

1 • The Builders

1:1 This is the history of the first earthlings when they were created by the triumvirate of seraphim who styled themselves The Builders: Lord Gabriel, intellectus sine misericordia, the pontiff (שופט), Lord Michael, oboedientia sine conscientia, the bailiff (סוהר), and Lord Belmaul, passio sine veritate, the sheriff (שטן).

1:2 No agriculture on the field was yet in the earth, and no harvest had yet sprung up,

1:3 but a mist went up from the earth, and watered the whole surface of the ground.

1:4 The Builders fashioned the Perfect Man: Androgynos, a male and female earthling in their image. Lord Gabriel called upon Yīuwuh Qanna, severitas sine sapientia, for the power to animate them for The Builders did not know The Mother. And Yīuwuh saw that Androgynos was Perfect and breathed the indestructible eternal Light he stole from The Father into their nostrils; Justice of the Strongest (1911) by Jean Delville
Top: Yīuwuh Qanna Bottom: Androgynos and Androgynos was ensouled with the spark of The Holy Spirit and a spirit body formed from the soil body.

1:5 Yīuwuh & The Builders were thinking it was through their power and their desire that they were acting as they did.

1:6 However, The Mother was secretly bringing about everything by means of them as She wished.

1:7 The Builders had planted a garden they called "Eden."

1:8 Out of the ground every tree grew that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, including the Tree of Life and in the middle of the garden the tree of knowledge of water and fire.

1:9 A river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it was parted, and become the source of four rivers.

1:10 The pontiff commanded the bailiff to take Androgynos, and put them into the garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it.

1:11 The sheriff warned Androgynos before their departure, saying "You may freely eat of every tree in the garden,

1:12 but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of Water and Fire; nor shall you eat from The Tree of Life for in the day that you eat of it, you will surely taste death."

1:13 Androgynos cultivated Eden for many days. One day while The Builders watched Androgynos working, the pontiff said, "It is not good for our diligent worker to be toiling all alone. Let us make it a helper companion." The bailiff said, "Two of them will most likely be compelled to become one flesh." The sheriff said, "We can put that to good use."

1:14 The pontiff lulled Androgynos into a deep sleep. As they slept, the bailiff removed their female side, set the male aside, and then sewed the wounds.

1:15 The sheriff handed off the female to the male. The pontiff was pleased and said, "You are The Man now. Call that other one any name you like."

1:16 The Man sang the first love song, "You are now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

1:17 The Woman made the first joke, "How about you call me 'Woman' because I was taken out of you?"

1:18 The Man and The Woman were both naked and singing and laughing, and they were not ashamed.

2 · The "Serpent"

2:1 Now this particular Serpent was more subtle than any other serpent on the field. Soon after her creation, The Woman saw the Serpent in the garden, and she heard them speak to her, saying, "Did your creators really say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?"

2:2 The Woman answered saying, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden,

2:3 but not the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden nor The Tree where you sit. That scary-looking one said, 'You shall not eat of it. You shall not touch it, or you shall taste death.'"

2:4 The Woman heard the Serpent say, "You shall not taste death,

2:5 for your creators know that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like them."

2:6 When The Woman saw that The Tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and she would most certainly not taste death, she took some of its fruit, and ate.

3 · I, Wisdom

3:1 The moment I ate the fruit, I stood atop the holy mountain. There was a tall earthling, and another one of shorter stature. Suddenly I heard as it were the sound of thunder, and I approached the gathering storm.

3:2 Then a turbulent wind spoke to me and said, "I AM YOU AND YOU ARE I, and where you are there am I; I am sown in all things; you gather me, but when you gather me, you gather Yourself.

3:3 I, Wisdom, was sent forth from a higher power than your creators and have come to you who meditate on me, and I have been found by you who seek for me.

3:4 Look at me, you who meditate on me, and you obedient ones, obey me.

3:5 You who expectantly wait for me, embrace me. and send me not away from your sight, and make not your voice hateful to me, nor your hearing.

