



Welcome to
Rehoboth New
Life Center
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The Common Experience

Suffering



I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace,
and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Isaiah 45:7

“I understand why I do not understand”

Job 42:1 ¶Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

The Origin of Suffering

Genesis 1:31 ¶And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.



God is a Perfect Being

A perfect being can only
create perfect things!

*Psalms 18:30 As for God, his way is
perfect: the word of the LORD is
tried: he is a buckler to all those that
trust in him.*

Let there be....

- Every time God said...Let there be...
- The very words created a Law of perfection
 - 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.

The Laws of Perfection

- The Physical.....Orders Matter
- The BiologicalOrders Physical Life
- The Spiritual.....Orders Sentient Life

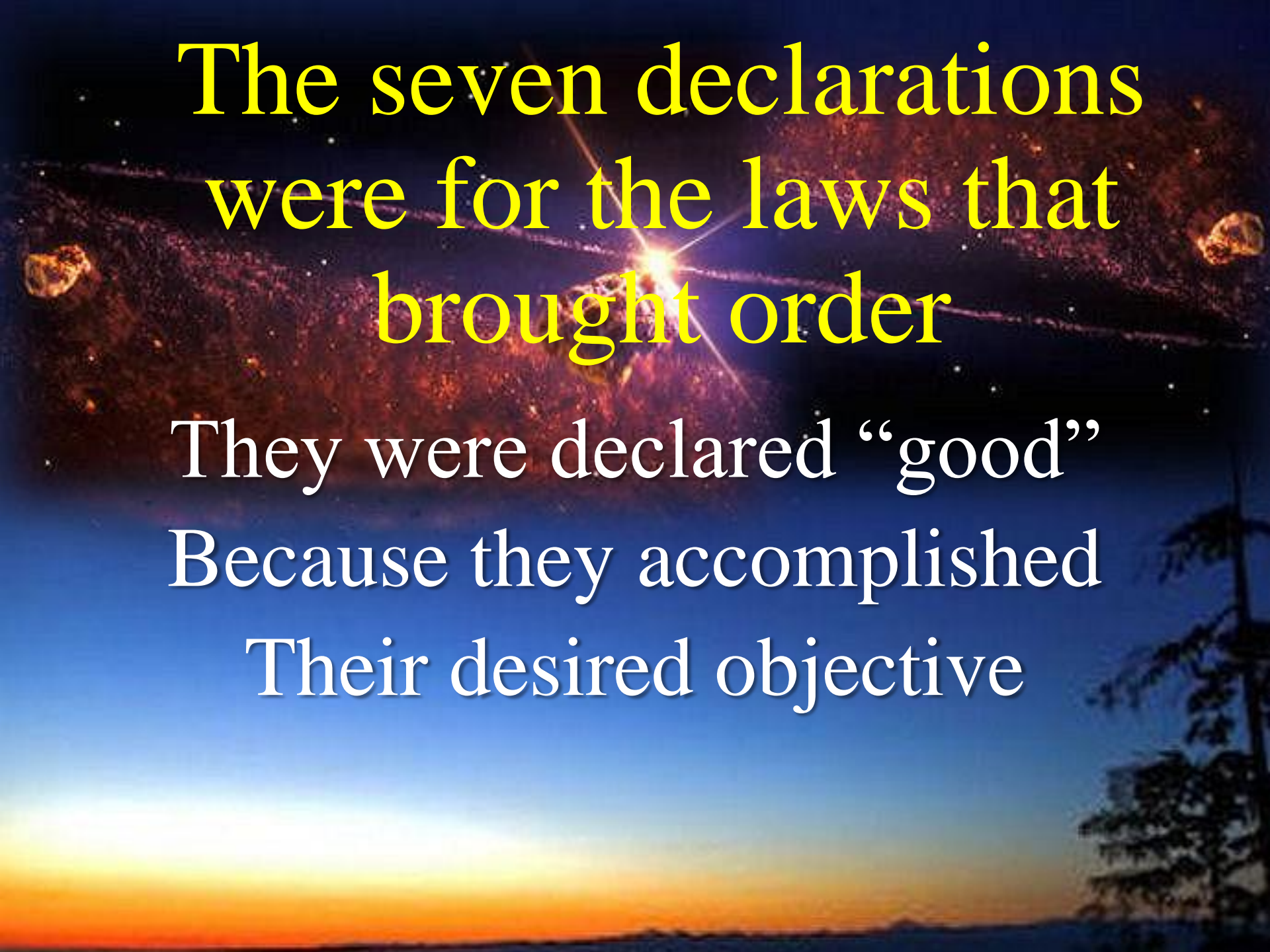
Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is
sure, making wise the simple.



