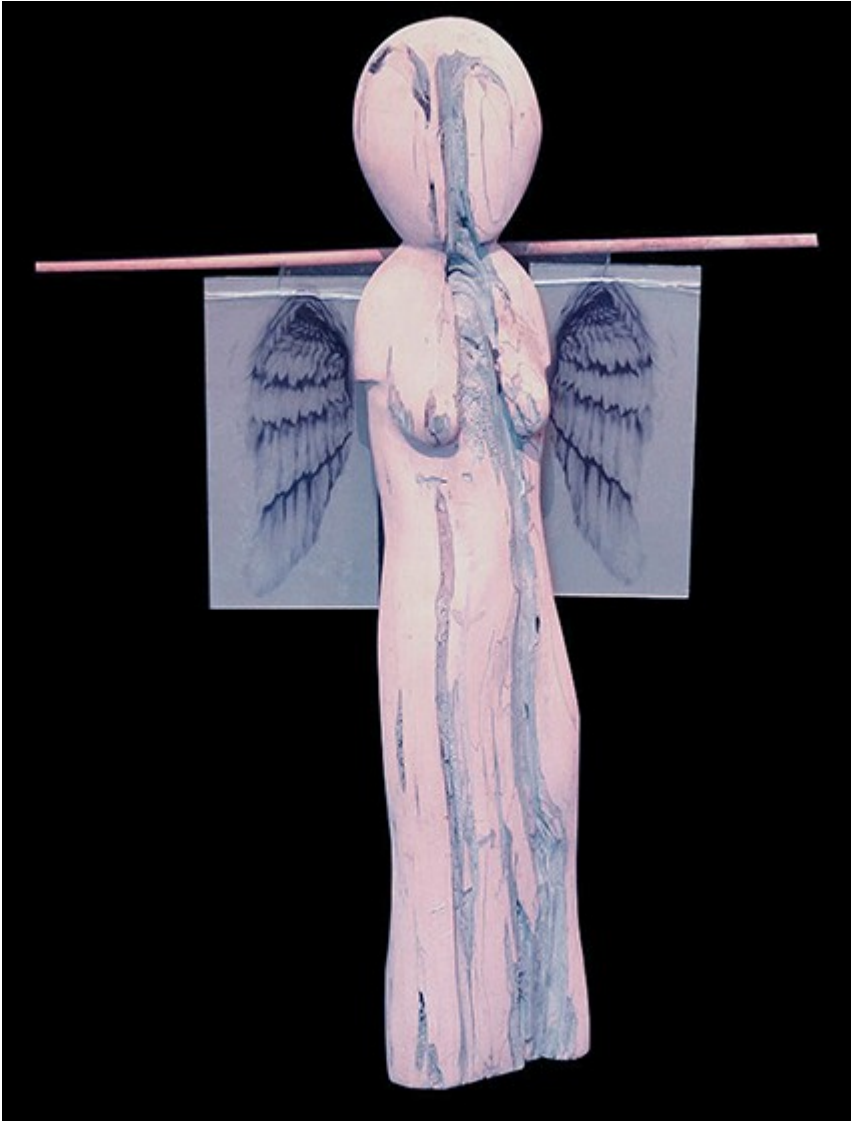


*Raziel*, by Richard Carson

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Richard Carson lives in New York's Hudson Valley, where he has observed barns collapsing under the weight of heavy snowfalls. He has reclaimed the wood from these barns and given it a second life in his work. While much of his work is building furniture, he also creates sculptures. *Raziel* is the name of the angel who, according to Jewish mystical traditions, provides Adam and Eve with the book that helps them return to God, giving them a second life.