

Christ The Logos

What or who is the Word, (Greek: the Logos) talked about in John 1:1-14? It is important to *know*, as the Bible speaks so often about "the word." The scriptures¹ are absolutely jam-packed with eye-opening, inspired explanations of this topic. The writer John had the benefit of many more years of experience and living than the other apostles did. He had the opportunity to look at what the others had already written. John having grown in God's Spirit, being the Apostle that he was, had God revealed many things to him. He saw fit to write the Gospel of John in a certain way to fill in the blanks that were left by the other gospels. He had the advantage of all the extra years that he had lived. He tells us an incredible amount about the Logos, about the Word.

John 1:1-14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became

¹ Scripture as being the Holy Bible. You should *prove* this is the word of God (see how to do this elsewhere here), and compare what is *said* with your reading of the word of God *directly*. Check other translations and versions. Most scripture quoted here is from the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

What is the "Word?"

We see here that "the Word" is capitalized in most translations. He was the God that became flesh, and is none other than Jesus Christ. It identifies the Word as Jesus Christ right away.

The "Word" as transliterated from Greek is logos, log'-os, and is defined as: something said (including the thought); by implication, a topic (subject of discourse) also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive.

The Logos, the Word, is another name for Jesus Christ. How do we know this? As always, let the Bible explain itself. Look elsewhere to see what it means if a passage isn't entirely clear. That would be in Revelation 19

Revelation 19:11-16 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

From this scripture it is quite obvious that it is just another name and symbol of Christ, the Lamb of God. Here His name is called the Word of God unambiguously. Revelation 19 proves to us that it *is* He, the Word is Jesus Christ, who came in the flesh. Sometimes the religious scholars will say "pre-incarnate" (a fancy way of saying "before he became flesh") Jesus Christ, the One who was God before He became flesh and blood. But the Greek word means more; it's also WHAT is said, along with the MOTIVE behind it.

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word [logos]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. "He who does not love Me does not keep My words [logos]; and the word [logos] which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

How can the Word be God and something God says?

Not only is it the One that speaks (Christ), the Logos, but is also can be *what* he speaks, the logos, the actual words that He speaks. If you are reading this in the King James Version it says "my sayings" which again can throw us a little bit off the track. But it's that word logos that's translated as "sayings."

When we look at this we have to ask what is the difference between the Logos (Christ) and what he spoke (the word of God). We have to determine is this in terms of the context, is it talking about *what* He is saying, or is it talking about Him who is saying it? But is there a difference? You can either hear what He says, or see the example He is setting, or understand the motive behind both. All these things are encompassed in the term "Logos." And that was a big part of the purpose for His coming, along with to be the sacrifice for our moral shortcomings and offensive errors. This is something very serious to consider because He is not going to lie in what He is, does, or says, including why. We shouldn't limit our thinking to only one aspect. These are spiritual things, sometimes difficult for us to understand.

The words that He has given in the words that He has continued to give us are the same since Old Testament times.

Genesis 15:1 After these things the word [Hebrew (transliterated): *dabar*] of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Just so we are clear what the "word" is, it is the Hebrew term transliterated into English as "*dabar*," pronounced daw-baw'. (From a root word meaning to speak); it means "word," by implication, a matter (as spoken of) or thing; adverbially, a cause.

You can see it has nearly the same depth meaning as the Greek Logos. Here we have the *Word* of God already active in Genesis 15:1 This is the

earliest example. Many more places in the Old and New Testament He is referred to as the "Word of God."

Verse 2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

It's interesting that in one of the literal versions of the Bible actually capitalizes "Word" like it is in John 1. They're taking a cue from there, and looking back to this word *debar* as the word that is most closely translated *logos* and vice versa. Thus we have the literal version saying this is talking about the Word as the *person*.

Verses 3-4 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" And behold, the word [*dabar*] of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."

