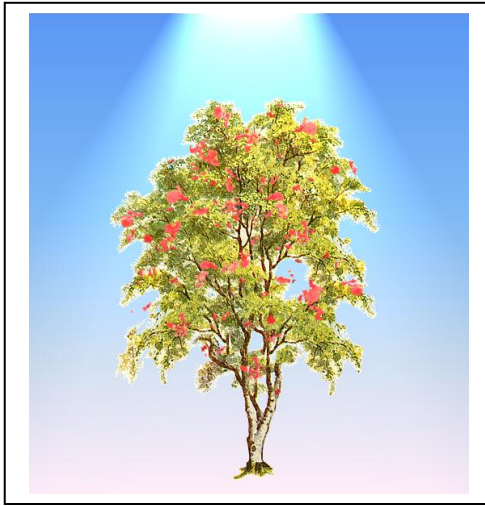


The Knowledge of Good & Evil (part one of the laws of perfection series)



Although all the studies are written to be independent, they inevitably reference important points in previous studies that are beyond the scope of this present study to cover in full.

It would be helpful in understanding this study to have first read “The Sons of God part 1”

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

This study will present what the deeper meaning is of the story of the fall of mankind in the garden. In so doing we will examine the following;

1. The real meaning of eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
2. What was the actual death mechanism.
3. What were spiritual forces acting in the Garden.

Man as originally created was God's highest creation. That seems like an extraordinary statement but a close examination of scripture will make this clear. Genesis 1:26 tells us that man was created in God's image. Man was the only creation so designated. Man was given dominion over the physical world and everything in that world(for a more exhaustive and deeper explanation see the “sons of God” study series).

Man as we see him today is a far cry from the original. This study will examine what exactly happened, in the garden. In other studies we examined the loss of earthly and physical dominion. This study will examine more closely the loss of the spiritual relationship with God.

Mankind was created a spiritual being, in other words a soul. This is not surprising since God is a spirit being and the bible tells us we were made in his image. Now we learn from scripture that there were three elements to man's original make up. The soul, the spirit covering, and the flesh body(see the earlier studies “the sons of God part1 “ for scriptural evidence). First of all let's see if we can define what we mean by these three attributes or aspects of man's original creation.

THE SOUL: The soul is the unique, and distinct, intellect that makes us, individuals. It is the essence and objective reality of what our existence at its most basic level comprises. It is an immaterial, non physical spiritual body that “contains” our essence. Without a soul, we cease to exist! It exists after the death of the body, and departs when the flesh has died.

Genesis 35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul(Rachel) was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

In the Old testament it is usually translated from the Hebrew word “nephesh”

In the bible, the English word “soul”, is sometimes used interchangeably with “spirit” when referencing man. It is this studies contention then that the “soul” and the “spirit of man” are speaking of the same thing.

This has led to two schools of thought on the nature of man. Is he a two part being(body and soul), or a three part being(body, soul and spirit). There is no doubt that the bible mentions all three. This study and those previous present a coherent definition, a model of mans nature that explains the mystery. The answer is Yes, man IS a two part being. And yes, man can also be a three part being, The explanation, as is the case many times depends upon to whom the scripture is directed and what time frame it is speaking of. If we are speaking of original creation. Man was created a three part being.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

God “formed” the body, then breathed mans soul together with his(God’s), spiritual covering. Thereby man became an incorporated soul. The emphasis that this study brings, is that the spirit that God breathed and covered man with, WAS GOD’S spirit. When scripture is translated using the phrase spirit of man it is speaking of the soul which it uses interchangeably most of the time with the phrase “spirit of man” or sometimes just the “spirit”(in reference to mans soul).

We were created a three part being, but the third part was an indwelling and covering by the spirit of GOD. This is exactly what happens today when we are born again, we again become sons of God by the gift of Gods spirit!

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

This is what distinguishes Man from any of Gods other creations. HIS covering spirit!

