

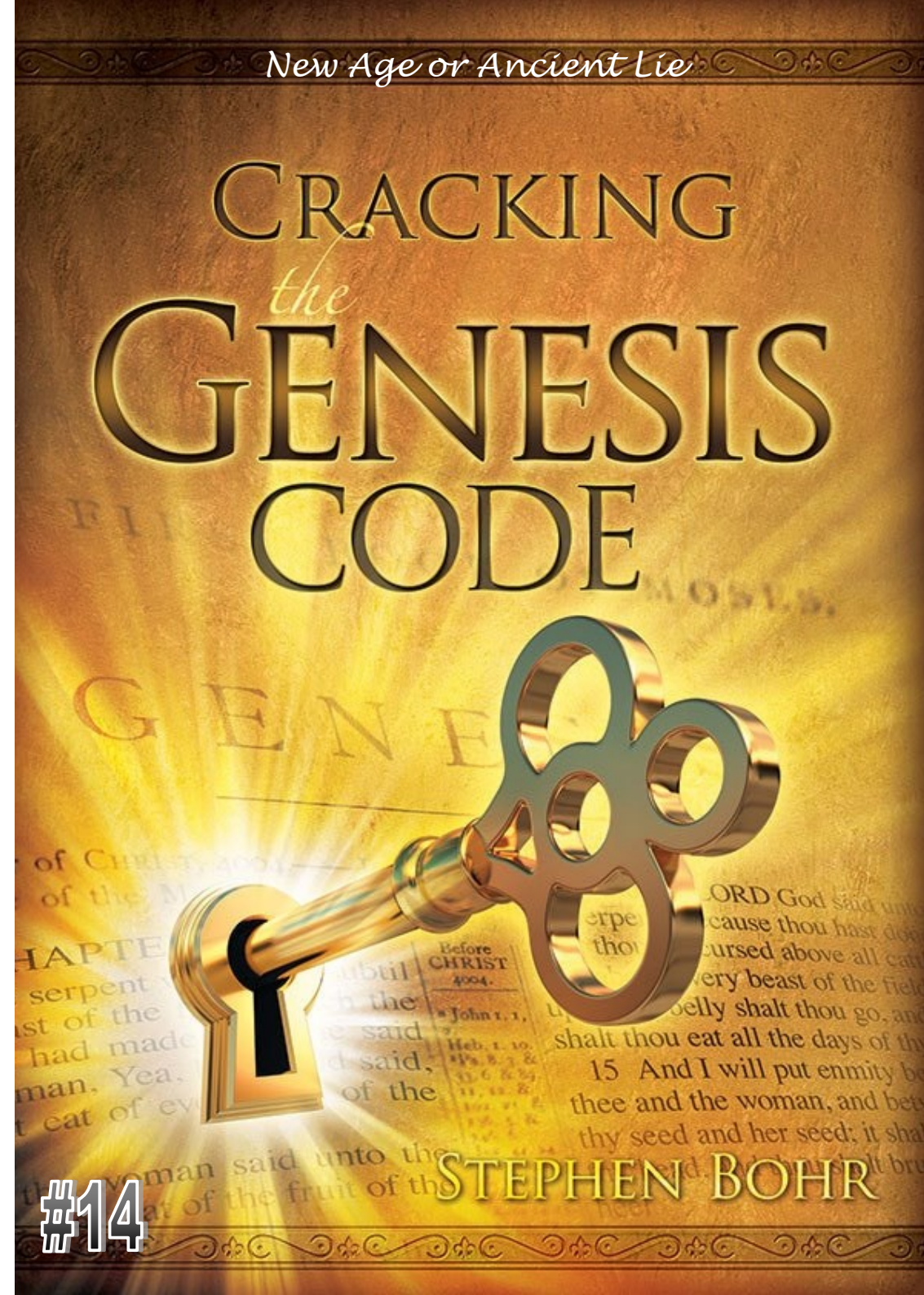
If there is no law, no sin, no judgment and no death, then there is no need for a Redeemer to save us from the sentence of death. There is no need for the Creator to come down from heaven and take upon Himself the death sentence of His creatures. Thus the Biblical doctrine of the atonement is destroyed by New Age theories.

