

NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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Boldly declaring the new things of Isaiah 42:9 and the greater things of John 14:12 in this generation

A MAJOR POSITION PAPER' FOR THE CHURCH

As I have previously written, the visible ministry of Jesus had to be shrouded in secrecy until the resurrection in order to deceive the deceiver. Even then, there were doubters who had to be convinced.

Thomas, the twin, was one such doubter. He had to see with his eyes and feel with his hand to become a believer.² But it did not stop there.

Even after His resurrection became a visible fact and after the eleven met Jesus on the mountain in Galilee, *some* of the eleven doubted.³ **Realize that doubt as well as belief is contagious.** Of course, it took the miraculous Pentecost intervention of the Holy Spirit to eliminate all doubt in the minds of the apostles.

But beyond doubt, lies a number of things still shrouded in secrecy or hidden in scripture where there is an understanding gap. The purpose of this letter is to examine some of those "understanding gaps" or some of the "mysteries" hidden in scripture.

First, as background for this writing, for the record, here is revelation given to me on the visible ministry of Jesus: Yes, the Holy Spirit fertilized the egg (seed) in Mary's womb from which Jesus emerged. As the "last Adam," He (Jesus) came forth from the womb of Mary as the first Adam had he been created as an infant. Jesus therefore, was supernatural as was the first Adam before he sinned.⁴ But as Jesus emerged from Mary's womb, **He was not at all what He is sometimes presented to be.**

Adam's failure is evidence that he was no match for a fallen Lucifer. Therefore, to defeat the destroyer, Jesus of Nazareth had to become much more than the first Adam in order to defeat the one who overcame the first Adam. It's really that simple.

It is therefore obvious that in order to defeat a fallen supernatural Lucifer, Jesus would need to become

¹A political position paper attempts to present both sides of an issue fairly so that the political candidate may make an informed decision. However, a position paper for the church presents only one, absolute, irrevocable position as truth.

²See John 20:24-29 for the story of Thomas, the apostle who doubted.

³See Matthew 28:17. Some of the eleven doubted even as Jesus ascended into the clouds to the third heaven. How many is "some," I leave for you to decide. I have the distinct idea that it was more than two, since doubt and belief are contagious. Was it Thomas, the doubter, who led the way?

⁴One evidence of the supernatural intelligence of Adam before he sinned, is the fact that God brought every beast of the field and every bird of the air to Adam who named them all, and whatever he named each living creature is its name today.

superior to the supernaturally-endowed first Adam. In order to understand the dilemma with which Jehovah God was confronted, remember that Lucifer was endowed with all of the attributes of the Godhead that it was possible to put into a created angelic being.⁵ That left only one solution, which was used by God. Only the fullness of the Godhead bodily, infused within the physical body of Jesus, would be adequate to defeat a fallen Lucifer with his original endowments, because the Creator is smarter and superior to His creation.⁶

That is exactly how Jehovah God, through Jesus, defeated a fallen Lucifer. Following is the scenario from scripture to support the revelation I have been given. Remember that the timing of **when** Jesus became God Incarnate is the key to understanding:

(1) who Jesus was until He was about thirty years of age and

(2) how He became God Incarnate to defeat Satan.

The timing of the supernatural endowment of Jesus was *given to me by revelation* after I learned to listen. God has "new things" to declare to those who *learn to listen*. That includes every servant of God.

Here are the proof scriptures to support the timing of **when** Jesus became God Incarnate:

From Matthew chapter 3:

16 When he had been baptized (*by John*), Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

From John chapter 1:

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

2 He was in the beginning with God.

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

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

10 He (*the Word*) was in the world, and the world was made through Him and the world did not know Him.

⁵This statement was given to me by revelation, but it is in keeping with the marvelous attributes of Lucifer as recorded in Ezekiel 28:12 (a)-15, supported by the fact that Lucifer was created as an angel to rule Earth One forever.

⁶See Colossians 2:9.

14 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.

