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Who is God-the Deity?

Joh 5:39

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

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Introduction

In 2015 a friend asked me three questions:

1. God said let us make a man, to whom was He speaking, Himself or Angels?
2. Is Jesus God or was he not God?
3. Did Jesus pre-exist his birth or was he a thought in the mind of God before his birth?

There are many proven doctrines for these questions. With their truth, we now have many truths. What I'm saying is, man cannot prove the spiritual. He can only teach theology.

Ministers and religion have their arguments, so why add one more argument to this long list of doctrinal canons? For me, I need to prove the Word to myself. Before 2015 I thought I knew the answers to these questions. But it hasn't turned out that way, I realized I did not walk with the LORD in three truths:

1. 1Thessalonians 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
2. 2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
3. Mark 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God. But unto them that are without, all these things are in parables:

Many times through my Christian walk I convinced myself I had it together on several Bible truths. Only to learn I wasn't as up to date as I thought. What is it I am speaking? I'm arguing the formula to know truth for yourself under the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is a simple formula but one of the hardest truths I have been learning to walk. Forty years ago I read the following statement: the scriptures say what they mean and show themselves without man's interpretation. Giving our interpretation creates man made doctrines.

I have learned from this that a parable or statement opens another Scripture, this giving the truth of the matter. Trying to explain what the writer intended, may lead us to a man-made doctrine; as the scripture states, by the foolishness of preaching. When we allow one Scripture to open another Scripture then we are learning the spiritual truth of the matter, this is Isaiah 28, Line upon line. How do we explain even that much without adding ourselves into it?

Hence, we must be in a place of walking with Yahshua. We must allow Him access in giving us the spiritual side of the argument as only He can give. From the work of the Holy Spirit putting the Word in us, we learn the spiritual meaning.

A preacher I once sat under said: if you don't get this from Christ, you will face a day of accountability. Just what we read from Paul a few paragraphs ago.

I am learning to prove what the minister said or didn't say by listening to the Holy Spirit. I hope if you read this, you will separate arguing between flesh and spiritual thinking as you learn by the Holy Spirit. As crazy as it sounds what I hope is; that you will ignore what I say and find what He teaches apart from me. This is I believe what Paul meant when he said: Prove every doctrine; holding fast what is good. Our Savior said: Luke 18:19 And Jesus said unto him, Why call thou me good? None is good, save one, Elohim.

As the Apostles faced many doctrines rising in their day which stood against the very truth they taught, they were able to provide us an explanation for these man-made doctrines as we read in Corinthians:

1Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of Elohim the world by wisdom knew not Elohim.

If you read the book titled Arian Controversy 318 to 381AD by R. P. C. Hanson, you will witness 1Corinthians 1:21 in its absolute truth. Many of the greatest intellectuals made their claim in Christ by arguing scriptures without accepting the truth that the Holy Spirit will teach you His understanding. Many times our human nature desires to prove itself to be true. We use knowledge derived from scriptures to support our intellectual arguments and more than arguments in that they wrote dozens of books for and against one another. Many used political power against their adversaries to secure their place in Christian faith to the point of martyrdom. These documents or books are the very foundation of Christian religions today.

These many theological arguments did not end in 381 AD as ordered by law. They continued on in every religion, even in Catholic Religion itself until this very day. Here is a clip from the website Wikipedia:

The Filioque was the main discussion at the 62nd meeting of the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation in June 2002. The Filioque clause was, and still is, a controversy in the church relating to the Holy Spirit. The question is, "From whom did the Holy Spirit proceed, the Father, or the Father and the Son?" The word Filioque means "and son" in Latin. Referred to as the "Filioque clause" because the phrase "and son" was added to the Nicene Creed, showing that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father "and Son." There was so much contention over this issue that it led to the split between the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches in A. D. 1054. The two churches are still in disagreement concerning the Filioque clause.

So here we are in 2021 AD and religious minds still argue this Deity mystery, of which the Apostles settled long ago. Here is what we don't want to acknowledge; The truth is an argument, until it gives its revelation to the individual as understanding.

I am not trinity nor oneness but I believe the Word of itself is one; So, the universe is

one. This study, I hope, is what the scriptures speak and every reader can make their own decision as they walk their faith. I am not your judge or your teacher. I am not writing this as a doctrine rather a study of which I hope will never end as long as I live on this Earth.

Let's begin our study with a spiritual thought, a history and a warning for us. Exodus 16:19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

Exodus 16:20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

Exodus 16:26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be, none.

Exodus 16:27 And it came to pass, that there went out people on the seventh day for gathering, and they found none.

Deuteronomy 8:3 And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knew not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that Man doth not live by bread only, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of YAHWEH doth man live.

Deuteronomy 8:16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not. That he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

Matthew 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

As we get started, I will mention that this study is long with many scriptures, I hope your not in a hurry. My first purpose for this study is for myself.

The Deity has a Name:

Just because we have heard a persuasive argument and believe we are correct in our understanding, doesn't mean I received what I needed. My flesh is very persuasive. So I need to take a very close look at the verses so often in dispute as I learn the Deity understanding.

In this pursuit, The King James Bible left me with a problem in securing the full knowledge of the GOD-head understanding. This is, if we use only the King James Bible, the name of God is not being used. It changed titles and names for many reasons. This I have learned blurs the deeper thoughts from the Apostolic writers. What we lose is the Hebrew meaning of these names and their relationship to one another.

So we may gain insight if we go back and find the most correct source of the Hebrew old language for returning the name of God. We will use several Bible translations in this study to have a better understanding of it.

