

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

--Passage - Genesis Chapter 3

The tree was a real tree with real fruit though we do not know what it was. However, I believe its purpose was simply a test of obedience. It shows we have free will. It did give a knowledge of good and evil. That made my mind go to "I create good and evil "(that is calamity, sorrow, trouble, and other words that this word "Ra" means.

Experiential

God put before us good and calamity, or sorrow, or consequence of actual experiential knowledge. Before sin they had not experienced any calamity or sorrow. They did not have a knowledge experientially of calamity or sorrow till they ate the fruit of that tree.

Disobedience makes us become wise to what is good for us and what is bad for us. When we disobey we know consequences and experience them. Now they would know soreness, pain, sorrow, disease, death, loss of loved ones etc.

After they sinned, God said, "Now man has become as one of Us and knows good and evil." God is all-knowing and He could foresee all the calamity that disobedience brings. So the devil did not tell a complete lie, he just did not reveal the whole truth.

However, he totally lied when he said that they would not surely die.

Eve experienced calamity. If you do as she did:

- × You break God's Law; you sin - vs 6
- × You bring others into your sin - vs 8
- × You don't desire God's presence - vs 7
- × You lie – vs 10
- × You try to cover your sin - vs 12
- × You blame others for your sin - vs 12
- × You become ashamed – vs 8
- × You suffer the consequences of your sin - vs 17
- × You will be separated from God – vs 24
- × You fight with your mate – vs 12
- × You fall into the power of the devils deceit

Eve now knew good from evil.

Eve now experienced calamity but not how to refrain from it.

Satan violated every rule of ethical salesmanship. By the rules of our country the contract would have been invalid.

- × He got the woman to sign without the knowledge of her husband.
- × He misrepresented the competitor's product and the competitor's motives.
- × He did not reveal the disadvantages of his own product.
- × He did not disclose all the information concerning the sale. (No disclosure page.)
- × He oversold the advantages of his product.

Adam could have nullified the contract by not eating the fruit, just as a man may nullify a contract that his wife signs without his permission. This was also God's rule in the Old Testament concerning a woman making an oath.

Numbers 30:10-16, "10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath; 11 And her husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her, *and* disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. 12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard *them*; *then* whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the

bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her. 13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. 14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which *are* upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard *them*. 15 But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard *them*; then he shall bear her iniquity. 16 These *are* the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, *being yet* in her youth in her father's house."

John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

And note the truth of **1 John 2:16**, "For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh (*good for food*), and the lust of the eyes (*pleasant to the eyes*), and the pride of life (*you shall be as gods*), is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Be careful of Adam and Eve's sin.

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