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SPECIAL REPORT:

Let Scripture Speak about Jesus Christ's "pre-existence"

The **HOW** question is very relevant!

"Scripture" is NOT always what you thought it was...



FACTS and PRINCIPLES about God's Word

- GOD reveals Himself and His Plan *only* through study of His Word - inspired for us by holy Spirit
- God's Word is absolutely Truth
- There are no contradictions in God's Word
- God's Word is complete - right composition and order
- Every word has been carefully chosen and purified - not a word too much or too little
- God's Word is for everyone
- It is of great importance to correctly cut God's Word
- "Jigsaw puzzle" is a good description that represents another important function of God's Word

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All of God's Word is for everyone!

2Timothy 3:16-17 ALL scripture is inspired by God, and is beneficial for teaching, for exposure, for correction, for discipline in righteousness, that the man of God may be equipped, fitted out for every good act.

→ *So, this is about truth and principles - not morality! - from which everyone can learn.*

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However: Not addressed to everyone!

2Timothy 2:15 Endeavor to present yourself to God qualified, an unashamed worker, correctly cutting the **word of truth**.

→ *Please note:*

God's Word - in this context = the Word of truth

So: not correctly cut = not truth anymore!

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Correct Cutting of God's Word of truth

Here, 3 dimensions are distinguished =>

1. **Evangel** => leading to **two target groups (audiences)**:
Israelites or **Gentiles** (non-Israelites)
2. **Eras** => for **which period** was this intended ?
3. **Perspectives** => is the statement in the text **absolute** or **relative** ?

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Agenda

The "agenda" can be found below in the description.

There, you will see an extensive list of all the sub-topics with regard to this subject.

Every sub-topic has a hyperlink - so, by clicking, you jump right to the timestamp of the sub-topic of your choice.

Please be aware that, sometimes, arguments will need to be repeated because that will increase the learning effect.

This total "*umbrella*" approach will help you to watch in bits and pieces - so, take your time to process and digest.

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The “Why” of this video...

- When this topic was proposed to be discussed, we have never - even in our wildest dreams - expected that it would become such a hot topic.
- In hindsight, we are glad that it happened.
- because now we have observed and found that there are many people who struggle with questions about this subject.
- Also, this “hot topic” compelled us to think even deeper and challenged our own “beliefs”, which allowed us to hone in even sharper on this subject.
- Thanks be to our God and Father for directing all this!

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The Purpose of this video...

- This video aims to show you the truth about The GOD and His Christ.
- The only way is to let Scripture speak about Him.
- In order to properly understand Scripture, it's of great importance to first see **how** Scripture is to be regarded.
- The first “chapter” will be to show - with examples! - why only “just reading and believing” Scripture will definitely not always suffice.
- Finally, please ask yourself on what, exactly, your belief is actually built - and be surprised!

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Sources used

Next to my existing knowledge concerning this topic, I went through different other sources of fellow believers, of whom is a list below (not particularly exhaustive):

- Jason
- Clyde
- André
- Aaron
- Mikael
- Norman

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Who is God, *literally*?

God is Spirit.

What does it mean, exactly?

To put it in human terms, spirit is energy.

Energy consists of frequencies, vibrations and pulsations.

What does it mean in practice?

Everything around us is energy, *literally* =>

- all tangible matter => solids, liquids, gases, etc.
- all intangible "matter" => winds, fires, words, etc.
- all life => breath, consciousness, spirits, etc.


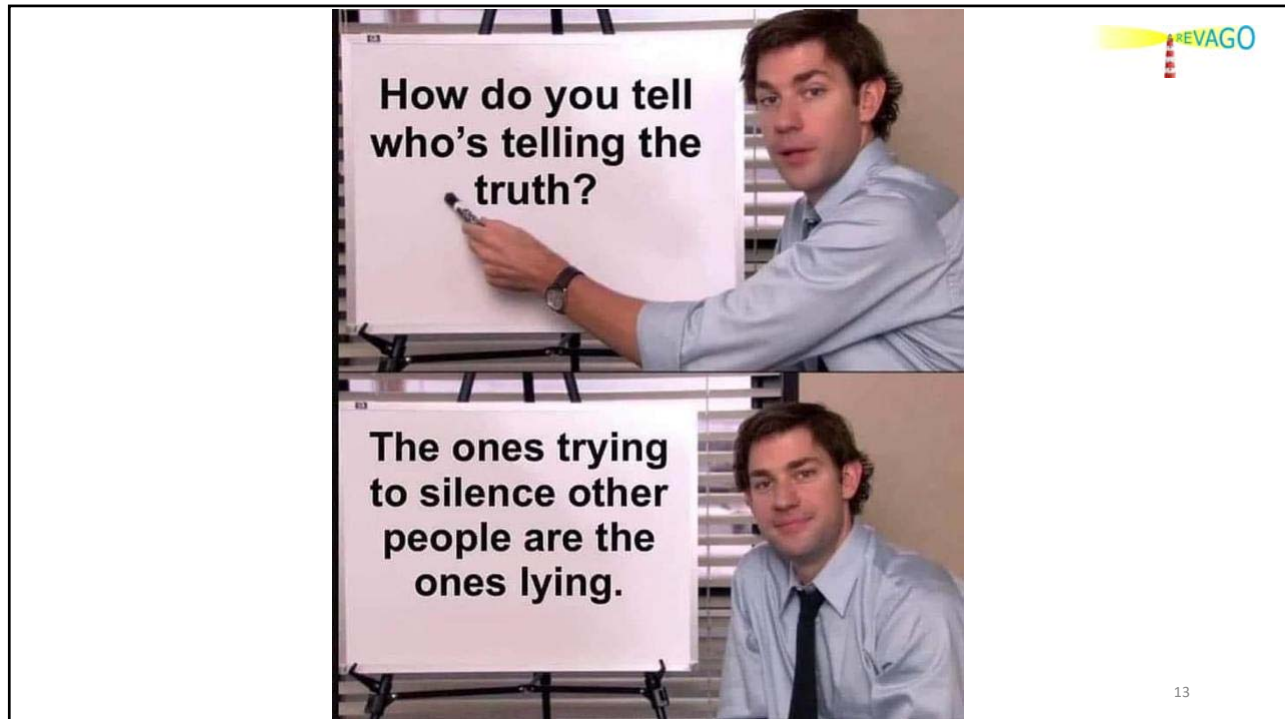
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When is something **Truth**?

- Truth always *sets free*.
- Truth is always *simple* - easy to understand.
- Truth is always *consistent*!
- So, truth *never contradicts itself*.
- Truth is always *logical*.
- Truth always *comes to the surface* - sooner or later!
- Truth is always *transparent*.
- Truth *doesn't need to persecute* but is always persecuted.
- Truth has *nothing to lose* - no politics necessary.

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About truth

Please remember this:

Nobody has all truth - and that is for a reason: to keep us humble.

So, **never** "follow" a human being but listen critically and STUDY Scripture for yourself.

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Revealing hidden things in the BoC

It looks like God is now in the process of revealing things that were hidden for a long time within the Body of Christ.

He is "cleaning house" - and we are glad about that!

Isn't it interesting that now, pretty much in the last days of the Body of Christ on earth, these things begin to surface?

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The word through which God created ALL

- God is the Creator of all things. That *honor* belongs only to Him.
- [Yahweh] *Who ALONE is stretching out the heavens...*
- Job 9:8
- ... *I am Yahweh, Maker of all, Stretching out the heavens by Myself...* - Isaiah 44:24
- Note that when God attributes creation solely to Himself, He is speaking in the first person singular: "I am YAHWEH... I alone." Not several individuals, but one Individual.

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The word through which God created ALL

Created *through the word* =>

- The Scriptures also leave no doubt that God created all through His word. Genesis 1 sounds like a refrain: "And God said ... and it was so". Or, as Psalms 33 puts it:
*By the word of Yahweh, the heavens were made, And by the spirit of His mouth, all their host.
For He spoke, and it came to be; He enjoined, and it stood firm.* - Psalms 33:6,9
- The word is the means through which God created.
- God is the Creator and OUT of His mouth and THROUGH His word He called all things into being.

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How consistent are we?

How do Christians often react to this passage below? =>

1Timothy 4:9-10 *Faithful is the saying and worthy of all welcome (for for this are we toiling and being reproached), that we rely on the living God, Who is the Savior of ALL mankind, especially of believers.*

Christians always try to diminish the word "ALL" into "not (really) ALL" - right?

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How consistent are we?

In the same way:

Job 9:8 *[Yahweh] Who alone is stretching out the heavens, And Who is treading on the high swells of the sea,*

=> Is "ALONE" truly **ALONE** - not re location but in terms of operation and responsibility - or not?

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How consistent are we?

Isaiah 45:12 *I Myself made the earth, And I created humanity on it; I, My hands, they stretched out the heavens, And all their hosts have I instructed.*

Isaiah 44:24 *Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, And your Former from the belly: I am Yahweh, Maker of all, Stretching out the heavens by Myself, Stamping out the earth, and who was with Me?*

Witness these passages for yourself, be honest, and acknowledge that Yahweh is the SOLE Creator of ALL.

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About studying Scripture

Do you agree that an initial certain ***point of view*** can change greatly when we dig deeper?

=> *"The venom is always in the detail."*

At face value - sending Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden seemed "too harsh".

When we ***dig deeper*** => it was an act of love.

Proverbs 25:2 *It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a matter, And the glory of kings to investigate a matter.*

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About studying Scripture

Does Scripture contain and use *figures of speech*?

Yes, very many - more than 200 different **types**!

If true, is it possible that some of the verses we use in Scripture, are - in fact - figures of speech?

Yes, of course!

If we would think not, then we would stumble and fall every time - because we **cannot** discount figures of speech in Scripture.

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About studying Scripture

Do you believe that, not only are we allowed, but even supposed to think **logically** - obviously based on Scripture?

2Timothy 1:7 ... *for God gives us, not a spirit of timidity, but of power and of love and of sanity.*

Titus 2:12 ... *training us that, disowning irreverence and worldly desires, we should be living sanely and justly and devoutly in the current eon,*

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About studying Scripture

1Corinthians 10:4 ... *and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank of the spiritual Rock which followed. Now the Rock was Christ.*

Is this to be taken literally, or figuratively?

Of course, ***figuratively*** - because it was a representation!

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About studying Scripture

Do you believe that there are Scriptural truths that are NOT (directly) found in Scripture?

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About studying Scripture

Do you believe that there are Scriptural truths that are NOT (directly) found in Scripture?

If you think that *every Scriptural truth must* be (directly) found in Scripture, then you're gravely mistaken!

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About studying Scripture

Do you believe that there are Scriptural truths that are NOT (directly) found in Scripture?

Example => **CONTRAST** = *essential* in God's plan
- yet, **NOT found (directly) in Scripture!**

So, how do we "discover" about the contrast principle?
Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see this truth, even "*under the surface*" - implicitly, by:

=> **Recognizing patterns, Seeing the bigger picture**

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About studying Scripture

Do most of you believe this =>

In order to be in the BoC, is it enough to just "*read*"
1Corinthians 15:3-4 and just "*believe*" what the evangel is
by what Christ did for all mankind?

Or, is it also an important **CONDITION** to believe **HOW** He
saved all mankind?

Of course, the HOW question is indispensable in order to
really believe! => soul dies, no trinity, no free will

So, can you just state that one must only believe Scripture?

NO!

