

Self-deception, Self-absorption, & Multiple Personality Disorder

The exigencies of life always present circumstances by which the volitional issue of the Angelic Conflict is constantly tested. Once wrong choices are made, the first stage of divine discipline goes into effect: the law of volitional responsibility. When things go awry, the individual must orient to reality and face up to his own series of bad decisions. When he refuses to take the responsibility for his own actions then it always leads to the second arrogant skill of self-deception.

Ishah claimed to have been deceived. Those who have been deceived become deceivers. Regardless of the fact Ishah was slick tongued by Satan, she knows she has done wrong, but she refuses to take the responsibility. To hide behind the excuse of having been deceived is the self-deception which results from the desire for self-justification.

Self-justification says, "It's not my fault." But in order for this to hold water, blame must be transferred. Therefore, guilt is assigned to something else. The rationale for doing so is the self-deception part. Ishah assigned her sins to another object, in this case, the serpent.

The combination of self-justification and self-deception leads to the third arrogant skill, self-absorption. Self-absorption makes the person blind to error. All sin is therefore justified, projected, and transferred to others.

The hiphil stem of the verb NASHA' emphasizes the fact that the three arrogant skills are being utilized by Ishah. It is best translated, "The serpent caused me to be deceived and I ate." The motivation for all this finger pointing had never before existed in the Garden. Alter personalities for both Adam and Ishah have been introduced into Eden.

With the sin nature controlling their lives, Adam and Ishah are divorced from the reality of Bible doctrine. They now suffer from multiple-personality disorder. Their spiritual lives have been replaced by the human-viewpoint thinking of the sinful nature. Genuine humility has been replaced by self-centeredness, self-justification, self-deception, and self-absorption.

No believer recovers from a multiple personality disorder without the resumption of consistent Bible study. Even when this occurs, the penalty and punishment clauses must be administered.

The Lord stopped His interrogation at this point. All the facts are gathered. It is now time for a reckoning. Punishment is issued first to the serpent in Genesis 3:14, Satan in Genesis 3:15, the woman in Genesis 3:16, and Adam in Genesis 3:17, Genesis 3:18, and Genesis 3:19.

Ishah's name is changed to Eve in Genesis 3:20 which literally means, "the mother of all living." The fact of Adam and Eve's redemption from sin is indicated in:

Genesis 3:21 - And YHWH Elohim made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.