

<p>CCC 384</p> <p>CCC 374-75</p> <p>CCC 376</p> <p>CCC 377</p> <p>CCC 378</p> <p>CCC 396 Gen 2:16-17</p> <p>*FC = John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio</p>	<p>for the world God has entrusted to them.</p> <p>12. By nature we are God's creatures and servants, called to live, work and love like God, as persons-in-family.</p> <p>13. By grace, Adam received the gift of divine sonship to eternally share in God's glory and love. Nature and grace were meant to be married at creation.</p> <p>14. Adam and Eve's happiness in paradise flowed from their friendship with God.</p> <p>15. Adam was created in friendship with his Creator, in harmony with himself and with the creation around him. He was made in an "original state of holiness and justice."</p> <p>16. Original holiness = sharing in God's life. As long as he remained in the divine intimacy, man would not have to suffer or die.</p> <p>17. Original justice = the inner harmony of the human person, between man and woman, and the harmony between the first couple and all of creation. Man had a perfect <i>mastery of self</i> and was ordered in his whole being, free from concupiscence.</p> <p>18. Adam was high priest of humanity, called to attain holiness and to sanctify creation.</p> <p>19. Adam was king, called to "till and keep the garden," and exercise dominion over all creation.</p> <p>20. God gave to Adam and Eve only one commandment: to not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. By disobeying this command, Adam lost the harmony of original justice and the grace of original holiness.</p>
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Questions for Discussion

1. Why did God create us? Why does it matter that we are made in the image and likeness of God? How are we different from other creatures?
2. What does it mean to say that we have a desire for God written on our heart?
3. What implications does it have that the whole human race has come from the first couple? What happens to our faith and worldview if we have a wrong understanding of this?
4. Why does it matter that humans are a union of body and soul?
5. Why does it matter that God made us male and female? How do man and woman image God when they become "one flesh"?
6. In what state did God originally create Adam and Eve? What did they have to do to remain in this perfect state?
7. Did God make a mistake in granting us free will, which seems to be the cause of our failures and the miseries of the world?
8. Is a person capable of attaining total self-giving love by his or her own efforts alone?
9. Is Jesus asking too much in commanding us to be perfect as his Father is perfect?