



Out of the Garden

The Bible is the difference between God's path and our path. Several times God sets up a path for history to follow. I say history because the actions of those in the story became our history. In a way, God was making a path to see his will achieved. He does it through people. He offers them paths. The first one is obvious because it comes at the beginning. Adam and Eve are set up on a path. Out of the garden.

There is a dispute. Maybe it's a chicken and egg thing. Could Adam and Eve had remained in the garden? What if they never sinned? It's insane to contemplate that. Then there would be no need for Jesus. He would not have to die. Maybe God could have forgiven them through grace and let them stay? I just think two things with this event. One, is that the garden must have been a holy place. A tree of good and evil? Animals and people live in harmony. We even live in harmony with God. Remember God told people that some places were holy. I think Eden was one of them.

The second is how we grow as people. We learn through success and failure. Probably more through failure. Were we set up to fail? I thought God cannot make failure? Who said that? What if God had a plan to bring humanity to a different existence. The way there was through a path. A path out of Eden. Why have a seemingly infinite universe? Why have terms like eternity? Maybe the path to heaven

and beyond is bigger than the garden? Possibly the garden is the starting line. Genesis 1:1 ***“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*** What if this is the way God designed our path. To begin here?

Genesis 3:23-24 ***“So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”*** What if God set this up? What if sin, evil, and history were needed to make a human better?

They say it took a thousand failures to make a light bulb. Could it have been accomplished the first time? What if a thousand tries were by Gods design. It’s how we learn, grow, and discover. What else came from those failures? Think of a thousand ways that humans have tried to exterminate themselves. Yet, we are still here on a path. Question? On a path to destruction or revelation? Hmm... Maybe the last book in the Bible is part of the path from the garden of Eden?