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## THE CREATION OF ADAM AND EVE

### Intro:

In the matter of the creation of the man and the woman there are many questions that are unanswered. We know **what** happened, that God created the original couple. We know **when** they were created, 4004 BC according to the Bible’s chronology. We know **who** created them, Yahweh, the Eternal One. We even know some of the reasons **why** he created them. But what we do not know is **where** he created them and **how**!

We do know that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And with the dual ending of *hashamayim* for heavens, we know that **two heavens were created**. Telling us that the third heaven, where the abode of God is, is not only above the two heavens but was already in existence when Yahweh created the heavens and the earth.

Most Christians believe that Genesis teaches a literal six-day creation of heaven and earth. But there are some who believe in a Gap Theory, where they say that a gap exists between Gen. 1:1 and Gen. 1:2. They believe that there was an original creation of heaven and earth, but due to the rebellion of Satan and his angels, God judged the earth and the other planets, with the result that the earth became formless and void, and that Genesis is teaching a recreation of the earth, with God placing man on it instead of Satan.

In this study we hope to gain some insight into **how** God created the man and the woman, and **where** he created them. Such as, “Was Adam really created **in** the Garden of Eden”? Or, “Was he created in some other place and taken to the Garden”? And, “Did God really form Adam, as all have pictured, into a sort of “mud-man”, a clay-like shaped man, and then breathed life into him”? Or were there other mechanics involved in doing this?

To gain a better understanding of this for our own growth, and beyond that to better understand what is happening today and what could be happening tomorrow with a view toward the anti-christ, we need to take a closer look at what the Scriptures actually say and the words that are used.

### A. The creation of the man.

*“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”” Gen. 1:26*

1. *“Then God said”*

Here we have not the proper name of God, but the word, *Elohim*, which is the designation of deity. Its significance is in the **absolute power of this being**. The second thing that we notice is in the ***im*** ending of the word, which speaks of his plurality. ***Im*** refers to the idea of three or more. So what we have here is a reference to the Godhead.

2. *“Let us make man in our image”*

The first thing we note is that the verb to *make* is in the first person plural of *asah* and is translated as, *“Let us make”*. Showing that all three members of the godhead were present and involved in the creation of the man and the woman.

Other things that were involved is that the man and the woman were both created in the image and likeness of the godhead. This indicates that what is involved is the unseen essence of the soul: emotions, intellect, volition and personality. God created the souls of both the man and the woman in the likeness of his soul.

The word for *make*, ***asah***, is our first creation word that we will study. It is the most frequently used word for creating, doing or making something; used over 2,000 times. But there is no special significance attached to it. It not only is the general word used for those ideas, but also is almost neutral. It is used for the making or creating of just about everything. So it does not give us any special insight into the matter, although it does have this idea in it, to produce something by labor. One also can say in about every case it’s to **make something out of existing materials**. But its chief significance is to produce something by labor. It is used in every aspect of the creation of the heavens, the earth, the man, the woman and everything on the earth. It signifies the labor of God in the process.

## B. The creation of the man and the woman.

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Gen. 1:27.*

1. *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him”*

Now we go a little further into this creation matter and we see now that God created the man using the definite article. In v.26 it says that God created man, *Adam*, in his own image, and then uses the plural saying, *“Let **them** rule over the earth, etc.”*. So *Adam* in v.26 would be referring to mankind in general, or a reference to both the man and the woman.

But here he switches over to the definite article with *Adam* making it, **“*the man*”**, which would refer properly to the man, *Adam*. Which is backed up by the statement, *“In the*

*image of God he created him*”, using the word *eth* the sign of the direct object and in the masculine singular.

## 2. “Male and female he created them”

Now we see that the direct object *eth* is used with a plural suffix, *otham*; male and female he created them. When the man was created the female soul was also created in him at the same time.

One of the things that helps explain this is the use of the word *bara* for creating, which we will get into. But what this passage indicates is that when God created the soul of Adam he created it both male and a female counterpart, with the female side being dormant.

