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An In-depth Look at the God/Man Who is
Known of as Jesus of Nazareth...
That Human Being Individual Who is Also God Incarnate,
And Who Came to This Earth in Order to Pay An
Insurmountable Debt That He Personally Did Not Owe.

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The Immutibility of Counsel

Within a tract written by a man named Winkie Pratney, who is associated with the Last Day Ministries in Lindale, Texas, the mathematical precision of the Scripture is demonstrated through the work of a young Russian Harvard graduate named Ivan Panin, which was begun by Mr. Panin in 1882. Mr. Pratney's presentation is quite impressive and impacting. He goes on to say:

"The whole Bible is like this. I am just taking one small chunk of it and doing it in detail. Every paragraph, passage and book in the Bible can be shown to be constructed in the same marvelous way. What kind of fantastic collaboration between the disciples could have produced this structure without computers? How could mere fishermen and tax-collectors produce this kind of incredible structuring and design? What is crazy is that Mark is a Roman, Luke a Greek, and Matthew a Jew, but they all wrote with the same pattern. Each one wrote with their own unique flavor. Mark's style is different, but the pattern is the same right through! So who wrote it? One Mind, one Author . . . one God . . . many different writers, but one Writer. Can you imagine what kind of Mind would do this and not even care if you ever found out? What I want you to see is how smart God is! These are not

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just words, it's an incredible mathematical pattern. It dances with its own poetry in mathematics. A computer would go into raptures over this! It's like a building where every piece joins perfectly into each other. And what is wild, is you can't pull even **one** word out, without damaging the whole pattern. So the Bible carries within itself, a self-checking, self-verifying protection factor. If a person comes along and says I don't like this one, the whole pattern falls apart. This cannot be found in any other religious "holy" book in the world."

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On March 20, 1969, at a meeting of the Pediatric Society, a man named Dr. Richard L. Day... who had been an instruction professor since 1935... and had just finished his term as National Medical Director of Planned Parenthood... and was currently a professor of pediatrics at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine... and who was considered an **insider** within something called **The Order** was quoted as saying:

"You will forget most or much of what I am going to tell you tonight... the old religions will have to go... especially Christianity. Then a new religion can be accepted for use all over the world. It will incorporate something from all of the old religions to make it more easy for people to accept and feel at home. Most of the people will not be too concerned with religion. They will

realize that they do not really need it.

In order to do this, the **Bible** will be changed. It will be rewritten to fit the new religion.

Gradually, **key words** will be replaced with new words having various shades of meaning.

Then the meaning attached to the new word, can be close to the meaning of the old word... and as time goes on, other shades of meaning for that word, can be emphasized... and then gradually that word replaced with another word.

The few who do notice the difference will not be enough to matter... And, the churches will help us!"

It was stated that the idea within this calculated assault upon the Word of God, is that everything within the Scripture does not need to be rewritten . . . just certain **key words** to be replaced by other words.

The variability in meaning attached to any word can be used as a tool to change the **entire** meaning of the Scripture, and, therefore, make it acceptable to this *new* religion. Most of the people will not even know the difference.

It was also stated that Dr. Day was concerned that if what he had stated within that relaxed atmosphere ever really became known, that his days would be numbered. Within just a few months of informational release, Dr. Day was dead.

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The whole of this study of The Deeper Things of God finds its basis within the unchanging Word of God, utilizing only the King James Version Translation of the Bible . . . and no other translation version will be acceptable for use within this study.

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The supreme authority on the subject of God . . . is God Himself. He has granted unto us "<u>all things</u> that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." (II Peter 1:3b)

Jesus of Nazareth said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17)

Therefore, we will rely totally upon the written Word of God and upon the Word-of-God-supported Holy Spirit revelation, in the presenting of spiritual truth and existence realities. The Word of God itself testifies:

"The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the

heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward."

(Psalms 19:7-11)

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"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isaiab 8:20)

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"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

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"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and

sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

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"Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." (Hebrews 6:17-18)

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"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Peter 1:21)

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THE IMMUTIBILITY OF COUNSEL

The testimony of the Word of God applies to every subject or situation that we may encounter. The Word of God is our foundation . . . the Word of God is the bottom line . . . the Word of God is the end of the story . . . the Word of God is what God is. Everything that we will be looking at within our studies will find its foundation within the Word of God.

