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IDOLATRY – EVE'S SIN!

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"Now the serpent was more subtil (Heb.-cunning) than any BEAST of the field." Genesis 3:1. Why not any fowl, or reptile? Was Moses, the writer of the Pentateuch, giving us a clue as to the form Lucifer, Son of the Morning, choose to make his debut before Eve in the Garden of Eden?

In the expulsion from the garden, God further narrows the field into what family of BEASTS the serpent was in--CATTLE. *"And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou (BEAST) art cursed above all CATTLE."* Genesis 3:14. By these two verses we can be assured that the form Satan chose to transform himself into was a member of the cattle family of beasts.

Names in the Bible are prophetic--what you shall be. God is not limited to the present like mortals. He already knows the end, and names you accordingly! When Jesus beheld Peter, he already knew his name, *"Thou art Simon (Gk.-to dig) the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas (Gk.-stone)."* Similarly, to paraphrase God, "Thou art a BEAST, but shall be a SERPENT!" When he kicks this beautiful young bull out of the garden, it will then be a serpent.

"And the Lord God said unto the serpent (to be), Because thou hast done this, thou (BEAST) art cursed above all CATTLE, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go." It had never gone on its belly before the "expulsion." Can't you see this? Why should we continue lying about the scripture? This type of lying is "adding" to the Word of God. *"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."* Rev. 22:18. If you say a snake appeared unto Eve, you are lying. It was a member of the CATTLE family. *"And all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."* Revelation 21:8.

Let's relegate "the serpent story" to the same section of our brain that we put the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, and the Christmas tree. It was Hitler's Propaganda Minister, Joseph Goebbels, who first said, "When you tell a lie, tell a big one, and repeat it often, and the people will believe it is the truth." God knows "the serpent story" has been repeated often enough! I am purposefully spending a little extra time on this because I know how the devil doesn't want you to understand how things began, or how they will end.

In the late 1950's, during the period of the great religious films like "Quo Vadis", "The Ten Commandments", etc., the only film to be under fire by the World Council of Churches was a film entitled, "The Bible". Why, you ask? Its subject material dwelt with creation.

You can be ever so religious, but the devil is out to hide two things from you: the beginning and the ending! He knows if you and I can agree on these two pivotal points, the rest of the book cannot separate us.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," John heard when he was in the Spirit. Revelation 1:11. Alpha is the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet, and Omega is the last letter in the Greek alphabet. God is telling John on the Isle of Patmos, "I am the God of Genesis, and I am the God of Revelation," the first and the last. This first and last is what Satan never wants disclosed! This is the reason for full disclosure, no matter the risk! *"Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey."* Revelation 10:9.

Genesis means "beginning". Every doctrinal truth has its origin in this one book. In a similar manner, all the doctrines that have their origin in Genesis, culminate in Revelation. You see how vital these two books are to getting a grasp of the Bible. You can know all the other books by heart, but if you don't know how they began or ended, you are still in darkness.

The mother of all living was the most beautiful woman that God ever created. Lucifer, the Son of the Morning, had one thing in common with Eve; they both loved beauty. Lucifer was accustomed to the heavenly host beholding his beauty. *"Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty."* Ezekiel 28:17. He was the leader of the heavenly host, being their music director, *"the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created."* Ezekiel 28:13.

Satan is the *"prince of this world"*. John 14:30. Do you really think the prince of the entire world, who has the ability to transform himself into any bodily form he would desire, would choose a snake? *"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."* 2 Corinthians 11:14. If the magicians, wise men and sorcerers of Egypt could duplicate the first three miracles of Moses, surely Satan could entertain the most beautiful lady that ever lived in some manner besides a "snake skin".

A woman's weakness is beauty! They love beautiful things. Detroit builds cars knowing that the attraction in the woman's eye will sell the car. Beauty needs no introduction. Beauty is beholden to beauty. The beauty of this young bull that could speak like a human, completely overpowered Eve and captivated her mind. *"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."* 1 Timothy 2:14.