**It is natural to think that because God created the woman’s body separately, and at a different time, that it would only follow that he created her soul at that time. But seeing that the woman’s body came from the man’s body, it would also be proper to conclude that her soul came from him also. Especially if God had chosen to create her soul at the same time that he created Adam’s soul.**

The use of the word *bara* for creating does have its own significance. It is used almost exclusively for the act of creating and is usually translated as created. The apparent significance of *bara* is that **something was created that was not there before**, and that it was **created out of things not in existence**. God created, *bara*, the heavens, the earth, the man, the woman, the blacksmith, the waster to destroy, a clean heart, the whales, the wind, new heavens and earth, and a new people. Its significance is that nothing was there and then God brought it into existence. **Nothing is said as to the mechanics of how it is done, only that it is done**. Nothing is said as to how he did it, only that he did it. One could say that it is done out of nothing, but to be more accurate one would have to say that **nothing was there and then he created something**. As to whether he created it out of nothing or out of something is a secondary matter.

When it comes to the material order, the heavens and the earth, there was nothing like it in existence before and there was nothing else in existence, and God created something. He created the heavens and the earth out of nothing.

But when it comes to man, we know that **God created the man out of the dust of the earth**. So what does *bara* refer to in Gen .1:26, 27; 2:3; 5:1, 2; 6:7? Is it the body, or the unseen soul of the man? *Bara* can be applied to both, because it would speak of creating a soul out of nothing. Or if we wanted to speak about the man in general we could say that man never existed then God created the man. Then we could go on and be more specific to say that God created the man out of the dust of the earth.

*Bara* is also the word used for the creation of Lucifer and the angels, Ezek.28: 13, 15. Nothing was in existence and then God created Lucifer. Did he create him out of nothing? Or did he create him out of some other substance as he did with man? *Bara* allows for that interpretation. An interesting note, we know that man is a carbon based life form,

could the angels be silicon based life forms? This idea would come from the precious stones that were his covering; all of them, with perhaps the exception of one, are silicon based.

His whole act of creating in Gen. 2,3 is called *bara*, even though he made the plants and trees spring up from the soil and not out of anything. He used *bara* in describing his forming of man, beasts and birds. Not that they were made out of nothing, but that nothing was there before and he made them.

### C. The forming of the man

*“And the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being”*. Gen. 2:7

#### 1. *“And the Lord God formed man”*

The first thing our attention is turned to is the new statement, *Yahweh Elohim*, instead of just *Elohim*. In the first instance only *Elohim* is used to denote the presence of the godhead in creating man. **But with the insertion of Yahweh we have a certain member of the godhead as the active agent of creation.** It is this same member of the Godhead who has been the active agent of all of God’s dealings with man. It is he who created the heavens and the earth. It is he who formed and made the man and the woman. It is he who formed Israel for himself and led them out of Egypt. And it is he who became a man and died on the cross for our sins. His name? Yahweh! His name in Greek is Iesous. His name in English is **Jesus!** So it is the same member of the Godhead designated here as *Yahweh Elohim* who formed Adam’s body.

The word for *formed* is *yatsar*, but what does it mean? What is its significance? *Yatsar* is **the only word used specifically for the creating of the man’s body, not the woman’s.** It is not used in the creating of the heavens or the earth. It is used for the creating of the man’s body, the bodies of the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Gen. 2:19.

**Its significance is on the shaping or forming of an object into something.** Usually it has the idea of shaping raw materials into a formed object. The potter shapes the clay into a certain vessel; the carpenter carves wood into the shape of an idol; the stonemason sculpts stone into the shape of a pomegranate, statue or idol. It doesn’t speak of creating something, but of shaping, forming, molding something out of existing materials into a desired shape or form.

**The process which one employs is determined by the material that one has to work with and what is the desired goal.** One does not use hand saws and drill bits on soft clay. For that he uses his hands. But he does not use his hands to form stone. For that he uses chisels, hammers and polishing compounds. And for more delicate work he uses finer tools. So the tools, along with the process, have to be considered in the use of *yatsar* in all of its categories of use, when arriving at a certain goal and having to use certain materials.

**The significance of yatsar in the creation of Adam's body**, (and the bodies of the beasts of the field and the birds of the air for that matter), was the sculpting, forming, shaping, molding of a material **into the desired form** that God wanted it to be. **But nothing is said of the process that God used to do this!** Great care went into the creating of Adam's body, while with the woman, great care went into its beauty!