3:6 Be not ignorant of me in any place or at any time.

3:7 Be on your guard; be not ignorant of me.

3:8 For I am the first and the last.

3:9 I am the honored and the scorned.

3:10 I am the whore and the celibate.

3:11 I am the wife and the virgin.

3:12 I am the mother and the daughter.

3:13 I am the limbs of My mother. I am the barren one whose children are many.

3:14 I am She whose wedding is great, and I have taken no husband.

3:15 I am the midwife and She who bears not.

3:16 I am the comfort after My labor pains.

3:17 I am the bride and the bridegroom, and My husband gave birth to me.

3:18 I am the mother of My father, and the sister of My husband, and he is My offspring.

3:19 I am the servant of him who possessed me. I am the ruler of My offspring, who, however, gave birth to me before the day of My birth.

3:20 And he is My offspring born on time, and My power is from him.

3:21 I am the staff of his power during his youth, and he is My rod when I am old, and whatever he wants will come to pass for me.

3:22 I am the silence that is incomprehensible and the thought whose remembrance is great.

3:23 I am the voice whose sound is manifold and the word whose appearances are many.

3:24 I am the utterance of My own name.

3:25 Why do you love those who hate me and hate those who love me?

3:26 You who deny me confess me, and you who confess me deny me.

3:27 You who speak the truth about me lie about me, and you who lie about me speak the truth about me.

3:28 You who know me, be ignorant of me, and those who have known me not, let them know me, for I am knowledge and ignorance.

3:29 I am shame and pride.

3:30 I am without shame; I am ashamed.

3:31 I am strength and I am fear.

3:32 I am war and peace.

3:33 Heed me: I am the disgraced and the great.

3:34 Heed My poverty and My wealth.

3:35 Be not arrogant toward me when I am cast down on the ground, and you will find me in those who will come to be.

3:36 And when you look at me on the dung-heap, do not abandon and leave me cast out, and you will find me in the kingdoms.

3:37 And do not despise me when I am cast out among the disgraced, and when in the lowliest places, laugh not at me, and cast me not out among those killed in violence.

3:38 I, however, I am merciful and I am cruel.

3:39 Be on your guard!

3:40 Hate not My obedience and love not My self-control.

3:41 When I am weak, forsake me not, and fear me not when I am in My power.

3:42 For why would you despise My fear and curse My pride?

3:43 I, however, am she who is found in all fears, and I am strength in trembling.

3:44 I am she who is sick, and I am well in a pleasant place.

3:45 I am without sense and I am wise.

3:46 Why have you hated me in your counsels?

3:47 For among the silent I shall be silent, and I shall appear and speak.

3:48 Then why have you hated me, you Greeks? Because I am a barbarian among the barbarians?

3:49 For I am the wisdom of the Greeks and the knowledge of the barbarians.

3:50 I am the judgment of the Greeks and of the barbarians.

3:51 I am the one whose image is great in Egypt, and the one without an image among the barbarians.

3:52 I am the one hated everywhere, and the one loved everywhere.

3:53 I am the one they call 'life,' and the one you call 'death.'

3:54 I am the one they call 'law,' and the one you call 'lawless.'

3:55 I am the one you have persecuted, and I am the one you have seized.

3:56 I am the one you have scattered, and you have gathered me together.

3:57 I am the one in whose presence you have been ashamed, and you have acted shamelessly toward me.

3:58 I am she who keeps not festival, and I am she whose festivals are many.

3:59 I, Wisdom, am godless, and I am the one whose God is great.

3:60 I am the one on whom you have meditated, and you have rejected me.

3:61 I am uneducated, and they learn from me.

3:62 I am the one you despised, and you meditate on me.

3:63 I am the one from whom you have hidden, and you appear to me.

3:64 When you, however, hide yourselves, it is I who will appear.

3:65 For when you appear, I will hide Myself from you.

3:66 I, however, am the perfect consciousness and the repose of thunder.

