The Tree of Man

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Stan Parker, with only a horse and a dog for company journeys to a remote patch of land he has inherited in the Australian hills. Once the land is cleared and a rudimentary house built, he brings his wife Amy to the wilderness. Together they face lives of joy and sorrow as they struggle against the environment.

Patrick White was born in England in 1912. His Australian parents took him home when he was six months old but educated him in England, at Cheltenham College and King's College, Cambridge. He settled in London, where his first novel, Happy Valley, was published to some acclaim in 1939. After serving in the RAF during the Second World War he returned to Australia with his partner, Manoly Lascaris. The novels, short stories and plays that followed The Tree of Man in 1956 made White a considerable figure in world literature. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1973. The Hanging Garden was begun and put aside in 1981 when White was lured away to write once again for the theatre. The unfinished novel was found among his papers after his death in September 1990 and published in 2012."[This is] one of those magnificent novels given to us when a great writer is in perfect harmony with the mythic soul of humanity" -- Carmen Callil * Guardian * "He is, in the finest sense, a world novelist" * Guardian * "His greatest novel, The Tree of Man is a tragic pastoral about the penitential struggle with nature in a grim Australian Eden" -- Peter Conrad * Observer * "The novel has unforgettable scenes, marvellous characters, wide ranges of mood, strikingly fresh imagery - all those ingredients which make a novel...become a permanent part of our memory" * Washington Post * "A timeless work of art from which no essential element of life has been omitted" * New York Times Book Review *

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Ask-the Tree of Knowledge, ASK The Tree of Knowledge When examining the myths and folklore of the ancient Vikings and earlier Norse Tribes of Scandinavia, we find a recurring Legend passed on as fact. Before the beginning of time when the Spirit was upon the earth for all to know and see, the first man grew from a sweat gland upon the Sap of the Tree of ASK. The tree, ASK released Spiritual spores, the invisible zygote manifested form in the physical. The cells within became fecund, activated in life, triggered by Spirit, built into an ovum or egg attached to the root of the Great Tree, which bore the primitive, ancestral hermaphrodite of the human race. In ancient times numerous gods were upon the earth and in the inner lands of Spiritual and Astral realms. Following Natures Involution & Evolution trajectory, came the Devolution of the Races of Man, the gradual descent to the remainder of today. The legend tells of how the gods ceased to argue and came together in mind and Spirit, projected their consciousness to the Tree known as ASK, The Knower of all to be Known and created from the Tree, ASK, the ancestor of man. Each culture in History, with the exception of the current modern groups, has produced a Tree of Knowledge sacred to the peoples. In a world lost in materiality humanity clear-fell the carriers of Knowledge. The Tree, a Spiritual source, a point of refuge; without her leafy arbour there is no human life. Hug a tree and draw upon her strength, tune to her wisdom, wonder at her androgynous nature, hear the words whispered in the winds upon her leaf and in her breath. In China, the Sung-Ming-Shu, is the ancestral Chinese Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Spiritual Life. The Pippala Tree is the occult Fig Tree of Knowledge from the Sanskrit language of pre India. In Vanuatu of the Pacific Islands the Nutapika Nut Tree is the main source of protein, however it is the Banyan Tree which is the giver of Spiritual Wisdom and holds the Sacred stones. In Tibet the Sacred Tree of Knowledge is still known

as the Tree of Life Zampun. Malaysia has the Spiritual blossoms of the ever flowering Tree of Wisdom, the Angsana Tree. ASK The Tree of Knowledge In the Qoran (Koran) the Scriptures speak of the Ababel, the Tree of Mystery the Tree of Knowledge. Asvattha, the giant fig tree of ancient India, symbolic of the Supreme Spirit the ever-lasting refuge, the Tree of All Knowing, rooted in Heaven and in earth. Each leaf is a Song of Revelation, a Veda. To have supreme knowledge is to know the song within each and every leaf, the fruit of Asvattha gives eternal Spiritual Life. ASK, the eternal rootless tree of Timelessness rooted in Spiritual Ground self-generating Mother Nature, the Spiritual Source, the anchor from which the Phoenix of Spiritual Immortality ascends. ASK is the name of the Scandinavian Ash tree, known throughout time as the Tree of Knowledge. Ask, ASK and you shall be answered herein. 2002/2009 Sunkara Higher Spiritualism Incorporated. All Rights Reserved.

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