

Eden and the Garden in Eden.

To the ancient Hebrew, the true (*Ilan*) was the symbol of the manifestation of life. In Gen. ii., 7, 8 (Authorized Version), we read: "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed," "And out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

The tree of knowledge of good and evil, being but temporarily engrafted upon the tree of life, has no place with the latter as it grows before the throne bearing its twelve manners of fruit. Rev. xxii., 2.

Jacob had twelve sons, in each of which a different group of mental faculties were predominantly active and they were blessed accordingly. Gen. xlix. Taken together these twelve predominantly active groups of mental faculties represent the twelve groups of mental faculties in a *perfect man*. The twelve sons of Jacob were selected to rule over the twelve tribes of Israel. The members comprising each tribe, as did the twelve sons of Jacob, formed a different group of mental faculties predominantly active; taken together, the twelve tribes form a *holy nation*. The New Jerusalem was laid out four square, with twelve departments, twelve gates and twelve foundations, together making a *perfect city*. Each of the twelve departments of the city was made up of members of a special tribe, and its gates were named accordingly. Taken together, the twelve tribes in their positions in the city, represent the twelve groups of the mental faculties in man, in the position in which their respective organs are located in the *human brain*.

The twelve sons of Jacob, the twelve tribes of Israel, the New Jerusalem, the position of the twelve tribes within the city, and the location of the twelve groups of organs of the mental faculties in the human brain are but so many facts met with in Scripture, illustrating the symbolic representation, by the ancient Hebrews, of the human body, as Eden planted with trees pleasant to the sight and good for food, and of the human brain, the garden in Eden, planted with two trees—the tree of life, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

During the century just past the tree of life brought forth fruits of the *Intellect* in greater variety and abundance than at any other like period within the history of the human race. It would be useless to even attempt an enumeration of these fruits, developed during the nineteenth century in science, art, literature, and all that makes for the well-being of the environment of man, but of Man himself—in no other department has there been so little progress.

The reasons for this are two fold. Man at his first birth, is composed of a body, "of the dust of the ground" and an indwelling spirit, as a living soul. Gen. ii., 7.