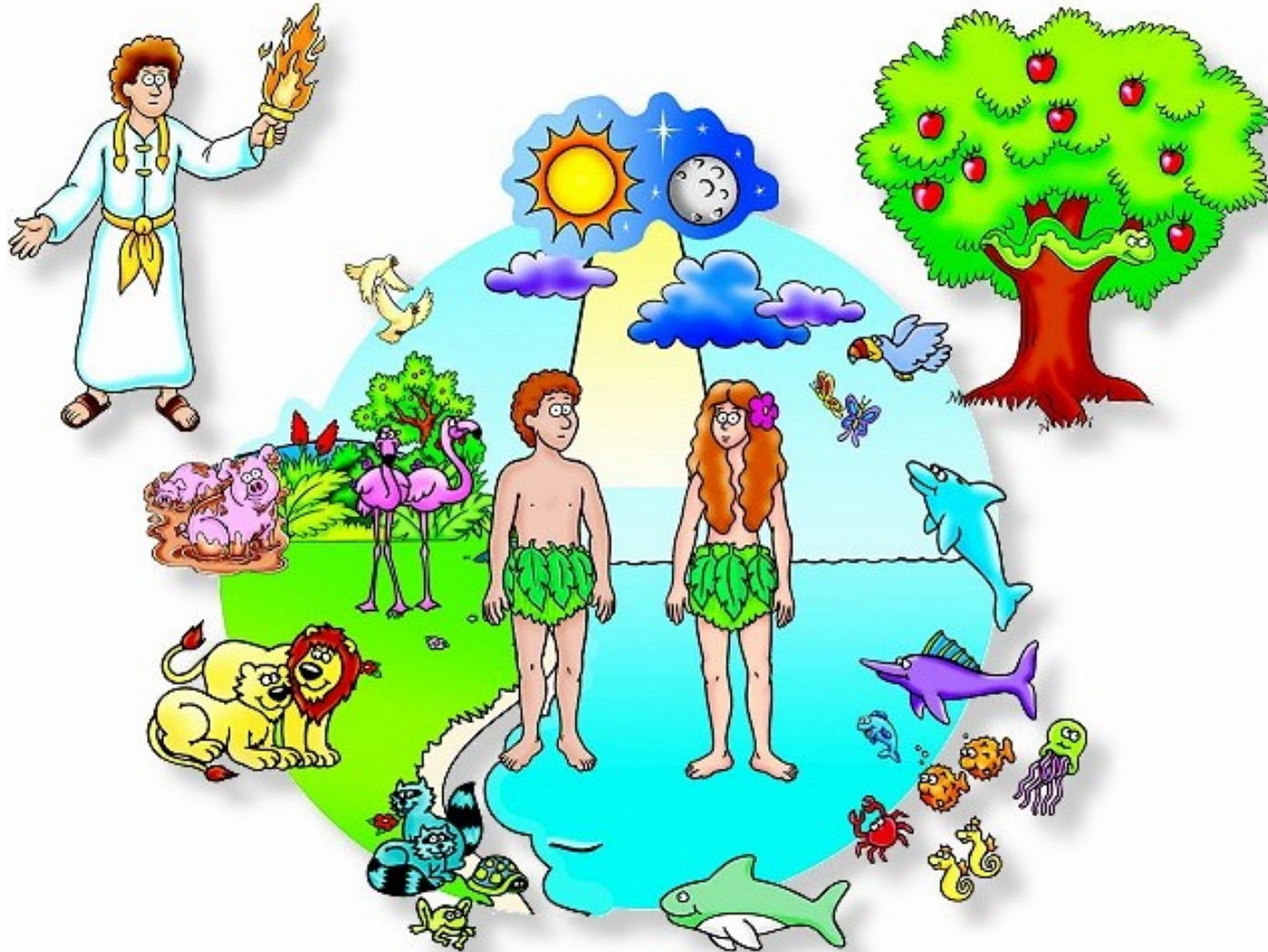




Why Did God Create the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?

God's Creation



Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, *it* was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

All Created Good . . .

The background of the slide is a reproduction of Michelangelo's famous fresco, "The Creation of Adam." It depicts Adam reclining on the left, his body stretched out, and God reclining on the right, his body also stretched out. The two figures are positioned so that their hands are just inches apart, creating a sense of tension and divine spark. The colors are muted, with earthy tones and soft lighting.