The Study of Christ

The New Webster's Dictionary defines:

Christ noun

- 1) lit. anointed
- 2) the Anointed One

The Merriam Webster's Dictionary defines:

Christ noun

- 1) MESSIAH
- 2) JESUS
- 3) an ideal type of Humanity
- 4) *Christian Science*: the ideal truth that comes as a divine manifestation of God to destroy incarnate error

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God is the *infinite* Being that is the Creator of all things. Since the Word of God declares "For with God nothing shall be impossible;" (Luke 1:37) it follows that God is without restriction either by natural or supernatural limitations.

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Man is a *finite* being . . . which means that he is restricted by natural and supernatural limitations. Man, *finite* and fallen from grace, cannot *fully* comprehend the *infinite* God because he has no understandable common point of reference to measure from, within the everlasting contexts that exist.

Christ is the *infinite* God, incarnated into a *finite* package of Humanity, with knowing limitations that ultimately extend to only that which is *non-transferable*.

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As we begin our study of CHRIST we are able to reflect upon well-known verses of holy writ to substantiate that at a certain noted point in time, God sent to the planet Earth, the Personage of Christ, who is also declared to be His Son.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"But when the fulness of the time was finally come, God sent forth his Only Begotten Son, made of a Human woman, made under the Law of Moses requirements," (Galatians 4:4; Enhanced)

When we are talking about *The Christ*, we are talking about a particular, singular individual, which by his very title is the only divinely *Anointed One*, out of the projected myriad of Human candidates that are constantly being referred to and put forth by other Human Beings.

"In him was spiritual life; and the spiritual life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in spiritual darkness; and the spiritual darkness comprehended it not."

(John 1:4-5; Enhanced)

The Christ is unique. The Christ is anointed of God. The Christ is appointed to perform a very specific task. The Christ is the legal representative of the whole of Humanity. The Christ is the nemesis of the "god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4) and the divine representative of the conflict that exists between the kingdom of Light and the kingdom of Darkness. The Christ is the embodiment of *Life, Light,* and *Love* within a *Human-Suit* of flesh. The Christ is a prophetical prototype of a New Species of Human Being.

Before the Incarnation

B efore the beginning of anything . . . God is. **NOTHING** precedes God: Nothing comes before God. Nothing exists before God.

There is no Beginning before God.

There is no *Time* before God.

There is no Creation before God.

Existence is . . . but The Personage of God is the totality of all Existence.

The Personage of God is . . . but there is NOTH-ING else.

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"Through faith we understand that the worlds that exist were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of the things which do appear." (Hebrews 11:3; Enhanced)

"For the <u>invisible things</u> of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even concerning his eternal power and <u>Godhead</u>; so that they all are without excuse:" (Romans 1:20; Enhanced)

So what "invisible things" might we be able to understand concerning decisions and actions that were most assuredly taken by the Members of the "Godhead" at this point?

And, keep in mind that when we are looking at *The Christ* we are looking at one of the Members of the Godhead clothed in a *Human-Suit* of flesh. Notations of actions that were taken *Before the Beginning*, where *The Christ* is involved, are underlined.

- 1) Since within the One God Godhead there are Three Members . . . a decision needs to be amicably arrived at, concerning who will occupy the equality Position number One . . . and who will occupy the equality Position number Two . . . and who will occupy the equality Position number Three.
- 2) Since by Divine design there shall be three different full and active operational Realms of Existence brought forth . . . emanating directly from the very God which is the fullness of existence . . . a decision needs to be amicably arrived at, concerning the operational order of those Three Realms . . . and who will be the

<u>Head of, and Administrator of</u>, each particular Realm of *Thought*, <u>Word</u>, and *Deed*.

