

Original Sin?

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Introduction

Most of you reading this have a particular impression of Original Sin from church Dogma fed to you by your Sunday School teacher when you were very young. You were told Eve ate an apple from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and thereby she disobeyed God. And that Adam also ate from the tree and disobeyed God. And because of this they were punished by God and put out of the Garden of Eden into the world where they had to work the land and make babies. What

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they had done introduced evil into the World, Reformers say.

This introduction of evil into the World was what Augustine called ‘Original Sin.’

The Protestant reformers such as Luther and Melanchthon latched onto this idea of Augustine, and claimed that all people suffered as a result of what Adan and Eve did. All people were ‘born in sin.’

Jesus came 3700 years later and **died** on the cross they said, to pay for this sin. Any person who accepts that this is what happened, is forgiven the original sin, and can go on to salvation.

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The reformers said that this ‘fall’ is why people are so evil. People are born that way. Until they are saved through baptism by water and by accepting Jesus as their personal savior, they will remain evil people. All evil people i.e. those who are not ‘saved’ will go into eternal damnation or hell. Only the ‘born again’ Christian will be able to enter heaven, they say.

It’s only a story

The Garden of Eden story is myth, which means it probably never happened that way, but Christians have accepted it as real in order to have

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something to explain why they do bad things.

The Christian version of the Garden of Eden story was taken from a story written by a man called Ezra in about 440 BCE. Ezra got the idea from the Babylonians. Ezra wrote a Garden of Eden story for Israelites so they could understand where they originated.

Adam, Ezra said, was **the first Jew created by Hashem** (his name is written יהוה in their Bible) And, rabbis teach that all true Jews can trace their ancestry back to Adam through the lineage of Seth, the third son of Adam.

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Ezra had said nothing about Adam committing any sin in Eden. Whatever he had done was part of Hashem's plan for the Jews to spread Torah throughout the World. Hashem put Adam out of the Garden into the World after he had obtained all knowledge. This entrance into the real world marks year one on the Hebrew calendar.

Adam and Chava (we say Eve) were supposed to raise a Nation to spread the knowledge of Torah throughout the world. There was no Original Sin.

Augustine and the Church took the story created by Ezra, and recast it for

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Christianity. In Christian Bibles Hashem of Ge 2:4 became '*The Lord God*'. Christian Teachers say that The Lord God punished Adam and Eve for what they had done in disobeying Him, and *the Lord God* banished Adam and Eve for their sins. Protestants say that this caused sin to enter the World, and all people from that day on were stained with an *Original Sin*, which prevented them from entering Paradise when they died.

Then some 3700 years later *the Lord God* sent His Son to Earth to cleanse people of this Original sin by the sacrifice of His Son Jesus. The churches

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have different explanations for the purpose of this sacrifice. It was a substitute, or a ransom, or it was justice. This sacrifice made it possible for *believers* to enter Paradise when they died.

Is this what you understand?

Hebrew teaching on Eden

As far as Hebrews are concerned there was no sin committed in Eden. No such a thing as Original sin exists. No savior is required and no person can pay for the sin of another. Each man is responsible for his own sinfulness.

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But see how far this story has progressed in the imaginations of the Reformers. When the Lutheran followers abandoned Roman Catholicism in the 16th century, the ‘Reformers’ did away with personal confessions for sins committed and no longer required forgiveness via priests.

They had to blame someone else for their own sinfulness, because surely it wasn’t heir fault they were so bad.

Paul started with the teaching that the devil made him behave badly. Augustine said that he was born an evil baby because of what Adam did in Eden. He claimed that only the Grace

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of Jesus could wash him clean of what he called the stain of ‘Original Sin.’

How nice is that? We can blame our bad behavior on the nature that we inherited from Adam!

But Gentiles were not even descended from Adam—the rabbis teach this. Gentiles have come from Apes! And isn’t this what is taught in school?

Fundamentalists can lay no claims to being descended from Adam, ask the Jews—it’s their history after all.

