

# You Shall Not Eat of Any Tree in the Garden ?

## Did God Say?

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" Genesis 3:1

**Introduction:** Doubt and Disbelief and Derision from the beginning...

Call-in radio: "... the Bible isn't accurate; it's full of bad history, worse science, and terrible psychology..."

### I. Historicity and Authenticity/Accuracy

#### Historicity

- William Lane Craig: "*Uncanny geographic, historical precision... terrain, rivers, mountains, valleys, wells, buildings, and even the coinage of his day. It all squares with the other historical references, every single word. There is no bad history going on here.*" (William Lane Craig is Research Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology and Professor of Philosophy at Houston Baptist University. [www.reasonablefaith.org](http://www.reasonablefaith.org))
- Nelson Bloch: "*It may be categorically stated that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference.*"
- Smithsonian Institute on the Book of Mormon: "*Devoid of any historical reliability whatsoever.*"

#### Authenticity/Accuracy

- Plato (427-347 B.C.)      850 A.D.      \_\_\_\_\_ copies      \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Accuracy
- N.T. (50-100 A.D.)      130 A.D.      \_\_\_\_\_ copies      \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Accuracy

### II. Science and Scripture (Dr. Larry Vercerra, resident authority, scholar, friend)

### III. Psychology

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* (Hebrews 4:12)

### Conclusion

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."* (Matthew 7:24)

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