So here is the main point: The King James Bible did not use the name for God. Titles

replaced the name. The Rabbis changed the name for superstition reasons and the gentiles for ignorance, tradition, or so called language barriers. So, let us study using the deity name as He gave us and stated so in Exodus 3:14.

Exodus 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them. The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them? Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I-AM THAT I-AM: and he said. Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I-AM hath sent me unto you.

I AM is what the King James Bible said, this the name given to Moses for the children of Israel. The Hebrew word that means I-AM, is YAH. So King James agrees to that much in English. Even though the KJV teaches the correct name in Exodus and His commandment to use it In Exodus 3:15. We still resort to the Greek translation, substituting the Hebrew word YAHWEH with the Greek title LORD and the Hebrew title Elohim with the Greek title God.

Exodus 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses... this my name for ever, and this my memorial unto every generation.

The KJV translates Strong's Greek reference number H3068, is the name for Yēhovah (YEHWEH) in the following manner: LORD (6,510x), GOD (4x), JEHOVAH (4x), variant (1x).

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon>

Here is a very short history for the name given to Moses in Exodus 3:14.

Yahweh, the God of the Israelites, gave His name to Moses as four Hebrew consonants (YHWH) called the tetragrammaton. Jews ceased to use the name Yahweh for two reasons: first, after the Babylonian Exile (sixth century BCE), Judaism became a universal religion. The more common noun Elohim, meaning "God," replaced Yahweh to prove the universal sovereignty of Israel's God over every other god. The divine name was increasingly regarded as too sacred to speak; being replaced in the synagogue ritual by the Hebrew word Adonai ("My Lord").

The Majorettes, who from the sixth to tenth century AD worked to reproduce the original text of the Hebrew Bible. Replaced the vowels of the name YHWH with the vowel signs of the Hebrew words Adonai or Elohim. Latin-speaking Christian scholars substituted the Y (which does not exist in Latin) with an I or a J. Thus, the tetragrammaton became the artificial Latinized name Jehovah (JeHoWaH). As the name spread throughout medieval Europe, they pronounced the letter J according to the local vernacular.

YHWH as written by Moses, is in English with vowels: YAHWEH. The Hebrew meaning for this name as given by Moses is I-AM ETERNAL TO BE HONORED.

Before we move on, I want to mention the title Elohim and give us the source when

the Hebrews began using it and the meaning to this title. This was a common title used by the Hebrews.

The meaning of the title Elohim: Elo from the word Elohim means: mighty or almighty or powerful. The "im" gives that first syllable a plural meaning. This plurality in Elohim gives the meaning, the Powers that be or The Mighty One(s).

I will stop here for a moment and share a quick thought for the origin of the title Elohim, today June the 20th 2019. Being troubled for a long period and searching the Internet for several years to answer the following question. Is it known for sure what is the name or title that Moses used in writing the book of Genesis for God. God is Greek, so that's not it. I read articles that say we derive Elohim from pagan gods in the Semitic languages. The Hebrews began using this title when in Babylonian exile, the sixth century BC. Well, I am glad to share the correct answer I found in my search. I will place a few paragraphs here. The title Elohim is Hebrew, while true that other Semitic languages are similar. It was not the Canaan language that first developed this title for Elohim, let's read the following article now:

Hebrew, the Mother Tongue

<https://www.yaiy.org/literature/pdf/Is%20Elohim%20a%20Pagan%20Title%202018.pdf>

McClintock and Strong's Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature comments on the (Shem) (Semitic) languages. "The Hebrew language takes its name from Abraham's descendants, the Hebrew's the Israelites." "In the Old Testament we poetically call this language the language of Canaan as said by Isaiah 19:18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The City of destruction".

The language of the holy land consecrated to Yahweh contrasted with that of the profane Egypt. In its earliest written state it exhibits in the writings of Moses a perfection of structure which was never surpassed.

Several respected scholars assert that Hebrew is the mother of every language, including Canaanite. This commentary states that the descendants of Shem spoke Hebrew and other Semitic languages, 14 primitive dialects. Several respected scholars assert that Hebrew is the mother of every language, including Canaanite. From Girdlestone's Old Testament Synonyms we learn, "The Hebrew language, though poor in a few respects, is rich in others; and no better language could have been selected for the purpose of preparing the way for [Messiah]," p.6.

Genesis 1:28 And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply. And replenish the earth and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." Yahweh communicated with Adam and Eve in Hebrew.

Many linguistic scholars agree that Hebrew is the basic language from which we derive all others. Isaiah Mozeson's comprehensive book, The Word, goes into detail showing that Hebrew is the ultimate source of English. Joseph T. Shipley, author of The Dictionary of Word Origins, says of Mozeson's comprehensive study, This work is a

challenge to linguists... It calls for a reexamination of our etymologies. (End)

Just to add a thought for the word Elohim being derived from Hebrew. Enoch was the seventh born from Adam and Eve. Enoch, in his own written testimony, said he wrote books from his visions and gave them too Methuselah to share with his brothers. That was near four thousand seven hundred years ago. That being the same written and spoken language Noah spoke and took the books into the boat. For me, I am settled with this argument as Hebrew is the original written Semitic language. Long before the Hebrew nation became Israel, Enoch wrote and spoke the language that became Hebrew.

If you want something deep to consider, please consider Genesis 3:1. In this verse, the pre-historic man was such a good speaker he beguiled Eve. How did he develop the language of Adam and Eve? Maybe this gives insight to how high Lucifer reigned before his fall?

