

the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die."

Genesis 2:25 -- "And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."

Genesis 3:9-11 -- "Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' And he said, 'I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.' And He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' "

Genesis 3:19 -- "By the sweat of your face  
You shall eat bread,  
Till you return to the ground,  
Because from it you were taken;  
For you are dust,  
And to dust you shall return.'

Romans 5:12, 17-19 -- "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned -- . . . For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one . . . So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men . . . For as through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,"

I Corinthians 15:21-22 -- "For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive."

4. Adam and Eve were created as capable of falling from their original state.

This assertion Implies at least six inferences:

- a. That their character, as originally created, was not unchangeably inclined toward righteousness.
- b. That Adam and Eve, as originally created, were able to keep from sinning but also able to sin.
- c. That their will, as originally created, was not so bound to their holy nature that they could not will contrary to their nature.
- d. That if Adam and Eve, as originally created, wished to actualize this capability of willing contrary to their nature, they had the power to do so, but the responsibility would be their own.
- e. That since this capability was originally created as part of the probationary test of Adam and Eve's love of, trust in, and obedience to God; and since a successful outcome of the test would have confirmed them in their righteous character; therefore the mere existence of this capability cannot be used to condemn God.