

SUNDAY SERVICE

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The Garden of Eden: Divine Paradise

The Yugas, p.164. Crystal Clarity Publishers, Sri Yuketeswar and Parahamsa Yogananda, and based off of Sri Yuketeswar's book, The Holy Science.

"The paradise myth most familiar to westerners is the story of the Garden of Eden where the first man and woman lived in harmony with nature. They needed no clothes, no shelter, no farms, no protection, and lived in peace and in close harmony with their creator. There are hundreds of other traditions of earthly paradise. The Sumarians, and later the Babylonians, living in the Tigris and Euphrates River six thousand years ago had a similar myth of an earthly paradise called Dilmon, where First man and woman dwelt in complete happiness. The Avastan, or old Iranian myth, speaks of Yima's Age, when there was no disease, no old age, no death, where sons and fathers looked equally youthful. The Egyptian tradition of paradise was called Ziptippi - the First Times - where everyone lived like Gods. The Greek tradition of the Golden Age says that men lived without discord and war. The Taoist tradition in China speaks of a time when all mankind lived in a state of happiness. The Vedic tradition of Satya Yuga, (Krita Yuga) describes a time when all Mankind lived in awareness of Spirit. The Lakota, Cheyenne, and Hopi speak of a higher age of surpassing harmony with nature. The native peoples of Central and South America, Asia, Australia and Africa similarly describe a higher paradise age."-The Yugas, p. 164

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Opening Prayer by Jeff and Shaleia

I am the only child of God, forever part of Him.

I am created by Him in Perfection, and there I always remain.

My mind is my sanctuary where I keep His Holy Creation sacred.

I will only allow in His Voice. I will only accept His Word.

Today I will hear the Word of God.

I surrender myself to His Teachings through His Divine Channel.

I will honor what He has spoken and accept it as His Will.

I will be obedient to His Word, for this is my Salvation.

In Christ's Name, Om Amen.

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Closing Prayer by Jeff and Shaleia

Father, I accept Your Word into my heart.

I will honor Your Will in my life, and I will follow You without hesitation anywhere You ask.

I know you guide me into Your Heart, where I belong.

I accept that You are everywhere, and Your teaching is in all things.

God, I know you provide me clarity in this teaching of Union that I may be forever in Union with you.

I accept that You are in me as You are in my brother.

I will not deny my brother Your Word and will share Your Teaching with Him in any way You ask, and only as You ask.

For when I share my salvation with him,

I fully claim my salvation and return You with him.

In Christ's Name, Om Amen.

Speaking this prayer in your heart means you have accepted that you are on the path of awakening to your true Divine nature. This is what it means to be a Unionist. Follow the teachings of Union with God wherever you find them and purify your consciousness into Perfect Union with your Creator.