There was a beautiful garden. It was called, a garden because it was an enormous landscape that spread all around the world. The land was colorful. Some land had the color green, in the valley. Some land had the color red, on the mountaintops. Some land had the color brown in the sandy areas. Some land had the color blue, near the seaside. The land had vast surfaces and gave them as gifts for all to go on.

The seas had running waters that flowed both ways; not only did the waters flow downstream, but the waters also turned around and flowed up stream. It was a wonderful sight to see. The water flowed in all directions. The water clear and they poured out as gifts for all to drink.

The environment in the land was both, warm and cool simultaneously. It never got cold, nor did it get hot. The temperature was soothing to all the inhabitants at all times. The environment gave out comfort as gifts for all to feel.

The air smelled like many favorable fruits and it changed its smell from moment to moment. The aroma in the air matched the fragrance from the flowers. The inhabitants of the land enjoyed all the various odors that guided their senses. The air gave out delicious scents as gifts for all to smell.

The vegetation in this garden came in all colors, shapes, and sizes. There were tall trees. There were short trees. The fruits and vegetables felt and tasted like nothing we have ever tasted before and it was very good. The vegetation of the land gave tasteful food to eat as gifts for all to savor.

All the animals and creatures of the land were friendly and wanted to play. They would roar, purr, and bark with so many voices that sounded like music to the ear. The animals were welcoming and gracious to the inhabitants of the land. The animals had a pleasant spirit and gave joy to all as a gift to all who wanted companionship.

The mood in all the land was comfortable, friendly, kind, generous, peaceful, and joyful. The inhabitants shared whatever they had and all who occupied the land were satisfied. This first home was the best dwelling in the world. The garden was tranquil and everything in it gave out the spirit of love as gifts to support all life.

The sun shined and it gave a beautiful light to everything. The sun shared its brightness for all the inhabitants to see during the day. The moon shared its light for all the inhabitants to see during the night. There was ease from moment to moment all during this time. The sky covered all the land and gave the gifts of elegance.

There were couples who walked together. Every species had a mate. All the mates of this land lived in one union of love. Every group understood automatically, what the other mate wanted and freely gave to it, all that it desired. No order was above the other. They all had respect for the other inhabitants of the land. All duos gave each other the gifts of partnership and they lived in affection.

All day and night, they experienced the love of the land. All day and night, they enjoyed the comfort of the land. All day and night, they shared in the fruits of the land. All day and night, It was well in this garden. The days and nights gave the gifts of joyful encounters to all the inhabitants.

The garden was a secure land for the inhabitants and they had access to all terrains. The ground was rich in soil and all things that lived were harmless. All lived in harmony and loved God, their creator; and God gave to them gifts of goodness and they were safe in his hands.

Above this land, high up in the heavens there was a very wicked storm that God and his family had to handle. At the end, he sent something out of the heavens that fell into this land.

Something, who saw all the creatures of the land, and were jealous. Something, who wanted to speak to the creatures, and change them. So, it made plans to corrupt the all the inhabitants of the land by enticing them into knowing that he and others like him were living outside the comforts of their land. He tried to give them this knowledge in order to steal their peace.

They were unaware of any danger that could destroy their land. They were unaware of any danger that could bring down their kingdom. They were unaware of any danger that could steal their lives. So, they played on and enjoyed the magnificent garden that was theirs to live in.

The creature of the sky watched them all the time. It’s desire was to entice them into receiving the knowledge that it had to offer. It was knowledge of good and evil.

At this point, all of the residence of the land only knew the gifts of love. They only lived in perfect harmony. They laughed and played like young children and they appreciated all that they saw.

Day by day, they walked the lengthy lands of the garden. It seem to never end and all they land from the high mountains and the low valleys and the wondrous waters were there for them to enjoy.

It would have gone on forever. The land was made for them. The creator loved them. He loved them so much that he gave them the chance to walk and share in every good experience, which was imaginable. This was their land, their place, their opportunity to love their maker, rest in his care and live in peace for evermore.

In those days, the creature became more and more impatient with the peace that was across the land. One creature placed itself onto vegetation that was beautiful and stood tall. As the female, who lived in the garden approached the tree; the creature began to entice her with the gift of its knowledge.

She was for warned. She understood that this was the one tree, which stood all throughout the garden and was the only forbidden tree. All others were free to enjoy. All others were fruitful. All others were theirs, but this tree was to be, left alone.

