

When Adam Delved and Eve Span (5HC)

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Jim Raylor — 27 Jan 2005, 05:58

Who was then the gentleman?

<http://www.rhymes.org.uk/a115-when-adam-delved.htm>

I did not know the origin of the rhyme until I found this.

So as well as the Biblical, Reformation and war/massacre references, it also directs us to the Black Death and subsequent Peasants' Revolt. This again fits in with GWs recurring theme of the gradual extension of emancipation through history. I have just had a mad splurge on Amazon and ordered all the Wolfe works I could find, that I do not already own.

I've also ordered Borski's 'Solar Labyrinth' and Francis Stevens 'The heads of Cerberus'

But I then thought "shovel", do you dig with a shovel?

And then a picture came repeatedly into my mind of the "Adam Delving" stained glass window at Canterbury (it survived the Reformation because it was too high for the stones"). I put "Adam delving" into a search engine, and up it came. It shows Adam after the Fall digging with a pointed ended shovel-like implement (and there's a red ribbon like area in front of him too).

So I think that (amongst all the other references) this is to do with the suggestion that the abos were prelapsarian humans: Adam only started delving after and in consequence of the Fall and perhaps he also couldn't as well as didn't use tools before then. See also David in the debate in the library "Humanity implies descent from what we may conveniently call Adam, that is, the original terrestrial stock", and, at the end of "A story" : "Three men with their limbs wrapped in leaves".

Thats all for now.

Judith