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About studying Scripture

According to 1Corinthians 15:28 =>

At the end, the Son will subject Himself to God, right?

Or not correct?

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About studying Scripture

According to 1Corinthians 15:28 =>

At the end, the Son will subject Himself to God, right?
Or NOT correct?

NOT CORRECT!

At the end, the Son shall be subjected to God ...

=> It's **ALL GOD's show** - and no one else's!

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About studying Scripture

How about this one =>

Revelation 13:8 ... *the Lambkin [was] slain from the disruption of the world.*

Did this happen literally, or figuratively?

If figuratively, what exactly happened?

Why is this remark written in Scripture?

- This event was included in God's plan all along.
- **In God's mind**, this happened from the moment sin entered into the world.

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About studying Scripture

Want **Scriptural proof** that Scripture can NOT be read and “believed” just like that? =>

Luke 10:26 *Now He [Jesus] said to him, “What is written in the law? **How** are you reading?”*

The HOW and WHY questions are of great importance to be able to **understand** something hidden (deeper) **underneath** the surface.

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God spoke, and it *came to be*

- In the **Hebrew** Scriptures you will never read that God created ALL through “His Son” or “Christ” or “Jesus”.
- But, you WILL read that God spoke and it “**became**”, or “**came into being/existence**”.

Psalms 33:6 “By the **word of Yahweh**, the heavens were made, And by the spirit of His mouth, all their host.”

Psalms 33:9 “For **He spoke**, and **it came to be**; He enjoined, and it stood firm.”

=> In this case, the “speaking” was God’s expression or logos.

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God spoke, and it *came to be*

So, we can easily say that the *logos* was God's perfect expression.

After the word [*logos*] became flesh, ie, Jesus Christ, it ***changed character*** from:

- the word [*logos*] - an abstract concept, to
- the Son of The GOD - a sentient Individual.
- Obviously, God created ALL ***with His Son clearly in mind***.
- So, be aware that "The last Adam" served as the model or blueprint of all creation - therefore, also of the first Adam.

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Studying Scripture - How is *all* created?

Scripture ALWAYS mentions that creation happened **BY God** and **OUT OF God**.

Scripture ALWAYS mentions that creation happened **IN, THROUGH and FOR [into] Christ**
(but in the Hebrew Scriptures - before His birth - it was **through the word [logos]**, of course).

The Greek word "*dia*+genitive" (= through) always refers to the ***function*** as **channel**. And the channel is always **passive**.

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Retrospectively written

Genesis 14:14 *When Abram heard that his brother had been taken captive, he emptied out his dedicated men, three hundred eighteen born in his household, and he pursued them as far as Dan.*

Huh? ... As far as Dan?? But, Dan *didn't exist yet!*

=> This shows clearly that much in Scripture has been written *retrospectively* - or, in hindsight.

In the same way, when Paul mentions the fact that ***ALL is created in Christ***, that's also referring to the beginning of creation, but written retrospectively - after Christ's birth.

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Retrospectively written

John 1:10 *In the world He was, and the world came into being through Him, and the world knew Him not.*

In the same way:

- This is written by John after *this* event happened:
=> *the word [logos] became flesh*. - John 1:14
- Moreover, *everything* in Scripture that was written *after* the word became flesh, is about Jesus Christ - which is logical.
- In the Greek Scriptures, you will not find about creation through the word - except for John 1, of course.

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About studying Scripture

- God's Word is also to be regarded as a **jigsaw puzzle** so that
 - the **(sub)total composition** of puzzle pieces weighs more
 - than merely one single verse.
- Remember the example about the **contrast principle!**
- If a topic is somewhat hard to see or understand,
 - it's always better
 - to break a topic down in smaller, simpler pieces
 - in order to increase the possibility
 - to understand each other better.

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Scripture as jigsaw puzzle

- It is of the utmost importance to realize that Scripture is **NOT only** a set of passages that can be referred to in order to "proof" truth.
- Showing and quoting a set of (similar) passages *doesn't have to* proof truth at all.
- There are - even foundational - truths that are not directly recorded in Scripture => contrast principle!
- Only if the right pieces have been put together, the truth rises to the surface - and patterns are recognized.

Well-known example →

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Scripture as jigsaw puzzle

Luke 4:9-12 =>

9 Now he [Satan] led Him [Jesus] into Jerusalem and stands Him on the wing of the sanctuary, and he said to Him, "If you are God's son, cast yourself down hence,

10 for it is written that 'His messengers shall be directed concerning You, To protect You.'

11 and that 'On their hands shall they be lifting You, Lest at some time You should be dashing Your foot against a stone.'"

12 And answering, Jesus said to him that "It has been declared, 'You shall not be putting on trial the Lord your God.'"

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Scripture as jigsaw puzzle

What happens here?

- Satan actually quotes two Scripture passages!
- So, Jesus quotes another passage that at first glance seems to contradict the earlier quoted passages.
- However - since **all of Scripture** is truth, something else is going on...
- The puzzle was NOT complete =>
While the earlier quotes were true, it was NOT yet **truth!**
By quoting the third passage, Jesus made sure that the picture was complete: **all three** needed to be taken in account **together!**

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About studying Scripture

Do you believe that Jesus Christ died in the place of mankind, ie, substitutionary?

Example of a puzzle piece =>

1Timothy 2:6 *Who is giving Himself a correspondent Ransom for all (the testimony in its own eras), ...*

But also - another puzzle piece is necessary =>

2Corinthians 5:14 *... if One died for the sake of all, consequently all died.*

=> So, hopefully we all see now that Scripture is ***not always "clear-cut" and concise***. It often ***requires other puzzle pieces*** to make up the bigger picture!

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Scripture as jigsaw puzzle - another one

1Corinthians 8:6 *... nevertheless for us there is one God, the Father, out of Whom all is, and we for Him, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom all is, and we through Him.*

- We notice that Paul does NOT mention "Christ Jesus" but "Jesus Christ"
- So, we could then ask ourselves: Is this (already) the role of the "Jesus Christ, Who walked the earth"? Or the heavenly, glorified Christ Jesus?

Let's see if we can find another puzzle piece...

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Scripture as jigsaw puzzle - another one

1Corinthians 8:6 ... *nevertheless for us there is one God, the Father, out of Whom all is, and we for Him, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom all is, and we through Him.*

2Corinthians 5:16 *So that we, from now on, are acquainted with no one according to flesh. Yet even if we have known Christ according to flesh, nevertheless now we know Him so no longer.*

Now we see the bigger picture!

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About studying Scripture

Hopefully, we see (now) ...

- that it's not enough to just *read Scripture and "believe it"*,
- because there are deeper things underneath - *concealed*, *Proverbs 25:2* - that (also) need to be understood.
- So, it's not about "reading and believing" but about truly understanding - not everything, but the things of consequence.
- Do you see this (now) and agree with it? Hope so!

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Christ's pre-existence - Scriptural concept?

- The word 'praeexistentia' is a Latin word that literally means 'pre-existence'.
- Depending on the setting in which the word is used, it indicates pre-existence of something or someone.
- For example, doctors speak of 'pre-existence' when a complaint already existed prior to an accident.
- And in circles based on the idea of reincarnation, it is believed that every human being 'pre-existed', ie, had an existence (eg, as an animal) prior to conception.

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Christ's pre-existence - Scriptural concept?

- When talking about the pre-existence of Christ from a Scriptural perspective, it is mainly based on statements in the account of John.
- For example, John the Baptist states in John 1:15: *"This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who is coming after me, has come to be in front of me,' for He was first(, before) me,"*
- John the Baptist was half a year older than Jesus - Luke 1:36, and yet John says: He was "in front of me", and he was "before me". So, that *could* refer to a 'pre-existence'. However... →

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Christ's pre-existence - Scriptural concept?

- So, that *could* refer to a 'pre-existence'. However... →
- Is that really true *in this sense*? Obviously, this passage will be also be studied in the study at hand.
- Another example in John 1:10: *In the world He was, and the world came into being through Him, and the world knew Him not.*
- This passage also seems to point directly to a 'pre-existence' of Christ or the Son of God.
- These two examples clearly refer to a 'pre-existence' of Christ or the Son of God, therefore... →

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Christ's pre-existence - Scriptural concept?

- These two examples clearly refer to a 'pre-existence' of Christ or the Son of God.
- Therefore, the answer to the above question is: yes, 'pre-existence' is a Scriptural concept!
- This statement, though, is separate from the question of how we should understand this 'pre-existence' in Scripture.
- Was Christ's pre-existence *conscious*? Or, a pre-existence in the *abstract sense*? John 1:15 follows verse 14, where we read, "the word (Gr = logos) became flesh."

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Pre-existence as Figure of Speech

- For many people it's difficult to speak of a pre-existence of Christ, if He was **not** a separate, **conscious person** before His birth.
- When He had a 'pre-existence' as 'word' (logos) of God, that sounds very abstract and
- 'pre-existence' is only spoken of "in a manner of speaking".
- The latter is correct and we also find a fine example of this in the Scriptures.

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Pre-existence as Figure of Speech

- Hebrews 7 discusses the wonderful meeting that once took place between Abram and Melchizedek, "king of Salem" and "priest of God the Most High".
- The writer of the Hebrews letter mentions the fact that Melchizedek blesses Abram and thus unmistakably proves to be Abram's superior.
- This superiority is also evidenced by the fact that Melchizedek receives a tithe from the spoils that Abram had obtained. And then we read this: →

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Pre-existence as Figure of Speech

Hebrews 7:9-10 *And so to say, through Abraham, Levi also, who is obtaining the tithes, has been tithed, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek meets with him.*

- Levi gave tithes to Melchizedek, *so to speak*.
- Is that literal? Would Levi have personal memories of the tithe Abram once gave to Melchizedek? No, of course not!
- And yet, in *Scriptural terms*, Levi pre-existed in Abram.
- ***In Abram, Levi was ‘pre-existent’.***

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Pre-existence as Figure of Speech

- ***Levi was ‘pre-existent’ in Abram.***
- In the same way, ***all of humanity is also ‘pre-existent’ in Adam.*** After all, every human being comes from Adam.
- Thus, the Son of God was ‘pre-existent’ in God’s word [*logos*]. For ***God Himself*** begat Him through the word that came to Miriam - John 1:3; Luke 1:35.
- And this was in the exact same way that God created ALL through His word.

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Pre-existence as Figure of Speech

- Those who are familiar with the idea that “the Son of God became man” (as is traditionally taught) will undoubtedly have to get used to this *Scriptural* interpretation of ‘pre-existence’.
- And Scripture precedes us in this: “*For the word [logos] became flesh*”.
- The example of Levi tithing to Melchizedek “in a manner of speaking” can help us here.

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In beginning...

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the word, and the word was toward God, and God was the word.*

John 1:3 *All came into being through it [logos], and apart from it [logos] not even one thing came into being which has come into being.*

John 1:14 *The word [logos] became flesh ...*

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In beginning...

John 1:1 *In (the) beginning was the word, and the word was toward God, and God was the word.*

- Greek = *logos* => expression = the means by which **thoughts** are expressed, like:
 - words, spoken or written
 - painting or drawing
 - logo => stands for (collective) thoughts of an organization
- What does "*logos*" mean in the case of John 1:1? => **word**
- Yet, **religion** and **tradition** take the freedom to change the *logos* into a sentient being! The plain meaning is **expression** - and **a person** is audaciously put in that place!

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In beginning...

