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Genesis is symbolic, a metaphor and cannot be taken by as a literal interpretation. The "Tree of Life" is the human body. The spinal cord is like an upturned upside down tree with man's head and hair as its roots, and afferent and efferent nerves as branches. The "tree" of the nervous system bears many enjoyable fruits or sensations or sound, sight, smell, taste, and touch. In these man may rightfully indulge, but he was forbidden the experience of sex, the "apple" at the center of the body (in the midst of the garden). The serpent represents the coiled up spinal energy (kundalini) that stimulates the sex nerves. Adam is reason and Eve is feeling. When the emotion or Eve-consciousness in any human being is overpowered by the sex impulse, his "reason" Adam succumbs.

-Sri Yukteswar

Universal minded vs individual state of mind.

Right brain vs left brain.

Spiritual nervous system vs the physical nervous system.

Oneness "with" all things vs separation "from" all things.

Intuition (wisdom) vs memory (sensory input).

Spiritual enlightenment vs ignorance (Socrates).

Experience as eternal spirit vs the illusion of being physical.

Oneness of all creation vs diversity of all creation.

God created the first human by materializing the bodies of man and woman (womb-man through the force of his will; God endowed the new species with the power to create children in a similar immaculate or divine manner (so God created man in his own image), in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them, and God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it."

Genesis 1:27-28

Because "His" manifestation in the individualized soul had hitherto been limited to animals, instinct controlled and lacking the potentialities of full reason, God made the first human bodies "symbolically" called Adam and Eve. God transformed the "souls" or divine "essence" of two animals formed from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into them to become a living soul.

-Gen. 2:7

In man or Adam, reason was predominate; in woman (womb-man), feeling was ascendant. Thus was expressed the duality or polarity that underlies the phenomenal world(s). Reason and feeling remain in a heaven of cooperative joy so long as the human mind is not tricked, "tempted" by the serpentine energy of animal propensities. The human body was therefore not solely a result of evolution from beasts, but was produced through an act of "special creation" by God. The animal forms were too crude to express full divinity; man was

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uniquely given the potentially omniscient "thousand-petaled" lotus in the brain as well as acutely awakened occult centers in the spine.

God or the Divine Consciousness present within the first created pair counseled them to enjoy all human sensibilities with one exception: sex sensation. (Now the serpent sex force was more subtle than any beast of the field [another sense of the body]). [-Gen. 3.1] These were banned lest humanity enmesh itself in the inferior animal method of propagation. The warning not to relive subconsciously present bestial memories was unheeded. Resuming the way of brute procreation. Adam and Eve fell from the state of heavenly joy (consciousness) natural to the original perfect man (humans). When they knew that they were named! Their consciousness of immortality was lost, even as God had warned them; they placed themselves under the physical law(s) by which bodily birth must be followed by bodily death. The knowledge of good and evil promised to Eve by the "serpent" refers to the dualistic and oppositional experiences that mortal under "maya" must undergo. Falling into delusion through misuse of his feeling and reason or Eve and Adam consciousness, man relinquishes his right to enter the heavenly garden of divine "self-sufficiency" (and the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed). [-Gen. 3.23] The "personal" responsibility of every human being is to restore his "parents" or dual nature to a unified harmony of Eden.

-Sri Yukteswar

The divine man first made by God had his "consciousness centered" in the omnipotent single eye in the forehead (eastward). The all-creative power of his will, focused at that spot were lost mankind when he began to "till the ground" of his physical nature.

The Adam and Eve story of the Hindus is recounted in the hoary "purana, sirmad bhacavta".

The first man and womb-man (beings in physical form) are called Swayambhuva Manu (man born of the creator) and his partner-wife Shatarupa (having a hundred images or forms). Their five children intermarried with "Prajapatis" (perfect beings who could assume corporeal form); from these first divine families was born the human race (Hinduism).

Second Version

The story of Adam and Eve is a metaphor for the loss of SPIRITUAL SELF-AWARENESS by becoming identified with the human physical animal body.

The complete identification with the physical body-brain causes the loss of the REMEMBRANCE that one is, in truth, a spiritual entity. The soul that has cast itself out of the divine natural state, or heaven, is now subject to the laws of karma and the laws of physics in the material realm.

This downfall occurs over a long period of time. At first, the inner self (the real you) only uses the five senses occasionally. Then after many life times, there comes a time when the soul is between two conditions of be-ing, it has limited REMEMBRANCE of its original state, but also has come to know itself as the physical body. If the soul assumes itself to be the physical body, it has "missed the mark" or sinned, i.e., made the mistake of assuming itself to be the physical body.

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Socrates called this fallen state the "WRONG" state to experience life from, i.e., "no man does WRONG knowingly," or once an individual attains or returns to their original state they do not relinquish the superior state for a lesser and limited state of existence.

The story of "The Cave" by Plato is a story of an individual who attains (actually returns to) DIVINE SELF-REALIZATION and understands it to be the "new world of light." The unconditional love that comes with this new state causes the individual to return to the cave of the unenlightened and "teach" them about the "new world." The new state of be-ing is the real state, and the cave with its lights and shadows (all of creation, the play of energy) is a SECONDARY reality.