This idea that Adam is to blame for Gentiles bad behavior came from

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Augustine in the 5th century. It became the central teaching of the Reformers in the 16th century. ‘We are all sinners,’ they said, and we can never be good because of what Adam did. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Jesus who will save us by hiding our sins from the Father.

Calvin

The reformer John Calvin a Frenchman (Cauvin) actually taught that the decision about who will be saved was made by the Lord God ahead of time. There was nothing a man could do to make the Lord God

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change that decision. Man was predestined to either go to heaven or hell. The pity was that no-one knew whether they had been chosen or not. Here is what this man, who called himself a *miserable one* actually wrote:

"What can we expect in the face of God, we miserable ones who are oppressed by such a great load of sins and soiled by an infinite filth, except a very certain confusion such as his indignation brings? Though it fills man with terror and crushes him with despair, yet this thought is necessary for us in order that, being divested of our own righteousness, having given up faith in our own power, being rejected from all expectation of life, we may learn from the understanding of our poverty, misery, and

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infamy, to prostrate ourselves before the Lord and, by the acknowledgment of our iniquity, powerlessness, and utter ruin, give him all glory of holiness, might, and deliverance.”

And

“Man's spirit is so alienated from the justice of God that man conceives, covets, and undertakes nothing that is not evil, perverse, iniquitous, and soiled. Because the heart, totally imbued with the poison of sin, can emit nothing but the fruits of sin. Yet one must not infer therefrom that man sins as constrained by violent necessity. For, man sins with the consent of a very prompt and inclined will. But because man, by the corruption of his affections, very strongly keeps hating the whole righteousness of God and, on the other hand, is

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fervent in all kinds of evil. it is said that he has not the free power of choosing between and evil—which is called free will.”

And this man Calvin was the most influential teacher of Protestantism, especially Presbyterianism. He doesn't sound like a Holy Man to me. Why would anyone listen to him rather than to the Seven Apostles?

Roman Catholics

The Roman Catholics had a different understanding. For them the Original Sin meant that the children of Adam were born without two virtues, and so all their descendants were also

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missing two virtues which prevented them from being good enough to enter Paradise. The crucifixion of Jesus was a payment to the Devil? Which allowed a Christian to regain these virtues and so enter Paradise.

You are probably familiar with one or other of these ideas. You may believe being baptized in water as an adult to wash away that Original Sin, and by confessing your sinfulness, Jesus will forgive your sins, and that this is the only way to enter Heaven after death.

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Other Religions disagree

You might be surprised to learn that the Jews don't believe in Original Sin. Neither do the Mormons, nor the Muslims, nor many Protestant sects in America.

I am sure that some of you don't understand this Original Sin business and think that Jesus was sacrificed to pay for **your** particular sins (and the sins of the whole world.) Some of you have probably been taught that Jesus will hide your sinfulness from the Father so you won't be punished! But Jesus and The Father are ONE, and

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what one knows so does the other. All the bad things you do will be weighed against the good that you have done, and you will be rewarded accordingly. And The Father knows everything. Because as Jesus said to his Apostles, who were holy people:

“the Kingdom of God is within you.”

Babies and sin

Some Religions teach that babies are born sin-free, and that man is naturally good. He does bad things because he makes bad choices. Most Eastern Religions teach this, as do Jews and

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Mormons. What is the truth? Are babies essentially evil at birth or are they good?

The Roman Catholics say that babies are not evil but they are born without access to two essential virtues; holiness and justice which they need in order to be saved to Heaven. As soon as a person is baptized into the Church he/she will have access to these two virtues, and so he can go on to salvation and Heaven. Roman Catholics baptize babies on the eight day to make sure that these two virtues are accessible to them as soon as possible.

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Protestants have a different understanding. They teach that the stain of this Original Sin can only be removed by Jesus after a person confesses his/her sins as an adult, and he/she accepts Jesus as a personal savior. This usually takes place at ages eight to twelve.

The Garden in perspective

Let's step back and put the story of the Garden of Eden into perspective.

According to Jewish scripture the Elohim (multiple gods/Angels) made

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the world and the first creatures. But the Garden of Eden and the two trees were made by a god called HaShem which in Jewish books is written יהוה. HaShem also made Adam from the dirt beyond the Garden, and brought him into the Garden where HaShem made Chava from Adam's rib.

