

- **From Beyond Pretend: A Sheep's Guide to the Universe!**

A shared experience from the garden ...

“Where are you?” God had asked, but the one asking the question was the only one with an answer.

How could we expect Adam and Eve to know? Their landscape had shifted from light to darkness, the cataclysm of “the fall” leaving them dazed. Waking up that morning, eagerly anticipating another day as the pinnacle of God’s creation, it was good to be them. Within hours everything from the deepest inside parts of their souls to the dirt under their feet had been transformed. They tucked each other in that night, snuggled in their new clothes, fearful of life in the new world they had created. Yes, they did know more than they did before, but knowing more they now lived in darkness. Their newly acquired knowledge yielded only confusion and fear.

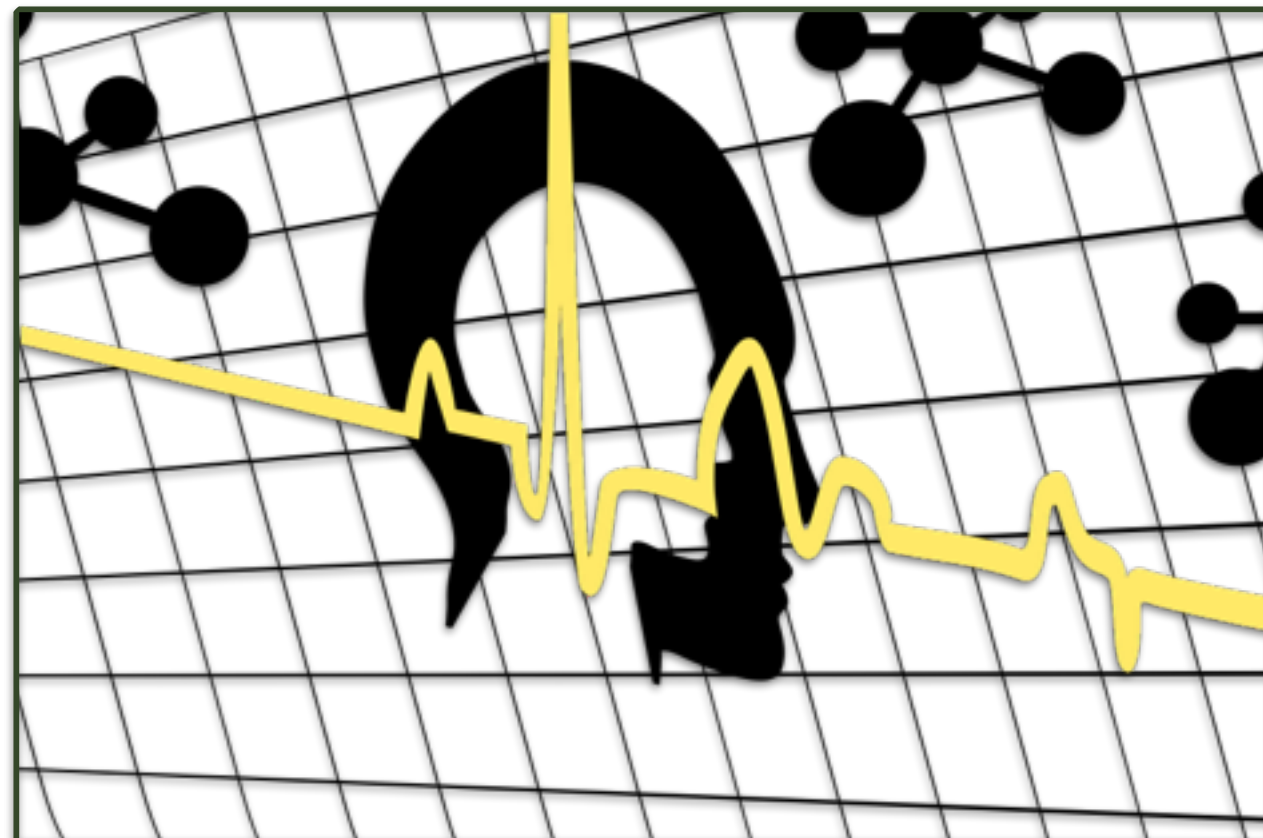
The fall of humanity ...

We share the Fall. I believe it helps us in our current evaluation of life to understand that in a very real sense, the Fall of humanity centered around the goodness of God. A wedge worked its way into the minds of Adam and Eve when their view of God changed from God being the provider of everything good to someone who was holding out on them. Satan used this wedge to dissolve the relationship as it eventually led to Adam and Eve choosing the gifts over the Giver, the blessings over the Blesser. What God could do for them became more important to them than their relationship with God. They decided to look elsewhere as God became only one of multiple options for the good things in life.

Taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is the person who takes refuge in him (Psalms 34:8 GW).

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Running the diagnostics ...



Four Questions ...

- Where are you?
- Where did you get your information?
- Did you disobey me?
- What have you done?