

Q15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A15. **The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.**

**Scripture References:** Genesis 3:6, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 11:3; Romans 5:12; Ref. Q's 12, 13 & 14

**Notes:**

Sin is unambiguous. Everyone knows when he or she commits a sin against God. There is no such thing as a sin that is committed unknowingly. Our first parents clearly ate the forbidden fruit. It does not matter why, how or under what circumstances they ate the fruit. They ate the fruit against God's word. One reason by occurrence of sin is always clear is because God is holy. God divides. God clearly divides between sin and sinless. In this, God demonstrates his holiness.

Our first parents fell from the estate of paradise because their heart became inflamed and deceived. (2 Corinthians 11:3) Though the snake deception played a role, our first parents could not justify their sin. God's law is most solemn and must not be taken lightly. Sin is no laughing matter as sin goes directly against God's holiness.