

1: Story of Garden of Eden - original spiritual perspective

God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to care and nurture the land. He told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any fruit from the trees except for the tree of good and evil. God warned them that if they ate from the tree they would die.

It explains how Adam and Eve, the first humans, sinned, were separated from God and were expelled from paradise. Yet how much do you really know about the story? For example, the devil and the apple, although well known, are not mentioned in the version of the story found in the book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. More startling is the fact there is a second brief version of the Garden of Eden story in the Bible, which appears in the book of Ezekiel. It contains no reference to Eve and some scholars believe it was written before Genesis. It reveals a very different narrative in which a mighty king was thrown out of the garden for trading, violence and claiming to be like God. Secrets of the Garden of Eden Explore the image below to find out more about the key parts of the Eden story. This content uses functionality that is not supported by your current browser. Consider upgrading your browser. The Garden of Eden, Cranach, Lucas, the Elder. Where is the fabled garden? The Bible hints at possible locations for the Garden of Eden. For centuries, theologians, historians and explorers have wondered about its whereabouts. Iraq There is a reference in the Genesis story to the Euphrates river. You selected Iraq The Euphrates runs through Iraq. One popular theory posits that Eden was located here, in the ancient cradle of civilisation. Jerusalem The Genesis story mentions the Gihon, one of three rivers which ran through the Garden of Eden. You selected Jerusalem The Gihon spring is located in Jerusalem. For some scholars this is evidence that this was the site of the real Garden of Eden. Iran Ancient Sumerian texts referred to Eden. You selected Iran These texts and archaeological evidence were used to theorise that Eden was located in a vast plain in Northern Iran near Tabriz. Venezuela Christopher Columbus believed that many of his voyages were divinely inspired. You selected Venezuela When he arrived in Venezuela, he thought he had found Eden. He backed this up with a theory that the earth was pear shaped with Eden at its highest point.

2: The Biblical Garden of Eden

The Garden of Eden (Hebrew גַּן־עֵדֶן, Gan Êdén), also called Paradise, is the biblical "garden of God" described in the Book of Genesis and the Book of Ezekiel.

Use Adam and Eve Songs extra print out to lead the children to sing before the Bible lesson. The First Sin Welcome Activity Welcome activities are things to have out for the children to do as they are arriving for class. These activities will get them engaged as soon as they arrive and will help the transition from their parents. Playing with blocks – Place a large pile of blocks in the middle of the room. Let the children know that they may build with the blocks. But, this time, there are two rules: Give them time to play by the rules. Talk to the children after they are finished cleaning up about the rules of the activity. Ask them why it is good to have rules and why they think you had those rules. No throwing blocks was so that no one gets hurt. You may only take one block from the middle pile at a time was so that everyone would be able to use them. God has rules, too. Bible Lesson Have the children open their Bibles to Genesis 2: To help them find it, use the following questions. Answers are in italics. What part of the Bible is Genesis in? The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden. He put him there to work its ground and to take care of it. The Lord God gave the man a command. But you must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you can be sure that you will die. I will make a helper who is just right for him. He had also formed all of the birds of the air. He had made all of them out of the ground. He brought them to the man to see what names he would give them. And the name the man gave each living creature became its name. So the man gave names to all of the livestock. He gave names to all of the birds of the air. And he gave names to all of the wild animals. While the man was sleeping, the Lord God took out one of his ribs. He closed up the opening that was in his side. Then the Lord God made a woman. He made her from the rib he had taken out of the man. And he brought her to him. Her body has come from my body. Do not even touch it. If you do, you will die. You will be able to tell the difference between good and evil. You will be like God. It was also pleasing to look at. And it would make a person wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. And he ate it. Then both of them knew things they had never known before. They realized they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made clothes for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking in the garden. It was the coolest time of the day. They hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called out to the man. I was naked, so I hid. Have you eaten the fruit of the tree I commanded you not to eat? She gave me some fruit from the tree. And I ate it. She would become the mother of every living person. The Lord God made clothes out of animal skins for Adam and his wife to wear. He can now tell the difference between good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and pick fruit from the tree of life and eat it. If he does, he will live forever. The Lord God drove him out and then placed cherubim on the east side of the Garden of Eden. He also placed a flaming sword there. It flashed back and forth. The cherubim and the sword guarded the way to the tree of life. He gave him a job – to take care of the garden. He also told the man the consequences of disobeying – death! God notices that the man needs someone else with him. He rounds up all of the animals and has the man give them all names. That seems like a lot of names – could you do it? So the Lord God caused him to fall into a deep sleep. He took one of his ribs and then closed up the opening. Out of the rib, God made a woman. The serpent was more clever than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. The woman had not heard the command directly from God, only man did. Notice how the serpent went up to the woman to start messing things up. The woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good to eat. The woman decided to take the fruit and eat it. He must have been standing close by. He ate some too. That is the coolest thing I have ever heard of! God was walking in the garden! The man tells God that they ate the forbidden fruit. God asks why they did that. Adam says that the woman made him do it and the woman says that the serpent made her do it. Adam named his wife Eve. God has to banish them from the garden forever because of their disobedience. Bible Lesson Activities Use the following activities to reinforce the learning goals. If time is short, move on to the evaluation portion of the lesson plan. Make it fun for them to do the motions and say the words. Involving them in active learning is essential for

