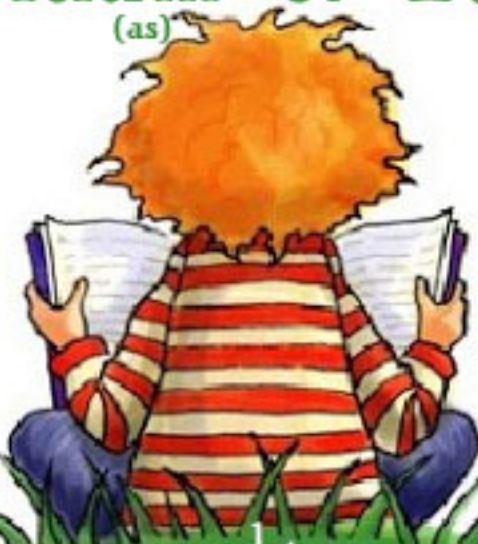


The Story of
Our Father-Mother
Adam & Eve

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STORIES OF PROPHETS

Chapter 1

Our Father Adam and Mother Eve

Allah created the universe millions of years ago. He created the stars and planets and skies. He created angels from light. He created the jinn from fire. He created the earth.

The earth was not the same as it is today. It was basically water. Waves were rough. The wind blew strongly. Volcanoes were ablaze. Huge meteors attacked the earth.

There was no life on the earth, in the sea, and on lands.

Millions of years ago, small fish appeared in the sea, and simple plants appeared on the land.

Then life developed gradually. Animals like reptiles and amphibians appeared on the surface of the earth. Dinosaurs of various kinds appeared, too. From time to time, ice covered the earth. So, plants and animals died. New kinds replaced them. From time to time, the ice melted, thus life returned to the earth again.

Long ago, the earth was unstable because of volcanoes, earthquakes, strong winds, and rough waves. Ice had not melted yet. Allah took earth from heights, plains, salt marches, and fertile land. He mixed the earth with water, so the earth became clay with solid molecules. From that clay, Allah, the Glorified, created a shape like man.

The shape had a head, two eyes, a tongue, two lips, a nose, two ears, a heart, two hands, a chest, and two legs.

The water steamed. The man-like shape became as solid as the stone. The wind was whistling through it.

That shape remained sleeping for a long time. Nobody knows the length of time except Allah, the glorified.

Chapter 2

The Earth

During that period of time, the earth, the waves of seas, and storms became calm. Many volcanoes were extinguished.

Jungles grew and became dense. They were full of animals and birds. Fresh water gushed from spring, and rivers flowed.

The good wind carried clouds to deserts. The rain poured down to enliven the deserts.

When man traveled through space, he saw the earth going around the sun to make the four seasons.

Autumn followed summer. Winter followed autumn. Spring followed winter.

So the earth became green. Plants and jungles became fascinating. Fresh water flowed in rivers. Cool, fresh water gushed from springs

The earth went around itself to make day and night.

Birds woke by day. They flew to look for food. Animals woke by day too, and went here and there to search for food.

Deer ran in the jungles. Ibexes ran at the foot of the mountains. Butterflies flew about gardens looking for the nectar of flowers. Wild animals roared in the jungles. Every thing in the earth grew and reproduced, so the earth was full of life and beauty.

Trees bore fruit. Sheep and goats went to caves to escape from wild animals.

Everything followed the way of Allah, the Great and Glorified.

The earth was very pretty. It was colorful. The oceans were blue, and the jungles were green. Hills were covered with plants. Deserts were brown, and ice was white. The rays of the sun were red at rising, but man had no existence yet.

Chapter 3

Adam, The First Man

At a moment of divine favor and mercy, Allah breathed life into the clay statue. The statue sneezed and said: "Praise belongs to Allah."

The spirit crept into Adam. He breathed, opened his eyes, and moved his hands and legs. He became a normal human being.

Then he rose and walked away. He began to think and consider. He knew the beautiful and the ugly. He recognized the truth and falsehood, good and evil, happiness and unhappiness.

Allah ordered angels to prostrate to Adam. He ordered them to prostrate to what He had created with His own hand. All angels prostrated to Adam.

Angels knew nothing except obedience to Allah. They always glorified Allah. They always submitted to Allah. They prostrated to Adam, for Allah appointed him as a caliph in the earth.

Allah appointed Adam as a caliph in the earth, for he was higher in rank than angels.

