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Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world : he followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—
St. John, viii., 12.



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I have, therefore, made this review as literal and succinct as possible, in order not to detract attention from the main subject—that the Garden of Eden is the human body; which rational interpretation, advanced throughout the Scriptures and fully comprehended, becomes not only a key to biblical knowledge, but is destined, sooner or later, to become the basis of a very practical system of religious and social reform.

CHARLES STUART WELLES.

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THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

I.

THE CREATION AND LOCATION OF THE GARDEN.

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED GENESIS.

CHAPTER I.

“**I**N the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

“26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness :

“27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him ; male and female created he them.

“28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it : ”

“31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

CHAPTER II.

" 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made ; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made."

" 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life ; and man became a living soul.

" 8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden ; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

" 9 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.

" 10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden ; and from thence it was parted ; and became into four heads.

" 11 The name of the first is Pison : that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold ;

" 12 And the gold of that land is good : there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

" 13 And the name of the second river is Gihon : the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

" 14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel : that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

" 15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

" 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat :

" 17 But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it : for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

" 18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone ; I will make him an help meet for him."

" 25 And they were both naked, and were not ashamed."

CHAPTER III.

"6 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.

"7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

"11 And God said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"

"16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

"17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

"18 Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee;"

"20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living."

"22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

"23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

"24 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."

CHAPTER IV.

"1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.