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Notice this verse does not show that Elohim (God) made this serpent, and it does not compare this serpent with reptiles; Elohim compared it to the beasts of the field. This language implies that Elohim did not make every beast. Do you think Elohim created a creature to beguile Eve? Let us get back to our subject for this study.

Now to answer the question I asked to begin this thought: do we know the word Moses wrote in the book of Genesis for GOD? Yes, Elohim was the title written by Moses in chapter one of Genesis. The first verse written with the name of GOD, YAHWEH was Genesis 2:4.

Next we will establish identifying God's name so we can help answer our Deity questions.

God in the Bible

To make it easier for those of you who are not familiar with the Hebrew name for God and Jesus. I will share with you how scribes and scholars have replaced the name YAHWEH with titles. We will use the Hebrew name given by Moses as YAHWEH for God. The name Jesus was first used near 1645 AD and used in the second printing of the King James Bible.

1. YAH is Hebrew for "I-AM"
2. YAHWEH is Hebrew for "I-AM, to be honored, the eternal" the name Moses received for the Father.
3. YAHSHUA is Hebrew for "I-AM, salvation" The name given by prophecy for the

Son.

4. LORD, Adonai and Jehovah replaced YAHWEH in the KJV Bible and many other Bibles.
5. Lord replaced Jesus and YAHWEH in many Bibles.
6. Elohim means Powers that be or Mighty one(s), sometimes used to represent the one true GOD.

Here is a clip from an article that gives the Scholar definition for the word Elohim. I am not saying I agree with the following document, but good to hear other arguments to help us prove the scriptures to ourselves.

<https://searchforbibletruths.blogspot.com>

Elohim does not mean a “plural oneness,” or a “plurality of persons,”.

Often using the Hebrew plural for a singular noun to denote “a plural” of majesty or excellence is well known by Biblical Hebrew language experts. Being known from at least the time of Gesenius (1786-1842), who is regarded as one of the best authorities for Biblical Hebrew.

“Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament” is long regarded as a standard work for students. It shows that Elohim is sometimes used in a numerically plural sense for angels, judges, and false gods. But it says, The plural of majesty [for Elohim], occurs over two thousand times. And that Elohim when used occurs in a numerically singular sense and is construed with a verb and adjective in the singular.

Gesenius - Kautzsch's Hebrew Grammar, 1949 ed., pp. 398, 399, says:

Elohim, a plural noun ... it suggests pointing out a superabundance of qualities in the Divine Being other than a plurality of persons.

Both Exodus 4:16 and 7:1 show God calling Moses "a god" (Elohim). This alone shows the error of a few that the plural Elohim must mean a "plural oneness" unless we want to believe Moses was a multiple-person Moses.

And The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology, Zondervan Publishing, 1986, tells us: "Elohim, though plural in form, is seldom used in the OT (i.e. gods). It can designate even a single heathen god with the plural Elohim (e.g. Judges. 11:24;

1 Kings. 11:5; 2 Kings. 1:2). In Israel they understand the plural as the plural of fullness; God is the God who in the fullest sense of the word, is God." p. 67, Vol. 2.
(End)

I find it interesting that through exhaustive research using a linguistic and a theology approach the name Elohim is defined. It amazes me that even the explanation given by the Messiah which is, man’s wisdom cannot find the wisdom of Elohim. Does not deter them from intellectualism. That the Holy Spirit alone teaches our inner Man. The plural meaning of Elohim could not be known until the Messiah taught it to the Apostle’s. Messiah states this Himself with Matthew 13:35 ... I will teach you the mysteries from the foundation of the world ... Furthermore I am amazed at such spiritual ignorance.

Paul's Teaching, for the Deity

We want to study Paul, John and the book of Hebrews for YAHSHUA beginning His works of old. What were the works, by the Father and Son from the beginning? I know this will be tedious, but I hope we can work slowly and with much study and consideration before we make our final decision.

Note: It is unlikely that Paul wrote Hebrews, it is unknown who did. But one of the top contenders for authorship of Hebrews is Apollos. So I will use Apollos as the phantom writer for the letter of Hebrews. (See appendix page 52)

We will read from Hebrews chapter one, for we want to begin with Apollos teaching who the Son is. After reading in Hebrews with little comment, we will go to the Old Testament scriptures, from which I believe Apollos referenced his work for the Hebrew letter.

Geneva 1599 Bible:

Hebrews 1:1 At sundry times and in divers manners God spake in the old time to our fathers by the Prophets, 1:2 In these last days he hath spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath made heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds,

Hebraic Bible:

Hebrews 1:8 But to the Son He said, "Your throne, Oh Elohim, is forever, a scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom;

Hebrews 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; because of this, Elohim, Your Elohim, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beside Your fellows.

Hebrews 1:10 And, from the beginning you have laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are works of Your hands.

We included several verses building up to our focal point of Hebrews 1:10 let's see what we can learn.

Apollos writes in Hebrews 1:1 & 2 the introduction for his book, that Elohim spoke by Prophets but now he speaks to us by his Son who made the worlds. Apollos is making sure there is no misunderstanding for whom the Son is and His relationship to the Father. Now in verse eight Apollos is going to tell us what we don't know, in verse eight he draws his distinction; "But to the Son, He said, your throne Oh Elohim." Apollos just told us his Christology, he said the only begotten Son/Spirit is the Almighty. Continuing on he illustrates the Son of Man is above all others, then in verse 1:10 we are taken back in time to the era called "from the beginning." When as the Sonship of Elohim he created as

Elohim; His creation for the earth and heavens of earth after The Father set its foundation.

