

TREE^{OF} Knowledge

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Why was the TREE of Knowledge of good and evil in the Garden at all?

It was an opportunity for A+E.

...demonstrate real love for God (and themselves)

In Eden (in original justice) all good choices were easy and fun.... only avoiding that TREE was a challenge for them.... By saying NO to the TREE, they would be putting God first, in front of their own desire.

A+E: were given the chance to prove their love by sacrifice.

devil: did God really tell you not to eat that fruit?

fire: We can't eat that 1 TREE'S fruit.

devil: You won't die! You will be like God → you know GOOD and EVIL.

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

Apples are the fruit:

Original sin: the sin of disobedience of

the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, that broke their relationship w/ God, and corrupted the human race. Right away shame enters the world.

O.S. was ~~the~~ a sin of pride...