

people have much of an idea of the nature of those trees. Now, one of these trees which is stressed in these two chapters <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. I have my own theory as to what that tree was, but there are those who get violently angry when I <sup>express</sup> ~~expound~~ my theory on it, and so I am not expecting to expound on it. I am merely going to mention that on which all most should agree whatever the nature of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, this was a fact that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was a tree through which it could become evident whether man ~~was-~~ would choose good or bad, that <sup>certainly</sup> is all that we can agree on. Whether ~~we~~ <sup>like myself</sup> can <sup>go</sup> any further in our understanding of what it was, or like many others go further in ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> direction that I think would lead up to <sup>something</sup> foolish as that. In either case that we can agree on... that it is the tree by means of which God would know whether man would choose good or evil, and so this tree was <sup>here</sup> in the midst of the garden and man was said, you are not to eat from this tree. But there were ~~hundreds~~ hundreds of other trees and these other ~~streets~~ trees were available to him, and he had ~~the-tr-~~ free use of all of them, but it is of sinful human nature, it is true that if there is ~~one~~ thing we are not permitted to use, we begin to wonder about that thing. And that would seem to ~~be-~~ use more valuable <sup>all the</sup> than ~~others~~ <sup>others</sup>. Well, It is ~~false~~ <sup>not</sup> a fault in sinful human nature whether Adam was subject to that particular fault for the fall. ~~But-~~ I doubt, but the Scripture also mentions another tree, the tree of life which was in the midst of the garden, and ~~theoretically~~ <sup>is</sup> the ~~critic-~~ critics say that there ~~was~~ a confusion in the text. They say that it speaks of the tree of life and then it says about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Of course, we have ~~two~~ <sup>that have been</sup> different sources combined here, and there was actually only one