The proposition that is advanced here and in other studies, is that all the creatures God has created have souls(including animals see Ecclesiastes 3:21), a fundamental unique essence. But in addition, dependent in which realm they were originally created to inhabit, The spiritual realm, or the physical, they were given a container(body). Angels have spiritual bodies(coverings) and souls(unique essences or personality) , men have fleshly bodies and souls, and in addition, if “born again”, Gods covering and indwelling spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

1 Corinthians 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

In the New Testament the Greek word translated as soul “Psuche”, is used in several different contexts, it is often translated as “living being”. And sometimes translated as “life’. This shows us that the Greek word as used in the New testament was used for similar but not identical concepts. Another source of misunderstanding is when the bible speaks about our hearts and our minds. Our mind is

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Simply our conscious thoughts, our imagination. Our mind is a non-physical attribute of our soul. It came about when our soul was created. When the bible speaks about our heart, it is not referring to our literal hearts but to the symbolic center of our emotions, Love, hate, fear etc. So the bible in mentioning our hearts, and our minds are referencing properties or attributes of the soul, not something new or different. An example would be a dogs bark. Barking is a property of dogs, it is a distinct sound that is produced by dogs and we know that when we hear that sound that there must be dog nearby. Similarly emotions, things from our heart, can only be produced by a soul. Thinking and imagination likewise require the existence of an intelligent soul.

THE SPIRIT COVERING: The spirit covering is exactly that, a covering, but not just any covering it is the spirit of God. The spirit that was given to the first humans, Adam and Eve, as part of their nature. It is in fact the comforter, the same spirit from God which enables us now to once again become sons of God. Just as without a physical flesh body you cannot have physical life, you cannot have spiritual life or fully function in the spiritual realm without a spirit covering. The bible sometimes refers to man as a two part being, that is “body and soul”

*Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both **soul and body** in hell.*

And sometimes man is described as a three part being and because of this many have failed to appreciate that the distinction is based upon the context and who the scripture is referencing.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 ¶And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The explanation is quite simple , one scripture is speaking to unregenerated man, whose spirit covering died in Adam, and as a result is still only a two part being a “body and soul”. In fact this is the main reason we must be born again and receive the holy spirit.

In his epistle to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 5:23) Paul was speaking to born again believers who had already received the gift of the spirit, and so were by faith, “Sons of God”. In other words they were, A body and soul with the gift of the indwelling spirit.

Now although those who have received of the spirit, are once again a three part being “body , soul, and spirit, we have not yet received the fullness of sonship, because the fleshly body that we have now is a corrupted mortal vessel or container and is destined to be turned into dust. The full revelation and return to the pre-Adamic state will not happen until we see Jesus “the author and finisher of our faith.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is.

Paul describes the gift of the spirit as the deposit or “earnest money” not yet possession of the house but the deal is signed and the gift of the spirit represents a deposit on the house

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Disobedient angels did the opposite by wanting to leave their “house”(spirit covering or body) This is what Jude, the Lords half brother made reference to concerning some angels

*Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own **habitation**, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

The word in the Greek translated habitation is “Oiketerion” which actually is speaking of a spiritual body or dwelling place. Paul uses the same word in describing the new spiritual bodies believers are going to get.

*2 Corinthians 5:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our **house** which is from heaven:*

So we see that there is a spirit body or covering. This covering was part of mans nature before the fall

THE BODY: Of course our fleshly bodies do not require much definition as we all have one. But the bodies we now possess are a far cry from that originally created. Adam and Eve were in fact physically and mentally

supermen. Scientists have known for a while that we only appear to be using 2% of our genes. Those 2% are enough to code for all the proteins and amino acids that comprise the building blocks of cells that make up mans current fleshly body today. But what about the other the other 98%? To science they appear nonfunctional, as if “they have been turned off”. and yet the body goes through great lengths to see that the genetic material is not lost or “conserved” from generation to generation(see the sons of God study “change of language”). This change from living hundreds of years to where we are today, living “three score years and ten” on average, is also a result of the fall(see the Sons of God part 3).

