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THE BEGINNING AND THE END

Jesus Christ is both the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega. He created everything and he is also the end of everything. The opening chapter of John's gospel describes this for us.

John 1:1-51

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

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

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

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made 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.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with

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water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

John begins his gospel before Genesis 1. John begins with the description of the Godhead before the creation of heaven and earth. In the beginning there was just God and nothing else. In the begin-

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ning there was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John was attempting to describe how the Spirit world of God works. He was not describing persons, but the various attributes of God.

The Word

➤ Is God

- If an item is something, that makes the item the same thing. In the Spirit world it appears that the Word not only is God, but can separate himself from God becoming flesh and blood taking on all of our attributes and frailties.
- Jesus had all of the power of God, but while in human form, did not exercise all of that power. He allowed his feeble creation to crucify him so that some of us could be saved and join him in his heavenly home.

➤ Is the Creator

- John tells us that all things were made by him. Nothing that was created was not made by him.
- He made all of our present universe! He made the stars, planets, asteroids, comets, worm holes, and everything that we see in the sky.
- He created all of the angels that populate heaven
- He created all of the animals and plants that we see on earth.
- He created all of the elements.
- He even created plastic since he made the original oil.
- He even created time as a dimension in our universe.
- Everything that you can think of was created by him!

➤ Life Emanates from the Word

- John wrote, “In him was life and the life was the light of men.”
- Without life first being in Jesus Christ, there would be no life here on Earth.
- All life emanates from Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus breathed life into the angels.
 - Jesus breathed life into the animals.
 - Jesus breathed life into us!

- Without Jesus Christ the Earth would be a dead planet!

➤ Unknown to the World

- The world still does not know Jesus Christ. They think of him as a prophet, or a holy man, but they do not see him as God Almighty!
- Jesus' followers are ridiculed by the world. The world thinks that we are stupid ignorant followers who have been deceived into believing in something other than evolution.
- There are a number who think that Jesus Christ was the great deceiver! These are the same ones who do not realize that there is a devil and many demons deceiving them. They do not believe that they have been deceived into believing such thoughts.

➤ Rejected by the World

- The world rejects his message of peace.
- The world rejects the need to be saved.
- The world rejects that Jesus is their creator.
- The world hated Jesus' message that they attempted to kill him via crucifixion.
- The world is still busy attempting to stamp out and destroy Jesus Christ!

➤ Is the Alpha and Omega

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- As the creator of time, Jesus lives outside of time. He is the Beginning and he also is the End!
- Time is irrelevant to Jesus Christ. Eternity is living where time is no more. James M. Black in 1893 had a deep insight into the Spirit world when he wrote, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."
 - ♦ When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more, And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair; When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.¹

Revelation 22:13-21

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that

they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

¹ http://library.timelesstruths.org/music/When_the_Roll_Is_Called_Up_Yonder/

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