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THE GARDEN OF EDEN A Love Story by Dickey Porter

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

This revelation begins with one of the most familiar Scriptures in the Bible. Saint and sinner alike can quote this verse from John’s gospel, 3rd chapter, 16th verse. It was the first verse of Scripture that I ever memorized and probably is the first that many are taught. It is used more in witnessing to a sinner than any other as it clearly demonstrates God’s love for mankind.

I have had the Garden of Eden on my heart for several weeks now and I have known for quite a while that the Lord wanted me to write about it. I have meditated the Scriptures night and day, thought about this at some point in time every day for the past few weeks, and have come to an understanding that I believe will shed light to many about the location of this wonderful place.

I know that men in time past have carefully searched throughout the earth to find the origin of this place of utopia. Many believe that it had to be somewhere near present day Iraq or even in Israel where our Lord and Savior was born, grew to manhood, ministered 3 ½ years, died on the cross for all sin, was buried, and then rose from the dead. Yet no one has ever found the Garden on Eden on earth.

The reason that no one has found it on earth is because it isn’t on the earth, nor has it ever been on the earth, but is in another dimension that can only be accessed by the Spirit of God. Oh, there are trees there all right, and rivers and everything that God has prepared for believers. The glory of that place cannot be compared with anything that you have ever seen on this earth or from outer space.

Let me tell you why it is a spiritual place and never has been a natural place. First of all, the tree of life is there and there is only one way to access that tree. You have to be an overcomer. (Rev. 2:7) The tree of life is in the paradise of God. Jesus told the repentant thief that... *“today, shalt thou be with me in paradise.”* Luke 23:43.

Nearly every Bible scholar knows that when God gives revelation to mankind, it always comes to the natural first, then the spiritual. Paul wrote this in I Corinthians 15:46 – *“Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.”* The first Adam was formed from the dust of the ground, then the Lord breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7. This is the natural. Then the Lord planted a garden **“eastward”** in Eden and there he put the man that he had formed. Genesis 2:8. He put him in the spiritual. Adam had access to both heaven and earth. God gave him dominion over the earth and all that God had created on the earth.

The word “eastward” is very significant to our understanding that the Garden of Eden is in a spiritual place or dimension. Our present day understanding of the Tabernacle of Moses which is the grandfather clause of all spiritual understanding always faced eastward. Every time that the children of Israel set up camp in their wanderings in the wilderness, the Tabernacle was set up facing the east. As we progress into the deeper things in God we must approach from the east. We cannot climb over the wall and go immediately into the Holy of Holies, but we must first enter in at the gate (salvation), progress onward through water baptism (laver), and on to the 2nd dimension which is the sanctuary where the golden candlesticks, table of shewbread and golden altar are found. Only after we are Spirit baptized are we qualified to enter the Holy of Holies (Garden of Eden).

The Lord God had told Adam that he could partake of all the trees in the Garden of Eden except the tree that was in the midst of the garden which was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The tree of life was also in the garden. We all know the story of the fall of mankind and how Adam and Eve partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in direct disobedience to God’s command.

When Adam and Eve sinned and were driven from the Garden of Eden, they were no longer in the spiritual, but in the natural. Adam no longer had access to heaven, but was bound to earth. Because they had partaken of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that tree went with them and became the partition (veil) between God and man. The bars of the gates of hell are constructed from the timbers of that tree. We have that by inheritance. It is called the carnal mind which is an enmity with God. It is not subject to the laws of God, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:7. It cannot go into the Garden of Eden. We see that from John the Revelator’s vision in chapter 6:9-11 as he beheld the souls of them that were under the golden altar that were slain for the word of God and the testimony which they held. The soul of man is the carnal mind and it is found one dimension short of the Garden of Eden.

The Lord God then set Cherubims at the east of the garden of Eden with flaming swords ...”*to keep the way of the tree of life.*” Gen. 3:24. Jesus said in John 14:6 *“I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”* Jesus then provided access to the tree of life by his death, burial, and resurrection. Then on the day of Pentecost, we see flaming tongues of fire sitting upon the believers who were assembled

in obedience to the command of Jesus to tarry for the Holy Ghost and the Holy Ghost then ushered them into the Garden of Eden once more as they began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Their carnal minds (partakers of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) could not go into the Garden of Eden. That had to be left under the Golden Altar. If we could just understand that we came from God (the Father of all spirits), we came through our Mothers, and we are going back to God, then maybe this wouldn't be so hard to see. We are spirit beings having human experiences and not human beings having spiritual experiences. Everything in the Kingdom of God is opposite to what our carnal mind thinks and believes. This is the reason that we have to have our minds renewed.

“For we are laborers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.” (I Corinthians 3:9 KJV.) Some translations render this as: you are God’s field (garden) you are God’s building. Several years ago I heard a minister talking about Adam and the Garden of Eden and he made a statement that I have never forgotten. He said, “I know that revelation has to break on people, but I’m not sure that Adam was in the Garden of Eden or that the Garden of Eden was in Adam.” Seeing what happened to Adam and Eve after the fall of man, and what happened to the believers on the day of Pentecost, makes this not such an incredible thing to believe that it possibly could be just this way.

I can't end this inspiration without talking about the tabernacle of David. The tabernacle of David was the only tabernacle in the old testament that did not have a veil or partition in it. There was nothing to separate man from the Holy of Holies. This is our ultimate destiny. When Adam was formed from the dust of the ground and life was breathed into him, he wasn't a three dimensional being. He was two dimensional. After the fall, the partition fell between the soul and spirit of man and he became three dimensional. *“After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up; that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”* Acts 15:16-18.

We are 2000 years from the cross that Jesus died on for our sins and entering the 7th millennium since Adam fell from grace and are now beginning to see what God has known all along about the restoration of all things. The ultimate love story is that God, knowing beforehand that Adam would fail, prepared himself a sacrifice for the redemption of man and that it would come through his only begotten son, Jesus Christ. *“For God so loved the world...”*

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