What we need to be clear about here and what we can take from the context, is that when it talks about "the word" it doesn't mean necessarily the literal word that's being spoken.

Verse 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

"He brought him," it plainly means that God, the one who became Jesus, the Word who became flesh, is actually the one that's being referred to here. It's Christ who is taking him out, showing him these things. The Chaldeans, from whom Abraham came, were renowned for knowledge of *astronomy*! So this was a poignant way of giving Abraham the prophecy that would be fulfilled. The Word, who became Jesus Christ, is the only one along with the Father who can do this!

Verses 6-7 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

This example is used just to show that the *word* of the Lord actually, even in Old Testament times, referred to the Person, this God being, who is in other ways the Spokesman, Logos.

What does the Word convey to us?

There are quite a few scriptures in John, because as mentioned before John is focused on a certain aspects of the Logos. Some of these aspects and other expressions that John talks about show a theme that runs through his gospel. A message that He is trying to get across.

John 8:26 "I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

When He speaks He is speaking what the Father is saying.

Verses 27-28 They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

What the God, the *Father*, tells him that is what He says. The Father relates to us what He wants us to hear in the form of the Word. Christ *is* the Word, and He is giving us the word. It is of the Father, we see this further emphasized a few chapters later.

John 12:49 "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

He is not just saying these things because He has the right to or because He thinks that they should be said. Continuing He says,

Verse 50 "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Everlasting life! That's what it leads to if we *heed* it. This title of Logos, Word, is in effect a spokesman, a presenter. He is the spokesman for God. There is an authority given. The structure is God the Father, and directly under him the Son. It will always be that way. They work together. When we look at these words in context, Logos, *dabar*, it sometimes refers to *what* was said, and other times to *who* said it. What he spoke reflected Him, what He was, His inherent way of being. Not only Jesus Christ, but the Father as well. In that if you know what he *says*, you know who He *is*! And the two, the Word and the Son are indistinguishable for one another. As well as being indistinguishable from the Father who inspires all the words. Putting all this together we see how it all fits perfectly.

John 14:8-11 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

He makes it very clear just how tightly knit those things are. The fact that there is the Father, He speaks the words through the Word, who speaks words which are indistinguishable from who and what they are. John is actually saying a lot in a very few words.

Does all this really make sense?

As it said in John 1, we see that in the beginning was the Word, this Logos. Another interesting aspect of this word "logos" is that it is the derivation from which we get our English terms "logical," or "logic!" Describing things that make *sense*. A reasonable way to come to a conclusion or the truth of something. This also is an aspect of God, the Father and the Son (Word). One that He would have us pursue.

These are, "the words of life." God is a *reasonable* God. We are to reason, to THINK, come to wise conclusions that will stand up to scrutiny. This isn't the way most people suppose "religion" should be! Something that makes

sense. But it's the way *true* religion, and God is. A reasonable rational logical God that has a way of life that works! All the scriptures can be fit together perfectly (when properly translated and understood.) There are even more scriptures that plainly show this.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

If we have God's Spirit in us, we too are to be growing towards being logical, reasonable, and the rational. The Bible is logical, and it all fits together!

John 10:35 "If He called them gods [theos], to whom the word [logos] of God [theos] came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

Scripture cannot be broken because it fits together in this logical way. These are the words of God! However, just because we don't understand something in the word of God, doesn't mean that it's not logical. It means we don't understand it. Many people balk at this truth of God.² In their mind God, the Bible, the spiritual things have to be mysterious, weird, something we can never know. Internet blogs are full of these opinions. One woman was saying that "No; the Bible's not logical at all!" If God isn't logical, how could your *reason* with Him? What doesn't make sense is her opinion!

The Bible is logical, it's just that it doesn't always seem logical to us. We still have to "put on" that mind of God through His Spirit to fully understand, and that's a gift.