John 1:1 *In (the) beginning was the word, and the word was toward God, and God was the word.*

- Yes, *logos* (expression) IS an abstract word - that's a fact!
- What is the word? That is God's utterance - that what comes out of "God's mouth" - Genesis 1:3,6,9,11, etc
- Psalms 33:6 & 9
*By the word of Yahweh, the heavens were made, And by the spirit of His mouth, all their host.
 For He spoke, and it came to be; He enjoined, and it stood firm.*

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In beginning...

John 1:1 *In (the) beginning was the word, and the word was toward God, and God was the word.*

- *How* is the word toward God? => *figure of speech!*
 Simply by the fact that the word (which He speaks) is ***confirming and realizing His intentions***
- So, if the word, which God speaks, is confirming and realizing His intentions, then obviously the word is ***toward Him***.

➔ Remember, GOD is ***Spirit!***

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In beginning...

John 1:1 *In (the) beginning was the word, and the word was toward God, and God was the word.*

- In what sense is it that God was the word?
This means that "***the God Who was active in the Hebrew Scriptures***" was ***the word***. How so?
- God has made Himself known ***by hearing***:
 - through messengers - Acts 7:30 (burning bush), 38 (Sinai)
 - through prophets - Hebrews 1:1

Numbers 12:8 *Mouth to mouth am I [Yahweh] speaking with him [Moses], and by an appearance, not in enigmas, so that he looks at a representation of Yahweh.*

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ALL came into being through it...

John 1:3 ***ALL came into being through it*** [logos], and ***apart from it [logos] not even one thing came into being which has come into being.***

- The Greek "***autou***" denotes a pronoun that can refer to:
 - a sentient being
 - a thing
 - a concept
- Remember, *logos* just means ***expression!***
So, "***autou***" can only refer to a ***thing*** or ***concept***.

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ALL came into being through it...

John 1:3 ALL came into being through it [logos], and apart from it [logos] not even one thing came into being which has come into being.

- It should have been enough, humanly speaking, to only state this: "ALL came into being through it"
- However, Scripture makes sure that this is NOT to be understood wrongly! => apart from it [logos] not even one thing came into being which has come into being
- Easy conclusion: NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

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In beginning...

John 1:1 In (the) beginning was the word, and the word was toward God, and God was the word.

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John 1:14 The word [logos] became flesh ...

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Questions to check for consistency 1

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- Do you believe that the word was really Jesus?
- John 1:3 - **ALL CREATION came into being** through the word - do you believe that?
- **If the word was Jesus - and Jesus is a creature, then the word is a creature.**

This is the only logical conclusion. Do you see it?

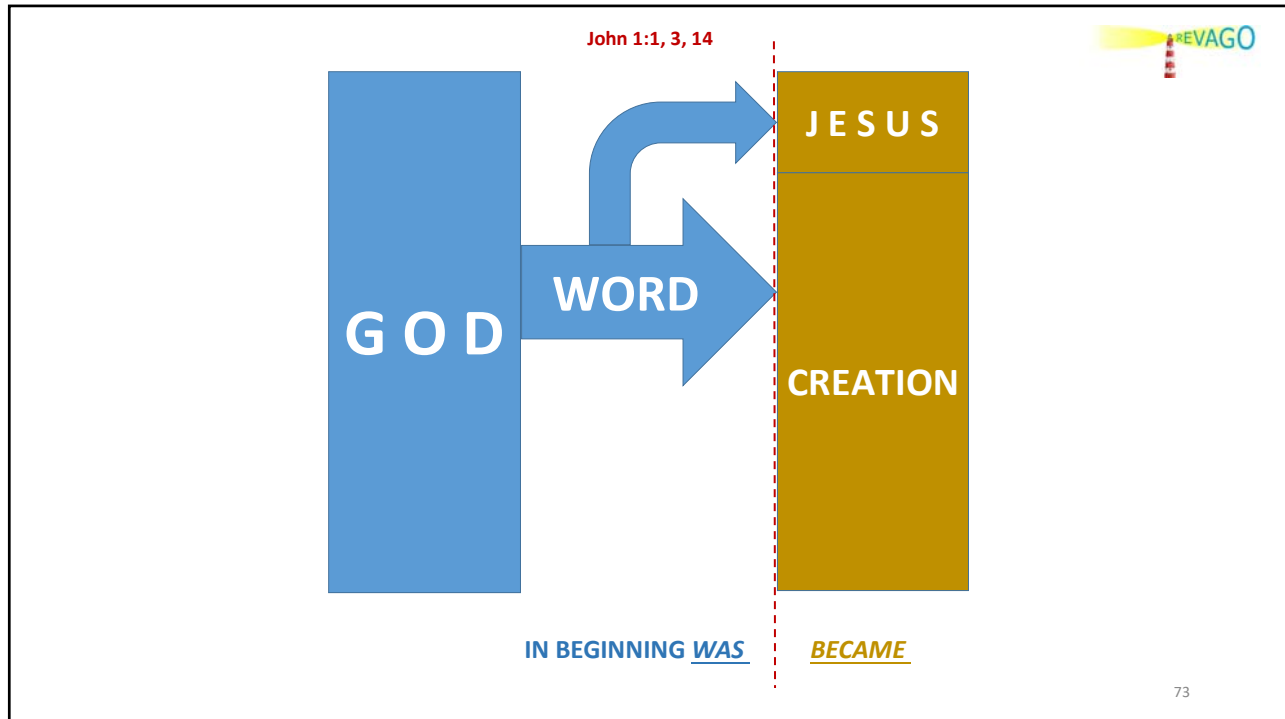
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Questions to check for consistency 1

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- John 1:1 - in (the) beginning **WAS** the word => do you believe that?
- Do you believe that the word was really Jesus?
- John 1:3 - **ALL CREATION came into being** through the word - do you believe that?
- **If the word was Jesus - and Jesus is a creature, then the word is a creature!**
- And ***THAT*** goes against Scripture!
So, this is a typical **Logical Fallacy!**

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- When a human is being generated (**comes into being**), do you believe that someone is being created by God?

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Questions to check for consistency 2

- Do you (still) believe that the word was - really - Jesus?
- When a human is being generated (comes into being), do you believe that someone is being created by God?
- Consider this very important passage:
John 1:3 **ALL came into being through it [logos], and apart from it [logos] not even one thing came into being which has come into being.**
=> One of the **most explicit** passages of Scripture!

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Questions consistency 2 - **Logical Fallacy!**

- Do you (still) believe that the word was - really - Jesus?
- When a human is being generated (comes into being), do you believe that someone is being created by God?
- Consider this very important passage:
John 1:3 **ALL came into being through it [logos], and apart from it [logos] not even one thing came into being which has come into being.**
=> One of the **most explicit** passages of Scripture!
- If the word was - really - Jesus, then how could Jesus be generated (come into being) **through HIMSELF** ???

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The word ***became*** flesh...

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The word ***became*** flesh...

John 1:14 *The word [logos] became flesh ...*

- Celestial beings have ***bodies*** of *flesh and bones*, just like Jesus Who is now a celestial Being - Luke 24:39
 - and just like the BoC members who will (soon) be celestial beings as well
- Please don't confuse these with demons!
 - they are disembodied spirits
 - they are confined to the *terrestrial realm*
 - they are always looking to *inhabit* other sentient beings
 - it seems that they are always in the vicinity of water

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To become denotes a *change*

John 1:14 *The word [logos] became flesh ...*

- Let's assume that Jesus was a celestial Being before His birth - so, He must have had a celestial body (flesh/bones)
- The verb "*to become*" always denotes a *change*
- So, the word after "*became*" always refers to *something else* than the word before "*became*"
- This means that, if the word *became* flesh, then the word could NOT have been flesh before the *change*
- How could the word have BECOME flesh, while the word was already flesh, ie, Jesus? => Logical Fallacy!

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The word *became* flesh

- The same word [logos] through which God had called *all things into being* came to Miriam - about four thousand years after Adam, and she was told the following:

... holy spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

And THEREFORE, the Holy One to be begotten shall be called the Son of God. - Luke 1:35

- It is this *Divine word* that made Miriam pregnant (without the intervention of a man). Therefore John declares in his prologue: →

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The word *became* flesh

Therefore John declares in his prologue:

*And the word [logos] **became** flesh and tabernacles among us, and we gaze at His glory, a glory as of an only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- John 1:14

- **Not** God's Son became man, but God's word became flesh. God, through his word (= "power of the Most High") begot the Son.
- And because He is the word made flesh, one of His names is "*the Word of God*" - Revelation 19:13.

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The word *became* flesh

- It is as "word of God" that Scripture speaks of Christ's pre-existence.
- **Not** as 'Jesus' did He pre-exist, because He only received that name at His circumcision - Luke 2:21.
- **Not** as 'Son' did He pre-exist, for He is called 'Son of God' **on the basis of** His Divine begettal with Miriam - Luke 1:35.
- From "the beginning", the word **was** there and - later - that word was made flesh.
- **This** is Scriptural truth.

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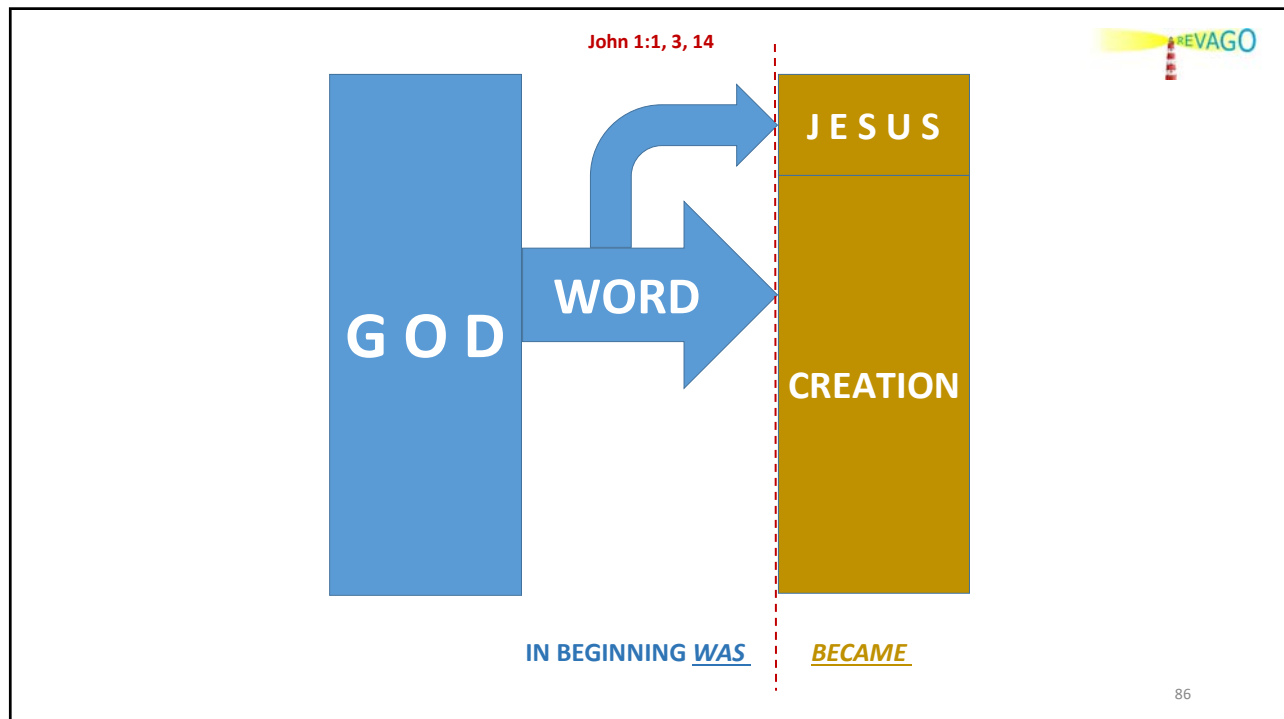
John 1:14 - What's the *Scriptural* viewpoint?

