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## THE AGE OF POSITIVE VOLITION

The Age of Positive Volition is one of the three subdivisions of the dispensation of the Gentiles.<sup>1</sup>

The age of positive volition involved only two individuals over an uncertain period of time. Adam and Eve (whose name was Ishash were created perfect in body, soul, and spirit. Because they were perfect, God put them in a perfect environment. They received direct instruction from the deity of Christ; therefore, no written canon of Scripture was needed. There was no salvation because man had not yet fallen.

There was no sin during the positive volition period and two divine institutions, namely marriage and volitions, characterized it.

God planted the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the Garden and banning its fruit –making the volitional issue clear: obedience to God or disobedience to God,

Precedence in marriage was logical. Just as God created Adam as the ruler of the world [Genesis 1:26-28, 2:19-20], God also gave him authority over ISHAH his wife [Genesis 2:18, 20].

The fall of man involved human failure in each divine institution. They both ate the forbidden fruit –violating the volitional issue. By yielding to Lucifer, the woman also disregarded the authority of her husband. By accepting the fruit from her hand, he defaulted in the exercise of his authority over her.

Please take note, that after the fall, God sustained the institution of volition by holding Adam and Ishash responsible for their own decisions [Genesis 3:11-19]. God also upheld the institution of marriage by reconfirming the husband's role over the wife [Genesis 3:16].

Even with the changes that resulted from the fall, the perpetuation of the divine institutions is an early example of continuity from one period of biblical history to the next. Human volition is ever free. The perfection of the first couple, their perfect environment and divine instruction failed to keep them from falling into original sin.

The sin of Adam is called original sin because it was committed by the time he was without sin and without old sinful nature. Original sin exclusively belongs to Adam.

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<sup>1</sup> See figure 2 page 130

Nothing in this world can solve the most basic human problems –except the grace of God [Philippians 4:11-13, Ephesians 5:22-33]. Perfect government and perfect system and perfect environment have no power to change the soul of a person. It cannot remove the seed of OSN from the Positive volition is not everything in the life of the believer. Four little words are attached to human positive volition to be truly effective and relevant for the believer:

- DESIRE
- DAILY DECISIONS
- DETERMINATION
- DISCIPLINE

ISHAH saw the forbidden fruit because she was no longer attentive to God. She listened to Lucifer because she was no longer listening to God and to her husband. The woman did not ask the Serpent for suggestion but yielded voluntarily to Satan's devious trickery.

The Christian way of life is composed of daily decisions to obey or not to obey God and His Word. Positive volition is basically the test of our determination to will and to act on the veracity of the Scripture. Human volition must be subjected to God's will-that is by willingness to be willing. Continuous and progressive positive volition is a matter of the will –the mental attitude.