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#### A GENESIS OCCURRENCE

The Lord spoke to Israel through Moses and said, "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may *live* and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, *that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.*"<sup>1</sup> His word spoke the universe into existence.<sup>2</sup> His word is spirit and life,<sup>3</sup> it will not return void,<sup>4</sup> is forever and will not pass away.<sup>5</sup> The Lord does not mince words or engage in unnecessary redundancy. With this in mind hear what God said to Adam, "Of every tree of the garden [of Eden] you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil<sup>6</sup> you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."<sup>7</sup> Many things may be learned from these words. First, if eating of the tree of knowledge would kill Adam, God obviously created him to live eternally, to walk in perfect health, free of illness and disease and never die!

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<sup>1</sup>Deuteronomy 8:1 - 3, (Italics added). Jesus quoted Moses in this passage when, after fasting for forty days and forty nights, He was tempted by Satan with, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." For the account of Jesus' temptation, read Matthew 4:1 - 4.

<sup>2</sup>Genesis, Chapter 1.

<sup>3</sup>John 6:63.

<sup>4</sup>Isaiah 55:11.

<sup>5</sup>Matthew 24:35.

<sup>6</sup>In a previous letter I have written briefly of *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*, so I will not comment on it here.

<sup>7</sup>Genesis 2:16(a), 17.

The next obvious conclusion is that *sin is the initial cause of every thing in existence which is contrary to man.*

Concerning the creation, Moses wrote, "Then God said, 'Let *Us* make man in *Our* image'". That means perfect, without spot or wrinkle, flaw or blemish -- "according to *Our* likeness."<sup>8</sup> One implication from this statement is that our triune God<sup>9</sup> wanted someone like *Himself*, or like *Themselves*, or like *Us* -- someone for *Us* to enjoy -- someone for *Us* to have fellowship with -- someone for *Us* to "hang out with" -- someone to whom *We* can give the joy of *Our* existence -- someone to whom *We* can give complete dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the earth<sup>10</sup>. This was the purpose for man's creation and the reason for his existence on the earth. Adam and Eve were perfect specimens of *man*.<sup>11</sup> They were created as *triune* beings and were *perfect* in spirit, soul and body.<sup>12</sup> For example, here is evidence of Adam's mental capacity:

After the creation, God brought to Adam every bird of the air, all cattle, every beast of the field "to see

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<sup>8</sup>Genesis 1:26(a).

<sup>9</sup>God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

<sup>10</sup>See Genesis 1:26.

<sup>11</sup>When God created Adam and Eve as male and female, He referred to them both in the plural as **man**. See Genesis 1:27.

<sup>12</sup>See I Thessalonians 5:23. At the core of man's being is **his spirit**. Layered next in man's make-up is **his soul**, comprising his mind, his will and his emotions. These two components of man are housed in **his body**. Man was originally created as a Spirit-filled being so that God's Spirit and Life indwelt man's spirit, imparting to him eternal life. When Adam sinned, God's Spirit departed from man. At that moment (since the Spirit gives life), life began to depart from Adam and he began to degenerate leaving him deprived and condemned to die just as God had said. It is exactly as Isaiah prophesied: "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11). God said Adam would die for disobedience and he did in contradiction to Satan's lies. God's word will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent!

what he would call them.”<sup>13</sup> Consider only one of these categories: birds. Compton encyclopedia states that there are more than 10,000 species of birds. Adam named them. God’s confidence in Adam was such that *God Himself* wanted to see what names Adam would give to the rest of His creation! Try that out on your own intellect! My thinking would have summoned Adam to witness God as He named the creation so *Adam* would remember what God had said. Instead, God asked Adam to name the whole creation so *God* would know and remember what Adam had said! Run that through your mental software! Here we have God standing by as an observer, to accept the decisions of Adam, whom He created! That is absolute trust and confidence from the Greater to the lesser because God’s creation was perfect in all respects, in the one whom He created *in His own image!* And that is the way you and I were intended to be, *and could have been, except for Adam’s sin!* And that is the way you and I as believers will be!<sup>14</sup> And that is the reason *Jesus had to die on the cross* -- to purchase our salvation, lost as a result of sin -- to wrest it away from Satan who stole it from Adam.

God’s first act after making man, male and female, was to bless them.<sup>15</sup> He then said be fruitful and multiply, subdue the earth and have [complete] dominion over *everything* that moves on the earth.<sup>16</sup> With these words God delegated control of the earth to

Adam.<sup>17</sup> But this new authority was conditional -- conditional upon Adam’s obedience to God’s word -- to God’s prohibition not to eat of the tree of knowledge. Violation of this command carried an automatic death penalty. Adam knew it and knowingly disobeyed. When this happened, curses were pronounced upon Satan, woman, the ground and man.<sup>18</sup> Because of these curses, the earth and man have *degenerated massively* from the original creation. Before sin entered the world, shame, doubt, guilt, fear, disease and death were unknown to man.<sup>19</sup> I intend to write of this in a later letter. However, suffice it to say for now, that there presently is very little real comparison of man today, who is in the world and of the world, with Adam as he was created originally. That is because of sin, because of what it does and what it will do. Sin separates man from God and apart from God, man cannot live because He is the Source of all life. The impartation of His Spirit *to man* and *into man* is the act which again imparts to man the eternal life lost through Adam’s sin. This is the reason why, after sin entered into the world through Adam, God offered man a second chance for eternal life through the second Adam, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The restoration of man, to the status of Adam prior to his sin, began with God’s prophesy in the garden of Eden,<sup>20</sup> was manifested in time with the

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<sup>13</sup>Genesis 2:19, 20.