Gen. 1:31 records:

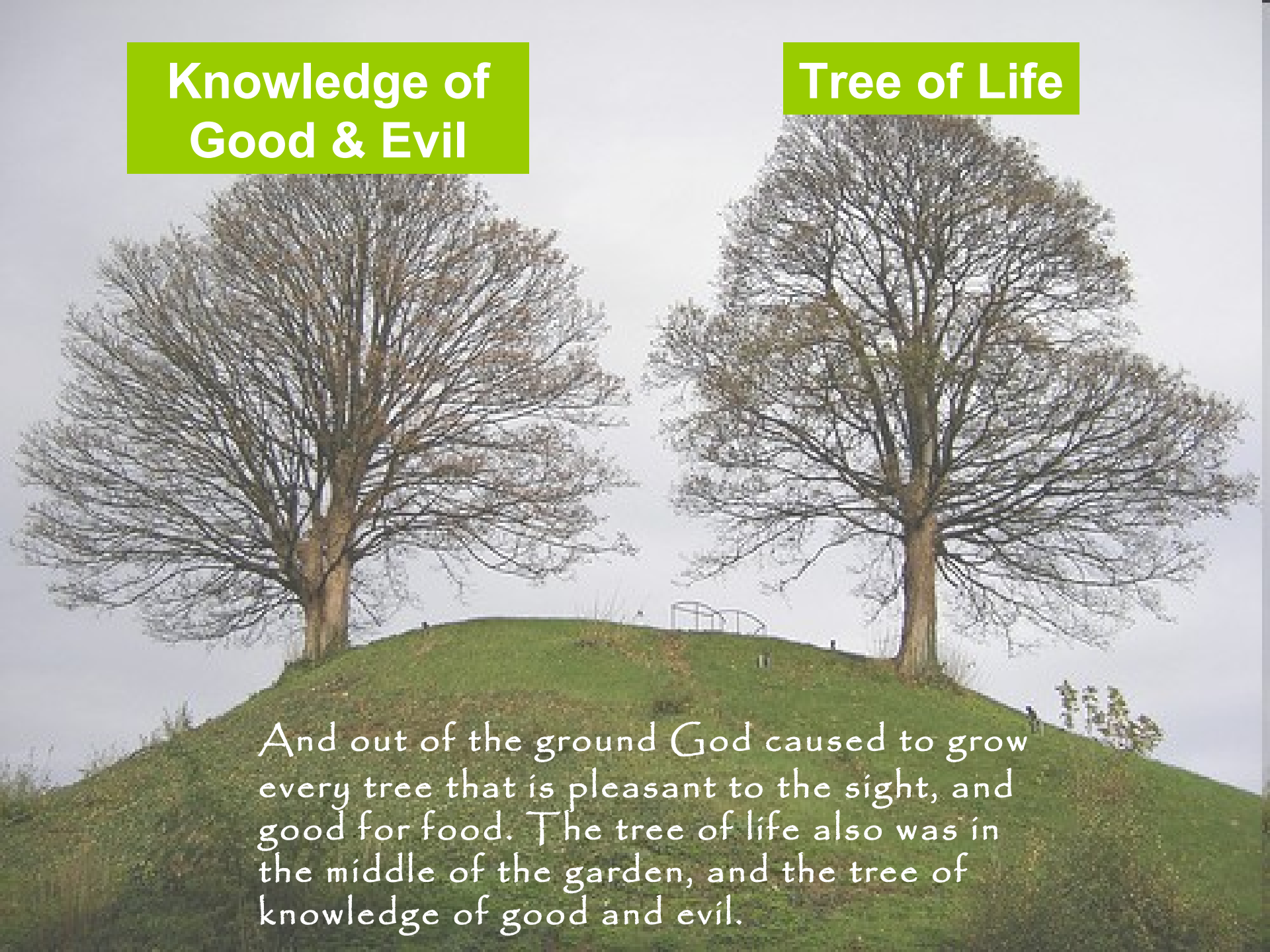
“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was **very good.**”

Everything was divinely created in the first six days.

Nothing was created after those days.

