

Chapter 3

- 3:1 Now the *serpent* was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.
And he *said unto the woman*,
Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
question: *Is this symbolism, or was the serpent communicating with Eve linguistically--and, if so; how was the language imparted -- or, if communication was by some other way, such as, purely mentally, or spiritually; how did Eve form the interpretation?*
- 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent,
We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
- 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman,
Ye shall not surely die:
- 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
- 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise,
she took of the fruit thereof,
and did eat,
and gave also unto her husband with her;
and he did eat.
- 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.
- 3:8 And they heard the voice of *the LORD God walking* in the garden in the cool of the day:
and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
question: *Was this a spiritual encounter, only; or, did God present Himself in a physical manifestation?*
- 3:9 And *the LORD God called* unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
question: *Was this a spiritual encounter, only; or, did God package the message for audible delivery? This, and the other questions of the method, are important because the answer works to illustrate the subservience of anthropomorphism, as set beside the higher and more expansive reach of spirituality--especially, the spirituality in the Spirit of God, extended . . .*
- 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.
- 3:11 And he said,
Who told thee that thou wast naked?
Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
- 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
- 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done?
And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
- 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent,
Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
- 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- 3:16 Unto the woman he said,
I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;
and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
- 3:17 And unto Adam he said,
Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I
commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it:
cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;
question: *Was this done in lieu of an actual physical death for Adam--or, does it indicate a kind
of, death from ease of life; in that, Adam's interactions with the ground will no longer
be as automatic, as they formerly were; that is, the ground will not just give him of its
fruit, but, instead, he will have to earn it's bountifulness?*
- 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou
taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
- 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.
- 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins,
and clothed them.
- 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest
he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was
taken.
- 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming
sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.
question: *Why is it that, the tree of life was left here . . . and, thinking back: why was the tree of
life placed on earth, at all? This search for an answer will fuel our discovery of the
fullness of mankind's mission on earth, as that mission is announced from the great
breadth of tools that the LORD God placed here, within our reach.*