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memorization. Split the children into 6 groups. When Adam and Eve sinned, they separated mankind from the good life God had given to mankind. When Adam and Eve sinned, they brought physical suffering on mankind. God punished the sinners, Adam and Eve, and cursed the serpent who led Adam and Eve to sin. The effects of this single sin were felt not only by the sinners, but also all of mankind who followed.

3: Garden of Eden - Wikipedia

The Garden of Eden, also called the Garden of God, or Paradise, was a lush and beautiful utopia of vegetable and fruit trees, blooming plants, and rivers. In the garden, two unique trees existed: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

He was created "in the image" of God Himself. God planted a beautiful garden, the Garden of Eden. It had beautiful trees with delicious fruit - everything a person would need to eat. Right in the middle of the garden were the "tree of life" and the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die. Adam named her "Eve. Of all the animals God created, the serpent was the most tricky and deceitful. He came to Eve and asked, "Really? None of the fruit in the garden? God says you must not eat any of it? God knows very well that when you eat it you will become like Him - you will know good from evil! She thought the fruit would make her wise like the serpent said it would. She picked the fruit and ate it, and she gave some to Adam to eat, too. The fruit did not make Adam and Eve very wise, but they did realize for the first time that they were not wearing any clothes! They were embarrassed and made themselves skirts of fig leaves. Adam and Eve were ashamed of what they had done and afraid to face God, so they hid in the trees. But God knew they had eaten the forbidden fruit. Adam tried to put the blame on Eve, and Eve tried to put the blame on the serpent, but God was angry with all three of them! God punished the serpent by cursing his kind. They would forever have to crawl on their bellies in the dust and be enemies of mankind. God punished Adam and Eve, and all their descendants, by making their lives hard. No longer could they live in the perfect world of the Garden of Eden. Men would have to struggle and sweat for their existence. Women would have to bear children in pain and be ruled over by their husbands. Adam and Eve were thrown out of the beautiful Garden of Eden forever. Lessons This is more than a story about the first man and woman; it is a story about all of us. Adam and Eve thought they would get pleasure and wisdom from eating the forbidden fruit, but they got neither. Their lives were ruined because of their sin. We may know right from wrong, but sometimes, like Adam and Eve, we give in to temptation and convince ourselves that doing wrong is actually a good thing. Also, like Adam and Eve, we often find that doing wrong gets us into trouble and has other bad results. Questions Was the Forbidden Fruit an Apple? The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is often pictured as an apple, but the Bible never says what it was. Was the Serpent the Devil or Satan in Disguise? Many people think the serpent was Satan or one of his agents. Where Was the Garden of Eden? The Bible story mentions the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which means Eden was in the region of modern Iraq. It is impossible to determine the exact location, however. Many people believe Eden was not an actual place but a symbol for the perfect life and closeness to God that mankind has lost because of sin.

4: Illogic of the Garden of Eden Story (2 of 2) | Bob Seidensticker

The story of the Garden of Eden is one of the best known in the Bible. It explains how Adam and Eve, the first humans, sinned, were separated from God and were expelled from paradise.