To better understand the temptation, and to gain a little sympathy for the mother of all living, let me show you the affect a "molten golden calf" had on the children of Israel. Aaron melted all the earrings of the children of Israel and made what the Bible calls "Aaron's calf" with this declaration, *"These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."* Exodus 32:4. The people became "naked". Exodus 32:25. *"And the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play."* Exodus 32:6. Moses saw the calf and the dancing, and Moses' anger waxed hot. The children of Israel were dancing naked and worshipping this calf. This was the reaction at seeing merely a molten image of a calf. Eve was talking to the real, live young bull calf.

The children of Israel believed Moses was dead and they were preparing to return to Egypt. They wanted Pharaoh to accept them. For acceptance people will apparently believe most anything. That is one reason it is difficult to even confront anyone on the issue of "unconditional eternal security." It is already accepted by the mainline churches!

Israel had lived in Egypt for four hundred years. They were well familiar with the gods of Egypt. The Egyptian civilization is one of the oldest in the world. Did Egyptians know of the form Satan chose to appear before Eve? If not, how can you account for the Egyptians having as one of their gods, a young bull calf?

The serpent (to be), in the form of a young bull calf, was the first to speak and he said unto the woman, *“Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”* This talking young bull calf was under the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” You may wonder why in every school curriculum the teaching of sex education is mandatory. This bull calf was the very first “sex educator”, and Eve was his student.

Another reason this beautiful young bull calf that could talk was called the serpent, is because he used his snake to deceive Eve. Girls are frightened by even a tiny garter snake, but the snake they should fear the most they lovingly admire for its beauty.

You must remember Eve only received second hand the instructions that God gave to THE MAN. *“And the Lord GOD commanded THE MAN, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”* Genesis 2:16-17. When Adam didn’t show at their usual meeting place, God went looking for THE MAN. *“And the Lord GOD called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?”* Genesis 3:9. Adam heard the instructions direct from God. Eve merely reiterated what her husband told her.

“And the woman (beholding the beauty of this creature) said unto the serpent (to be), We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, NEITHER SHALL YE TOUCH IT, lest ye die.” Gen. 3:3. Why did Eve add these words? God never said to the man, “NEITHER SHALL YE TOUCH IT.”

When Eve gave in to her own fleshly lust, she reached out “to touch” the head on this beast’s snake. When she did that, a fire ignited in her body to perform that which she would never do with her own husband.¹ In the 1960’s, a pornographic film featured Linda Lovelace in a movie called “Deep Throat”. It inflamed sex in a similar fashion to an uncontrollable fire, and millions of Americans were ignited for the “new sexual revolution”.

This young bull calf could perhaps stand on two feet, with his back against the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They are both naked. *“And the serpent (to be) said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.”* Go ahead, Eve, and touch it! Eve was being tempted “to touch” the beautiful head of this serpent’s snake. Some men are all snake, and in their worship of this snake turn to homosexuality.

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (highest form of protein known to man), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (she couldn’t keep from caressing it), and a tree to be desired to make one wise (the gay society is so wise, having been “born again” into a spiritual church), she took of the fruit (fruity semen) thereof, and did eat...And the eyes of them both were opened,” and they became

¹ introduction of bestiality into the human race

“as gods”. *“And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil.”* Genesis 3:22.

The serpent had told the woman, *“For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”* Genesis 3:5. It is equivalent to being “born again” into a cult of religion. Satan did not lie in this instance. Your eyes will be opened unto an entirely new lifestyle. You’ll believe you are a “little god” and must teach “good and evil” to humanity.

Homosexuality, idolatry, and blasphemy of the Holy Ghost can all be placed in the same basket as the worst of sins man is capable of performing. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah over sodomy: what makes you think He will love your gay lifestyle? Homosexuals act “like gods” of a higher order to instruct the rest of us about good and evil. Homosexuality is the original sin that drove man from the Garden of Eden. *“So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”* Genesis 3:24.

Once you understand that Eve ate the fruit of this young bull calf’s tree, it is not difficult to comprehend why you were “conceived in iniquity”. *“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”* Psalm 51:5. Salvation can never be obtained through belonging to the right church, but only through trusting in the right tree: The Tree of Life!