- 3) Since by Divine design, and because of granted free-will moral agency, there shall be three valid States of Being for moral creation to reside in . . . those designated conditions need to become established, manifest, and secured even before one free-will moral creature is brought forth. Those States of Being include . . . the State of Being Immortal, which is the reality of being untouchable by any of the aspects of death when it comes forth . . . and the State of Being Eternal, which is the reality of having the capacity to live forever if continued obedience is chosen . . . and the State of Being Mortal, which is the reality of being death-doomed without reprieve.
- 4) Since within the One God Godhead there shall be various responsibilities and task-assignments that shall need to be performed by each of the Three Members . . . several decisions need to be amicably arrived at concerning who will handle and then be held accountable for various specific tasks.

And it must further be agreed upon that no One Member will cross-over any of the designated lines of separated-task-assignment responsibilities.

- 5) Since the Three Members of the One God Godhead are not at all confused or befuddled concerning who they are . . . but Mankind, when it is brought forth, is certain to be unclear concerning who is actually who . . . <u>titles</u> and names need to be amicably arrived at for each of the Three Members according to their assigned responsibilities.
- 6) Since the aspect of free-will decision for all of moral creation shall become the center-most issue within all of Existence . . . and since Divine Foreknowledge (Isaiah 46:10) is already aware of the two major rebellions that shall come forth within the two Probationary Periods that will occur . . . there needs to be the drafting of two specific Plans of Redemption and Reconciliation that shall be made available for acceptance to whosoever requires them.

 The Plan of Redemption is designed for Mankind, which requires the application and usage of the physical element of

Blood for ratification... and a Plan of Reconciliation is designed for all *Angelic Hosts* and all *Other Creatures*, which does not require the usage of the Blood element.

- 7) When we understand that there are restoration opportunities that shall be provided for broken relationships, we should also understand that a set of accurate records need to be prepared and preserved for fairness purposes. There shall be a single Book of Life prepared for the accurate name preservation of every single Express Image creature of the Living God that exists among the constituency of Mankind (Hebrews 1:3) who has chosen the path of life-everlasting through Jesus Christ of Nazareth. And there shall be prepared, a set of other Books that contain accurate record-keeping of all errant activities of Human moral creation. run amok. (Revelation 20:12)
- 8) A superior project of divine design that within the process of Time will actually deal with an unprecedented creation of a

new-species of moral being, shall be prophetically drafted in liquid silver and dipped in transparent gold by the creative hand of predestination. (Romans 8:29) All of the details concerning this project are fully completed and in order even before one-second of created Time ticks by. Everything having to do with this particular project is finished ahead of Time because the whole of this project is accomplished by the full Personage of God through the future God/Man, and for the benefit of the New Creation new-species constituents that shall be birthed into it. Simple belief and acceptance of what God has done is the initial requirement of entrance. (John 6:29) Willful continued obedience and adherence to regulation mandates will fully seal the off the charts benefits that go with this plan. (Revelation 17:14)

9) Since God is a Creator and not a magician, of necessity the creation-regulation restrictions . . . or the creative laws by which all things shall be brought forth into existence, and then operate by, need to be drafted, established, and installed. This includes the

initial base-set of laws (both spiritual and natural) and also whatsoever associate supportive laws that might apply that will work harmoniously and cooperatively with those base-set of laws.

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Within our study of *The Christ*, it must be first understood that we are talking about, and dealing with, the reality of the Second Person of the Godhead actually becoming a Human Being . . . for the purpose of salvaging the immense amount of investment that the Godhead has made in creating a creature "in" their own image, and "after" their own likeness.

We are foundationally dealing with Divinity. That is: we are dealing with *Light*, (I John 1:5) *Love*, (I John 4:8) and *Life*, (John 1:4, Mark 10:45, John 5:26; 6:48; 10:10; 11:25; 14:6, and I John 1:2, 5:20) choosing to step away from the non-transferable qualities of Omnipotence . . . and Omniscience . . . and Omnipresence forever . . . in order to step into a prepared *Human-Suit* of flesh, and redeem all of Humanity . . . simply because of pure, unselfish Love.

The pre-incarnate Christ is indeed, fully the Second Person of the unfathomable operating Godhead.

Prior to the incarnation (i.e., Divinity putting on Humanity) the Second Person of the Godhead was

Omni-potently, powerfully, able to do all things . . . and Omnisciently, intuitively, able to know all things . . . and Omni-presently, active, and able to make His very presence known and felt everywhere at the same time.