He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever. This tree is of special significance, because it is from this tree that God specifically told Adam, who likely relayed the message to Eve after her creation, not to eat from whatsoever. The consequence for eating from this tree was death. They had free use of any and every other tree in the Garden, including it would seem the Tree of Life. Exactly why God did not want Adam and Eve eating from this tree is not said. However, a careful study of the scripture lends some insights. The first insight is given by none other than the serpent himself. Notice it is Eve the Serpent approached. As she was not present when God issued the original command, the serpent was completely aware of this fact and perceived her to be the weakest link. Ziony Zevit has a fascinatingly unique approach to this narrative. He emphasizes the point God spoke only to Adam originally; and the Serpent tempted Eve specifically because of she was not present for the original command. Interestingly it is the knowledge of the difference between good and evil that makes man like God. As stated earlier, Adam was created outside the Biblical Garden of Eden, then placed there by God after God had created him. The only existence Adam and Eve knew was one of perfection. The only image they had of God was as a loving, providing, and faithful Father. Once they ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they had broken the balance of perfect existence through disobedience to the Father. Man was forever doomed to a life of toil and restlessness, with pressures, temptations and adversity at every corner. Sin had brought the judgment and condemnation of the Father into the world. It was a side of God Adam and Eve had never seen before. The Biblical Garden of Eden would be no more. The harmony between God and man had been interrupted and permanently changed. Two sites provide the most tantalizing evidence, and both are legitimate sites. The first place to start when trying to locate the Garden of Eden is in the Bible. The garden was merely a part of the whole land of Eden. A river flowed from an unknown source somewhere in Eden, and continued to flow throughout all of the land of Eden. As the river flowed forth from the Biblical Garden of Eden it split into four headwaters. These formed the four rivers mentioned in Genesis. The name of the first river is the Pishon River v. It is said to have "flown around the whole of the land of Havilah, where there is gold. The Gihon is said to have flowed around the land of Cush. Cush is a controversial interpretation of the Hebrew word used to represent a geographical region known as "Gush", or, "Kush". The King James translated it as "Ethiopia", or, "Cush". This created geographical problems for scholars of the Biblical Garden of Eden. However, scholar Ephraim Speiser put forth an intriguing theory. He argues the geographical region implied is that of the Kashshu, or the Kashites. This would place the Gihon branching to the east, into Iran and the Zagros Mountains. The third river mentioned is the Tigris. Scripture says it ran east of Assyria, as it does in modern day times. The fourth river is the Euphrates. The location of these two rivers are agreed by many to be as they are today. The question rests in the identity of the first two rivers mentioned; the Pishon, and the Gihon. The location of Gobekli also plays a role. It is located on the plains of Haran, in Turkey. The Biblical area is termed Aram-Naharaim. The ancient city of Sanliurfa rests a mere ten miles to the southwest. Muslims associate Sanliurfa with the birthplace of Abraham. Gobekli is certainly located in some of the holiest areas in the Old Testament. Massive megalithic T shaped stones were unearthed. Forty-five of these stones have been unearthed thus far, yet geological surveys show many more still buried below. These stones are arranged in circles, and clearly represent an ancient center of worship. Carved on these stones are dazzling images of various kinds. Themes of hunting permeate the inscriptions, and many images have been found of boars, lions, fish, ducks and more. Serpents are depicted frequently on the stone megaliths. Many of the stones appear to take on human forms, with arms hanging from the sides. The site is reminiscent of Stonehenge in many ways. The staggering characteristic of Gobekli, which ties it to the Biblical Garden of Eden, is its age. Carbon dating have placed the ruins at Gobekli to have been built between 12, - 13, years ago! That would place these stones around 10, B. One must consider Stonehenge was built in 3, B. Gobekli, thus, is the oldest site on earth,

