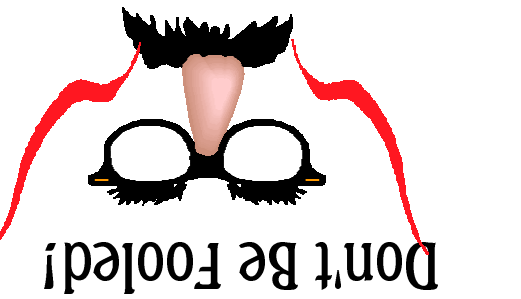


THESE PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE THEIR OWN GOD AND THEY HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL THINGS.  
 HOW IS IT THAT PEOPLE HAVE THESE IDEAS?  
 THEY GOT THE IDEA FROM SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

ONLY WEAK PEOPLE NEED A GOD FOR A CRUTCH TO LEAN ON.  
 LIFE IS ONLY FOR NOW, WHEN WE ARE DEAD, WE JUST GO IN THE GROUND. WHY WORRY ABOUT GOD?  
 I DON'T NEED GOD, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MY OWN LIFE.  
 NO ONE IS GOING TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO.



Eve stood at the tree that God said they should not eat from. The serpent came up to talk to her. he said, "Has not God said that you can eat from every tree in the garden?" She said, "We can eat from every tree, but this one.



If we eat from this tree, we will die." The serpent said, "Is that true? You will not really die." "God knows that when you eat from that tree, you will be as the gods, you will know good and evil." "You will be as the gods." Satan was using the serpent to speak. Satan had been a high archangel in charge of all the angels in heaven.



Then one day he said, "I will be as the most high God." God stopped him, and threw him out of heaven. Then he became known as Satan. As soon as Satan saw God create people, he tried to tempt them with the dream he had. Be as God. Eve listened. She wanted to be as God. She ate from the tree and then she gave it to Adam.



The Bible says: "It is appointed unto men, once to die, but after this is the judgment." Hebrews 9:27 "For it is written, as I live says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will confess to God. So then, everyone will give account of himself to God." Romans 14:10  
 Eve found out that God said the truth and Satan said a lie. If you think there is no God you are believing a lie. If you think you will not be judged for your sin and go to hell .....  
 you are believing a lie.  
 Do not be fooled by Satan's lies. There is a God. He has rules. You will stand before Him someday. You can stand before Him clean and forgiven. Jesus died for our sin. We do not have to die for our sin. But we must ask Jesus to forgive us and we must keep on living in a way that pleases Jesus. Pray and ask Jesus to forgive you and keep you close to Him.



They did see things differently. They saw they were naked. They now felt shame. They felt guilt. When God came into the Garden to talk with them, they hid. They were not as God. Now they knew about good and evil, but they also were going to die.

It was foolish for Satan to think he could be as God. God created him. How could the thing created be as great as the one who created him? How could Eve and Adam think they could be as God who made them?

God gave men the choice to do what they want here on earth. They can listen to God or ignore him. But they can not control God's rules.

People want to go to heaven when they die. But they do not want God here on earth. It is God's heaven. God has rules about who gets into heaven. You have to obey the rules if you want to get in.



Some people think they will just be "gone" when they die. They will not be anywhere.