However, there was another creature. The creature did not prostrate to Adam. This was a jinn Allah created the jinn six thousand years before He created our Father, Adam. No one knows whether these years were spent on the earth or on other stars.

Allah created the jinn from fire. Iblis did not prostrate to Adam. He did not obey Allah. He spoke to himself: "I am better than Adam for I have been created from fire." Iblis was haughty. He refrained from prostrating to Adam, who was created from clay.

All angels prostrated to Adam. They obeyed Allah, glorified His name, and circled Him. Iblis belonged to the jinn. He disobeyed Allah's order when he did not prostrate to Adam. Allah, the Glorified, asked: "Iblis, why don't you prostrate to Adam?" Iblis replied: "I'm better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay. Fire is better than clay."

Allah dismissed Iblis from His presence. He dismissed him from His mercy. Iblis bore malice against Adam from that time.

Iblis envied Adam, and then harbored hatred against him. He was a haughty, envious, and spiteful creature. He loved no one except himself.

Iblis devoted all his time to misleading Adam.

Allah dismissed Iblis from His mercy. He said to him: "Go out! You are cursed! My curse will be on you till the Day of Judgment!"

Iblis said: "My Lord, give me time till the Day of Judgment." Allah, the Glorified, said: "You are of the respited ones till the Judgment Day."

Iblis said: "As You have caused me to remain disappointed, I will surely lie in wait for them in Your straight path."

How cursed Iblis was! How stubborn and deceitful he was! He said that Allah the glorified tempted him. He did not blame himself for his disobeying to Allah. He did not say that he envied Adam and bore malice against him. He did not say that he was haughty, for he did not prostrate to Adam and did not obey Allah.

Iblis became an unbeliever. He became haughty, and then he became an unbeliever. He thought that he was better than Adam, for he was created from fire and Adam was created from dust and clay. Iblis was selfish. He forgot that Allah created him. Allah ordered him to carry out His orders. However, Iblis disobeyed Allah.

Chapter 4

Eve

Allah created Adam alone. Then He created Eve for him. Adam rejoiced at his wife, and she rejoiced at meeting him

Allah, the Glorified, made our father Adam and our mother Eve live in the garden.

The garden was a very beautiful place. It had many rivers and immortal green trees.

It was an everlasting spring. It had neither heat nor cold, rather, it had fresh breezes.

When one filled his chest with those breezes, he felt happy.

Allah, our Lord, said to Adam: "Live you and your wife in the garden. Eat from it whenever you want.

"Live wherever you like, and eat whatever you like.

"You will be happy in the garden. For there is neither tiredness nor hunger nor thirst in it.

"Be careful not to approach that tree. Be careful not to listen Iblis's words for he will deceive you. He is your and your wife's enemy. Adam, he will envy you, and he will bear malice against you."

Adam and his wife Eve lived in the garden. They enjoyed its shade and ate from its fruit. They were happy.

Adam and Eve were very happy. Allah had created them with His own

hand and gave them all things. Angels loved them, for Allah created and loved them.

Adam and Eve walked about the garden. They ate from its fruit and sat on the banks of its rivers. The banks were fascinating.

They were full of corundum and agate. Fresh clear water washed their feet. There were rivers of delicious honey and of yogurt. There were birds and flowers. Adam and Eve were very happy in the garden, for everything in it belonged to them.

They ate from all the fruit. The fruit were of various shapes, colors, and smell, however, they were all delicious.

Adam and Eve always passed by a tree in the middle of the garden. The tree was very beautiful and its fruit was hanging. Adam and Eve only looked at it. For Allah had prevented them from approaching it and eating from its fruit.

Chapter 5

Iblis, The Enemy Of Man

Allah dismissed Iblis from the ranks of angels, for his intentions appeared in the first examination. His selfishness and haughtiness became apparent, so he was stoned and cursed and had no place among angels.

Iblis showed malice and envy towards Adam and his wife, thus he spared no effort to deceive them and to take them out of the garden.

He spoke to himself. "I know how to deceive them. They will listen to my words. I will invite them to eat from that tree, thus Adam will be unhappy. He will be as unhappy as I am. Allah will dismiss him from the garden. Eve will also be unhappy."

Chapter 6

The Tree

Iblis came to Adam and Eve to whisper evil to them. He asked them: "Have you seen all the trees of the garden?"

