Principles Gleaned from Genesis 3

Creation of human life is the prerogative of God and is determined at the moment of physical birth when He selects an individual by imputing soul life to biological life.

The soul is created immediately and contains four divisions: self-consciousness, volition, emotion, and mentality which has two subdivisions: *NOUS* and *KARDIA*. The *kardia*, or heart, is made up of seven compartments: frame of reference, memory center, vocabulary storage, categorical storage, conscience, momentum, and wisdom. All human beings are born with all these divisions, subdivisions, and compartments operational and capable of receiving data in compatibility with their human IQ. However, there is no data in any of these areas at the moment of physical birth. The soul, with all of its components, is created TABULA RASA, a blank slate.

The spiritual, social, psychological, and cultural development of the child is dependent upon what data is fed into his brain computer. Especially important is the development of the conscience where norms and standards are formulated.

The child's concepts of right and wrong are determined by the training he receives from outside sources. The primary outside source is parents, two people—one man and one woman—delegated authority by God to superintend the development of the child's soul.

Concepts of right and wrong must be implanted from the very earliest age in order for the child to acquire authority orientation and resultant ability to function in society. From this developing conscience comes an inner governor— an internal signal—alerting the child when he has broken a standard which violates the conscience.

Once awareness of sin has been acknowledged a recovery system must be in place in order for the child not to become psychotic. Awareness of sin, or error, or wrong, causes the emotional division of the soul to condemn the individual under guilt. Guilt is designed to motivate recovery from error. However, if there is no system of recovery immediately available, the emotional complex relies on the sinful nature for problem-solving devices.

The proper recovery method is the application of punishment and penalty clauses imposed upon the child by his parents. If parental rules have been violated it matters not what justification the child may offer. Broken rules must be atoned for by punishment or penalty. However, the sinful nature seeks to justify the child's wrong action as not being his fault.

The first arrogant skill is to endeavor to blame something or someone else for causing, motivating, or encouraging the wrong action. Self-justification promotes the second arrogant skill which is self-deception. Under self- deception the child believes the lie that he is not guilty because of some outside influence, real or imagined. In an effort to self-justify, he projects blame upon something or someone else. This transference of blame is self- deception. Those who are deceived become deceivers.

A guilty child in order to transfer blame, must first deceive himself that he is not guilty and then deceive his parents into believing someone else is. Those who refuse to properly deal with their faults carry around an ever-growing guilt complex.

Guilt not dealt with festers and seeks relief. If parents fail to call the child to task for violated standards, the child begins to develop alternate personalities. He will become very legalistic as he seeks to justify his guilt through human good. This process takes the blame of self through a system of works. When a child involved in such a system of guilt removal is complimented for his actions, he becomes the victim of the third arrogant skill, self- absorption.

In the case of Adam and Ishah, self-absorption occurred when they decided to assuage their guilt through human good. Putting on fig-leaved coverings was their way of getting right with themselves so they could then get right with God. This is self-absorption—a complete over-emphasis on self, and is 180 degrees removed from grace orientation and occupation with Christ.

A Final Observation from Genesis 3

The Fall of man was brought about by a Satanic conspiracy. This conspiracy was made up of: Satan, the master deceiver, the father of lies, the serpent of old.

Ignorant Ishah, as a useful tool, easily manipulated by Satanic deception and deceit.

Arrogant Adam, as corporate head of the perfect marriage, federal head of the human race, and political head of Planet Earth, led astray by his own insubordinate wife.

Satan used a rhetorical veil: "You're positively not going to die. For Elohim knows that in the day you eat, your eyes will be opened and you will be like Elohim, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:4, Genesis 3:5) His tactic was successful in concealing while advancing his hidden agenda: The Fall of man through personal sin. It was a bloodless coup.

The result plunged the human race into the chaos of the Angelic Conflict in which we find ourselves as participants, either winners or losers, in the intensified stage of the ongoing appeal trial of Satan.

It is a father and mother's parental duty to inculcate the principles of right and wrong into their children's souls so that they might have the capacity to become winners in this conflict in which there are no non participants. All play in the game. Some win, some lose. It's all a matter of personal volition!