

THE ORIGIN OF SIN

PART TEN

THE FINAL CHAPTER [NEARLY]

“The name *Genesis* is from the Latin *Vulgate*, in turn borrowed or transliterated from Greek Γένεσις, meaning "origin"; Biblical Hebrew: בְּרֵאשִׁית, romanized: *Bərēšīt*, "In [the] beginning”

- VOICE OF GOD I see that you've gathered a lot of stuff about Genesis. What are you going to do with that? Do you have an understanding of it?
- WRITER Honestly?
- V.O.G Is there any other way?
- WRITER No. My answer, no.
- V.O.G. What do you see?
- WRITER The story of the Garden, Adam and Eve is a myth, a mean-spirited myth written in and translated into multiple languages, casting the human elements as childish and vain.
- V.O.G. You know that this is untrue?
- WRITER I know nothing. I have taken the published story at face value, and given it a dramatic re-interpretation. This is my idea of what might have happened.
- V.O.G. Interesting, As the writer, you have the power and the privilege of re-shaping time, of calling on me whenever necessary. I am immortal, transcending time. Are you saying you're my equal?
- WRITER I could not and would not. If you are willing, I would like to ask YOU some questions.
- V.O.G. Is there an unspoken "if I may" pinned on to that speech?
- WRITER if I may, ask you questions?

“ 5 *b*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every *c*intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And *d*the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it *e*grieved him to his heart. 7 So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah *f*found favor in the eyes of the Lord”.

V.O.G. I see you have assembled more information. I'll agree to some questions, I will decide how many "some" is.

WRITER The above quote is from the Book of Genesis and makes claim to detailing a conversation between YOU and Noah. Is it true? Did it happen?

V.O.G. It paints me very cruel, doesn't it? Vindictive even. Threatening to destroy all life, for the short fallings of one species? Were there tape recorders in those days?

WRITER It shows a GOD capable of tears and regret.

V.O.G. You doubt that I am capable of either?

WRITER your followers do. They seem incapable of awareness and emotion.

V.O.G. Your point?

WRITER As those who follow take on the attributes of who or what they follow; so must the who to whom their adoration is given. The rules that govern their life become the rule that constrains the adored. In the final analysis, the adored and the adoring become one. The inquisitions are an example, and the witchhunts; in a weird sort of way, The Holocaust that claimed millions of Jewish and non-Jewish lives is also an example. Under delusions of Faith, human beings act as if the rules of relating did not apply to them. How do you react to that?

V.O.G. Ah, yes, my followers. They can be excitable can't they, and over-enthusiastic.

WRITER And they know how to manipulate language, to justify their acts. How do you feel about that?

V.O.G. Uncomfortable

WRITER You had your flood, cleansed the world; get rid of evil, pettiness, petulance, pride, ambition?

V.O.G. No

WRITER Did you not see ambition and the lust for power among the congregation of the faithful throughout the ages? Wars amongst denominations? Wars between religions? Religions promoting and talking peace and love? Has it all been worthwhile? How does it feel to be GOD loved by three religions, at war with each other? Feel successful, or another day at the office?

V.O.G. Question time is over.

WRITER Eve did not bring sin into the world. Did she?

V.O.G. (Angrily) Question time is over.

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