



But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. -

Matthew 15:9

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The Forbidden Fruit

This morning I was sitting here at my computer playing around on Facebook and listening to a Bible study class at the same time. The class was taught by Russell Atkins and I've placed the link below if you want to listen to it also.

During the class the conversation turned to the eating of the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden. Something in their conversation brought about an ah-ha moment for me. I had a thought and decided to share it. You can take this thought and do what you want with it. It's only an idea that I think might be worth exploring.

We've been taught that the fruit was placed there by God as an arbitrary test of obedience. You should know by now that I reject that idea because that would make God something he isn't and that is arbitrary. I looked that word up once and found one of the definitions for arbitrary is "tyrant." The God I worship is not a tyrant.

To make a rule simply because you have the authority to make a rule then dole out punishments to those who break your rule is not an act that will engender love, rather, it will create rebellion in those who don't understand or want to follow this rule. That cannot be the reason God placed a tree in the middle of the garden then told his kids not to eat it's fruit.

Let's read what the Bible says:

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man,

“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” – Genesis 2:15, 16 NIV

What I'm reading is “when you eat the fruit you will die.” I'm not reading “when you eat the fruit I will kill you.” There is a big difference in the two statements. God didn't say that he was going to kill them if they ate that fruit, he said that they would die.

So why would he say that? Perhaps he said it because it was true. And that was the thought that struck me as I listened to the class. This is all conjecture but here me out.

God isn't a liar, the devil is. And the devil wants us to believe the lie that God has satanic characteristics. So he waited in the tree until he had the opportunity to speak with the two inhabitants of the garden. (More on that in a moment.)

Since God doesn't lie and he told his kids that if they ate the fruit from that tree they would die, then maybe there was something wrong with the fruit itself. God was telling them that for their systems that fruit was poisonous and it would start their bodies on the path of deterioration which would lead to death.

Now are you wondering what could possibly be in that fruit that was harmful? How about fructose? I've been on YouTube listening to a lot of videos where doctors, scientists, and others are discussing diet. What science is finding is that fructose is a dangerous sweetener and our bodies should not be subjected to it.

Again, this is conjecture, but could it be that the trees in the garden originally didn't contain fructose with the one exception? And when Eve ate that fruit she was pleased with the sweet taste and possibly even developed a sugar addiction?

When the earth was destroyed by a flood, God saw that it would be best for humankind to no longer live hundreds of years and “he shortened our lifespan” to 120 years.

The 6th chapter of Genesis tells the story of why God sent the flood. It begins with the declaration that our lifespan would be shortened. Let's read that part:

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them

they chose. Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.” – Genesis 6:1-3 NIV

Do you know what I'm NOT reading in that passage? I'm not reading “I'm going to kill them.” I'm reading that God is sad because his children have become mortal. They are dying because they have rebelled and stepped outside the boundaries of natural law which is the realm in which we were created to function. Because of that they will reach the point that they will only live to be about 120 years old.

Today people may live to be over 100 but that isn't normal. We just don't live that long. Scientists are stating that we have been and are being poisoned by our diets. Sugar. Sugar is in most of our food, even in the sugar-free foods. Go to the grocery store and pick up a container of sugar-free coffee creamer and read the ingredients. What I found was high fructose corn syrup listed in the ingredients yet they are allowed to call it sugar-free. Our food is filled with carbohydrates and, according to the people I've been listening to on YouTube, our diet is giving us metabolic syndrome which is killing us.

There is an evil mastermind behind all the deaths and disasters that are happening to us and to the planet and all on it. That evil being is smart enough to know how to genetically modify the trees and create new species of fruit – fruit that is filled with fructose. Could it be that after the flood satan filled the earth with poisonous fruit and people ate it without being aware that it was dangerous?

What do you think? Did God willingly shorten our lives or did he simply, in sadness, predict what was going to happen when he stated we would only live 120 years?

I'm not qualified to explain the science behind what I'm talking about but I challenge you to go to YouTube and do a search for some of the following people and start listening to what they are telling us. I came across them when I was searching for a way to lower my blood sugar naturally since I cannot tolerate the diabetes medications. When I went on the diet plan they were suggesting my blood sugar reached a normal level in less than a week. Here are some names you can do a search for:

Dr. Boz (Annette Bosworth)
Dr. Eric Berg
Dr. Jason Fung

Dr. Ken D. Berry
Butter Bob Briggs

I wanted this to be short so I'm signing off with the challenge to go listen to what these people have to say about diet. There are others who are also promoting this lifestyle. It's opposite what we've been taught but then what else is new? Why should we be surprised to learn that we've been brainwashed about something else.

Before I go I said that I would mention something about a comment I made earlier. I stated that satan waited until he had the opportunity to speak with both the inhabitants of the garden.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. – Genesis 3:6 NIV

The Bible says that Adam was with Eve when she ate the fruit. Tradition has taught us that Eve had wandered from Adam's side then took fruit to him. The Bible doesn't support this. I once asked someone for an explanation and was told that the Bible means that Eve gave some to her husband who was with her "in the garden." It means Adam was with her in the garden. But to teach that is to add to the Bible and we're not supposed to do that. The Bible states that Adam was with Eve when she ate that fruit yet the Scriptures have been twisted to try and hide that from us.

OK, time to go. Have a wonderful week.

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