pre-dating Stonehenge and Giza by perhaps seven thousand years! Gobekli also fits some geographical requirements for the location of the Garden of Eden. It is west of Assyria, which the Bible places Eden. There are other references in the Old Testament which lend credence to Gobekli. The Gobekli Stones in Gobekli, Turkey. One theory places the Garden of Eden here. The Old Testament makes mention of "children of Eden which were in Thelasar". Thelasar is a town in northern Syria, near Gobekli. These children of Eden were perhaps the same as the Beth-Eden, or, house of Eden, mentioned in ancient Assyrian texts. It becomes apparent this area in Turkey holds spiritual significance in many ways. The abandonment of Gobekli is interesting as well. These people used so much earth artificial hills were created. The ruins remained untouched for over ten thousand years, until discovered in by a shepherd wandering through the hills. No reason can be determined for the sudden burial of Gobekli. However, it accounts for the amazing preservation of the ruins found at this mysterious and ancient site. A natural criticism of this theory is the absence of the Pishon and Gihon rivers. The location of Gobekli seems to allow only for two of the four rivers, thus many scholars and historians dismiss this site as Eden. These tend to focus their attention on the southern location for the Biblical Garden of Eden. In any way, it cannot be denied the discovery at Gobekli is fascinating. The implications that man was able to build such a site several thousand years before Stonehenge forces much of what we know about the ancients to be re-evaluated. The site is a testament to the mysteries of the ancient world. Where do you think the Garden of Eden may be located? Which theory do you find most convincing? What other insights do you have? Give us your insights, thoughts, questions, and comments! Cush was a descendant of Ham, and Joktan of Shem. Ham and Shem were two of the sons of Noah who survived the flood. Havilah, believed to mean Sandland, possessed an abundance of gold and precious stones and substances. Surely Adam and Eve spent time exploring this rich and extravagant land. Havilah had made quite an impression on the descendants of Adam. Havilah is later said to have been where Ishmael settled. Gen. Ishmael is said to have settled from "Havilah to Shur, which is east of Egypt". The Christian Geology Center has put out an interesting study in which these stones are critical in helping locate the Biblical Garden of Eden. And the gold of that land is good; the bdellium and onyx stone are there. The gold of this passage rest in the land of Havilah. Bdellium came only from Southern Arabia and Somaliland in antiquity. The exact nature of the onyx stone is not known, however, precious stones were being brought into Israel and Mesopotamia through Arabia during times antiquity. Though the exact location of Havilah is not agreed upon unanimously, Scripture indicates it lie in Arabia, perhaps modern day Saudi Arabia. Indeed, the most ancient gold deposit on earth rests in Saudi Arabia, at modern day Mahd adh Dhahab. Mahd adh Dhahab was the largest, and one of the most richest, gold mines in antiquity.

5: BBC iWonder - What is the real story of the Garden of Eden?

Story of Garden of Eden Astrology and spirituality in the biblical story of the Garden of Eden. This article presents an original astrological and spiritual perspective on the story of Adam and Eve, giving a different insight on it.

Before that, it is useful to remind the biblical text from the Old Testament, Genesis, chapters 2 and 3. Inner organization of the garden And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: They ate from the fruits of the knowledge of good and evil Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. The astrological perspective When this story is read by an astrologer, he would understand the following and it really sounds more real than any other perspective I have read so far: So the story tells us that God created Adam and Eve, and put them in the garden of Eden. In the middle of the garden there were the tree of knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life. From an astrological point of view we consider that the first man ever created may be symbolized by a circle with a point in it: In order to make the further astrological parallels with the biblical story, we need the two trees, the tree of knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life. How about these glyphs, do they look like trees? There are all the main elements of a tree leaves, branches, trunk and roots as we learned in botany. Children usually draw a tree like this. These two glyphs symbolize the planets Mercury and Venus. It is easy to further identify them: Why the tree of knowledge Mercury has two little horns is obvious: But why would Venus be the tree of life? Also, for thousands of years humans know and use the golden number and the golden proportion, which represents a divine proportion and is found everywhere in the nature. Its value is 1. The pyramidal energy is a healing and life supporting energy the pyramid effect. The very same proportion is also found in the movement of Venus and the Earth around the Sun. Another interesting observation is this: Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. These zodiacal signs are both ruled by Venus. And actually it was the woman the Moon who made the mistake to listen to the snake: The snake may be well represented by Mars, its glyph showing the snake coming out from the apple of the temptation. We notice that only the quick moving planets are represented in the Garden of Eden. God is not represented, that would be impossible, of course. He is the one who sets the rules. There is no other information on the other animals or trees. They are less important to the story. However it is possible that, following the same pattern, they would be represented by Jupiter and Saturn. Moving further with the interpretation, we remember that God planted this garden "eastward". An astrologer knows that the east is the Ascendant. Also there was a river who divided in four parts - maybe these are the four axis of a horoscope: And so, little by little, we came to see this whole biblical story of the Eden garden as a huge astrological design or a horoscope. So, actually the biblical story of the Garden of Eden is actually a situation of our present life, because the astrology and the horoscopes are active today as well as they were in the ancient times. So "eating the fruits" means actually doing something for oneself, in order to feed the ego, and not for other superior reasons. The divine state of the man is the harmony and the communion with the nature, but humans have misused the knowledge in order to harm the others, and for other malefic purposes and for this reason they have lost the divine state and turned to misery. The nakedness