Meditation, the shutting down of the body and brain, will bring all things to one's REMEMBRANCE again and one will KNOW-THY-SELF to be eternal spirit.

The Greek and Roman myth of the abduction of Proserpina is the same metaphor of the psychological downfall of a human being when it gets involved or "tempted" by physical existence.

One's spirit must learn to pass through the physical plane and not to be conquered by it, the soul or spirit must "subdue the earth" or overcome the temptation of it before it can move to higher planes of spiritual existence. As Jesus taught, this physical created "realm" is like a devil and a liar and tempts one who has lost or forgotten that the "kingdom of heaven with within".

Creation is known by many names, in a positive sense creation was called the offspring, reflection or son of God. Creation was also known as the female aspect of God, i.e., the divine mother because all things are born from it. In a negative sense creation was called SATAN, which means ADVERSARY in Hebrew, creation was also known as THE LIAR. Because creation is only a REFLECTION of God, The body of God, a secondary reality. The spirit or mind of God is the primary reality.

The brain and nervous system have become the new golden calf.

-Franklin Jones

The Adam and Eve shift of consciousness is still taking place in human history and is the downfall of humanity from an angelic natural condition with insight, intuition and true wisdom to a lesser and lower materialistic physical existence of survival using animal instincts.

The story of Pandora's Box is also the Greek version of the downfall of humanity

Only relying on the five senses caused the loss of spiritual enlightenment (Heaven).

The Garden of Eden is not an actual place on earth, it is a metaphor for God-union, SELF-REALIZATION.

In the Old Testament (Genesis 2 and 3) two trees are said to be in the middle of the garden of original paradise. These are "the tree of life" and "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

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In the garden, Man was originally a unity, a single body. Then he was made into a pair, and the pair came into conflict. The male and the female came under the spell of the possibility for knowledge represented by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The female yielded to the viewpoint of the serpent in the garden, that the taboo, given by God, against eating the fruit of this tree was simply God's attempt to keep Man from becoming transformed into a Divine being. The male accepted the viewpoint of the serpent via the female, and thus Man (both male and female) was eventually separated from his original archetypal paradise by God. The male, the female, and the serpent were all punished for aspiration.

The viewpoint of the serpent appears to have been correct in a certain sense. Whatever the reason to be ascribed to God's viewpoint, God, in the Old Testament tales, is shown to be opposed to the acquisition by Man of the powers that are in the middle of the garden of paradise. At the end of chapter 3, the tree of life is also related to a Divine taboo. If Man were to eat of the fruit of the tree of life, he would not only possess knowledge of good and evil, but he would also become immortal. To prevent his immortalization, Man (the male and female pair) is separated from the garden by God, and an angelic guard is set at the gate to prevent Man from gaining access to the tree of life.

Thus, Man (mankind) is said to have been bound to the elemental world by God, to struggle and die, possessed of a moral and intellectual sense, but subject to mortality and gross limitations. He is superior only to the animals (who are only instinctive, elemental creatures) by virtue of the faculty of knowledge and the moral sense, the self-conscious or egoic heart, which is responsible for choices in all relations.

This account of original or archetypal existence and the fall into elemental or mortal bondage is, when coupled with the attainment or realization of eternal life (or immortality) by Jesus, the primary message of the Bible. It is an occult or archetypal message, related to the potential in every human individual.

The "original paradise" is the whole body of Man. The male and female are the two alternating currents of the body, pingala and ida,* the active-expansive and the passive-subjective. The serpent is the mind in the autonomic nervous system. The two trees are the two patterns of the autonomic nervous system, one rooted in the lower coil and the vital center (the tree of life) and the other rooted in the upper coil and the subtle and mental center of the brain (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil).

God is the whole body at Infinity. But the viewpoint in the text is not that of God, but of mortal Man. To account for the elemental suffering of mankind, the text claims that God is in principle opposed to Man's being more than a noble and dependent creature, and that our unrelieved struggling and mortality is a punishment for our innate desire to expand into a spiritual state of freedom and ability, wherein mortality and unconsciousness are obviated.

This Old Testament view, which is not true to the esoteric Hebrew tradition as a whole, is specifically opposed and disproven by the moral, occult, and spiritual demonstration of Jesus. Jesus, as he is shown in the New Testament, taught and demonstrated that the conventional mortalist view, whether religious or materialistic, is utterly false. Jesus is the mind in sushumna,** or the central nervous system. God is not opposed to our occult and spiritual development, nor to our transformation from a mortal to an immortal and glorified Condition. Indeed, God is that condition, and to love God is to Commune with and be Transformed

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into that Condition. God is the Archetype in which we are bodily involved. God is the whole body disposed to Infinity. If there is any opposition to our ultimate transformation, we provide it ourselves.

For a more scientific explanation see the chapter on Truth - Reality Part II.

*Pingala and ida are the principal nerve channels of the two divisions of the autonomic nervous system. Pingala, the sympathetic channel, is associated with the right side of the body, and ida, the parasympathetic channel, is associated with the left. They are also identified with the patterns of breath through the right and left nostrils.

**The central nervous system, including the brain and spinal cord. Aligned with the circuits of the autonomic nervous system, which extend from it, sushumna serves as a conduit for the distribution of Life-Force throughout the body.