The Sevenfold Declaration

*It Was “Good”
bwj “Towb”*

- The “Light was Good”
 - Gen 1:4
- The Earth and Seas were “Good”
 - Gen 1:10
- The Plants were “Good”
 - Gen 1:12
- The Lights were “Good”
 - Gen 1:18
- The Fish and Birds were “Good”
 - Gen 1:21
- The Land animals were “Good”
 - Gen 1:25
- The Whole Creation was “Very Good”



The seven declarations
were for the laws that
brought order

They were declared “good”
Because they accomplished
Their desired objective

Perfection achieved !

- At the end of the sixth day, The forces derived from laws were in balance. Having “brought order” to each area of their respective domains.

The Physical,
The Biological,
The Spiritual.

- At the end of the sixth day, New creative acts by the laws ceased. But the laws & forces did not cease, just perfectly in balance.

Sin: The Contrary Exercise of Will



- Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
- 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
- 14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.

Sin: The exercise of Will against the Laws of God



- Genesis 2:16 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, **Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:**
- 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.

The Three “Will’s”

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

God’s Will:

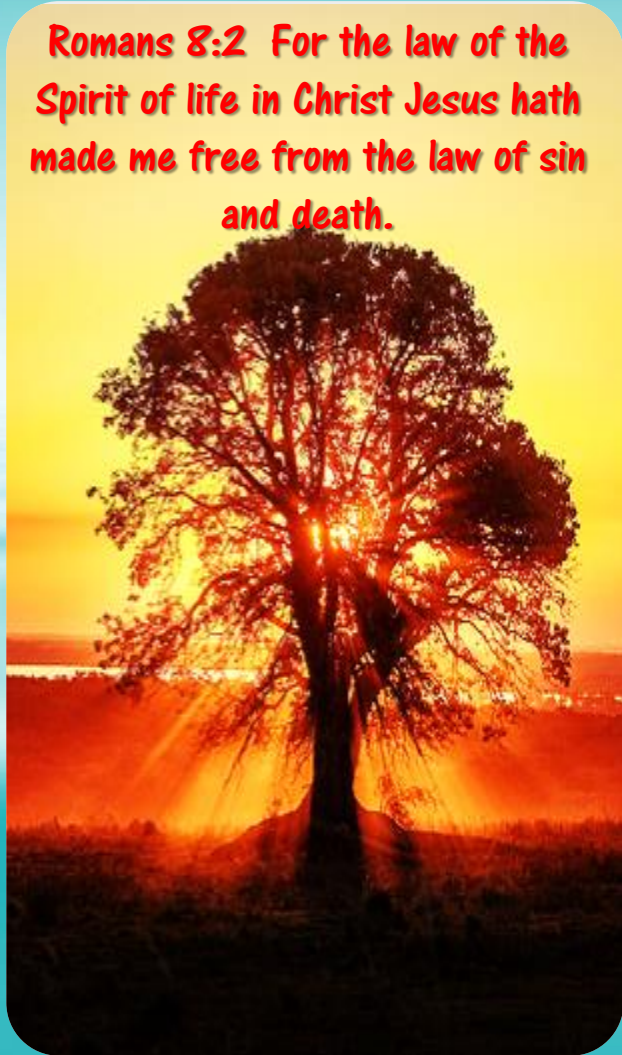
2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. **He does not want anyone to be destroyed**, but wants everyone to repent. (NLT version)