After the incarnation, *The Christ* is still the Second Person of, and an in-good-standing Member of, the Divine Godhead:

But as a Human Being, he is able to powerfully accomplish <u>only</u> that which is facilitated through the Divine *power-portion* operation of the Third Person of the Godhead whom we know of as the Holy Spirit of God . . . just like any other Man within Humanity.

And as a Human Being, he is able to be knowledgeable of (other than what can be learned through standard growth and study) only that which is revealed to him by the Third Person of the Godhead whom we know of as the Holy Spirit of God, utilizing the Holy Spirit giftings that are spoken of within I Corinthians, chapter 12 . . . just like any other Man within Humanity.

And instead of being a Divine facilitator of the quality of Omnipresence . . . he is now, as a Human Being, become inclusive within the actual operation of the Divine quality of Omnipresence, just like any other Man within the New Creation portion of Humanity, which has become Born-Again and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God.

A Walk Along the Path of Humanity

"I will raise them up an anointed Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee Moses, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command of him to speak.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever from among all of Mankind that will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will surely require it of him." (Deuteronomy 18:18-19; Enhanced)

"But when the fulness of the time was finally come, God sent forth his Only Begotten Son, made of a Human woman, made under the Law of Moses requirements," (Galatians 4:4; Enhanced)

"Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren in every respect, that he might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to be able to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." (Hebrews 2:17; Enhanced) The Second Person of the Godhead has now stepped away from heaven and most of the *non-transferables* . . . and put on a *Human-Suit* of flesh . . . and become a Man. His walk with Humanity literally begins with a normal gestation process of his prepared body (Hebrews 10:5) and an unnoticeable orchestrated birth.

As an infant, his necessary nurturers and protectors are Mary his birth mother and Joseph his mother's husband. After their demonstrated-obedience in fulfilling the Law of Moses, which included his circumcision on the 8th day of his life, his presentation unto the Lord as the child that openeth the womb, and his mother's sacrifice for her issue of blood purification, (Luke 2:18; 22-24; 39) the family returned unto Nazareth to begin their life together. (Luke 2:39)

An unexpected royal visit by Middle-Eastern Magi two years later concludes with the Lord directing Joseph, through a dream, to take his family into Egypt for protection until he is instructed otherwise. (Matthew 2:13-15) When King Herod the Great, and all of those who were in league with him to destroy the Messiah, were finally dead . . . Joseph is instructed, once again through a dream, to return unto the town of Nazareth so that a normal family life-routine is able to occur. (Matthew 2:19-23)

Special Notation: The Second Person of the Godhead's dealings with Humanity did not commence in the Old Testament

with His interacting with a Burning Bush... or with Him becoming Melchizdek the priest of God... nor with Him being the Fourth Man within a burning fiery furnace during the days of Daniel, as is so often put forth.

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"And being found in fashion as a man, he willingly humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the spiritual and physical death of the cross." (Philippians 2:8; Enhanced)

At the age of twelve years . . . an astounding revelation is given unto a young Jesus of Nazareth, setting him on a new course of action for the rest of his life. Although it is usually quite difficult for most people to accept . . . up until the time that he is twelve years of age, Jesus of Nazareth does not really know who he is. He is unaware of the reality that he is God, manifest in the flesh. Within his mind he is simply an obedient, normal, pre-teen, young Jewish man.

At a Feast of Passover celebration, while his parents were involved with the adult feast activities, the Holy Spirit of God utilizing the gifting of the Word of Knowledge (I Corinthians 12:8) reveals to a twelve year old Jesus that he is actually the Second Person of the Godhead living within a *Human-Suit* of flesh. (Philippians 2:8) That

revelation is so much more than difficult to fully grasp, and to attempt to understand just what that must have been like for Jesus.

When the Feast of Passover is concluded, and the worshipping faithful are on their way back home unto the city of Nazareth . . . Jesus is missing. This action of independency is unprecedented and has never happened before. His parents are understandably concerned. And leaving the traveling troupe of pilgrims, Joseph and Mary return unto the city of Jerusalem to find him. Three days and three nights of searching finally yield results, as they once again check the temple area.