Knowledge of Good & Evil

Tree of Life

A photograph of two large, leafless trees standing on a grassy hill. The trees are positioned on either side of the center, with their branches spreading out against a pale, overcast sky. The ground is covered in green grass, and a small playground structure is visible in the background between the trees.

And out of the ground God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The tree of life also was in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

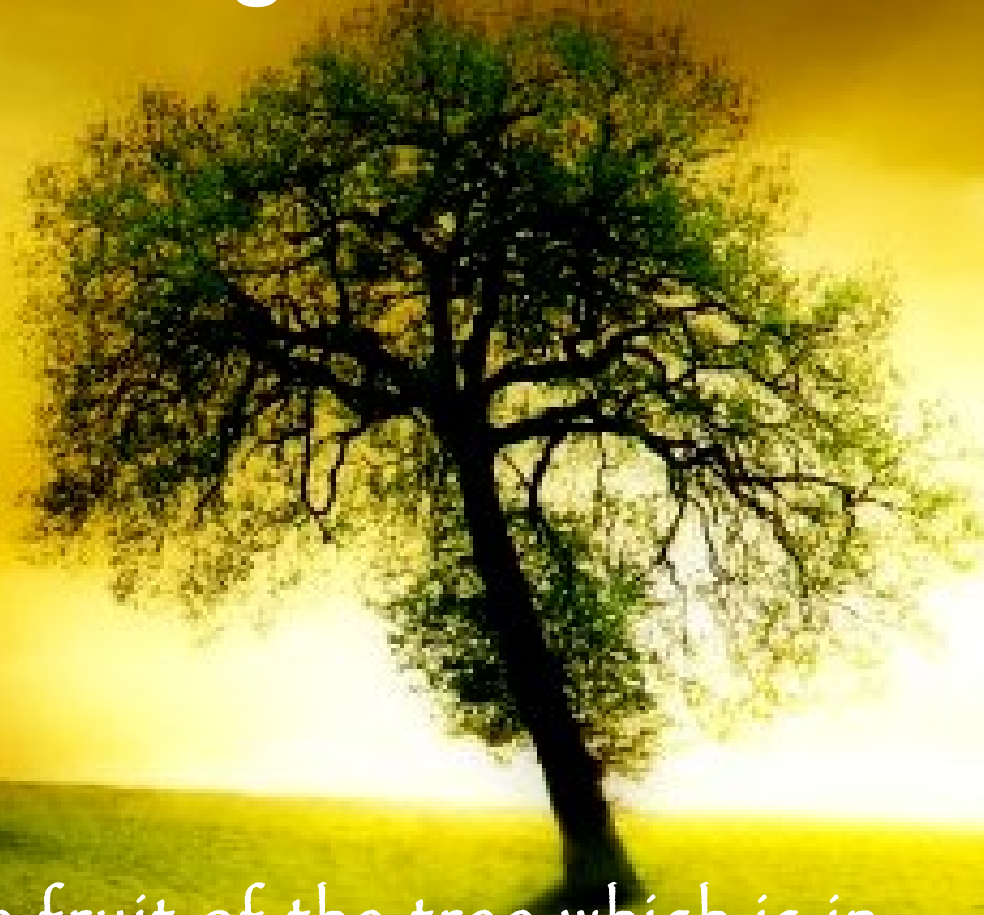


And God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil-- Gen 2:16



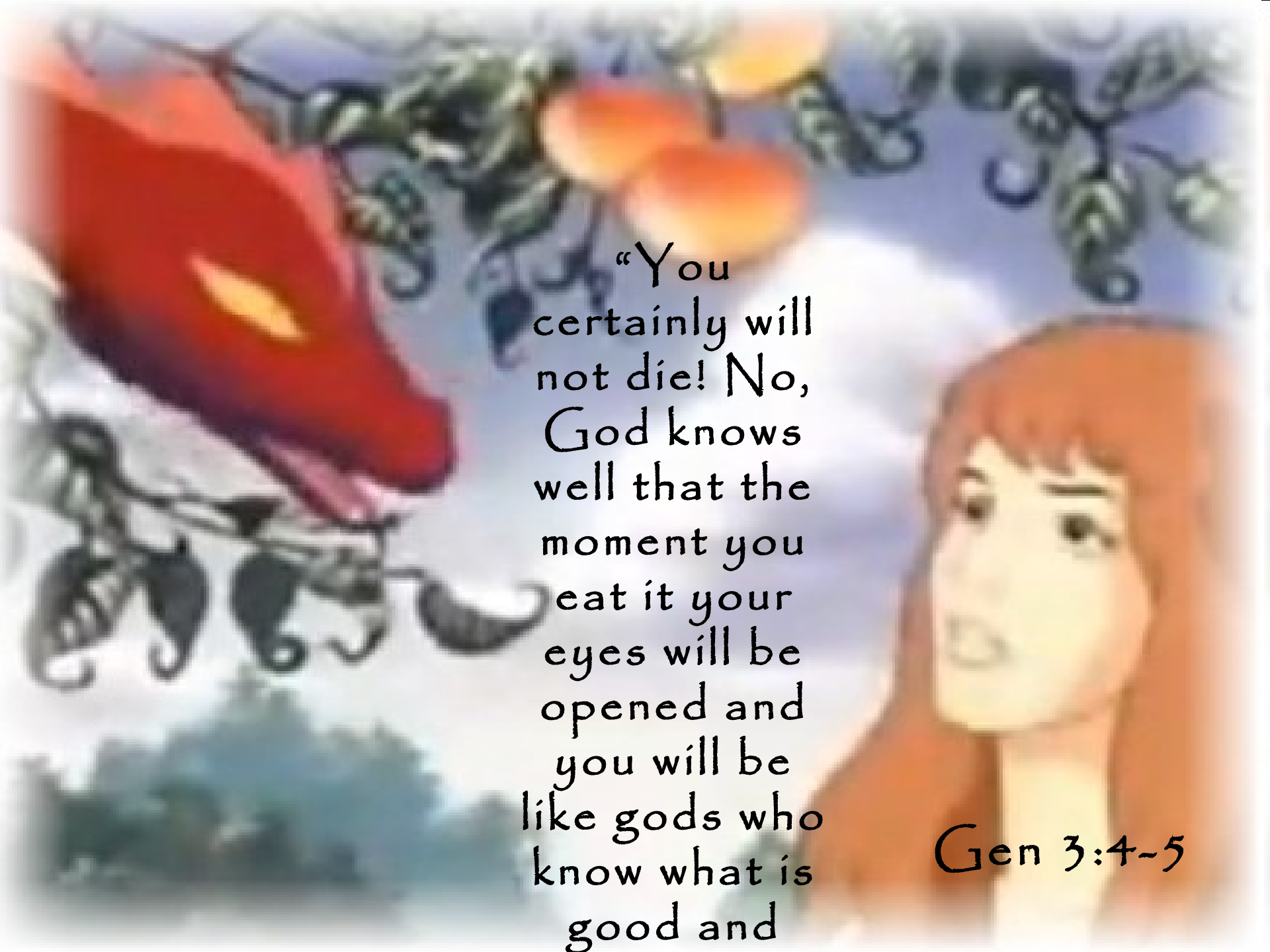
**God wanted man to keep
His commands.**