From Colossians chapter 2:

9 For in Him (Jesus) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Notice that these three scriptures collectively support the revelation I was given as to **when** Jesus became God Incarnate. It is evident from these three references that Jesus was filled with the Spirit at John's baptism (Matthew 3:16), that He (Jesus) was infused or filled with the Word (the second Person of the Godhead – John 1:14) and that He also was filled with the fullness of the Godhead *bodily* (Colossians 2:9). The fullness of the Godhead *bodily* is inclusive of the fullness of God the Father. The word "bodily" references **the fullness of the three Persons of the Godhead**. This had never happened before. Jesus was the first. And this became necessary in order to defeat the enemy instead of becoming his victim as did the first Adam.

Here is an explanation of how and when that occurred:

First, **the supernatural power and authority that Jesus had in His visible ministry was not in Jesus when He came forth from the womb of Mary, since He was infused with the Godhead bodily immediately after John's baptism.**

Secondly, the Word *Who was God* references the second Person of the Godhead prior to the ministry of Jesus.

Thirdly, Jesus became God Incarnate immediately after John's baptism when the Person of the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted upon Him. Included in that infusion was not only the Person of the Spirit, but also the Person of the eternal Word and the Person of God the Father. That's what all the fullness of the Godhead *bodily* means. *Bodily* refers to **three Persons**. Therefore, immediately after John's baptism was **when** Jesus became God Incarnate **and not before**, contrary to anything or everything you may have previously believed or read.

Before the ministry of Jesus, the eternal Word was the second Person of the Godhead. After His resurrection, the second Person of the Godhead became the Son in whom the fullness of the eternal Word resides. The Trinity before Jesus was the Father, the Word and the Spirit. After the resurrection, the Trinity became the Father, the Son (*inclusive of the eternal Word*) and the Spirit and remains so today.

This does not diminish the importance of His miraculous birth from a virgin who previously "knew no man." It does not diminish to any degree, any of His claims for Himself or any of the supernatural claims of others as they line up with scripture. *It does delineate the exact time when Jesus became God Incarnate.* That

is a major proclamation of this Position Paper.

God Incarnate did not come forth from Mary's womb. She was not "the mother of God" as many believe and teach, but she was the mother of the Son of God because God, Himself, sent His Spirit to fertilize the seed in Mary's womb and therefore became His Father. One who fertilizes the egg (seed) in the womb of a woman becomes the father of that child. That procreation law was forever set forth on the earth at the creation of Earth One, God's perfect model that will be replicated.

Mary miraculously became the mother of the last Adam⁷ who, immediately after John's baptism at about thirty years of age,⁸ was spiritually infused with all the fullness of the Godhead *bodily*. This was shrouded in secrecy to deceive the deceiver during the visible ministry of Jesus. When on the cross Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?," this was an indication that God had withdrawn Himself spiritually from Jesus so that He (Jesus) could permanently bear and pay for the sin debt of man at His death and so that His resurrection could once again supernaturally impart eternal life to mankind.⁹ Through man sin came into the world. Therefore, through Man, that sin had to be eradicated.

At His death, the spiritual Godhead again joined the spirit and soul of Jesus¹⁰ to enter into the lower parts of the earth and preach to the spirits in prison,¹¹ along with the other things assigned to Him during those three days and three nights His body was in the tomb.¹² At His resurrection, the Godhead *bodily*, along with His spirit and soul, were united again permanently, within the new angelic body of Jesus, about which I have previously written.

That is the source of His authority and power today. In His resurrected body, He has the necessary qualifications to rule and reign the earth as an "angel," as was Lucifer, but with qualifications beyond that which Lucifer was originally given. The only thing He needs now is a sufficient contingent of angelic support

⁷See 1 Corinthians 15:45.

⁸See Luke 3:23.

⁹This fills in an "understanding gap" concerning **why** Jesus was forsaken by God the Father on the cross.