Restoration Bible:

Apollos being a student of Paul began his doctrine the same as Paul in Romans 16:25. **Romans 16:25** Now to Him that is of power to prove you according to my gospel, and the preaching of YAHSHUA Messiah. According to the revelation of the mystery, kept as a secret since the world began,

Romans 16:26 But now made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets. According to the commandment of the everlasting Elohim, made known to every nation for the obedience of faith:

Romans 16:27 To Elohim the only wise, be glory through YAHSHUA Messiah for ever, Amen.

You are probably thinking the book of Romans wasn't published when Apollos took his thoughts from Romans 16:25. True, but Apollos travelled with Paul for months at a time on Paul's evangelizing journeys. Apollos was considered an Apostle by the Apostles and he was educated in Rome. This all means Apollos had considerable skills for the work of Hebrews.

Paul learned the doctrine he wrote in Romans 16:25 from the teaching we read in **Matthew 13:35** ... I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world ... Paul would have learned this truth from one of the eleven apostles or when he was on the back side of a desert for three years. I believe this truth Paul learned from an apostle at some point during his ministry as Paul taught word for word Matthew's witness.

Apollos brings to the Hebrew Christians his mystery teaching for the Deity not just by Paul's work, but by the prophets of old. His teaching included, Genesis 1:26, Isaiah 40 and Proverbs 8:1-35 among others. We will study these same scriptures. So what did he know from the Old Testament prophets that I don't? Let's go to the Old Testament in Proverbs where he received much of his understanding.

I would like to take a moment before we read and share a short thought about using five or six translations for the Bible in this study. In Proverbs 8:23 the word "everlasting" is used in the Hebraic Bible and others. Everlasting in English has multiple meanings. When you read six or eight translations of this verse some don't use everlasting, some will use the word "eternal". Some translations don't use either word. The Hebrew word olam is used in this verse and means long duration, ancient, or ages. The ESV Bible has the best translation of this verse.

If the word eternal is used it fits certain God head theologies but not every theology. So it is at best vague. Let's read Proverbs chapter eight now.

Hebraic Bible:

Proverbs 8:22 YAHWEH possessed me in the beginning of His way, from then, before His works.

Proverbs 8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from that which was before the earth.
 Proverbs 8:23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. (ESV Bible)

Proverbs 8:24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no springs heavy with water.

Proverbs 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth;

Proverbs 8:26 before He had made the earth and the fields, or the highest part of the dust of the world.

Proverbs 8:27 When He prepared the heavens, I was there; when He set a circle on the face of the deep,

Proverbs 8:28 when He formed the clouds above, when He made the strong fountains of the deep,

Proverbs 8:29 when He gave to the sea its limit, that the waters should not pass beyond His command; when He decreed the foundations of the earth,

Proverbs 8:30 then I was at His side, a master workman; and I was His delights day by day, rejoicing before Him at every time;

Proverbs 8:31 rejoicing in the world, His earth; and my delight was with the sons of men.

Proverbs 8:32 And now listen to me, O sons, for blessed are those who keep my ways.

Proverbs 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not refuse it.

Proverbs 8:34 Blessed is the man listening to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

Proverbs 8:35 For whoever finds me finds life, and he shall get the favor from YAHWEH.

Did you catch who the writer of these scriptures is? The hand of Solomon wrote it, but Solomon was not before the earth. So who was the speaker at the earth's beginning? In Proverbs 8:22 we read: YAHWEH possessed me in the beginning of His way. After we read verses 24–35, we know that; “me” was with YAHWEH before the Earth and that; “me” came forth from YAHWEH and was a delight before YAHWEH.

In verses 31–35, we have five prophecies given us, that when the day came for their fulfillment, they answer the mystery for the narrator's identity. Let us read them:

1. Proverbs 8:31 ...my delight was with the sons of men. Fulfilled by Luke 1:68, Blessed be YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, because He visited and worked salvation for His people. Luke 1:69 And He raised up a Horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David; Luke 1:70 even as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from the age before: (Hebraic Bible)

2. Proverbs 8:32 ...Hear instruction ... Fulfilled in Joh 14:15, If ye love me, keep my commandments.

3. Proverbs 8:33 & 34 ...Blessed is the man listening to me ... Fulfilled by Joh 14:21, He that has My commandments and keeps them, that one who loves Me; and the one that loves Me; shall My Father and I love him and will show myself to him.

Proverbs 8:35 ... For whoever finds me finds life... Fulfilled by Mar_8:35, For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

In verse 8:22, Me is the Son of God, the only begotten, the mystery narrator. Our mystery narrator Spoke in the first person through the pen of Solomon near 850 years before He walked on Earth in YAHSHUA. These verses are the foundation for the book of Hebrews, Apollos, Paul and John's revelation. In reading these scriptures we are at the beginning for understanding the Deity mystery. Let us consider the following scriptures as we move forward with reading from Hebrews: before the foundation of the world but now showed in these last days to us.

Apollos saw and wrote three things in the letter Hebrews from the prophets of old.

1. The Father possessed YAHSHUA, Proverbs 8:22

2. Proverbs 8:25 YAHSHUA came forth from the FATHER.

3. YAHSHUA was a creator as said by **Isaiah 40:21** Do you not know? Have you not heard? Were you not told this from the beginning? Have you not understood FROM the foundations of the earth? **Isaiah 40:25** To whom then shall ye liken me, or shall I be equal, saith the Holy One. (Acts 2:27 Holy One is Yahshua)

Isaiah 40:28 Know thou not? Hast thou not heard that the everlasting Elohim, YAHWEH, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fains not, neither is he weary? There is no searching for His understanding.

