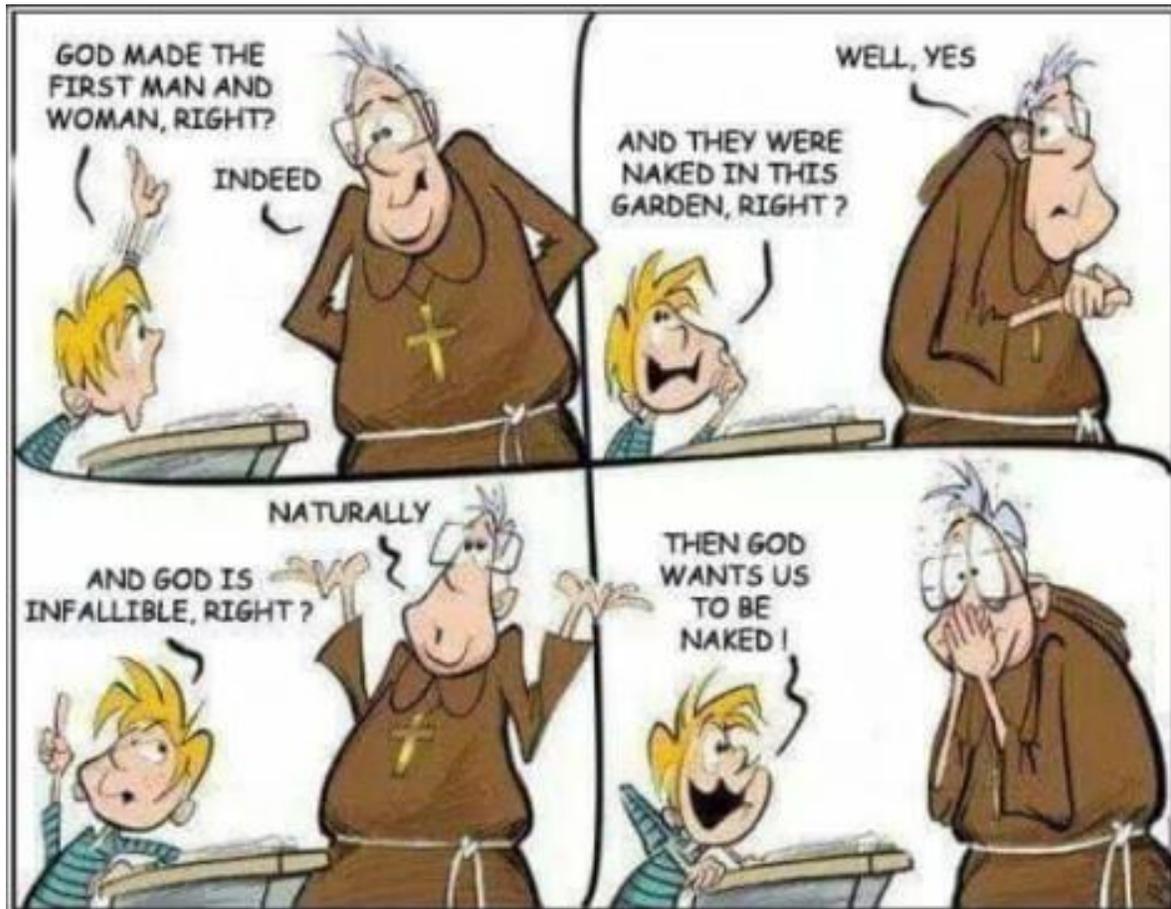


## 2.11.19 - "Logic"



If you have ever tried to write programs for computers, you will recognize this as a simple "if" "then" statement. Some scripture is easy to understand, and I believe that what I cannot understand was put there to be sure I would not run out of things to figure out on this side of heaven. Like the tests to measure a student's grade level, there are questions that everyone will get right and some that no one is expected to get right. While I am rambling, let me insert a quote that I have used enough times that I forgot who said it. "I am more troubled by the parts of the Bible that I **do** understand than the ones that I **do not** understand."

Like life insurance, which is a simple bet between you and the insurance company, people complicate the Bible. The first complication that you will hear about the cartoon above is “But that all changed when Adam and Eve sinned.” I do not remember anyone giving a verse to back up that position. They usually use the apron and coat argument:

**Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.**

**Gen 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.**

If God was not happy with aprons and made coats for Adam and Eve, then He must want them covered. That is the one that I used when first confronted with naturism. There are a number of illogical parts to the argument. This may be repetition, but I need lots of repetition to understand things and keep them in my memory, especially word definitions.

Adam and Eve were man and wife. Even the strictest religious groups allow a man and wife to be naked together. There was no one else on earth to be “offended” by their nakedness. The point is they did not have a reason even after they sinned to be clothed by the textile standards.

The Hebrew word for apron is used 6X in the Old Testament and one of the Biblical usages is loincloth, which seems to fit the situation better than aprons. Since no one took a photo of their apron and if they made a drawing on a stone slab somewhere, it was destroyed by the flood or we did not find the slab, no one knows what the apron looked like. Moses picked the best Hebrew word and the translators picked the best word for the context and the Hebrew word. This same reasoning also applies to the coats. The Hebrew word is used 29 times and is usually translated “coat”.

On the page for the Hebrew word used here, The Blue Letter Bible site under “Outline of Biblical Usage”, gives the following:

**1. Tunic, under-garment**

**1. a long shirt like garment usually of linen**

Strong’s Concordance was copyrighted in 1890 and the KJV in 1611. The translators would be influenced by the belief at that time. The same applies to Strong’s definition, but coat and undergarment do not seem compatible. This is a long version of “We do not know what God made for Adam and Eve.” Some type of token garment, to remind them of their sin and God’s grace for not killing them, like a tie for men or belt for a woman’s dress seems more likely than what we think of as a coat.

Another problem with the “sin changed all that” argument is there was no need for clothing to protect the body from cold temperatures. They might soon need clothing to protect them from the thorns that would eventually grow. Otherwise the “coats”, as we know the word, would have been too hot and lead to heat stroke.

If nakedness were as sinful, as the textile people want us to believe, there would be some instructions, at this point, about the use of the “coats” God made for them. Note all the details God included in His Word on the priestly garments or the whole book on offerings and duties for priests.

Another difficulty with “sin changed all that” ...what changed? Are we not still made in God’s image? Did God no longer desire to display His creation? Did the body turn ugly and God wanted it covered? If you can show a Biblical answer to these questions, please share it with us. I have found no change in the body because of sin, except that we and all of creation started on the road to death. All the other changes that I have found in scripture are spiritual...how we deal with God and each other.

So, the boy in the cartoon had it right and people confused the teaching with tradition. We sat about in our own way to make ourselves acceptable to God. **Romans 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**