Pantheism wrongly deifies nature. As Christians we should take better care of the ecosystem than the New Ager but for a different reason. Christians believe they should care for the natural world because it is God's while the pantheist believes one should; care for nature because it is God. New Agers worship nature while Christians worship nature's God.

The New Ager trusts his own power to heal his body from sickness. Supposedly, man as God has his own divine energy force within which he can tap into to heal disease. This is the whole philosophy behind wholistic medicine techniques. This concept makes prayer to a personal God for healing unnecessary.

There is no place in New Age philosophy for the second coming of Christ to destroy the world and then make it totally new. For the New Ager, the world will get better and better as human beings discover the God-consciousness themselves. Thus the solution to the human problem is not found in a personal God who will come from outside human history to judge His creatures and to destroy those who have trampled upon His law. The solution, according to New Agers, is for man to discover the God within and tap into that energy force to create an ideal society.

Finally, God has given His people a sign which would ever remind them of the distinction between the Creator and His creatures. It is a sign of God as Creator, Redeemer and final Restorer. The sign is the Sabbath. If Christians had ever kept the Sabbath, they would never have fallen for New Age ideas.



SECRETS UNSEALED PRESENTS: "CRACKING THE GENESIS CODE"

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Matthew 6:9	Genesis 3:8-11	Nehemiah 9:6, 13, 14
Genesis 1:1	Genesis 3:13	Revelation 14:6, 7
Colossians 1:16, 17	II Corinthians 5:10	Exodus 20:8-11
John 1:1-3	John 5:22, 27	Isaiah 66:22, 23
Genesis 1:11	Ecclesiastes 11:9	Issues in the final conflict:
Genesis 1:21	Revelation 14:6, 7	The first table of the Law
Genesis 1:24	Genesis 2:17	
Genesis 2:7	Genesis 3:19	
Isaiah 64:8	Romans 3:10, 23	
Acts 17:24-28	Romans 5:12	
Genesis 2:9	Genesis 2:17	
Genesis 3:22-24	Genesis 3:21	
Genesis 1:26	John 1:29	
Genesis 2:15	John 1:14	
1 Corinthians 6:19, 20	Genesis 3:4, 5	
Genesis 2:16, 17	Psalms 95:1-6	

New Age Philosophy and Christianity

New Age philosophy obliterates every cardinal doctrine of Biblical Christianity, Christ is the center of all. In New Age Philosophy man's self is the center of all.

New age philosophy obliterates the idea that Christ is a personal God who created the heavens and the earth. At the core of New Age philosophy is the theory of evolution—the universe is evolving through its conscious yet impersonal divine essence. New Age philosophy blurs the distinction between the Creator (Christ) and his creatures by making the universe God. It deifies man. This was one of Satan's original lies (see **Genesis 3:5**)

New Age philosophy attributes innate immortality to man. If God is immortal and I am God, then I must be immortal. In this way of thinking there is no need for a personal God outside of nature who imparts life to nature because nature within itself already has eternal life. Thus the idea of death becomes superfluous. This reflects another of Satan's lies at the beginning: "You shall not surely die" (**Genesis 3:4**)

Furthermore, if New Age ideas are accepted, then man is not accountable to a personal God who has an objective law which He expects man to keep. Because man is God (in New Age thinking) he is accountable only to himself and to his own law. This is exactly what Satan told Eve in the Garden of Eden: "You will be as God, knowing good and evil" (**Genesis 3:5-6**). In effect, Satan was telling Eve: "You don't need God to tell you what is good and what is evil. You can determine that for yourself because you are God." Satan, from the very beginning has wanted to be autonomous. His original complaint against God is that the angels needed no law because they could determine for themselves what is right and wrong.

In the New Age scheme of things there is no room for the Ten Commandments as the absolute standard of right and wrong which God expects his creatures to obey. Man becomes the arbiter of right and wrong. This explains why homosexuality, for example (according to New Agers), can be right for one person and wrong for another. New Agers teach that you should not be judgmental of other peoples' ethical standards. Let everyone live by their own code of ethics. If both you and I are God, what makes you think that your ethical choices are better than mine? No wonder the world is in such a mess!

