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CURIOSITY

Curiosity got Eve in a lot of trouble. Tasting the forbidden fruit of knowledge, she and Adam were cast into the real world filled with back-breaking work and debilitating disease. And we're all familiar with the troubles let loose from Pandora's Box!

But curiosity, the human urge to know, has led to discoveries that, in turn, have led to labor-saving devices and immunizations against disease. All the same, are we pushing the limits of knowledge, reaching too far into the realm of science in an attempt to change life for the better? Think of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and modern genetics.

Chalice Lighting

Check in

Opening readings:

Mother of science

And the critical method

Keep us humble.

Kathleen Norris *A Prayer to Eve*

“Seven Blunders of the world that lead to violence: wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, politics without principle.”

Mahatma Gandhi

Questions to consider and discuss:

1. Is there Forbidden Fruit?
2. Should we curb our curiosity?
3. What are you most curious about?
4. Are we mature enough as a species to handle the knowledge we are capable of acquiring?
5. Which new discoveries concern you most?

Closing Readings:

“Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when one contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries to comprehend only a little of this mystery every day.”

Albert Einstein

“Curiosity killed the cat, satisfaction brought him back.”

Folk Wisdom