Adam Jews and Arabs

Adam was the progenitor of all semitic peoples, i.e Jews and Arabs, according to rabbis. The Tree of Life in the Garden contains the complete laws of Hashem called Torah by Jews. A complete Torah was given to the

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children of Jacob via Moses at Mount Sinai.

Some of this revelation by Hashem to Moses is included in the Christian Old Testament, but most of what Hashem taught Moses was Orally transmitted and not written down until hundreds of years after Jesus's ministry, and after the Bible for Christians was written.

According to rabbis, the expulsion of Adam and Chava into the world was a blessing for mankind, not a punishment for sin.

Mormons agree with this. *God* had planned to move Adam to the World

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from the Garden in order to populate the world and to provide food via agricultural means rather than from picking berries from trees, which is about all they could do in Eden, since they were vegetarians who had no clue how to raise crops.

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Now, I believe that the incident with the serpent and the tree of knowledge was planned by HaShem in order for Adam to learn that he was in charge of his destiny and had free will to obey Hashem or not.

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Until Adam was presented with the temptation of the fruit on the tree, he had no understanding of choice. All Adam had been doing was what HaShem told him to do, in fact Adam thought he was a god himself. HaShem wanted Adam to come to understand he was separate from god, and could make his own decisions.

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HaShem created the serpent and told him how to beguile Chava into eating the fruit, and she presented Adam with a choice of whether to eat and become wise, or refuse and obey Hashem's command to him.

The story is very sneaky. You have to read it several times to see what is going on here. First you must know that HaShem never spoke to Chava about the tree. His warning to Adam was made before Chava was created from Adam's rib.

HaShem created the talking serpent, and taught him how to trick Chava into

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eating the fruit. The serpent asked Chava whether the Elohim had told her not to eat from the tree. She said: ‘no, I was told not to touch the tree otherwise I would die’—she had no idea what to die meant.

The Serpent said you won’t die, God just wants you to remain a slave. If you eat the fruit you will become wise and Adam will be very proud of you. Touch the tree and see.

Of course only her husband had said don’t touch the tree, HaShem did not speak to her, so she did not die when she touched it. It was then an easy step to pick the fruit. The end result was

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that the pair had all the knowledge of good and bad, and HaShem put them into the World to stop them eating from the tree of life and becoming immortal. They knew immediately how to grow wheat and raise sheep. It had taken the Gentiles thousands of years to change from nomadic hunter gatherers to becoming farmers, yet here Adam and Eve knew exactly what to do from the start.

HaShem wanted them to raise a Nation to spread Torah.

Adam made the right choice. If Adam had not eaten the fruit from the tree of knowledge, and had instead

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eaten from the tree of Life, he would have become immortal, and he would have remained in Paradise for eternity. There would have been no Semitic people. Of course the rest of the World would be unaffected.

But though most Religions teach that Adam did eat from the tree against the command of God,. Jews, Mormons and many Christian Fathers do not accept this Original Sin theory of Augustine (5th century.)

No-one before the 4th century had any idea of Original Sin. There had been a lot of discussion about how evil

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came into the World. You can read dozens of early books on this topic.

But let us look beyond this story to facts we know.

According to Archaeological findings of the last 200 years, and as a result of satellite imaging, we know that the Brits existed as farmers even before Adam was born.

Even earlier, some 3000 years before Adam was born, as the last Ice Age retreated from Britain, people were living in communities and farming the land.

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Archaeologists have physical evidence that between 8 and 43 million people were on the Earth at the time that Adam was born.

In Briton 5,000 years ago people were living in stone houses, herding sheep, and burying their dead in religious sites. We have found their homes and cemeteries farms and monuments.

The foundations of Stonehenge were being built when Adam was born. And in the Indies, people were making intricate jewelry. In China they were growing rice already.

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So whatever was happening in the Garden of Eden had no impact on ‘Gentiles.’

The rabbis say that only the Jewish people and Arabs can claim to descend from Adam. Gentiles come from other sources.

