

Adam's Relationship before & After

God created Adam not only physically but spiritually alive.

When God warned Adam "for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" - God was referring to spiritual death (physical death became a secondary result)

Apart from life, death is meaningless. You can say of a piece of wood "It's dead", but not of a lump of clay - clay has no capacity for life & therefore cannot die. If Adam ~~was~~ was capable of death while remaining physically alive, it means that he originally had spiritual life - the very life of God Himself.

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (Jo. 1: 4)

When the life went out the light went out.

Originally, Adam was a lamp that was lit, fulfilling the purpose for which God made him.

If this process had been purely mechanical and Adam had possessed no capacity to exercise his own choice he would have been a robot, an impersonal "device" - incapable of responding to the love of God - for only love can return love - it cannot be forced.

2. Adam

You cannot truly love without the power to choose — man was made to love God back.

Given the moral capacity to choose, it was necessary for man to have a point at which choice could be exercised — in this way his love toward God could be expressed in the obedience of faith.

But Adam changed his mind about God! Satan succeeded in persuading Adam that he could lose God and lose nothing — he acted on what he believed from the lips of a liar — and died.

That very day God threw the Master-switch and the Life went out — he became uninhabited by God —

"Their closed hearts are full of darkness; they are far away from the life of God because they have shut their minds against Him, and they cannot understand His ways"

Something even worse happened — ego-centricity became the ruling principle of man, another word is "self" (1 Cor. 5:15) another word is "sin". Paul says in Rom. 7:20 "Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp".

In the absence of the H.S., Satan, the father of lies, invades the soul of man, convincing man that he is self-sufficient, getting better doesn't need God.

3. Adam

I hope you see that it was never God's wish or desire that Adam choose against him — but he did and this fact is simply illustrated by ^{all} the centuries of human behavior — all witnessing to the fact that man is selfish, goes his own way — and that it is never God who is exclusive, but it is man who doesn't want to be bothered with God.

But man still has a human spirit and he has the capacity to be "switched-on again" by the Light — Christ

"When a man becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside, he is not the same any more. A new life has begun" II Cor. 5:17

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