**Adam & Eve**

**The woman was blamed for the fall of man. In the East, women are blamed for everything. *(George M. Lamsa, in Old Testament Light, p. 18)***

**Adam and Eve had other children besides Cain and Abel: In the Bible, Cain kills his brother Abel, leaving only a murderer to populate the Earth. After God banishes Cain to the land of Nod, Adam and Eve give birth to a third son, Seth (Genesis 4:25-26). Adam lives another 800 years and, according to Genesis 5:4, “begot sons and daughters,” but not necessarily with Eve. Cain takes a wife (whose existence in the land of Nod is never explained) and has descendents including a musician, a metalsmith, and the killer Lamech (Genesis 4:17-22). Through Seth come “the generations of Adam,” continuing the Bible story. *(Joey Green, in Contrary to Popular Belief, p. 235)***

**The Bible tells us only that Adam and Eve sinned by eating the fruit of the “tree of knowledge of good and evil.” The word fruit came into our language as apple, which was formerly used to mean any fruit. Nowhere does the Bible claim that the forbidden fruit was actually what we now call the apple. In similar legends from the East, the forbidden fruit was the banana! *(Richard B. Manchester, in Amazing Facts, p. 27)***

**What day was observed as Adam and Eve Day on the medieval church calendar? Christmas Eve – December 24. One element has survived from the medieval plays put on that day depicting Adam and Eve’s fall: the paradise tree, representing the tree that bore the forbidden fruit. The paradise tree, set up in many German households by 1561, was the forerunner of the modern Christmas tree. *(Barbara Berliner, in The Book of Answers, p. 91)***

**The most common resentment a husband feels toward his wife is betrayal, meaning the notion he wouldn’t be in this fix if she hadn’t pressured him. Goes all the way back to Adam and Eve. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**The term “rib” metaphorically means “support,” a “sustainer” or a “helper” to stand by man and help him in a cold and hostile world. *(George M. Lamsa, in Old Testament Light, p. 17)***

**About one person in twenty has a thirteenth pair of ribs, which in the rest of us disappeared before birth. *(Miller/Goody, in Man & His Body, p. 25)***

**What kind of snake tempted Eve? It could have been any kind – or none at all. Eve was tempted by a “serpent” – which, in Biblical times, could refer to any creeping animal, particularly if it was venomous. Thus, Eve could have been tempted by anything from a snake to a salamander to a crocodile. *(Barbara Berliner, in The Book of Answers, p. 291)***

**After all these years, I see that I was mistaken about Eve in the beginning; it is better to live outside the Garden with her than inside without her. *(Mark Twain, in The Diaries of Adam and Eve)***

**Every male has within him the female and every female has within her the male. This fact is admitted by physiology, substantiating the Genesis record of the ideal creation of man as “male and female,” and his expression in Adam and Eve as the male and female in one man. (Charles Fillmore, in The Twelve Powers of Man, p. 35)**

**Woman was created from the rib of man. She was not made from a part of his head to top him, nor was she made from his feet to be trampled on. She was created out of his side to equal him, under his arm to be protected by him and near his heart to be loved. *(Roger Masquelier)***

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