Homosexuality is so much a part of the human race that it accounts for some even believing that they are born that way. There are some things you just never do! This is one of them. *“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.”* Leviticus 18:22-23. E.W. Kenyon, the father of the modern day “faith movement”, said, “Adam (or man) was actually “born again” when he sinned. That is, he was born of the devil. He became a partaker of the Satanic nature.” (*The Father and His Family*, WA; Kenyon Publishing Society, 1964, page 48.)

Once you understand how these homosexuals become “as gods”, you begin to wonder about E.W. Kenyon’s crazy doctrine that Jesus had to be born again in hell. Was Kenyon a homosexual? Kenneth Copeland’s “little god” theory is a lie that once believed effects “the soul” and could well be the lie of 2 Thessalonians 2:11, *“That they all might be damned.” “And ye shall be as the gods.”* Genesis 3:5.

Should the church keep the way of the Tree of Life by a flaming sword today? This is, hopefully, the mission of the RIVERBANK NEWS! Only the “flaming sword” of the Word of God can keep the flames of homosexuality in check.

According to this month’s report from Beverly LaHaye, President Clinton has begun to discriminate against Christians in the workplace, in favor of gays. “The Clinton Administration has been ordering all federal workers to attend intensive, three-hour sessions which are designed to force people to accept and embrace the homosexual lifestyle as normal and acceptable. This is being done under the guise of A.I.D.S. “education”. The President mandated this employee “training” through his Federal Workplace A.I.D.S. Education Initiative.” (*Concerned Women for America*, April 1995.)

The gay community is pouring millions of dollars into the campaign fund to re-elect Bill Clinton as President in 1996. He is already responding to that money coming into his coffers. If he wins, it will not be because of the Religious Right. He knows that! Dr. James Dobson of "Focus on the Family" reports a similar discrimination to upgrade jobs within the workplace of AT&T.

These are perilous times for Christians in particular. Could this be the reason Christians are admonished not to forsake *"the assembling of ourselves together...and so much the more, as ye see THE DAY approaching."* Hebrews 10:25. We are going to need each other to survive. Sodomy is the sin of the end time. Luke 17:28. *"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me to give to everyone according to his work."* Revelation 22:11-12.

"For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not fitting." Romans 1: 26-28.

Some Bible scholars attempt to say the beginning, in Genesis, was when Ham looked upon his father's nakedness when Noah was drunk on wine. Noah's wife was dead, and he must have been 750 years old (and under the influence of the wine). Ham saw his father masturbate, and told it. "You know that father of ours, who claims to be religious, well! Wait till you hear what I saw!" The beginning of homosexuality is not that easily passed off! This is a cowardice answer because the preachers don't have the guts to face reality.

Our society always covers for our womenfolk. We simply refuse to believe they are capable of evil. Tammy Bakker was running around with a country-western singer. She started it. Jessica Hahn came on the scene to prevent Jim Bakker from committing suicide. An ex-Assemblies of God preacher introduced Jessica to Jim Bakker to get his mind off suicide. Who goes to jail? In a similar fashion, C. Thomas Patten did time in San Quentin because he was a servant of his wife, Dr. Bebe H. Patten.

As in the spiritual, so in the natural.

Mother Eve simply cannot be guilty. Why? Because she is a woman! The next generation comes out of her stomach. A woman will do in sex with a total stranger what she would never agree to do in marriage. In marriage, respect is the dominant guide, not sexual gratification.

It is because the church never hears the true story of the "fallen woman" in the Garden of Eden that they refuse to hear one of the great Apostles, Paul. *"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak (with the same authority of a ruling elder); but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."* 1 Corinthians 14:34-35.

Law or grace. It is based on Eve's disobedience in "idolatry." Adam ate the fruit and was a participant, but he knew he was sinning, and most certainly did not worship that magnificent young bull.

Every male knows homosexuality is sin against God. A woman is deceived, believing it is all a part of lovemaking.

The dime novels on the subject of love were devoured by women during the Great Depression. Their curiosity and thirst seemed unquenchable on this one subject, apparently because of their total ignorance. But they desire to learn! There must be a vacuum in the heart of every woman that she longs to have filled. In a sense, this vacuum works to her benefit, in a way, like a built-in radar to respond to the love that God places in the heart of some male.

Man is made in God's image. "God is love." 1 John 4:16. The love in the heart of a male is what initiates "true love". She responds by an "I do."