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the

² In the case of this verse the translators didn't understand our destiny to become as God, so they translated it "gods" instead of "Gods" which is more correct, as the original language indicates. This is quoted from Psalm 82:6, which also shows this. A *literal* translation of this verse is, " I--I have said, 'Gods [elohiym] ye are, And sons of the Most High [elyown]--all of you," (YLT)

spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

This is very insightful in terms of how the mind of God *in* us helps us to understand His mind.

Job 13:3 But I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to reason with God.

We see that Job, while being a quite reasonable man, still wasn't completely reasonable. He wasn't completely logical. But he *thought* he was! That's because there's a difference between God and us in terms of levels of thought. Job really believes that he has a case to be made! Read the rest of the story, to see what Job went through, and *why* he went through it. To change the way he was *thinking*. See the way that God thought. We can learn lessons from it. Job thought that he had a case. He thought that he could present it in a just court of law, as it were, with God he would be able to reason with him and to get God to see *his* way of why he should be able to do what He is doing. Why he shouldn't have to change.

Verse 18 See now, I have prepared my case, I know that I shall be vindicated.

He was *absolutely* sure he would *win* the argument! We all know from 21st century hindsight that Job had the problem. He could not see it. He was not thinking clearly, he was not thinking straight, he was not being completely reasonable.

Job 13:15-16 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him. He also shall be my salvation, For a hypocrite could not come before Him.

Did you see that? "I will defend my *own ways* before Him!" He is trying to justify himself before God. He could not see the problem that he had. The limitations and faults that he had. He was not being completely logical. But God goes through and reasons with him anyway. God to a certain degree takes Job up on his request. He comes to Job and begins to ask him all these questions that Job had not considered or thought through. You can see this in chapters 38 through 41 how God then brings Job around.

Job 38:1-3 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: "Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

The God that knows all, and has created all says in effect, "Let Me reason with you and we will come to a conclusion here..." Job learned quickly because he *had* no answers. He is put in his place. Then Job's trials concluded, and he was able to move on.

Job 42:5-7 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes." And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words [dabar] to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken [dabar] of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.

Here are these *words* again. He used the words to convince Job. These, His thoughts His ways, He conveyed through the word to us, through scripture, the written words to Job. Notice also, his friends spoke *wrong* words! You have to be careful whose words you listen to.

Don't we have superior knowledge now?

In this case, specifically in words He reveals what kind of God He is. He is a logical God, who created *the entire* universe and *all* science! He asked Job about Astrophysics, oceanography, geodesy, meteorology, biology, and ecology. Things Job hadn't even *conceived* of! (And things we've *barely* scratched the surface of understanding in this day and age.) This is passed on to us through the word -- the Logos. This is the logical means of conveying the immense *magnitude* of His plan, and His ways to us. What are *man's* ways in comparison? *Your* ways?

Isaiah has a bit to say about this topic, as he enumerates what man's ways are.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

They've got it completely backwards! They do not understand right and wrong. They're calling things the opposite of what they are.

Verses 21-23 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight! Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man!

They are this way because they're wise in their own eyes. Perfect in their own sight, the way that they see things.

Verse 24 Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

They are coming to a bad end. Because they look to *themselves*. Believing their own words their own thoughts their own ways. Does that not describe modern society perfectly? But that is always going to lead down the path to destruction. Because they rejected the Word of God, His definition of right and wrong, His *law*!

Why do we need the law?

The law is a reflection of who and what God is, His nature. The law and things pertaining to it are a *big part* of the word! We are seeing that that the word is the same thing as the law, as the way of God. That word we are supposed to live by, every word. (Matthew 4:4) It is who and what God is. When we reject the words of the law we reject God. Do you see why we need to keep the law he gave us? For our own good? It was given so we could become like Him, doing as He would. Whenever we reject the law then we are going to call evil good, because we have rejected what defines good.

