

From Genesis in the Bible
Genesis 2:5-9, 15 and Genesis 1:28 (The Message Bible)



⁵⁻⁷ At the time GOD made Earth and Heaven, before any grasses or shrubs had sprouted from the ground—GOD hadn't yet sent rain on Earth, nor was there anyone around to work the ground (the whole Earth was watered by underground springs)—GOD formed Man out of dirt from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The Man came alive—a living soul!

⁸⁻⁹ Then GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east. He put the Man he had just made in it. GOD made all kinds of trees grow from the ground, trees beautiful to look at and good to eat. The Tree-of-Life was in the middle of the garden, also the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil.

¹⁵ GOD took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.

^{1:28} **“Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”**