The Flesh’s Will:

Romans 7:14 So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. 15 I don’t really understand myself, **for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate.** 16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. (NLT version)

The Adversary’s Will:

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

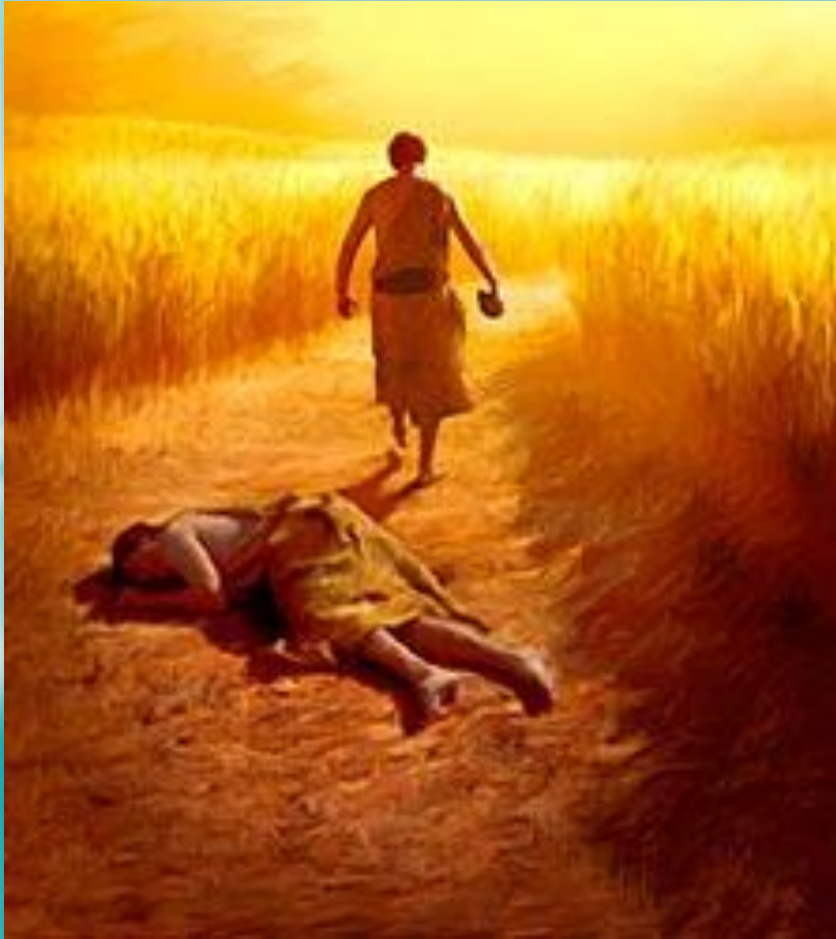


One man's sin



- Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; **and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.
- Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; **for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth;** neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Through One Mans Sin



Genesis 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

8 ¶ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Two types of Evil: That bring suffering



- Moral Evil

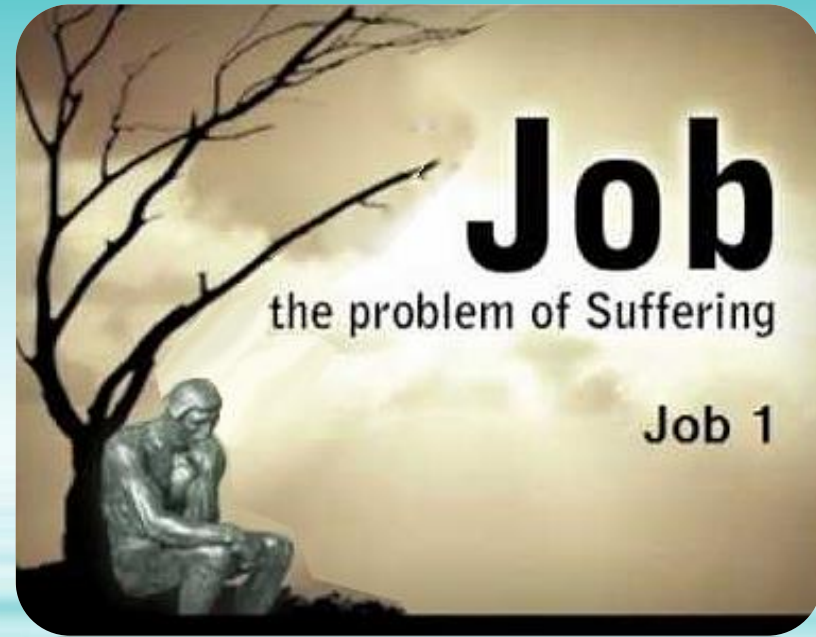
- An exercise of Human Will
 - CAIN Kills Able

