

## The Fall

Horowitz, Michael. "New Intolerance Between Crescent and Cross." The Wall Street Journal. 5 July 1995. The mental process which led the woman to the original sin is revealed in the next verse:

**Genesis 3:6** - When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

The woman had no sinful nature, so she was not tempted by it. But she did have volition and she could be tempted by outside pressures which she permitted to become internal stress. Satan has very subtly weakened her volition by means of flattery. He asks her a Bible question and she is very complimented by that.

**Genesis 3:1c** - Has Elohim indeed said, 'You shall not eat of ANY tree of the Garden?'

Now Satan knows perfectly well what Jesus Christ prohibited in Genesis 2:17 but he pretends to be ignorant. He asks the woman a question which is obviously wrong. If they could not eat of any tree then they would starve. He purposefully asks the question in such a way as to appear to the woman as ignorant. She is complimented that he would ask her a Bible question and gladly begins to teach Satan theology.

What should have been her response? *"I'm sorry, that question concerns theology of which I am but a student and not a spokesman. You should take that up with my husband, Adam."*

After having said her spiel, Satan assured her that she had misunderstood the dying part. He then deceived her into believing that God was just trying to keep her stupid. This caused a desire within her soul to acquire the knowledge she had been prohibited from gaining.

The beauty of the fruit served as an enticement to her emotions. It was good for food and it was pleasant to the eyes. Obviously, up to this point only the fear of death kept her away from this fruit. Now that fear of it has been removed, she looks on it in a different light.

She had erroneously thought that there was something in the fruit which would poison her and kill her on the spot. Assured by Satan that this is not true, she happily prepares to violate the mandate.

Now here again we see the deception and duplicity of Satan. He was right that she would not die on the spot but he lied about her not ever dying. She develops the opinion that she has a right to the same amount of knowledge that God has and she wants it immediately. She doesn't see the prohibition as anything but a ruse to prevent her from acquiring the same level of knowledge as God's.

Ishah in essence became the first Holy Roller. Holy Rollers refuse to study the Bible. Instead, they stand around waiting to get the ghost. Instant knowledge is their desire rather than daily slugging it out in Bible class. Ishah was bored in Bible class. This is obvious from her erroneous understanding of the prohibition and its penalty clause.

Rather than take Jesus Christ at His word and follow His leadership for the rest of her life, she turned an itching ear to Satan. She chose to follow him and instantly come into possession of the knowledge God was keeping hidden from her.

So Ishah, went over to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and:

**Genesis 3:6d** - ... she took from its fruit and ate.

What she did next has set the stage for every human marriage since:

**Genesis 3:6e - ... and she gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

Adam, who continued in his perfect status, was suddenly confronted by his wife who was spiritually fallen and irreversibly corrupted. At his pivotal moment, Adam was faced with a decision: “*Am I to continue fellowship with my God or with my wife?*” He couldn’t do both. In what proved to be the spiritual death knell for the entire human species, he chose to continue fellowship with his wife.

Unfortunately for him, although he didn’t know it at the time, broken fellowship with God destroyed any possibility for continued fellowship with Ishah. Not only that, by taking the fruit from his wife’s hand, he turned federal rulership of Planet Earth over to Satan. By becoming obedient to his wife, he simultaneously became obedient to Satan.

What went through Adam’s mind as he was confronted with this decision? We could all, speculate quite a bit I’m sure. One interesting slant is taken by:

**Custance, Arthur C. *The Virgin Birth and the Incarnation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1976, pp. 148-150:**

Whatever. The bottom line is the man fell and great was that fall! He should have never taken the fruit regardless of the circumstances. But he did! Now, Adam and Ishah, cognizant of good and evil, realize that an evil has been committed by themselves. This leads to Operation Guilt Removal, or Operation Fig Leaves.