Virtue and Vice and the Choices We Make

Consider the story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3), what does is tell us about choice and consequences?

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One of the central characters of the classic story *Lord of the Rings* is Gollum, who is keeper of the ring of power. He began his life as the Hobbit Smeagol, who came upon the ring whilst out fishing one day. The story tells us that he is seduced by having the ring and this transforms him into the creature Gollum.

*View the following clips:*

Transformation of Smeagol <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KaOcX0mcxo>

The Struggle of Gollum <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLvIFRNbqOs>

Explain the impact of the choice that Smeagol makes in his desire for the ring

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In your own words, what is the significance of the apple in *Genesis* and the ring in *Lord of the Rings,* as far as understanding the notion of man’s ‘fall’?

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