**Adam & Eve**

**If Adam and Eve were alive today, they would probably sue the snake. *(Bern Williams)***

**At our annual family reunion, my sister, an amateur genealogist, usually gives some kind of presentation about our ancestors. One time, she went on and on about personal histories, period costumes, and charts of our forebears and their native countries. After which seemed like hours, she paused to ask, “Have I forgotten anyone?” My husband raised his hand and replied, “Yes – Adam and Eve.” *(Hazel Hulse, in Reader’s Digest)***

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**While two angels are standing on a cloud looking down at the earth, one says to the other: “I don't know if Adam should take the apple -- he's been caused enough trouble by the spare rib.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**Eden Design Department: “We're going with the apple. He says broccoli's not a good test of resisting temptation.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

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**Frank and Ernest look down to the earth from a cloud and say: “Adam’s bound to get into trouble by himself – we’d better arrange some sort of buddy system.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**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 descendants 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)***

**Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked him, “What's wrong?” Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to. God said he'd give him a companion and it would be a woman. He said this person would cook for Adam and wash his clothes, she'd always agree with his every decision. She'd bear his children and never ask him to get up in the middle of the night to care for them. She wouldn't nag, would always be the first to admit she was wrong when they had a disagreement, and would freely give him love and compassion. “How much would a woman like this cost?” Adam asked. “An arm and a leg,” said God. “Hmmm,” said Adam. “What can I get for just a rib?” *(Rocky Mountain News)*
“I’m lonely,” Adam told God in the Garden of Eden. “I need to have someone around for company.” “Okay,” replied God. “I’m going to give you the perfect woman. Beautiful, intelligent and gracious – she’ll cook and clean for you and never say a cross word.” “Sounds good,” Adam said. “But what’s she going to cost?” “An arm and a leg.” “That’s pretty steep,” countered Adam. “What can I get for just a rib?” *(Martha G. Verlander, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Frank says to Ernest: “Eve ate the apple first? Well, then, from now on she’s in charge of cooking.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**“Do you know what happened to Adam and Eve in the Bible?” I asked one seven-year-old boy. “Sure,” he said. “They ate the apple and then God told them to get out of the Garden of Eden, so they went to the airport.” “I’m not sure they went to the airport,” I told him, “because airports hadn’t been invented yet.” “Well,” he said, “that’s how they got out of town when God told them they had to move.” *(Bill Cosby)***

**Perhaps the greatest dialogue of all time occurred in the Garden of Eden when Eve asked Adam, “Do you love me?” His reply, “Who else?” *(The Sacramento Bee)***

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**Billy says to his Dad about his drawing: “You drew this one of Adam and Eve wrong, Daddy. They didn’t have belly buttons.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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**A Sunday school class listened to the story of Adam and Eve one day and the teacher asked the children to draw a picture about some part of the story. One little girl drew a car with three people in it. She had a man in the front seat and a man and woman in the back. “Very good, Mary,” said the teacher. “Now would you tell the class what this picture means?” “This is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden,” said Mary. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**A boy went to his mother and asked, “Mom, where did man come from?” “Well, son, in the beginning God created earth, then He created the first man and called him Adam. He took a rib from Adam and created the first woman and called her Eve. That is how man was created.” The little boy looked puzzled then commented, “Dad said man came from apes.” “That’s your father’s side of the family,” his mom replied. *(Ardith Land, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

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**The kindergarten teacher asked the class, “Who was the first man on the Earth?” After some thoughtful silence, one boy volunteered emphatically, “Hoss!” The teacher caught off guard, asked, “Who did you say?” “Hoss,” the boy repeated. “No,” the teacher corrected. “It was Adam.” “Oh, yeh,” the boy said. “I knew it was one of the Cartrights.” *(George Kottwitz, in The Lutheran Witness)***

**A fourth-grader approached me at Epiphany School Library where I am librarian. “Sister, do you have any books about the first woman?” “Would you like a Bible book? One about Eve?” I asked, as I tried to think of the fourth-grade reading level. “Oh no, Sister,” she replied. “I want a book about Hillary Clinton.” *(Sister M. Thomas Magee, in Catholic Digest)***

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**Dolly asks: “Didn’t they have any food but apples in the Garden of Eatin’?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**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)***