Whenever you hear people saying the law is "done away" you know that they have rejected God. The perfect being that's so *far* greater than us. They still hold a concept of a lawless "god," one that could never be counted on because he would be free to violate his own word! At any time, in any circumstance! The *true* God isn't like that.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ [the Word] is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

God's Word is reasonable, and God is reasonable. It's the way that he deals with us, in a reasonable logical manner from his word, from his Logos, logically speaking. And He never changes from that.

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

This is the way God operates with us. As a logical being *would*.

Verse 20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

If you're unwilling and defiant you shall be "devoured by the sword." This was the spoken word. This is His word; this is what He is saying trying to reason with us. He is saying 'listen to Me! And it will be well with you. Do not listen to Me and you're going to go off the track. You will not be able to tell right from wrong and you will suffer the consequences.' This is the way it has always been.

Deuteronomy 30:19 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

He says choose life, *please* choose life! Choose blessing. The way you do that is by following what he *says*, the logical sensible laws that he has given us! This is the way that God deals with us. He tries to convince us to do what is right.

How are we going to be appraised in the end?

How is He going to deal with us in the very end? The parable of the talents, talking about the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of God, it's like this.

Matthew 25:14-19 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. "And to one he gave five talents [a talent being equivalent to about 100 days wages for a common laborer], to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. "And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled [transliterated Greek: sunairo logos] accounts with them.

Nowhere in verse 19 do you see the word Logos. In fact it's hard to even see any type of relation to the word Logos. But the word "settled" is a concatenation of two Greek words, sunairo and logos. The New King James Version translators have put it as "settled." Other versions say "reckoned."

But the word there means settled. Sunairo means, to make or draw up together. Followed by logos. He is settling by talking. He settled by these words the accounts with them. So when he returns again, and we know that the lord of the servants here is *Christ*, He is going to judge these people when He comes. The ones to whom He gave His Holy Spirit (talents.) Everyone has to give account at that time, as in the parable.

"Lego" is the root word of logos. He is talking with them, reasoning with them in the settling the account. Reasoning as to how well did they do with the Word of God that he has given to them? And there is a reward.

Verses 22-25 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to

be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

He also reasons with the one who didn't do anything, but buried it. He didn't make the most of the word that he'd been given.

Verses 26-30 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

It's all based on *reason*, on *logic*. It's based ultimately on His *word*, which describes Him.

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense [to give an account] to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

There is something that we have to *do* as we go along with our life. We have to reason with the Word of God, and give an account of how we used it.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

What does "everlasting" mean?

The beginning? What does that mean? We understand a little bit about the nature of God. We can't completely understand it. We have limited capability to. We live "in" time. For us everything progresses in a forward direction. We can't go backwards in time. We can't even imagine there being *no* time. What would that existence be like? It's God's existence!

Psalms 90:1-2 <<A Prayer of Moses the man of God.>> Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

He was here before the world. Of course! He created it. He has existed from everlasting *backwards* and will to everlasting *forwards*. I don't believe that we can fully get our head around and completely grasp going *backwards* eternally. Even our concept has this element of time, which doesn't exist for God. In Hebrews 7:3- it talks about Christ, Melchizedek, saying,

Hebrews 7:1-3 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

Without father? Without mother? Without genealogy? Having neither beginning of days nor end of life? How can that *be*? When we talk about "in the beginning" it's hard to even comprehend what that means. The physical creation *started* a "clock" as it were. (Genesis 1:14) It is winding down and will be replaced with something better. (Revelation 21:1)

2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

This plan of God *predates* time! He was there before time, He predates time itself. He is saying in the beginning was the logos, He has eternally existed. Whatever that means in terms of our finite physical time-bound minds we have. We simply have an inability to comprehend some of these things.

In John it says in the beginning was the word. He, the Spokesman, was there. From the *very* beginning. With God, John ties it all together to make sure that we completely understand these things.

John 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

He says it again, just in case you missed it the first time! The Word from everlasting to everlasting is with God, and has been with God, and will be with God the Father always.

What does it mean to be "with" God?