¹⁰If you have any doubt about the validity of this spiritual activity while the body of Jesus was in the tomb, I refer you to the mountain of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36). There, before the eyes of Jesus, Peter, James and John, Moses and Elijah appeared and talked in a normal conversation with Jesus. When this occurred, Moses had been dead for more than 1400 years, while Elijah was translated after the death of Moses. The conversation among Jesus, Moses and Elijah was about the coming crucifixion. So believe me, everyone either after death or after translation, is very much alive. The parable of Lazarus and the rich man also confirm the reality of life after death for the saved and the unsaved.

¹¹See 1 Peter 3:19.

¹²See Matthew 12:40.

staff to rule the earth “with a rod of iron.”¹³ When His support staff is filled to the proper number and qualifications, He will return to the earth and

(1) bind Satan in the Abyss for a thousand years,¹⁴ which authority He does not now have,

(2) immediately put down the Armageddon insurrection¹⁵ and

(3) establish His throne in Jerusalem from which to rule the earth for the Millennium,¹⁶ just for starters! This is treated in more detail in Jim Ash letter No. 123 entitled *THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH*.

Up to this point, the purpose of this letter has been to explain several things in scripture that are shrouded in secrecy but may become known when revealed by the Holy Spirit as one learns to listen to the voice of God. The basic thing we have established is the exact point in time – how, when, why and where Jesus became God Incarnate. On that foundational premise, I want us to look at several statements that Jesus made during His visible ministry and determine the meaning of His words.

Essential to an understanding of these statements are:

(1) knowledge of the importance of the Earth One model,

(2) the reality of the existence of Earth Two, Earth Three and Earth Four,

(3) an understanding of how, when, why and where Jesus became God Incarnate and

(4) with whom Jesus was infused in order to become God Incarnate.

With this in mind, let’s examine some things Jesus said, as recorded in the Gospels.

Critical to understanding some of these statements of Jesus is the knowledge of whose authority Jesus operated under during His visible ministry. This is clearly established in detail in Jim Ash letter No. 93 entitled, *OUR ROLE MODEL*. Here are excerpts from that letter:

Observe the following twelve examples of what Jesus said about His personal ministry, including what He said about Himself and His relationship with the Father during that three and one-half year period of time. Listen to these words from the mouth of Jesus as recorded by the apostle John and by Dr. Luke:

1. “. . . . My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” (John 4:34)

2. “. . . . most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do. . . .” (John 5:19a)

3. “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not

¹³See Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15. To rule with a “rod of iron” means with absolute authority.

¹⁴See Revelation 20:1-3.

¹⁵See 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

¹⁶See Revelation 20:4

seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.” (John 5:30)

4. “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.” (John 6:38)

5. “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.” (John 7:16)

6. “. . . . that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.” (John 8:28)

7. “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. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.” (John 12:49)

8. “. . . . the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.” (John 14:24)

9. “For I (Jesus) have given to them (the disciples) the words which You (the Father) have given Me and they have received them” (John 17:8a)

10. “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:44)

11. “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.” (Luke 6:40)

12. “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.” (John 10:17, 18)

Here is a summary of these twelve quotations from Jesus of Nazareth concerning His three and one-half year ministry.

(a) He surrendered everything to the Father including His own will. (Items 1, 3, 4)

(b) He did not initiate anything Himself. (Items 2, 3, 6, 8, 9)

(c) He had no authority whatsoever of His own. (Item 7)

(d) The “doctrine of Jesus” was not His own. It was the Father’s who sent Him. (Item 5)

(e) Jesus was given a command by the Father as to what He (Jesus) said (logos) and what He should speak (rhema). It doesn’t get any more meticulous than that! (Items 6, 7, 8, 9)

(f) He could do nothing in and of Himself. Even the words He spoke were taught Him by the Father. He had to deny Himself in order to listen to and obey the Father. Sound familiar? (Item 2, 3, 6, 7)

(g) He never acted on His own authority because that had been completely relinquished to the Father. In all that Jesus did, He, in essence, was a clearing house for the Father’s desires, direction and activities. (Item 7)

