

The 'Tree of Life': Dream

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Dreams can be an amazing way of receiving direction from the Creator or just having your own inner self reveal to your understanding personal issues that you need to face in life and remedy. Sometimes I think there may be little difference between these two sources of dreams since we are created in the image of Creator where our own soul reflects his nature in the search of truth. Here is the dream.

The Dream

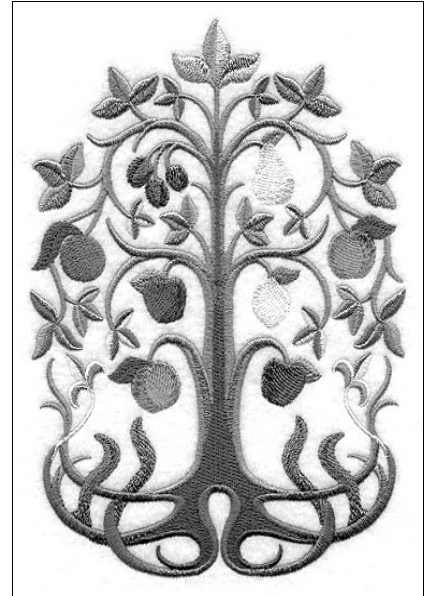
In a dream of October 6th, 2011, I found myself looking at a small tree. It was perhaps 8' tall and attached to the tree were hundreds of different types of fruit that were growing and most seemed ripe and ready to eat. It appeared to be a young tree in just reaching the age where it began to produce fruit.

Although a young tree but very lush and full. There was so much fruit that it looked like a 'fruit bowl' of growing fruit gathered from all over the world. Exotic fruits from the tropics were growing along side cold country fruits like apples, plums and berries – all on the same tree. Even bananas were seen on this tree yet I realized in the dream that bananas do not grow on trees but on tall plants.

I was amazed in the dream as I looked at this tree. I wondered what kind of tree this could be and mused to myself that it must have been created by a committee.

I then heard, "This is the tree of life." I was set back thinking that it was a young tree. Could this be a new tree of life being grown for sometime in the future? The dream then ended.

This dream created more questions than answers in my thinking. What am I supposed to do with this dream? What was the message? A new tree of life? Located where? What happened to the old one that was in the Garden of Eden? Is this new tree in existence now or to be in the future? It is literal or metaphoric? What biblical texts provide evidence for the re-creation of the Tree of Life that was once known to be located in the Garden of Eden?



Biblical References

As I began to study, I first consulted the biblical texts that refer to the tree of life and found that eating from such a tree provided eternal life to the physical body. Somewhat like the legendary 'fountain of youth' that has become the objective of search by many throughout history.



"Then God planted a garden in Eden away to the West, and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God then made trees spring from the ground, all trees pleasant to look at and good for food; and in the middle of the garden he set the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Gen 1: 8-9

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to care for it. He told the man, You

may eat from every tree in the garden, but not from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” Gen 1:17

He [God] said, “The man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; what if now he reaches out his hand and takes fruit from the tree of life also, eats it and lives forever?” So the Lord God drove him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he had been taken. He cast him out, and to the east of the garden of Eden he stationed the cherubim and a sword whirling and flashing to guard the way to the tree of life.” Gen 1:22-24.

The 'Fruity-Nutty' Nature of God

Spiritual fruit is also in reference to the nature of God. It can be said that although the tree in the Garden of Eden was physical, it has also become metaphoric as a spiritual tree that we can still eat from to sustain spiritual life.

The spiritual fruit of godly character includes the following virtues:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Gal 5:22-23

In the Scriptures, it says that Moses even though 120 years old did not have his strength diminished or his sight weakened. It says that God took him and that he did not die of old age.

It can be said that Moses ate of the tree of life by embracing the true nature of Creator and his body was physically sustained by this spiritual food. To find the tree of life in our lives, we have to find the true nature of Creator and eat of this spiritual fruit.