And if you remember from Genesis Cain married a woman from the Land of Nod and quickly built the city of Enoch. Obviously there were people outside of Adam’s family.

You must understand that Adam was the ancestor of Semitic peoples. He was not the ancestor of Gentiles.

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That brings us to discuss HaShem the god who made Adam. HaShem did not appear on the scene until Ge 2:4, long after the Elohim had created the majority of the World and with it ‘intelligent creatures’ who were the ancestors of the rest of us who are not Semitic.

Eden was not for Gentiles

Whatever happened in Eden doesn’t apply to Gentiles.

The rabbis say there was no such thing as Original Sin because Adam did not commit a sin, he only chose to go against the command of Hashem

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and Hashem had foreseen that.

HaShem had planned it to happen. It was a good thing that Adam found he had free will.

Adam's son Cain was a bad child, and his children were bad, like Lamech who killed a boy for no reason.

The descendants of Cain were drowned, rabbis say, but not the descendants of Seth from whom all Jews (including Jesus) descended. This is rabbinic teaching.

If you remember: the lineage of Jesus, it came through Seth.

“Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which

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was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.” Luke 3:38, KJV.

What Adam did affected Semitic people only. Adam’s behavior could not have affected the Gentiles, as they did not descend from Adam.

Fundamentalists and Evangelicals who take the Old Testament story as literal and also believe there was no-one on Earth before Adam, will have a hard time listening to this explanation— I wouldn’t bother trying to change their minds.

No, the Christian story doesn’t make sense. The only rational answer is that there was no such thing as Original sin.

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Augustine dreamt up the idea in the 5th century. Why did he do it?

Christian Leaders and Demons

Most of the people who have created Western Christianity (Irenaeus, Origen, Jerome, Augustine, Luther, Calvin) were themselves trying to deal with their own demons. Many of them had sworn to celibacy were having sexual temptations which they felt badly about (Origen was castrated.) Jesus had told his Apostles to remain celibate. He told them that only male virgins could enter the Kingdom of God, (the 144,000 who come down from Heaven with Jesus in

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Revelations are all male virgins who were not defiled by women—that’s what it says!)

Later Jesus said that even Harlots would enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the Pharisees.

“... Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.”
Matthew 21:31, KJV.

But The Bishops took this command of celibacy and applied it to all Catholic clergy. No clergy was to defile himself with a woman, or they would be out of a job.

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Some clergy like Augustine admitted to terrible cravings in his book Confessions, and he blames these desires on Adam who committed sin and passed his sinfulness down to himself.

Luther in the 16th century had similar temptations. He was a Roman Catholic priest and couldn't stop lusting after women. His solution was to accept his sinfulness as a fact of life and ask Jesus to hide the truth from God!

Tyndale who wrote the King James Version was a friend of Luther. He too suffered from evil thoughts, and he was

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declared a heretic even before he left England for Germany. He was again declared a heretic after he wrote the New Testament. The Church officials strangled him to death and burnt his body. Yes, this is the man who wrote the King James Version. ¹

Calvin too had to deal with demons.

These people have influenced what you know as Christianity and were struggling to find an answer to why they were acting badly, and they blamed Adam for it.

¹ I love the King James Version because all English theologians use its language.

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If you remember Paul cried out ‘why is it that I do bad things when I want to be good?’ His answer was that there was evil inside him trying to make him do bad things.

Sinful people wrote these ideas about the cause of sin—not Holy men like the seven Apostles taught by Jesus—the Apostles never blamed Adam for their failings.

The Apostles were all good people, and they didn’t have these problems of wanting to sin all the time. Jesus told them to ‘be perfect.’ Apostles were holy men whose lives was focussed on the love of one another and of the Father.

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Those that came after the Apostles like: Augustine, Luther, and Calvin were not so holy, and they made bad choices which caused them to experience their ‘evil’ human nature. They blamed their own bad behavior on the evil within themselves.

Yet Jesus had told His Apostles ‘the Kingdom of God is within you.’ Sin could not be within any Apostle.