Now God wanted to create a man's body, (and the bodies of birds and animals), and the rough process, we are told he used to accomplish this is by forming, molding or shaping it. The building material he used was the **"dust" of the earth**.

So we start with the **raw material** that God had to work with and this will **determine the process that he had to use to arrive at the desired goal**. Obviously chisels, hammers, saws, drill bits, etc., are out of the question. Remember, the raw material determines the process and the tools. But it still is a job and a process that calls for the use of hands. *Yatsar* is a hands-on word that molds or shapes something; something like the clay in the potter's hands. But clay cannot be used because it is an inanimate object incapable of movement or life. While the desired goal for man was to have a body that was capable of physical and soul life, movement and function, with living flesh made up of many things: bone, hair, flesh, muscles, skin, organs all functioning. There is also the difference that **inanimate objects are made to be, while animate objects are to grow into what they are to be!**

## 2. *"From the dust of the ground"*

There are three words that we need to consider in understanding this: *eretz*, *adamah* and *apar*. They all refer to the earth, but **go from the general to the more specific**.

The first one, *eretz*, is the more inclusive word and can refer to the whole world, or planet as we would say, down to the territory that a nation sits upon, or the land that the farmer tills. It can refer to land, or the whole earth and everything that sits upon it.

But if we want to be more specific, then we would use the word *adamah*, which refers to soil. If a farmer wanted to refer to all his property, say he had 640 acres, he would say, "All this land, *eretz*, is mine." But if he wanted to talk about the soil itself, he would say, "And 400 acres of it has the best soil, *adamah*, in the valley!" *Adamah* also referred to the soil/humus that would absorb water in contrast to rock.

And if we wanted to go even finer, more specific, we would use the word *apar* to speak of the dust of the soil, the finest particulates of the soil. Which would become airborne in dust storms, as in the dust bowl days of the Midwest, when half of a state would blow away. But we have something else in view here, when it says that God formed Adam out of the dust, *apar*, from the soil, *adamah*. We find that dust, *apar*, is used technically.

The first thing that we see about Adam's body, (and the bodies of the beasts of the field and the birds of the air), was that it was not formed out of air, or water, or stone, or plant life, but that it was **formed out of the dust of the soil**. So the "dust" from the soil

became the building block, the raw material from which God “formed” their bodies. But was it really dust that God used, or does the word "dust" actually **refer to something else**? There are a couple reasons why it can't be literal dust, as we know it.

The first one is the unmalleability of dust in conjunction with the chemical and physical makeup of the human body. And we need to note that after God was finished with the forming of Adam's body, nothing else was done, nothing else was added, when he blew the breath of lives into Adam's nostrils. Blowing the breath of lives into Adam's nostrils did not magically change Adam's body from a “dirt body” into a real human body. The human body, flesh, bone, muscle, blood, skin, etc., was already done; finished, completed by the time he did that. It was the charge, if you will, that energized it, made it come to life. The human body is composed of approximately 80% water. Eighty percent of our bodies are water, so that means when God was finished forming Adam's body, the ratio would have had to been 80% water and 20% “dust”. This would have made it impossible to “form” it, for that would have made it slurry. Try four gallons of water and one gallon of dust in a five gallon bucket and see what you get.

The second reason why it was not literal dust is that the human body is extremely complex in its makeup of chemicals, minerals, vitamins, acids, etc., extremely complex. And basically dust is lifeless! First of all the soil around the world is not uniform in its mineral composition. Many areas of the world are totally void of some minerals, which are found in other areas, that are themselves void in certain other minerals. Not to mention that literal dust is lacking in so many things: vitamins, complex chemicals, and amino acids. Not only that, many of the things found in the human body are not even present in dust at all!

