

## Garden of Eden – Genesis chapters 1 - 4

“Eye Juggling” for the embedded Symbols and Values within the text  
Modified from Edmund Leach’s “Levi-Strauss in the Garden of Eden,” *Discovery* May 1962

### 1. Heaven (1:1, 1:2)



Mist/Waters (1:2)



Man (1:6)

Vegetation (1:12)

Creatures (1:20)

Earth  
(formless void)

(fertility drawn from infertile earth;  
“be fruitful, . . . take dominion . . .”)

### 2. Man in Garden alone (2:7)



Trees in Garden many (2:9)

(both Man and Trees drawn from dead dust of earth)

### Till the soil/care for garden (2:15)

(to be acted upon)



Tree of Knowledge (2:9)

(to avoid)

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### 3. Real World divided – many (2:10-14)



Rivers

(one river out of Eden divides  
and returns to fertilize Eden)

(Unity – one)

### Life – Death and Bisexual Real World



Paradise – Eternal Life and Monosexual Eden

(“felt no shame” 2:25)

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### 4. Animals birds, cattle and beasts – many (2:19-20)



Woman suitable helpmate (2:21-23)

(fertility drawn from infertile man  
– Adam’s rib while in deep sleep)

Man alone (2:18)

### 5. Man (3:6)

(husband)



Woman (3:2)

(wife)

Serpent

(derives from Eve’s  
action of eating from  
Tree of Knowledge)



– clothed (3:21)

– expulsion from Eden  
into real world of  
bisexual life/death  
(3:24)

(mother of all those who live 3:20)

**Adam** (4:1)

Thus in the telling the story of Genesis the trauma/conflict of original incest rendered less traumatic