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Death due to Satans fall? No!

A man wrote me recently saying that sin entered the world before Adam sinned and therefore evolution with its death and disease prior to man could be true. Death was not a result of sin he said. First of all, this false philosophy makes God a liar in passages such as Romans 6:23; Romans 5:12; and 1 Cor 15:21 where clearly death was the punishment for sin. His reasoning for this belief was that Satan had already fallen before Adam or Eve as indicated by his tempting with the fruit. This is true, but Satan was not told "do not eat, or else" and therefore this was not his sin. Further, Satan's fall is dealt with separately and differently than man's fall. Satan is to be crushed (Gen 3:15) while man was to simply die and have troubles and hardships. Also, man's sin was curable by Christ's death and he has heaven awaiting as a result. Satan however, is doomed to everlasting torment and destruction with no chance of salvation ever (Rev 20:10). Man was created for different purposes than angels and therefore man's sin had different consequences than the fall of angels.

An interesting way to possibly look at the early days of creation follow: Could the darkness (which was separated by light on day one) represent the side of Satan's fall. . . or evil? The timeline suggests that it is possible that Satan had fallen by this time. We know that angels were created before the third day because Job

says, "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! . . . who laid its cornerstone-- while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4-7). The angels were in existence and shouted for joy when the foundation of the earth was laid. Therefore perhaps they were created here on the first day to be, "ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14). If this is true, Satan and 1/3 of the angels may have fallen almost immediately after their creation; thus darkness being separated from light. Ezekiel gives additional insight into Satan's fall: "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering. . . . On the day that you were created they were prepared. With an anointed guardian cherub I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. . . . You were filled with violence, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and the guardian cherub drove you out from the midst of the stones of fire. (Ezek 28:12-17). Here we see Satan was driven out of the midst of the fiery stones by the guardian cherub who was with him. It states that he was in the garden of Eden making it plain that this is Satan himself. It then seems to back up and tell how he walked on the mountain of God. What this is we can not be sure of however, it could be that he was cast out of the mountain of God just prior to going to Eden. This can only be a hypothetical conclusion as Scripture is not clear on this but it does seem plausible. One other possibility is that Satan fell sometime after the sixth day before man fell into sin. The Bible does not say how long after Adam and Eve were in the garden that they fell into sin. I'm sure it wasn't long as they were not yet expecting children and God had commanded them to "be fruitful and multiply." I doubt they would have waited very long to obey this command. Another idea is that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil may have been put in the garden along with the

vegetation on day three of creation and therefore knowledge of evil could have been present, though death was not. It has been said that Satan had not fallen before the sixth day of creation because God saw all that He had made and it was very good. Thus Satan being very bad had not yet fallen. However, this does not have to be interpreted as such. If the tree of evil was in the garden at this time, how could it be "very good?" It is therefore possible that Satan fell almost immediately after his creation but his fall is not dealt with in the same way nor on the same level as man's fall. Both sins have completely different outcomes and punishments.

As a result of man's sin death reigns and is cured only through the death and resurrection of Christ. That is the whole point of the curse which is why death did not exist after Satan's fall. An interesting parallel can be made with the curse after sin and Christ. We read, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us" (Gal 3:13). As a result of eating from the tree, Adam was cursed with pain, thorns, sweat and death (Gen 3:14-19). Christ himself hung on a tree (Gal 3:13) taking us back to the fall. He suffered pain (Heb 5:7; Ps 22), wore a crown of thorns (Mark 15:17), sweat blood (Luke 22:44), and died for us, but more than that, rose from the dead. He indeed became the very curse of man in order to redeem us from this curse through His death and resurrection so that there would be no more pain (Rev 21:4; 22:3). Praise God! It is true, that the price of the curse has been paid but it will not be completely delivered until the end of the world (2 Peter 3:10). We read, "But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness" (2 Pet 3:13; see also Rev 21:1; 20:11). Is any of this glory reserved for Satan? No! It is only for those who believe in Christ's redeeming grace.

Aliens on other planets?

This topic was addressed somewhat in an earlier newsletter but the Spirit continues to lead with more answers. In the past I have been somewhat cautious on my answer to this question yet in my mind being fully persuaded they simply do not exist (at least in the form of what we normally call aliens). I gave evidences that suggested they weren't "out there" and stated the Bible alluded to the same. My answer has changed to a more dogmatic approach.

C.S. Lewis said if aliens exist, God also made them. That is a nice way to cover our back but I don't think it really answers the question. If aliens exist they indeed would have been placed there by God. The real question then becomes, did they fall into sin or not? If they fell into sin, man must witness to them and God surely would have told us about them in order to ensure we would do so. If they had not fallen into sin, God would be a liar and unjust. Neither of which God is capable of.

Scripture clearly tells us that the entire universe will be destroyed when the end comes. Why must it be destroyed? Because when man fell into sin the curse came upon the whole world. If there were aliens in other universes untainted by sin, the curse would surely not apply to an innocent race of beings. If this was the case, when God destroys the whole universe at the end of time, He would be unjust in their destruction.

