

*Paradise*

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The structure of heaven is a wall. For what meaning could be given to its gates if they did not restrict a port of entry. From its root, the word paradise describes an enclosure, and referred originally to a place on earth (the parks of Persia, later Eden) before designating a kingdom above. Heroic logic solves for an abyss, and to create a promised land some things will be ordered elsewhere. Others will be misplaced irreparably. Augmentation of the earth's systems by human beings has progressed to such a degree that a new geological epoch has begun (the Human Age), or in ecological terms, the sixth mass extinction.