**Gardening didn't keep Adam out of mischief. *(Arnold H. Glasow)***

**Dennis, while reading a Bible story to his young friend, says: “That guy is Adam. We all have one of his apples. *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**As Adam and Eve try to get back into the Garden of Eden, God says to them: “Let you back in? Sorry, you didn’t get your hand stamped when you left the park.” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)***

**We were winding up a discussion in my fourth-grade class on the importance of curiosity. “Where,” I asked, “would we be today if no one had ever been curious?” One hand shot up. “In the Garden of Eden.” *(Edith L. Priest, in Reader’s Digest)***

**What did the insurance agent tell Adam and Eve? I can see you're not covered. *(Ronald Lawrence, in Reader's Digest)***

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**Dolly: “This leaf was in the Bible. Maybe it’s the one Adam wore!” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**A little boy was looking through the family Bible when something fell out. It was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages. “Momma, look what I found!” the boy shouted. “What is it?” she asked. “It's Adam's suit,” he said excitedly. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

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**Billy: “Adam and Eve were lucky. They didn’t have any history to learn.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn’t have to hear all about the men she could have married, and she didn’t have to listen to him tell how his mother used to cook. *(Inspiring Quotations: Contemporary & Classical, compiled by Albert M. Wells, Jr.)***

**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)***

**Our school holds an academic competition each year, and every entrant must pass a general-knowledge quiz. Helping to grade the tests, I could see that one student must have really struggled to answer the question “What is the oldest desert in the world?” He had written: “Apple pie.” *(Ralph Hohls, in Reader’s Digest)***

**One humid afternoon I was met at the door by my perspiring teenage daughter, who said, “Gee, Dad, Adam and Eve had it made. They didn’t have to wear clothes till the fall.” *(Darrel M. Stuart, in Reader’s Digest)***

 **“Do you know how God punished Adam and Eve for eating the apple?” I asked one small boy whose name was Max. “Yeah,” he replied. “God made ‘em sit down and read the Bible.” “Well, at that point, reading the Bible didn’t take very long.” “No, the Bible’s a big book. They got ‘em in church. I see them there all the time.” “What I mean, Max, is that almost nothing had happened yet when they were in the Garden of Eden, so there was almost nothing to put in the Bible.” “Maybe in your church,” said Max. *(Bill Cosby, in Kids Say the Darndest Things, p. 22)***

**How long did Adam and Eve remain in Paradise?” a minister asked his Sunday-school class. A boy immediately answered, “Until the fifteenth of September.” “Why until the fifteenth of September?” the minister asked. “Because before that the apples aren’t ripe.” *(R. G., in Reader’s Digest)***

**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)***

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**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)***

**If Adam had had boneless ribs, like they have in grocery stores today, what would have ever happened to Eve? *(Bill Flick, 2002)***

**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)***

**At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam’s ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. “Johnny,” she asked, “What’s the matter?” “My side hurts,” he said. “I think I’m going to have a wife.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

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**The Russian schoolteacher asked a pupil, “Who were the first human beings?” “Adam and Eve,” the young boy replied. “What nationality were they?” “Russian, of course.” “Fine, fine,” the teacher commented. “And how did you know they were Russians?” “Easy,” said the boy. “They had no roof over their heads, nothing to wear, only one apple for the two of them, and they called it ‘paradise.’” *(Thomas La Mance, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**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)***

**A Milwaukee tailor uses an apple as his trademark. His explanation is simple and logical: “If it weren’t for the apple, where would the tailoring business be today.” *(Helen and Larry Eisenberg, in The Public Speaker’s Handbook of Humor)***

**Dad: “What does that story of Adam and Eve teach us?” Billy: “Not to eat fruit.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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**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)***

**Adam and Eve had many advantages, but the principal one was that they escaped teething. *(Mark Twain)***

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**“Do you know the story of Adam and Eve?” I said to one six-year-old girl. “Everyone knows that story,” she replied. “Well, who made Adam?” “God.” “And who made Eve?” “Eve was made out of a rib, “Yes, but it was a special kind of rib.” “A chicken rib.” *(Bill Cosby, in Kids Say the Darndest Things, p. 20)***

**There is a story to the effect that when Adam and his son Seth were taking a hike together, Seth noticed the beautiful Garden of Eden. “Father,” said Seth, “that is a beautiful place, “Why don’t we live there?” “My son,” Adam replied, “we used to live there until your mother ate us out of house and home!” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)**

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**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)***

**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)***

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