Her husband was a beautiful man that God created with his own hands. He was the finest inhabitant of all the land. All of the inhabitants admired the man that God knelt down to form from his own image.

He was the one who named all of the animals that walked the land. He was brilliant and good on the eye and had a voice that rippled through the air in a harmonious wave whenever he spoke. Everyone listened to the sounds that went across the land whenever the man lifted up his voice.

He and the inhabitants of the garden gave eternal praise to the father up in heaven that gave them this land. They were given a gift of such wonders that they enjoyed all throughout time and space. Every day was a new experience. Every moment brought more gifts of wonders.

Words could not explain the majestic opportunities that the inhabitants of the garden had during this time. Moreover, the land lived in peace and harmony.

The creature mustered up all of its knowledge and finally spoke to the woman and offered her, his gift. He could give to her the gift of knowledge for good and evil.

Evil was not a part of their life at that time. This was not a thing, which God chose to give to the inhabitants. They could only see peace, joy, and comfort around them. There was no need for this knowledge. Whatever was going on in the heavens, God protected them by allowing them to only see all the pleasant places. They did not have any troubles. They did not know discomfort, pain, or depression. They live with a pure heart. They enjoyed all things during those days and those nights.

God understood that if they were to, ever receive this knowledge of good and evil that they would also receive the negative thoughts in their minds. He knew that they would also feel the dark feelings from their daily experiences. He knew that feeling and knowing the pains of a heavy, burdened life would separate them from the goodness and joy, that they were currently living in.

He knew that by accepting the knowledge of good and evil, they would then also know the way to the road of death.

Their beautiful garden did not have a road of death at that time. He did not place that road anywhere on the land. He knew that the road of death would bring sickness, pain, depression, and destruction to all of the land.

He warned his man, when he made him. His man told the inhabitants of the land that everything that they could want or desire was theirs and all that they need to do is to avoid that certain tree, which would lead them to death.

However, on a certain day, the woman stood before the forbidden tree and listened to the creature’s words. She was alone in that moment. She did not consult with her husband. She did not call on her loving heavenly father. She chose to allow this creature to speak to her and disrespect her by enticing her to do something that she knew to be wrong. She gave herself over to the creature’s way of thinking instead of standing strong on all the wonderful experiences that God had shared with her during her days. She allowed the creature to convince her of something she knew to be untrue. She let herself reason with the creature and she began to consider his words and his philosophies. The more she considered the possibility of his words, the more she began to receive his doctrine. She accepted his words as truth and she released all of the training that she received from her husband and her heavenly father.

She took the forbidden fruit and ate it. Immediately, as the fruit entered into that beautiful body that her father had designed for her, all good things for her ended, in a moment.

The man, however, was still strong and wise. He remained in the honor of the father. He was still the head of the lands in the garden and he was respected, by all the inhabitants of the land.

The woman immediately experienced fear. She noticed that the beauty of her body was not as it was earlier. She began to feel the various pains of aging. Time for her was recognized and with each breath, she could tell that she was growing a little older. She looked at the creature and knew what evil was now. She could see that he was a liar. Previously, she did not know what a lie was in the land. Now, she knew that she had been deceived.

The creature, who knowingly planned this temptation, let out a sigh of relief. He had accomplished his goal. However, it was not over yet. He needed her to entice the man. He suggested that if she was fearful that she would want a companion to feel what she was feeling and he sent her to the man.

Although, she was a changed creature, the man, who still only could see good in everything, looked upon her in love as she came up to him.

She told him the story and while she was shaking in fear, and trembling from her pains and feeling naked in her disobedience, she begged him to eat of the fruit too. She did not want to be alone. She needed him to join her in her uncomfortable situation.

She enticed him as the creature enticed her. She now knew what deceit to use to get him to join her. She choose words that would convince him. She knew that he would never go against the word of the Lord and listen to a creature, but perhaps he would listen to her. So she continued to ask him.

Up to now, he had never said no to her. They usually did everything together. They were mates and they enjoyed each other, all the way.

He loved his father also. The man respected God and all that was taught to him. For the first time in his life, he did not know what to do. Then he ate.

His world changed immediately. He did not recognize his mate anymore, as she had been. The man knew that they had gone against the words of the Lord and they could feel the darkness, pain and sufferings all around them. He understood now. He had the knowledge of not only good, but evil also.

Regret was one of the first emotions that came upon him. He wished he had never ate the fruit. Fear was another emotion that came upon him. He was afraid of what his father would do. Shame came upon him quickly and he noticed that he and the woman were naked.