Hebrews 1:2 in these last days He (YAHWEH) has spoken to us by the Son, whom (YAHSHUA) He (YAHWEH) appointed heir for everyone; and by whom (YAHWEH) He (YAHSHUA) made the worlds;

Now Proverbs tells us; YAHSHUA came forth from His Father, YAHSHUA said this in two verses of Proverbs chapter eight. We want to read them again and let this sink in, what He testified of Himself and of His Father:

Proverbs 8:24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no springs heavy with water.

Proverbs 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth;

Just to emphasize the word "was" as used in these two scriptures; Definition: was, First-person singular simple past tense indicative of be.

As we read verses 24 & 25 we receive further understanding in explaining verse 23. He told us there was water but not plentiful. That the mountains were still being formed; this is the period YAHSHUA came forth. This era is when The Only Begotten Son which is Spirit, began as a wise creator for His Father YAHWEH. The Son of Elohim is creator, of which Apollos spoke of in Hebrews 1:1-2. I want to point out the Son said of itself, he was brought forth or begotten, not created by the Holy Spirit-Father.

Science and the scriptures are in agreement:

We know by science that the Earth became a molten ball of hot rock 4.5 billion years ago and this agrees with Proverbs 8:22. We know that our universe is near 13.4 billion years old; and our Solar System is 4.5 billion years old, the same age as Earth. So what YAHSHUA as Spirit said is that He was one with the Father YAHWEH. Before the earth was forming into a boiling mass of hot rock. Scientists call this era the foundation of the Earth. This is era “in the beginning” said by Proverbs. Water on earth arrived about 3.7 billion years ago, when the Holy Spirit-Son came forth from the Holy Spirit-Father and began creation upon the earth, “From the beginning.”

Moses wrote for the relationship of the Holy Spirit as Father and Son in Genesis as expressed in creation of Man. We will pick up this story to bring insight for the story in Proverbs.

The Father and the Son were and are the same Spirit, yet YAHSHUA testifies of His own identity in the Father. Our natural minds want to argue this thought and YAHWEH knew this. For me He gave us the scriptures in Genesis 1:26 to help our understanding for this relationship. He gave Moses the story for creating Adam and Eve. To me, this story shows the Father Son relationship as Elohim. As we move forward with scriptures through the end of this study, we will learn if this is true.

YAHSHUA said He was one with His Father in His father’s beginning. That is what the two phrases speak in Proverbs 8:22, “In the beginning of His way, from then”. I Realize many people have taught that the Son was only YAHWEH’s thought until the Word became flesh. But what did proverbs say, did the Son testify that He was in the Father? He confessed as a witness for everything He testifies in Proverbs. Was He a part of the Father? We can go back and forth the entire day arguing; I will ask what good is our own interpretation? No man can interpret the WORD, the WORD interprets itself. So let’s read more scripture and see what the WORD says for itself written in the scriptures.

Restoration Bible:

Genesis 1:26 And Elohim said, Let us make man in our image. After our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea ... So Elohim created man in His own image, in the image of Elohim created he him; male and female created he them. 1:28, And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:

When reading from Colossians 1:16, “For by Him was everything created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible...”

From this secret that Paul shared with us I have the opportunity for understanding Genesis chapter one:

Genesis 1:26 And Elohim said, Let us make Man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion... over the earth.

Genesis 1:27 So Elohim created Man in His own image, in the image of Elohim created He him; male and female created He them.

Genesis 1:28 And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it... (Elohim, the Almighty One(s))

As Paul said, Him created everything, it is obvious that Him is The Only Begotten from the Father. As we cannot use the name YAHSHUA in the Old Testament as the name for the Son was hidden. We must remember the Only Begotten is the Son at the foundation of the world in the Elohim. The name YAHSHUA wasn't given until the birth of the Son of Man. Therefore His name at the foundation was YAH or I-AM. The Elohim is the Holy Spirit, the Almighty One(s).

I will use the common definition for the word Elohim. The definition most used by the Hebrew scholars; this definition is Mighty One(s). So let's read Genesis with the definition for Elohim. I hope this will help us understand the full thought given us by Moses.

Genesis 1:6 And the Mighty One(s) said, Let there be a firmament amid the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Genesis 1:7 And the Mighty One(s) made the firmament and divided the waters under the firmament from the waters above the firmament: and it was so.

Genesis 1:8 And the Mighty One(s) called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the Earth, created in the day that YAHWEH the Mighty One(s) made the Earth and the heavens.

The meaning for the name YAHWEH is I-AM Eternal. We can read the last part of **Genesis 2:4** as: ... in the day that I-AM Eternal the Mighty One(s) made the Earth and the heavens. I find it difficult to train myself explaining the names and titles as I read scriptures. But if I can, it will bring a deeper understanding for me.

Now Moses wrote: in 1:26 that Elohim said, Let us make Man in our image. Man in a singular, in our image. What image? John 4:24 ... Elohim is a Spirit. Ok, staying with verse 26; it reads: Let us make Man. Let's step back a moment, consider this thought; Suppose we are speaking to our son and we said: today let us make a wall or let us prepare a big feast. What do you see in your mind's eye? I agree, in this verse the son will do a work with his father, because his Father authorized him. If you argue "us" is angels with God, then you have angels creating Man by authority of Elohim. This is not what Paul, Apollos or John taught. Now reading Paul:

Colossians 1:16 For by Him was everything created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth. Visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: He created everything, for Himself;

Now read YAHSHUA's words: John 5:19 So YAHSHUA said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

People can argue this as a New Testament doctrine not applied to the Old Testament. I will quote the next verse because we are working from chapter eight of Proverbs: Hebrews 13:8, YAHSHUA Messiah the same yesterday, and too day, and for ever.