This is the logical approach to why the word *dust* used here does not refer to literal dust, but there's another reason. The word dust, *apar*, was a technical word that **referred to the smallest elements of the soil and referred to the basic chemicals of the earth**. If we break down matter, the matter of the planet, we go down to the chemical elements that make up all matter: hydrogen, oxygen, iron, gold and all the other elements that have been discovered over the years. **These chemical elements are the building blocks of all life on earth. So the reference to the “dust” of the soil refers to all the basic elements of the earth. These are what God made Adam's body out of and all the other animals found on earth.**

You see dust itself does not contain all the complex acids, chemicals, vitamins and even minerals that are found in the body. Besides, the term dust, *apar*, was a technical term used for the **basic chemical elements found on the earth. So now we have the raw material that God would use in the making of a human body**, as well as the bodies of birds and animals, and that is the basic chemical elements found on the earth.

Now the question is how to bring those elements into the desired goal of a living, breathing human being? And this is where it gets interesting, for nothing is said as to **how** he did this, that is, the mechanics, or the **process** that he used. We do know that he did not **speak** Adam into existence, as he did the heavens and the earth. Light was not there; he said, “Light be”, and light was. With the creating of the man, though, the Lord God

Yahweh, the second member of the trinity, took a hands on approach and formed him himself, but how? **What was the procedure that he used to do this?** Remember, the materials one has to work with and the desired goal, determines the process that one has to use to accomplish that.

In the case of forming wood, the **carver** takes the knife and chisel and carves it into the shape he wants. In the case of forming stone, the **mason** uses a hammer and chisel to carve the stone into the shape he wants. In the case of the **potter** we have a little more insight, for he uses neither hammer nor chisel, but the pressure of his hands to form the clay into the shape he wants. If he wants a wide bowl to carry food or other things, he pushes his hand inside and pushes outward, with the pressure of his hands causing the bowl to change shape. If he wants a long, skinny neck, he takes his hands and presses inwardly and upwardly and the neck gets longer and skinnier. So the forming process causes the material to change directions so he can get it into the desired form. One can also do that with a plant or tree by pruning and other measures, where the individual forms the tree into a desired shape.

In Isa. 43:21, the Lord said of Israel that they were, *“The people that he had formed for himself”*, using the word *yatsar* for shaping or forming. **But what was the process that he used to do that?** The process entailed many things; individuals marrying the right people, their health and diet, blessing and discipline, separating from evil people, outward pressure by hostile nations, testings, trials, doctrine, the right children, etc., all to form his people into what he wanted them to be.

So we go back to the question, **“How did God form Adam?”** As we can see the method of forming can take on a hands-on approach, as with the potter forming the clay with his hands. It can also take on a hands-on approach, not only directly, but also by using some tool, as with carpenters and masons. **The process of forming utilized tools, instruments and other things in addition to the individual.** It can also use other people needed to apply the pressure to cause the growth in the desired area and in the desired direction. The process of desired growth is forming.

**So, did biogenetic engineering create Adam’s body? Where God took the DNA structure and the chemical compounds necessary for human life and caused them to grow, albeit rapidly, into a male body?** Mind-boggling? Perhaps, but what’s really mind boggling is that he could start from scratch and build, make, form a human body from all the things found here on earth regardless of the process that he chose to do it. . He created all the plant life on earth, but then he went and planted a garden in Eden. What’s the difference?

**Remember, the materials that one has to work with determine the process that one has to use and the goal one desires.** We know that bodies do not appear in the womb; they develop, they grow in a woman. **This is the pattern and is it so unreasonable to believe that the first human body was also formed in the same manner? Not just appearing, but formed by growing or developing, where Yahweh employed a biogenetic engineering concept to form the first man. Is it possible that God used biogenetics to create Adam’s body, then Eve’s later on?**

And look where we are today. Man is trying to create life in a laboratory. Not from scratch as God did, for he created all the chemical compounds to begin with, but creating life through biogenetic engineering. And not just life, but human life! And if man can do that, certainly God can! Man is just beginning to understand how the basic building blocks of life work and is rapidly seeking the knowledge on how to create life. How man wants to be **like** God, but does not want to **know** him.

Some people, many of them believers, believe that the people living before the flood had actually arrived at that level of bioengineering and that their experiments had got out of control creating beings that were half human and half animal. These mythological “creatures” of old were not myths but real! **They were half-man half-animal things formed by the process of bioengineering**, and that only Noah and his family were not touched by this sickening, evil tragedy; that they were the only true humans left on earth. Even recently, it was announced that scientists had created a human embryo with rabbit genes, which they destroyed.