<sup>14</sup>The Apostle John wrote these words descriptive of the time when the fullness of Christ will be the believers possession: “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.” (1 John 3:2, bold print added). My understanding of end-time events is that this depicts the “catching up” or the “rapture” of the saints described by the Apostle Paul in these words: “For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that ‘we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep [dead]. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will arise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up together** with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore exhort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:15 - 18, brackets and bold print added).

<sup>15</sup>Genesis 1:28 (a).

<sup>16</sup>See Genesis 1:26 - 30.

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<sup>17</sup>Jesus taught a parable revealing the **authority** given by God to man through Adam, authority over the earth to subdue it and have dominion over God’s creation. In the parable, when Satan’s temptation gave way to sin in Adam, the original dominion over the earth was forfeited by Adam to Satan. The Lord Jesus, as the Son of man is God’s way of restoring that dominion to **man**. That is why Jesus Himself said, “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him **authority** to execute judgment also, because He is the **Son of Man**.” (John 5:26, 27, bold print added). The parable depicting man’s dominion over the earth which was stolen by Satan and recovered by Jesus is recorded in Mark 12:1 - 11.

<sup>18</sup>Genesis 3:14 - 19.

<sup>19</sup>Before Adam sinned, he and his wife walked and talked with God, were naked, unafraid and unashamed. After Adam sinned, they heard God coming, were afraid, ashamed and hid themselves. These three characteristics are the mark of sin then and now. See Genesis 2:25 - 3:11. Sin, the mark of the enemy’s work, hasn’t changed. Sin craves the cover of darkness. Jesus came that everything might be brought to light! Glory to God!

<sup>20</sup>Genesis 3:15.

birth of Jesus,<sup>21</sup> was confirmed in fact with His death, burial, resurrection and ascension,<sup>22</sup> and revealed to all men on the first Pentecost after His resurrection.<sup>23</sup> One reason why God dealt so severely with disobedience in Israel through the law of Moses, for example, was to deal with His opposition (Satan) ruthlessly. Man was not and is not His opposition. Satan was and still is.<sup>24</sup> However, Satan's time is coming. He knows his time is short and that is why his activity is intensified in these *last days*. For proof of this read the daily newspapers. The law of Moses was without grace so God could deal with Satan as expeditiously as possible in order to get us to grace and truth through Jesus Christ.

God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and operated on him while he was asleep. During the operation, He took a rib from Adam's body and closed the incision. Then from the rib, God made a woman and brought her to him.<sup>25</sup> And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be

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<sup>21</sup>Matthew 1:18 - 25.

<sup>22</sup>John Chapters 18, 19, 20 & 21.

<sup>23</sup>Acts Chapters 1 and 2:1 - 41.

<sup>24</sup>Once you are converted and see that you can hate the sin and not the sinner, you have begun to grow. When by God's grace you can hate the sin, but love, forgive and pray for the sinner, you are free. When, by God's grace, through faith and knowledge of His word, you can do all these things and also attack with spiritual weapons the enemy who comes to rob, kill and destroy, you become a warrior participant in the present raging spiritual battle, mighty in God, for pulling down strongholds of the enemy.

<sup>25</sup>See Genesis 2:21, 22. I believe it is probable that this is the first time of record that man was "slain in or with the Spirit." This experience occurs to a lesser degree today when the anointing of the Holy Spirit intensifies in or on an individual. It usually happens during ministry by one of God's anointed servants who fully accepts the complete work of the Holy Spirit today. God's Anesthetic is painless and effective. From observation it appears that the degree or intensity of the Holy Spirit's anointing determines how long one is affected. About twenty-five years ago I heard a Christian missionary give this testimony: One day he walked into a Catholic Church in El Paso, Texas, sat down on a pew and started to pray. Having no previous experience with the Holy Spirit, he prayed to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and was slain with the Spirit as he sat in the pew. Some time later he awakened without realizing or understanding what had happened to him. Only as he later came in contact with others, who accepted by faith the complete work of the Holy Spirit today, did he begin to understand what had occurred.

called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."<sup>26</sup> These words were *prophesied by Adam*, that is, he spoke the *Word of God* in the same manner as the Prophets spoke them. This testifies to his spiritual completeness, perfection and purity.