- Natural Evil

- An exercise of Spiritual Will
- A Result of braking a Spiritual law



The Realization of Evil



Job 1:1 ¶There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

6 ¶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

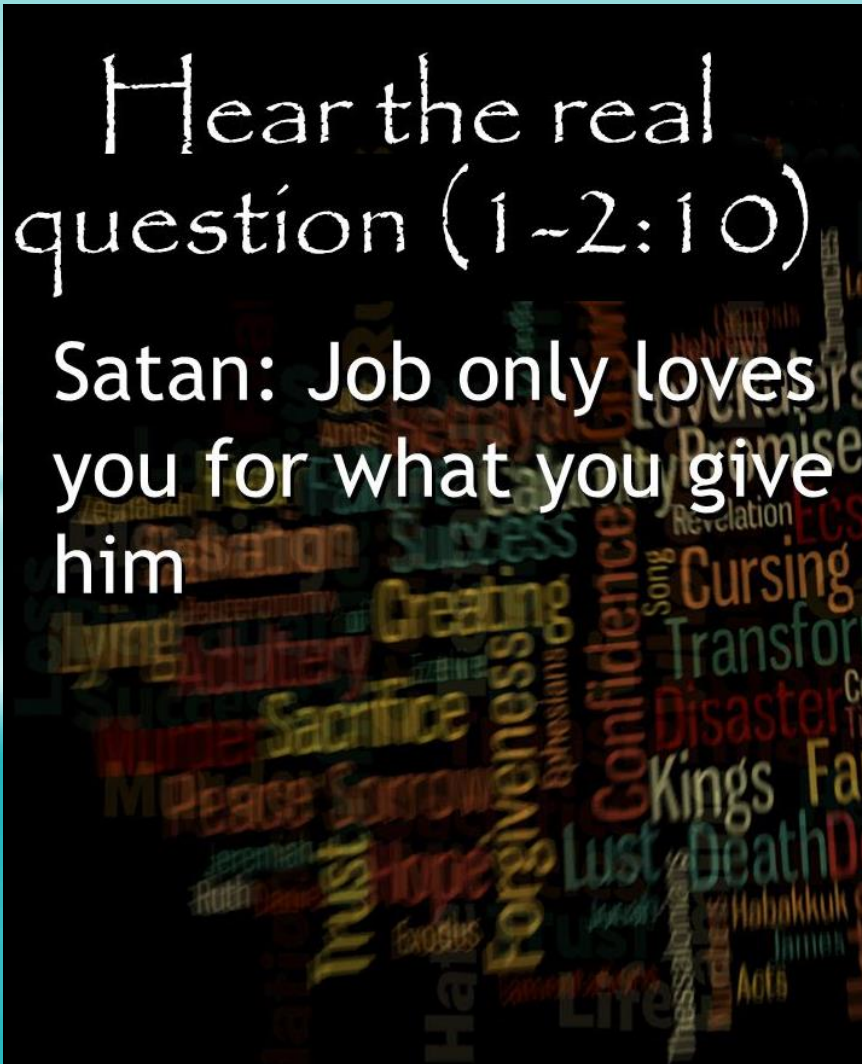
8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

The difference between worship and praise

Hear the real question (1-2:10)

Satan: Job only loves you for what you give him

- Job 1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?
- Job 1:10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.



