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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

THE MYSTERY OF THE SECOND PERSON OF THE GODHEAD ON THE EARTH REVEALED

The following statement appears in the masthead of my letters, "an historical account of one man's walk with God." My letters, beginning with the first one dated September 1, 1997, chronicle my walk with God. That is obvious if you know my writing.

In these twelve years and four months since September of 1997, learning to hear God's voice continually has changed my life. My knowledge of our Lord has increased exponentially and my intimacy with Him has grown far beyond my expectations. The content of this letter is proof of these words.

The Lord once spoke to me and said, "Revelation is the source of true knowledge." From that statement, one may conclude that the study or research of similar scripture verses, for example, may lead one to a wrong conclusion intellectually. One example of this is in my letter No. 85 entitled, JESUS OF NAZARETH, dated May 22, 2006, wherein I quoted from the Gospels eleven statements of Jesus about Himself from which I drew a flawed intellectual conclusion. What appeared to be obvious intellectually proved to be flawed when revealed by the Spirit. This letter is confirmation of that fact, about which I have been writing and teaching for years.

For some time prior to August 6, 2009, I had been wondering how it occurred that Jesus of Nazareth stepped on to the pages of scripture after almost thirty years of silence to become the central character in God's drama of life. Although His birth is well documented along with one incident when He was twelve years of age, little is known of the man Jesus until He attained the age of about thirty years.¹

How in the world could such a prominent person go unnoticed from infancy to the age of twelve and from the age of twelve to about thirty years of age? That's something like twenty-eight years of his life that he lived in complete obscurity as far as the biblical record is concerned.

During those twenty-eight years, was not Jesus of Nazareth the same person as He was at about thirty years of age? If not, why not? What could transpire in the life of anyone, overnight in one sense, that would give Him such prominence?

What about His conversations with the Pharisees, Scribes, the rulers of the Jews (the Sanhedrin) or the rabbis who taught in the synagogues each Sabbath? Surely Jesus was not "mum" or silent concerning the Jewish issues of the day over which He was later violently opposed. Did He not know the condition of the Jewish people prior to the beginning of His ministry? He surely must have known.

Did Jesus of Nazareth come forth from the womb of His mother as the second Person of the Godhead, as some doctrinal statements seem to indicate? For example, in the "Hail Mary" prayer of the Catholic Church, Mary is called the mother of God. Is that literally true? If so, when did He

become God? Was it when the Holy Spirit fertilized the egg (seed) in Mary's womb? Was it at birth or at about thirty years of age?

Where was the second Person of the Godhead both before and after Jesus was formed in the womb? When and how did He come to earth? How was the Trinity in existence before Jesus was released into His three and one-half year ministry at about thirty years of age? When, where and how did Jesus become the second Person of the Trinity?

These questions (thoughts) may have never entered your mind but they have entered mine. Once one becomes accustomed to hearing the voice of God daily, thoughts or questions such as these *and many others* simply occur to one with an inquiring mind.

Since learning to hear God's voice, I have discovered that everything I have learned or received by revelation of the Holy Spirit is always simple, so simple that a child may understand it. Even the hidden things, things in the bible which seem to be profound and beyond the ability of mortal mind to grasp or understand, become simple when revealed by the Holy Spirit. Could or would the Holy Spirit reveal the answer to this mystery?

Thoughts such as these had crossed My mind long before *August 6, 2009*. Then upon awakening that morning at 4:00 A. M., thoughts began to course through My mind to clear up this mystery. I got out of bed, went in to spend some quiet time with God and first wrote only a few words in my journal, then stopped, went into my office *and wrote the following words that came to me*, which appear to completely clear up this mystery.

Not long before Jesus was crucified, in His prayer to the Father as recorded by the apostle John, He said, "I have glorified You 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*."² The Jesus who was before the world was, was a spirit being, whose life was in the Spirit, as revealed in the following words, also written by John.

"In the beginning was the **Word**³ and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. He was in the world and the world was made through Him and the world did not know Him. And the **Word** became flesh and dwelt among us (*on the earth*), and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."⁴

God created everything with words spoken from His mouth.⁵ Those words were and are spiritual Jesus, the second person of the Godhead. When John wrote, "and the **Word** (capital "**W**") became flesh and dwelt among us," **Word** in that statement is spiritual Jesus. **Word** (capital "**W**") is the

²John 17:4, 5.

³Seven times in John's writing, **Word** is written with a capital "**W**". This does not appear in any other New Testament writing.

⁴John 1:1-3, 10, 14.

⁵Genesis 1:3.