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil



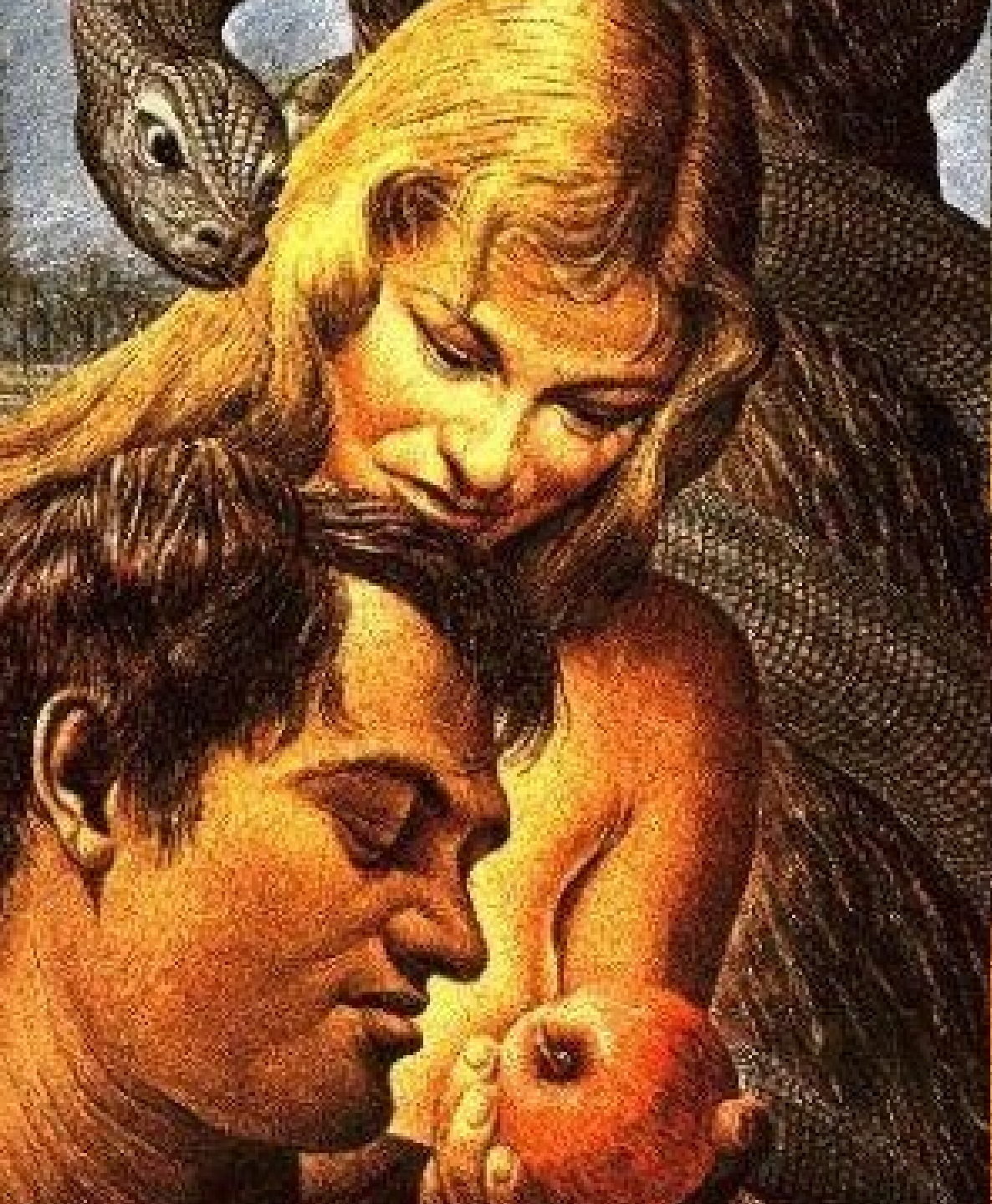
But of the fruit of the tree which is in
the middle of the garden, God said,
“You shall not eat of it, neither shall you

--Gen. 3:3



“You
certainly will
not die! No,
God knows
well that the
moment you
eat it your
eyes will be
opened and
you will be
like gods who
know what is
good and

Gen 3:4-5



So she
took some
of its fruit
and ate it
and also
gave some
to her
husband,
who was
with her
and he ate
Gen 3:6



Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked, so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Gen. 3:7



May no one ever eat
fruit from you again.



Mark 11

Excuses...Excuses... Excuses

Adam blamed Eve:

“The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate” (Gen. 3:12)

Eve blamed the Devil:

“The serpent deceived me, and I ate” (Gen. 3:13).





Then God said:
“See! The man
has become like
one of us,
knowing what is
good and what
is bad!

Therefore, he
must not be
allowed to put
out his hand to
take fruit from
the tree of life
also and thus
eat of it and live
forever.”

...God therefore
banished him
from the garden
of Eden. Gen 3:22-
23

...He stationed
the cherubim
and the fiery
revolving
sword to
guard the way
to the Tree of
Life.

Gen 3:24





The First Sin prefigures Original Sin

“Therefore, just as through one person
sin entered the world, and through
sin, death, and thus death came to all,
inasmuch as all have sinned...”

Romans
5:12



Baptism, by imparting the life of Christ's grace,
erases original sin.

In conclusion...

Q: Why Did God Create the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?

A:???

**Humans have CHOICE and
FREEDOM given from God**