"And when they saw him, they were totally amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Heavenly Father's business?" (Luke 2:48-49; Enhanced)

The response to his mother's statement concerning Jesus' incredulous behavior indicates that he is genuinely surprised that his parents do not actually know who he is. He is only twelve . . . and they are fully adult. He has just found out who he really is . . . and they do not even know? Parents are supposed to be more

knowledgeable than their children, and yet, when it comes to this particular issue . . . they do not really know? No . . . ! No one did.

And the Apostle Paul in his epistle to the believers in the city of Corinth confirms unto us that Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi, John the Baptist, the disciples, and whosoever else there may have been, never did know who Jesus of Nazareth really was during the entire time of his ministerial activities here on this Earth.

"Which none of the princes of the darkness of this world knew: for had they truly known of it, they would not ever have crucified the Lord of glory." (I Corinthians 2:8; Enhanced)

The realities that are being dealt with here are very, very serious issues. They are much more serious than most people ever realize. The kingdom of darkness is the kingdom, at the time of *The Christ*, which is currently in control over this entire world. Adam bowed his knee unto Satan through obedience to the serpent's suggestion, and put himself in subjection to the dark lord of evil. (Romans 6:16) That captivity to Sin has been passed on down the road even unto us today. The authority that was given unto Adam from God is now able to be accessed by Satan and his company toadies using unsuspecting Human individuals. To reverse this grim

situation, God must act legally, openly, and promptly.

Even though young Jesus is only twelve years of age . . . eternal, universal, spiritual realities are on the line. Just as the Scripture states . . . had the unholy, fallenangelic princes of this current Social Order, world-system, known who Jesus of Nazareth really was, they would not have come anywhere near him.

The Human-generated, emotional override of "after all Pastor Rob, Mary was his mother and she was spoken to by an angel at his incarnation, surely she should know"... or ... "after all Pastor Rob, John the Baptist was God's sanctioned prophet on the scene, he certainly should know"... or ... "after all Pastor Rob, Peter was his ministerial right-hand man and was closer to him than anyone else, and God even revealed to him that he was *The Christ*, he must have known" do not even come into the picture.

At the time of *The Christ*, the Devil currently has the keys of Death and of Hell, (Revelation 1:18) and God is not going to leave it that way. Jesus is the only hope that there is for this lost and dying world.

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At thirty years of age, Jesus emerges out of Scriptural silence and manifests upon the scene. He has spent the last eighteen years developing sensitivity to the gentle unctioning of the Holy Spirit; and increasing

exponentially in his knowledge of the Word of God. Mental attempts to determine what other endeavors he may have accomplished are summarily without value.

On a given day in the fall of a given year, the Holy Spirit delivers unto Jesus a Word of Wisdom, (I Corinthians 12:8) that it is time to go down to the River Jordan in the south, and encounter the Baptist. (Matthew 3:13)

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"Now when all of the people were baptized," (Luke 3:21a; Enhanced) . . . indicates to us that on the particular day that Jesus of Nazareth arrives at the Jordan River, John the Baptist had been in the process of ministering repentance and cleansing, through water baptism, to whosoever would come unto him . . . as he was normally wont to do. And by the time that Jesus shows up on the scene, whosoever came to be baptized on that day had accomplished their task, and had moved on to the other activities that might be scheduled on their agenda. No one was actually there at the river except John, who was possibly sitting and warming himself by the fire.

As Jesus approaches, John stands up and begins to move toward the river, knowing for what purpose the stranger that was coming to him was there for. By the time that Jesus reaches the river and removes his sandals, John has already backed into the water up to his thighs. Scripturally speaking, "He hath no special form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty nor attractiveness that we should desire him." (Isaiah 53:2b; Enhanced) So, John does not know that Jesus is any different than anyone else who has ever come to him for baptism. There is no glowing halo around his head as is in the pictures, and there is no personal recognition from John simply because they are proposed to be cousins . . . they are from different Hebrew tribes. Jesus slowly approaches John until both of them are a little deeper than their waist in the water. John speaks to Jesus, as he has to thousands of others, concerning the purpose of water baptism . . . at which point Jesus is then immersed into the water and baptized.

"And afterward Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he (i.e. John the Baptist) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo a voice from the Father, coming from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17; Enhanced)