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DOES THE PENALTY MATCH THE CRIME?

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IS THE "LOSS OF DOMINION RIGHTS" BY EVE AN APPROPRIATE PENALTY?

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"If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double." Exodus 22:1,4.

Under the law of Moses, by seeing the penalty administered, you could determine the severity of the crime. The law was in reality based on "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," and considered a just recompense.

This mailer is actually a continuation of where last months, "Idolatry-Eve's Sin" left off. But, like Nehemiah before rebuilding the torn down walls of Jerusalem, he went out into the night to view the city from the dung gate, from the sheep gate, etc. Today we will consider what transpired between the world's first "Sex Educator" whose classroom was held under the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, from the perspective of the severity of the penalty. Does the penalty administered upon women by God match the crime of eating an "apple"? The severity of the penalty should give us a clue as to the nature of the sin committed.

I believe well intentioned Christian women wouldn't be guilty of blotting out of their minds whole chapters of the Bible if they knew the severity of the crime Eve committed against God. Sandwiched between the "love chapter", 1 Corinthians 13, are the three chapters women completely blot out: 1 Corinthians 7, 11 and 14. No wonder they clamor for a female God: the one they have is a bigot (so they think).

It is women who are demanding these new versions of scripture, thereby hoping to "temper" the King James version's clear indictment, *"Let your women keep silence in the churches."* 1 Corinthians 14:34. Like a preacher from Arkansas said to his Sunday morning congregation, "I read in the Bible where it says there'll be no women in heaven!" His text was Revelation 8:1-- *"And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour."*

So Eve ate an apple! My God, we all eat apples! For this I lose my "dominion rights" that were given to women by God!? *"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness (the woMAN must have been created in the likeness of God as well in order to exercise "dominion rights" given her): and let THEM (50-50) have dominion (Heb. subjugate, rule, reign)." Genesis 1:26.* God created woman to also rule and reign on this earth. It was in the original creation plan of God.

When you look at the severity of the penalty, surely there has to be more to this story than just the eating of a pear or apple. The world, by merely the observance of the penalty and no knowledge of scripture, has long suspected, “It was not the pear in the tree, but the pair on the ground.”

The entire “Women’s Liberation Movement” is in rebellion against God! To many, God is a tyrant for stripping them of their “dominion rights” simply because Eve ate an apple! They refuse to be a partner in such an unjust judgment.

“Unto the woman he said:

1) *I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception* (you will have no control of the number of children);

2) *in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and*

3) *thy desire* (your only purpose for living) *shall be to thy husband* (make him happy), *and*

4) *he shall rule* (have dominion) *over thee*.

This final judgment, given upon the expulsion from the Garden, is recorded in Genesis 3:16. The preachers and the women have looked together at the severity of the penalty and have agreed--too much! This punishment is too severe, just because Eve ate an apple!

Unknowingly, the preachers are an accomplice to the present state of rebellion being exercised by NOW, the National Organization of Women, and the rise of lesbianism. The ministry is responsible to tell the whole counsel of God. *“For I have not shunned to declare unto you ALL THE COUNSEL OF GOD.”* Acts 20:27.

Jesus declares in John 10:8,10 *“All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them...The thief* (the ministry) *cometh not, but for to steal* (unsatisfied with tithes), *and to kill* (a man’s God-given dominion rights), *and to destroy* (his ability to rule over the woman).” The thief in this instance is not the devil, but the ministry that has learned the art of “political correctness” in applying scripture in regard to women.

A woman is made to feel perfectly at ease and comfortable with the ministry. Eve, through the beauty of this creature, was similarly made to feel perfectly at ease and comfortable in the presence of this world's first “Surgeon General” of the Tree of Knowledge.

“The Promise Keepers” is evidence that men have a great hunger for God. But these men will be disillusioned, because by the nature of the pledge taken, he is seeking peace on the terms of an alliance: “Ministry and Women, Inc.” He admits he is the culprit! Both the preacher and the woman already know there is no peace in today’s home except on a woman’s terms.

Do you know why John the Baptist was declared to be greater than Elijah by Jesus Christ? Elijah ran from Jezebel to save his head; John stood his ground, and lost his! *“And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.”* Mark 6:28.

That “spirit of Herodias” is present in this “Woman’s Liberation Movement”, and men with big mouths like Rush Limbaugh could have their head on a “charger”. It is a sad correlation of our times, but the ministry sits with Jezebel and Herodias, with Janet Reno, US Attorney General, as the enforcer, and agree G. Gordon Liddy needs his head severed (silenced)!