If there is no absolute law, external to man, then there can be no such thing as sin. The doctrine of sin is obliterated by New Age philosophy. The New Ager delights in talking about the goodness of man and the importance of self-esteem. For them the Biblical doctrine of sin is deplorable because it makes man feel bad about himself when he should be feeling good about himself.

If, as New Age philosophy teaches, man is a law unto himself, then man will also judge himself. Thus the person is accountable only to himself. This denies the Biblical concept of Christ as judge and of man as accountable to Christ for his actions. Thus the Biblical doctrine that we will be personally accountable for sin in the judgment is shattered.

God. There is therefore no final power external to the self whose laws must be obeyed. Each person creates his (or her) own reality, good or bad, to the way he handles the law of his own being. if he can learn to harness the resources of his Higher Self his possibilities are limitless.” Miller, A Crash Course on the New Age, p. 119.

For the New Ager, love means allowing everyone to do his or her own thing without being judgmental. Truth subjective so your truth might not necessarily be my truth. To love is to respect everyone’s value system. It means unconditional acceptance of others no matter what they do. After all, if I am God and you are God, what makes your value system better than mine?

The New Ager believes that because man, as God, has his own standard of right and wrong, then he will be his own judge. There is no need to appear before a personal God to render an account for the way in which a person has employed his time, talents, money and body. Being that I am God, I am responsible only to myself and thus I will judge myself. Regarding this, says Ellen White:

“Spiritualism asserts that men are unfallen demigods; that ‘each mind will judge itself,’ that ‘true knowledge places men above the law,’ that ‘all sins committed are innocent,’ for ‘whatever is, is right,’ and ‘God does not condemn.’ The basest of human beings it represents. as in heaven, and ‘highly exalted there. Thus declares to all men, live as you please, heaven is your home. Multitudes are thus led to believe that desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and that man is accountable only to himself.” Ellen G. White —Education pp.227, 228

For New Agers, “sin” is merely a failure to recognize that we are divine, that we all have God within. “Sin” is merely the failure to “tap into” that divine energy force which we all have. Thus sin is not solved by God becoming man to take the place of His creatures. “Sin is resolved by discovering the God who is in all of us. Redemption means discovering our Godhood. Redemption does not come by the substitutionary atonement of Christ but rather by the enlightening of the mind through learning how to channel our own divine energy. Thus redemption does not come from outside but from inside. If all is one, there is no such thing as sin or death. If there is no sin or death then the substitutionary atonement of Christ is meaningless. If there is no death because there is no sin, because there is no judgment, because there is no law, because there is no Creator, then why would it be necessary for Jesus to take upon Himself our sins and die the death which we should suffer?

For the New Ager, Christ is not the Creator/Redeemer. He is no more than anyone else. The difference between Jesus and the rest of humanity is that He was more fully in tune with the God within and thus demonstrated the divine potential which we all have if we just tap into it. His value, then, is primarily that of an example to follow. New Age believe that soon (the Age of Aquarius) all human beings will learn how to channel their own divine energy for constructive purposes. As a result, enlightened man will solve all the problems of the planet and redeem himself. Of course “inner guides” might help man learn how to tap into their divine energy!!

“New Age or Ancient Lie”

Lecture #14

The Biblical Concept of God

1. Who is God and where does He live?

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our _____ in _____, hallowed be Your name.” **Matthew 6:9**

NOTE: *God is a person and lives in a specific place called “heaven.” According ‘to the Bible, God has will, personality, thought, emotions and feelings. The entire creation story underlines the fact that God wills, plans, lays down laws and takes pleasure in His works.*

2. According to Genesis 1:1, did the universe have a beginning?

(see also John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16, 17)

In the _____, God created the heavens and the _____ **Genesis 1:1**

NOTE: *The Bible makes it abundantly clear that at some moment in eternity past God created the universe from nothing. (Psalm 33:6-9). The implication of is that God is above and beyond his created universe. He is separate, distinct and independent of His creation. God is transcendent, that is, He is above, outside and before creation. God and the universe are not co-substantial or co-eternal. While the universe had a beginning, God had no beginning.*

3. Who was this Creator of Genesis 1:1?

“In the beginning was the _____ and the Word was with God, and the Word was _____. He was in the beginning with God. All things Were _____ through him; and Without him _____ was made that was made.” **John 1:1-3**

NOTE: *The identity of the Word is clearly established by verse 14 where we are told that the “Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” The Word is clearly Jesus.*

4. **According to the apostle Paul, how many things were created by Jesus?**

“For by Him _____ things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. _____ things were created through Him and for Him. And He is _____ all things, and in Him all things _____.” **Colossians 1:16, 17**

NOTE: Several important points stand out in this passage.

