

## The Origin of Story Patterns and the Transformation Story of God's Love

Each human soul is of infinite value to God who made us in His image and loves us. He is our Father and loves us as a parent loves His children. He wanted us to love Him of our own free will. When we were created God gave us free choice to trust, obey, and live with Him or to choose against Him. For free choice to truly exist, there had to be a test in which the consequences would give humans choices with real consequences. Thus, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was created and planted in the garden of Eden where Adam and Eve lived. Adam and Eve were asked by God not to eat its fruit, and told that if they did they would surely die.

There is another player in this story. His name is Satan. Originally, Satan was an angel God created. Satan turned against God, because he desired to be equal with God. God's essence is perfect and good. He cannot allow sin to exist where He does, because it goes against His very being. For this reason, God had to cast Satan out of heaven and Satan was then eternally separated from God. He became evil and hates God. When God made people, Satan wanted to destroy people and separate them from God, too.

One day Satan came into the garden and lied to Eve. She chose to believe Satan's lie, sinned by eating the fruit from the forbidden tree and was separated from God. Adam followed his wife in her sin and was also separated from God. A sinful creature cannot beget a perfect creature. Ever after, all people were separated from God. Man could not fulfill the condition required to reunite himself with God. The condition was to live a perfect, sinless life. To fulfill the condition, God had to do it Himself. He sent His Son Jesus on a rescue mission to earth. Jesus lived that perfect life in our stead. By Jesus own choice, He took upon himself sin (the entity) and man's sins when he suffered and died. Then he overcame sin, sickness, and death when he took up His life again at the resurrection.

Man is born into a stuck story and a contest story. Each person is more precious to God than anyone could ever imagine. God only ever makes one like you. There are no copycats. When one is lost, an original being is separated from God forever. God and Satan fight a war over the destiny of every soul. This war is complicated by the fact that God has given you free choice and He will respect your choices. If you choose to receive Jesus' gift of forgiveness and salvation by personally trusting in His life, death, and resurrection you immediately enter into the transformation story. This means you are forgiven, receive a brand new good heart/nature, and are united with God. If you choose against receiving Jesus' gift of forgiveness and salvation for you, the contest for your soul will be won by Satan. Each person is also born into a stuck story. All people are stuck with a sinful nature and are separated from God. To cope with the stuck story some people behave as copycats. They think that successfully emulating others can free us to be what they wish (e.g. children of Israel worshipping neighbors' idols to gain strength). Some people are born into a stuck story. This is any hopeless situation and they live in depression until they die or commit suicide, believing there is no way out. Others don't believe that real truth can be discovered and live stuck in hopelessness. Some people have a contest with everyone they meet, believing that if they win and finally arrive at the "top" they'll be out of the stuck story. Still others use a switch story to cope with the stuck story. They switch/substitute lies for the truth and deceive themselves or allow themselves to be deceived. Some submit to temptation and repeat endless circle stories of bad habits which provide only temporary relief.

There is only one way out of the stuck story and it also wins the contest story for our souls. It is to personally admit that: we are stuck with a sinful nature, that we have sinned against God, and that we are separated from Him. We must also admit, that we are helpless to free ourselves. After that, all we have to do is to believe that when Jesus lived, died and was resurrected that He "switched" or substituted his life for ours and overcame sin and death by His resurrection. If we believe this to be true for ourselves and accept Him as our forgiveness for sin and our Lord then we enter into the transformation story. When we enter the transformation story Jesus bears all our sins, unites us with God, and provides us with a new nature (good heart). Thus, we escape the stuck story, and the contest story for our souls is won by God. He then takes us on a journey of character transformation in which we find that by His mysterious ways our behaviours are transformed to match our new identity (good heart).

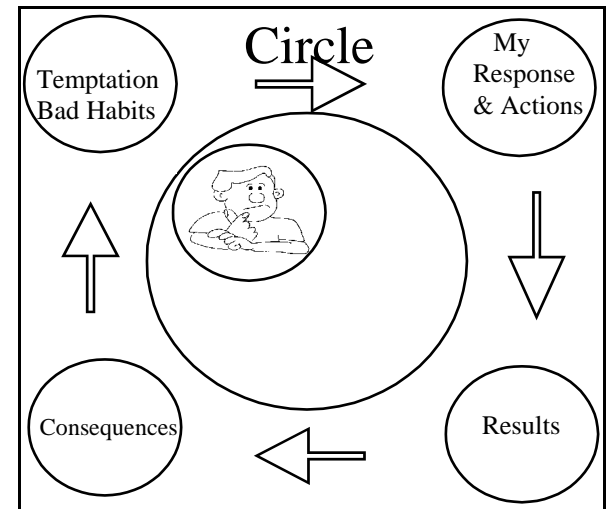
On this journey of the heart with God, we cannot by willpower transform our behaviour to match our new identity. This transformation is done by His grace. We turn to Him in our needs and ask for help. Then we wait to see what He will do. Sometimes a miracle occurs, other times we are directed to obey, but always we are dependant upon His supernatural power and grace to transform our behaviour.

