

Midnight In The Garden of Eden (2016)

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Imagine yourself standing witness at the most pivotal moment in the history of man. You are at the very precipice of something that will change humanity for all time. It is midnight and you find yourself standing in the midst of the Garden of Eden, near the tree of knowledge. Eve is reaching for the forbidden fruit and the serpent eagerly awaits the fall of man. It is an event that gets your adrenaline pumping. When I look at this 10x8 acrylic painting I find myself wanting to scream out "Stop, don't do it!" It is a terrifying moment to those who understand what is about to happen and the consequences that will follow.

The subjects are basking in the misty moonlight within a dark and foreboding place, yet there is much hidden color when you begin to study the work. The sense of depth is remarkable considering the low level of light that illuminates from the center. Helen Thorne, my art instructor from Ohio always told her classes, "True art will either tell a story or provoke strong emotion, but a masterpiece will accomplish both." Only time will tell if this will become a masterpiece but in my heart I know I have created a work that is unique. Not only is it an obvious event from a story known to many, but an image that stirs the emotion as well.