itself is not shameful; this is how people are born, it is natural. But the egoistic attitude and actions, the misuse of knowledge, the other sins have undressed us from the purity and other virtues and we remained empty of those. And this is shameful. The result was the interdiction of the Christian church to knowledge, for thousands of years, not understanding that it is not the knowledge which represents a sin, but the use of it. There is also the possibility for the man to live hundreds of years: Please notice that the interdiction of eating the fruits from the tree of life has come only after the first rule regarding the tree of knowledge has been broken. So, sinning has brought us both nakedness from the blessings of the Lord and a short life by the impossibility to eat the fruits of life. This is how I think that the biblical story of the Eden garden should be interpreted and not literally. More astrology articles by Radu.

6: Garden of Eden | Infuse Your LifeGarden of Eden | Infuse Your Life

According to Genesis, God made the garden of Eden a special place. God wants the whole earth to be just like that beautiful garden. STORY 2 A Beautiful Garden.

Christian beliefs and biblical stories Menu The Garden of Eden story: Apple trees are not indigenous to the Middle East. Thus, the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil was unlikely to have been an apple. Genesis 3 might be referring to a pomegranate. The doctrine absolves God of responsibility for the evils that make our world imperfect by teaching that Adam and Eve introduced evil to a perfect world when they disobeyed him. To insist that God was justified in condemning all humankind because of the infraction of their first parents is to make nonsense of our God given moral compass Genesis 3 describes a story in the Garden of Eden. A common Protestant interpretation explains that, Satan, in the form of a snake, convinces Eve that God has lied to her and her partner Adam concerning the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He convinces her to eat the fruit of the tree so that they will become as gods. Adam later follows suit. This is often described as the fall of humanity, because the orthodox interpretation is that by this act, sin entered the world for the first time. With it, death appears for the first time. The Church has taught that before this event, animals lived forever, and without bloodshed; there were no carnivores. God cursed the snake, Adam, Eve and even the earth itself. In what is called "original sin. The Roman Catholic Church deviates somewhat from the Protestant interpretation. However, they teach that it is based on a historical event. Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents. This approach leads to many very different interpretations of Genesis 3. It describes the rise, not the fall, of humanity. It portrays God as having created Adam and Eve as proto-humans. They were not fully human because they lacked a moral sense. This is now one of the main differences between humans and the rest of the animal world. The original couple had no concept of right or wrong. God deceived Adam and Eve into believing that the fruit of the tree was poisonous. A very intelligent and helpful animal, a snake, convinced Eve of the truth: Since God had created the first parents with a curious nature and a drive to excel, both Eve and Adam were anxious to eat the fruit. They did indeed develop a moral sense for the first time. This was an attribute previously restricted to the gods. In a fit of rage, God cursed the snake, Adam, Eve and even the ground itself. Adam and Eve advanced from an animal-like status with no moral sense into full humanity. The snake told the truth -- that Adam and Eve would not die on the spot because of the allegedly poisonous fruit. Genesis is an allegory. It describes the process that every generation of humans goes through as they mature into adulthood. They are born into their family of origin, helpless, innocent, hopefully in an atmosphere of security. They blindly following the expectations of their parents. Their parents tend to their every need. Parents are viewed as gods by the newborn. When they become teens, they start to build up a head of steam. They question their parents, experience new levels of conflict within the family, develop their own goals and ethics, and finally leave their home to strike out on their own. It describes the transition of the human race from a state of innocence, where people lived as near-animals. They were initially unaware of their own mortality; they were driven by instincts and had little or no concept of right and wrong. They were nomadic hunters and gatherers who lived off the land. After the transition to full humanity, they had a moral sense. They realized that their life on earth was finite. They later settled down and became farmers. An analysis of Genesis 3 from conservative and liberal viewpoints: Analysis of the text: Quotations, Overview, Assumptions, Authorship of Genesis 3. Interpretation of Genesis 3. More detailed analysis of Genesis 3: Beliefs about original sin:

7: The Garden of Eden Kids Bible Lesson

The story of the Garden of Eden is a theological use of mythological themes to explain human progression from a state of innocence and bliss to the present human condition of knowledge of sin, misery, and death.