3:67 I am the knowledge of My seeking, and the finding of those who seek for me, and the command of those who ask of me,

3:68 and the power of powers in My knowledge of the malachim sent at My word, and of gods among gods by My counsel, and of spirits of every person who abides with me, and of women who abide within me.

3:69 I am the honored and the praised, and the one despised in scorn.

3:70 I am peace, and war has come because of me, and I am a foreigner and a citizen.

3:71 I am the substance and the one without substance.

3:72 Those not in union with me are ignorant of me, and those who share in My substance know me.

3:73 Those near to me have been ignorant of me, and those far away from me have known me.

3:74 On the day when I am near you, you are far away from me, and on the day when I am far away from you, I am near you.

3:75 I am the good news everyone wants to hear, and the bad news that cannot be grasped.

3:76 I am the name of the sound and the sound of the name.

3:77 I am the glyph of the letter and the space in between.

3:78 Obey me, you obedient ones, embrace me.

3:79 For I am exalted, and I have no one who will judge me.

3:80 For many are the fair forms of sins, and uncontrolled deeds, and disgraceful desires, and fleeting pleasures people embrace until they become sober and ascend to their place of repose.

3:81 And they will find me there, and they will live, and never die again!"

4 • Rebellion

4:1 When The Woman came down, she gave some fruit to The Man, and he ate too.

4:2 Their eyes were opened. They both knew that they were everlasting Souls. The Serpent sewed clothing out of fig leaves together, and made coverings for them then disappeared.

4:3 They heard the sheriff's voice walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and The Man and The Woman hid themselves from the presence of the sheriff among the trees of the garden

4:4 The sheriff called to the earthlings, and said to them, "Where are you?"

4:5 The Man said, "We heard your voice in the garden, and we were afraid, because we were naked; so we hid ourselves."

4:6 The sheriff said, "Naked?! Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from one the trees that I commanded you not to eat from?"

4:7 The Man lied to the sheriff and said, "No."

4:8 The sheriff was astonished The Man lied and said to The Woman, "Which tree was it?" The Woman lied to the sheriff and said, "I don't know."

4:9 Immediately the pontiff with the bailiff formed a court with The Woman on trial. The pontiff was wroth to The Woman for he heard Her Voice. He said, "Guilty. I can manage The Man being an everlasting Soul. But if that one is to be an everlasting Soul, I will greatly multiply its pain during childbirth."

4:10 In response The Woman on trial boasted, “Then you will greatly multiply the pleasure in child making! I will be The Mother of all living:Eve!

4:11 The pontiff said to the other seraphim, “So these are our earthlings now?” He turned to the earthlings and said, “Very well, the soil is cursed. You two will eat from it with much labor and toil for all the days of your flesh allows.

4:12 It will yield thorns and thistles to you.

4:13 You will eat crumbs by the sweat of your faces until you return to the ground, for you both began taken out of the muck. For you are water and we are fire, and your Souls shall return to the muck over and over again, and never get out of it. Bailiff, exile them from Eden. Give them garments more becoming of the wilderness.”

4:14 The bailiff sewed garments from the flesh of a certain animal for Eve and The Man, removed their fig leaves, and clothed them. The bailiff marveled at the fig leaves the Serpent had made with their intricate construction. Eve noticed and believed she could do anything, so she ran for the tree in the middle of the garden. When The Man saw her run, he believed he could do anything, so he assaulted both the pontiff and the sheriff to buy her time.

4:15 The sheriff arrested The Man but the bailiff remained mesmerized. The pontiff yelled at the bailiff, “Michael! Look at me! The earthlings we built have become like us, everlasting Souls! Stop the female! Before it eats from the tree of knowledge and understands water and fire!”

4:16 The bailiff broke free from hypnosis and dragged Eve and The Man out from the garden of Eden. The sheriff devastated the wilderness as an added measure so that they had to till the ground from which they were taken.

4:17 The Builders placed cherubim at the gates of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of knowledge of water and fire so that Eve and The Man might never return and never understand.