God spoke, and **ALL** came into being!

ALL came into being through the word [logos] - **including Jesus!**

- However, from the moment that Jesus was generated,
- the word became flesh -
- so, the word [*logos*] "changed character" and became tangible.
- That's why most Scripture after Jesus' birth points to **Him** in terms of "creation through Christ"!

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God has *begotten* His Son!

Psalms 2:7-9 *Do let me recount the statute of Yahweh: He has said to Me, My Son are You; I, today, have BEGOTTEN You.*

Ask of Me, And I shall give the nations as Your allotment, And as Your holding, the limits of the earth.

You shall smash them with a club of iron; Like a vessel of a potter, You shall shatter them.

Begotten => Hb = *yalad* => to generate, to bear, *bring forth*, beget

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When did Jesus become the Son of God?

Luke 1:35 ... “wherefore also the holy One Who is being generated shall be called the Son of God.”

Hebrews 1:5 ... And again, “I shall be to Him for a Father And He shall be to Me for a Son”?

NOT: I *am* His Father - and He *is* My Son

BUT: I **SHALL BE** a Father to Him => pointing to the future!

So, that was **NOT** always the case, but since His birth.

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Prophecies in Hebrew Scriptures... *Huh??* ;-)

As we know, there are very many prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures about the promised Messiah - no surprise, there.

Therefore, no mention of them in this video...

Except for an interesting one, showed to us by Jason:

Isaiah 7:14-15 Therefore Yahweh Himself shall give a sign to you: Behold, the damsel shall be pregnant and bear a son, And you will call his name Immanuel; Clotted cream and honey shall he eat before he knows to reject evil and to choose good.

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Figures of Speech 1

Hebrews 7:9-10 *And so to say, through Abraham, **Levi** **also**, who is obtaining the tithes, **has been tithed**, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek meets with him.*

==> Is this figurative language? Yes, of course!
After all, Levi was born approx 250 years after this event.
Figuratively, Levi was **“hidden” in the loins of Abram.**

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Figures of Speech 2

John 1:1 *In [the] beginning was the word [logos], and the word was toward God, and God was the word.*

In the **same way as Levi** =>

- Jesus was **hidden in the word**, figuratively
- Jesus was **hidden in the “loins of God”**, figuratively

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Figures 3 - "came down from heaven"

Jesus "came down from heaven" or "was sent" from God.

- This is clearly basic figurative language well known by everyone.
- All of the prophets were *sent from God* and also
- every good gift comes from above - James 1:17.
- In the same way, it was with the manna in Exodus: it was a *gift from above*.
- And it simply "*appeared*" on the ground during the night - Exodus 16:13-15.

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Figures 3 - "came down from heaven"

Quite often, Jesus also spoke in figurative language!

- "Raze this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
- John 2:19
- "For God doesn't dispatch His Son into the world..." - John 3:17
- "I have come down from heaven" - John 6:38
- "How, then, is he saying that 'Out of heaven have I descended'?"
- John 6:42
=> The Jews were upset because **they took His words literally** while **He meant it figuratively!**
- "I am the living bread that came down from heaven" - John 6:51₉₄



Figures 3 - "came down from heaven"

Quite often, Jesus also spoke in *figurative language*!

- "... ascending where He was before" - John 6:62
- "I came out from the Father and have come into the world."
- John 16:28
- "... they are not of the world, according as I am not of the world." - John 17:14
- "Now when the full time came, God delegates His Son, come of a woman, come under law" - Galatians 4:4

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Figures 3 - "came down from heaven"

- In at least five passages in the account of John, we read of:
- Jesus' claim to have come down from heaven - 6:38; 6:41; 6:42; 6:51; 6:58.
- The imagery of the descending is taken from the story of the manna that came down from heaven as bread.
- It is in this connection that Jesus teaches in John 6 that this manna is a type of Himself - John 6:48-51.
- He is the living and heavenly bread that came to earth from God.

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Figures 3 - "came down from heaven"

- It should come as no surprise that we find this imagery precisely in the account of John.
- Indeed, from the beginning, Jesus is presented in this book as
- "*the word [logos] that became flesh*" - through which all came into being and
- "*the word [logos] that became flesh*" through Miriam.
- His origin is therefore **heavenly**, since He was first "hidden" in the word [logos].

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Figures 4 - God's creative Original

Revelation 3:14 *"And to the messenger of the ecclesia in Laodicea write: 'Now this is saying the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, and God's creative Original':*

Gr = *hē archē tēs ktiseōs tou theou*
the beginning of-the creation of-the God

- The straight-forward expression is "***the beginning of the creation of The GOD***".
- "God's creative Original" is slightly misleading.
- In any case, that's how Jesus is presented here.

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Figures 4 – God’s creative Original

Revelation 3:14 *“And to the messenger of the ecclesia in Laodicea write: ‘Now this is saying the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, and God’s creative Original’:*

- The description fits seamlessly with the prologue of John’s account.
- All things were made through the word [*logos*], and since Christ is the word made flesh, He is thus “the beginning of God’s creation.”
- That is **not** because He was created first, but because everything that is created proceeds through the word.

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Figures 4 – God’s creative Original

Revelation 3:14 *“And to the messenger of the ecclesia in Laodicea write: ‘Now this is saying the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, and God’s creative Original’:*

- All things “**became**” but the word “**was**”.
- It is very typical that one of Christ’s names is “*the word of God*” - Revelation 19:13.
- All of God’s creation originates in that word [*logos*].

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Figures 5 - Christ is God? (general remark)

- There are passages in Scripture that seem to state that "Christ is God" - is that true?
- In Scripture, God and His Christ are often identified with each other.
- This makes it even more important to know exactly **how** *They distinct from* each other!
- God is the Source, Christ is the Channel - both, from the Creator to creation and (at the end) back to the Creator
- We pray to God, through Christ Jesus - that's the right line

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Figures 5 - Christ is God? (general remark)

- So, it's just fine to say that "Christ is God".
 - However, be very aware that this is a **figure of speech!**
 - Because, *literally*, Christ is **not** God - obviously.
- "... do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God, the Father, through Him." - Colossians 3:17**
- "to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might and authority " - Jude 25**

Remember this => in Scripture, **figures of speech** are used **more often than we think!**

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Perfect *Representation* of Yahweh

John 1:1 ... God was the word [logos].

Psalms 33:6 By the word of Yahweh, the heavens were made...

Psalms 33:9 Yahweh spoke, and it came into existence.

Examples of representation:

- “*This is my body*”
- “*The lampstands are the seven ecclesias*”
- “*The seven heads are seven mountains*”
- “*the woman is the great city*”

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Perfect *Representation* of Yahweh

Everywhere God *made Himself known*, that was via the word [*logos*] in terms of *representation*.

And, just to remember thoroughly, the *logos* *became* flesh = Jesus Christ.

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Perfect *Representation* of Yahweh

Hebrews 1:1-2 *By many portions and many modes, of old, God, speaking to the fathers in the prophets, in the last of these days speaks to us in a Son...*

Obviously, Yahweh also used messengers to represent Him, eg, on mount Sinai when He gave the Law to Moses.

In reality, that was not Yahweh Himself but a messenger
- Acts 7:38.

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Perfect *Representation* of Yahweh

Isaiah 6:1 *In the year of king Uzziah's death, **I saw Yahweh** sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and His skirts were filling the temple.*

How can that be, when no one has ever seen God?
- John 1:18.

This is ***a vision*** of the (Millennial) ***future*** where Isaiah saw ***Jesus Christ*** as ***the perfect Representation of Yahweh***, His God and Father.

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Perfect *Representation* of Yahweh

Zechariah 14:4 *And His [Yahweh's] feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, ...*

Obviously, we know that this will be ***Jesus Christ*** in reality at His return - as ***the perfect Representation of Yahweh***, His God and Father.

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Philippians 2:5-8 - lowering of Christ

5 For let this disposition be in you, which is in Christ Jesus also,

6 Who, being inherently in the form of God, deems it not pillaging to be equal with God,

7 nevertheless empties Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming to be in the likeness of humanity,

8 and, being found in fashion as a human, He humbles Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

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Philippians 2:5-8 - lowering of Christ

- “Disposition” was the subject in the previous verses (2:2-4) and this is continued in verse 5 where the mind of Christ Jesus is exemplified.
- It’s striking that - in Greek - the *arist* “tense” is used three times in describing Christ Jesus’ disposition.
- This emphasizes the FACT of Christ Jesus disposition, regardless of time!
- (1) He **thinks** it not “robbery” to be like God and
 (2) He **empties** himself and
 (3) He **humbles** himself
 These facts demonstrate Christ Jesus’ disposition.

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Philippians 2:5-8 - lowering of Christ

This passage is interpreted to mean that **Christ Jesus** was “in the form of God” before His birth, and from that position would have **emptied Himself** and become man.

The consequence of this interpretation is this:

- he was **not begotten by the Father**,
- he **transformed himself** into a human being (by turning into ... what, exactly?

=> So, what was GOD's “contribution” in this? Where was The GOD in all these developments? NOWHERE!

=> Do you smell something already?

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Philippians 2:5-8 - Lowering of Christ

- "*Being in the form of God*" refers to His position and "title" as *the only-begotten Son of God*.
- How? By virtue of the fact that He's Divinely begotten.
- "We beheld his *glory*, the glory *as of an only-begotten of the Father*" - John 1:14.
- What it means that *Christ Jesus empties Himself*, we need not guess - right behind it: "taking the form of a slave"
- Christ exchanged "the form of God" for that of "a slave."
- Hebrews 5:8 => ... even He also, *being a Son*, learned obedience from that which He suffered.

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Philippians 2:5-8 - Lowering of Christ

- Instead of presenting Himself as *the entitled Son*, He exchanged this 'rank' for that of a slave.
- In His outward appearance He resembled every other man.
- Of course, He was and is actually **Man** - 1Timothy 2:5
- but because He laid down His unique glory, a *slave* became apparent and was therefore seen by the "outside world".
- He became "poor, while being rich" - 2Corinthians 8:9.
- He made Himself fully available - Hebrews 10:7

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Philippians 2:5-8 - lowering of Christ

- What is called "*emptying*" in verse 7 is called "*humiliation*" in verse 8.
- And what is called "*taking the form of a slave*" in verse 7, is called "*becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross*" in verse 8.
- Verses 7 and 8 run parallel - they say the same thing, but in different words.
- It was definitely a humiliation for the unique Son of God to become obedient as a slave and to drink down to the last drop the cup of suffering that God held out to Him.

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Philippians 2:5-8 - lowering of Christ

He made Himself available:

- to be taken prisoner
- to be condemned in absolute innocence to the death penalty, yes, even to the death of the cross

This was the way that God showed Him and that He willingly walked **as** an obedient slave.

There is nothing in this passage that compels us to think of a description of Christ Jesus' pre-existence.

