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Creation of the Universe

When the universe was being established, God gathered together all of the angels and said to them, "You angels, what do you think about this? Shall I create an Adam or not?"

The angels said, "You are wonderful! You can do whatever you wish. This is really none of our business at all.

God then charged all of them with making some contribution to the creation of ^{ALL} Adam. They were directed to collect handfuls of dust from every part of the earth. Before God had created a soul, the angels had created an almost complete body from the soil they had collected. The one part of the body that was incomplete was the face. God came and touched the place where the face was supposed to be, and the body was complete

This human body lay there on the ground soulless for many years. After it had been there for several years, a part of the left side was removed, and from that part of Adam ^{At} Eve was created. Then God came again and gave both of them their souls at the same time.

As soon as they had acquired consciousness, the woman

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asked the man, "What is your name?"

"My name is Adam. What is your name?"

"My name is Eve," she answered.

The two were then taken to Paradise, where they were told, "Do not eat anything from the wheat tree. If you do, you will be punished."

After they had lived there in Paradise for several years, the Devil came one day. He misled Eve, causing her to eat from the wheat tree. Then Eve misled Adam, and he too ate from that tree. Soon they had to defecate, but it was a great sin to desecrate^m Paradise, and so God cast them out of Paradise for doing so.

They were taken to different places. Adam was taken to Arafat Mountain,¹ and Eve was taken to Cidde.² They lived separately, and neither knew where the other was for 700 years. After that very long time, God caused them to be reunited again. God made farmers of them, and He gave them a plot of ground near Cidde. He also gave them animals a plow, and the other equipment that they would need.

One day after they had been living there for a while,

¹A mountain near Mecca, it is one stop along the ceremonial trail taken by pilgrims during their worship at the Holy City.

²Jidda, the seaport for Mecca.

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Adam went to his field and found that stones had been put at different places in the field which he had plowed. He began to throw these stones off the field, but while he was throwing them from his field, Gabriel^{3 118} came along and saw what he was doing. Gabriel shouted, "What are you doing? Stop! Don't throw those stones out of my field!"

Adam answered, "This field is mine, not yours!"

The two of them began to fight, and before long, Gabriel knocked Adam down. But even as Gabriel was trying to drag him off the field, Adam hooked his feet around several of Gabriel's marker stones in order to keep as large a field as possible for himself. God gave zeal to Moslems and to people of that early time. If God hadn't done so, where would people get enough food to eat now? Without zeal no one would work. Although Adam and Eve may have been guilty of sin, they nevertheless had zeal

Adam was in need of iron. Without it, how could he attach the plowshare to the plow? But where could he find iron? Because of this problem, God sent David to earth, and he became the first craftsman. ¹¹⁸⁻¹¹⁹

One day Adam and David quarreled about which had the greater magic power. Adam said, "I have more."

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³ Is this the archangel playing this role?

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David said, "No, I have more!"

Eve said, "Tomorrow at this same time we shall see who has the greatest magic power."

On the following day David sent his apprentice to the market to buy something to eat. When the apprentice returned, he knocked on the door, "Tak, tak, tak!"

"Who is it?" asked the woman [Eve?].

"Open the door!" said the apprentice. When the woman opened the door, he said, "Look! For no reason at all my finger is burned!"

At that very time, David was pounding the hot iron with his bare fist. Suddenly, however, his fist stuck to the hot iron. From this incident he concluded that it was the woman who had the greatest magical power of all of them ⁴

So, we have to do everything properly. If we do this and avoid all that God has prohibited, we shall never sin

intended meaning here is not at all clear.