would seek to hurt him¹⁴.

“And the LORD said to him, ‘Therefore, whoever kills Cain vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.’ And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.” (v 15)

God put a blood spot on Cain¹⁵. Not just any blood – the blood of a sacrificial animal. The Torah teaches Moses applied the blood of sacrifices to make objects and priests holy. Common people keep must their distance. An intensely spiritual Neolithic farmer would understand the significance of a spot of sacrificial blood and respect it.

¹³ The author is a retired farmer. There was a saying in the farming community: “You’ll never get the dirt off your boots”. Once you have spent seasons of your life sowing, harvesting, and raising livestock it seeps into your soul. The farm will always be your home.

¹⁴ Look what Joseph’s brothers did to him when he shared a dream of ruling over them: Genesis 37.

¹⁵ See our paper [The Garden of Eden](#) page 24.

The elite will always be a small portion of the general population and therefore vulnerable. To ensure the elite could dwell safely among men the LORD gave them special protection under the law. Of course, corrupt elites would flaunt their high status. Being highly privileged only fueled their superiority complex.

The LORD's dispensation to Cain formed the basis for a new social contract. Rulers would organize civilization and set it on an ambitious development path. The masses owe the rulers respect because God has granted them authority to go about their business.

God never wished for man to be subservient to rich powerful rulers with insatiable lust. This came about because Adam and Eve sinned. The genie was out of the bottle. It would take the LORD thousands of years to put the genie back in the bottle. Until then rulers and men needed a mutually understood arrangement so they might co-exist. Elite privilege was a concession for the sake of social harmony.

CAIN BUILDS A CITY

“Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.”

“And Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city and called the name of the city after his son Enoch.” (v 16-17)

Cain was landless, meaning he had no share in the communal lands of the faithful Neolithic farmers. So Cain found non-agricultural land and settled there.

How did Cain feed himself if he couldn't till the ground? Cain wasn't banned from crafting. He would gather sticks, stones, clay, reeds and set to work manufacturing items useful to Neolithic farmers then trade with them for food. Trade goods might include baskets, knives, hoes, clothes, cordage, ropes, tents.

Being clever, diligent, and ambitious Cain soon amassed wealth. A wealthy elite was firmly established.

HEREDITARY RULE

Cain named the city after his son Enoch. The rule of the city belonged to Cain. Cain would determine who to pass the rule of the city along to. Elite privilege was never based on merit. In the beginning it passed from father to son through the generations.

“To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad beget Mehujael, and Mehujael beget Methushael, and Methushael beget Lamech”. (v 18)

Implicit in the meaning of the Hebrew words for Cain's descendants is a progressive corruption and turning away from God and His will. See our paper [The Line of Cain](#) page 9.

Because man is sinful it is inevitable the line of kings, pharaohs, caesars, shahs, and emperors all come to a crashing end after some passage of time. New elites arise who replace them and the cycle starts again.

NEW SOCIAL OCCUPATIONS: MIGRANT HERDERS, MUSICIANS, METAL FABRICATORS

“Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah and the name of the second was Zilla”

“And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock”

“His brother’s name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute”

“And as for Zillah she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.” (v 19-22)

The city was thriving. A bustling market animated city life. Entertainers filled the air with catchy tunes. Everyone was in awe of the new inventions. Everyone was well fed. People gradually forgot they ever lived on the land. They forgot there was a God who created the cosmos and put man in it. Satan’s workers busily fabricated new gods and myths to occupy the imagination of the masses.

ELITES ABUSE POWER

“Then Lamech said to his wives: ‘Adah and Zilla, hear my voice. Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me.”

“If Cain is avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.” (v 23-24)

As society drifted away from the knowledge of God a downward spiral of immorality and criminality manifested at the highest levels of power.

Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt when there was a famine in the land. Pharaoh was delighted to swell the population of his kingdom. In the course of time the attitude of Pharaoh changed and the Israelites were ruthlessly persecuted.

Civilizations begin as small city states in the midst of vast regions of subsistence farmers. As cities grow they absorb population and expand their control. The state becomes richer and the elite more powerful. In the course of time cities rot like a carcass and conditions degrade for the marginalized in society.

IN CONCLUSION

Man is a sinner. Man is dust. He has no power to resist sin. Satan is the god of this world. Satan’s agenda is to corrupt man and keep him from turning to God for guidance and blessing. Cities and civilizations have been an agency of Satan since Cain killed Abel.

Cities and civilizations arose because Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. Shortly after 4,000 BC there was an inflection in the development path of Mankind from intensely spiritual scattered Neolithic farmer communities to large populations concentrated in socially stratified cities. Ambitious insatiable elites made it happen. They were powered by forces of evil in the spiritual realm that were let loose in the world.