

Q. Did God create, at that time, any other rational being besides Adam?

A. Yes, God wishing to give Adam a companion, like unto himself, formed Eve, the first woman, and mother of all mankind, of a rib taken from the side of Adam, during a deep sleep which the Lord cast upon him.

Q. In what state were Adam and Eve created?

A. They were created in a state of innocence, and placed in a delightful garden called the Terrestrial Paradise.

Q. Did they remain always there?

A. No, they soon forfeited their right to dwell therein, and were ignominiously expelled from it.

Q. How did Adam and Eve forfeit their right to Paradise?

A. They forfeited their right to Paradise by eating of the forbidden fruit; God had given them permission to eat of the fruit of every tree in the garden, save one, and of that he forbade them to eat, under pain of incurring his displeasure.

Q. Why did God give them this command?

A. He gave it to them in order to test their obedience.

Q. How did they come to transgress the command?

A. The devil, who had already been cast out of heaven in punishment for his rebellious pride, being envious of the happiness of our first parents, resolved, if possible, to destroy them and their posterity.

Q. How did the devil effect his purpose?

A. He appeared to Eve under the figure of a serpent,