¹See Luke 3:23.

personified compound plural for all of God's words, past, present and future. When that spiritual Word entered Jesus of Nazareth, He (Jesus) became God Incarnate on the earth and not before. Here is an introduction to how, when and where that transformation occurred:

Jesus began His ministry with a forty day fast.⁶ At the conclusion of that fast, Satan tempted Him by saying, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."⁷ Jesus replied by saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"⁸ This quotation from Matthew states that man sustains himself physically by eating with his mouth but he sustains himself spiritually by hearing (rhema) words from the mouth of God.

Thus, from the writing of John, we conclude

(1) that you eat spiritually by hearing words from the mouth of God,

(2) that every word of God comes from the mouth of God or it isn't the word of God,

(3) that since everything was created by Jesus, every word that comes from the mouth of God is spiritual Jesus and

(4) that spiritual Jesus, who was before the world was, literally upholds all creation.

In view of these facts, we are faced with this dilemma: Since spiritual Jesus (as the second Person of the Godhead) created EVERYTHING that was created, at what point in time did the one formed in the womb of Mary become the Jesus who created EVERYTHING? That EVENT certainly did not occur at conception or at birth or during adolescence and here are three reasons why:

Jesus had four brothers and at least two sisters.⁹ That means Jesus was reared in a household of at least seven children. When you grow up in a family of seven children, there are disagreements that turn into fights which mother (or father) has to settle. Adolescent Jesus could not have been the Jesus who was before the world was (a) because of the things that spewed out of His mouth as a growing child when his temper may have flared out of control against his brothers or sisters in a disagreement or fight that a parent had to settle, (b) because the life of Jesus of Nazareth was in his blood whereas the life of the second Person of the Godhead was in the Spirit and (c) the flesh does not give birth to the spirit, the spirit gives birth to or creates the flesh.

Jesus was the son of God¹⁰ because the Holy Spirit fertilized the egg in Mary's womb, thereby making God his Father. For that reason, he was born without the Adamic sin curse or sin nature when he was delivered from Mary's womb, exactly as Adam would have been born as an infant, since Paul called Jesus the last or the second Adam.¹¹

Remember, until Jesus embarked on His ministry at about thirty hears of age, he was an obscure carpenter's son.

His words were not creative until AFTER He embarked on His three and one-half year ministry. He performed no miracles of record nor was He recognized by the evil spirit

world as a matter of record until AFTER He embarked upon His short ministry. Therefore, at the beginning of His ministry, there was a drastic, dramatic, supernatural, spiritual change in this step-son of a carpenter. **Here is where, when and how that change occurred:**

At twelve years of age Jesus was "about my Father's business."¹² This means that at an early age (before he was twelve), the Father began teaching him through the Holy Spirit. Since Jesus was born without the Adamic sin curse or sin nature in his life, the Father had a pure vessel to receive His teaching. Even in his early years, Jesus was being taught by the Father of his mission in life in preparation to become the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.¹³

During his growing years, he was taught by the Father EVERYTHING he was predestined to know and do. This was not taught to the growing Jesus all at once. Otherwise he would have been overcome instead of becoming an overcomer. It was taught to him day by day, thought by thought, line upon line, precept upon precept, so as to create and build upon a stable foundation, since "slower progress equals greater retention."¹⁴

The Lord has taught me the same way and I tend to call it "layered teaching" whereby He will teach me a single fact concerning a principle or subject and allow that to "sink in" before giving me another fact concerning the same issue. A good example of this type of what I call *layered teaching* is the way the Lord taught me about the Rapture. He taught me about that subject with nine separate prophetic words over a period of three years and thirteen days. That type of teaching allows one time to think of, to meditate on and to research the principle or subject after each revelation is received.

As His years progressed from adolescence, through the teen years and into the years of his twenties, Jesus was taught by the Father who He (Jesus) was, who He would become at the commissioned release into his ministry and how and when that would occur. **Prior to his release, he was told by the Father of the spiritual transfer that would take place when he would be released into his short ministry.** In this manner, Jesus would be comfortable with and not surprised by the procedure, having been taught in advance of its occurrence.

In order to comprehend what occurred immediately after John baptized Jesus in water, you must learn to think supernatural instead of natural, for all things are possible (*only*) to him who believes (*in the supernatural*).¹⁵

From Matthew's record, we learn that, "When He (Jesus) 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. And suddenly a voice came from heaven saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"¹⁶ Luke's record reads, "And the Holy Spirit descended **in bodily form** like a dove upon Him."¹⁷ According to the four Gospel accounts of this incident, only Jesus and John saw the

⁶See Matthew 4:1, 2.

⁷Matthew 4:3 (b).

⁸Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3.

⁹See Mark 6:3.

¹⁰Believers today who are led by the Spirit are also sons of God, just as Jesus was, See Romans 8:14. For believers today, this also implies being born again into the kingdom, See John 3:5.

¹¹See 1 Corinthians 15:45.

¹²See Luke 2:49.