John 1:1 and the Word was with God

This concept that He was "with" God is supported in other places in the Bible. What exactly this means is made clear and we begin to understand it.

John 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

We see again He is confirming that not only was He a glorified being just like God the Father was, but He was right there with Him at the time.

John 17:11 "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

He was with God, as one, that's the way He was with God.

Verses 21-22 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

Christ is saying a great deal right here! They were one in each other; they're both "composed" of spirit, together in complete harmony and unity. Jesus Christ was the word, and the Father was in him and he was in the Father. There is no differentiation here between the Word and the Father, between the Son and God the Father. But this is *not* a hive mind, Borg (a science fiction entity that absorbs other beings), or some collective consciousness which is out there in some sort of a nebulous soul cloud. They are two distinct beings, fully capable of independent action, but chose the same moral way as stated with the word.

If we have the Spirit in us we should be striving to be like they are. That Word is given to us; we have the word *in* us, the same Spirit. All these concepts coming together, they all fit harmoniously. Another significant aspect is; they have existed together forever, always in perfect harmony. Both as God beings. Some people think Jesus Christ was created. He was always God he was not created. Verse five *alone* shows that. He was not an angel that was made into a God as some theories propose. All kinds of ideas can be laid to rest, just by believing what this *one basic* scripture says. Of course there are many other scriptures that agree, and support this one.

Philippians 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (KJV)

Another little bit of understanding is *added* here. We see they were *equal* in power. That is equal in *power*, but not *authority*. (John 14:28) He gets his authority from the Father who works through him. In the next verse we see how it worked.

John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

All things were made through the Word, through the Logos, through Jesus Christ before His physical existence.

Ephesians 3:9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

The Revised Standard Version says, "to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery," there was a *plan*, and Jesus Christ began executing it when he created *everything*. Consider that at one time there was *nothing*. Then there was a plan, and then physical creation carried out that part of the plan. Creation, however, is still in process! The spiritual creation.

We have limited terminology, based on the physical. Because for us there's "never nothing!" Our whole experience is starting with "something!" That's

not where God starts. And "everything" includes the spirit dimension as well as *all* powers, energies and authority; it was *all* created through Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:14-16 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

We see that the whole spirit realm He created as well as *who knows* what else! We see the universe and can barely comprehend the physical universe. He spoke and it existed. It was He that said let there be light, and there was light. He created man and woman, right out of the dust of the ground! We can't even create dirt. But He did, apparently out of the cinders of burnt out stars of past eons which He created for that purpose! From that material He animated life! This is far from the weak god of most religions wringing his hands in despair because the devil is doing better than He is! Absurd. We also see this expression of the Creator in the Old Testament as well; it's not just a New Testament understanding.

Psalms 33:6-9 By the word [debar] of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

It says "by the word." Here this term debar is again. Note that "His" and "Him" are capitalized in the authorized version (KJV and derivatives), indicating the translators knew "the word" was God. He is that spokesman, He is *that word*, indistinguishable from Him, how He is the word. There are still many more scriptures in Hebrews in Isaiah, and other places that talk about His creating things. All by the will of the Father as the two are inseparable and indistinguishable in goals and character. Working together in complete agreement to create all things. This is what John is trying to convey to us at the beginning of his gospel.

But don't they teach God is a Trinity?

An important point, in the midst of a lot of confusion regarding what God is, there were just the *two* of them. The Word, and God the Father. There is *no Trinity*. There's no "third person." The Trinity is a false concept. A conjecture of *men*. There is the Father, the Word, both of the same Spirit, and the same *power*. The Spirit is the power of God, not some ethereal third "person." (Luke 4:14) The very concept of a "Triune God" closes off the family of God, in which He intends to have *many* sons and daughters. (Hebrews 2:10; 2 Corinthians 6:18) If there are only three, and *can* only be three, there is no room for more. It is a family, a family open to all that want to be part of it. This is what God is working towards, the whole *reason* for the plan, and the creation!