The breath of life:



Before we discuss how man spiritually and eventually physically died, we must first truly understand what made man live. One of the key verses of this study is the following;

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

We have heard this verse so many times in connection with the temptation of Christ in the wilderness, that the fundamental truth that it proclaims misses most.

What if this verse were taken as Jesus said it, and meant it? In other words literally! What would that exactly mean? Would it shed any light on the garden of Eden story? Let’s see. Oxygen is probably the most fundamental of outside resources that the body requires for life. And it is received through breathing. The (respiratory cycle: breathing). Breathing is so critical to life that it is used as a first pass test for life. “is he still breathing”.

Sometimes “breath” is given in CPR to bring back life. There is a certain fusion and a mystery to be revealed with what Jesus said in Matthew 4:4. and Genesis 2:7

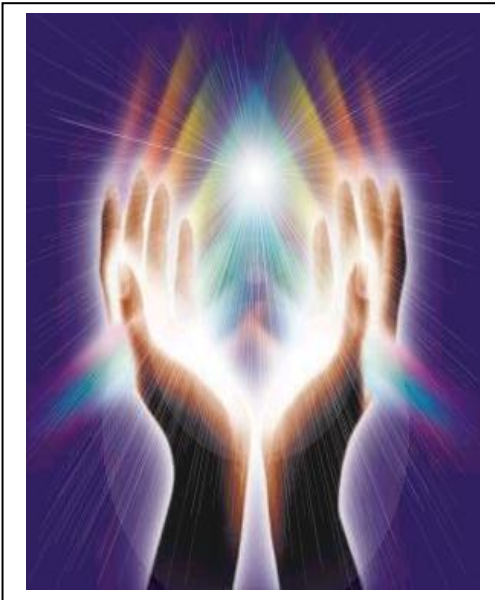
Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Words, require breath! You cannot speak words without breath! It could be said then, that in Genesis when God “breathed” into man, It contained the words that brought life! Son of God Adam, was made alive, by the word of God breathed into him! And it was that word which kept him alive, immortal, “every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”.

We have established then that if you take what Jesus said literally in Matthew 4:4, then the process by which Adam was brought to life, and kept alive, was the word of God. The same word of God that is embodied in all the creative acts of the first six days when the “word of God” went forth in the form of “LET THERE BE....” And it was so!

John 1:1 ¶In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

And of course the apostle John confirms this in John 1:1



We are almost ready to discuss the nature of the fall and its consequences but before we do that there are three more terms that must be defined to bring clarity and avoid the many confusing and contradictory exegesis that have been done on Genesis and the Garden of Eden story. The terms are CREATED, FORMED and MADE

CREATED: Hebrew “Bara” בָּרָא

“Bara” as used in Genesis 1 refers to creation out of nothing! Bara in this context refers to something new, not previously existing coming into being, now made tangible or physical.

FORMED: Hebrew: “Yatsar” יָצַר

“Yatsar” means to form or fashion and denotes a process. It refers to the shaping and molding of already present or existing material.

MADE: Hebrew “Asah” עָשָׂה

“Asah” in the context of Genesis 1 and 2 has two principal meanings. It is used in the same sense as “Yatsar” meaning fashioning or forming already existing material. Its second use in the first three chapters is simply in the sense of “performing”, “doing”, or accomplishing a task.

Although they are used many times somewhat interchangeably, one way of understanding their usage would be to view “formed” as referring to a particular type or set of molding or shaping actions”. Whereas “made” could be thought of in a more general, less specific set of creative processes.