With this background, Satan enters the scene disguised as a serpent, with his bag of lies. He was more cunning than any beast of the field, and beguiled (tricked) Eve into the first act of disobedience against God. She took of the fruit of the tree of knowledge and ate. She also gave to her husband and he ate. As I read the record in Genesis 3:6,<sup>27</sup> *they were together when this occurred*. If my assumption is correct, Adam was present when his wife sinned. He therefore, could have and should have stopped her from eating, and refused to do so. Because of his failure, his sin, the plan of God for the world and man was drastically changed. When God confronted them both, He questioned Adam, the Priest of his household, about eating of the tree of knowledge. Adam failed to take responsibility for his own sin, and that of his wife, and instead blamed his wife. Eve also failed to take any responsibility for herself and blamed the serpent. I wonder what would have been the condition of the world today if Adam had repented and asked the forgiveness of God and his wife for his failure. He is not listed in the faith hall of fame in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

Since God's first prohibition promised death for disobedience, we know man was not created to be a robot programed to respond a certain way without any choice of his own. Instead, because he had the choice of whether or not to eat of the tree of knowledge, we know he was created as a free moral agent -- free to make his own decisions. Otherwise, he would have been robbed of his faith. In this case he had freedom to choose life or death -- or to obey or to disobey God's injunction, or God's word. Herein also was established the principle of faith, for "without faith it is impossible to please Him [God], for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those

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<sup>26</sup>Genesis 2:23.

<sup>27</sup>"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 its fruit and ate. She also **gave to her husband with her**, and he ate." The fact that the words "*with her*" occur in this passage seem to indicate that they were together when this happened. Eve was deceived by Satan but Adam sinned knowingly, and this was evidently done when they were together.

who diligently seek Him.”<sup>28</sup> Faith in God pleases Him and faith means doing what He says or said in order to appropriate His blessings. Faith allows us to come to God to please Him *so that He may bless us*, which is the purpose of faith. Adam did not doubt the existence of God. He walked and talked with Him. He knew Him personally. He knew what would please God based on His word and deliberately disobeyed. Here are some of the principles established by the word of God from the record of the creation of man, his first sin and its consequences, as recorded in the first three chapters of Genesis:

1. The power and truth of God’s word.
2. The principle of right and wrong established by and through His word.
3. The principle of generational cursing and blessing.<sup>29</sup>
4. The principle of faith.
5. The purpose of faith.
6. The spiritual gift of prophecy.
7. The purpose of man’s creation.
8. Man’s God given authority to have dominion over the earth.
9. Man’s relinquishment of that authority to Satan as a result of sin.
10. The reestablishment of man’s authority over

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<sup>28</sup>Hebrews 11:6, (brackets added).

<sup>29</sup>Here are two types of generational curses evidenced in God’s word: The first is the generational curse of the Adamic sin. This was passed down through man from Adam to the cross of Jesus. It was temporarily dealt with through the law of Moses by the blood of sacrificial animals. It was permanently dealt with at the cross by the blood of Jesus and is made accessible to everyone who accepts Jesus as Lord (See Romans 10:9 & 10). A second generational curse is incorporated into the law of Moses and is referenced there four times: Twice in connection with the second commandment in Exodus 20:5 and Deuteronomy 5:9 and twice in connection with “keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgressions and sins but by no means clearing the guilty” in Exodus 34:7 and Numbers 14:18. The curse is this: the iniquity of the fathers (the guilty) will be visited upon the children and the children’s children to the third and fourth generation. This curse may be broken through spiritual warfare using the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Such curses may have originated long before you were born. There are “problems” or “tendencies” or “weaknesses” in families, including born again believers, which can be caused by evil spirits or demons passed down from one generation to another exactly as the word of God says. The Lord has given Pastor Larry Huch a very effective ministry in this area. He has a four audio tape series on *Breaking Family Curses* available by e-mail: [www.newbeginnings.org](http://www.newbeginnings.org) or by writing New Beginnings Christian Center, P. O. Box 66700, Portland, OR 97290.

the earth in prophecy through the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

11. Satan as man’s adversary.
12. Jesus in prophecy as man’s redemption.
13. The perfection of God’s creation.
14. The result of disobedience.
15. The blessing of obedience reflected in man’s perfection prior to sin.
16. God’s confidence in His creation
17. God’s redemptive grace and mercy offered to man in prophecy through the atoning blood of Jesus.
18. The reason Jesus had to come as the Son of man.
19. The importance of every word that comes out of the mouth of the Lord.
20. The purity of man before sin.
21. The disastrous consequences of sin which ushered into the world illness, disease and death for man.
22. The reason for discipline.
23. The necessity of absolutes.
24. The desire of God for someone “like Him” with whom to have fellowship.
25. The ultimate restoration of man in prophecy to his original state of perfection.
26. The blessings and excitement of knowing by faith how it will all come out.
27. The knowledge that God will avenge his adversaries.
28. The ultimate annihilation of Satan and the whole demonic world of evil.
29. The blessings, obligations and responsibilities of knowing the Lord personally.
30. The irrevocability of the gifts and call of God.

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*You can go the way of the crowd, seeking help from first one and then another, for there are light posts along the way. But I would have you seek yet a better way, that of divine companionship with Me, the source of light. You are unique as an individual with specific needs that only I can fill. This way is a lonely way that leads to the highest plane for greater results in My kingdom. For I can fill every need, still every heart tempest, lift up the down trodden, comfort every broken heart with My love, My peace, My way.*

...more later, the Lord willing.