

## CREATION AS DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE RELATIVE TO ACIM

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In the Bible, there are three accounts of Creation. One in The New Testament and two in The Old Testament.

The one in The New Testament is the simplest, the most straightforward, the one that is so simple that it bypasses everyone's grasp of the totality of its meaning. It says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." [John 1:1]

In the first chapter of Genesis, that very simple rendition of Creation is fleshed out wherein it says, "And God said, 'Let there be light.'" Let there be this. Let there be that. Let there be plants. And let there be cattle. And let there be whales. And so on. And then God charged all of what He created to be fruitful and multiply. And then it says that on the seventh day—because in order to flesh it out a structure had to be provided, a storyline, you might say, even though Creation could not have taken time to occur—and on the seventh day God rested. There was completion. And then it says, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good." Which really means "and it was VERY GOOD." And I have said before that a clearer understanding of that statement can be found in these words, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was verily (or really) God."

So, in the beginning was the Word. And God said, "Let there be . . ." And the Word was with God. And God saw everything that He had made. And the Word was God. And behold it was verily God. Creation is finished. Creation is complete. And Creation is the Movement of the Mind of God which God sees and recognizes Himself in. It is all about God, from first to last. It is all God.

So, where is this Adam and Eve? Well, in the second chapter of Genesis it says, “But there went up a mist from the ground.” Well, let me ask you this: If you are at a movie and you see the image on the screen begin to waver and shift and become mystified and unclear, and then resolve itself in a new scene, you naturally assume that you have shifted into a different reality. It is easy to assume that. And I encourage you to assume that, when you read after Creation has been completed, “and a mist went up from the ground.”

And then there is a key sentence. It says, “And there was no man to till the ground.” Well, you know what? The way it’s written sounds like the lead in to what follows, but it’s really the conclusion to what has already been written. Creation does not include a man to till the ground. It does not include a man to make his mark in the world. It does not include a man to exert authority and change Creation. It does not include a man to give definition to everything, because God has already defined it completely, and charged it to be fruitful and multiply, to flourish.

So, according to this second creation, God creates man from the earth and breathes into it. And then, He causes a deep sleep to occur, because Adam is lonely and needs a helpmate. Ah! Is this beginning to sound familiar? Because we’re beginning to describe the realm of mutually-agreed-upon definitions. And without a helpmate, how can there be a mutually-agreed-upon definition, right? And so, He takes a rib out of Adam’s chest and from that makes woman.

And the rest is history, literally, because history is a record of time that in Eternity is an illusion. And everything that follows from there on throughout the Bible is a record of illusion. It is all based upon the trials and tribulations of being a man, or a woman, to till the soil and to suffer through and survive the quote “human condition.”

The moment that mist arose in the story, everything became an example of life, of Creation, being experienced through a glass darkly, through the distortion of mutually-agreed-upon definitions, and a, I’m going to say, a conscious ignorance—ignoring of Reality that doesn’t require a man to till the soil, that doesn’t require a woman to slave and sweat over a stove and labor. So, be careful when you have fun at the expense of women, or when you have fun at the expense of men, because there ain’t no such creatures.

You see, you might have been tempted to believe that “The Fall” occurred after Eve tempted Adam, that the illusion began after Eve tempted Adam and he agreed to join her. But the illusion started where the mist rose from the ground. And it’s an important thing to understand.

If you don’t understand it, you can buy into the idea that you are all descendants, one way or another, of Adam and Eve, since they are the first ones capable of being parents. And even if you hadn’t thought of it that way, in the more immediate present, you do see yourselves as descendants of your parents, who are descendants of their parents, who are descendants of their parents, and then you don’t usually think much further back than that. But you can’t be the descendants of your parents because you are the Direct Expression of God. And you embody All That God Is—Mind experiencing Itself and recognizing Itself in the experience. This is very key and I didn’t want to let it escape your attention.

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Before we start reading, I want to mention something that we discussed earlier: that you have no private thoughts. It’s relatively easy to engage in the uncomplimentary assessment of women as beguilers, temptresses. In fact, if you’re a man, you can make a point of looking for the best temptress you can find. But what I want to point out to you is that because none of you have any private thoughts, because you truly aren’t separate from anything, every thought you have is beguiling. Every thought you have is tempting. I prefer using the word “tempting” now.

Every thought you have is an invitation that goes out from you like a messenger looking for that which confirms it. It invites a joining in agreement—every single thought—whether it’s a hateful thought, whether it’s a loving thought, whether it’s a thought that finds its basis in the version of Creation found in the second chapter of Genesis, or whether it’s a thought that finds its basis in the first chapter.

And so everyone who is thinking is engaging in beguiling, or, is engaging in making an invitation to acknowledge the Truth. Your thoughts are either seductive, or they are illuminative. Either they seduce another, or they promote the illumination of another. I’m not saying this to convict anyone of

anything, but to point out something that happens unconsciously if you're not aware that you're not the offspring of Adam and Eve; if you're not aware that no such form of creation ever took place at the Hand of God.

No matter what great religious books you read, you will find attempts to account for existence. And so you will find a Creation story. The clearest account of Creation is in these words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." So, that means the Word wasn't you. And that means that you are the Word That Is God. It means that you are God in action, in Presence, in Being, right now. And that's what Waking up is the discovery of.

Now we will go to the book. We have a question?

QUESTION: I noticed in the two Creations that the name of the deity changes. First Creation, like an older name for God—Elohim, or the wind, or something like that. And the second Creation where Adam and the mist is happening is called the "Lord God," more of a Yahweh kind of a guy. Is that, is my perception correct on that?

ANSWER: That is correct. Yes.

QUESTION: Is there a significance to that?

ANSWER: Only that it represents the fact that there's a different source for each of the creations.

QUESTION: The first one is an older story.

ANSWER: The first one is the truest story. It doesn't have anything to do with time.

QUESTION: Thank you.

ANSWER: You are welcome.

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