

## Cain and Abel: New Denouement

After Yahweh had looked with favor on Abel's offering of the first born of his flock, and after Cain had offered some of the produce of his soil, Yahweh again looked down on them and said: "Both of you have pleased Me. Abel, you have brought me your first born sheep and some fat, Cain you have offered to Me some produce. I will now put you to the test. I want you to wrestle. The winner will be granted the most beautiful and intelligent wife. This woman will produce the most beautiful and intelligent progeny which will settle in a land where the New Eden will be created, and the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil will no longer be forbidden to eat. The loser of the match will be banned from This Place as will his descendents forever. He and his generations will be forced to wander the emptiness beyond the New Eden, and he and they will all be accursed."

After Yahweh had spoken Cain came upon Abel from behind and got him into a headlock. Abel managed to loosen Cain's powerful grip and swing around in a complete circle. The two brothers were head to head and looked at each other intensely and in a spirit of competition. Cain began to feel overwhelming hatred for his brother, but Abel, equally intent on winning the match, felt no such hatred for Cain. The brothers fell to the ground, wreathing together and using their great strength to pin each other momentarily and the give and take seemed endless. After two and one half days of constant battle for the coveted prize, Cain became impatient. He snatched a fallen tree limb from the semi-arid ground and with a great swing broke Abel's right arm. Abel could no longer continue to wrestle and he had to submit himself to his brother and to the wrath of Yahweh. Surely Yahweh would deign his brother the winner and he, Abel would be the accursed one. What could he do?

Yahweh then intervened since He had witnessed the match from its beginning: "Cain, look what you have done. You have committed a great Sin. I did not put this test to you alone, but you have harmed your brother Abel. You have tried to gain unfair advantage. You shall be punished in the way I described for the loser. You are the one who will roam the barren landscapes in search of food and shelter, and your stupid and ugly and wife will give forth stupid and ugly progeny. You and your descendents will never be allowed to enter the New Eden and to eat of the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil."

Cain, in this way, was punished for taking unfair advantage of Abel, while Abel was to be given his final reward. Cain became a marked man from that time onward as were his descendents. His domain was the Earth. His descendents would fight amongst themselves for millennia in useless wars of religious intolerance, but Yahweh would look the other way, for none of the inhabitants of the New Earth had been called Children of Yahweh. Only Yahweh's chosen in the New Eden could claim that title, and they had long since been elevated to the Celestial Plane to live and reproduce at Yahweh's Will.

In this way Yahweh configured Paradise and the State of Damnation. Through the will of the original parents of all humans, Yahweh had known that Eve's first born could abuse his position and so he had predestined himself to choose Evil before Good and thereby enslave the souls of his descendents to Hell on Earth. This was Yahweh's wise purpose and Cain would avail himself as his Creator's instrument. Yahweh has long since forgotten the damned souls on Earth.