¹³See John 1:29.

¹⁴This is a statement or phrase God spoke to me a number of years ago.

¹⁵See Mark 9:23.

¹⁶Matthew 3:16, 17.

¹⁷See Luke 3:22 (a).

heavens open and the Spirit descending in bodily form like a dove **and remaining upon Him.**¹⁸

Notice, the record states that the heavens (plural) were **opened**. That means the third, second and the first heavens were opened (in that order). **Through that opening**, the living Word, who was spirit and who created everything, **left the third heaven in bodily form, as a permanent change, for the first time ever!**¹⁹ That meant the third heaven would **NEVER** be the same, for since before the world was, the principle residence of the second **AND** the third Persons of the Godhead was in the third heaven with (within) God the Father as spirit or in spirit form.

When the Spirit descended and remained upon Jesus *in bodily form* like a dove, the Father **THEN** said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."²⁰ There is no record that the Father had ever made such a public proclamation previously. There is a reason why the Father made that public proclamation at that specific point in time. He could not have made that proclamation sooner. **This was the first time but not the last time the Father made such a public proclamation.**²¹

When the heavens were opened and the Spirit descended upon Jesus **in bodily form** like a dove (the Holy Spirit is not a bird, He is a person), is when the spiritual second Person of the Godhead, who was before the world was, left the third heaven (sent by the Father) and **was literally infused into the body of Jesus of Nazareth. AT THAT SPECIFIC TIME AND PLACE**, Jesus of Nazareth became God the Son, or the second Person of the Trinity on the earth. That was when "*the Word* (capital "W") *became flesh and dwelt among us.*" Thereafter,

(a) It was then and only then that Jesus successfully withstood the three temptations of Satan to which Eve and Adam succumbed.²²

(b) It was then and only then that angels ministered to Him after the three temptations of Satan.²³

(c) It was then and only then that the words of Jesus became creative.²⁴

(d) It was then and only then that the evil spirit world (demons) was subject to Him and recognized Him everywhere

He went.²⁵

(e) It was then and only then that Jesus had control over all flesh.²⁶

(f) It was then and only then that Jesus had the supernatural authority of the second Person of the Godhead, who was before the world was, but who was subject to the complete, express guidance and direction of the Father in **EVERYTHING** He did.

(g) but it was also then and only then that He:

6 Who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God ,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance of a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

(Note: the three above verses of scripture are from Philippians Chapter 2 and are applicable to Jesus **during His personal ministry**)

(The following three verses of scripture also from Philippians Chapter 2, are applicable **to the resurrected Jesus.**)

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 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.

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

During His three and one-half year ministry, as confirmed by Philippians 2:6-8 above, Jesus gave up, renounced, set aside, abandoned completely His authority as the second Person in the Godhead in order to humble Himself as a bondservant, subject to the Father in everything.²⁷ During this short period of time, He therefore renounced all authority of His own, all of which was relinquished to the Father until (1) after He placed His own blood on the mercy seat in the third heaven and (2) sat down at the right hand of the Father.²⁸

When the heavens were opened and the second Person of the Godhead, as a spirit being, was infused into the physical body of Jesus of Nazareth, at that time and place Jesus of Nazareth became the second Person of the Godhead on the earth.

In the transfer of the spiritual second Person of the Godhead into the body of Jesus of Nazareth, **the complete residual core of spiritual knowledge contained in the second Person of the Godhead was also transferred into**

²⁵In my letter No. 22 dated July 20, 1999, a tabulation of every miracle Jesus did during His earthly ministry reveals that in more than 43% of the times Jesus healed someone He did it by casting out a demon or demons.

²⁶See John 17:2.

²⁷A complete explanation of Jesus abandoning His authority during His three and one-half year ministry is the content of Jim Ash letter No. 93, dated February 15, 2007.

²⁸See Mark 16:19; Luke 22:69.

¹⁸See Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:21, 22; John 1:32.

¹⁹A number of years ago, the Lord said to me that when Adam sinned, there was a thirty minute silence in (the third) heaven. The reason for that silence was because it was then known **that Adam's sin** would require the departure of the second Person of the Godhead from the third heaven leaving an irreplaceable void.

²⁰See Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22.

²¹On the mount of transfiguration, Peter, James, John and Jesus heard the Father make another similar public proclamation about His only begotten Son, when out of the cloud that overshadowed them came a voice that said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, Hear Him! (See Matthew 17:5 & Mark 9:7). This is the second and last time of record the Father made this public proclamation concerning Jesus.

²²See Genesis 3:1-6 for the temptations of Eve and Adam. For the temptation of Jesus see Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:13; Luke 4:1-13.

²³See Matthew 4:11; Mark 1:13.

²⁴Jesus performed no miracle of record until after He was infused with the second Person of the Godhead.

