

THE WORD OF GOD (part IV)

When John 1, the *logos* chapter, introduces John the Baptist, the text transitions from recording the creation miracles that you can see and hear and feel to the miracles that are spiritually discerned. So the plain words of the first verses morph into a description of spiritual realities.

This next section says: “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John (we are talking about John the Baptist now, not the author John). He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through it (note that this Greek word “him” is actually an “it” since it is directly referring to light). He was not the light but came to bear witness to the light. (So, did you hear that? God through John gives us a heads up on the it/him confusion mentioned in part 3.)(John 1:6-8)

Author John is introducing the next *logos* miracle. The text continues: “The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. It was in the world and the world was made through it, yet the world knew it not. It came to its own home and its own people received it not. But (here it comes) to all who received it, who believed in its name, it gave power to become children of God; who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

That is the will of God, this *logos* of God, as God through John is making an unmistakable statement here that all the previous miracle references are accomplished as His *logos*, His will. This next and last miracle, the “true light” being the ultimate reason for ALL the preceding events He has willed into being.

It says the “light of men” previously discussed from John 1:4, which gives people ability to sense God, is miraculously refined into this “true light” just described. The *logos* will of God that made the universe is continuing the cascade into these spiritual miracles. Humans, who can sense God, if and when they receive this “true light”, actually get to be born as children of God. Something of God’s own spiritual essence becoming Father to these born-again children of His.

Early in human history, God made a promise to do this, along with providing the sacrifice that would make a way, the Straight Way, to transform people into His own children (1Corintinins 10:1-4). You can read all about it in the story of Abraham (Genesis 22:14-18; Romans 4:16-17; 037:100-110). God made and kept

His promise but it took the final *logos* miracle to make the Way, the path, to legitimize this promise.

That's why John goes on to say "the Word (the *logos*) became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory (yes, now the *logos* is finally flesh and therefore, a "him"), glory as of the only Son from the Father."(John 1:14). And it then says, "from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace."(John 1:16)

The ultimate miracle. Through His *logos*, His Word, comes the final miracle here, The flesh, the actual total being of God's chosen Christ. With and through the incomprehensible sacrifice of that peerless flesh, the will aspect of God created a way to atone for all the sins of all believers for all time. Allowing them (us) to become His legitimate sin-cleansed children. This is what is meant by grace upon grace through the fullness of Christ.

Of course, that grace is not free. God bought and paid for our grace upon grace. Since no one and nothing in creation can pay God for sin, the infinite, eternal and constantly perfect God had to actually inflict something of Himself to get it done. I am pretty sure no human will ever be able to truly sense what it took.

All we can say is that an infinite love from an infinite Father reached into reality to rescue His children. He did this to make this universe He created become an eternal home for His own born-again children. . .using this paired pair of *logos* miracles John just taught us about.

First, a pair of physical miracles when God said "BE" to create the physical reality we call, the universe. Then when He said "BE" to create life in a small portion of that reality. Then the matching pair of spiritual miracles. When He said "BE" to generate a spiritual reality we call the eternal soul in people. And finally a "BE" to become flesh to cascade true spiritual life into those God calls His children.

Children who will populate and spread through the new heavens and the new earth glorifying and enjoying God forever. In turn He will love and enjoy all these children forever. Not a bad reason to create a universe. Not at all.