Adam replied: "Yes, we have seen them all and eaten from their fruit."

Iblis explained: "That is useless, for you have not eaten from the tree of immortality. Indeed, it is the tree of immortal life. When you eat some of its fruit, you will be like two angels in the garden."

Eve said: "Adam, come on! Let's eat of immortality!"

Adam said: "Eve, our Lord has prevented us from approaching the tree."

To tempt Adam and Eve, Iblis said: "Allah has prevented you from approaching that tree because it is the tree of immortality. He doesn't want you to be like two kings. So, he said: 'Don't approach that tree.' I advise you to eat from it, for you will be two angels and never die. You will be immortal. You will be happy in this garden forever."

Adam said to his wife: "I will never disobey my Lord!"

Iblis said: "Come on! Let me show you the tree! It's over there? in the middle of the garden

Iblis went away. Adam and Eve followed him. Iblis was walking haughtily

Referring to the tree? Iblis said: "That's the tree. How beautiful it is! How delicious its fruit is!"

Adam and Eve looked at the tree and said: "Indeed, it's fascinating. It's fruit is delicious It's like the wheat tree, but it has various fruit, such as apples and grapes

Iblis asked: "Why don't you eat from it? I swear by Allah I want to advise you. I advise you to eat from its fruit."

Iblis swore before Adam and Eve that he wanted to do good and offer immortality to them.

At that critical moment, Adam forgot his Lord. He forgot Allah's words. He thought that he would worship Allah, and that he would lead an immortal life.

During those exciting moments, Eve reached out her hand for the fruit of the tree. She picked some fruit and ate them. "Delicious!" she exclaimed. Then she gave Adam some. Adam forgot Allah's word, so he ate the fruit.

Thus, Iblis became happy. He laughed in a Satanic manner, for he succeeded in tempting Adam and Eve.

Descent On The Earth

Adam and Eve ate from the fruit of that tree. At that moment, a wonderful event occurred. The clothes of the garden disappeared, and they became naked, so they saw their private parts.

There was a fig and banana tree with wide leaves. Adam and Eve hid themselves in them.

They were ashamed of themselves, thus they used those wide leaves as clothing to cover their private parts.

They felt regret, fear, and shame. They committed a sin, for they did not follow Allah's words. Rather they followed Satan's words. Satan ran away and left them alone.

Adam and Eve heard a voice calling them. The voice belonged to Allah, the Glorified, Who asked them: "Hadn't I prevented you from a tree? Didn't I say to you that Satan was your clear enemy, and that you shouldn't let him deceive you?"

Adam and Eve wept because of their sin. They wished they hadn't listened to Satan's words.

They bowed to Allah in regret. They said: "Our Lord, we will turn to You in repentance! Accept our repentance! Forgive us our sin! We've wronged ourselves! If you didn't forgive us our sin and have mercy on us, we will be among the loser!"

Adam had known that Allah would forgive sins through asking for forgiveness, by repentance, and regret, thus he regretted and turned to Allah in repentance.

Allah, our Lord, had mercy on Adam and Eve. So, He forgave them their sin. However, Adam and Eve had eaten from that tree. They had disobeyed Allah. Therefore, they had to leave the garden to purify themselves from their sin.

Allah, the Most High, said: "Iblis, go down to the earth" Then He said to Adam and Eve: "Go down to the earth. The enmity between you and Iblis will continue. He'll go on deceiving you, however, I'm merciful. If you follow my words and orders I'll return you to the garden. If you tell lies and disbelieve (in Me) I'll punish you as I'll punish Satan."

Allah said: "Get down, you are enemies to each other. In the earth you will have an abode and provisions for a time. In the earth you will live, in it you will die and from it you will be brought out "

He added: "Get down from it, you two, all (of you). You are enemies to one another. So there will surely come to you guidance from Me. Then whoever follows my guidance, he shall not go astray nor be unhappy. And whoever turns away from praising Me, he shall surely have a difficult life. And We will raise him blind on the Day of Resurrection."

Adam and Eve became qualified to live on the earth. Adam confessed his sins, thus he was ready to be the caliph of Allah on the earth. He decided to lead a good life in the earth and to refrain from corrupting it.

Angels prostrated to Adam. However they thought that Adam would cause corruption on the earth and shed blood, for Adam knew the names angles did not know. He knows all the names. Angles knew neither freedom nor will nor sin nor repentance. For this reason Allah created Adam. He wanted him to be His caliph on the earth.

