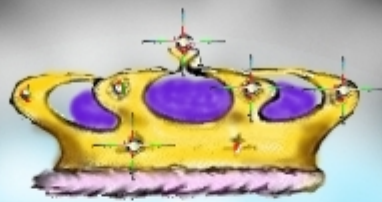


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Scriptures quoted in this booklet are from the New King James Version and the Complete Jewish Bible. Some are the author's own paraphrase.

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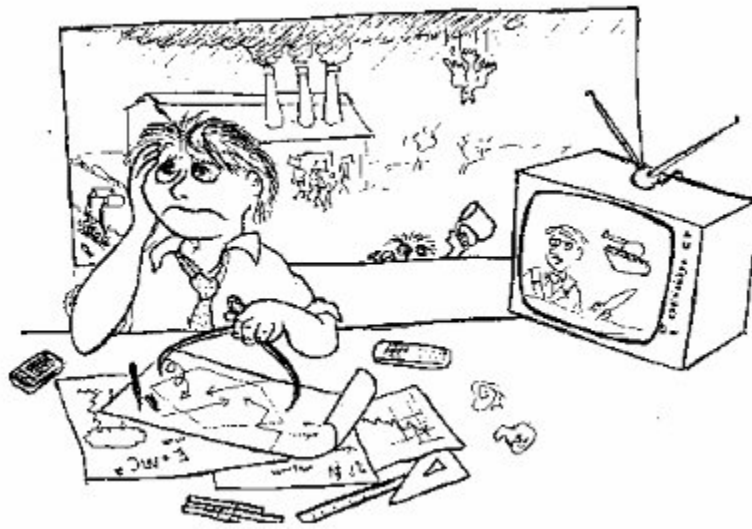
## Chapter 1

There is a God ...

... He is good ...

... and He loves us...

so - how did we get like this ...



... in spite of all our trying to figure things out?

Any answers?

Only one - want to hear it?

Okay...

In the beginning, when God made it all, it wasn't like this.



...The mosquitoes didn't bite...



...lions and sheep slept together...

...and snakes were lovable animals.



God made us in His own image so as to be His own special friend.

The first of us that he made were a man and a woman, who were to become our father and mother.



Our father was named "Adam", which means, "human". It also means "ground" or "dirt", from which we came. It also describes a shade of red.

Our mother was named "Havah" (Anglicised as "Eve"), which means "life". She became the mother of all human life.

Adam and Havah were in direct touch with the one who made us.

That's how things were meant to be...

... so, we were happy.



Everything was perfect, because things were just as God had created them, and functioned just as God intended them to function.

We were God's best friend— and we were submitted to God.

God assigned humanity as ruler over all He created. As long as we were submitted to God, all the earth was submitted to us.

This arrangement is what we call:

the  
**Kingdom of God**

The Kingdom of God isn't a political entity. It simply means, any portion of the universe where God is recognised as King.



Adam and Havah didn't wear any clothes. They didn't need to. They weren't at all embarrassed, and no one had any dirty thoughts about it (not that anything that two people could do together, who had a genuine love and were committed to one another, could have been viewed as "dirty" to begin with)

There was no such thing as shame. That's because shame has to do with comparing oneself with others. Adam and Havah had no way of doing that, because there were two words missing from their vocabulary: "good" and "bad" (you'll note in the Bible text that God used the words a time or two, but the humans didn't know them yet).



"Good" and "bad" were things that had to be experienced, not just learned about. There was one way of gaining the experience, but it was off limits. It was the fruit of a tree, which God told Adam and Havah not to eat: The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.



Whether the story is literal or not, is not the point. Some myths point to similar things, like Pandora's box, from which flowed all the evil that is presently in the world when Pandora disobeyed the gods and opened the box.

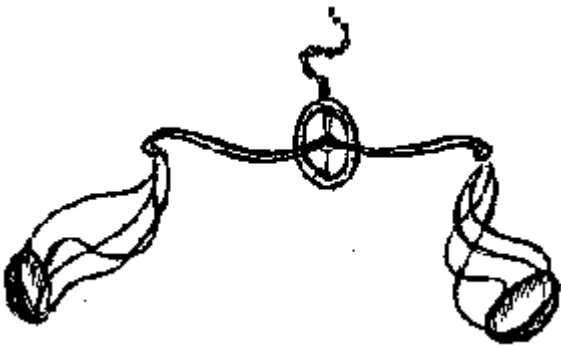
In our account there were just two factors: the fruit enabled the understanding of good and evil, and the fact that God had commanded them not to eat it.

And why was the tree put there in the first place? Some believe that God intended for humanity to partake of it at a later time when we were ready for it (I don't think you could say that about Pandora's Box). The fact is, it was the only command God had made, and it became the test of how dedicated we would be to our friend, God.



The point is, we listened to voices that we shouldn't have, one that persuaded us to try to figure out things for ourselves and to doubt God...

... so we disobeyed.



The first thing that happened was, we gained a knowledge of good and evil – an acute sense of justice.

Somehow or other our own bodies figured in the less noble side of the comparison.

