

## “Serpent Seed Doctrine”

Christian Apologetics

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The Serpent Seed doctrine is the teaching that in the Garden of Eden, the serpent (the devil) had sexual relations with Eve. The result was that she bore Cain. The descendants of Cain are called Kenites. Abel, however, is the result of Adam and Eve having relations. Teachers of this heresy believe that the Kenites survived the flood (denying the global flood) and are found in the lineage of Israel, not Judah. They believe that the Kenites permeated the nation of Israel and are the ones who shouted “Crucify Him,” in reference to Jesus.

***1 Timothy 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.***

The position of our ministry and its affiliates is that the Serpent Seed doctrine is not scriptural and should be prayerfully reconsidered by those that teach this doctrine, and those that have accepted its philosophy.

Genesis 3:15 God is speaking to the serpent, ***“and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, it shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel.”***

Followers of this doctrine believe that when God says “thy seed” to Satan, He is referring to the Kenites, the descendants of Cain which were produced through the literal “seed” of Satan.

This is completely wrong. We do not really know exactly what form Satan was in the Garden, though I will submit to God’s word and affirm it was a serpent of some sort. Now the Hebrew word used there is “nachash” and it means “serpent” or “snake.” If we take the word literally as snake, then their teachings would need to explain how a literal snake could have sexual intercourse with Eve. If teachers of this doctrine were to acknowledge the potential of a figurative usage of the term here, then they will need to explain why the term “serpent” would be figurative and the term “seed” would be literal. Furthermore, if the serpent were Satan in a different form, and Eve spoke to the serpent, then did Eve have sex with a snake or with a different form of the snake: that is, did the snake change into another more apropos form to consummate his deception? If so, wouldn’t Eve have been suspicious of a talking snake that changes form into something else with which she then agrees to have sexual intercourse? As the reader can see, this perspective of their belief along is wrought with problems.

Nevertheless, their entire position on the Serpent Seed doctrine is easily refuted when we examine Genesis 4:1 ***“Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a man-child with the help of the Lord.”*** The Bible clearly tells us who the Father of Cain is: Adam. The Serpent Seed idea is proven wrong.

Additionally, it is more natural to attribute the term “seed” in Genesis 3:15 as a reference to the spiritual decedents of Satan, not his literal ones. My brethren, being a true spiritual descendent is by faith, not by biology. Consider the following verses which speak of spiritual identification.

- ***“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: (29) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly: and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter: whose praise is not of men, but of God,” Romans 2:28-29.***
- ***“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God,” Romans 8:14.***
- ***“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him,” Romans 8:16-17***
- ***“That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants,” Romans 9:8***

Scriptures clearly teach that being a descendent has a spiritual quality. Likewise, Satan’s descendants are those who identify with him in his lies. This is why Jesus Christ said in John 8:44

***“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature: for he is a liar, and the father of lies.”***

In addition, “seed” is also referred to as the word of God (Matt. 13:18-23: Luke 8:11: 1 Pet. 1:23 and as the spiritual life in 1 John 3:9)> The whole flavor of spiritual identification with God is included in terms of being the offspring of God (Gal. 3:29: Acts 17:28) and the children of God (Ro. 8:16-17).

Consider 1 John 3:9 which says, ***“No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”*** Obviously, the Christian does not contain the literal seed of God in him. Seed here, must refer to a spiritual element of indwelling, of ideology, and of faith. That is why the Christ does not practice sin. It is against his beliefs and

confession before God and men. Therefore, God's seed abides in the Christian, but it isn't literal seed, it is a reference to *spiritual identification*.

Additional information on the above writings may be found at [www.carm.org](http://www.carm.org), by Matt Slick

I believe another perspective of this erroneous doctrine is its prejudicial position.

The below article is taken from [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org)

The serpent seed doctrine is a belief based on poor biblical interpretation and superstition. It is a primary doctrinal resource for those who want to use Scriptures to justify racial prejudice. The serpent seed doctrine is also closely related to other erroneous beliefs such as the Christian Identity Movement and the Kenite doctrine. Like many false beliefs, it has a built-in defense mechanism; that is, anyone who disagrees with it is accused of being a son of the serpent. One of the most unfortunate problems with the serpent seed doctrine is that it so heavily relies on prejudice and warped biblical interpretation that it can be very difficult to discuss rationally.

Simply stated, the serpent seed doctrine teaches that the sin of Eve was not simple disobedience, but sexual contact with the serpent, and that Cain was the son of Eve and the devil. Cain's descendants are, according to this idea, the sons of Satan, and this includes most any race or group that the serpent seed believer chooses to dislike. This idea is rooted in superstitious beliefs and is particularly popular with white supremacists and anti-Semites; the Unification Church also supports this idea. Ministers such as Arnold Murray of Shepherd's Chapel and William Branham espoused the idea. Although an idea should not be criticized when it is wrongly applied, it is appropriate to condemn an idea when it logically leads to sin. A philosophy that teaches that some races or people are universally satanic seed, like the serpent seed doctrine, is one such philosophy.

There are some basic questions and contradictions inherent to the serpent seed doctrine that can be used to demonstrate its lack of truth. For example, Galatians 3:28 clearly states that race and gender have no impact on our standing with God. Second Peter 3:9 says that God wants everyone to be saved, not "everyone but the children of Cain." Nowhere in Scripture is anyone identified as a "Kenite" or condemned based on being from Cain's lineage. Never are we warned about such people by the New Testament writers. Also, there is the question of how or why such persons survived the flood. The doctrine supposes that original sin was sexual, but cannot explain why the whole remainder of the Bible lays out a worldview where the original sin was disobedience, not sexuality. Much more information about the Serpent Seed Doctrines can be found at: [www.GotQuestions.org](http://www.GotQuestions.org) The Serpent Seed doctrine is an unscriptural teaching.

I feel that the Holy Spirit encouraged my heart to write this article about serpent seed doctrine due to a recent attempt to sow this message in our congregation mist. Afterwards, I felt that it

was imperative that our position on serpent seed doctrine was clearly understood by all interested ministry affiliates and fellow Christians.

The purpose of this apologetics synopsis is the sharing of proofs and evidences that the Christian message is true and confronting the presuppositions (preconceived ideas, assumptions) behind anti-Christian positions.

In conclusion the believer, the Lord's Church is a community of people who are no longer one by virtue of natural ancestry, but rather one because of the Person living in that community, Jesus Christ. The Church, the ecclesia is the embodiment of Christ, the second man. She is His body. Each individual member is therefore in Christ. Christ is not only the head of the church in heaven. He is also the content of the church. He is her substance. He is her identity.

Sincerely,

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