- 10. In our example, the Supreme Court of Heaven has jurisdiction in the case of *Lucifer v. Yäwā 'Elohim*. To hear the case Lucifer must have standing:
 - The question of standing is whether the party seeking relief has alleged a personal stake in the outcome of the controversy so as to insure that real, rather than remote or possible, adverseness exists to sharpen the presentation of issues.¹⁶
- 11. Since the appeal occurred before the creation of the human race and the incarceration of Lucifer to the lake of fire does not to occur until the end of human history, then we may confidently conclude that the totality of the human experiment is the resolution of that appeal.
- 12. The appeal must present to the Court an argument that "real adverseness exists" to the plaintiff. The verdict was rendered by Almighty God, Who possessed all the facts in reaching His decision.
- 13. As we have already noted, Lucifer's appeal challenged the love of God, but in so doing, "He impugned the essence of God by seeking to emphasize divine love above divine justice and righteousness." ¹⁷

VISUAL #3:
Integrity:
Composites Equal
Integrity of God

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This means that Lucifer emphasized a general term for the attributes that make up the integrity of God which includes the composites of righteousness, justice, grace, and omniscience.

- 15. <u>Righteousness</u> is the attribute that comprises the perfect standards which define His perfect character. God cannot have a personal relationship with anything less than the absolute standard of His own righteousness therefore he must reject all sin.
- 16. <u>Justice</u> is the source of all judgment and blessing in accordance with the absolute standards of divine righteousness. Righteousness and justice combine to form the integrity of God. Righteousness is the *principle* of God's integrity; justice is the *function* of God's integrity.

¹⁷ Thieme, The Angelic Conflict, 14.



¹⁶ Gifis, "Standing," in Barron's Dictionary of Legal Terms, 467-68.

- 17. Omniscience means "all-knowing." God knows perfectly, eternally, and simultaneously all that is knowable, both actual and possible. Total wisdom as well as total knowledge belongs to God's omniscience. Before the creation of the world God knew everything about angelic and human history. God is not ignorant of any facts.
- 18. <u>Love</u>: An inherent quality of absolute benevolence that does not require inspiration to be gracious, generous, or merciful. As part of His essence, the love of God can never be isolated from His other characteristics. All of the attributes of God work in complete coordination and continuity with no one attribute surpassing or overriding another, each one remaining constant and harmonious with the others.¹⁸
- 19. <u>Grace</u> is the policy of divine integrity and is defined as all that God is free to do for mankind without compromising His divine essence. It is free unmerited favor and love from God alone, not from our works or because we are attractive to God. Grace means that all things from God are received from God as a free gift totally apart from any form of human merit or any system of human works.
- 20. Therefore, the Supreme Court of Heaven could have dismissed the appeal with prejudice. However, it was allowed to go forward under the provisions outlined by the Court.
- 21. Although at the original trial Lucifer and his fallen angels were found guilty of rebellion and sentenced to the lake of fire, the Father's decision to allow the appeal to go forward was designed to demonstrate the validity of His verdict and to do so with witnesses inferior to those under trial in the angelic realm.

[&]quot;Dismissal. Dismissal of an appeal places the parties in the condition as if there had been no appeal. Dismissal with prejudice. An adjudication upon the merits that operates as a bar to future action by preventing plaintiff from making further attempts at a claim based upon the same facts" (Gifis, "Dismissal" and "Dismissal with Prejudice" in *Barron's Dictionary*, 138–39).



¹⁸ Definitions cited for righteousness, justice, omniscience, and love are taken from Thieme, *The Unfailing Love of God*, 2009, 6–10.

- 22. Sentencing was delayed until the appeal runs its course. The human race was created to provide witnesses, the first two being Adam and Ishah.
- 23. Their appearance in Eden was through the creative acts of Jesus Christ. The creation of Adam's body and the creation of his soul and human spirit are found in:
 - קַּעָּטָּה Then God said, "Let Us <u>make</u> [עָּטָּה ('asah): the process of constructing by means of a pattern and refers to the human soul] <u>man</u> in Our <u>image</u> [בּלֶב (selem): a shadow image] according to Our likeness [מַרָּת (demuth): likeness]."
- 24. The concept of man's soul being a "shadow image" and "likeness" of God is a simile, a comparison between two different things. Man's soul is invisible and follows the format of invisible divine essence.
- 25. The corporate witness pitted two inferior humans against one-third of the angelic population. Their testimonies would become the basis for winning the appeal proceedings.
- 26. The appeal by Lucifer does not imply a new trial but is rather a complaint of injustice regarding the verdict of the previous trial. It is a proceeding in the hope of reversing the decision of the former trial.

5. Satan's Attack on the Corporate Marriage

- 1. We do not know how long Adam and Ishah maintained their Perfect Life in Eden. It could have been brief or it could have lasted a considerable length of time.
- 2. Some have calculated the ages of the patriarchs from Adam to Christ and onward to the twenty-first century and have come to the conclusion that human history is no more than around ten-thousand years.
- 3. The fallacy of their investigation lies in the fact that Adam's longevity did not begin until the Fall. Prior to that he enjoyed Perfect Life which was potentially endless.