Genesis creation narrative and Adam and Eve The second part of the Genesis creation narrative , Genesis 2: Last of all, the God made a woman Eve from a rib of the man to be a companion for the man. In chapter three, the man and the woman were seduced by the serpent into eating the forbidden fruit , and they were expelled from the garden to prevent them from eating of the tree of life , and thus living forever. Cherubim were placed east of the garden, "and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way of the tree of life" Genesis 3: A caption in French and Dutch reads: Map of the location of the terrestrial paradise, and of the country inhabited by the patriarchs, laid out for the good understanding of sacred history, by M. The Garden of Eden is considered to be mythological by most scholars. And a river departed from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four tributaries. The name of the first is Pishon, which is the circumnavigator of the land of Havilah where there is gold. And the gold of this land is good; there are bdellium and cornelian stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon, which is the circumnavigator of the land of Cush. And the name of the third is Chidekel, which is that which goes to the east of Ashur; and the fourth river is Phirat. Parallel concepts[edit] Dilmun in the Sumerian story of Enki and Ninhursag is a paradisaical abode [34] of the immortals, where sickness and death were unknown. In this painting, only the action that takes place there identifies the setting as distinct from the Garden of the Hesperides, with its golden fruit. The Persian term "paradise " borrowed as Hebrew: The word "pardes" occurs three times in the Hebrew Bible, but always in contexts other than a connection with Eden: Jewish eschatology[edit] In the Talmud and the Jewish Kabbalah , [36] the scholars agree that there are two types of spiritual places called "Garden in Eden". The first is rather terrestrial, of abundant fertility and luxuriant vegetation, known as the "lower Gan Eden". The second is envisioned as being celestial, the habitation of righteous, Jewish and non-Jewish, immortal souls, known as the "higher Gan Eden". The Rabbanim differentiate between Gan and Eden. Adam is said to have dwelt only in the Gan, whereas Eden is said never to be witnessed by any mortal eye. It has been created since the beginning of the world, and will appear gloriously at the end of time. The righteous dwelling there will enjoy the sight of the heavenly chayot carrying the throne of God. Each of the righteous will walk with God, who will lead them in a dance. Its Jewish and non-Jewish inhabitants are "clothed with garments of light and eternal life, and eat of the tree of life" Enoch 58,3 near to God and His anointed ones. The narrative mainly surrounds the resulting expulsion of Hawwa and Adam after they were tempted by Shaitan. Despite the Biblical account, the Quran mentions only one tree in Eden, the tree of immortality, which God specifically claimed it was forbidden to Adam and Eve. Some exegesis added an account, about Satan , disguised as a serpent to enter the Garden, repeatedly told Adam to eat from the tree, and eventually both Adam and Eve did so, resulting in disobeying God. It is recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants that Adam blessed his posterity there and that he will return to that place at the time of the final judgement [46] [47] in fulfillment of biblical prophecy. Kimball , and George Q. Cannon , taught that the Garden of Eden itself was located in nearby Jackson County, Missouri , [49] but there are no surviving first-hand accounts of that doctrine being taught by Joseph Smith himself. The idyll of "Naming Day in Eden" was less often depicted. Michelangelo depicted a scene at the Garden of Eden in the Sistine Chapel ceiling. For many medieval writers, the image of the Garden of Eden also creates a location for human love and sexuality , often associated with the classic and medieval trope of the locus amoenus. A preserved blue mosaic is part of the mausoleum of Galla Placidia. Circular motifs represent flowers of the garden of Eden.

8: Adam and Eve – The First Sin (Bible Lesson for Children) – www.enganchecubano.com

The Bible story of Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve Genesis The Garden of Eden Adam was the first man that God created, and he was very special.