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Physical life originated with the Word, He created it. He animated clay and brought life into it. But that was just physical life, temporary.

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

The last "Adam," speaking of Jesus Christ, became a life-giving spirit. The first one who was flesh and blood to become a spirit being. In His case He became a spirit being *again*, what He was before. He demonstrated that the process *works!* Once again He has life in Him, He is a life-giving spirit. Now giving *permanent* spiritual life to those who follow His way.

John 5:21-24 "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word [logos]

Christ is stating that what He says is Logos, and that includes the scope between God, Jesus Christ, the words, and the law; an extension of their character.

Verse 24 and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life,

"And believe" goes hand in hand with *action*. You cannot *believe* without acting on it, if you genuinely believe something, you *do* it

Verses 24-25 and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

Why? Because he has life *in* him, self-existing, able to create and give life.

Verse 26 "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, life intrinsic. The ability to create life. Not only physical life, but also spiritual life, created the spirit domain. He is going to be able to give that *same life* that they have together, to us.

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Psalms 119:105 Your word [dabar] is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

You see how it fits together. The word that we *have* (Holy Bible), the Word that He *is*, as a light and example that shows us a way to live our lives. It shows the direction that we are to go.

What does light in darkness mean?

John 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The "darkness" did not comprehend it? Speaking metaphorically because of the physically based minds of men are blind to the truth of God. Yet they think, "this is all illogical!" That is the *normal natural* reaction to the truth of God. They are in *darkness*! John the Baptist was sent by God as a witness of the light.

Verses 6-9 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

This is speaking of the coming of Christ, which gives light to every man in the world. John explains a little bit more of this in another place.

1 John 1:5-7 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

As we have already read in Isaiah 5:20, it talked about calling good evil, and evil good, light dark, and dark light. One of the problems that we all have is that we *naturally* walk in the darkness. And it's OK by us! We feel it's OK to follow an adversarial way of darkness, relying out our own judgments and decisions not guided by the *word* of God.

At the same time many say, "Oh, *I'm* a Christian, *I* fellowship with God. *I am* at one with God!" All the while either not *knowing* what his word says, or just not *doing* what it says to do. How is that existing in perfect harmony, unity, and one-ness? If you don't *do* the same thing He would do? We are in the dark, and it shows because He is light, and there is no darkness in Him *at all*. If we walk in darkness, ignorant of God's words, His way of thinking, but saying, "we are Christians," it's a *lie*. Does that make you uncomfortable? In denial? If you do not *practice* the truth it's because you don't have the *word* in you. If we don't have God in us, we do not have what He is *saying* in us. We are not developing His honesty and character. On the contrary if we live our lives in the light, (He *is* the light,) then we have agreement with one another

Verse 8 If we say that we have no sin [to miss the mark morally], we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

I don't want to be in darkness!

It's essential that we acknowledge *our* mistakes, that we have lied to ourselves, and own up to it. Starting with a change of heart and asking God to show us His way. If you ask Him to show you His *way*, in His *word*, He will. Then *act* on that desire and start learning *His* way from *His* word, the Bible. You will soon realize that you are at variance with *His* way, living *your own* way. You will have to concede that we are in essence an *enemy* to Him and all He stands for. We have isolated ourselves from Him and knowledge of His way by our behavior, instead doing destructive things, harming others and ourselves. Seeing then the need to be forgiven for those offenses, and looking to Him for help. Help to "see the light," so we don't continue to *deceive ourselves*. That's where the real problem lies! A big part of that way of light is unlocked right here at the beginning of the book of John.

John 1:10-11 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

Those to whom He physically came did *not* receive him, for the most part. Fortunately He didn't come *just* to them.

