

The Garden of Eden is a spiritual metaphor.

The Garden of Eden is not a real place on earth.

The Garden of Eden is one of the many names for God-self-realization.

When the true inner self (inner spirit and inner witness) begins to use sensory input and sensations of the physical body as its *primary source of knowledge*, it begins to lose its remembrance that it is...or was eternal spirit, the inner spirit (self awareness or soul) casts *itself* out of paradise (the place of perfect eternal happiness...also called Heaven, Nirvana, Samadhi, God union, etc. etc.).