It is about the **Man** Christ Jesus (1Timothy 2:5) who, →

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Philippians 2:5-8 - lowering of Christ

It is about the **Man** Christ Jesus - 1Timothy 2:5 - who, as **the Son of God**, *voluntarily* assumed the form of a slave and humbled Himself and became obedient to the death of the cross.

The idea that Christ Jesus' incarnation would have been *an action of Himself* is unknown in Scripture.

God begot Him, and in this, Christ Himself was **utterly passive**, as every man is passive by definition in their own begetting.

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Philippians 2:5-8 - lowering of Christ

5 For let this disposition be in you, which is in Christ Jesus also,

6 Who, being inherently in the form of God, deems it not pillaging to be equal with God,

7 nevertheless empties Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming to be in the likeness of humanity,

8 and, being found in fashion as a human, He humbles Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

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Philippians 2:9-11 - exaltation of Christ

9 Wherefore, also, God highly exalts Him, and graces Him with the name that is above every name,

10 that in the name of Jesus every knee should be bowing, celestial and terrestrial and subterranean,

11 and every tongue should be acclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord, for the glory of God, the Father.

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Philippians 2:5 - analysis

5 For let this disposition be in you, which is in Christ Jesus also,

- Notice the reference to the resurrected state => consistently called "**Christ Jesus**"
- This disposition is being asked from the BoC - why?
- Because Christ Jesus is **still Man** - 1Timothy 2:5
- Thanks be to God for His wonderful and honest plan!

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Philippians 2:6 - analysis

6 Who, being inherently in the form of God, deems it not pillaging to be equal with God,

- Gr = *morphē* => form, stature - deems = timeless, *aoist*
- God is invisible, but He makes Himself visible through Christ Jesus.
- being = present tense => This is not about Christ Jesus' position in the past but in the present!
- Christ Jesus is NOT God Himself, but His EQUAL, equivalent - in the sense that He is **God's Form and Image**.
- He hasn't *SNATCHed* or *pillaged* this position but He has **received it from God**.

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Philippians 2:7 - analysis

7 nevertheless empties Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming to be in the likeness of humanity,

empties = *aoist* "tense" => timeless!

- From His birth as Son of God onwards,
- He took the form of a slave by **being obedient**, cf Heb 5:8 => and He STILL has the same disposition!
Hence, "empties" is in *aoist* "tense",
- nullifying His **unique status** and **authority** as **Son of God** and thus **AS** (= in the likeness of) other humans.

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Philippians 2:8 - analysis

8 and, being found in fashion as a human, He humbles Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

- His *outward appearance* was not different from other humans.
- His obedience didn't only result in His death but in the most humiliating death possible!

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Philippians 2:9 - analysis

9 Wherefore, also, God highly exalts Him, and graces Him with the name that is above every name,

- Jesus Christ *emptied and humiliated Himself*, but *it's God Who highly exalts Him* - so, His position as "equivalent to God" is NOT robbed/pillaged.
- **God graces Him** - again => not robbery but a gift.
- He got the name above all name => Jesus = **Yahweh** saves.

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Philippians 2:10 - analysis

10 that in the name of Jesus every knee should be bowing, celestial and terrestrial and subterranean,

In Isaiah 45:23 => **By Myself have I sworn; From My mouth has gone forth righteousness, A word, and it shall not turn back; For to Me shall bow every knee, And every tongue shall swear fealty.**

- Here, Yahweh speaks about Himself - and in Philippians it's "Yahweh saves" = Jesus, Who's His perfect representation!

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Philippians 2:11 - analysis

11 and every tongue should be acclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord, for the glory of God, the Father.

- This universal acknowledgement that Jesus Christ is Lord, is ***not for His own glory*** but ***for the glory of His Father!***
- It's always been the ***consistent pleasure of Jesus*** to glorify His God and Father - remember that!
- So, if you diminish ***God's glory*** - what do you think is the consequence of that? => Diminishing ***Jesus' glory!***

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Confirmation of Christ' emptying Himself !!

Isaiah 52:14 Just as many were appalled over Him, So ruined was His appearance more than any man, And His shape more than sons of Adam,

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore I shall apportion to Him among the many, And with the staunch shall He apportion the spoils, **Inasmuch as He empties out His soul to death,** And with transgressors is He counted; Yet He Himself bears the sin of many, And for transgressors shall He make intercession.

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Hebrews 12:2 - Inaugurator?

Hebrews 12:2 ... *looking off to the **Inaugurator and Perfecter of faith**, Jesus, Who, for the joy lying before Him, endures a cross, despising the shame, besides is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Inaugurator => Gr = *archēgon* => ORIGIN+LEADER, chief-LEADER, prince, leader

Perfecter => Gr = *teleiōtēn* => FINISHER, maturer, completer, consummator

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Hebrews 12:2 - Joy, lying before Him?

Hebrews 12:2 ... *looking off to the Inaugurator and Perfecter of faith, Jesus, Who, **for the joy lying before Him**, endures a cross, despising the shame, besides is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- How could He endure a cross **for the joy lying before Him**, if He already had ***pretty much the same glory*** “***when He was co-Creator next to God***”?
- Think it through for yourself - and let it sink in...
- The pre-existing notion **fails** on all accounts!

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Colossians 1:15-17 - analysis

15 Who is the Image of the invisible God, Firstborn of every creature,

16 for in Him is all created, that in the heavens and that on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones, or lordships, or sovereignties, or authorities, all is created through Him and for [into] Him,

17 and He is before all, and all has its cohesion in Him.

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Colossians 1:15

15 Who **is** the **Image** of the invisible God, Firstborn of every creature, => cf 2Corinthians 4:4

- **is** = present tense => refers to the glorified Christ Jesus.
- Jesus was already God's Image on earth. - John 14:9
- God created Adam "*in His image and likeness*" - Gen 1:27
- identity not mentioned there, but Paul reveals:
- the image in which Adam is created is Christ Jesus, the Son of God's love - and it's an **ongoing process**.

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Colossians 1:15

15 Who **is** the **Image** of the invisible God, Firstborn of every creature, => cf 2Corinthians 4:4

- Adam was created after the pattern of "the last Adam".
- 1Corinthians 15:45
- God had Christ ***in - the utmost detailed! - view from the very beginning***, not only to create Adam but **all of creation!**
- Remember, "the last Adam" served as the pattern or blueprint of the first Adam.

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Colossians 1:15

15 Who **is** the Image of the invisible God, Firstborn of every creature, => cf 2Corinthians 4:4

- Adam was set over all the earth, but
- “the last Adam” will actually rule over all creation.
- The first man Adam was only a ‘provisional version’,
- but on the other hand, “the second man” is final and therefore “the last Adam”.
- All things are put under His feet - Hebrews 2:8, so that He is the Supreme of every creature!

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Colossians 1:15

15 Who **is** the Image of the invisible God, Firstborn of every creature, => cf 2Corinthians 4:4

- The term “firstborn” does not refer primarily to birth order in *chronology*, but to birth order in **ranking**.
- Remember, the major “firstborns” we see in Genesis were *not* born first by chronology.
- Just think of *Isaac*, of *Jacob*, of *Joseph*, of *Ephraim*.
- None of them were their father’s firstborn, yet they were **placed** in that position.

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Colossians 1:15

15 Who *is* the Image of the invisible God, Firstborn of every creature, => cf 2Corinthians 4:4

- In the same way, *Solomon* was certainly not the firstborn of David, but was *made* the firstborn.
- As much as Christ Jesus is involved in creation (*in*, *through* and *into*), He is NOT the Creator but a creature - albeit "the Firstborn of every creature".

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Colossians 1:16

*16 for in Him is all created, that in the heavens and that on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones, or lordships, or sovereignties, or authorities, **all is created through Him and for [into] Him,***

- The rationale “for” (*because*) explains WHY God's Image is “Firstborn of every creature”.
- Paul declares: *because* IN Him the **all** was created.
- That the **all** was created “in Him” (= God's Image) means that everything is **within** His sphere and domain.

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- Here, two more prepositions are added:
 - **through** - Gr = *dia* => used in connection with creation in John 1:3 and 1Cor 8:6. God created all things “through the word”.
 Since the word (of God) **became** flesh - John 1:14, the Son can now be **mentioned retrospectively** as the means by which creation came about.

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- Here, two more prepositions are added:
 - **for [into]** - Gr = *eis* => This preposition indicates the **direction** and **destiny** of creation. Everything was created for [into] the Son of God's love.

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Colossians 1:16

16 for in Him is all created, that in the heavens and that on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones, or lordships, or sovereignties, or authorities, all is created through Him and for [into] Him,

- Everything is created IN, THROUGH and INTO the Son,
- but notice: the preposition FROM (Gr = *ek*) is **missing** in this connection.
- That is reserved only for The one GOD, the Father. He is the **Source of all creation.**

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Colossians 1:16

16 for in Him is all created, that in the heavens and that on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones, or lordships, or sovereignties, or authorities, all is created through Him and for [into] Him,

- FROM His "mouth" - cf Ps 33:6,9 - all creation proceeds.
- Creation is IN the domain of the Son, who is also the word made flesh THROUGH WHICH God created everything.
- And this Son is also the **purpose** INTO Whom God created everything. Everything will be subjected to His feet.

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Colossians 1:17

17 and He is before all, and all has its cohesion in Him.

- The glory of Jesus Christ is that, although He was born millennia after Adam and raised from the dead, He is nevertheless "**before all**".
- Yes, *pre-existent* - **NOT** as "Jesus" or as "Christ" or as "Son", but as:
- (1) "**word [logos] of God**" => He was "hidden" in the "word" or "hidden" in God's "loins" - just as Levi was "hidden" in Abram's loins - Hebrews 7:9-10.

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Colossians 1:17

17 and He is before all, and all has its cohesion in Him.

- Yes, *pre-existent* - **NOT** as "Jesus" or as "Christ" or as "Son", but as:
- (2) "**image of God**" => Before the creation of all things, the Son, as the image of God, was already **foreknown** and **predestined** for this pivotal role in God's plan.

And "pre-existent as word of God and as image of God" is a **figure of speech!**

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Colossians 1:17

17 and He is before all, and all has its cohesion in Him.

Consider this:

- All things are created by God in the domain of the Son, and
- He is the **incarnate** means through Whom all things came into existence, but
- He is also the One for [into] Whom all things came into being, so ...

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Colossians 1:17

17 and He is before all, and all has its cohesion in Him.

Consider this:

- He is the *all-determining and cohesive motive* of all creation.

Conclusion:

- *The purpose that God has intended in Him [Christ] gives cohesion to the universe!*

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ALL has been created **IN** Christ

Colossians 1:16 for IN Him is all created,

Ephesians 3:11 in accord with the purpose of the eons, which He [God] makes IN Christ Jesus, our Lord;

So then, HOW can ALL be created IN Christ - BY Christ Himself? Or, by GOD?? Of course, by GOD!

"created" => Greek = *ektisthE* => 3rd person **PASSIVE**

This is a *figure of speech*.

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ALL has been created **IN** Christ

Genesis 12:3 *I shall indeed bless those blessing you, And I shall curse the one maledicting you. **IN you [Abram] all the families of the ground will be blessed.***

- Right here, Yahweh promises Abram that all the families of the ground will be blessed **IN him**.
- So, what exactly does **this** mean? => All the families on earth will find their blessing in Abram's rightful bloodline.
- It's always been God's show. He does it all.
- And, from His point of view, **everything** is literal.