Some other religions and cultures have a creation story containing a similar concept to the biblical Garden of Eden, ascribing various locations to the place of first habitation. Biblical account The Garden of Eden story is recounted in Genesis Thus Kabbalah texts describe the Tree of Life as representing the 10 Divine emanations of God, which are the fundamental building blocks of the world and of mankind, and which takes the form of the human body. In the Book of Ezekiel , the Tree of Life symbolizes the blessings of the messianic age. This is the image of the Tree of Life regained that appears in the Book of Revelation , in its description of the New Jerusalem: The Garden of Eden by Lucas Cranach, a sixteenth-century German artist As to the meaning of the forbidden fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, various suggestions have been put forth, including an apple , grapes , figs , wheat , a pomegranate , and a citron. The Bible gives no clue, and most commentators hold that the exact identity of the fruit is of secondary importance to the issue of obedience. Some early Christian sects and rabbinical sages considered that the Fall was the result of sexual intercourse between Eve and the Serpent, understood to symbolize Satan. Who has done this evil thing in my house, and defiled the virgin? Has not the history of Adam been repeated in me? For just as Adam was in the hour of his singing praise, and the serpent came, and found Eve alone, and completely deceived her, so it has happened to me also. Eating fruit is a frequent euphemism for lovemaking in the Song of Solomon: As a result, "the eyes of both of them were opened" and they realize that they are naked. They feel ashamed of themselves and cover their sexual areas with fig leaves. When confronted by Yahweh, they blame each other. Confronted with this disruption of the original harmony of Eden, Yahweh makes garments for Adam and Eve, but condemns them to live outside of the Garden of Eden. This expulsion should not be thought of as divine punishment, but rather as the inevitable consequence of their disunity and strife. To prevent the couple from eating of the Tree of Life and living forever, he drives them out of the Garden and places two cherubim and a flaming sword at its entrance, "flashing back and forth to guard the way to the Tree of Life. Other biblical references The Garden of Eden is mentioned several times in the Book of Ezekiel , who speaks of the "trees of Eden" as a metaphor of fallen greatness: Consider Assyria, once a cedar in Lebanon , with beautiful branches overshadowing the forest – I made it beautiful with abundant branches, the envy of all the trees of Eden in the garden of God – Ezekiel The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed, their young shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes. Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste – nothing escapes them. However, Jesus is referred to as a new "Adam," 1 Cor. It is described as the "Holy City – coming down out of heaven from God," in which the Tree of Life is situated, and the "River of the Water of Life, as clear as crystal," flows from the throne of God. References in Mesopotamian mythology Mythologists such as Joseph Campbell note that in early Mesopotamian creation myths there is also a Garden and a Tree of Life, but apparently no forbidden tree of knowledge. In the Amarna tablets, Adapa, the first man, is the son of Ea , god of wisdom, who has endowed Adapa with wisdom, but not with everlasting life. Ea gives his son instructions as to how to behave before Anu , the god of Heaven: Water of death will they bring thee; drink not of it. Thus Adapa loses his chance of eternal life. A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates Genesis 2: The identity of Pishon and Gihon have been the subject of endless argument. The first century C. Jewish historian Josephus and several early Church Fathers believed the Pishon to be one of the rivers of India , while Cush is Ethiopia and thus the Gihon is the Nile.