Suddenly, through Allah's absolute power, Adam, Eve, and Iblis descended to the earth. Each landed at a place on the earth.

Adam landed on the top of a mountain in Sarandib . Eve landed on al-Marwa mountain in Makkah. Iblis landed in the lowest land.

He landed in a salt valley in Basra, near the waters of the Gulf.

Thus, human life started on the face of the earth. The conflict between man and Satan began

Many animals had lived before our father Adam and mother Eve landed on the surface of the Earth. However, they were unable to resist the ice that piled up for thousands of years. So they died and became extinct. There was an animal called the mammoth. It was like the elephant but it was covered with wool. This animal lived in Siberia. There was another animal that looked like the rhinoceros but it was also covered with wool. This animal was also unable to resist ice and severe cold, so it died and perished.

There were huge wonderful birds. They also died and became extinct.

Then the ice melted, and severe cold ended. Warmth returned slowly to the earth.

Allah ordered Adam and Eve to earth. He wanted Adam to be His caliph. He wanted him to plant and build and inhabit this beautiful planet.

Chapter 8

The Meeting

The Angels loved Adam. They loved him because Allah created him with His own hand. They loved him because Allah created and made him higher in position than them.

The Angels prostrated to Adam because Allah ordered them to do that.

When Adam disobeyed his Lord by eating from that tree, he regretted, repented, and turned to Allah in repentance.

Allah, our Lord, had mercy on Adam. He accepted his repentance, and made him descend to the earth to be His caliph.

Allah sent Adam to the earth to test him. He wanted to know whether Adam would worship Him or follow Satan.

The Angels loved Adam. They wanted him to lead a life full of good and happiness.

They wanted him to return to the garden. However, Satan hated Adam. He bore malice against him. He envied him, and did not prostrate to him. With that he showed haughtiness towards Allah.

So Satan tempted and misled Adam. He urged him to eat from the tree.

Satan hated Adam and wanted him to be unhappy. He wanted him to enter the fire.

Adam landed on the earth. He prostrated to Allah. He felt deep regret because of his sin. However, Allah forgave him. He chose him to be his caliph. Thus, Adam was purified from sin.

Adam remembered his wife Eve, for he loved her very much.

He was happy with her. However, he did not know where she was now. He had to look for her.

Adam walked about the earth by himself. He was trying to find his wife Eve.

An angel came to Adam. He said to him: "Eve is at a far-off place in the earth. She is waiting for you. She is lonesome. She is searching for you. If you follow this way, you will find her."

Adam became hopeful. He set off to look for Eve. He walked barefooted for miles and miles.

When Adam got hungry, he ate some wild plants. When it got dark, he felt loneliness. He heard the sounds of animals coming from a distance, so he slept in a safe place.

Adam walked for days and nights. At last he arrived in Makkah. His heart felt that he would find Eve at this place or beyond this mountain or that.

Eve was also waiting for Adam. She went up on the top of a mountain. She looked at the horizon but she saw nothing. She went from one mountain to another looking for Adam.

One day Eve was on the top of a mountain looking here and there. She saw a person coming towards her in the distance. She knew that the person was Adam. Thus she went down the mountain and ran towards him. She felt happiness and hope.

Adam also saw Eve in the distance. He ran towards her. They ran towards each other.

The meeting occurred in the shade of a mountain. Eve wept because of her happiness. So did Adam. They both looked at the clear sky. They thanked Allah, the Exalted, for bringing them together again.

Chapter 9

Work And Life

Life on the earth was not as easy as the life in the garden.

The earth was a planet turning in space. The seasons changed in it. Winter was cold, and snow fell heavily in it. It covered the plains and in it. It covered the plains and mountains.

Summer was hot. The leaves of trees fell in autumn. Trees became like dried sticks.

Then spring came, so the earth became green. Adam remembered the good life in the garden and wept. He longed for the garden and the good life there.

Adam and his wife Eve chose a beautiful area of the earth to live in it. Wild plants and trees with various shape and fruit grew in the area

The days of happiness in the garden ended where there was neither heat nor cold nor hunger nor tiredness.

Now, Adam and Eve had to work. They had to be ready for the coming winter and the cold wind. They had to sleep in a cave before building a wooden hut.

Adam worked till he became tired. The hard work made him sweat.

To avoid death, Adam and Eve had to sow, to harvest, to mill, and to knead, and to bake two loaves of bread.