First, Jesus was the Creator of all things;

Second, He was before all things.

Third, All things are held together and sustained by Him.

5. **Who created the grass, the herbs and the trees?**

“Then _____ said, “Let the earth bring forth _____, the _____ that yields seed, and the _____ tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so.” **Genesis 1:11**

6. **Who made the marine animals and the birds?**

“So God created great _____ creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged _____ according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.” **Genesis 1:21**

7. **Who created all the land animals?**

“Then _____ said, “Let the _____ bring forth the living creature according to its kind: _____ and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so.”

Genesis 1:24

8. **Who was the crown of God creative works?**

“And the LORD God formed _____ of the dust of the ground,

things there is no need for a personal God who imparts life to His creation because creation has inherent life within itself. There is no need for a tree of life outside of man to impart immortality to man. Man is God so man is immortal. Thus the source of man’s life is not outside, but inside and thus man must look only to himself. New Age philosopher R.M. Bucke expresses it this way:

“This consciousness shows the cosmos to consist not of dead matter governed by unconscious, rigid, and unintending law; it shows it on the contrary as entirely immaterial; entirely spiritual and entirely alive; it shows that death is an absurdity, that everyone and everything have eternal life; it shows that the universe is God and that God is the universe and that no evil does or ever did enter into it.” R M. Bucke, Cosmic Consciousness p. 14.

For the New Ager the vegetable and animal kingdoms are equal to man because all nature equally permeated by the divine essence of God. Therefore the ecosystem—mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms—must be revered and treated as sacred. In fact, all nature is looked upon as holy, or sacred. Man is not above nature but is rather a part of nature. Man is not in the image of God but rather is God! This is why many New Agers feel that human beings can speak with dolphins and learn from them what we do not know ourselves.

New Agers believe that because man is God, he is accountable only to himself. There is no such, thing as an objective law outside of man which a personal God expects him to obey. Because man is God, he is a law unto himself. Thus the standard of right and wrong, good and evil, is not found in a code outside of man but rather in the subjective realm inside man. The consequence of this view is chilling. If am God and you are God, then we must choose our own internal ethical system because there is no external person from whom we can receive guidance. That is to say man does not have to depend on God’s law to define what is good and evil but rather on his own independent judgments as God.

New Agers speak about values clarification. They believe that values are already present in all children and must merely be discovered within them. In other words, values emerge from within, they are not imposed from without. The values of the church, parents, teachers and the Bible are not to be followed as an external standard of conduct. Students should discover and clarify their own values. No value system external to children can be imposed on them. There are no objective, absolute truths to be believed and followed by all. Values are to be subjectively determined. For example, if parents tell their child: “Premarital sex is wrong,” the child can legitimately answer: “But that’s just your value judgment. Don’t force your values on me.” New Agers’ support of a host of “rights” issues (such as human rights, civil rights, gay rights, women’s rights) can be traced back to their belief in the absolute value of autonomy, or the sovereignty of the self. That is to say, if we are all equally-divine, then we each have the right to pursue self realization without outside interference, as long as we don’t interfere with others in their pursuit of the same. Consequently, most would hold that no laws should be passed touching on abortion or homosexuality since people have the right to do what they please with their bodies.

“For them [New Agers] one’s self is ultimately indistinguishable from

son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD _____ the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and _____ the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.” **Exodus 29:8-11**

2. **On which day of the week will God’s people worship Him as the Creator of the new heavens and the new earth?**

“For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me,” says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.” **Isaiah 66:22, 23**

***NOTE:** There is an unbreakable relationship between .creation, worship and the Sabbath. We worship God because He is the Creator and the sign of the Creator is the Sabbath.*

The New Age View of God

For New Age philosophers, “God” is an impersonal, immaterial cosmic force of energy which permeates the entire universe. God is not a person who lives in a specific place called heaven. He is not a loving Father who cares for His creatures. God is everywhere and in everything. All which exists is God. That is to say, God is indistinguishable from the universe. This idea is known as pantheism.