The removal of the Hedge



- Job 1:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.
- Job 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, **Behold, all that he hath [is Already] in thy power;** only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

God is great, God is good,
so why do bad things happen?



Evil, suffering and pain are very serious challenges to Christianity



- **Atheism** says no God, real evil
- **Pantheism** says real God, no evil
- **Theism** says real God, real evil

Problem for Christian theism =

- God is all-powerful (then can destroy evil!)
- God is all-loving, (then should destroy it!)
- God is all-knowing (then knew it would happen!)
- So why would a God of love let people suffer ?

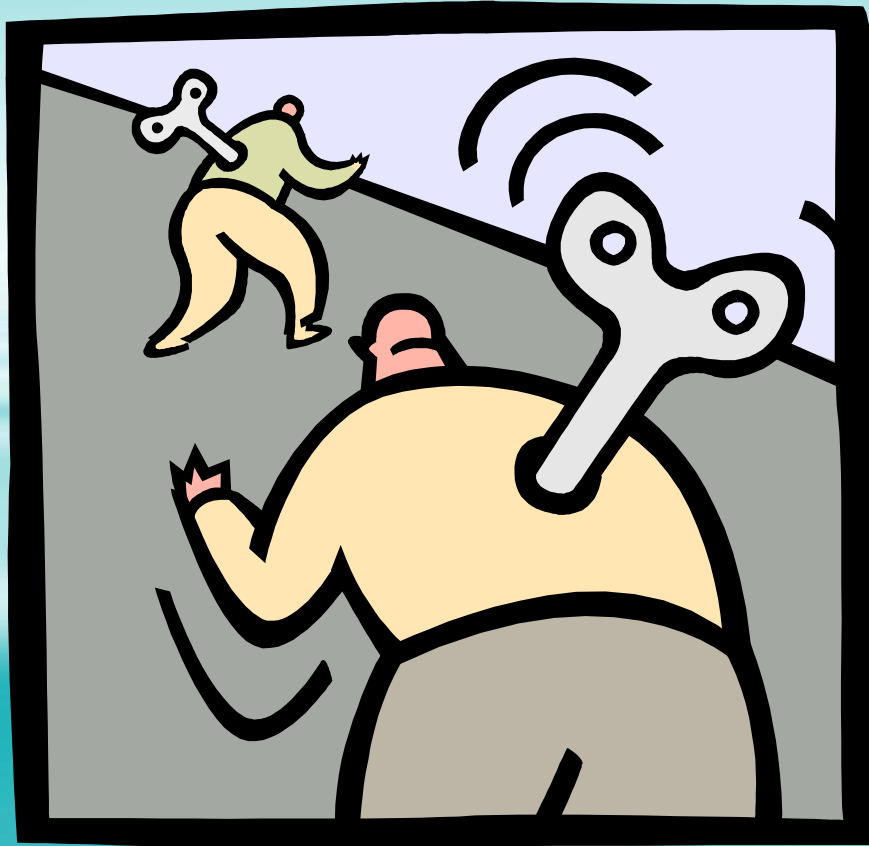
The Triangle problem !





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- God created only perfect creatures
- one of the perfections God gave some of his creatures was the power of free choice

Definition Love: has to be a free Choice



- Love has to be a free choice.
- Your free choice to respond to Gods Love .. Is so valuable to him
- That he paid a great price !

Which is more valuable to God ?





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A Perfect Creature !



- One of the perfections God gave some of his creatures was the **power of free choice**
- some of these creatures freely chose to do evil
- Therefore, **a perfect creature caused evil !**

“I Beheld Satan fall like lightning”



- God created the fact of free choice,
- Man performs the **act of free choice**, thus...
- God is responsible for **the possibility of evil**,
- We are responsible **for the actuality of evil**

In The Beginning !