Adam and Eve remembered the days of happiness in the garden. They yearned for the return to the garden, near Allah Who created them.

They remembered their sin. So they wept and asked Allah for forgiveness.

Thus they ended their life in work, worship, and thinking about the future of their children.

Many days passed. Eve gave birth to a boy baby and a girl baby. Then again she gave birth to a boy baby and a girl baby. The population consisted of six people.

Adam and Eve were happy with their children. The children grew every day. They became young men. Abel and Cain went with their father to learn from him. They learned from him how to plow the ground and to graze the cattle.

Iqlima and Loza, Adam's two daughters, helped their mother with her housework, such as cooking, sweeping, weaving, etc. Their life required work, activity, and effort. Days and years passed.

Chapter 10

Abel And Cain

Cain was rude and quarrelsome but Abel was calm and peaceful.

Cain hurt his brother Abel. He wanted him to be a slave to serve him from morning to evening.

Cain wanted Abel to plow the ground and to graze the cattle, for he wanted to spend his time in playing. So he hit his brother Abel.

However, Abel was patient, for Cain was his full brother.

Abel prayed to Allah to guide his brother Cain be a good person.

Adam was displeased with Cain. He ordered him not to be a wicked person. One day he said to him:

"Cain, be as good as your brother."

Another day he said to him:

"Cain, don't be wicked. Allah doesn't love the wicked."

However, Cain did not listen to the advice of his father. He thought that he was better than Abel. For he was stronger and taller than him. His muscles were stronger and his head was bigger.

Adam said to his son Cain:

"The pious one is the best one. Cain, Allah looks at hearts. The best person is the most pious one."

Cain was stubborn. He cried out: "No! No! No! I'm better than Abel. I'm stronger and bigger than him."

One day Cain hit his brother Abel very hard.

However, Abel did nothing. He tolerated his brother. For his heart was good. He loved his brother. He knew that Cain was ignorant. He feared Allah and did not want to be as wicked as his brother

Adam wanted to put an end to Cain's wickedness. He wanted to tell him that Allah loved the good, not the wicked.

So Adam said to his two sons:

"Each one of you must slaughter a ram for Allah. He whose ram Allah accepts is the better. For Allah accepts the deeds of the pious."

Cain set off towards the wheat fields. He heaped up unripe stalks.

Abel went to the cattle. He chose a fat, beautiful, sound ram, for he wanted to slaughter the ram for his Lord.

Adam said to his sons: "Go to those hills."

Cain put the heap of wheat under his arm and went to the hills. Abel took his beautiful ram and went there also. He left his ram on the hill. Cain put the wheat heap by the ram.

Abel prostrated to Allah and wept out of fear of Him. Then he looked at the clear sky and asked Allah to accept his sacrifice.

Cain was very restless. He looked here and there. He wanted to see Allah openly.

Long hours passed. Nothing happened.

Abel was sitting calmly looking at the sky. Some clouds appeared in the sky. Then the sky was full of clouds. The wind became calm.

However, Abel was still praying to his Lord. Cain was restless. He took

a stone and threw it. The stone broke into pieces. He was bewildered not knowing what to do.

Suddenly lightning flashed in the sky. Then thunder boomed. Cain was afraid. Abel was still praying to his Lord. It rained heavily. The rain washed Abel's face and removed his tears. Cain hid behind some rocks.

Lightning flashed again. Suddenly, a thunderbolt hit the ram and killed it. Abel became happy. Then he wept because of happiness. For Allah had accepted his sacrifice. Allah loved Abel, for Abel loved Allah.

The wind scattered Cain's wheat pile. Thus, his heart became full of malice and envy. So he took a piece of rock and shouted at his brother at the top of his voice, saying: "I'll kill you!"

Abel said Calmly: "Brother Abel, Allah accepts the deeds of the pious."

Again, Cain shouted loudly: "I'll kill you! I hate you!"

Abel became sad. He asked himself: "Why does my brother hate me? Have I done anything to make him bear malice against me?"

Then he said to Cain with bitterness and pain: "If you stretch forth your hand towards me to kill me, I will not stretch my hand towards you to kill you

He added: "Cain, do you want to wrong me? If you kill me, you'll enter the fire!"

Cain behaved rudely. He felt that he was stronger than his brother. So he wanted to enslave him and to make use of him as he made use of animals.