What then causes Evil

Evil is in the minds of some people who want to be bad. People also make bad decisions which lead to bad behavior. These are accidents. Evil

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means deliberately going against the Will of ‘God’ knowing that you are being bad and not repenting the behavior. This is true for all religions and all gods. All men have free will and can choose whether or not to listen to their God.

Man is inherently from birth ‘good.’

Bad choices make him do the wrong things and each person will suffer for it. Don’t blame your bad behavior on anyone else.

Why then do Christians say that Jesus died for their sins?

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Though Roman Catholics say that Jesus was **crucified** because it erased the stain of Original sin, the Reformers teach that it was also necessary for Jesus to **die** in order to pay for **their own individual sins**.

According to Reformed churches, and Evangelicals, Jesus actually **died** on the cross, and it was His death that paid for their sins past present and future, though only Christians can actually benefit from this, they say.

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Did He die?

None of the Creeds of the traditional Church states that Jesus ‘died’ on the cross. He was crucified and suffered and was put in the tomb for three days and was resuscitated (resurrected?) He taught His Apostles afterwards. There was no mention of an actual death until Luther wrote the German Bible in 1534. Within the last few years Protestants have also edited their prayer books to say that Jesus died on the cross. They edited the 4th century Nicene Creed to match.

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Resurrection is not a physical coming alive after death, as Protestants do teach. They say that after hanging around in Paradise for a thousand years or so, the souls of the dead will get their bodies back in a form that is recognizable to others, and then will be judged on their works. And then they will be consigned to Heaven or Hell. How can anyone who is intelligent believe this? Jesus never said it.

According to the Apostle **Philip**, who was actually taught by Jesus, ² the spiritual awakening of a man to the

² Mark Luke and Paul never were trained by Jesus. Matthew never speaks to Jesus in King James Version.

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presence of the Father, and to an understanding of the man's own relationship with the Father **is** his resurrection. This is what Jesus taught Philip.

Philip said that resurrection must occur before a man could die to sin, not something that happened after his physical death.

What then was the crucifixion for?

This is what I think. The crucifixion of Jesus was a demonstration to his followers of what sort of deprivation

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and pain they might go through in order to experience the Father in the Kingdom of God. They might be tortured and put on the cross like Him -that is what he warned them about. Many of the Bishops have been martyred for the Faith.

In effect, Jesus was asking them 'how far will you go in order to join with the Father in the Kingdom of God ?

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So Jesus's crucifixion was in part an example to the Judeans of how much suffering a good man may have to go through in order to experience the Kingdom of God in this life.

Jesus never said He was going to the cross to pay for anyone else's sin. At that time Pharisees taught that upon death a man's sins done in life were forgotten. A Jew could not pay for another Jew's sin.

The Original Sin

The idea of Original Sin came from a Bishop of the Roman Catholic

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Church, Augustine, who could not understand why he wanted to be bad.

There were dozens of ideas among Bishops of why some people wanted to be good and others bad.

Paul said the devil made him do it, it wasn't his fault!

“For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but **what I hate, that do I**. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, **but sin that dwelleth in me.**” Romans 7:15-17, KJV.

Augustine said that Adam's sin had been passed down to him and that is

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what caused him to sin, it wasn't his fault that he was too fond of some people.

The truth is, I think, that children are essentially good at birth. They learn how to be bad from parents, teachers, and friends. Today, they learn how to be bad from television and the internet.

Anyone can learn how to be good by listening to Jesus instead.

'Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven,' Jesus said.

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Original Sin? —It is a just something to blame for your own bad behavior.

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Elohim and HaShem

“**ELOHIM**” is the transliteration of the original Hebrew word אלהים that occurs in Ge 1:1 “In the beginning אלהים began to create (or created) ...

The Rev. William Tyndale, ³ who wrote most of the New Testament in AD 1520, wrote the word ‘God’ wherever **ELOHIM** occurred in the Hebrew ‘bible.’

³ William Tyndale was a Roman Catholic Priest. You should know that 83% of the King James Version uses his words. He was strangled and burned at the stake for heresy.

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In Ge 2:4 a god makes Adam from dust, but this is not Elohim, it is יהוה or HaShem ('the Name').