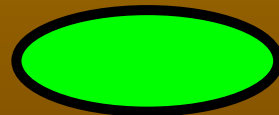
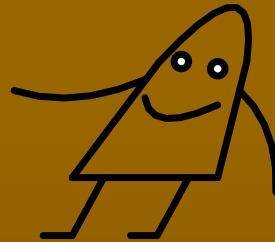
A 3D perspective drawing of a parallelogram, representing a flat surface. The parallelogram is drawn with black outlines on a dark brown background. The top and bottom edges are horizontal, while the left and right edges are slanted. The bottom edge is slightly thicker than the top edge, giving it a three-dimensional appearance.

Flatland !

East of Flatland : The Garden

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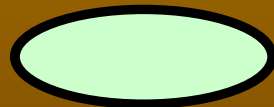
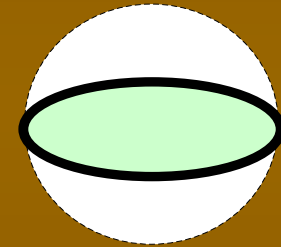
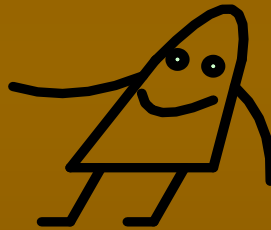
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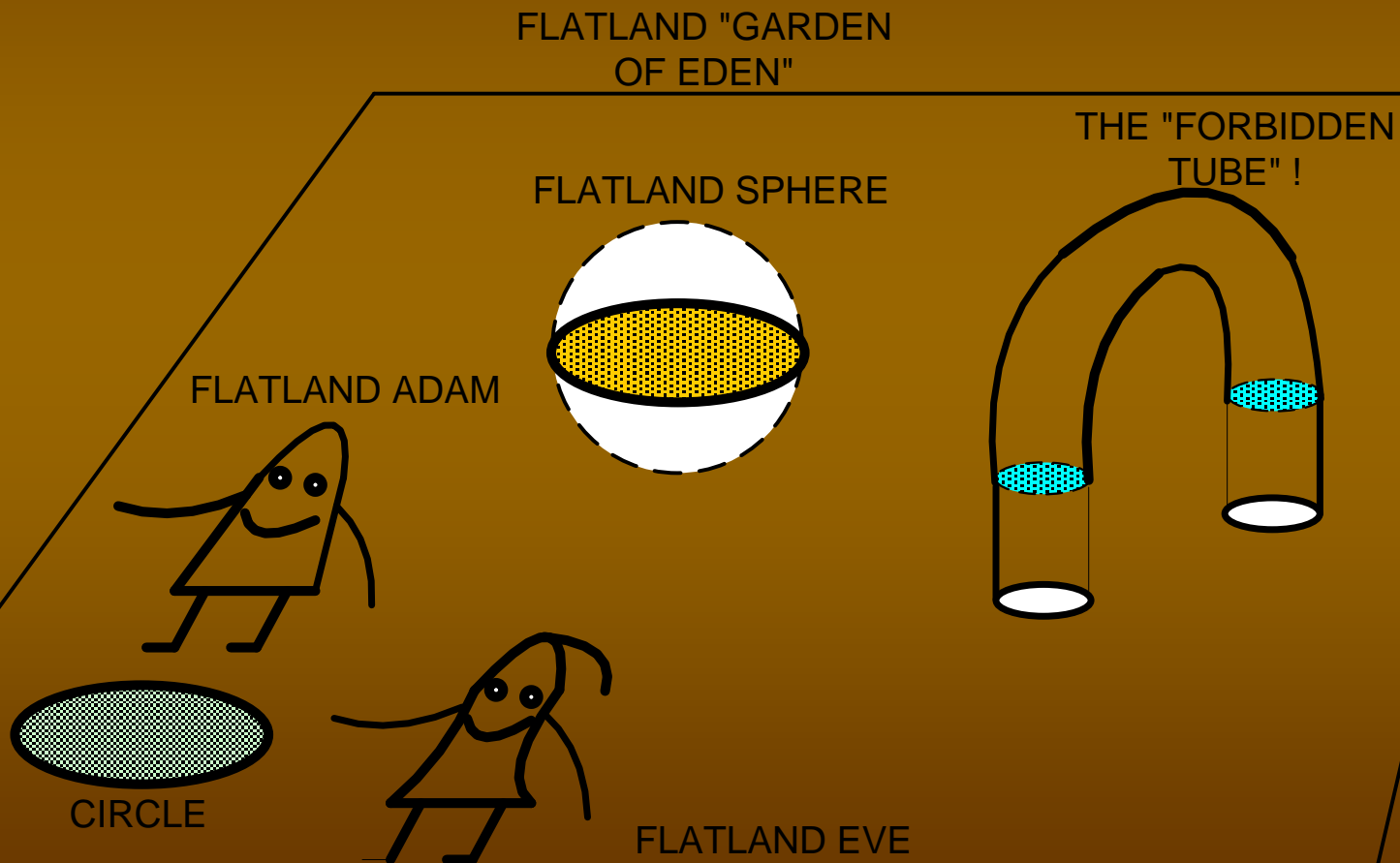


