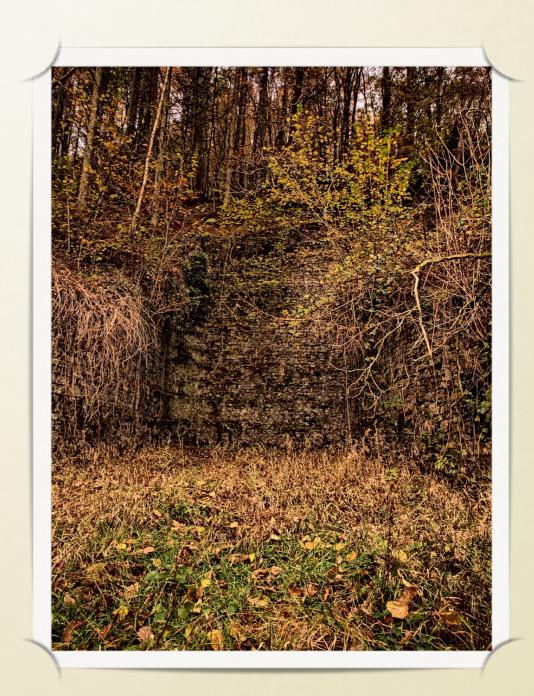


RELICS? EDEN?

- Eden was the perfect environment where God placed Adam and Eve.
 - Genesis 2.7-9
- Mankind was expelled and barred from Eden following their sin.
 - Genesis 3.22-24
- A relic is "an object, tradition, or system from the past that continues to exist"



- The created world, the handiwork of a Divine Creator.
 - Genesis 1 reveals God as the creator of our universe.
 - The orderly creation is an important concept in Scripture, a relic of Eden:
 - It demonstrates the absolute supremacy of God Isaiah 40.10-15
 - It reveals the glory and work of God Psalm 19.1-4
 - It is useful to bring us to an awareness of spiritual realities Romans 1.18-23



- Mankind, the direct and intentional creation of God.
 - God deliberately created mankind, originally placing him in Eden Genesis 2.7-9
 - Mankind is a relic of Eden, still bearing a Divine significance:
 - Mankind bears the image of the Creator Genesis 1.26-27
 - Mankind is the pinnacle of God's creation Genesis 1.28
 - It is useful to bring us to an awareness of spiritual realities Romans 1.18-23



- Two unique and distinct sexes, the intended Divine order.
 - The two sexes were distinctive, yet complementary Genesis 2.18-24
 - The two sexes are Divine in origination and a relic of Eden's bliss:
 - Note that two sexes are created and ordered before the fall Genesis 1.27; 2.22
 - The two sexes have different roles Genesis 2.18,24; 3.16
 - The two sexes have the same significance and value Genesis 1.26-27



- The Tree of Life, now accessed through the Seed of Woman.
 - Through Jesus, the seed of woman, we find hope Genesis 3.15; Hebrews 2.14ff
 - Through Jesus, we will find renewed access to the Tree of Life:
 - This was promised to the Christians in Ephesus Revelation 2.7
 - It is pictured as part of our reward in Heaven Revelation 22.2,14

