

## The Birthed Word

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When Elohim created the universe by His Word we find that there was a noteworthy break in the manner of His progressive creativity. On each of the six days of creation "God said, let there be...." or "let the..." and it is recorded that incrementally "there was" or "it was so" as He brought to pass that which He announced.

Periodically He evaluated what He had accomplished and "saw that it was good" until He reached the sixth day of His labor and in that day, culminating His work of creating what scripture calls "all things" (Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:11), He changes His mode and instead of proceeding in His usual fashion of moving from one act of verbal creativity to another, instead there is a pause, and God confers with Himself before the exquisite crowning act of the sixth day.

The New Testament epistle to the Ephesians speaks of this conference in describing God as the One "who works all things after the counsel of His will" (Eph. 1:11). God makes a proposal within the Family that He is, (Elohim), in language that suggests a twinkle His eye. He confers with His will and His will counsels Him to do what pleases Him.

The proposal is: "Let Us make man in our image, according to our likeness..." (Gen. 1:26). Thus, agreeing within the Family, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him, male and female He created them" (Gen. 1:27). At this zenith of creation, God, who measures all things by the standard of Himself gazes upon His workmanship and sees that it is "very good" (Gen. 1:31).

When we trace the progressive teaching of the Bible concerning the activity and accomplishments of the Word of God, we discover the reason for the obviously special way God approaches the creation of man. We could go into a lengthy and detailed explanation of the point

I'm about to make, but since this teaching is geared to those who are familiar with the text of scripture I will simply make my point and allow the reader to be noble as the Bereans were in searching the scriptures to see if what I'm presenting is true.

What I wish to point out is that man was never intended to simply be one more, final accomplishment of the creative Word. He is meant, among all creation, to be the climax of God's creation-sermon. Certainly any student of scripture knows that God speaks through creation in that "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows forth His handiwork" (Ps. 19:1). But, in man, God intends to speak a Word whereby He completely expresses Himself. That is, He intends to explain, define, unveil and disclose Himself in the Word that man IS.

This cannot be done in the usual manner of semantic creativity, for this Word; expressing the Family which is God, must be a birthed Word, for God is an impregnating, conceiving and birthing God by His very nature.

He/She can only be fully expressed by the fruit of Their conjugal Love.

Creation in general, is suggestive of Who and What God is, but only man is "the image and glory of God" (I Cor. 11:7).

This final and complete capstone of the Word of God must combine the Eternal I AM and the created Made-To-Be in perfect union. Now there was a time that I would have been horrified to read what I have written thus far. I would have considered it blasphemy, and I have been accused of that. I would have considered man, first, as a sinner in need of redemption, and God, having redeemed a tiny minority of mankind, at best, even those could only be described as being permitted in their redeemed state to live with God in eternal bliss.

But God, according to the progressive and completed Word, only "knows"

man in Christ. Every other aberration parading itself as truly human meets with His emphatic, "I never knew you" (Matt. 7:23). Though man has been crowned with glory and honor by God, according to the Book of Hebrews, the same passage tells us that we don't see that

yet. Instead the writer tells us that "we see Jesus" (Heb. 2:9) and in seeing Jesus, we see the True Human.

In that marvelous portion of scripture, the Son of Man and man are used interchangeably. Jesus, as the Son of Man, sums up humanity in Himself as He summed up Deity in Himself as the Son of God. All else is a Satanic fabrication pretending to be what man is; but that pretense does not displace what man really is, it only presents a false persona for a season. In seeing Jesus "crowned with glory and honor" we see Him who, as the Son of Man, summed up the Reality of man's true personhood.

You may protest vehemently saying that the Bible speaks of Christ as the Word. Most certainly it does, but it also says that "the Word became flesh..." (John 1:14). It was our flesh that He became, joining Himself to us in an inseparable union and you are adolescent in your grasp of scripture if you do not understand that since becoming flesh, Jesus remained flesh, albeit it glorified, so that He is the "one mediator between God and man, the MAN Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5).

God is fully expressed in Christ but Christ is fully expressed in humanity, all of humanity, and conversely man is fully expressed as the Christ. Paul tells us that we "are his (God's) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...." (Eph. 2:10). The Greek word for workmanship is POIEMA from which obviously we get our English word, "poem." Jesus Christ is uniquely the Word of God, but He is God's Word written into us to become God's poem to all creation.

The progression of the Word in the New Testament takes us from Jesus as the Word in the gospels, on to the Word multiplied in the Book of Acts, explained living epistles in the written epistles, and then shown gathered together into the Book of Life in the Book of Revelation.

This birthed Word has its origin in eternity as the eternally begotten Son in whom we were chosen to be holy and without blame before Him (Eph. 1:4; Col. 1:22). This eternally birthed Word added to Himself a human birth translating His eternal Being into flesh becoming "the First-born

of all creation" (Col. 1:15) In Him we find True Humanness and in humanity we find Him hidden---we find, as it were, "the radiance of God's glory" incognito, hidden in formed dust, but soon to be revealed as God's Final Word that enfolds all of creation into His Reality.

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