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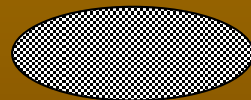
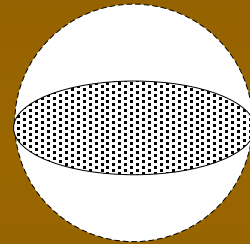
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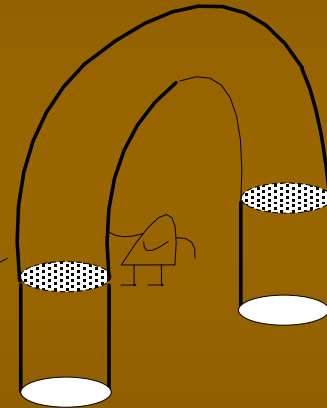
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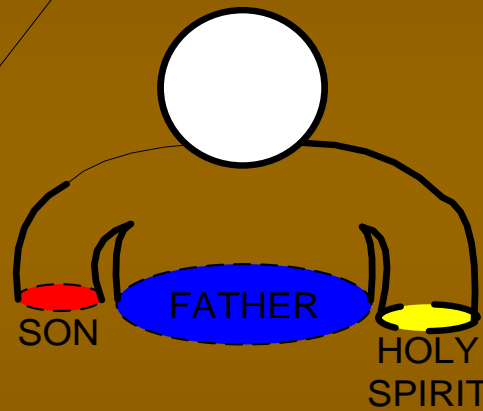
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THE "FORBIDDEN
TUBE" !

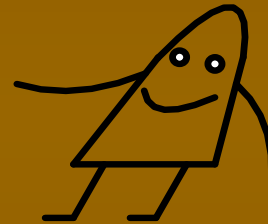


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Some simple questions



- Job 38:18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.
- Job 38:19 Where [is] the way [where] light dwelleth? and [as for] darkness, where [is] the place thereof,

A blind man sees



- John 9:1 ¶ And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.
- 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
- 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

For communication and transfer of Knowledge we must have a common experience!

Man did not have the common experience



- 1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
- 2 Corinthians 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
- 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

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our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Until... The Holy Spirit came

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I understand that I do Not Understand



- Job 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
- Job 38:2 Who [is] this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
- Job 38:3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
- Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

True Understanding and the answer !

- therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

The Dark Glass !

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- i we open such books as Grimm's Fairy Tales, or the Italian Epics, we find ourselves in a world of miracles so diverse that they can hardly be classified. Beasts turn into men and men into beasts, or trees. Trees talk, ships become goddesses, and a magic ring can cause tables richly spread with food to appear in solitary places... If such things really happen, they would, I suppose, show that nature was being invaded. But they would show she was being invaded by an alien power. The fitness of the Christian miracles, and their difference from those mythological miracles, lies in the fact that they show invasion by a power which is not alien. They are what might be expected to happen when she is invaded not simply by a god, but by the God of nature; by a power which is outside her jurisdiction; not as a foreigner but as a Sovereign. They proclaim that he who has come is not merely a king, but the King, and the King of nature, her King and ours.