Jesus of Nazareth. That is why He then spoke as He spoke. That is why He said, “Before Abraham was, I am.”²⁹ That is why He had complete knowledge of everything He had spoken into existence beginning before the world was. That was not possible before the infusion of the second Person of the Godhead into the physical body of Jesus of Nazareth at about thirty years of age. That occurred when the Spirit **in bodily form** alighted on Him and remained upon Him after John baptized Him in water.³⁰

This is why Jesus said if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. *After the transformation*, Jesus of Nazareth became One with the Father as the second Person of the Godhead because He was One with the Father before the world was.

This is why at the transfiguration,³¹ both Elijah and Moses knew Jesus, who could have said as truth, “Before Elijah and Moses were, I am.” This spiritual fact explains many of the things hidden from the foundation of the world.

As I have previously written in this letter, immediately after John’s water baptism, Jesus of Nazareth was infused with Deity (the second Person of the Godhead). At that time, He became One with the Father as He (Jesus) was before the world was. Thereafter, since He came to glorify the Father, even the words He (Jesus) spoke were given to Him by the Father³² and therefore were truth.

Since grace and truth came through Jesus Christ, *everything He spoke was truth.* Therefore, on the cross, when He cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,” *He spoke the truth.* This is evidence of the fact that God the Father had withdrawn from Jesus the second Person of the Godhead with whom He (Jesus) was spiritually infused immediately after John’s baptism.

In that manner alone, could the last Adam, who came in the exact likeness or similitude of the first Adam, bear the sin debt of the world as John the baptist prophesied.³³ Jesus therefore died alone on the cross, separated from the Father to fulfill His prophesied destiny. In that manner alone could He, as the Lamb of God without spot or blemish (without sin), atone for the sin of Adam that brought death to both man and a perfect world.

Paul called the law of Moses the law of sin and death. That is summarized, for example, with these words written by Moses, “But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.”³⁴

Since without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin, the perfect Lamb of God had to shed His blood on the cross to remove the condemnation of Adam’s sin. After the cross, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has *set us free from the law of sin and death.*”³⁵

Jesus fulfilled the law of sin and death by paying the sin debt of man on the cross. Through His resurrection He

conquered death and the grave to change the curse of eternal death to the blessing of eternal life to those who believe on His Name. That’s how He fulfilled the law of Moses.

Immediately after His death, while His body was in the tomb, His Incarnate soul (that was spirit) entered into the lower parts of the earth and took from Satan the keys of death and hell³⁶ and preached to the spirits in prison who formerly were disobedient.³⁷

Here are the eleven phases of **the existence of Jesus** from the beginning to the present time:

(1) He was a spirit being before the world was, as the second Person of the Godhead who resided in the third heaven, who was one with God the Father because He came out of the Father.

(2) Jesus of Nazareth from the time of His conception in the womb of Mary to the infusion of the second Person of the Godhead into his physical body immediately after John’s baptism (when the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him and remained on Him) at about thirty years of age when His life was in His blood and He became God Incarnate.

(3) From the time He became God Incarnate to the cross when He cried out, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?”

(4) The departure of the second Person of the Godhead from the body of Jesus on the cross evidenced by His cry, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?”

(5) The reunion of the spirit of Jesus, His soul and the second Person of the Godhead immediately after His death prior to the time He entered into the lower parts of the earth to take from Satan the keys of death, hell and the grave and preach to the spirits in prison.

(6) The reentry of the spirit, the soul of Jesus and the second Person of the Godhead into His physical body, three days after His death at His resurrection (by the power of the Spirit), as a spirit being of flesh and bones, whose life was (is) again in the Spirit and whose resurrected body was (is) no longer governed by physical laws but by spiritual laws like the angels (Luke 24:39).

(7) The ascension of the resurrected Incarnate Jesus to the third heaven to place His own blood on the mercy seat after which He,

(8) sat down at the right hand of the Father at which time He received from the Father **all authority in heaven and on earth**, after which He,

(9) returned to the earth for forty days (a) to appear and reappear to His disciples as proof of His resurrection, (b) to minister the born-again experience to the eleven (John 20:22) and (c) to leave a record of the Great Commission, followed by

(10) His ascension back to the third heaven when He again sat down at the right hand of the Father who,

(11) seven days later sent the Person of the Holy Spirit to earth (departed from the third heaven for the first time ever) at Pentecost **in bodily form** to remain on the earth until the rapture of the Church.

²⁹See John 8:58.

³⁰See John 1:32.

³¹For the transfiguration see Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10.

³²See John 12:49, 50.

³³See John 1:29.

³⁴Exodus 21:23-25.

³⁵Romans 8:1, 2.

³⁶See Ephesians 4:9, 10.

³⁷See 1 Peter 3:19, 20.