I’ve heard Pentecostal preachers say “John the Baptist didn’t use any wisdom, for if he had used wisdom, he could have saved his head.” This statement reveals how foreign is the doctrine of martyrdom to this generation! Martyrs are the “seed planting” of the church. *“And they loved not their lives unto the death.”* Revelation 12:11.

With the politically correct sermons of today on “health and wealth” that console the “positive thinking” theology of Norman Vincent Peale, we have little or no fear of any “seeds” of martyrdom being sown in our society.

When a woman, or a wife, gets religion, it can often prove devastating to a marriage. *“Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm* (Gk.-affirm constantly: confirm thoroughly)” by the law, that you are guilty. 1 Timothy 1:7.

I know a woman who found Christ and it spelled disaster for her life. Unlearned, she decided to divorce her husband and get a Christian man. You must realize we are only babies when we come to Christ. The crying need of the church is for women to teach women. *“The aged women...that they may teach the young women* (and babes in the Lord)...*to love their husbands.”* Titus 2:3-4. This is not a very exciting ministry for Pentecostal women. They are “free spirits”! Yet, God says, *“For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head* (a covering; a sign she is under the authority of her head) *because of the* (fallen) *angels.”* 1 Corinthians 11:10.

She dishonors her male covering, who is first her father and then her husband. If she be widowed, her covering can be a pastor or uncle, as Mordecai was to Esther. A woman without a covering, is an open invitation for demons to come in and possess the vessel.

Not only is God the Father under indictment by the present-day ministry, but what about the Apostle Paul? *“Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak* (talk about a chauvinistic pig!); *but they are commanded to be under obedience* (author and founder of grace), *as also saith the law.”* 1 Corinthians 14:34. This Apostle who founded grace, says that for womanhood, in the transition from law to grace, there is no difference!

Doesn't it ever enter your mind what Eve did to bring such vindictive laws upon womankind if all she did was eat an apple because it was high noon and she needed some nourishment? Well, both Paul and God are worse than Rush Limbaugh! Even Rush would show mercy upon womankind for merely the eating of an apple!

Again, the severity of the penalty automatically tells you that we have been lied to! Because of the lie spread by the chief citadel of our day, Dallas Theological Seminary, we, like sheep being led as by a Judas goat, follow blindly. Jesus said, *“Let them alone* (they are predestined spirits): *they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall in the ditch.”* Matthew 15:14. Jesus

said, *"Let them alone!"* Paul said, *"But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom (Gk.-usage), neither the churches of God"* (concerning women's place in the church). 1 Corinthians 11:16.

"Let them alone!" Have you ever tried to open the eyes of a person *"blinded by the demand of the law"*? They simply cannot see Apostle Paul's doctrine. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES* (legalists have to bring in the law): *it is the gift of God."* Ephesians 2:8.

Have you ever tried to convert someone versed in Kenyon's "Faith Movement" of the Hagin-Copeland school of theology? Jesus said, *"Leave them alone!"* Put your energy to better use. Just smile and move on, *"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion* (a religion based on "feeling and doing"; one becomes vulnerable), *that they should believe a lie: that they ALL might be damned who believed not the truth."* 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12.

Once you declare you are "a god", you are damned! It is like the sin of homosexuality, blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, or bestiality. As a human being, created in the image of God, God has the authority to set parameters, even for sinners. Read Romans 1:8-32, and you will see these parameters. God is still God, and you are but a man!

Man shakes himself a few times in a Pentecostal church, and he thinks he is "as god". The oldest lie in the Bible was given to Eve from the serpent (to be), *"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.

This is the foundation doctrine of the New Age religion: the final religion to engulf the world and incorporate 666.

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark of the beast or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:17. I believe the mark of the beast will be a picture of a "young bull calf". I do not know the name, or the number of his name--yet. From Daniel's description, he will be a Jewish homosexual that will outlaw marriage as a "violent institution". It has become violent because preachers have gone in league with the women in declaring both God and St. Paul as too chauvinistic! The reason is because women were never told the truth. Many would have repented had they heard the truth! For they love Jesus. They were the first to the tomb and the last to leave the cross.

Our educational system, news media, soap operas, Hollywood movies, television and the churches have moved in to deceive the woman. It took this long--ever since the passage of the "Woman's Suffrage Act"--to bring her hostility to full bloom. It has now arrived, and hence no man can live with this end product.

Just as Eve was the first to listen to the serpent (to be) in the very first generation, she is again listening to his lies. The Oprah Winfrey type talk shows--too numerous to mention--that go on day and night over television, are directed toward the woman. Even on the platform when the wife decides to divorce her husband, the entire studio audience applauds and shouts, "Right on!"

