



Creative Christ (Jesus' Involvement In Creation)

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John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] *He was with God in the beginning.*

[3] Through him **all things** were made; without him **nothing** was made that has been made. [4] *In him was life, and that life was the light of men.* [5] *The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

[6] *There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.* [7] *He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.* [8] *He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.* [9] *The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.*

[10] He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. [11] *He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.* [12] Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- [13] *children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

[14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Christ Existed Before the Incarnation:

If you think that Jesus didn't exist until He was born to Mary, you're dead wrong. This scripture could not more clearly point to the fact that Jesus was already present at creation. Verse 1 refers to Christ as "the Word." He was there in the beginning, He (the Word) was with God, and He was God. Jesus Christ existed even before Creation. He was there "in the beginning." Jesus is not a created being, like us. He always was. He is eternal, like the Father.

Rev. 1:8 (KJV)

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. -Jesus

Jesus Christ is forever... He always was and always will be.

Jesus Is Creator:

Not only was Jesus there during creation, but He played a huge part in creation. (See Vs. 3) By Him (Jesus) all things were made. In other words it wasn't God the Father alone that made the heavens and the earth. Jesus Christ was there at His side working with Him. Without Jesus "nothing was made that has been made." Jesus is our Creative King. He worked with the Father to form all that exists. He held out His hands long before they were scarred with nails, and shaped the earth in all of its splendor. When the Father said, let there be two lights, one to govern the day, and one the night, and let there be stars also... Creative Christ was there to dot the night sky with millions of brightly burning stars. Jesus was directly and heavily involved in the creation of the heavens and earth.

Col. 1:15-17

He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16] For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. [17] He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians reminds us again that "He is before all"... Jesus always was and always will be. We are reminded too that "all things were created by Him."

Truly Jesus Christ is as much a Creator as His Father. His creativity is visible even in this place tonight. Look around and notice all the different faces here. Notice the different shapes and sizes... (ex. My big nose)... notice the different colors of hair, the different builds. (ex. My buff muscles... just kidding). (All the different races and styles of people reminds me of my tie-die shirt. Isn't Jesus creative?!?)

Jesus Still Holds It All Together:

Paul doesn't just stop there. Not only did Jesus create all things, but verse 17 says, "in Him all things hold together." In other words, Jesus is holding the world in his hands. (Remember that old kid's song... HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS...) He holds everything in place. If He would lose his grip everything would fall apart. It would be the end of the world as we know it. But no worries, Jesus has good grip.

Jesus NO Ordinary Man:

It should be plain to us that Jesus Christ was no regular guy. Neither was He just some prophet. Many people will say to you, "I believe Jesus was a prophet, a good man, but still just a man like the rest of us." Those people are full of bologna. Jesus was a man... that part is true, but He wasn't JUST a man. He is also God. He is man and God. Jesus always was, always will be, and He made all things. Next time someone tells you Jesus was just a prophet or a good guy, ask them if anyone else created the heavens and the earth. Tell them that He always was and always will be. Who else can claim that??? There is only ONE Creative Christ!!!