

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^a it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— **13** children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reflection

"THE WORD BECAME FLESH!"

Since mankind came into being, the question of where we came from must have been in the background. Has time passed we have searched for the answer to questions about "In the beginning..."

We have sought to trace our origins and come up with
in the beginning was a gas cloud...

in the beginning was a protoplasmic ooze....

in the beginning was a big bang.

But None of these concepts have really solved the riddle.

Where did the gas cloud come from?

What caused the big bang?

The recent series of programs on the TV narrated by David Attenborough expressed what scientifically cannot be denied, our planet, the earth, is The Perfect Planet. Everything created in balance.

There are those who argue that we have order created by chaos, intelligence created by confusion and the infinitely complexity of life created by chance.

I heard a world renown scientist say that the probability of the earth being created by chance is less than the possibility of someone shooting at a tennis ball and hitting it when the tennis ball was hundreds of light years away.

As Christians we face the question of "But who created God" when we use the creator theory that God created everything.

As a Christian the only answer I can give is that "He always was. He is the beginning."

John in the gospel reading says it clearly In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The only personal true and living eternal Creator of all things

Down the millennia people have created many gods making them out of the forces of nature like the sun god or god of thunder or the emotions of man, god of love, god of war, sea gods and gods made of animals like cats or birds.

All these miss the point, they miss the creator of all these things, or as John puts it. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. Whether we look at the complexity of the structure of a cell, or the vastness of the universe, he, our God, established, made and watches over it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. He was in the world, the world made by Him. Imagine what it must have been like for Him to walk round and look at the flowers, to observe the vast range of life forms but yet walk unrecognised by man. The forces of nature recognised Him; the wind ceased at His command. The tree withered at His word.

Yet those he walked among failed to see just who He was. His name of Jesus was given Him at His birth by angelic decree. At His birth angels announced to the world that He was Christ.

Jesu Christ is the Word, the word made flesh.

But why was the Word made flesh?

I suppose that it was so that God's light might shine in the darkness of human history. Too many had come to think of God as cruel and unforgiving they had become obsessed by trying to make what they did fit into their image of God.

They had become confused and lost their way in the darkness of the world they had created.

So here is The Light of the world, the Christ, Jesus.

Today we can have a clear understanding of what really was happening. We see a true revelation of God

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When they looked at Jesus, they were looking at God.

When they touched Jesus they were touching God.

When they heard Jesus weeping they were...

When they saw His love for children...

When they heard Him speak - the voice of God.

When His hands were laid on those who were suffering, they saw His compassion for the needy.

Our God is a God of love, tender, compassionate, touchable, forgiving. "Full of grace and truth."

So why did The Word become flesh? Why did the Spirit of God come down, take on human form and dwell with us?

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us for a short time, that we might become spirit and dwell with Him forever.

Amen

At the name of Jesus

God forgave my sin in Jesus name