- 4. We have no idea how long he and Ishah existed in this perfect condition, but the passing of time had no negative impact on the status of their Perfect Life.
- 5. Therefore, we are unable to determine how much time elapsed between Genesis chapters 2 and 3. We do know that beginning with chapter 3, Lucifer mounted his attack on the corporate marriage.
- 6. His initial attack was on the corporate structure of the marriage. He used the lone negative mandate to propagandize Ishah into believing that the prohibition not to eat of the forbidden fruit was designed to keep her stupid.
- 7. Lucifer's implication was that God was not a God of integrity but a God that suppressed women by preventing them from knowing good and evil (Genesis 3:4).
- 8. His strategy was to get Ishah out from under Adam's authority and in doing so the individual and corporate testimonies of the two would be destroyed.
- 9. Adam would then face a dilemma. Remain loyal to the divine prohibition by abandoning his wife or remain loyal to his wife by abandoning the prohibition.
- 10. His decision to follow Ishah violated the divine covenant and fractured the corporate testimony of the marriage contract.
- 11. This failure destroyed the testimony of the original couple resulting in the necessity to inaugurate procreation for the production of new witnesses.
- 12. Genesis 3:14–19 documents the divine response to the lapse of mankind. Enmity would characterize the struggle that would exist between Lucifer and the prophesied "Seed" that would enter human history through the virgin birth.

Genesis 3:15 - I will put hostility between <u>you</u> [the serpent] and the <u>woman</u> [Ishah], between <u>your seed</u> [Lucifer] and <u>Her Seed</u> [Messiah]; <u>He</u> [Jesus] shall crush <u>your head</u> [2d Advent], and you shall <u>bruise Him on the heel</u> [crucifixion].

- 13. Adam had the responsibility to protect Ishah. He had the authority to intervene and prevent Ishah's tragic decision from become a fateful act.
- 14. Once Ishah ate, she took charge of the corporation. She immediately, under satanic influence, went straight to Adam and presented him with the challenge.
- 15. What went through this man's mind we can only speculate. But knowing the trends between man and woman have been documented historically, we may have a good guess.
- 16. Adam and Ishah had for a considerable period of time lived in a perfect environment. They enjoyed perfect weather. They are perfect food. They possessed Perfect Life. They had perfect sex.
- 17. And standing there holding out a forbidden fruit that she said tasted great, Adam looked on the nude body of that perfect woman and he realized what she had done would usher her out of the garden.
- 18. He had the choice of staying put and letting the Lord take care of this. But as any man would quickly predict, Adam responded to his hormones and said, "To hell with it. I'm eating the fruit!"
- 19. Here are some principles that emerge from this critical decision:
 - 1. The forbidden fruit was set up as a test for the original couple's volition: Would they remain loyal to God's lone mandate to avoid eating the fruit or not?
 - 2. The elect angels were created in eternity past and when their volition was challenged by Lucifer, two-thirds remained loyal to the Trinity.

- 3. The two Homo sapiens created by Jesus Christ were inferior to the angelic beings with the exception of possessing the same volition: the freedom of choice.
- 4. It is noteworthy to observe that the angelic beings, both elect and fallen, possess Eternal Life, a status that, by definition, cannot be canceled.
- 5. On the other hand, when the Lord "breathed into the nostrils" of Adam and Ishah they were endued with <u>Perfect Life</u>, not <u>Eternal Life</u>.
- 6. Perfect Life is different from Eternal Life. The former could be retained indefinitely as long as the forbidden fruit was not consumed.
- 7. Once the fruit was eaten, their <u>Perfect Life</u> was destroyed and they entered into <u>Human Life</u> which is vulnerable to time and the aging process.
- 8. Sin created a barrier between them and the Integrity of God. Where previously their point of contact with Him was divine love, it now was His justice.
- 9. Removal of the barrier required the Redemption Solution. Adam and Ishah were made aware of the ultimate sacrifice of a God-Man Savior illustrated by the sacrificial death of an innocent animal.
- 10. This conversion is made evident at the conclusion of:

Genesis 3:21 - The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

- 11. At this point, the bodies of Adam and Eve continued in a body of corruption having acquired a sin nature to which Adam's sin was imputed to Eve.
- 12. Their bodies retained the status of Human Life, but regeneration returned to them their human spirit to which was imputed Eternal Life.

VISUAL #4: Integrity: Function of Attributes

> VISUAL #5: Adam & Ishah's Relationship with Integrity

VISUAL #6: Adam, Creation, Fall,

& Salvation

- 13. Adam and Eve were again witnesses for the Prosecution. Still functioning in the divine institution of marriage, the two now had the authority to not only continue sexual relations but also the added result of producing new witnesses.
- 14. Because they no longer had Perfect Life, which had no expiration date, they now were limited to the status of Human Life that was programmed to experience physical death.
- 15. This meant that through procreation, new witnesses could be produced through the miracle of birth.

 This system produced three male offspring.
- 16. The firstborn was Cain who became a farmer while the second was Able who became a rancher. Cain entered into inordinate completion with Able.
- 17. The Lord required systematic animal offerings for the rituals that taught doctrine to the two men. Cain, already arrogant, thought it appropriate to present the Lord with a vegetable salad for the sacrifice (Genesis 4:3).
- 18. On the other hand, Able brought the "firstlings of His flock" which *was* the appropriate offering for which the Lord had great regard, but not for Cain's.
- 19. This prompted the first murder and World War in human history. Cain observed Abel's technique of taking a knife and slitting the sacrificial animal's carotid so that it bled out and died.
- 20. We learn in 1 John 3:12 that Cain took one of his brother's knives and slit Abel's throat. This was first-degree murder which reduced the world population at that point by twenty-five percent.

1 John 3:12 - Cain, who was of the <u>evil one</u> [Lucifer], <u>slew</u> [σφάζω (spházō): to slaughter an animal for sacrifice by slitting its carotid] his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.