There are many references to beings before the flood that grew to the size of fifteen to fifty feet tall! Could these be the Giants of old? Were these the creatures of bioengineering? Some say that it was the fallen angels who were involved in these bioengineering experiments creating half-human half-angel beings, not angels, but the fallen angels, who are totally wicked. Where the DNA of men and the DNA of angels were united to form a race of wicked beings. (Many claim that this is going on today with alien breeding experiments). God had to intervene back then and cast the fallen angels who were involved in this into Tartarus, and then killed off the rest of the human race by the flood, including the hybrids, sparing only Noah and his family. The result was that the fallen angels were cast into Tartarus; the souls of the unsaved went down into Sheol. But because these hybrids were neither man nor angel, some believe that their souls are still roaming the surface of the earth today, as disembodied spirits, seeking other human bodies to indwell. They believe that these are the demons the Bible talks about.

And one has to ask, “Where will all these genetic bioengineering experiments lead us to?” **Will this be the manner by which the Anti-christ comes into existence?** A satanic counterfeit of what God did in the Garden? A human cloned or manufactured being made without a sin nature? Will they be able to straighten out the bent of the helix and create the perfect man? **Will they take the DNA of Satan and put it into a woman to create a son for Satan?** After all, the first prophecy in the Bible is that the **seed** of the woman, who is Jesus Christ, will crush the head of the **seed** of the serpent. If the seed of the woman is a man, then it has to follow that the seed of the serpent has to be a man also. The first one is the Christ; the second one is the Anti-christ.

#### D. The making of the woman

*“Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man” . Gen. 2:22*

## 1. "Then the Lord God made a woman"

Now we come down to **the creation process of the woman**, which is totally different than the man's. The verb for her creation is different, with a different significance, and the raw material for her construction is also different than the raw material used to make Adam's body.

In the three creation verbs that we have had so far, the first one, *asah*, was by far the most widely used word and had the emphasis of producing something by labor. The second, one, *bara*, which is usually translated as to create, something was created that was not there before. Whether it was created out of something, or out of nothing was a secondary issue. The third word, *yatsar*, meant to form or shape something out of existing materials, usually raw materials.

The word used for the creating of the woman's body, *banah*, is a totally different word; it meant to build something. And in the majority of the cases it dealt with the building of fortresses, towers, buildings, cities, houses, walls, temples, altars, repairs, foundations, etc..

*Banah* had several significances. **First of all**, it dealt with all the complexities of building: the designing of the plans, site preparation, the laying of the foundation, the construction of the building, its artistic embellishments, such as fancy carvings, filigree, sculpting, overlaying with gold, ivory, precious stones- all to make beautiful what has been built.

**The second thing** about *banah* is the aspect of craftsmanship. It is one thing to build a building, but with *banah* it tells us that the skill and craftsmanship of the architects, workers and artisans played a major role in making it a beautiful building.

**The third thing** about *banah* is that something is made or constructed out of matter; things that exist in the material world, while the heavens and the earth were created out of nothing.

**The fourth thing** about *banah* is that the things that were used in the construction process were not just raw materials and had to be shaped, sculpted and worked before they could be used in the construction process. The carpenter had to cut and shape the wood. The mason had to cut, dress and fit the stones. The artisan had to cut, shape, and fit the finish work.

While with the woman's body, **great care went into its beauty!** An ordinary building in itself is quite an achievement and often a wonderful thing. But to have artisan's work it over with all sorts of beautiful embellishments transforms it into a beautiful building, one that is functional and beautiful, one that people can use, enjoy and admire. Even more so, if the architects were brought in from the beginning to design its shape to be beautiful from the beginning. Both are buildings, good buildings, both serve their function well, but the one is absolutely beautiful; one that people can use and admire because its shape,

texture and artistic embellishments have been incorporated into its design to make it a thing of beauty. So it is with the woman's body.

The significance of the man's body is that God formed, through some process, out of the chemical elements found on the earth into a human body. And although there were several significances with the woman's body, the single strongest emphasis was toward its beauty! To make the woman's body God began with different raw materials; not the chemical elements of the earth, but the flesh and bone of Adam's body; a finer substance to begin with than the "dust" of the earth. He designed her shape utilizing finer building materials and embellished it to make it beautiful.