Before we move on from Colossians 1:16, I find it interesting that Paul states YAHSHUA created everything in Earth and heaven not He created Earth and heaven, just as Proverbs said.

Because we are studying Genesis 1:26 from the viewpoint of Proverbs chapter eight and Colossians 1:16. I will not take the time to discuss the argument for “us” being the angels. This argument will clarify itself in our continuing study. In fact, Paul clarified this argument in Colossians that we just read as YAHSHUA created the angels. Isaiah removes all doubt as we will read next.

Isaiah 54:5 For YOUR MAKER IS YOUR HUSBAND, YAHWEH of hosts is his name; and the Holy One (YAHSHUA) of Israel is your Redeemer, the Elohim of the whole Earth he is called. YAHSHUA makes the claim He is the Almighty in Rev 1:8. (This verse of Isaiah fulfills **Genesis 1:26** as let “us” make Man; because in this verse the “us” explains the title Elohim.)

Returning to Genesis for our discussion; On the sixth day He created man as a (singular) spirit. As we read verses 26-27, we can see the relationship of Divinity with the Father and the Son in the creation of man, who is created in the image of the Holy Spirit.

He told us that man is “he,” masculine in nature and feminine in nature. They are plural and he is singular in the same verse. Therefore, we have a singular spirit with a plural identity. That's what Genesis verses 26 and 27 states how Man which is spirit is created. Now, going back to verse 26: let them have dominion. So this spirit, called Man, will have dominion over the earth as they. This reflects the relationship of the Father and Son in Proverbs 8:22-23. I think we can move on now that we have a thought for verse 26 & 27.

The Father and Son's image is Spirit and their likeness is eternal. But it does not read that Man is “in our likeness,” Moses wrote it; “after our likeness”. I believe this precise language shows Man not being created eternal; it distinguishes between Spirit Elohim and spirit Man. Notice it reads: created He them. Elohim said us and closes the thought with He. This shows Elohim's authority as Father and that He and His Son are one together, This allows the Son to fulfill His Fathers work. We will see this same spiritual relationship in its make up, play out in Adam and Eve as spirit.

I want to point out that the language for male and female describe a gender orientation. Interestingly, scriptures for which we will study later in this book, tell us that spirits are not gender or sexual orientated. They have no need for reproduction. I'll ask this question: Because He created the spirit called Man in the likeness of Elohim and Elohim is spirit, How can Man a spirit be male and female? I have taken a long road for explaining that Man a spirit described from the hand of Moses, would have been written as masculine and feminine. I find it difficult that Moses under the commandment from Elohim in writing the story of Genesis should suggested a gender. The Holy Spirit as Father and Son isn't speaking of gender, no. Father Son titles describes the character of the Holy Spirit for how it relates itself to its human creation. Creation is all about the Word's relationship to us and with us, through a spirit we call The Holy Spirit.

Continuing our thought for Adam and Eve, we want to discuss **Genesis verse 1:28**: Elohim (only begotten Son) blessed them and said to them, the single spirit named Man: replenish and subdue the Earth. There can be no argument for this verse that Man as HIM is THEM, and THEM received the commission from Elohim together.

The feminine principle in Man is a witness to the commandment given, just as the Son was a witness in the Spirit Father, Proverbs 8:22. I don't think we can believe the Father was speaking to Man's thought in Genesis verse 1:28. How can a thought subdue the Earth as said to do in Genesis 1:26? A second commandment given to "them" occurs later in verse 1:28, this commission is separate from verse 1:26. They can only carry out the commandment to replenish the earth when Adam and Eve are living souls. So let's continue on in our study for "in our image," for the Father and Son. No flesh created yet in 1:26-27. Then in Genesis chapter two, Adam in flesh and spirit is still them. Let's go to Genesis chapter two:

Genesis 2:7 And YAHWEH the Elohim formed Man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and MAN became a living soul. **Genesis 2:8** And YAHWEH the Elohim planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the MAN whom he had formed. (Six days of creation is six thousand years for planting Eden's garden.)

Elohim said he put Man in the Garden of Eden, not Adam. Why is such a direct point given to the name of the spirit Man? Why didn't he say Adam? There is a reason for everything. It was the Man who received both commissions and every commandment. Notice Man in Adam and Eve had not come out of Adam yet and received this commandment given in **Gen 2:16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. Now in verse 3:2-3 Eve is quoting the commandment that she can't eat of the tree in the midst of the garden. Eve received the command when she was part of Man the spirit. Just the same as the Son of God was a witness to the works of the Father before He was begotten, Proverbs 8:22-27.

Continuing in Genesis chapter two, the relationship for "them" as man continues until the feminine comes forth from Man to become Wo-Man.

Genesis 2:18 And YAHWEH through the Son the Almighty, said it is not good that the Man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.

Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground YAHWEH through the Only Begotten Son formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he called them: and Adam called every living creature, that was the name for it.

Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to every cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helpmate for him.

Genesis 2:21 And YAHWEH through the only begotten Son caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept. And he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh;

Genesis 2:22 And the rib which YAHWEH through the Only Begotten Son had taken from Man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the Man.

Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, she is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called WoMan, because she was taken out of Man.

Genesis 2:18 is a promise to the living soul Adam, but a promise not fulfilled as yet.