Abel took his cattle and went away. He forgot his brother's threats. He was grazing his cattle on the hills and in the green wide valleys. He carefully considered the things around him with love.

Faith filled his heart with peace. He was looking at his sheep grazing in the meadows.

Everything was quiet and beautiful. The sunset was pretty. The blue horizon was clear. The brook was flowing in the wide valley. The white birds were flying high in the blue sky.

Beyond the hills, Cain was running quickly towards his land. He was nervous, for he was hungry. He saw a hare in the distance. He chased the hare. Then he threw a stone at it. The stone hit it in the leg and broke it. Thus, the hare was unable to escape. Cain caught the hare. He killed and ate it. Then he threw the rest away.

Some eagles fell on the prey and ate it. Cain spoke to himself. "If I was weak, eagles would eat me. Why don't these fearful birds eat me? Instead I'm strong. The strong are worthy of life. The weak must die."

Again, Cain thought in a savage way. He knew neither truth nor falsehood. He did not want to be a good person rather he wanted to be a wicked person. He was full of malice and envy towards his brother. He left his land and fields and set out toward the hills.

He saw his brother Abel on the green plains. He saw the cattle grazing calmly.

Abel was lying on the green grass. "He's sleeping," thought Cain. Cain increased in malice and treason. Thus, he bent to pick up a toothed stone.

"It's a good opportunity. I'll kill Abel to get rid of him forever," Cain talked to himself.

Cain descended from the hill. He approached his brother. He was as careful as the tiger. His two eyes were flashing with violence.

Abel walked about the pastures many times. He became tired. He put his head on a smooth stone. He relaxed on the grass and slept. There were a smile and a hope on his face.

He knew that neither wolves nor pigs came to that valley. So he let his cattle graze safely and slept soundly.

He thought that there was no creature more dangerous than the wolf,

and that Cain was his only brother in the whole world.

However, Cain drew nearer to his brother Abel. His shadow fell on the face of his sleeping brother. Abel opened his eyes and smiled at his brother. However, Cain became wild. He was like a wolf; rather he was wilder than the wolf

Cain attacked his brother with the stone. He hit him in the forehead. Blood covered Abel's two eyes. Abel fainted but Cain went on hitting him. Abel became completely motionless.

Abel was unable to move. He was unable to open his big eyes. He was unable to speak and smile. He was unable to return to his hut, and his cattle's were without a shepherd. Thus, they got lost in the hills and wolves attacked them.

Blood gushed from Abel's forehead. Cain was looking at it.

The blood ceased. Some eagles appeared in the sky. They were hovering over Abel.

Cain was bewildered, not knowing what to do. He carried his brother's body and began walking. He did not know where to hide it from those hungry eagles.

Cain became tired of walking. The sun was about to set. He put his brother's body on the ground. Then he sat down to take a rest.

Suddenly, a crow alighted near Cain. The crow croaked loudly. It cried: "Croak! Croak! Croak!"

Perhaps it wanted to ask Cain: "Cain, why have you killed your brother Abel?"

Cain was watching the crow's movements. The crow dug a pit in the ground with its claws. Then it picked up a dried fruit with its beak. It threw the fruit into the pit and buried it.

Cain became aware of an important thing. He knew how to bury his brother's body to protect it from eagles and wolves. He brought a dried

bone and began digging the ground. The hard digging made him sweat.

At last he dug a deep pit. He put his brother's body into it and buried it. Thus, eagles and wolves were unable to eat it.

Cain wept very much. He wept because he had killed his brother. He wept because he was unable to do any thing.

It was the crow that taught him how to bury his brother.

Cain was an ignorant creature, not knowing any thing. He learnt from the crow how to bury his brother. He looked at his hand. He shook dust off it. Then he asked himself. "Cain what you have done?"

He went on asking himself: "Why have I killed my brother? What have I got? I have got nothing except regret and pain." The sun sank below the horizon. It got dark. The dark covered the valley. Cain returned to his hut.

Before Cain reached his hut, he saw a fire in the distance.

The fire had flames. Cain was afraid of the fire. He was afraid of the fire that accepted the sacrifice of his brother and refused to accept his. Cain tried to escape but he found nowhere to escape to.

He saw his father Adam waiting for them. Adam was waiting for the return of his two sons. However, Cain returned alone.

Adam was sad and anxious. So he asked his son Cain: "Cain, where is your brother'?"