This woman in the garden didn't have any more chance than Samson with Delilah. No man is a match for a cat! *"And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him; and*

see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.” Judges 16:5. The battle of two champions who had never lost! “If he is a man, I will bring him in,” said Delilah. Samson would have to be a “god” to escape the clutches of this cat. Only a cat can put out your eyes and make you absolutely blind in her artistry of love. Many a man is on skid row after allowing himself to be lowered to the level of “catnip”.

For any man displaying the anointing of God, there will be a Jessica Hahn in the wings waiting to challenge his God against hers. That is why the Bible says, run! *“Flee fornication!”* 1 Corinthians 6:18. *“Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.”*

Eve was snowed by the beauty of this half human-half beast that could talk. Satan has the power to create an atmosphere of worship. Lucifer, who led the heavenly choir, was accustomed to worship. If you watch today's rock bands you will see they are worshipping their god. An atmosphere of worship is created with the lead singer being a god.

Satan longs to have all mankind desiring to worship him. First, however, he must accomplish his main fete, which is to have the human race infected with a virus called sin. It is contracted by the saliva in the mouth, and termed “mouth disease”. *“Thy speech betrayeth thee,”* (Matthew 26:73) that Peter was a disciple of Jesus. The sinner is marked by a foul mouth as evidence of the original sin, oral copulation, that forever marks him. As a sinner I escaped many sins, but not the “foul mouth”. I tried to stop cussing in order to increase my vocabulary. This is what amazed me when I was first born-again. God cleaned up my foul mouth. I had received a cure from Satan’s mark, that I was one of his. Your speech changes. The tongue is tamed! What a miracle!

God set a mark upon Cain. But perhaps God placed a mark upon Cain to protect his life so that he too could “multiply” and be a participant in obeying God’s command, *“Be fruitful and multiply.”* Genesis 1:22. Without that mark, Cain would be a dead man.

If Genesis is the beginning of every doctrine, you tell me where homosexuality began in the book of Genesis! I would love to be proved wrong. The smug, legalistic teachers of the law can’t face up to reality. Their conclusions are false. They teach for doctrines the commandments of men, and hence the sin of Eve becomes “disobedience” (she ate the apple). Wrong!

Eve’s sin was idolatry: that of worshipping another god! A far more serious sin than merely the eating of an apple. You’re correct. A woman could hardly worship a snake: but a young bull calf that was half human? We saw the effect of Aaron’s molten calf upon the children of Israel (Exodus 32:4).

Jeroboam thought he would lose the northern kingdom of Israel to the king of Judah all over worship. So Jeroboam repeated the sin of Aaron and *“made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.”* 1 Kings 12:28-29. I believe a

remnant from the northern kingdom refused to worship at Dan and Bethel and made the long trip to Jerusalem to worship.

If you'll read about the 144,000 in Revelation 7:4-8, you will see that the tribe of Dan is missing. Worshipping these two golden calves is how the "lost ten tribes" you hear so much about are destroyed.

"Unconditional eternal security" does not cover idolatry. It is like a life insurance policy that Jesus will honor, but you never read the fine print in the contract. It is all based on your obedience to the very first commandment. *"I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt (the world), out of the house of bondage (saved you). Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God."* Exodus 20:2-5.

The theologians from Dallas Theological Seminary, using Charles Larkin's charts and "dispensational truth" guidelines, declare the Edenic Covenant to be a "Dispensation of Innocence". None of this is in the Bible, unless you think being driven from the garden of Eden by the presence of a flaming sword is a covenant.

A covenant is where two parties meet and agree. It can be a verbal agreement, as the case with Abraham. But, if Abraham had failed to respond to God's *"Get thee out of thy father's country"*, it would have been voided as a contract. Proof--his father, Terah, received the same call, but only got as far as Haran where Lot was born. Genesis 11:27.

The Bible says, *"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."* Revelation 3:11. Abraham received the same call given to his father Terah, and took his crown. If you don't want to go, God has someone else that would gladly wear the crown that was prepared for you.

The theologians declare this first dispensation, "The Dispensation of Innocence". These guys are like the news media of our day. Supposedly, they tell you, scripture is supposed to explain scripture. There is no scripture that says this so-called Edenic Covenant is the "Dispensation of Innocence". In Bible schools, the teachers kick these high-sounding phrases around and take years to discover that it is more the "doctrines of men" that Jesus warned us about! The theologians never had the name of the original sin correct. How do you expect them to name a dispensation?

