

The Divine Feminine & Original Sin Revisited

Worldview colors belief; the worldview belief of creationism is Earth-centered and static; the worldview of evolution is acentric and transformational. The Original Sin Story in the Bible assumes and promotes the God of dominion and Earth-centered belief. Because static-centrism makes no sense to modern science, the Earth-centric dream story of first sin has no credence. Dreams are experienced memories (images) that float up from the deep subconscious and are active in self-reflective consciousness; dreams are communication exchanges of "soul seeking consciousness."

Evolutionary science reveals a world expanding "from within," without a center or outward limit. Life as we experience it is intra-cellularly expansive "from within," that is, one cell transforms to become two cells, and, on and on. As the cosmos expands it also accelerates, so does consciousness as it evolves. Consider the accelerated power of computer chips today compared to just five years ago.

Soul is "noosphere" (Earth atmosphere) in process of consciousness (spiritual energy) expanding from within (dreaming), encompassing the planet and inspiring every living cell. In his book "The DREAM of the EARTH", Thomas Berry expands on Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's "noosphere." Better informed science requires out-of-date Earth-centric belief to be revisited and revised from the expansion-from-within perspective. To be credible now, Original Sin needs to be examined from the Evolutionary Worldview perspective. [Vatican II, Const. IV, Gaudium et spes, Intro, #5] *"The human race has passed from a rather static concept of reality to a more dynamic, evolutionary one. In consequence, there has arisen a new series of problems, a series as important as can be, calling for new efforts of analysis and synthesis."* Joseph Gremillion, *The Gospel of Peace & Justice*, ©1976, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY, fifth printing, March 1980, Pg 247

With respect to female/ male correlation, new life begins when two cells come together, the female ovum and male sperm. Scripture has God affirming the goodness of creation and the female/ male likeness in God. As individuals we glory in our personal oneness and tend to overlook the equal and essential portion of the "twoness other" in composite nature. Culturally males have suppressed (and ignore) the female otherness of their own personae.

Fixation (narcissism) in personal oneness suppresses twoness sensitivity and stands single-selfness against other-selfness. In hyping the singularity of individual selfness we males eclipse and violate our twoness, our essential female otherness. This hyped glorying in personal oneness is the ORIGINAL SIN OF PRIDE. Institutionalized male self-glorification is the original and continuing sin of pride; before the fall, pride.

The sin of clericalism is intentional, institutionalized male self-glorification and the suppression of equivalent female otherness. Male-instituted overreach of femaleness, in her person and in nature, is the sin of exploitation, otherwise called PROSTITUTION. Except respect for the personal other is cultured equivalently, continued disrespect for the natural other will continue. Respect for nature supposes respect for femaleness. What is radically sinful about clerical culture is that it not only self-arrogates dominion and exploits women and nature, but also, and not less significantly, it blasphemes the divine Selfness of female-other in the Divine Personae.

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