Acts 26:23 that the Christ must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles." (RSV)

"And to the Gentiles!" Everybody is included that wants to be. He would not have anybody to fail; He wants all to have an everlasting, happy, and rewarding life. Paul talks about this as part of His plan. (1 Corinthians 15:23) He is going to be that light to the entire world each in their own order.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

We will become "God," which you must be if you are a family member. But in a compliant role. Never to have the ultimate authority that God the Father has. He will always be the supreme God to whom we yield. They give us an

example what type of person they can live with and work with for eternity. One they will allow into the family. We need to demonstrate that we can be that type too. We can't do what Satan did. When he was created was a perfect being but he chose poorly, and he tried to usurp God. He tried to become like God Most High! He wanted to be the *highest*, with God at the very least, if not *higher* than God. (Isaiah 14:13-14) That is why he became *the* adversary, in transliterated Hebrew the word is "SATAN!" Meaning: an opponent; attacker.

God's family is an "open-ended" system, not limited to a certain number. It's not a trinity, which is a closed system, which nobody else can be a part of.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Did you read that? We will be *just like Him!* Those who have God's Holy Spirit are children of God. We are begotten of God, now in embryo form, and we are growing toward the time of our spiritual "birth." Once we were born again as spirit beings (John 3:8) we are going to be glorified! Children are *just like* their parents. We get to be a *part* of that *family of God*. We will have the same power, yet the Father and Jesus Christ will always be *far* above us having ultimate authority.

This is what He came to give; this is what He came to do. For those who believe in His name (all aspects of who and what He is). And what is His name? The Word!

We read previously in Revelation chapter 19 that Jesus Christ is the Word. He is that word which reflects what it is the Father told him to say. What He is saying to us, what He has written for our *counsel, advice, and caution*. So that we can learn to be like Him, put on his mind, and have His nature etched into us.

John 1:13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Philippians 2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Think about how powerful God the Word was as before He came as flesh. This is scripture, here saying that they were *equal* in power, they were both *God*.

Verse 7 but made Himself of no reputation,

He emptied himself of His God form of existence.

Verse 7 ...taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

He looked like a man, who looks like God! That's how Adam was formed. (Genesis 1:26) The only difference was that Jesus Christ had a full measure of God's Spirit in Him. He wasn't a spirit being, but He had a full measure of the Spirit in Him, as much as a human can. By comparison, we have only a portion, a down payment, a deposit toward future complete realization. This comes in varying degrees, as the parable of the talents shows us. Some are given more than others are. (Matthew 25:14-30) In the case of Elisha, Elisha asked for *twice* the spirit that Elijah had, and he *got it!* (2 Kings 2:9-12)

Jesus was different also because He was in complete accord with God from conception.

Verse 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself

He humbled *Himself*. It is a great abasement to go from a God that's worthy of worship, all the way down to a *puny human being*. Notice all of this was voluntary! He wanted to do it.

Verse 8 ...and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross [stake or pole, in the original language].

He was *murdered* without cause.

Verses 9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess [acknowledge or agree fully] that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This word was the Logos. He was a spokesman. He was in the beginning eternally existing, even before time, with God for all of *prior eternity*. The God through whom the Father made all things. The Logos that had life and light intrinsic. Then he separated Himself from all of that power and became flesh and blood. Why did God become man? So that man can become God! Just as the Father and the Son are. (John 10:33-35) He did all of this for *you!* That is what John so clearly tells us in the opening of his gospel message to us.

What to do?

So what should we *do*? It's not that hard in theory. QUIT doing what God says is *wrong!* Acknowledge to Him that you *are* wrong, and ask His forgiveness, guidance and help going forward. He will give it to you if you are really honest about it. Then *study* His word so you know what "good" and bad are! This is not about becoming "religious" as some think. Sitting in some ornate religious building with hands folded and a dopey, goody-goody, smug look on your face. It's not about that at all! Its about *doing* what God says, being in conformity with the Father, and the Son. If you pursue this, you will learn what to do next. And ultimately it will lead to a wonderful never-ending life in the family of God, the kingdom of God Almighty!