Mankind ends with the same dispensation as it began. God wants to know if man has learned anything in 6,000 years. God, in His great mercy, is giving you a second chance.

"Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat ("All things are lawful." 1 Corinthians 6:12): 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.

The garden of Eden was to explain the definition of grace to the "hard heads" of religious traditions! Without anything to test your allegiance to God, you would be "as gods". The Baptist doctrine of unconditional eternal security is as far amiss as Copeland's "little god" hoax. In each case, they have control of their own destiny--they are "as gods".

In the 15th chapter of Acts we read, *“And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said (Ye cannot eat of all the trees of the garden), Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.”* Acts 15:1. Could you add laws and rules to grace? The conclusion of this church gathering in Jerusalem over this question was, you could still eat of all the trees of the garden! *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves (nothing you put on, take off, or wear): it is the gift of God.”* Ephesians 2:8.

But, the “unconditional Dallas boys” never escaped with a clean bill of health, for the tree in the midst of the garden was left standing (The Tree of Idolatry)! *“Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: but that we write unto them, that they abstain (1) from pollutions of idols, and (2) from fornication (with temple prostitutes), and (3) from things strangled (for idols), and (4) from blood (eating of blood to idols).”* Acts 15:19-20.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is kept standing with a “sex educator” for your children, down to the third grade in every tree of knowledge (the public school system) of our day. Where is your child tonight? Jocelyn Elders is still teaching in the “trees of knowledge” across America and on C-Span television.

“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.” Acts 10:34.

The entire northern kingdom was given over to the Babylonians, and they intermarried with them. *“And this thing (the calves of Samaria) became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.”* 1 Kings 13:34. Who do you believe? God’s word, or the “British-Israel” who say the Anglo-Saxon people are the restored “lost ten tribes”. These “Jew-baiters” get off in their doctrine relative to the “ten lost tribes”. The Bible says they are *“destroyed from off the face of the earth.”*

We’ve all been infiltrated from Dallas Theological Seminary, and we are scared to speak up lest we be found “politically incorrect” with Dallas! When you understand fully the judgment that befell the tribe of Dan for worshipping Jeroboam’s calf, and the children of Israel for worshipping Aaron’s calf, you will see God was not singling out a female. Eve was guilty of the same sin!

Only the interceding on the part of Moses withheld God from destroying all Israel. *“Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them.”* Exodus 32:10. Moses stopped God’s “waxing hot” for that day, but God promised He would get them at a later day. *“And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me (worshipped Aaron’s calf), him will I blot out of my book.”* Exodus 32:33. Not a one of them made it alive into the promised land. We listen to all this “unconditional eternal security” until we begin to believe it.

If you knew God’s name, you could better understand what makes his anger “wax hot”. It is only one sin!

Have you ever had a girl or boy friend? The love is very real. They exchange vows and make promises, and all these are all true. However, in this relationship, there is the fine print that you will

understand. The moment another lover is involved, the beautiful vows “until death do us part”, are suddenly abrogated.

In fifty-three years in the church, I’ve never heard a preacher ever tell me God’s name. God only revealed His name to Moses while on Mount Sinai under the cloud. Exodus 34:14. Once you know a person’s name, you know better how to treat that individual. You are no longer in the dark as to their character. If you knew God’s Name, you would know He is much like a woman--full of jealousy!

“Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite (the Seventh Day Adventist), and the Canaanite (the Assemblies of Godite), and the Hittite (the Baptists), and the Perizzite (the Lutherans), and the Hivite (the Roman Catholics), and the Jebusite (all the cults). Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest (the common ground covenant is “unconditional eternal security”), lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee (the Evangelicals and Catholics Together document is a snare): but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their graves: for thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, WHOSE NAME IS JEALOUS, is a jealous God.” Exodus 34:11-14. If you would understand God’s Name, you would know He has no patience when you wander off and go whoring after other gods.

The RIVERBANK NEWS is named after the ministry of John the Baptist--his parish was a riverbank, but many “temple worshippers” would make it down to his church. *“O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”* Matthew 3:7.

John’s smelly “leathern girdle” where he carried his locust, his smelly breath and his vesture with marks of spilled wild honey, prevented any from inviting John to their fancy temple. *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire (tongues of fire)”*. Matthew 3:11.

We of the RIVERBANK NEWS believe we are all to be inspired in these last days by the man who Isaiah declared was *“the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make his paths* (traditional or religiously correct? Oh no! John said--) STRAIGHT.” Isaiah 40:3.