

Year Of The PIG



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We are descended from Adam and Eve, the first man and woman created by God. Under Satan's instigation, they both ate from the forbidden tree. God punished them with death – both physical death, which is the separation of the soul from the body, and spiritual death, which is eternal separation from God. We have inherited the sinful nature of Adam and Eve.²

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