

THE ORIGIN OF SIN

A twelfth part?

(GOD sits at a desk reading The Book of Genesis)

No! No! No! That is not what happened!

(Gets up from the desk, and searches in
piles of paper, the search takes some minutes).

Here it is! (returns to the desk, looks through his acquisition

sees handwritten notes on the sections

Concerning Eve and Adam, and reads them out aloud

"This did not happen! Talk to scribes, tomorrow!"

Then he remembered. "Tomorrow" didn't come

he had been distracted by something else.

He stares into the distance and recalls Eve

as a vibrant, curious, intelligent being,

then looks at the written account

and mutters no! No! No!; HE remembers

her laughter, her enthusiasm, her kindness,

and at that moment feels a strange sensation

of loss and regret. Adam and Eve, Eve's fear

of being objectified and cast as a second-class

being - all come true; it had been in his power

to prevent it. He remembered them both collectively

And singly; two individuals cast into a strange world

Trusting, naive, eager to learn, curious and resolute

Two people, he remembered with great fondness,
had been misrepresented and maligned.

At that moment, alone in his office, GOD wept

No one watched, no one saw; as the creator of this tale
I believe the enormity of what he had allowed to happen
Struck him. At that moment, he did what any sensitive
sentient being would do; he felt the loss, the sadness
The betrayal of the trust they had put in him; he wept