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**Redicated to my Children,**

**Edward, Charlotte and Elizabeth.**

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## CHAPTER I.

**M**Y dear reader, in order to secure this insight we must take for our source our Heavenly Father. God is uncreative, spiritual, and His characteristics are eternal, unchangeable, all-powerful, omniscient, omnipresent, all-holy, righteous, truthful and merciful. These characteristics reveal to us that God has created heaven and earth, and through His all-powerful word, Jesus, (who existed before the foundation of the earth was laid) originated all that moved and lived on land and in water. All this God created in five days; and as He found His works all satisfactory He blessed them; then the sixth day He inspired man, whom He had created that day, with the breath of life. This man was a living soul before Him, dressed in the robe of righteousness. God named him Adam and



rejoiced over him, because He saw in him His divine image radiating in love and faith.

God allowed a heavy sleep to fall over Adam that He might take a rib from his body and make a woman out of it—the woman He gave to Adam as his help-mate. God blessed them and gave them sovereignty over all that He had created on land and in water. Thus all of God's works were complete the seventh day, and He rested from all His works and blessed the day.

As soon as He was rested He went to work again with man, because He had created him for eternal life, and thus He wanted to guide him through life in order to make him strong in spirit, fill him with wisdom and acknowledgment of his descent.

Adam and Eve saw the all-powerful hand of God under which they had to humble themselves. They heard the all-powerful voice which told them that they should guard against injustice; they should serve their neighbor in love both by word and by action.

God planted a garden in Eden wherein He placed man. All varieties of trees sprung forth, a pleasure to view, bearing fruit good to eat. Among the trees was a tree of life, and also a tree discriminate of good and evil. In

Eden was also a river for irrigation; and this garden Adam was to cultivate according to God's prediction. The Supreme Power told the first man to eat from all the fruit in the garden (that is, spiritual fruit) except from the tree discriminate of good and evil; because as soon as he had eaten from the latter he would die. In the command, *this you shall do*, and *this you shall not do*, a great severity is expressed. Yet we cannot help but feel that the most tender love is at the bottom of it all. God loves His children. But the serpent was more cunning than the other animals God had created. He tempted Eve by telling her that her eyes would be opened and she would know the difference between good and evil. She ate from the fruit and also gave her husband some of it to eat, and he ate. Their eyes were suddenly opened and they saw that they were naked. A sudden fear came over them because they heard the voice of God (in their spirit) who was walking in the garden. Adam and Eve hid themselves under the tree in the garden from His Majesty. "Where art thou?" a voice calls. God sees His child before Him in fear and trembling—wandering astray in the path of darkness—no more able to see His robe of honor (Jesus the holy love).

He asks man the question, "Who has told you that you are naked? Have you eaten from the tree I told you not to eat?" Adam blamed the woman God had given him; she had tempted him. God questioned the woman; "Why did you do that?" She says the serpent deceived her, and she ate. Upon the serpent the Lord laid the curse, and in majestic words made known to him that the descendants of the woman would crush his head.

Adam was no more allowed to cultivate the garden of Paradise (the garden of the blessed ones), because he permitted himself to be tempted by the temporal food, became haughty and thought himself God's equal. So God was compelled to lead Adam and his wife out of the garden. The scene of departure was very sad. They were now forced to labor very, very hard for their existence in a field that would bring forth thorns. At the entrance of the garden a cherub (an angel) was placed with an uplifted sword, to guard the passage to the tree of life.

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Now listen further, my dear readers, about God's foresight and premeditation in regard to the first man. When God had