He climb a tree and gather leaves to cover them up. He no longer wanted to see her. She was no longer beautiful to him. He felt disgust for her at that point. Hate came upon him and he started to blame her for the feelings that were entering into him.

She began to fear also. However, now she began to fear, not only God, but the man also. He had never raised his hands to hit her. Their body parts were used for love, only. Now, he had rage in his eyes because he was so uncomfortable and his anger was rising.

She felt that this man, who she had once loved more than anything in the garden was about to hurt her. All of these dark emotions poured upon them at one time and they were so low in spirit. They felt the burdens of the world upon their shoulders and throughout their bodies.

The man feared God now. He needed to find a way to put the blame of all these emotions on someone else. Selfishness came upon him now. He then felt that he could devise a deceitful plan in order to convince God that this was not his fault.

He decided to use clever words. He would tell God that the woman brought despair into the garden. She showed her new emotions from the knowledge of good and evil to him. She brought fear to him and told him that it was not that bad. She did not want to be alone. She used her knowledge of fear to convince him to betray God. He continued on. She was afraid of what God would do to her. She convinced the him to join her. She did not want to be alone and she tried to bring guilt upon him. He was unaware of all of these emotions. He had never experienced them. She was a new creature and she was not acting as she had before. He did not know that these emotions would pull down his radiant spirit. He did no know that these emotions would bring decay to his body, soul, and mind. He did not know the feelings of darkness that were in her eyes. He only had compassion for her condition and love in his heart, so he too ate the forbidden fruit and joined her. In his plan, he would put all the blame onto the woman and he would be blameless. Yet, still he was afraid.

Their eyes were open now. They could see the depth of knowledge for good and evil and it did not look or feel good to them. They were fearful now and they hid themselves from the father who loved and created them.

They were changed. They had crossed over to another place. Everything was different.

The other inhabitants of the land changed too. They no longer walked in peace for they too now understood how to kill, so they attached each other. The male lion attacked the female. Lion attacked giraffe. The larger animals began to destroy the smaller animals. Peace in the land, had been stolen from them. Sadness fell over the land. Things had changed and not for the good.

The tasteful fruits and vegetables now understood that they were going to see death too, so they lost their flavor, their colors and refuse to produce as before.

The air no longer gave flavor, for it was infected, by the smell of death. The environment began to change seasons and the garden became hot in some places and cold in others. Storms arose because the water refused to pour in both directions. Hurricanes arose because the air refused to give taste. Drought appeared because the rain refuse to sprinkle over the land and the creatures began to die in all areas of the land.

God had to put the man and the woman out of the garden before they could bring destruction to all the inhabitants of other generations. They loss their opportunity to continue living, in freedom, peace and harmony.

Harmony had left and all was going to taste death. The creature of the tree saw what it had done. The inhabitants no longer had a land that sustained them in all their needs. Everyone from that point forward would live in a world that would eventually experience the road to death.

Here we are today. We continue to live on these lands. We have the choices to live moment by moment with the knowledge of good and evil. Every moment we must make these choices. This is our plight in these times.

The good news is that God our father sent His son down to this earth to walk these lands and live among us. The evil of the land killed him, but as he laid in death, his faith in his father, who he knew loved him, gave him the power to rise up on the third day and live again. By his sacrifice, we too, who love him will have the opportunity to live again and walk in that beautiful garden.

We also will have the gifts of peace, comfort, joy, and love. This is his promise to us. This was his plan, to give us the new gift of salvation.

We may taste death, see death or walk on the road to death. However, we also have the opportunity for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he came, he walked in the flesh but rose in the spirit. In doing this, he gives to us daily, who understand, his power to walk on this earth in our body but with his spirit.

He is kind, so he teaches us how to be kind. He is strong, so he teaches us how to be strong. He is all good things, so he teaches us all good things. And when enemies appear, his spirit shows us what to do. He is all powerful and we are saved by him.

The plans have already been designed. We are just walking into our destiny with the father, his son, and holy spirit, as our guide.

I will meet you dear reader, in the garden by the Tree of Life on that day. Have faith in God. Do not fear those things around you. Love those who come onto your paths. Be strong in him and he will not forsake you, neither will he leave you because you have already have a place in his kingdom.

Our ancestors took the forbidden fruit, but the son of God came down and gave it back and we will one day join him in that place prepared for us.

Take care and may God continue to bless you on your paths.

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