For believers in New Age philosophy, God is immanent in nature. All that is, is God. Man is part of all and therefore man is God. God is nature and nature is God. What Christians call “creation” and “God” are indistinguishable for New Agers. The God of pantheism is not separate, distinct and independent from His creation. God and the universe are and the same thing.

According to New Age philosophy, the universe has been eternally creating itself by means of a cosmic conscious energy force within it. Thus the universe did not originate with a personal creator. The universe did not have a beginning, it was not created by a personal God.

Going one step further, New Age philosophy teaches that because the universe is eternal and man is part of the universe, man is eternal as well. In this scheme of

and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man-became a _____ being.” **Genesis 2:7**

Man’s Source of Life

1. **Who is the source of all life according to the apostle Paul?**

“God, who _____ the world and everything in it, since He is _____ of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He _____ anything, since He _____ to all life, breath, and _____ things. And He has _____ from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has _____ their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should _____ the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in _____ we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His _____.’” **Acts 17:24-28**

***NOTE:** In the previous questions we have found that God created the heavens and the earth, the vegetation, the fish, the birds, the land animals and human beings. Obviously these things are. not co-equal or co-eternal with God. If God made them, He is before them and greater than them.*

2. **Which tree did God place in the midst of the Garden of Eden to perpetuate the life of man?**

“And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of _____ was also in the _____ of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” **Genesis 2:9**

***NOTE:** The perpetuation of the man’s life depended upon eating from the tree of life; This means that life was contingent, that is, outside of man and not inside. The life of creation is derived, not inherent. This is the reason why when man was barred from the tree of life, the result was death*

(Genesis 3:22-24). If man already possessed immortality within himself it would have done God no good to bar him from access to the tree of life. Nothing in nature is self-existent or immortal. Only God possesses immortality. (1 Timothy 6:14 -16)

Man the Steward of God and the Free Moral Agent

1. What function did God give Adam after He created him?

“And the LORD God _____ the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to _____ it and to keep it.” **Genesis 2:15, KJV**

***NOTE:** The mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms are not equal to man. Man is unique because he was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). Man is a person as God is a person. Man is to care for creation, not because creation is God, but rather because creation is God's. Man was placed as a steward to care for God's creation (Genesis 1:26, 28 2:15). We should put great emphasis on caring for the ecosystem because God created it, not because it is God. We should also care for our body, not because it is divine but because it belongs to the God who created it (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20)*

2. What evidence do we have that God created man with freedom of choice?

“And the LORD God _____ the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall _____ eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall _____ die." **Genesis 2:16, 17**

***NOTE:** Adam was created a free moral agent. He gave man freedom of choice. In order to test man's loyalty, God lay down a commandment which He expected man to obey. This law was a code outside man, objective to man. It was a code which God expected man to obey. By choosing to obey this commandment, man would be choosing to live. Disobedience to God's commandment meant certain death. Thus man had to choose between obedience and disobedience to God's objective law. Man was accountable before God for his actions and was required to render God an account for his choices. God had a right to expect obedience to His law because He was the Creator.*

“Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely _____. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like _____, knowing good and evil.” **Genesis 3:4, 5**

***NOTE:** Satan uttered two deadly lies. First of all, he told Eve that she would not die. Secondly, he told her that she would be like God, knowing good and evil. We will find that these two lies lay at the foundation of all New Age theology.*

The Relationship between Creation and Worship

1. According to David, what relationship exists between creation and worship?

“Oh come, let us _____ and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our _____.” **Psalms 95:6**

2. According to Nehemiah, what should be our motivation for worshipping God?

“You alone are the LORD; You have _____ heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You _____ them all. The host of heaven worships You.” **Nehemiah 9:6**

***NOTE:** We worship God because He is the creator and we are His creatures.*

Creation, the Sabbath and Worship

1. What memorial did God give His people to remind them that He is the Creator and they are His creatures?

“Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the _____ day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your

The Judgment Execution

1. What did God do to solve the problem of Adam and Eve's nakedness?

"Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made _____ of skin, and _____ them." **Genesis 3:21**