There is no place on the globe where these four rivers meet. More widespread is the view that Eden was located somewhere near the Persian Gulf. This location was proposed by John Calvin and other biblical exegetes, who believed that the Shatt al-Arab "formed by the union of the Tigris and Euphrates near the Persian Gulf" was the river that "went out of the Garden. The Olduvai Gorge area, seen from space, is posited as a possible place of human origin. A location in Africa is another frequent choice. Many speculations as to an African location stem from the scientific evidence that human life is believed to have originated there. Yet Africa is also suggested in some classical texts. A passage in the Talmud points to the interior of Africa as a possible location of Eden *Tamid 32b* ; however other passages point elsewhere. Alexander the Great is supposed to have found the entrance of the Garden in African regions which are inhabited and governed exclusively by women. There have been attempts to tie the location of Eden with the mystical sunken land of Atlantis. In these theories, the current Tigris and Euphrates rivers are not be the ones referred to in the narrative, but are later rivers named after two of the earlier rivers, just as in more modern times colonists named features of their new land after similar features in their homeland. In Latter-day Saint Mormon theology, the Garden of Eden is believed to have been located at what is now inside the city limits of Independence, Missouri. Latter Day Saints believe the configuration of the continents was different before the Great Flood and that the geographical descriptions of Eden in Genesis refer to lands and rivers that were later renamed after the Flood. The *Urantia Book* , a channeled revelation assumed to come from angelic beings , places the Garden of Eden in a long narrow peninsula projecting westward from the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea which was long ago submerged in connection with volcanic activity. Eden as a spiritual location The dominant view in Islam is that the Garden never had a terrestrial existence, but was instead an adjunct to heaven as it became identified with Paradise. Thus, Adam and Eve originally dwelt in heaven, and only came to dwell on earth after their fall. As mentioned above, for theologians who take the story allegorically, Eden as a psycho-spiritual state of primordial oneness with God rather than any physical location. Eden as Paradise The word "paradise," often used as a synonym for the Garden of Eden, is originally a Persian word describing a walled orchard garden or an enclosed hunting park. In the post-Exilic apocalyptic literature and in the Talmud , "Paradise" became associated with the Garden of Eden and its heavenly prototype. Jesus reportedly told one of the thieves who died with him on the cross that: In Talmudic literature and in the Kabbalah , the rabbis agree that there are two gardens of Eden: These two are known as the "lower" and "higher" Gan Eden. Early Christians looked forward to the "New Jerusalem ," a heavenly city in which the Tree of Life gives forth 12 types of abundant fruit and the curse pronounced by God in Eden is forever removed Revelation The medieval Jewish mystical tradition, the Kabbalah , saw the Edenic Tree of Life as symbolic of the restored archetypal human being, called Adam Kadmon. Various millennialist movements have hoped for a more literal restoration of the Garden of Eden, often conceived as a kind of Heaven on Earth in which humans will no longer have to die. Still others, viewing death of the physical body as a natural shedding of a vessel no longer needed by the living spirit, look to a restored Garden of Eden on earth as a world of peace in which all people will have each realized the Christ consciousness lost in the original Eden. Retrieved July 28, *The Garden of Eden in Myth and Tradition*. University of Illinois Press; New Ed edition, *The Trial of Innocence: Adam, Eve, and the Yahwist*. Understanding Creation, the Curse, and the Cross. Adam, Eve, and the Serpent. Eerdmans Publishing Co, Indiana University Press, ISBN External links.

9: Garden of Eden Bible Study

Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. God and Jesus came and talked to them. There were many trees in the garden. God said Adam and Eve could eat fruit from all the trees but one.

The story represents the mixing of evil with good in the Jewish faith, and Original Sin in the Christian religion. The Story of the Garden of Eden Many years ago, when God created the earth and all of the plants and creatures that live on it, He created the first man. God made the man out of clay and breathed life into him, and called him Adam. Soon, God realized that Adam was lonely as the only one of his kind, so He decided to make a wife for Adam. Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful paradise that God had created called the Garden of Eden. There were many animals to talk to and play with and all sorts of different fruit trees to eat from. Two of these trees were very special: God told Adam and Eve that they could eat as much fruit from the Tree of Life as they wanted, but warned them that they must never, ever eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. One day, Eve was walking alone in the garden when a serpent whispered to her from a tree. Seeing that the fruit tasted delicious, she found Adam and told him he should eat the fruit too. Seeing that Eve had not died from eating the fruit, Adam took a piece and ate it too. After they ate the forbidden fruit, they looked at each other and at themselves and realized they were naked, and they felt ashamed. They turned away from each other and sewed together leaves from the garden to cover their bodies. When they saw that God was coming, Adam and Eve felt guilty for disobeying Him. They were afraid to face Him, so they tried to hide, but God already knew that they had eaten the forbidden fruit. He was very angry and disappointed. Adam tried to blame Eve for making him eat the fruit, and Eve blamed the serpent for deceiving her, but they had both still disobeyed Him. God punished Adam and Eve by banishing them from the Garden of Eden. Their lives would be difficult outside of Paradise, and they would have to work very hard just to survive. Even though they knew it was wrong to disobey God, Adam and Eve gave into temptation, and had to face the consequences of their actions. Their story represents all people who must resist doing bad things, even if they seem like they would be fun or give us something good in return.

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