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ALL has been created **IN** Christ

ALL has been created [by GOD] **IN Christ**
- Colossians 1:15-16, Ephesians 3:9-11

This is a **figure of speech**. Why? Because:

- Christ is the **Firstborn** - Colossians 1:15 => He has been **assigned** the role of Firstborn of all creation - just as often is the case in Scripture. This is about **RANKING**.
- Christ was "hidden" in the word [*logos*] from beginning - and as such God created **ALL with His Son in mind**. He was the **pattern** or **model** for **all of creation**.

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John 1:15

John 1:15 [John the Baptist:] “*He Who is coming after me, has come to be in front of me, for He was first (before) me,”*

- We already established that the word [*logos*] was **NOT** Jesus or the Son Himself.
- But here, John DOES mention Jesus Himself - however...
- **in front of** => Gr = *emprosthen* => **IN+TOWARD+PLACE**
- This shows clearly that this expression points to the “shifting” toward a higher **rank**.

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The word for “*before*” is not in the Greek text. It as a biased interpretation.

The Greek simply says “***prōtos mou***” which means ***my superior***.

Strong’s => foremost (in time, place, order or importance)

Usage = first, before, principal, ***most important***

Confirmation = John 3:30 [John the Baptist:] *“He [Jesus Christ] **must be growing, yet mine it is to be inferior.**”*

And this is similar to the word “*prōteuōn*” in Colossians 1:18.

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John 8:58 – Before Abraham *becomes*, I am

Jesus said to them, “*Verily, verily, I am saying to you, Ere Abraham came into being, I am.*”

- This is read as: “before Abraham was, I am” .
- Such reading would pose no problem at all, because Jesus would (as previously argued) be referring to “the word” becoming flesh.
- Before Abraham was there, “the word” of God was already there – and Jesus was “hidden” in the word.
- By the light of that word, Abraham also walked.

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Jesus said to them, “*Verily, verily, I am saying to you, Ere Abraham came into being, I am.*”

- However, upon closer inspection, this verse makes *no* reference to Abraham in the *past at all*.
- It says (literally): “Before Abraham *becomes*, I am.” . Simple present tense.
- Currently, Abraham is dead but soon he will be (alive) again. That is, he will be *resurrected*.

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- Jesus refers to the resurrection!
- Want proof? Look at the *immediate context*:
- John 8:56 => [Jesus:] “*Abraham, your father, exults that he may become acquainted with My day, and he was acquainted with it and **rejoiced.***” – How? By faith!
- But before that happens, Jesus Himself will rise from the dead – as Firstborn.

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- Abraham will “become” because:
- in the grave he will hear the voice of the Son of God and will be living. – John 5:25
- Hence, “... before Abraham *becomes*, I am”.

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1Corinthians 8:6 - out of God, through Christ

1Corinthians 8:6 *nevertheless for us there is one God, the Father, out of Whom ALL is, and we for Him, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom all is, and we through Him.*

- Scripture does not recognize two Creators: God the Father and "the Son".
- No, there is **one Creator** who created all things through His word [*logos*].
- And since Jesus Christ is the (incarnate) word of God - John 1:14, "through Him" all things were made.

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1Corinthians 8:6 - out of God, through Christ

- Two prepositions are used for God the Father and for the Lord Jesus Christ respectively.
 - All things are **OUT OF** God the Father and **THROUGH** the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - God the Father is the **Source** and the **One out of Whose mouth** (word) all things proceeded.
 - The Lord Jesus Christ, on the other hand, is the (incarnate) word of God **through Whom** all things were created by God.
- Paul's presentation of things here ties in seamlessly with the prologue in John 1.

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2Corinthians 8:9 - rich-poor, poverty-rich

2Corinthians 8:9 *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, being rich, because of you He became poor, that you, by His poverty, should be rich.*

- He was rich as a human because of what He already knew about Himself - even before His ministry started. At the age of 12, He already mentioned that He was at His Father's house.
- Remember that He was NOT born in the same way as us, but as the - ***only-begotten*** - ***Son of The GOD***.

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- So, in that sense, He WAS ***ultra rich*** - being royalty from the Owner of the universe!
- Also, He had holy Spirit ***without measure!*** Therefore, eg, He had power to forgive sins, and power over every demon, sickness, death and also natural phenomena like a storm at sea.

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- So, while knowing Who He - already! - was, being filled full with Spirit, **He gave it all up and took the form of a slave.**
- When did that happen? In the 24 hours starting at His arrest in Gethsemane up to His death on the cross.

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- And, as humans, we are poor - being **locked up** in death and sin.
- Yet, **because** Jesus "became poor", we are given life by God,
- so that we **become rich** by being justified, conciliated, vivified beyond death and glorified!

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Hebrews 2:9 - Bit inferior to messengers

Hebrews 2:9 *Yet we are observing Jesus, Who has been made some bit inferior to messengers (because of the suffering of death, wreathed with glory and honor), so that in the grace of God, He should be tasting death for the sake of everyone.*

has been made => Gr = *ēlattōmenon* => INFERIOR-cause, be/make inferior - present tense, action completed!

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- When did this happen? In the 24 hours from the moment of His arrest in Gethsemane up to His death on the cross.
- Why then? Because He could have **summoned legions of messengers** to free Him. **But He didn't** - and as such: has been made some bit inferior to the messengers.

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The old creation died with Christ

- If all died when He died - 2Corinthians 5:14 - then also the old creation must have been created in Christ.
- But that is FIGURATIVE in such a way that it happened in God's plan, ie, God's excruciatingly detailed mind.
- Because Christ was **foreknown by God**, it was very simple for God to create **ALL** according to **the model of Christ**.
- So, what exactly happened? Yahweh Elohim simply created everything and everyone according to the pattern of Christ Who was already **foreknown**, even before God's plan was being implemented - ie, John 1:1 and Genesis 1:1.

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Foreknown **Then** - Manifested **Now!**

Consider 1Peter 1:20 ... **Christ**, ... **foreknown**, indeed, **before the disruption of the world**, yet **manifested in the last times** because of you,

- Why **not** just use the word "**known**" - if He already existed?
 - So, how can Christ be "**foreknown**" at a certain point in time, if He was already existing and being with His Father?
- => another **Logical Fallacy!**
- And why was Christ not manifested **earlier**?

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Glory before the world was?

John 17:5 [Jesus prays:] *“And now glorify Thou Me, Father, with Yourself, with the glory which I had before the world is with You.”*

- The common reading is that Jesus is praying here to return to the glory He remembers from His pre-existence.
- But this reading meets with insurmountable difficulty!
- After all, in His resurrection He was crowned with honor and glory on the basis of his previous suffering!

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- After all, God highly exalted Him, **because** He humbled Himself to the death of the cross - Philippians 2:5-11
- The glory with which Jesus was glorified by God was **not** a **return** to a glory He already had (or even could have), but the granting of an **entirely new** glory!

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- This glory would be ***new to Christ Himself***, but **with God** He already had that glory ***for a long time***. How so?
- Christ was already **foreknown** [by God] **before the disruption of the world** - 1Peter 1:20

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- This glory that would be given to the Son, was **already planned by God** [so, guaranteed!] before the world is - and God had this also *predetermined* in the Scriptures.

Luke 24:26 “*Must not the Christ [1] be suffering these things, and [2] be entering into His glory?”*

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Glory reserved for us - before the world was

2Timothy 1:9 [God] *Who saves us and calls us with a holy calling, not in accord with our acts, but in accord with His own purpose and the grace which is given to us in Christ Jesus before times eonian,*

2Timothy 4:8 *Furthermore, there is reserved for me the wreath of righteousness, which the Lord, the just Judge, will be paying to me in that day; yet not to me only, but also to all who love His advent.*

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Glory reserved for us - before the world was

Colossians 1:5 *because of the expectation reserved for you in the heavens, which you hear before in the word of truth of the evangel,*

=> And, God does it, just because *it pleases Him!*

Ephesians 1:5 *in love designating us beforehand for the place of a son for Him through Christ Jesus; in accord with the delight of His will,*

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Glory reserved for us - before the world was

So, if members of the BoC pray this:

“Dear Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world was” ...

- it's now logical that this would definitely be *a prayer according to God's will and plan.*

This was the ***exact same situation*** for Christ when He prayed that to His Father. - John 17:5

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The GOD sleeps, ya think??

- People believing in the conscious pre-existence of Christ seem to think - maybe *unconsciously*, pun intended - that GOD is sleeping - leaving all over to Christ.
- In reality, it is GOD Who is working and Christ imitating Him!
"God... *Raising and glorifying His Boy, Jesus*" - Acts 3:13,26
- It's **GOD's show** all along - from beginning to end!
- 1Corinthians 15:28

John 5:17 *Yet Jesus answers them, "My Father is working hitherto [at present], and I am working."*

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Learning obedience

Hebrews 5:8 *even He also, being a Son, learned obedience from that which He suffered.*

- Do members of the BoC will have to *learn obedience after* they have been glorified? No.
- Then, why did Jesus have to *learn obedience* through His suffering if He was already with His Father in a celestial glorified immortal state, from the beginning - as co-Creator?

Two options are possible here: →

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Learning obedience

Two options are possible here:

- Option 1 = He *retained* His memory => then learning obedience was NOT necessary
- Option 2 = He *lost* His memory => then learning obedience was indeed necessary - but it would be the *exact same situation* as Him coming into existence since His birth!

No, the *only satisfactory Scriptural answer* is that He was begotten (*gen*erated) by His Father - and that was His true beginning - or "*gen*esis".

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Title "*only-begotten Son*"

Do you believe that

1. Satan has been created with his current nature, or
2. was He first a messenger who was "kicked out of heaven"
- and then became Satan?

If (1), why is (2) not true?

That's because of his nature and character.

- 1John 3:8, John 8:44

In the SAME WAY, it would not be logical that Jesus was first a celestial Being - and afterward became "***the only-begotten Son of God***". This title is very unique to Him ***alone!***

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Title "*only-begotten Son*"

So, Jesus Christ is the ONLY Son of God Who is actually begotten by God!

Conclusion:

Believing that Jesus pre-existed His birth as a "mythical celestial Being" before He became the only-begotten Son is the same as

believing that Satan existed as a "mythical celestial being called Lucifer" before he became Satan.

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God's appearing to Abram

Genesis 15:1 *After these things the word of Yahweh came to Abram in a vision, saying: You must not be fearing, Abram! I am your Shield, your exceedingly increased Reward.*

- Note that here it was not "Yahweh" Who appeared, but ***the word*** of Yahweh CAME to Abram.
- This, however, happened in ***a vision*** - which suggests that Abram had a "visual experience" - but not sure.

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God's appearing to Abraham

Genesis 17:1 *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, **Yahweh appeared to Abram** and said to him: I am El Who-Suffices; walk before Me and become flawless.*

- Here, it's "Yahweh" Who appeared to Abram.
- However, since Scripture clearly mentions that **no one** has seen God - John 1:18, 1John 4:20 - we know that this being ***could not have been Yahweh Himself.***

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God's appearing to Abraham

Genesis 18:1-2 ***Yahweh appeared to him** among the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the opening of the tent when the day was brightly warm.*

*When he lifted up his eyes, behold, **he saw three men standing** by over against him. As he saw them, he ran from the opening of the tent to meet them and bowed down toward the earth.*

- Who are the three "men"?
- It is apparent that "Yahweh" was one of them.