***NOTE:** On the very day Adam and Eve sinned, two animals were sacrificed; and God used the skins to cover their nakedness. That is to say, the animals were executed on the very day when Adam and Eve should have died. In our next question we will see what those animals symbolized.*

2. What did the sacrifice of those animals represent?

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The _____ of God who _____ away the sin of the world!" **John 1:29**

***NOTE:** Jesus took upon Himself the judgment which belonged to us— the judge became the judged. He took upon Himself the five punishments which belonged to man. He hung naked on the cross of Calvary. He bore the curse upon His own body. He had a crown of thorns thrust upon His head. He sweated great drops of blood from His brow and suffered the sentence of death. It is very clear that man cannot redeem himself, he must be redeemed by a power outside himself.*

3. What did Creator become when his creatures sinned?

"And the Word became _____ and dwelt among _____, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." **John 1:14**

***NOTE:** All human beings were created by Jesus and therefore only Jesus could take the place of all. Jesus suffered the sentence of death for all. (**Hebrews 2:9**)*

Satan's Deadly Lies

1. What specious and dangerous lie did Satan utter to the woman?

Before the Judgment Bar of God

1. Before Whom must we appear to give an account for our actions?

"For we must all appear before the _____ seat of _____, that each one may receive the things _____ in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

2 Corinthians 5:10 (see also Acts 17:31; 1 Peter 4:17; Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

***NOTE:** It is rather obvious that man is not God, if he must appear before God to give an account for his actions. The fact that we must appear before the judgment seat of God indicates that there is a very real distinction between God and man and that God is greater than we are.*

2. To whom has the work of judgment been delegated?

"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all _____ to the Son, ... and has given Him authority to execute _____ also, because He is the Son of Man." **John 5:22, 27**

3. What warning did Solomon give the youth concerning the judgment?

"Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these _____ will bring you into _____ ." **Ecclesiastes 11:9**

4. What words of warning did Solomon speak after he had warned the youth about the coming judgment?

"Remember now your _____ in the days of your _____, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them:"" **Ecclesiastes 12:1**

5. According to Revelation 14:6, 7, what gives God the right to judge us?

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the

everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His _____ has come; and _____ Him who _____ heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."” **Revelation 14:6, 7**

The Judgment Review

1. **What question did God ask Adam after he had eaten from the tree?**
“And He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? _____ you eaten from the tree of which I _____ you that you should not eat?’” **Genesis 3:11**

2. **What question did God ask Eve after she sinned?**
“And the LORD God said to the woman, " _____ is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."“
Genesis 3:13

***NOTE:** Bible scholars have noted that God came down to the Garden of Eden to conduct an inquiry or the case.*

The Judgment Sentence

1. **What sentence did God pronounce against Adam and Eve after they admitted that they had disobeyed Him?**
 1. **The first** result of sin was _____ (**Genesis 3:7**)
 2. **The second** consequence of sin was the _____ of the earth, and the serpent. (**Genesis 3:14, 17**).
 3. **The third** consequence of sin was the appearance of _____ and thistles. (**Genesis 3:18**)
 4. **The fourth** result of sin was Adam earning his bread with the _____ of his Brow (**Genesis 3:19**)

5. **The fifth** and most terrible consequence was _____
(**Genesis 3:19**)

***NOTE:** If man was by nature immortal, how could God execute the sentence of death against him? The fact that God barred man from access to the tree of life, proves that man’s source of immortality was not within himself but rather outside in the tree of life.*

2. **How many human beings stand guilty as they approach Christ’s judgment bar?**
“As it is written: "THERE IS _____ RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE; ... for _____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”
Romans 3:10, 23

The Sentence of Death

1. **How many human beings were doomed to death in consequence of sin?**
“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and _____ through sin, and thus death spread to _____ men, because _____ sinned —” **Romans 5:12**
2. **When did God promise Adam and Eve that they would die if they ate from the tree?**
“but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the _____ that you eat of it you shall _____ die.”
Genesis 2:17

***NOTE:** Adam died when he was 930 years old. Though we do not know at what age Eve died, we do know for a fact that she did not die that very day! Why wasn’t the sentence of death executed that very day as God had said? Or was it?*