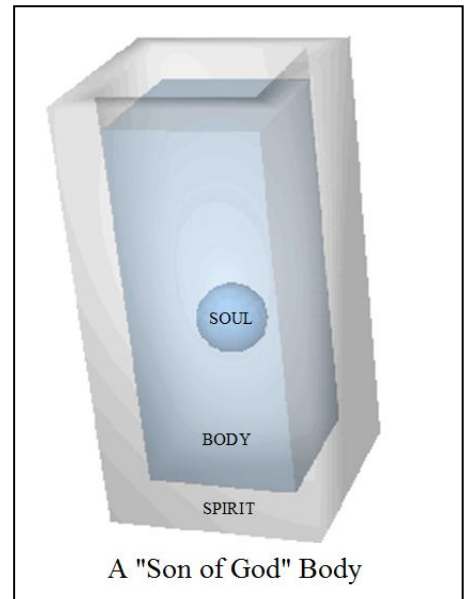
So we can now understand that when Genesis chapter one uses the word “bara” it is speaking of original creation out of nothing. Genesis 1:27 then is therefore describing How God created “FIRST”, our spiritual soul.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis chapter two is principally describing the next phase of Gods creative plan. “THE FORMING” Process.

This process involves shaping and fashioning out of the earth, a body and melding the soul into the body. And then breathing a life giving word into that body that animates it, and allows the soul dwelling in that body to be manifested as alive.

So let’s summarize before we proceed. Adam son of God (Luke 1:38), Was created a **Soul** Being, Placed in a fleshly **Body**, Surrounded and indwelt by a **Spirit Covering**. This spirit covering was a manifestation of the word of God.



But there is also another way of looking at the interpretation and meaning of this verse. Previously we have discussed three of Gods creative words.

Created: Hebrew “Bara” **Formed:** Hebrew “Yatsar” **Made:** Hebrew “Asah”

But if we examine the creation story closely we find that those three words were only a part of the creative process.

Genesis 2:8 ¶And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

We see here in Genesis 2:8 another creative word. “Planted” (Hebrew , נָטַע , “Nata”). Why did God “plant”? He could of spoken the Garden into existence!. Why at this stage did he plant?

Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

It would seem that in God’s plan, life originates as a seed and then reproduces “after his Kind”. For the garden, God planted seed! The sustenance for the flesh body was provided for from the “seed” that God planted!

Genesis 1:29 ¶And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.



The revelation that even the body was sustained by the word of God is found in the New testament. Starting at Matthew chapter 13. This is the story of the sower, who sows the seed. But the key to closing the circle is what the seed represents.

Matthew 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

The seed represents THE WORD OF GOD! The seed planted by God for the garden represents the word, the seed that God

planted!.

1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Mark 4:14 The sower soweth the word. Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

So mans two natures body and soul, were sustained by the word of God, The body through the physical seed representing the word of God , and the soul , by the same word of God (in the form of the spirit covering) that gave breath! The Garden then was in fact a dimensional place and intersection of the spiritual and the physical. A construct of the “word of God”, and the seed that was planted.

John 1:1 ¶In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

The word, “made” the garden!. The word is Jesus! The next verse tells us more;

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

We can see that from the foregoing verses that Jesus, the word, is life, and gives eternal life! Lets now add another verse

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Symbolically the “word” was planted in the earth(the seed) and died, coming up as the tree of life, because it is in Christ’s death we have redemption and in his resurrection we have eternal life!

Corinthians 15:37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

What about the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil? Did God plant it? We cannot know directly from scripture , but we do have some clues.

Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

All the plants that God creates in Gen 1:12 and that he “plants” in Gen 2: 8 have “seed”.

Genesis 1:29 ¶And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

From this verse we learn that God had given them EVERY herb that has seed, and EVERY tree that has fruits with seed for food(the word of God. ...But they cannot eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and evil? It might be a fair assumption then that this tree DID NOT HAVE SEED (Or at least not any that God had planted!). It’s also clear from verse 12 of Genesis 1, that all that God created had seed! So what was the origin of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? Before we answer that question let’s look at present day plants. Scientists have divided them up into 4 categories.