HaShem is a less powerful god than **ELOHIM** according to rabbis. HaShem is mentioned more often than Elohim as he name of god. Tyndale translated HaShem not as 'god' but as LORD (all caps) in the King James Version.

Now, HaShem is later mentioned as being the 'god of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.' HaShem was at Sinai with Moses and gave him the **Oral Torah**. HaShem began His instruction to Moses with the words "I am HaShem **thy** God..."

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He did not say I am THE God, the only God for the World. He says many times that He is the God **only of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**. Ex 6:8; 33:1; Le 26:42; Nu 32:11; De 1:8; 6:10; 9:5,27; 29:13; 30:20; 34:4; 2Ki 13:23; Jer 33:26

To make sure that we all understand the relationship between the Israelites and HaShem, He said: (and here I use the proper name of the Old Testament LORD)

“I am HaShem , which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.”

Deuteronomy 5:6.

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“Then beware lest thou forget HaShem , which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Thou shalt fear HaShem thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (For HaShem thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of HaShem thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.”

Deuteronomy 6:12-15.

“And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye

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may learn them, and keep, and do them. HaShem our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

HaShem made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. HaShem talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,” Deuteronomy 5:1-4.

Moses explained in detail the teachings of HaShem to his key advisors. They heard it spoken four times, memorized it, and so did the religious leaders. The tribe of Levi took over the responsibility of memorizing and teaching Torah until the

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restoration of the Temple (remembered at Hanukah) when the Pharisees took over the teaching. No one wrote anything down. The Pharisees became ‘walking books.’

According to HaShem , the Earth had been made ⁴ specifically to reveal Torah to mankind. The Israelite men were chosen by HaShem to teach Torah to the world. But these ‘chosen people’ failed to bring Torah to gentiles, and even neglected teaching their own children.

⁴The rabbis say that Elohim made the Universe, including Earth.

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HaShem hoped all mankind would accept Torah. This is also the modern Jewish hope. Rabbis say that until the entire world has accepted Judaism with HaShem as its only god, the Messiah will not come. Christians who look forward to the return of the Messiah must first become Jews, or the Messiah will not come.

More about Elohim?

The Deity (or deities) who are called **ELOHIM** in the Hebrew Bible, are called ‘God’ in Ge 1:1 in the King James Version.

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In this article, I have replaced the word “God” from the KJV Old Testament with its original Hebrew word “**ELOHIM.**”⁵

What can be read in Genesis ch:1 are actions of Deities called **ELOHIM** who are creating the Earth and the Sky.

Rabbis say that the word **ELOHIM** may sometimes refer to **Angels**, like **Michael** and **Gabriel**, **Uriel**, and **Archangel**.

The suffix ‘el’ means ‘god.’ Here in Ge 1:1 Angels may be the instigators of the creative effort. Or they might be gods.

⁵ Elohim is the plural of Eloa which means a Deity. I have also replaced ‘LORD’ from the King James Version with ‘Hashem.’

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You may have trouble accepting multiple gods, because someone in your SS class has said there is only ONE god. What they meant is that there is only ONE god for your particular Religion to worship. Each Religion has its own idea of what God is. The major Religions seem to disagree with one another.

- The Muslim God Allah hates Christians. So does the god of Judaism HaShem . In fact the Jews and Muslims have laws that severely punish Christian evangelists proselytizing in their lands and saying that God has a Son.

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- The Roman Catholic ‘god’ is a Trinitarian god, an invisible amalgam of three hypostases or personalities called The Father, The Son (Christ) and Holy Spirit. The Father is unknowable and invisible to man, and can only be ‘seen’ by understanding Jesus. The Son is the Christ which is the Word of God incarnate in the body of Jesus then and in the resurrected body of Jesus, now. The Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost which dwells in all good men, is the love between the Father and The Son. The relationship between them is defined by the Athanasian Creed

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Many Religions accept The [Athanasian formula.](#)

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God defined by other Religions

For a detailed discussion on the gods of the Jews and the Christians read the book on this site called **The Father and The Son.** Also the Book **On Prayer.**