There are some questions still that need to be asked. We may not know the answers, but they still need to be asked. **Where did God create the man's body? Where did he go to create the woman's body? Why did he go someplace else to create her body and not do it in the Garden? Did he create her body where he created Adam's body? Were both of their bodies created in the same place? What was there about that place that made it the location of creation? Why did he create it outside of the Garden of Eden? Was there something there that made it suitable for the act of creating or manufacturing? Were their bodies created on earth at all? If not on earth, where?**

2. *"From the rib he had taken from the man"*

*"And Yahweh Elohim constructed a woman (Ishah) from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man."*

In the rib was muscle, tissue, blood, bone, marrow, DNA; all the things needed for the construction of another human body. But it's interesting as to why he chose this method, instead of going back to the soil, as he had done with Adam?

I know the ladies like to think that he was improving on the old model, but that's not the real reason. Her body was not better, but different; it was more beautiful. Remember why we have brought out in the study? The raw materials, or the building materials, the process of construction and the desired result are all linked together.

With the end result in mind, the creating of another human body, a body for the woman, one that he wanted to be beautiful in every respect, God decided that he had to use different building materials; not just using the chemical compounds found in the soil, but from an already existing body; the rib taken from the body of man. There are other spiritual and psychological reasons also.

One can construct a building without any frills or beauty to it at all and still be functional. But if one wanted it to be beautiful, then it would have to be designed that way from the ground up. Flowing lines, curves, symmetry, spatial relationships, perspective, grandeur, proportional, artistic embellishments and the building material itself, all go into making a building beautiful.

So it was the woman that God created and placed on the earth. Man would be an earthen vessel, woman a porcelain dish. The woman was designed with form in mind; man was designed to be functional. Form, flowing curves, gracefulness, softness of skin texture, her embellishments of eyes, lips, face, breasts and many more things that are not only functional, but beautiful as well. The emphasis on Yahweh's creation of the woman is beauty, as man has attested to for thousands of years.

#### **E. Where was Adam's body formed?**

*"Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the East, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed" Gen. 2:8*

It says that, "*Yahweh Elohim, Jesus Christ, had planted a garden in Eden, in the east.*" The first thing we notice is that the garden was not created as God did the heavens and the earth. The second thing we notice is that the garden did not come into existence on the third day when he created all the plant life on earth. **The Garden of Eden came to be because God planted it himself.**

The third thing we see is **that it is not the Garden of Eden, but a garden in Eden!** The name of the garden was not Eden, but that there was a garden that God had planted in a place **called** Eden. Now we ask, "**Where was Eden?**" It doesn't say that the garden was planted in the east of Eden, which would indicate that it was planted in the eastward section of Eden, but **that it was planted in the east...in Eden!**

To help us understand this we must note that **Moses** is the one who is writing this book, and **all his references to geography are from his perspective**, and living in the area of Egypt to the Sinai desert Eden would be due east from him. This narrows it down to two historical candidates for the location of Eden.

The first one, which is the most popular, is that Eden was in the Mesopotamian area. **First of all**, because the Mesopotamian area on over to India and China is known as the east; the near east to the Far East. The **second reason** is because the Mesopotamian area of Iraq and Iran is known as the cradle of civilization. All civilization originated from there, at least after the flood. The **third reason** is because two of the rivers mentioned regarding the garden of Eden, the Tigris and the Euphrates, flow from there. So it seems a likely candidate, on the surface.

But another candidate for the location of Eden, which gets very little attention, is the **place called Aden located in the Gulf of Aden. One reason** is that the people living there say that the name has never been changed from the beginning, that it has always been called Aden. **Another reason** is that they have had a tradition for thousands of years that their land was the actual location of the garden in Eden.