Mosses, ferns, Conifers , and flowering plants. Today many plants can now reproduce without seeds. They do this by a form of cloning, copying of cells without a male and female combination, single sex or as biologists call it asexual reproduction. Of these one interesting example is the Canada thistle.

Vegetative reproduction

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Vegetative reproduction (**vegetative propagation**, **vegetative multiplication**, **vegetative cloning**) is a form of **asexual reproduction** in plants. It is a process by which new individuals arise without production of **seeds** or **spores**. It can occur naturally or be induced by **horticulturists**.

Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) is an aggressive, creeping perennial weed that infests crops, pastures, rangeland, roadsides and noncrop areas



Genesis 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Genesis 3:18 gives us the beginning of an explanation. We will come back to the origin of the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil a little later.

In previous studies we have shown that the meaning of “seed” in the bible has a physical revelation as the Sons of God and also in the abomination of the offspring of the fallen angels(Nephilim).

But this study reveals it also has a spiritual revelation . What we can summarize for now is that *the “good seed” spiritually represents “the word of, and from God”*, who is Jesus. Paul makes this clear when speaking of the promised seed that God gave to Abram (before he became Abraham).

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

We will come back to the tree and its meaning a little later (See appendix)

This study is about the knowledge of Good and Evil. So as part of understanding what that means we also need to examine what we mean by knowledge.

How do we get information? How do we get knowledge? We gain information in the physical world through our senses.

1. Taste
2. Touch
3. Smell
4. Sight
5. Hearing

The information that we gain, is interpreted on several levels. Firstly in the purely physical, for example our eyes tell us where we are in relation to the ground. But the actual light that comes to our eyes is an inverted picture. Our physical brains process the information and “corrects” the image that our consciousness visualizes or comprehends as “Up” or “Down”.

But our senses can be deceiving. We also gain information on “up” and “down” from special fluid cavities in our inner ear. Sometimes when people have an infection in the ear, nausea can result from conflicting information from our two senses, the balance mechanism of the ear, and our eyesight. So the knowledge of reality as we know it is fed to us through our senses. And we tend to



How did Adam Gain Knowledge?



- A Soul; Interlocked with
- A flesh Body
- Indwelt and Surrounded by
- A spirit Covering

“believe” what we see as real!

The second level of knowing, is when our mind takes the physical senses and combines them with our non physical soul and uses our imagination to project “another reality”. Thoughts or pictures in the “mind’s eye” of things that may or not exist or be tangible.

For example we may never have been to Paris, but “hearing” the word Paris, may immediately conjure up a picture in the imagination of the Eiffel Tower.

It may not be self evident. but our most powerful physical sense for gaining knowledge was never our eyes.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

According to the bible the most powerful physical sense is hearing!.

The reason why this is so, is that it’s through hearing, and words, that the soul and imagination is accessed. Sight, touch, taste, and smell, powerfully affect the “BODY”. These senses tie us to the physical reality in a way that works against the imagination. In fact that’s one of the reasons we close our eyes when we are trying imagine something so as to block “knowledge” that would detract from our Faith organ...Our imagination!

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Before Adam sinned, he obviously had the five senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell, that we have today. But did they operate in the same way?

The key to understanding what the knowledge of good and evil is, is understanding that before Adam and Eve sinned, **four of the five physical senses did not provide information in the same way** as we receive them today.

THEIR SENSES WERE FILTERED!

The only knowledge that Adam and Eve gained before they sinned was directly from God. Although their senses were in operation, the spirit covering (which is the word of God), acted as a filter. So “Truth” and “knowledge” was whatever God said it was! It was believing in the word of God that kept them alive. Now what Jesus told Satan, that man does not live by bread alone begins to shine a light on the Genesis story.

Deuteronomy 8:3that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

The “every word” is revealed to be in two parts One part was for the physical, the plants that had come by God planting “seed (the word)” that was given for food. Two the “word(breath of life)” that came through the spirit covering to the soul. The spirit covering that blocked anything from the other senses that was counter to Gods pronouncements. **Hearing was the only sense that was unfiltered by the spirit covering.**

The proof that their physical senses were filtered is that although they were physically naked, they were unaware of that “knowledge”.

