

Genesis: God and the Originals

THE FALL - PART I, HOW?

The Fall (Genesis 3)

1. Read Genesis 3. Write down any questions (things that may be unanswered by the text) that come to mind as you read the story.
2. Why do we call it “the fall”? From what are Adam and Eve, and therefore all of humanity, falling?
3. The word “sin” is not used in this story. If you had to define sin simply from Genesis 3, how would you define it?

The Conversation (3:1-5)

Vv. 1-3

4. How is the “serpent” described in v. 1? Is this inherently a bad thing? Who is the serpent?
5. How would you describe Eve’s response to the snake? Is it correct?

Vv. 4-5

6. How does the snake tell the truth, but lie at the same time in vv. 4-5? Does the snake ever “tempt” Eve?

BONUS: Do Adam and Eve not already know good and evil? Is there something else about being “like God” that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is offering?

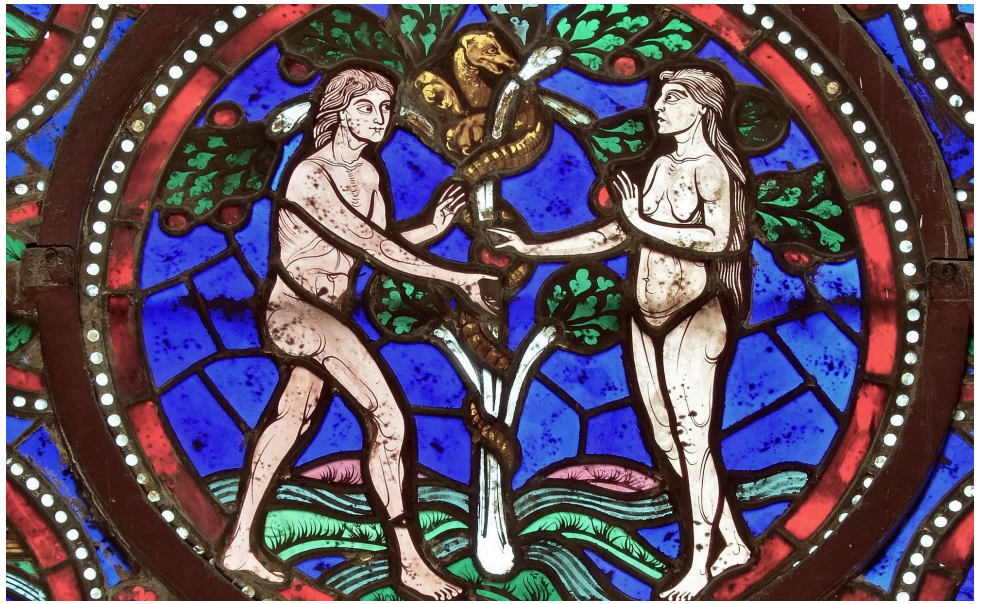
The Non-Conversation (3:6-7)

7. What is the rationale of Eve for eating the fruit according to v. 6? What else must be going on in her head?

8. What kind of fruit is it?

9. Where the heck is Adam?
What is he doing? What
is his problem?

BONUS: What does it mean
for Adam and Eve to have
their “eyes... opened” in v. 7?



<https://margmowczko.com/eves-statement-to-the-serpent/>

10. What is Adam and Eve’s response to being “naked,” and why is it a pathetic response for people who want to “be like God”?

Concluding Question:

Would you have eaten the fruit?

Quote of the day: “[The snake’s] beguiling involves questioning the meaning of a command that was quite clear. It is typical that our resistance to God’s command works in this way.” - John Goldingay