**But there is a third reason and that is some scientists, by using geographic archeology and satellite photography, have actually shown that the headwaters of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers did not begin in their present locations in the region of Mesopotamia, but actually began in Aden! They show that their headwaters**

**originally began in Aden, in an area enclosed by mountains, and then flowed northward up through the areas of Palestine and Israel, then went on to their present locations of flow. They stated that a major upheaval of the earth disrupted their flows causing them to go to their present locations.**

Now the word for *garden* is **gan** and referred first of all to a **sheltered, protected enclosure, then to an actual garden where all kinds of trees and fruit bearing plants would be found**. Such gardens were all over the ancient world; from the poor man to the Emperor, even the temples of ancient times were surrounded by verdant gardens. And because they gave so many people such pleasure, the word Eden came to be the word for delight. **The Persian word Paradise came from the Bendick, pair-daemons, which meant a hedging round, again, the idea of being enclosed.**

And so, whatever the word one uses, the Garden was a special place in Eden that was in a sheltered, protected area, an area surrounded by the protection of mountains. (Which makes one wonder, **“Why was the Garden in a sheltered, protected area?” “What was out there that the man and the woman needed to be sheltered from?”**). But God took this area and planted in it a garden, with all kinds of fruit-bearing trees that were good for food, including the planting of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life. So now that we have a better understanding of the Garden that was in Eden, we now turn our attention to the question, **“Was Adam created there?” And if he it wasn’t created there, where was he created?**

2. *“And there he put the man he had formed”*

The **form** of the man’s body and the woman’s body was **determined by the function** God had in mind for them. Man to work, and the woman to bear children. But with the woman’s body, she was created with form, function and beauty!

We have the word for man used here, *Adam*, with the definite article, *the, the man, the Adam*, to let us know that it was only the man in view here, not the woman, not mankind. And the first thing we note is that the man was not formed in the Garden; it says that he put the man there that he had formed. He formed the man and then put him in the Garden.

*Sum* is to put something someplace. He placed, or put the man in the Garden that he had already planted. The way this is worded indicates that Yahweh had formed the body of Adam in some other place, breathed the breath of lives into him and then brought him into the Garden. There is no statement that says that the “forming” process, by which God created Adam, was done **in** the Garden. **What it does say is that God formed Adam’s body and then put him in the Garden!**

What this tells us is that God created/formed/manufactured Adam in some other location and then put him in the Garden that he had already planted with trees that provided food. Now he could have breathed the breath of lives into Adam in this other location and then brought him into the Garden alive and conscious, giving him somewhat of a knowledge of these things, or he could have formed him some place else, brought the body into the

Garden, and then breathed into him the breath of lives, thus giving him only a conscious awareness of the Garden only and no knowledge of what had gone on before.

**Where could have Adam's body been formed** from the raw material of the earth's chemical elements? I don't know. In Eden? In some other place on earth? In heaven? In a celestial traveling vehicle? I don't know, but we will see more with the woman.

Actually we have a digression in v.8-14 with Moses talking about the Garden. In v.7 he says, "*And Yahweh Elohim, (the active agent of the Godhead), formed the man out of the dust (chemicals) of the soil and breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives and the man became a living being (soul)*". And then he goes on to say, "*Now Yahweh Elohim, (the active agent of the Godhead), had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed*". v.8. **This gives us the first clue that Adam was formed somewhere else and then taken to the Garden that God had planted in Eden.**

Then he jumps on down to v.15 where he says, "*Yahweh Elohim took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it*". Again showing Adam originated in another place and then was taken by God into the Garden. And we see this again in v.19a, "*Now Yahweh Elohim had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all of the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them.*" Again we see **God bringing things, animals, birds, etc., into the Garden** where Adam was. Nothing is ever said of God creating in the Garden.

The implication is that **everything that was created was created in another place away from the Garden and then brought into the Garden, even the woman.** "*Then Yahweh Elohim made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man*", v.22. The creation of the woman's body was not done where Adam could see it, but in another place, whereupon God brought her to Adam in the Garden.

**Which raises some really interesting questions. Where did the active agent of the Godhead, Jesus Christ, go to make Adam's body, Eve's body and the bodies of all the animals? And why did he do that? What was there about this other place that God made their bodies there and not in the Garden? Was there a creating place, a place where all these bodies were made? If so, where was it? What was it? Was it in the territory of Eden? Was it someplace else on the earth? Was it in heaven? Was it above the earth? Was it in a vehicle above the earth? Was there some kind of celestial laboratory where chemical elements combined with DNA grew the man? You say, no! Just remember the word for forming the body has the idea of making or manufacturing things using raw materials utilizing a process.**

#### F. The function of the man

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."* Gen. 2:15.