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 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.

A mother’s womb provides a “covering”. This covering filters the outside “reality”. The baby after a few weeks of development has all of the human senses. But the covering of the womb filters nearly all of them. The reality that is outside of the womb does not reach the baby by sight(its eyes are closed), or taste, or touch, or smell.

The only knowledge that reaches the Baby from outside the womb comes through the sense of.....**Hearing!**

Knowledge of God, and from God

Adams consciousness or soul, originally inhabited a spirit dimension. Once placed in a physical body. The spirit covering from God, provided the only doorway or connection back into the spiritual dimension.

The physical world exists in parallel or superposition with the spiritual, but was filtered through this same covering spirit. So that Adam although now in a physical body was able to walk by faith in the spiritual realm. In full communion with God.

The origin of the spirit covering was that it was a part of the creation of man. It was a part of the gift of life. Once given, the “reality & actualization” of the covering was sustained by Adams faith and obedience. Just as once physical life was given, it was up to man to sustain the “flesh” through eating physical food, “the seed(word of God) plants.

Genesis 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

“Knowledge from God”

Before he ate of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, The only knowledge of reality Man had was from God through the Spirit covering



A baby is protected By the wombs covering. The babies reality is the warmth and protection of the womb. It knows only what the womb provides. Its Fed through the placenta. Which filters most of the harmful things

In the same way, Adam and Eve had to feed the spiritual by “listening to the “words” from God. they had to act to keep the soul “fed”, by continuing to receive the life giving words from the creator
“but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live”.

God’s word (which is the Logos...Jesus) was mans original **spirit covering!**

*John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words** that I speak unto you, **they are spirit**, and **they are life**.*

His faith was pure and perfect because the

only words or Knowledge he received before he sinned was from God. He had **no ability to doubt** because until then there were no other competing words! Gods words were all that he knew. A baby in the womb has no ability to receive any other nourishment except what passes through the placenta. No ability to “know” except through hearing from the Mother!

The Knowledge that Killed

The Serpent (Hebrew; Nachash, as an adjective means “bright and shining”), came to Eve to attack by the only means that gave knowledge unfiltered, “hearing”.

“Hath God said”. Lucifer attacked the words that brought life. And Eve listened. She listened to another’s word instead of the Logos

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

What Romans 10:17 tells us, is that hearing Gods words brings faith. But the scripture tells us more. Listening to the wrong words also leads to faith, but faith in the wrong beliefs, faith in the wrong things! When the word does not come from God/the Logos death is usually the result.

*John 8:44 He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he **speake**th a lie, he **speake**th of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

The Death Mechanism

If spiritually the “good seed”, represents the life giving word of God, that God had physically planted, Then the origin of the tree that brought death, is possibly explained by the parable that Jesus told.



Matthew 13:25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

For Eve, there were two parts to the fall. One spiritual, One physical.

The first, caused the death or removal of the spirit covering. Which happened when she “listened”(believed) the “word” from the serpent.

This immediately had two consequences. The beginning of the slow starvation of the soul, and next the filtering effects of the covering began to fade. With the covering going, “knowledge” from the physical senses flooded in. “**She saw it was pleasant to the eyes**” Had she never seen the tree before?(answer: not in the same way!) “**It was good for food**” (taste, touch and smell).

The second part of the fall, the physical, began when she actually ate of the tree whose seed God had likely not planted. This trees seed “spiritually” gave independent Knowledge. knowledge outside of God’s word (the spirit covering). This all came about for Eve through unbelief (for Adam it came through disobedience, he was not deceived).

Genesis 3:6 ¶..... she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

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.