Genesis 2:19 This living soul Man, them, is given a name, Adam. Adam who's spirit is them fulfills the beginning of the commission, verse 1:26... to subdue the Earth. Next Genesis 2:20 Adam the living soul is awaiting the promise of a help mate. Why does Adam need a help mate? Because his commission of 1:28 said to replenish the earth with the seed of his own kind. As we read the first chapter of Genesis, every creature will be after its own seed. It will take generations of descendants replenishing to subdue the whole earth.

How can Adam who is them fulfill this commission if his flesh and spirit is singular? In Genesis chapter one everything is being recorded as "seed reproducing its kind". The original seed in the Father, the Son being the Spoken WORD is the image. The Spirit-Son whom we now know as YAHSHUA. YAHWEH the Almighty brought forth His seed after His kind, the Son of God, a spirit begotten out of the Holy Spirit. Man is a created spirit after the image of his Father. I'm not saying this on my own, Proverbs said it and we read it in Genesis 1:26.

Now, hold the thought we just said as we read Genesis chapter five:

Genesis 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called THEIR name Adam, in the day when they were created. 5:3 And Adam begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth. In this account for the generations of Adam, the only begotten Son has Moses go back and record Genesis 1:26 and 2:21. Why did He do that? Because verse 5:2 reminds us Adam and Eve are one image together. The descendants from Adam and Eve are SPIRIT and FLESH from Man and WoMan, Adam and Eve. Adam with Eve together produces one image. They began as one image and to produce one image they must be together in creating life. Just as the Father and the Son work as one, or they're not further creating. The Holy Spirit Father and Son are in fact one spirit just the same as Adam and Eve, the Word as Father and the Word as Son. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was Elohim, the Almighty One(s).

So, for Adam to reproduce the Sons of YAHWEH and Adam is THEM, male and female is him, you must have both Adam and Eve in spirit and flesh each a living soul unto themselves. Man from Genesis 1:26-27 and 5:2 is Genesis 2:24 so shall a Man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife. (sexual/spiritual reproduction) And THEY shall be one flesh. Genesis 2:24 becomes Genesis 5:2 for every child conceived. We verify this in Genesis 5:3... in his own likeness, after his image... Seth's image isn't pure it has evil from Mom and Dad. I understand the natural reproduction for creating the body as Seth was in the likeness of "them," Adam. But the law governing the creation of the image which is Man dwelling in Seth by Adam and Eve, is a mystery

to me, yet true it is. Genesis 5:2-3 tells me of a spiritual law that reproduced the image of Seth. We have in Genesis 5:2 Adam and Eve as “us”; The pattern for “us” the Elohim creating the image of Man.

Satan sabotaged the plan for purity spiritual reproduction in the Garden of Eden. The very commission given to Adam and Eve. Then there is a second perverted task or attack as we read in Genesis chapter six by Satan during Lamech’s generation. We see the women of men enter the towns where the Sons of Elohim lived. As Satan struck again, we see Lamech and the men of his generation beguiled. His transgression was for pleasure. No doubt Satan said something too Lamech in this fashion: how can you be a son of Elohim showing no love to these women as they flee the evil in the city of Enoch? How could the love of Elohim turn his back on them and let them perish as they seek your help to escape evil? They are very religious they worship the same God you do. Take them in and marry them so you can save God’s creation. Making the argument more difficult, Satan made the daughters of men more delightful to look upon than the daughters of Elohim. I’ll say, Satan knows everything for genetic breeding. Consider the Sons of Elohim Lamech’s generation who spiritually crossbred with the daughters of men; ...sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair ...

I believe that the law of good and evil in Adam and Eve was the same law in the fallen angel Lucifer. Satan plays the two laws of good and evil in us one against another, to confuse our reasoning. The law of evil was founded in Satan as he reasoned with himself against the Word of Elohim. We know this to be true as YAHSHUA said Satan was the father of lies and of murder. So he knew what it would take to beguile the Sons of God and he brings these same arguments to us. **Genesis 3:6** ... saw that the tree was good for food (pleasure), and that it was a delight to the eyes (lustful), and that the tree was too be desired to make one wise (conceit), she took of its fruit and ate. This is the fate of Noah’s dad Lamech and his generation. Read Genesis 6 for what their progeny became by this spiritual/natural adultery. The image of man has been changed for the second time.

Notice in the next verse that we will read how the law of good and evil lives in the soul. The original image the Man knew the law of good as it was righteous, but the reasoning to choose self above the Word placed a second law in Man, the law of evil. We can deduce the law of evil as choosing self, this act replaces the Word of Elohim.

Genesis 3:22 And YAHWEH Elohim said, Behold, the Man has become as one of us. Knowing good and evil: now, lest he put forth his hand, and take likewise of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever. (Notice He said the Man, not Adam. Satan is a spirit, and he brought death to the spirit called Man.)

In 3:22 we need to consider the phrase; as one of us. Is this speaking to the angelic host and referring to Satan as the one of us? Can we read this verse: one among us? Satan is part of the angelic host but now in a fallen state, the state of death now dwells in him. Stopping here on that thought we will move on in our study.

Cain is not in Adam and Eve’s descendants, for he is not a son of YAHWEH. He was not born from Adam and Eve; it was Eve and another. So, verse 5:2 is not in the 4th

chapter.

Not wanting to begin another message but to clarify one thought. Adam's descendants were born in the image of YAHWEH but they lacked eternal life. Sin now separates them from reaching it because they inherited the law of evil while in the Garden of Eden. To know evil, to know sin. They now understand the law of Satan and the law of Elohim. Abel was in the image of Adam Genesis 5:2, Abel understood how to choose good not evil. Able being tested and tried from reasoning between the two laws within himself, he chose righteousness.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto Elohim a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. By which he received a witness that he was righteous, YAHWEH testifying of his gifts: and by his works of faith he as dead yet speaks.

