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Here is a person who thinks he has figured out something about Adam and Eve. Let's see if he knows what he is talking about.

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The story of Adam and Eve, and what happened in the garden of Eden, has some bizarre aspects to it which seem to have been completely overlooked by the mainstream. Here's the entire story, followed by my analysis:

G-nesis 2:15 And the L-RD G-d took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

And the LO-D Go- commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and e-il, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely di-.

And the LOR- -od said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the -ORD -od formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the L-RD G-d caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LO-D Go- had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the -ORD -od had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye d-e. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely di-: For Go- doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as g-ds, knowing good and ev-l. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were n-ked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LO-D -od walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LO-D -od amongst the trees of the garden. And the LOR- -od called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was na-ed; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast n-ked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the L-RD -od said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LOR- G-d said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art c-rsed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cur-ed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the L-RD G-d make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the -ORD Go- said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and e-il: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LO-D -od sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Oddly enough, this story makes it appear that Go- lied and the serpent told the truth. God said they would di- on the day they ate the fruit of that tree, as if it were poison. The serpent said they would not -ie, that their eyes would be opened, and they would know good and evi- exactly what you'd expect of a tree named the tree of the knowledge of good and -vil. And that's exactly what happened, as the following verses reveal: Did -od lie?

Ge-esis 2:16 And the L-RD G-d commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and e-il, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen-sis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely d-e: 3:5 For G-d doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as go-s, knowing good and -vil.

Genes-s 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were na-ed;

G-nesis 3:22 And the LO-D Go- said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and ev-l:

From these verses, one is hard pressed to escape the conclusion that Go- lied, and the serpent told the truth. And yet, it seems unlikely to me that the author of this story meant to imply that -od was a liar and the serpent was the good guy.

But what was his intent? What did he expect us to conclude? It was only after I contemplated the big picture that eventually, an idea began to form in my mind, and the more I considered it, the more it seemed to make sense. What follows is that idea, my resolution of this strange story, a resolution which acknowledges the story's face value that Go- lied but which portrays him as winking at us down through time.

Winking at us

Virtually everyone to whom I've spoken regarding this story seems to agree on at least one point: it seems like it was a set-up. Could it be that -od s-cretly wanted them to choose to eat from this tree? He plants this special tree in the middle of the garden on display, as it were and says to Adam and Eve, do not eat from this tree...this one right here. At this point I like to imagine that G-d turns to us, the audience, and winks, as if to acknowledge that we all know it will be only a matter of time before their curiosity gets the better of them, and they will succumb, though apparently it became necessary to coax them into it. No problem: exit Go- stage left, enter the 'serpent', stage right.

Did Eve sin?

Here was Eve's dilemma.

Genesi- 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LO-D Go- had made.

And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath G-d said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in

the midst of the garden, Go- hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall

ye touch it, lest ye d-e. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely di-: For G-d doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as go-s, knowing good and e-il.

With that, Eve had to make a judgment: who's telling the truth, the serpent or Go-? -od says the fruit is fatal poison. The serpent says the fruit is not

poison, and seems to imply that it's what G-d eats to make him full of knowledge. Eve considered some facts: the tree was located right in the center of the garden, where -od often came down for a visit, as described in The First Book of Adam and Eve. This was -od's spot, and he planted that tree here, and it would make little sense that such a beautiful fruit would be poison. So Eve clearly decided that Go- must be lying to her, for she would not willingly eat poison. It seems to me quite inappropriate

to call this a sin how can it be a sin to disobey someone who's lying to you?

Did God punish Eve?

If God wanted Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit, and it wasn't a sin after all, then it would seem outrageous to turn around and punish them for it. But did he punish them?

Part 1.

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