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Dear Associates and Friends,

The April 2026 article is “[Elohim and the Son of God Part 3](#).” This is the final part of my 2007 lecture opposing the idea at the “One God Conference.” Most of those attending this 2-day gathering with speakers and attendees believe Jesus did not exist until He was born to Mary. Supposedly, He did not exist before that moment. Every so often they graciously allowed one speaker to give a contrary presentation against their teaching. I was that person in 2007.

I had previously attended 3 other meetings over about 6 years, and I was sent audio tapes by Ken Westby (an ex-WCG minister), so I could understand the presentations of two other past-contrarian speakers.

### *Part 3, the Q & A Issues*

The audience of about 150 people were friendly, even when I was accused of not believing that Jesus did not come in the flesh (as per the epistle of First John which made me an “antichrist” in the understanding of some). I thought I answered in a straightforward manner to all the questions.

The apostle John clearly defines the beliefs of those he says are the teachings of ANTICHRIST in three passages: First John 2:18–22, 4:3 and Second John 7. I quote them from the *Concordant Literal Version* in order:

“Little children, it is the last hour, and, according as you hear that **THE ANTICHRIST** is coming, now also there have come to be **MANY ANTICHRISTS**, whence we know that it is the last hour.

Out of us they come, but they were not of us, for if they were of us, they would have remained with us. But it was that they may be manifested that they are not all of us. And YOU have an anointing from the Holy One, and YOU all are aware.

I write not to YOU seeing that YOU are not acquainted with the truth, but that you ARE acquainted with it, and that no lie at all is of the truth.

Who is the liar, IF NOT HE **WHO IS DENYING**, saying that ‘Jesus is not the Christ’? **THIS ONE IS THE ANTICHRIST**, who is disowning the Father and the Son.”

• 1 John 2:18–22

“... and every spirit which is NOT AVOWING Jesus the Lord HAVING COME IN FLESH is not of God. And THIS IS THAT OF THE **ANTICHRIST**, of which you have heard that it is coming, and is now already in the world.”

• 1 John 4:3

“... for many deceivers came out into the world, who are NOT AVOWING Jesus Christ COMING IN FLESH. This is the deceiver and the ANTICHRIST.”

• 2 John 7

### *How Jesus Answered*

Note the answer Jesus gave a group of Jews who questioned Him in John 8:58 (CLV):

“Jesus said to them, ‘Verily, verily, I am saying to you, **Ere** [BEFORE] **Abraham came into being, I am**’.”

The fact that Jesus did exist before He was born to Mary, is shown in Philippians 2:6–8 by the apostle Paul, His argument is easy to understand:

- He was in the form of God,
- He **“empties Himself,”** taking the form of a slave and the likeness of a human being,
- He **“humbles Himself”** (from all power and glory) and
- He was **“becoming obedient”** unto death on the cross.

With all this Paul indicates that Christ volunteered to be born of Mary as stated in Philippians chapter 2.

Paul also indicated that Jesus participated with all creation, and says in Hebrews 1:2 that the Son of God made the eons. He started the “time.” Verse 1 says that in times past God spoke to mankind through prophets, but ...

**“... in the last of these days speaks to us in a Son, Whom He appoints enjoyer of the allotment of all, through Whom [through the Son] He also makes the eons.”**

• **Hebrews 1:2**

He **“makes the eons”** by being present when that part of creation began, just like he was alive and present when **“all things were created through Him”** before He was born of Mary. This and other problems show me that there are many pieces of evidence that are clearly wrong for this misguided teaching that Jesus could not exist before He was born of Mary. The evidence for this teaching never made sense to me, nor did it fulfill its promise of Scriptural insight.

For me, this statement by Paul is conclusive:

**“Who is the Image of the invisible God,**

- [1] **FIRSTBORN of every creature, for**
- [2] **in Him is ALL CREATED,**
- [3] **that in the heavens and that on the earth,**
- [4] **the visible and the invisible, whether thrones, or lordships, or sovereignties, or authorities,**
- [5] **ALL IS CREATED through Him and for Him, and**
- [6] **HE IS BEFORE ALL, and all has its cohesion in Him.”**

• **Colossians 1:16 (CLV)**

## **Thank You**

Everything God our Father does in the realm of creation of all, He does with the cooperation of Christ Jesus, the Son of God. We will participate (each one of us) with that activity once we are able to contribute to God in ways He wants us to do after we are raised to glory.

I am sure that you are keeping your eyes open on affairs in the Middle East, and in Jerusalem in particular. That is where prophecy has its central theme located. If we know what is occurring there, we may know what we can expect even in our own countries and in other parts of the world. This is the time to "watch" (as Jesus said), and we should do it with interest and enthusiasm.

We are on the threshold of a major revolution in thinking and social affairs. What happens in Jerusalem may reflect directly on all countries.

ASK helps you to learn about God’s glory for each of us. Thank you for sustaining us in our work. May God continue to motivate you to do so. Thank you for your help.

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