

THE WAY THINGS WORK

“The Gravity of Choice”

Q: Why did a perfect world include the capacity for imperfection?

Genesis 1:26; 27-28;31 (NLT)

²⁶ Then God said, “**Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.** ...In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it...”³¹ **Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!** And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

Genesis 2:15-17 (NLT)

¹⁵ The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶ But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— ¹⁷ **except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.**”

Q: Why did a perfect world include the capacity for imperfection?

A: BECAUSE TRUE LOVE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT FREE WILL!

Q: Why did Adam and Eve make that first sinful choice?

Genesis 3:1-6 (NLT)

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “**Did God really say** you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” ² “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. ³ “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’” ⁴ “**You won’t die!**” the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and **you will be like God**, knowing both good and evil.” ⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So, she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

Q: Why did Adam and Eve make that first sinful choice?

A: THE SAME REASON WE DO TODAY...TO MAKE OURSELVES “LIKE GOD”!

Q: What can we do to break the cycle of original sin in our lives?

A1: LOOK TO GOD FOR WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE RESERVED FOR ONLY GOD!

Q: What can we do to break the cycle of original sin in our lives?

A2: REALIZE HOW ESSENTIAL “OTHERS” ARE IN THE EQUATION OF LIFE!

Acts 22:16 (NLT)

What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized! Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.’