**Here we see the function for which the man was created.** God placed Adam in the Garden to work it and take care of it. And in his creation form follows function. That is,

the form or shape of Adam's body was created that way for a certain function, to work. Shoulder to hip ratio, symmetry, bone structure, muscle development, upper body strength, etc., all existed because Adam was made for working, as well as being a father.

While with the woman we have a different situation. She was not designed to work as Adam was; **she was made to be a helper, not a co-worker**. God also designed and ordained for her to be a mother, even her name, Eve, meant mother of all living. God designed her to be the mother of all humans and so designed her body for motherhood, hips, breasts, softness, gentle nature, etc..

Adam's shape, his physical structure was designed for his function on earth; straightforward, no frills get the job done kind of body. Eve's body, although its form was designed for a function, God went one step further and made it beautiful. **Adam's body was form and function. Eve's body was form, function and beauty.**

So God formed Adam's body and then took him into the Garden, giving him instruction on what to do and what not to do. But God saw that it was not good for him to be alone, so he created a helper for him. Gen. 2:18. The word for **helper** is **azar** and it referred to a covenant helper, the kind found in marriage, friendship and our relationship to God.

## G. Taking the woman to the man

*“So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, for she was taken out of man.”* Gen. 2:21-23

In v. 21 we see that God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man. This is the kind of deep sleep necessary if one were performing surgery. And it certainly looks like that was what God was doing here with Adam. He put Adam into a deep, unconscious sleep; one that he could not wake up from prematurely, removed a rib from his side and then closed up the flesh in its place. This certainly sounds like a surgical procedure to me. We all know that God removed Adam's rib from his side, this we know, but no one has ever asked, **“By what means, or what was the process that he used to do that??”**

When Yahweh Elohim took the man to the Garden, the word that was used was **laqach**, denoting a simple act. But with the woman we have a different word used, **bo**. In the hiphil stem **bo** meant to cause someone to come along, to bring someone along, to lead someone into a place, **to bring someone to a person**. It was used of a father leading the bride to her husband to be, or the bride being brought into the house of her new husband.

God took the rib out of the man and then took it also to another place. And there in that place he took that rib and carefully “constructed” it into another human being, only in this case it was a female, with all the emphasis being on her beauty. After he had finished constructing her, he then took her to the man from which she had been made. Yahweh Elohim led her back into the Garden in Eden, where he thereupon made her a present to

the man. The Hebrew shows that it was a face-to-face encounter, as it is to be all throughout the marriage. *“And Yahweh Elohim constructed the rib that he had taken out of the man into Ishah, the woman, and then brought her face to face with the man.”*

This study is designed to open our eyes to other concepts found in the creation of Adam and Eve; concepts different than the preconceived ideas placed in our minds by other people. Many believers have the perception that God molded clay, or dirt in the Garden into a sort of “mud-man” and then breathed life into him and that was the man Adam. But as we have seen, Adam was not created in the Garden and neither was Eve. They were created some place else and that some sort of process was used. From what we know of science so far, every single human has their own DNA, so that means that not only did God use the chemical compounds found on the earth, but he also introduced DNA into the human race in the creation of Adam.

**Did God create Adam in some celestial laboratory? We really can't state that he did. But we do know that God did not “poof” him into existence. We know that DNA was involved. We know that the “growing stuff” was the basic chemical compounds of the earth. We know that some sort of process was used to form Adam's, then Eve's body. We know that God did this in some other place and then took him into the Garden. We know that God put him into deep sleep; the kind needed for surgery, and then removed the rib from him and covered the wound over with flesh.**

We may never really know, this side of Heaven, how God created the man and the woman. But which sounds more plausible, God forming a “mud man” and then breathing life into him, or God taking DNA and the basic chemical compounds of the earth, growing it into a human body in some sort of heavenly or celestial lab, breathing lives into it, and you then end up having a living, breathing human being? Remember, the raw material you have to work with. Organisms have to grow!