Cain answered angrily: I don't know!"

Adam understood that something had happened.

He asked Cain: "Where have you left him?"

"There, among those hills," replied Cain.

Adam ordered him: "Take me to that place!"

Cain pointed to the place. He began walking and his father walked behind him.

They heard the bleat of the sheep and goats in the distance. Adam saw the cattle sleeping about the valley.

So Adam cried loudly: "Abel, where are you?"

However, no one replied. In the moonlight, Adam saw something glittering on the rocks, on the ground. He smelled something strange. Thus, he understood what had happened. He knew that Cain had killed his brother.

Adam shouted angrily: "Cain, may Allah curse you! Why have you killed your brother? Why have you made corruption and shed blood on the earth? Allah did not create you for that! May Allah curse you!"

Cain escaped. He became lost in the earth. He ran madly. He slept in caves. He bowed to fire. He prostrated to it because he was afraid of it. Thus, his life was full of sufferings and regret.

Adam went back to his hut. He wept over his son Abel. Abel was good. He was oppressed.

Adam wept for forty days. Eve also wept over her son. Allah inspired Adam that He would give him another son. The son would be as good as Abel was. Nine months had passed. Eve gave birth to a baby boy. The baby was very handsome. Its face was as bright as the moon.

Adam was happy. His heart was full of happiness, for Allah had given him a son who was as good as Abel. Seven days passed. Adam thought of the name for his son.

On the seventh day, Adam said to his wife: "We'll call the baby Seth (Shis), namely the gift of Allah, for Allah's gifted us with him."

Days and years passed. Seth (Shis) became a young man. Adam became an old man, and Eve became an old woman.

Adam was satisfied with Allah's decree. His sons became grown-ups. He had an offspring. They worked, planted their land, and built their houses. Meanwhile, they worshipped Allah. Cain lived somewhere in the earth. He also had children on the earth.

One day Adam said to his son Seth (Shis): "My son, I want some grapes

Seth (Shis) rose and set off towards to the grapevines. He picked some ripe bunches and went back to his father. However, Adam had died. He lived a thousand years on the earth. Then he died and returned to the garden.

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

And relate to them the story of the two sons of Adam with truth when they both offered an offering, but it was accepted from one of them and was not accepted from the other. He (Cain) said: I will most certainly slay you. (Abel) said: Allah only accepts from those who guard (against evil).

If you will stretch forth your hand towards me to slay me, I am not one to stretch forth my hand towards you to slay you surely I fear Allah, the Lord of the worlds:

Surely I wish that you should bear the sin committed against me and your own sin, and so you would be of the inmates of the fire, and this is the recompense of the unjust.

Then his mind facilitated to him the slaying of his brother so he slew him; then he became one of the losers.

Then Allah sent a crow digging up the earth so that he might show him how he should cover the dead body of his brother. He said: Woe me! Do I lack the strength that I should be like this crow and cover the dead body of my brother? So he became of those who regret.

Koran, 5, 27-31.

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

And when your Lord said to the angels, I am going to place in the earth a khalif, they said: What! wilt Thou place in it such as shall make mischief in it and shed blood, and we celebrate Thy praise and extol Thy holiness? He said: Surely I know what you do not know.

And He taught Adam all the names, then presented them to the angels; then He said: Tell me the names of those if you are right.

They said: Glory be to Thee! We have no knowledge but that which Thou hast taught us; surely Thou art the Knowing, the Wise.

He said: O Adam! inform them of their names. Then when he had informed them of their names, He said: Did I not say to you that I surely know what is ghaib in the heavens and the earth and (that) I know what you manifest and what you hide?

And when We said to the angels: Make obeisance to Adam they did obeisance, but Iblis (did it not). He refused and he was proud, and he was one of the unbelievers.

And We said: O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in the garden and eat from it a plenteous (food) wherever you wish and do not approach this tree, for then you will be of the unjust.

But the Shaitan made them both fall from it, and caused them to depart from that (state) in which they were; and We said: Get forth, some of you being the enemies of others, and there is for you in the earth an abode and a provision for a time.

Then Adam received (some) words from his Lord, so He turned to him mercifully; surely He is Oft-returning (to mercy), the Merciful.

We said: Go forth from this (state) all; so surely there will come to you a guidance from Me, then whoever follows My guidance, no fear shall come upon them, nor shall they grieve.

Koran, 2, 30-38

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