It was evil and therefore it was something to be ashamed of...



...thus – the first cover-up.  
Humanity has been conscious of our sin ever since,  
and we're *still* trying to cover it up!



No matter how much covering up we do – everything is open and naked before God.



The voice we obeyed was that of Satan. The Bible doesn't tell us very much about this creature, only that he has just as much power as we give him. One passage in the Bible implies that he might have once been high up in God's heavenly structure, but he fell from that place by becoming proud. He lost his power, and became no more than a "snake in the grass". However, he is quite crafty. The name, "Satan", simply means "enemy", or "opposer".



Remember, our position in the kingdom of God was conditional on our obeying God. When we did, everything in nature submitted to us.



By disobeying God and following Satan's suggestions, we opened the door for him to interfere in a big way. That's what gave him the power he has now.

That power is really ours!

Another thing also happened. Yeshua once said:

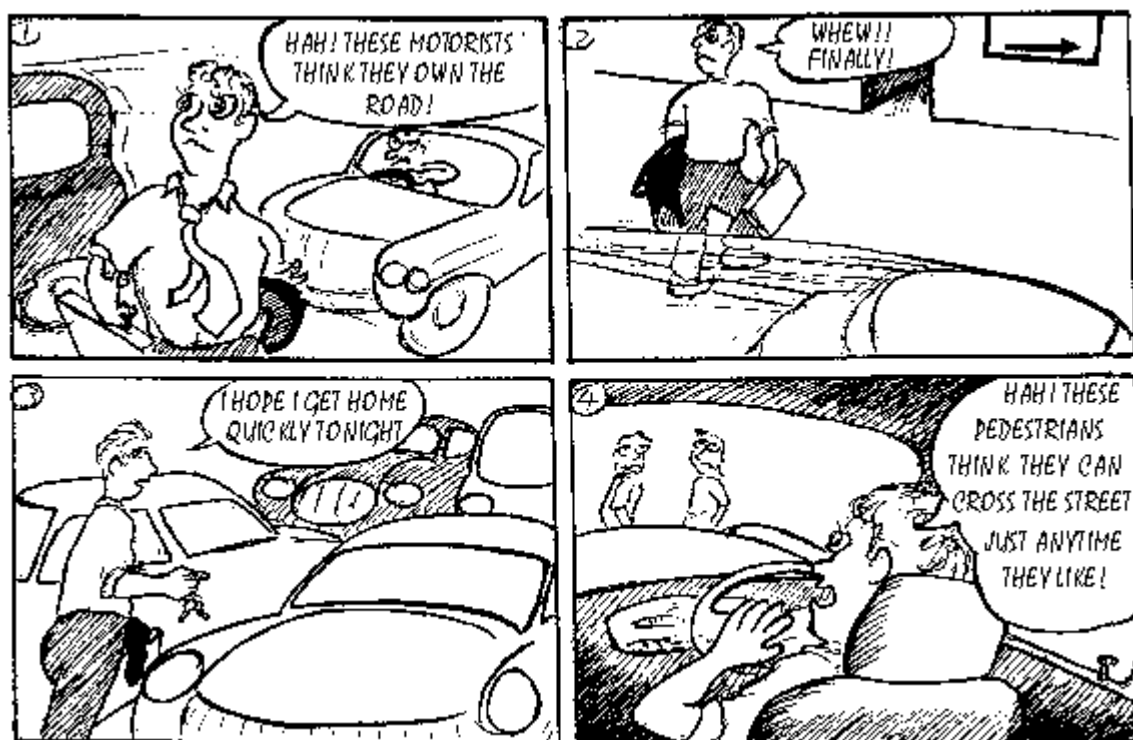
The knowledge of good and evil enabled us to decide for ourselves whether something was right or wrong. Not only did we mind ourselves, but we began to judge others as well. Ever since, we've been under the threat of judgement. We judge, therefore, we are judged.



One big problem -- it's much easier to tell when someone else is being bad than to mind our own actions.

We all do it...

You don't think so? How about this...?



Don't tell me you've never done that!

How about this one...?



Which opinion do you agree with?

- the man on the dingy settee
- the man with the Mercedes

Ha ha! Gottcha! You're judging! See? You do it too.

The point is, the knowledge of good and evil (which we gained from eating fruit from the wrong tree) makes us prone to judging others. That puts us under judgement.



Another thing it does is induce dissatisfaction.

We began comparing how much better off others are than ourselves. We began wanting what other people have. In other words, we're prone to sin!



The knowledge of good and evil has turned our natural appetite into an **evil urge**. We can't stop doing bad, and

what's more, we're under judgement for that sin.

That sin keeps us separated from God, and keeps the door open to Satan to be involved with the world, and produce yet more evil.





So, that's why, instead of living in the Kingdom of God for the last six or so millennia, we've been living in a kingdom of evil.

Satan has been in control, but he uses our evil urge as the means.

So...

There is a God ...

... He is good ...

... He loves us...

... He made a perfect world for us...

... And we went and broke it!

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<http://tishbyte.fortunecity.co.uk/webschool/fndtns01.html>