

COMPARISON OF THE DIALOGUE

<i>POINT OF ISSUE</i>	<i>GOD'S WORDS</i>	<i>SATAN'S WORDS</i>	<i>EVE'S WORDS</i>
Divine Name <i>(Genesis 2:16; 3:1; 3:3)</i>	Yahweh-Elohim <i>(God's 'creation name' linked with His 'covenant relationship name' – Genesis 2:16)</i>	Elohim <i>(God as supreme being – Genesis 3:1)</i>	Elohim <i>(God as supreme being – Genesis 3:3)</i>
Primary Verb <i>(Genesis 2:16; 3:1; 3:3)</i>	tsāvā: 'to command' <i>Divine Command</i> <i>(Genesis 2:16)</i>	āmār: 'to say' <i>Command Diminished</i> <i>(Genesis 3:1)</i>	āmār: 'to say' <i>Command Diminished</i> <i>(Genesis 3:3)</i>
Who Did God Address <i>(Genesis 2:16; 3:1; 3:3)</i>	The Man (<i>Adam</i>) – <i>Genesis 2:16</i> – Written with the definite article (<i>'the man'</i>) indicating FEDERAL HEADSHIP	The Woman (<i>Eve</i>) 'You' (<i>plural</i>) – includes Eve as Co-Federal Head – <i>Genesis 3:1</i>	The Woman (<i>Eve</i>) 'You' (<i>plural</i>) – includes Eve as Co-Federal Head – <i>Genesis 3:3</i>
Original Command			
Positive: <i>(Genesis 2:16; 3:2)</i>	'From every tree of the garden eating you may eat' (<i>you may eat freely</i>) – <i>Genesis 2:16</i>	None stated <i>(Omitted)</i>	The woman said, 'from the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat ...' (<i>slightly diminished</i>) <i>Genesis 3:2</i>
Negative: <i>(Genesis 2:17; 3:1; 3:3)</i>	'But from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you <i>shall not eat</i> from it ...' <i>Genesis 2:17</i>	So God said, 'you <i>may not eat</i> from every tree of the garden ...' <i>Genesis 3:1</i>	But from the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden, God has said, ' <i>you shall not eat from it or touch it ...</i> ' <i>Genesis 3:3</i>
Consequences of Disobedience <i>(Genesis 2:17; 3:4; 3:3)</i>	'Dying <u>you shall die</u> ' <i>(Death is a <u>Certainty</u> – Genesis 2:17)</i>	'Dying <u>you shall not die</u> ' <i>(Denies what God said, thus calling God a Liar – Genesis 3:4)</i>	' <u>Lest you die</u> ' <i>(Death is a <u>Possibility</u>)</i> <i>Genesis 3:3</i>

The shift in the language is subtle, but sometimes all it takes to alter the truth is a subtle change. Beware of the tactic of altering language and monopolizing vocabulary.