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God's appearing to Abraham

Genesis 18:13 *Then Yahweh said to Abraham: Why was this that Sarah laughed, saying: Shall I indeed truly bear a child, when I am old?*

Genesis 18:22 *From there the [two] men turned around and went toward Sodom. Yet Yahweh, He was still standing before Abraham.*

- Now we are sure that "Yahweh" is one of the "men".
- But who are the other two "men" who afterwards went to Sodom?

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God's appearing to Abraham

Genesis 19:1 *The two messengers came to Sodom in the evening, as Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he arose to meet them, and he bowed down with his brow toward the earth.*

- From this passage, we now know that the two other "men" were clearly messengers.
- Looking at the *bigger picture*, "Yahweh" was probably **literally the messenger of Yahweh** - who more than once functioned as *Yahweh's mouthpiece*. See Exodus 3:2-7.

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Who's the fourth being in the fiery furnace?

Daniel 3:25 *He was responding and saying, Aha! I am perceiving four masters, untied, walking about in the midst of the flame, and there they are, unharmed! And the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the elohim.*

Daniel 3:28 *King Nebuchadnezzar was responding and saying: Blessed be their Eloah, the One of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, Who sent His messenger and delivered His servants who were relying on Him when they altered the king's declaration. They granted their frames to the flame since they would neither serve nor worship any other eloah, only their Eloah.*

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Proverbs 8 - the wisdom from the beginning

Proverbs 8:27-31

27 When He established the heavens I was there, When He delineated the horizon on the face of the abyss,

28 When He made the skies firm above, When He set the springs of the abyss with strength,

29 When He established for the sea its statutory limit, So that the waters, they may not pass beyond His bidding, When He delineated the foundations of the earth.

30 Then I was beside Him as His foster child, And I was filled with bliss day by day, Gamboling before Him in every season,

31 Gamboling in the habitation of His earth, And my bliss was in the sons of humanity.

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Proverbs 8 - the wisdom from the beginning

- Proverbs 8 is a classic argument for the conscious pre-existence of the Son. The argument goes as follows:
- In this chapter wisdom is presented as a person who accompanied God at creation. And since Christ is "the wisdom of God" - 1Cor 1:24, Proverbs 8 thus teaches that Christ was *personally present* at creation and was already God's favorite child - Proverbs 8:30.
- Judging by the sound of it, the above reasoning has an appearance of logic. But, the following argues *against* this:

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Proverbs 8 - the wisdom from the beginning

But, the following argues against this:

- In Proverbs 8 it is not about Christ but about 'wisdom' = feminine: Hb = *chokma* - which is presented as companion of God.
- Not only wisdom is represented here as a person, but also prudence. "I, wisdom dwell with prudence..." - 8:12). Whoever claims that "wisdom" is a person besides God must be *consistent* and also consider "prudence" as a distinct person.

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Proverbs 8 - the wisdom from the beginning

- It should be clear that Proverbs 8 is a hymn to ***the wisdom of God*** who was at the origin of creation. Through wisdom and prudence God created the world.
- Both attributes characterize God's actions and are poetically represented ***as separate persons*** who assisted God in creation.
- That is not literally, but a common ***figure of speech*** ('personification'), in the same way that we also speak of 'mother nature' and 'lady justice'.
- Scripture knows only ***one Creator*** - Isaiah 44:24.

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Divine

Very difficult word - could refer to many things and even events.

Was Jesus divine? => Why I said "No", is because of the word **Deity** that I had in mind when mentioning "divine".

And, since Jesus was NOT - yet! - Deity, I said "No".

Sorry about that! This concept "divine" should have been explained in a more nuanced way.

- No - He was NOT divine, in the sense that He was a man
- Yes - He was divine, in the sense that He was the Son of The GOD

Was Adam from divine origin? YES! But was Adam divine? NO!

Scripture often mentions "divine service" - service that's "approved by God" - in this case, it's of less relevance.

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Divine - Jesus is currently STILL a **Man!**

1Corinthians 15:21 *For since, in fact, through a man came death, through a Man, also, comes the resurrection of the dead.*

1Corinthians 15:47 *The first man was out of the earth, soilish; the second Man is the Lord out of heaven.*

1Timothy 2:5 *For there is one God, and one Mediator of God and mankind, a Man, Christ Jesus,*

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Divine - Jesus is currently STILL a **Man!**

Romans 5:15 *But not as the offense, thus also the grace. For if, by the offense of the one, the many died, much rather the grace of God and the gratuity in grace, which is of the One Man, Jesus Christ, to the many superabounds.*

- If Jesus is currently a Man, then it's logical to see that He was also a man while He walked the earth.
- And if you want to say that "*Christ Jesus is Deity*", then that's fine - as long as you are aware that such statement is a *figure of speech*.

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 1

- My believe is that God is **very structured and consistent**
- Also, I believe that God **never violates His own laws** (universal, nature, etc) - if not necessary.
The only exception to this rule is **miracles** - these are obviously **supernatural** -
- and miracles are always done with a purpose, especially with regard to the Kingdom.
- My believe is that God is **very consistent** in His **Method of Operation** - so He never violates His MO.
Remember the statement of a well-known student:
"God's big fat glorious predictable rut"

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 1

How does God's law of procreation work?
=> Male seed enters female egg and fertilizes it, right?

Now for arguments' sake, let's suppose that Christ already existed consciously before His birth.

So, please explain how did He come to be in Miriam's womb?

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 1

- Did God play a role in that process? You will say "yes".
- But, if that's the case, then how about Philippians 2 where Scripture states that Jesus "*empties Himself*"?
- So, now it looks as if Jesus is doing it *Himself*!
- Well, what is it then?
- Then let's say that God did play a part in the "transformation process".
- What did God turn Christ into? Let's explore the options...

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 1

Let's say that God turned Christ into:

1. A **human zygote (fertilized egg)** => consequence:
 - Miriam's egg would be redundant, so
 - Christ would not be from the line of David
 - God would violate His own *law of procreation*
2. An **egg, in Miriam** => consequence:
 - Miriam's (own) egg would be redundant,
 - Christ would not be from the line of David, and
 - Where's the necessary seed?
3. A seed, meant to enter the egg of Miriam and fertilize it => consequence →

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 1

Let's say that God turned Christ into:

3. A seed, meant to enter the egg of Miriam and fertilize it => consequence:
 - Then this can only mean that Miriam's egg will be ADDED to the **whole** - thus resulting in an organism that's MORE THAN the seed only
 - Thus, the organism can NOT be Christ anymore, such as He was in the celestials
 - AND God violated His own law of procreation because the seed is to provide for **ONLY** the male part of the organism and the egg for the female part of the organism

Conclusion = **NOT FEASIBLE - none of the three options!**

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 1

What's the Scriptural truth?

Consider the well-known *first* prophecy in Genesis 3:15 =>
“And I shall set enmity between you and the woman And between your seed and her Seed. He shall hurt you in the head, And you shall hurt Him in the heel.”

Let's consider this carefully:

Do women have seed? NO, only eggs.

So, why this important expression?

Because the woman would become pregnant while virgin!

To the human perception, no man was involved!

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 1

In Scripture, "*seed*" also speaks of *bloodline*.

This very expression, the ***Seed of the woman***, is "pregnant" with huge meaning - pun intended => This ***proves*** that:

- Christ could ***NOT yet have existed*** at that time!
- Christ would be ***just as human*** as Adam and Eve!

This also refers to the ***perfect comparisons*** between ***Adam*** and ***Christ*** in Scripture => If Christ wasn't a ***100% human***, then these comparisons would not be: ***perfect, balanced*** and also ***honest***.

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 2

God is always ***consistent*** in His ***methods*** and ***approach***.

1Corinthians 15:42-44a, 46-47

Thus also is the resurrection of the dead.

It is sown in corruption; it is roused in incorruption.

It is sown in dishonor; it is roused in glory.

It is sown in infirmity; it is roused in power.

It is sown a souldish body; it is roused a spiritual body.

***But not first the spiritual,
but [first] the souldish, thereupon the spiritual.***

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 2

It's *always* the same method! =>

... **[first] the soulish, thereupon the spiritual.**

The first man was out of the earth, soilish; the second Man is the Lord out of heaven.

This is another proof that
Christ **could NOT** have existed before His birth.

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 3

So, what's *the truth* - according to our viewpoint?

Luke 1:35 *And answering, the messenger said to her, "Holy spirit shall be coming on you, and the power of the Most High shall be overshadowing you; wherefore also the holy One Who is being generated shall be called the Son of God.*

When did Jesus "become" the Son of God?

=> At the moment that He was being generated.

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 3

So, what's *the truth*?

According to our viewpoint, taking ALL of Scripture into consideration, *this* is what happened:

- God, through His word [*logos*] - holy Spirit, implanted a 100% *human seed* in Miriam's womb - which fertilized Miriam's egg. That makes God the 100% *biological Father of Jesus Christ*.
- Jesus was therefore 100% Son of The GOD - and had *holy Spirit without measure*.
- As such, in His ministry, He had authority to forgive sins, to perform miracles (as a sign), over laws of nature, He could summon legions of messengers if He wanted to, etc

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 4

Let's take a look at another of God's well-known methods.

How about this one:

- God always gives the truth to a minority (in the Day of man), AND
- The majority always persecutes the minority.

This method is very often seen in the Scriptures.

But this method can also be seen in the world around us.

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God's Mode of Operation (MO) 4

Now, a minority, the members of the BoC, have the truth.

However, is it possible that, even *within the BoC*, a minority has the truth? Is this well-known method also applicable?

With regard to this very topic:
observe some reactions of *the majority* in the YT comments section - and then observe the attitude of the minority.

My advice: ponder on this, learn from it - and grow.

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Hebrews 1:1-2

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- God spoke through messengers => burning bush (Acts 7:30), Law on mount Sinai (Acts 7:38,53) - See also Numbers 12:8 - in the pillars of cloud and fire - Exodus 23:20-23, Judges 2:1
- God spoke through prophets
- God speaks through His Son - **now**

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How does God create the eons through His Son?
How does THAT look?

- God **created** the eons through His word (*logos*).
- And later, the word [*logos*] became flesh, ie, His Son.
- So, **now** God **makes** - *aorist!* - the eons through His Son => the context (1:8, 2:5) points to Christ's **future reign**.

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- Do you agree that Jesus is the BEST Image of God - far better than the messengers or the prophets? Of course!
- If yes, then please tell me: If Jesus, the Son, was already on the scene during the Hebrew Scriptures, why **didn't** God speak to the fathers in the Son (*perfect!*) but in the prophets and through messengers (*not perfect!*)?? => **Logical Fallacy!**

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It's all about Christ's **vivification!**

- Why is it so vitally important to believe *the right way about death?*
- Because without really been dead, Christ's resurrection would **not be worth much**. So, this belief diminishes Christ's resurrection greatly! It's the contrast principle, again.
- It's ALL about His **resurrection** and **vivification!** For the sake of his and our *vivification* and glory he did what he did!
- Hebrews 12:2
- And, without His **resurrection** and **vivification** we would still be in our sins!

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It's all about Christ's **vivification!**

So, the right comparison of **maximum contrast** is between:

- His life of **humility** on earth - up to and including **His death on the cross**, and
- His **vivification** and **glory** beyond every imagination.