Should we choose not to accept this simple gift of Jesus' switch story before our physical death, the contest for our souls will be lost and we will die in the stuck story and be eternally separated from God and every good thing.

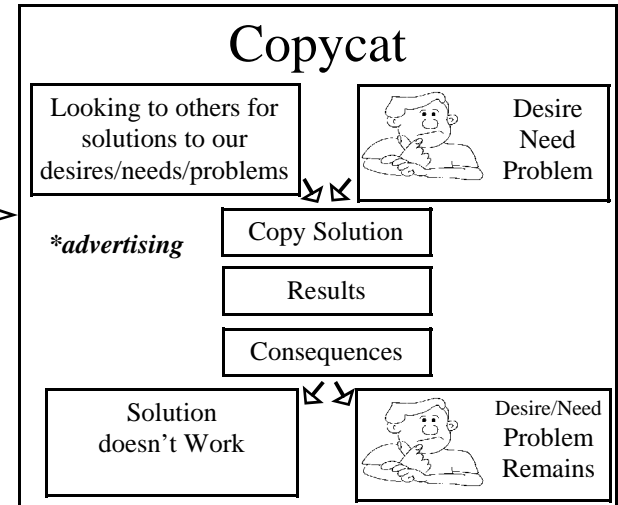
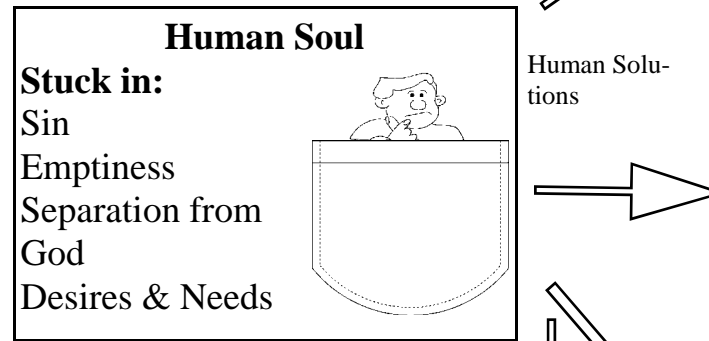
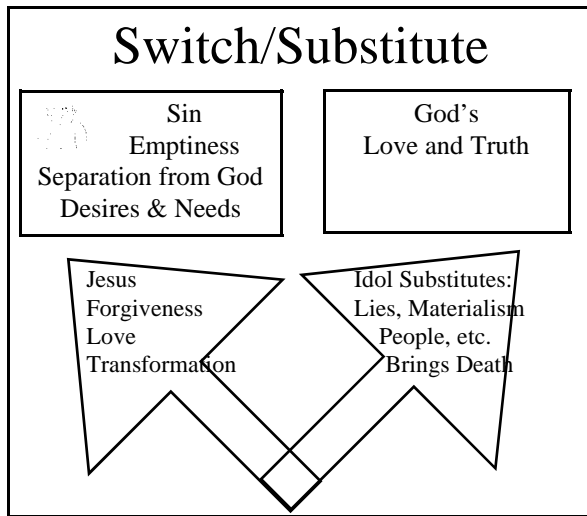
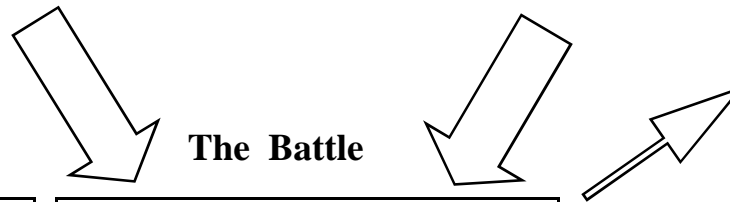
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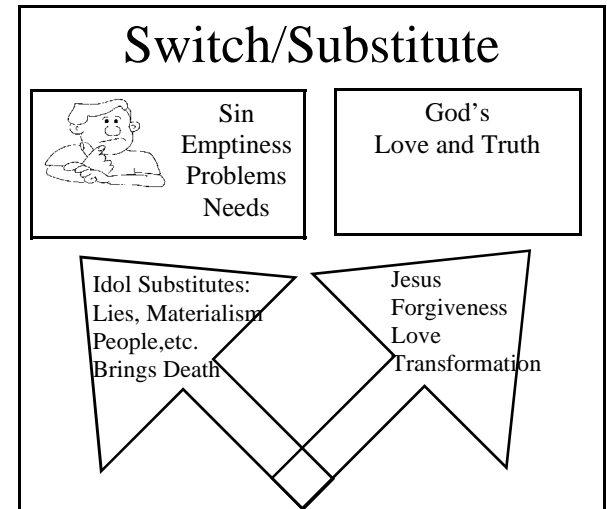
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## Stuck Stories

Sometimes people are born into a stuck story and live all their lives with hopelessness and depression. Some will commit suicide. They believe there is no solution to their situation. (e.g. born into a refugee camp)

## Switch/Substitute

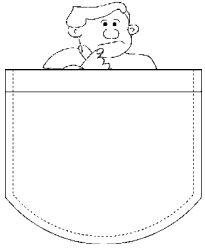
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Jesus Forgiveness Love Transformation	Idol Substitutes: Lies, Materialism People, etc. Brings Death
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## Human Soul

**Stuck in:**  
 Sin  
 Emptiness  
 Separation from  
 God  
 Desires & Needs


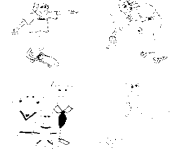


Human Solutions

## The Outcome

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## Contest Stories

<p><b>Contestants:</b> People born with many talents. They think if their achievements exceed those of everyone else that they will be happy.</p> 	<p><b>Sample Enemies:</b></p> 
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### The Contest

To be the: richest, smartest, best, most beautiful, most moral, etc.

