

## **AN EYE OPENING EXPERIENCE!**

Probably most of us are familiar with the expression of an “eye opening experience.” By eye opening experience, we are referring to some experience that we felt naïve, deceived, left out of important facts or maybe just failure to think it through well enough. We learn from Eve’s eye opening experience that there is a difference between Innocence and naïve [gullible] (2 Cor.2:11; Prov.1:22).

Satan planted the seed in Gen.3:4-6. Satan attacked the innocence of Eve (free of guilt/ 2 Cor.5:21) by telling her that she could have an eye opening experience and be like God. When she began to consider this lie, she became naïve (Gen.3:4-5).

When she believed the lie, she became deceived. When she ate or disobeyed, she fell into the transgression of God’s Directive Will. (Gen.3:6-7)

(2 Cor.11:3) “But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.” (1 Tim.4:12)

<b>This lesson will study FIVE aspects of Eve’s Eye Opening Experience in the angelic conflict.</b>
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The world calls this “growing up the fast way” or by “the way of hard knocks”. God’s way is to “grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Pet.3:18)

### **1. What the Bible called Eve’s deception in mind was fantasy imagination.**

She created spiritual fantasy images in her mind that were not a reality in the Word of God.

(Ps.73:7b) “The imaginations of their heart run riot.” (Gen.6:5; 8:21) [Evil]

#### **Fantasy imagination:**

(Gen.3:6a) “When the woman saw (raah / kal impf) **that** the tree was good for food; **and that** it was a delight to the eye, **and that** the tree was desirable to make one wise,”

#### **Word of God:**

(Gen.2:17) “But from the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”

#### **Covetousness** (desire for the forbidden)

Discontent with God’s grace (Rom.13:9, 14; Ex.20:14).

#### **Cosmos Diabolicus is anticlimactical wisdom:**

(1 Cor.1:20) “Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” (Gen.3:13)

### **2. Eve ignored two important basic doctrinal truths.**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> basic doctrinal truth:**

Cosmos Diabolicus (CD) is based on Satan’s lies because it is based on his essence. Any part of a (CD) lie voids the whole truth of God’s Word

(John 8:44) “There is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for **he is a liar** and the father of lies.”

**Ask yourself: “What does the whole realm of Scriptures teach on the subject (categorical Bible doctrine)?”**

(John 8:3) “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” (2Tim.3:16)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> basic doctrinal truth:**

The Word of God is based on God’s truthfulness because it is based on **His** essence!

(Heb.6:18) “So that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.”  
**[Veracity, God cannot lie!]**

(Titus 1:2) “In the hope of eternal life, which God who cannot lie, promised long ago.” (Rom.3:4)

### **3. The tree of knowledge was a doctrinal symbol in the period of Innocence like the bread (My body) and cup (My blood) of the Eucharist of the Church Age (1 Cor.11:24-25).**

It was symbol for knowledge of the Word of God (Rom.11:33-36) [read].

(Prov.1:7) “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

(Job 21:22) “Can anyone teach God knowledge?” (Ps.73:11)

(2 Cor.10:5) “We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

### **4. Satan dealt with her root problem when he told her that she could have a spiritual eye opening experience with knowledge apart from the word of God.**

(Gen.3:5) “For God **knows (yada)** that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, **knowing (yada)** good and evil.”

(Gen.3:6) “When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, **and that the tree was desirable to make one wise (shakal)**, she took from its fruit and ate; and gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.”

She viewed the prohibition of the Word of God as a restriction on her freedom. Satan used this as an opportunity to sow his lies (Gen.3:4-5; Matt.13:19) [roadside] – “And do not give the devil an opportunity.” (Eph.4:27; 2 Cor.2:11)

Her frustration came out in mental images associated with CD fantasies (Gen.3:4-6). It led her to fantasize about being freed from the forbidden or the directive will of the word of God. It opened a “can of worms” in her life in the Angelic Conflict.

### **5. Eve’s spiritual problem was a faulty belief system. She exaggerated the prohibition of Gen.2:17 (Don’t touch) (eisegesis). It shows a break down in the faith cycle (Eph.6:16; Isa.26:3).**

“Do not touch” reflects cosmic fear, but fear of what? “Do not touch” takes it to a place of greater restriction (**me world**). This is a mind set for deception (Col.3:2; James 1:8; Prov.3:7).

**Principle:** Discontent led to disorientation which led to doubt that led to the deception of Cosmos Diabolicus.

(Ps.119:18) “**Open my eyes that I may behold (see)** wonderful things from Your law.”