

The serpent said to Eve !

From Strong's Dict. for H559 *aw-mar'* "A primitive root; to say (used with great latitude): - answer, appoint, avouch, bid, boast self, call, certify, challenge, charge, + (at the, give) command (ment), **commune**, consider, declare, demand, X desire, determine, X **expressly**, X indeed, X intend, name, X plainly, promise, publish, report, require, say, speak (against, of), X still, X suppose, talk, tell, term, X that is, X **think**, use [speech], utter, X verily, X yet. Total KJV occurrences: 5308"

Gen 3:1 Now the **serpent**^{H5175} was^{H1961} more **subtil**^{H6175} than any^{H4480} ^{H3605} beast^{H2416} of the field^{H7704} which^{H834} the LORD^{H3068} God^{H430} had made.^{H6213} And he **said** ^{H559} to^{H413} the woman,^{H802} Yea,^{H637} ^{H3588} hath God^{H430} said,^{H559} Ye shall not^{H3808} eat^{H398} of every^{H4480} ^{H3605} tree^{H6086} of the garden?

H5175 *nâchâsh naw-khawsh'* From H5172; a *snake* (from its *hiss*): - serpent. Total KJV occurrences: 31
H5172 *nâchash naw-khash'* A primitive root; properly to *hiss*, that is, *whisper* a (magic) spell; generally to *prognosticate*: - X certainly, divine, enchanter, (use) X enchantment, learn by experience, X indeed, diligently observe. Total KJV occurrences: 11

"It therefore appears to me that a creature of the ape or ouran outang kind is here intended; ... Dr. Tyson has observed in his anatomy of an ouran outang, that the seminal vessels passed between the two coats of the peritoneum to the scrotum, as in man; hence he argues that this creature was designed to walk erect, as it is otherwise in all quadrupeds. Philos. Trans., vol. xxi., p. 340."
(Adam Clark's Commentary on the Bible)

The beasts of the field as created just do not have the proper throat structure for speech, only humans do. The ass spoke to Balaam, but we are told the LORD caused it to happen.
Num 22:28 (KJV) "And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, ..."
There is no such statement in Genesis, so we must assume that the serpent did not speak to Eve, but that she got the message as she observed its actions. As we saw above from the closely allied Hebrew words H5175 and H5172 we have the meanings of enchanter and diligently observe!

Gen 3:2 And the woman^{H802} **said**^{H559} unto^{H413} the serpent,^{H5175} We may eat^{H398} of the fruit^{H4480} ^{H6529} of the trees^{H6086} of the garden:^{H1588} [Did she say it or think it ??]

BDB def. for H4191 "1a4) to die prematurely (by neglect of wise moral conduct)" [suddenly or soon die]

Gen 3:3 But of the fruit^{H4480} ^{H6529} of the tree^{H6086} which^{H834} is in the midst^{H8432} of the garden,^{H1588} God^{H430} hath said,^{H559} Ye shall not^{H3808} eat^{H398} of^{H4480} it, neither^{H3808} shall ye touch^{H5060} it, lest^{H6435} ye **soon die**.^{H4191}

Gen 3:4 And the serpent^{H5175} said^{H559} unto^{H413} the woman,^{H802} Ye shall not^{H3808} **surely soon die**:^{H4191} ^{H4191}

Note the 3 different ways the text uses H4191, for God in 2:17, Eve in 3:3 and the Serpent in 3:4.

2:17:  3:3:  3:4: 

Only for Eve and the Serpent is the second form used, and for the serpent it returns to the repeated form.
Gen 2:17 (LITV) ... for in the day that you eat of it, dying you shall die. (The body shall age until death!) God in 2:17 is saying that death must come in their old age if they violate the prohibition!

Eve believed that as soon as she touched it she would die !!

The serpent, by his actions, shows her that the fruit was very edible and non-poisonous, and definitely not a cause of sudden death !

Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree **was good for food**, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to **be desired to make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

2 Cor 11:3 "... as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, ..."

Mat 10:16 "**Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.**" [quoted from Jesus in red letters]

How could Eve "**see**" that the fruit of the tree was "good for food" and "be desired to make one wise" ??
By the actions of the serpent eating the fruit !!

Eve must have come upon, or was attracted to, the very impressive non-vocal clever/wise serpent eating the fruit so that she could **see** that it was **edible** and **non-poisonous**, plus beautiful, and **would allow her to have more knowledge!** [Is it the first time she had seen this particular beast ??]

Was the serpent hissing loudly or doing other things to attract Eve to its self ??

Probably, because the LORD held the serpent as being responsible and its punishment was announced !

Gen 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled (to lead astray, delude, to seduce) me, and I did eat.

Various translations include: The serpent/Shining One (ISV only) beguiled me (KJV) / deceived me (ESV) / caused me to forget (YLT) / misled me (ISV) / tricked me (CEV).

Gen 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou **art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field**; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

The cunning/crafty serpent that Eve saw was pronounced as a "beast of the field" before Eve saw it and afterwards it is demoted to be the lowest of the "beasts of the field" !! Did she see a mythical serpent like creature as shown on the left below, or the almost human like orangutan type creature to the right ??