### The Winner/Loser's Lie

If they lose, they will believe the lie that only winning will deliver them from their stuck story. If they win, they will be alone and discover that they are lonely and still stuck.



Contest	Circle	Stuck	Switch	Copycat	Transformation
<p>1. Serpent vs. Adam &amp; Eve Genesis 3</p> <p>2. Cain and Abel Genesis 4</p> <p>3. Noah Genesis 5</p> <p>4. Sodom &amp; Gomorrah Genesis 19</p> <p>5. Moses kills Exodus 2</p> <p>6. Korah vs. Moses Numbers 16</p> <p>7. Jericho Joshua 6</p> <p>8. Gideon Judges 7</p> <p>9. David &amp; Goliath I Samuel 17</p>	<p>1. Noah Genesis 6-9</p> <p>2. Moses in the basket Exodus 2</p> <p>3. Moses leaves Egypt for Midian and returns again. Exodus 2, 5</p> <p>4. Water turned to blood Exodus 7</p> <p>8. Frogs Exodus 8</p> <p>9. Insects Exodus 8</p> <p>10. Cattle Exodus 9</p> <p>11. Boils Exodus 9</p> <p>12. Hail Exodus 9</p> <p>13. Locust Exodus 10</p> <p>14. Darkness Ex. 10</p> <p>15. Death Exodus 12</p> <p>16. Israel Complains Numbers 11</p> <p>17. Israel Rebels Numbers 14</p> <p>18. Israel Murmurs Numbers 16</p> <p>19. Bronze serpent Numbers 21</p> <p>20. Israel wandered the desert for 40 years.</p> <p>21. Job</p> <p>22. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego &amp; fiery furnace</p> <p>23. Parables of lost sheep &amp; lost coin</p>	<p>1. Lot's wife becomes pillar of salt Genesis 19</p> <p>2. Simeon held hostage Genesis 42</p> <p>3. Children of Israel slaves in Egypt Exodus 1</p> <p>4. Stuck between Red Sea and Mountains Exodus 14</p> <p>5. Israel battles five kings &amp; sun stands still Joshua 10</p> <p>6. Jonah</p> <p>7. Israel as captives of other nations.</p> <p>8. Daniel in the lion's den Daniel 6</p> <p>9. Elisha and the axe head which floated to the top of the river after being lost on the bottom</p> <p>10. John is prisoner on an island</p> <p>11. God taking Zacharias's voice over his unbelief that his wife Elizabeth could bear a child in old age</p>	<p>1. Tower of Babel Genesis 11</p> <p>2. Abram and Hagar Genesis 16</p> <p>3. Offering of Isaac Genesis 22</p> <p>4. Trading the Birthright Genesis 25</p> <p>5. Laban's Treachery Genesis 29</p> <p>6. Nebuchadnezzar is switched into a beast. Daniel 4</p> <p>7. Jesus dies for our sins. Matthew 27</p> <p>8. Gideon and the fleece</p> <p>9. Mordecia and Hamaan's gallows</p> <p>10. Jacob's blessing on Joseph's sons</p> <p>Just a few examples of patterns in the Bible.</p> <p>© by J. Moore 1999 Please copy and share this with others.</p>	<p>1. Golden Calf Exodus 32</p> <p>2. Destruction of Egyptian army Exodus. 15</p> <p>3. Israel worships Baal of Peor Numbers 25</p> <p>4. Israel worships the gods of the nations surrounding them Judges 2</p> <p>5. Solomon worships the gods of his foreign wives. I Kings 11</p> <p>6. Ananias and Saphira</p>	<p>1. Creation Genesis 1</p> <p>2. Rainbow Genesis 9</p> <p>3. Sarah has Isaac Genesis 21</p> <p>4. Joseph Genesis 37, 39-45</p> <p>5. Burning Bush Exodus 3</p> <p>6. God gives Moses signs Exodus 4</p> <p>7. Manna Ex. 16</p> <p>8. Water out of a rock Exodus 17</p> <p>9. Aaron's rod buds Numbers 17</p> <p>10. Israel crosses the Jordan Joshua 3</p> <p>11. Solomon's Prayer for wisdom I Kings 3</p> <p>12. Esther</p> <p>13. Miracles of Jesus</p> <p>14. Jesus rises Matthew 28</p> <p>15. Balaam's talking donkey</p>