(h) He did not even initiate the choosing of His twelve disciples. From the context of these eleven

quotations from the mouth of Jesus, one may accurately conclude that when Jesus called His twelve disciples, the reason they responded to His call was because the Father had previously been drawing them to Him (Jesus). When the drawing was sufficient, the Father announced it to Jesus, who then called them. That is why the responses were immediate. (Item 10)

(i) The obvious conclusion drawn from the quotations of Jesus listed in items 1 through 10 is that Jesus surrendered Himself completely to the Father, including what He did, what He said (logos) and spoke (rhema). The Father, therefore, directed everything Jesus did, which includes walking on water, feeding the 4000 and the 5000 and calming the waves and wind in the storm.

These nine conclusions [(a) through (i)] may be clearly understood in view of the fact that Jesus was infused with the Godhead bodily. That means He was surrendered completely to God, the Father, who directed all of His activities, and through Whom He defeated Satan.

Now let's consider the meaning of some of the statements of Jesus.

“Before Abraham was, I am.”¹⁷

In one sense, this was not Jesus of Nazareth speaking. This was the Father, Jehovah God, who was infused within the physical body of Jesus, who gave these words to Jesus who spoke them to the Jews. In these words the Father gave to Jesus to speak, the Father was speaking as the Great I AM, Who was certainly before Abraham was. The Jews, of course, did not know that the fullness of the Godhead bodily was infused within the body of Jesus. That fact was shrouded in secrecy until after the resurrection. That's why the Jews did not understand what He said.

“I have glorified You (Father) on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”¹⁸ These are words from the prayer of Jesus to the Father not long before He was crucified.

First, Jesus was talking to the Father in (*the third*) heaven while simultaneously the Father was infused within Him (Jesus) on the earth. That's how and why Jesus was One with the Father, who resided within His (Jesus') physical body.

Secondly, It was Jesus (the Son) infused with the eternal Word, as the future permanent second Person of the Godhead, who was asking to be glorified with the Father with the glory that He (the eternal Word), the second Person of the Godhead, had **with the Father before Earth One was.**

Thirdly, this request was simultaneously the

future request of Jesus as the Son of God, who, after the resurrection, became the second Person of the Godhead permanently infused with the eternal Word. Jesus was the only one privy to such information at the time of this prayer.

The first miracle Jesus did after John's baptism was to turn water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. When the mother of Jesus saw that the host had run out of wine, she said to Jesus, “They have no wine.”¹⁹ The response of Jesus was, “Woman (not mother), what does that concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”²⁰ As I have written previously, this remark by Jesus was a mild rebuke of His mother, and although the rebuke was spoken by Jesus, these words were given to Jesus by the Father. He was speaking as the Father. It was not the Father's idea to do the work of the wedding host. That was mother Mary's idea. After this incident, Jesus distanced Himself from His family. It obviously was not the Father's idea to provide wine for the party. However, He allowed Jesus to be obedient to His mother to honor her according to the law of Moses, under which Jesus ministered. That is the only reason why Jesus turned the water into wine.

Jesus was ministering in a crowded room when His brothers and His mother showed up outside asking to see Him. When this was called to His attention, Jesus replied, “Who is My mother and My brothers?” And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him and said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers. For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and My Mother.’”²¹

Notice that Jesus now had distanced Himself from His fleshly, family ties and was speaking the Father's words concerning the Father's family.

Every miracle Jesus did was dictated by the Father whose supernatural power and authority infused within Jesus created the miracle. The Father simply used the physical body and the voice of Jesus through whom to speak the miracle into existence.

Jesus did have some personal time of His own, but very little. If you will carefully observe His words and activities as recorded in the four Gospels, you may determine when He was speaking or acting as Jesus of Nazareth personally and when He was speaking or acting as the Father.

The thing to remember is that no one but Jesus and the Father knew any of these things during the visible ministry of Jesus. That is why His ministry was successful, about which I have written previously.

¹⁷John 8:58.

¹⁸John 17:4, 5.

¹⁹John 2:3.

²⁰John 2:4.

²¹See Mark 3:33-35.