Because they were babies, their faith was not strong enough to sustain belief in their spiritual covering, Which was sustained by trust in Gods words. In the face of their now unfiltered physical senses telling them that they were naked, their “knowledge” overrode trust in God.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

They could no longer see the covering of light (it died to them) the word from God that sustained the covering had been substituted by the word from a serpent, *that word was poisonous to the spirit covering.*

Now all knowledge (good or evil) came unfiltered, destroying faith, because the physical was stronger than there undeveloped souls could cope with. They had through the spirit believed, and had, faith in their covering. Their senses now told them something different.

Genesis 3:11 ¶And he said, Who told thee(new words) that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

The Knowledge of good and evil by itself is not a sin. God has that knowledge. “And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become **as one of us, to know good and evil**”.(Gen 3;22). It was unbelief by Eve that led to the downfall.

So to summarize the Knowledge of Good and Evil is revealed to be

- Receiving “a word” but not from God
- Choosing Faith in our senses
- In other words FAITH IN OURSELVES
- FAITH IN OUR OWN JUDGEMENT
- Faith in Lucifer/Satan

So Faith is the key to living in the spirit. Faith is a return to the garden before the fall. It is denying whatever knowledge our senses tell us if it contradicts with what the Living word /logos tells us.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Today it is more difficult to deny our physical senses than in Adams time before the fall. Because before they sinned they had no competing knowledge. Today even after we receive the spirit there is still competing knowledge. But laying that knowledge down, is exactly what God wants us to do, walk in the spirit, not by sight(senses). The reason it’s more difficult is because we have “the tree knowledge” which binds the flesh in the physical so that to walk in the spirit is a fight.

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

FAITH REBORN

- WHEN JESUS LEFT HE PROMISED
- TO SEND THE COMFORTER THE HOLY SPIRIT. “YET NOT ANOTHER”
- John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, **because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him;** for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- 18 ¶I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

But we will be delivered from “this body of death”. We can see now that faith then is denying our senses when the word speaks to us.

Matthew 14:26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind

boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

The word(Jesus) said “COME”, Peter started walking on the water because initially he saw Jesus walking on the water and he **believed the word**. But when he “SAW”, used his physical senses, that’s when the flesh overcame the spirit word and he began to sink

Jesus always asked before he did any miracle, “do you believe!”. Through being born again we receive the spirit covering. But just Like Adam, the covering must be fed by the WORD, to effectively filter the flesh and the physical senses. We must learn to meditate, speak, read and live Gods words.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Remember *Deuteronomy 8:3that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*

We can only know him (gain spiritual knowledge) through the rebirth of the spirit covering. “John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth

See appendix below : The origin of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

Where did the tree come from?



- Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Appendix I

The origin of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

We cannot be dogmatic about this but the bible does give us some clues which we now present.

When God created plants, it appears they all had seed, and God called them good.

Then in Gen 2:9 God “plants/ seeds” a garden and everything that he plants is declared as “good for food”.

God tells Adam that EVERY tree with fruit bearing SEED is given to him for food!

Genesis 1:29 ¶And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

It is logical then to assume that everything that had been given to eat “had seed”(The word of God). And from Gen 1:12 we see, God had originally only created plants with seeds!. The case can be made then that

1. The tree of the knowledge of Good and evil had no seed, or no seed from God
2. Everything that that God planted was “Good for food” (A tree that kills could not be good for food)
3. Therefore, It was not planted by God

The origin of the tree then is another’s word(Lucifer). He “John 8:44.....abode not in the truth..”(False word,..thou shalt not surely die)

Gen 3:15 “enmity” between thy seed(Lucifer’s word) and the woman’s seed(Jesus: The word of God)

Matthew 13:24 ¶Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

Matthew 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

We notice in the book of revelation that the tree is no longer mentioned as being in the Garden! But the tree of life is!

Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

That is why we find in 1 Peter 1:23: Being born again, **not of corruptible seed(Satan's words)**, but of incorruptible, by **the word of God(Jesus)**, which liveth and abideth for ever.