



St. Luke's East Hampton

Reflections from the Rector

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Tomorrow the topic for our Jewish/Christian conversation is about Adam and Eve. Christians have traditionally used this story to talk about disobedience and the resulting original sin of the first Adam, which would only be erased by the death and resurrection of the second Adam, Jesus.

How would our world, our history, and even our understanding of current events be different if we focused, not on the fall but on the idea that all of us are created in the image of God, and not on the idea of Original Sin but of Original Blessing? How would we treat our fellow human beings, not to mention, our world, if we believed Genesis 1:31: that everything God created was very good, that God made you and me and doesn't make mistakes and doesn't make junk? What if eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge was a courageous step forward in human evolution that gave us a conscience, gave us free will, and made us more reflect the image of God? And how does the creation story in the first chapter of Genesis match the creation story in the first chapter of the Gospel of John?

I once had someone who was amazed that I believed in evolution and the Big Bang and saw God as the force of energy, light and life that fills the universe and existed even before it came into being. This guy was trying to get me to take Genesis seriously. I was trying to get him to do the same thing with Jesus. Intrigued? Come to the class on Friday at 11. It might just help you begin reflecting on the beginning in a new way.