The following verses are examples of this predicted destruction: Rev 8:12- "And the fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were smitten, so that a third of them might be darkened and the day might not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way." Isa 13:10- "For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; the sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will not shed its light." Eze 32:7- "And when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens, and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light." This is why "we, according

to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13).

Keep in mind however, that lack of real aliens does not mean that "demons" don't exist. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that they may try to disguise themselves as aliens. With so many willing ears and minds looking for helpful ET information, we are leaving an open door for this deception. See our past newsletter on Robert Jastrow's ET. for further information on this topic.

Did you know?

There are 12 constellations in the Zodiac (Basic path the sun takes across the sky) with one appearing each month throughout the year. The constellations were not thought up by modern men, but appear in ancient Persian, Egypt, Babylon and around the world. Each constellation tells part of the Gospel story with star names fitting the constellation meaning. Then, each constellation continues or retells the story.

The first constellation in the Zodiac is Virgo which is Latin for "Virgin." She is seen having a branch in her hand. Star names consist of Al Zimach (Arabic for branch) and Vindemiatrix (Son or branch who comes). Virgo represents the one of whom Isaiah said, "the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Isa 7:14). And through whom, "I am going to bring my servant, the Branch" (Zech 3:8; see 6:12; Isa 4:22; Jer 23:5). This story continues in later constellations. For example, nearby is Coma, (the Child) born. Due to space, this is a very abbreviated sample of Virgo. The new presentation about the Gospel in the stars will continue to explain not only Virgo but 47 other constellations. Call or write us to line up a presentation today.

Why are most Caucasians in north & Blacks in south?

Many people, in desperate attempts to explain racial differences, use their active imaginations to say that black people gradually adapted to the intense ultraviolet light nearer the equator. This theory is neither scientific or logical. Why then are all people in South America not equally black? An interesting fact about race, whether black or white is that we are all the same color, some of us just have more color than others. The epidermis of our skin contains three different types of cells melanocytes, keratocytes, and langerhans. It is the melanocytes that produce melanin, which is responsible for the diversity in skin color. Those with darker skin simply have melanocytes which are more active than those with light skin. Therefore it is not a great evolutionary change nor a separate line of evolution that causes different skin color, rather a simple biological difference.

Though not seen as much today due to supplemental vitamins, at the time of the Babel dispersion there was a natural reason black people flourished better in warmer climates. While sunlight is needed for vitamin D, too much sun damages the skin and reduces folic acid. Folic acid is needed for reproduction. The people with more melanocytes are darker colored but they are also naturally protected from the sunlight and therefore their folic acid is untouched, enabling reproduction to continue very successfully. However, vitamin D enters the darker skin more slowly but in warmer climates people shed clothing and receive more direct sunlight thus receiving enough vitamin D. This is why darker skin became the majority near the equator. They can safely be out in the sun without harm while at the same time, obtain vitamin D. Caucasians living in hot areas would become a minority quickly since their ability to reproduce is hindered by the suns destruction

of folic acid. Today, sun screen and vitamin D pills help us keep this balance “unnaturally.”

On the flip side, light skinned individuals living in cooler areas of the world keep their skin covered more thoroughly and therefore are protected from folic acid loss while plenty of vitamin D is obtained through only a small amount of exposed skin. The darker skinned people in cooler climates would not be able to get enough sun to get the vitamin D necessary. Lack of vitamin D also lowers fertility and causes a bone disease called rickets. Therefore, darker skinned people would not reproduce as quickly and would become the minority in colder climates (Interestingly, rickets has been found in almost every Neanderthal bone discovered and may suggest that they were of the darker skin).

All of the above information fits beautifully into the Biblical Tower of Babel. When the language of the people was confused, they scattered to many parts of the world. As explained in my book, when small groups isolated their gene pools, certain physical traits became dominant in different areas. As they began to make permanent settlements, nature (God) took over allowing for different races to flourish in different climates and geographical areas.

Technically race is a subdivision of a given species because no matter what color, human beings are made in God's image. Anything to the contrary is atheism, evolutionism, and racism. Evolution has been the basis for racism for years. Henry Osborn, one of the leading evolutionary scholars of the 1920's, used evolution as a scapegoat to express racial discontent. In an article dealing with the past history of evolutionary philosophies, *Natural History* (April, 1980) reprinted an article written by Mr. Osborn. Osborn hypothetically suggested that if an objective scientists from Mars could come to earth, examine and classify humans into specific genera and species, the negroes would be in a separate

species all together, one in which full evolutionary development had not taken place. He stated that, "The standard of intelligence of the average adult negro is similar to that of the eleven-year-old youth of the species Homo sapiens" (Parker, p. 153). Obviously this is NOT true but this is what evolutionary philosophies have produced. See my book, Doubts about Creation for more historical backing of racism and evolution and how Hitler himself used Darwin to justify his killing of the Jew.