

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Original Sin



Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

—Romans 5:12.

Saint Paul was dealing with one of the fundamental Christian doctrines in this part

of his letter to the Romans. Orthodox explanations have left many reasoning people without satisfaction. Occult philosophy goes deeper and offers an interpretation which bears the test of logic and reason.

The Rosicrucian Philosophy states that "The Angels were the humanity of the Moon Period and have since attained to their present high development, but as in every great company there are stragglers, so also in the case of the Angels there were some who did not attain—a class of beings which were behind the Angels but above humanity. They were in a sad state, for they could not follow the present development of the Angels and neither could they sink as low into matter as man. They could not, as the Angels, dispense with a brain, yet they were incapable of building one for themselves, so when humanity evolved the brain and spinal cord they saw an opportunity in woman, who expresses the negative pole of the creative force, *imagination*, the faculty which enables her to build a body in the womb. In order to gain access to her consciousness this intelligence took advantage of a perplexity then disturbing the woman on account of her exercise of the imaginative faculty.

"At that time the eyes of humanity had not yet been opened; they were spiritual beings, not quite conscious of the possession of a physical body. The

woman was the first to observe dimly that she and others possessed such an instrument, and she had observed that at certain times some of her friends whom she had previously perceived as having this physical appendage, had lost it, so she was troubled. From the Angels she could obtain no information, but this intelligence which appeared within herself in the serpentine spinal cord, enlightened her, and 'the serpent said unto the woman, Hath God said ye shall not eat of every Tree in the Garden?' to which she answered that they had been forbidden 'to eat of the Tree of Knowledge' under penalty of death. But the serpent said, 'Ye shall not surely die, for God knows that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.'

"The woman secured the cooperation of the man according to the instructions of *Lucifer, the light giver*, and since then their eyes have been opened. They have known good and evil. But prior to that time man had been unconscious of the possession of his body; it had fallen away from him at times, as the leaf falls from the tree, without inconveniencing or disturbing him, for his consciousness had been focused in the spiritual world at all times. But the Lucifer Spirits desired a power over him, a foothold in his brain and spinal cord. They incited him to break away from the yoke of the Angels and take the creative function in his own hands. By the oft repeated and ignorant abuse of that faculty the consciousness of man was withdrawn from the spiritual worlds and focused in the Physical World. Then came death in all its present terrible aspects, for man now regards this earth life as the only real life. When that ends, he enters an ex-

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Yearning

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*The distant hills are purple,
And the valleys smoky-blue,
While the sunset clouds are red-gold
flames tonight;
All day the wild geese flying,
Have called my heart from you,
Through the western woods that
burned with amber light.*

*The autumn's torch of beauty
Has set the world aflame,
And kindled fires of seething unrest
in my soul.
I hear a far place calling,
Though I do not know its name,
And my heart is filled with longing
for that goal.*

*I long to follow in the dawning
The faint far call I hear,
A will-o-wisp of yearning will never
let me rest;
Perhaps when I am dying
That voice may be more clear,
And in the quiet evening I shall end
my weary quest.*

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istence of which he knows nothing and which he consequently fears.

"Thus, on account of listening to Lucifer, the false light giver, man has become subject to sorrow, pain, and death. Therefore, He called Himself the true light, and the others, who had come before, He characterized as thieves and robbers. They had robbed man of the spiritual sight though they had enlightened him in the physical sense."

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