In the same way, the glory that Christ received would not be worth much if He was already "in glory and as co-Creator with His Father". Also, He must have been immortal, since mortals cannot be in the celestial realm.

So, the difference would be virtually **NOTHING**.

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Meaning of Faith

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is an assumption of what is being expected, a conviction concerning matters which are not being observed;*

Hebrews 11:24-26 *By faith Moses, becoming great, disowns the term "son of Pharaoh's daughter," preferring rather to be maltreated with the people of God than to have a temporary enjoyment of sin, deeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked away to the reward.*

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Meaning of Faith

What's the KEY? =>

- NOT SEEING, according to our natural sensory perception - but "seeing" according to our *spiritual eyes*.
- And, this is meant figuratively - it's a figure of speech.

IF Jesus pre-existed His birth, then He would've seen it all.

No faith necessary! And... no fear too!

If His memory would be erased, then what's the sense? It would be the same as His beginning in Miriam's womb.

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The importance of Jesus Christ's Faith!

Jesus Christ's faith is the foundation upon which the justification of all is based. So, it's *hugely important!*

- If Jesus pre-existed His birth as an immortal Being, He didn't have any fear because true love casts out fear.
- So, His faith would not be worth much if He was already "in glory as co-Creator with His Father". He would have seen it all.
- Therefore, very little faith - if not, none! - would be necessary for Him to go to the cross.

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God is the only One...

Acts 17:24-25 *The God Who makes the world and all that is in it*, ... He Himself gives to all life and breath and all.

Acts 17:30-31 "... forasmuch as He [God] assigns a day in which He is about to be judging the inhabited earth in righteousness by *the Man Whom He specifies*, tendering faith to all, raising Him from among the dead—"

- Not only does Paul attribute the creation of "the world and everything in it" to *God alone*, he also clearly *contrasts* this with "*the Man Whom He [God] specifies*."

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Comparison between Adam and Christ

Consider these points:

- Adam was the first of a creation and the beginning and head of the **old humanity**;
- Christ is the first of a **new creation** and the beginning and head of the **new humanity**.
- Hence, Christ is referred to as the "*last Adam*" - 1Cor 15:45 - ***end*** of the **old humanity**, and
- the "*second man*" - ***beginning*** of the **new humanity**.
- Both are **fully man** - Acts 2:22, etc
- Adam is Christ's type, while Christ is Adam's antitype.

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Jesus' pleasure to glorify His Father!

It always has been Jesus Christ's purpose and pleasure to glorify His God and Father.

So, if we *diminish His Father's glory*, then we *diminish Jesus' glory* as well.

Hope that you *see* the obviousness here.

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God's glory

What makes the glory of GOD *greater*:

- if He had a "co-Creator" (besides Him)? Or
- if He is the only One Who created *ALL* - according to *His own claim*?

Remember Job 9:8 and especially Isaiah 44:24 and study these honestly!

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Jesus Christ's glory

What makes the glory of Christ Jesus - as a Man! - **greater**:

- if He had **faith** in His God and Father as a human being - ***without having SEEN*** anything? Or
- if He had "faith" in His God and Father as the Son Who was already with His God and Father - immortal, in glory! - from the beginning?

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PAGAN doctrine!

- The teaching of the “pre-existence of Christ” is a PAGAN doctrine, a doctrine of demons,
- it preceded the Trinity doctrine of the Roman Catholic church, which
- has incorporated this doctrine into its own doctrines.
- Yes, that’s right! Please study it for yourself.
- Tradition is a very stubborn bitch, and so is religion.
I truly hope you don’t want to carry a bitch in your pockets, do you? ;-)
- So, I implore you: search for the truth, no matter what!

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The importance of a correct Scriptural view

- It is **God Himself** who has awarded to His Son the highest and first place.
- From there it is also very understandable that differences of opinion among believers about the identity and glory of Christ are always very sensitive.
- After all, we are talking about Him who is dear to us and whose glory is exalted above all.
- How could we ever be indifferent to that?
- Only an **honest examination** of the Scriptures can make us learn and grow in the realization of God and His Christ.

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The importance of a correct Scriptural view

- That also means that we are to be open to correction.
- It is from this attitude that I have prepared this video.
- Please remember to ***NOT FOLLOW other human beings !!***
- even if they would indirectly stimulate it. (*You're betting on the right horse*)
- The influence from "self-proclaimed teachers" is a fact.
- However, there are NO teachers as a supernatural gift!
- Examine the information critically, Scripturally, and see if these things are so - Acts 17:11.

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The importance of a correct Scriptural view

That “the word ***became*** flesh” - explained in this video - underlines my viewpoint, that:

Truth	versus
1. There is only <i>one God</i> and <u><i>one Creator</i></u> of all things - Isaiah 44:24	Two Creators: Father and Son
2. <i>God</i> begot Jesus and is therefore His Father - Luke 1:35	Christ “emptied” <u><i>Himself</i></u> into becoming {something?} & incarnate?
3. Christ Jesus is truly and fully <i>Man</i> - 1Cor 15:21,47; 1Tim 2:6; Rom 5:15	A Being with a conscious pre-existence as co-Creator

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The importance of a correct Scriptural view

That “the word ***became*** flesh” - explained in this video - underlines my viewpoint, that:

Truth	versus
4. <i>Logos</i> just means “ <i>expression</i> ” - in this case: “word”	<i>Logos</i> was (secretly) “ <i>Christ</i> ”
5. God has <i>reserved</i> glory for Christ before eonian times - 2Tim 1:9	Christ <i>remembering</i> the glory He had with God before the world was
6. In many cases, it’s a <i>figure of speech</i> => clearly explained!	<i>Figures of speech</i> are interpreted <i>literally!</i> => so, dig deeper!

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Finally...

- We truly hope that you at least *begin to see* that this is the only possible Scriptural way to correctly view God and His Christ.
- Also, we hope that by this video you have been edified, with learning and growing in the realization of The GOD and His Christ.
- To everyone who is planning on a “debunk-journey” - whoever you are =>
Beloved brother and/or sister, this we say to you with love:
- Before you start your “debunk” journey, please MAKE SURE to FIRST watch and ponder the complete video. - And, ... →

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Finally...

- That's the only way to be **HONEST** and provide your audience with truthful facts from this video.
- As you know, a building can only be honestly judged **after** it is *finished*.
- Therefore, any *superficial* "quote" that you do - and *taken out of context*, only speaks of blatant arrogance and, regrettably, ignorance and laziness.
- Do it honestly, so everyone can see and hear where I would be wrong - I'd be happy to learn and grow further!
- Thanks in advance for your understanding!

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Quote

God and His Son Glorified

"Man-made theological attempts to exalt Christ beyond what is specifically revealed in Scripture result in a radical demeaning of the value of His obedience and accomplishments on our behalf.

Man, however sincerely, cannot add to Jesus' greatness by making Him something that Scripture does not. In fact, any attempt to do so significantly subtracts from the greatness of the Scriptural message."

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Quote

“When we let the Word of God speak for itself and allow every piece of the puzzle to fit together without squeezing it to fit our own traditions or preconceived notions, both God and His Son are glorified, reason is satisfied.”

Mark H. Graeser; John A. Lynn; John W. Schoenheit
One God and One Lord, pages 368, 369

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Summary

- We have clearly seen that Scripture is NOT to be just read and believed.
- Remember that God is Spirit, *literally*.
- Often, the real truth is being found in the details - and these are only available when we dig deeper. - Proverbs 25:2
- Scripture is replete with figures of speech - more than we think!
- Remember that we are supposed to use our God-given sound mind to think logically.

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Summary

- Very important! => there are - even foundational! - truths in Scripture of which we don't find a direct and clear-cut Scripture passage! So, it's also about seeing patterns and the bigger picture.
- Scripture always mentions: ALL is created **by** God and **out of** God.
- Scripture always mentions: ALL is created **in, through** and **for [into]** Christ => retrospectively!
- Whenever Scripture mentions Christ, associated with creation, then it's a **retrospective** passage that became truth since the word [logos] became flesh.

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Summary

- The *pre-existence* of someone is a Scriptural concept, ie, also of Christ.
- However, it is of great importance how we are to understand Scriptures the correct way!
- Please remember that the Greek word **logos** just means "*expression*".
- In the case of creation, the correct translation of **logos** is "*word*" => Psalms 33:6,9.
- It's of the utmost importance for you to see that Jesus **could not possibly** have existed consciously before His birth.

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Summary

- Even one **logical fallacy** would've been enough to burst the bubble of this theological myth that Christ consciously pre-existed His birth.
- However, there are **multiple logical fallacies** that clearly disprove this "theory".
- Remember that the truth is always simple and consistent.
- The truth is that God has begotten His Son - and therefore, Jesus Christ's generation in Miriam's womb was His genesis.
- Think of the obvious figure of speech regarding Levi who "*tithed to Melchizedek, while being in the loins of his father*", Abram.

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Summary

- Then think of all the **figures of speech** where, eg, Jesus claims to “be coming from heaven and to be sent by His Father” .
- Scripture only speaks of Christ’s pre-existence in a **figurative** sense, ie, as the word [*logos*].
- Also remember that Jesus often spoke in **figurative** language.
- While it’s fine to say “Christ is God” , be aware that this is a **figure of speech**.
- Still believing that Christ consciously pre-existed His birth? Keep in mind that Christ could **not** have “emptied Himself” while (still) in heaven because God wouldn’t have played a role in that process.

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Summary

- It’s about Christ’s disposition - which is still the case! That’s why the verbs are in **aorist** “tense” .
- The glory that Christ was looking forward to, was obviously **new** to Him!
- Christ is “**before all**” - **not** as “Jesus” or “Son” - but as **word** [*logos*] and **image** of God.
- While He is also “before Abraham” as the “**word**” - **figuratively!** - He referred to the **resurrection** in John 8:58.
- He was ultra-rich as the Son of The GOD, and still became poor so that we may become rich.
- Christ was **foreknown** by GOD before eonian times, and manifested “NOW” .

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Summary

- The title “only-begotten Son” further proves His literal existence from birth!
- Remember that Christ Jesus was not a “hybrid” but a man on earth - and is currently still a Man!
- The “wisdom” in Proverbs 8 is NOT Christ but a figure of speech.
- However you want to analyze it, Christ could never have been “turned into {*whatever*}” in order to be born. There’s NOT ONE option that works - so, not feasible.
- Remember God’s consistent MO => first the *soulish*, thereupon the *spiritual* - ALWAYS!!

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Summary

- Reconsider the question why God didn’t speak to the fathers in a Son if He was already “on the scene” ...? The answer: simply because He was NOT yet on the scene!
- Look at the value of Christ’s *faith* and His *resurrection*. It would be impossible to have such high value if He was already in glory with His Father.
- Adam and Christ can only be compared to each other if this parallel is honest, balanced and perfect. And this is a fact, since their similarities clearly confirm this.

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Summary

- The **glories of God and his Christ** are in parallel with each other - so, if you diminish God's glory, then you also diminish Christ's glory - obviously!
- At the end of the day, it's about an **honest search** in Scripture to find the truth, no matter the consequences!
- Finally, **never** follow other human beings! We are all students of Scripture and we learn from each other and grow from it. Let ***THAT*** be the case in our life.

May the love, grace and peace of the God and Father of our Lord Christ Jesus be with you until the very end!

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In the end, EVERYTHING will be excellent!

**Just wait until GOD has
accomplished His
purpose !!**