

# Partners in Crime: Adam & Eve

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*Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave [to be] with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Genesis 3:12-13*

*Adam and Eve sound a great deal like they are triggered to a kid place blaming God, each other, and even the serpent. Neither of them take responsibility for their actions. But since they were without a childhood, what is the cause of their behavior? I asked Dr. Karl this question. He supposed that what they were dealing with was a lack of both maturity and capacity. It is a maturity skill to admit that one is wrong. And it takes capacity to handle the emotional intensity of such an admission. Dr. Karl tells the story of the little boy discovered in the bathroom having cut a clump of hair out of his bangs. When confronted, he quickly puts the scissors behind his back, covers the missing patch of hair with his other hand and puts his foot over the clump of hair on the floor while he is saying, "I'm not cutting my hair!" It seems so obvious to anyone watching that he is cutting his hair and lying about it. But to a child lacking adult maturity and enough emotional capacity to handle the situation, it comes naturally. It's a way to hide.*

**Genesis 3:6-13** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate.""

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