Woman is not saved from her own self-love by this relationship. *"Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing."* 1 Timothy 2:15. A girl is changed into a woman by childbearing, like a caterpillar into a butterfly. This is the first time she observes an object she loves more than self.

Often, however, they make children their "gods" and objects of worship. When this occurs, you have repeated a scene in heaven that I call "the round table". Lucifer, and one-third of the heavenly host (angels), pitted against God. It will ultimately cause a divorce, because the wife now only responds to "another love", which proves she knows nothing about the subject of love.

The man, as husband, is commanded by God to "love your wife." She cannot find her way without that radar to guide her. Left to her own radar (love) spells disaster!

The sin of idolatry is a sin God has a hard time with, and apparently never fully forgives. He surely never forgets. A constant reminder, *"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."* 1 Timothy 2:11-12.

Phyllis Schlafly, a Roman Catholic, before opening her mouth on politics, states, "I'm here on the permission and authority of my husband." This opening statement drives the "Feminazi's" up the wall! She is the women's president of the Republican Party.

I love to worship in a Pentecostal Church of God in Christ because of their honor of the pulpit. It is reserved for the teaching elders! Divine order is so beautiful to watch in action. The women show their spirit of subjection by being content to speak from the floor of the church. God is a God of order! When Lucifer got out of order in heaven, a war broke out to get things back in harmony and peace. The church is an extension of the home. *"The aged women...that they may teach the young women...to love their husbands, to love their children."* Titus 2:3-4. Women need to be taught to love someone other than themselves even after marriage! Apparently, it doesn't come naturally. The entire church, by its program, should show respect to the elders. In so doing they are honoring God, and thus blesses each home.

"Love the brotherhood" is a command of scripture. Do you have a "brotherhood" in your church to love? or only a single "hireling"?

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Very few men can you follow and know you are following Christ, but the Apostle Paul was one you could be sure of. *"Now I praise you, brethren,*

that ye remember me in all things, and KEEP THE ORDINANCES, as I delivered them to you."

1 Corinthians 11:1-2. Ordinances in grace!

Paul then continues to explain "divine order". This is what is meant by "*God is not the author of confusion.*" 1 Corinthians 14:33. (It is not the speaking in tongues, shouting, praising God that causes the confusion Paul is addressing.) It is explained in the very next verse. "*Let your women keep silence in the churches.*" "*For God is not the author of confusion (women are), but of peace.*" God silenced Lucifer (a type of the woman) in heaven, and peace was restored.

"But I would have you know (concerning divine order, or "chain of command", as on board a ship), *that*

THE HEAD of every man is Christ; and

THE HEAD of the woman is the man; and

THE HEAD of Christ is God." 1 Corinthians 11:3.

Whenever you develop a hatred against the opposite sex, such as that recently displayed (one week before Easter) on public television across America in protest to Newt Gingrich's success in the first 100 days of the new Republican Congress, you are inviting demons to come in. There was a total absence of prayer, but in its place a vibrant use of cussing and four-letter words under the leadership of the vice president of the National Organization for Women, a Ms. Dempsey. It was termed a "Women's Issue Rally", held in full view of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. This women's group claimed 500,000 in attendance, yet nothing appeared in the newspapers or magazines to even confirm such a rally took place. Why the blackout?

If the Republicans lose control of the Presidency and the Congress in 1996, we will have the gay and women's organizations to congratulate. America will have lost by default; too many Christians expecting to be raptured any minute! We can then thank Peter and Paul Lamonde of This Week in Bible Prophecy for their timely video, Left Behind that helped keep Christians from the polls. We'll be gone, so why bother to vote?

This rally reminded me of a video I once saw entitled "Entity", a parapsychology documentary based on a true story. In this film you actually saw a woman being raped by a demon in fulfillment of Jude 7, "*GOING AFTER strange flesh*". The only difference was that she was trying to escape. How do you escape from the devil. You are powerless! Only Jesus can handle the devil. Jesus stands at the door of your heart, knocking. Please invite Him in. "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these (other) things shall be added unto you.*" Matthew 6:33. These are all "good things" that He knows you have need of.

"They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." Psalm 84:7