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John Van Vleck to J. R.

June 27th, 1857

"The churches seem to be quiet.
Your flock seems to be in a tranquil
state. I have not heard any
complaint of your absence. (to
collect money - cost for Van V. Hall)

What are the primary messages of the author in the story of creation in Genesis chapter 2 and the story of the forbidden fruit in Genesis chapter 3? What are the crucial theological beliefs being stated by the author in these two chapters?

man created god good + in his image
he ^{he knew god} chose to become bad

June 27, 1857 Holland, Michigan

A letter of John Van Vleck to ACVR who had been in Geneva and Albany from which places ACVR had written Van Vleck. The building of the academy is very dependent on ACVR's fundraising ability. Funds are running low; \$1,579.96 has been expended so far. "Schrader is at work for us again."

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Holland June 24th 1854

Dear Dominic:

Last evening I received the letter sent by you from Geneva & the one sent from Albany. Of course I was grieved to hear of your poor success in getting the "tin". You ask if I will come & beg. Now, dear Dominic, you know, or ought to, that I would do almost anything to relieve you. But in this matter I cannot. I would not raise enough to pay my traveling expenses. In serious, dead earnest I mean what I say, when I say that I can not beg money, even tho' it be in a good cause. You can. Verbum sapienti sufficit. If you come home, & the money is not raised I will go & try — & the result will most assuredly be a failure. I am sorry to tell you this for it adds to your burdens, & implies weakness on my part — but it is better to speak plain truth. Your family are well. Mrs V. R. seems in much better spirits than she did during your absence last winter. I believe the domestic affairs at your house are going on well — at least I know of no troubles there. The churches seem to be quiet. Your flock seems to be in a tranquil state. I have not heard any complaint of your absence. Bolks preached here on his return from Synod. V. d. Meulen has preached twice. Uggel will preach twice to-morrow. I will prob. the Sab. following. There is very little sickness around now — less than usual. Elder Wiltordink has broken his arm.

The building progresses slowly. Schrader is not work for us again. Talsma, Slink, Ver Beek & Co we could not get for a day. Suppose we had depended on them! Another Murison from Battle Creek will come here within two weeks. The three will then soon lay up the bricks. I hope you will not neglect to send me the cash as fast as you gather it. I have now received of Academy funds all told \$1971.25, & have expended \$1579.96, leaving a ballance in my hands of \$391.29. Of this I will have to pay out to night near \$200. So I will have about \$100 left. So you see I will want the "needful," & it will go from hand to mouth. I fear, & tremble. Excuse my vanity - but I think it is almost absolutely necessary for me to be here every day: I think decidedly the best policy will be for me to remain where I am, & for you to stick to it till we have enough. We ^{can} all afford to miss you at examination, but better your presence this year. The presence of a new building next year. May God bless & prosper you: This is my third hasty letter to you. May it reach you! Be strong & patient - your labors may bear fruit when your name is forgotten. Remember that I love you.

John Van Vleet