Cain's image was only after Eve's image because his father was not a living soul. His father was from pre-historic mankind, he was a homo-sapiens animal. This beast did not have an inner Man. Adam and Eve were homo-sapiens, but they were human as they had an inner Man. Cain's soul the Man, did not own the masculine attribute only the feminine attribute of the spirit, he was not a complete image. This made him weak in choosing evil over righteousness. Satan had made his first human Man through his deceptive and genetic works.

The Man Cain became after Satan's image when Cain made his final choice. Satan deceived Cain in choosing evil. Cain was in torment in deciding his fate because of the law and influence of Satan. This torment of decision created anger as he made the wrong choice; you can read that in Genesis. Even so Cain received an offer of acceptance by obedience. **Genesis 4:7** If thou doest well, I shall accept you. And if thou doest not well, sin (death) lies at the door. Cain was wroth with Elohim as he expected Elohim to meet him on his terms. Cain refused the WORD as he said in his heart, my way of worship is just as good as Able's; I will not change.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of Elohim came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

How were these sons of YAH presenting themselves? They presented their offering to the altar of Elohim, same as Abel.

Job 1:5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting had run their course. That Job sent and sanctified them, and rose early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings ...

Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comes thou? Then Satan answered YAHWEH, and said, From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Now we come to Sons of Elohim in **Genesis 6:2**: That the sons of God saw the daughters of men they were fair; and they took them wives of every women which THEY CHOSE. (It is a repeat of Genesis chapter three, Lamech allowed himself to become beguiled.)

The Sons of God only can commit sins of the flesh, as Adam chose disobedience and died for his wife, this allowed him and Eve to stay as one. But we see Abel who did

not sin, choosing righteous. Lamech in Genesis chapter six sinned for pleasure by reasoning; It was a lie within a good thought. The basic reasoning to help those in need but extended into polygamy; This brought the flood.

You may ask; So what was different between Cain's sin and Adam's transgression? Cain was in transgression as Adam was, but Adam had a heart to repent, then to live seeking righteousness. Cain refused to repent, he felt his way of worship was just as good as the way of Abel. This being his final decision caused him to lift himself to be equal with Elohim. This is when he sealed his fate to become his father's son. So he did the works of his father. Cain denied the WORD placing himself equal to Elohim.

Getting back to our study; so the full redemption price paid for us must take us back to Genesis 2:23 before Genesis 3:3 when the inner Man was pure. Our focus is: every seed will produce its kind.

We see how verse 5:3 just drops right into Genesis 1:27? Seth's likeness as spirit is the image reproduced by "us," Adam and Eve. Eve was begotten from Man as the Son of Elohim was begotten.

Now we conclude our argument for Proverbs 8:22-24 with Genesis 2:23; the only begotten Son was more than a thought as Eve was more than a thought. If you argue that Eve and the Son of Elohim were no more than a thought proceeding from the spirit, then they both were created to fulfill that thought. A thought cannot be a witness. So, Proverbs 8:22-35 in this theology is a lie or at best some strange metaphor. Either a lie or metaphor causes the apostle's teachings for YAHSHUA creating everything to be false.

You cannot have scripture stating WoMan came forth or was begotten from Man the spirit and then Eve was brought out of, or begotten from Adam's flesh. Then ignore that this antitype is not for let "us" create man in our likeness (spirit). As Proverbs states, I Son of Elohim was possessed in Elohim the Holy Spirit and was brought forth (as Spirit). Then He said I was begotten (birthed) by the Holy Spirit Father. The only begotten Son is Spirit not flesh.

The Word was made flesh, it wasn't begotten. **Joh 1:14** 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. **Joh 1:18** No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*. The Son of Elohim is Spirit, the begotten by birth dwells in the Word made flesh. The glory of the Father dwelt in the Son of Man flesh. Yahshua said ... if you have seen me you have seen the Father. So why ask me, show us the Father? Holy Spirit Father and Holy Spirit Son is the same spirit as scripture states. Our minds won't accept that the Holy Spirit separates itself to fulfill two roles as Elohim bringing fellowship to us. So we create theology of Holy Trinity and Oneness to comfort our natural minds for what we cannot comprehend as mere human. Humans would rather create a theology than to accept the Word.

Eve could not be WoMan if she did not come forth from Man. Likewise, the Son could not be equal with the Father if He was not a part of Him, Philippians 2:6:

Philippians 2:6 Who, being in the form of Elohim (Spirit), thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim: (Paul isn't speaking of flesh the Son of Man, rather Spirit the Son of Elohim.)

Peter spoke of Eve's inner Man: 1Pe 3:4 But allow the hidden Man of the heart; as the heart is not corruptible... If you read 1Peter 3:1-4 you'll notice the true image of the WoMan is her inner Man. This is a glorious truth from Peter a very deep understanding:

1Peter 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they may without the word convert by conversation of the wives;

1Peter 3:4 But allowing the hidden MAN of the heart being not corruptible; even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. This ornament in the sight of God, is an exceptional virtue.

Oh, how the bondage of religion can make a doctrine of this robbing the deeper meaning. Peter just said Eve was a Son of Elohim. This is not surprising as Adam named Eves spirit WoMan or we can transliterate this as Eve's spirit is Feminine-Man. Staying with Genesis; notice this, Eve has the same spiritual name as Adam from Genesis 1:27, Man.

When Eve came forth from Adam, they still have the same spiritual name; WoMan and Man. Just as the name YAH is the same name with the Father and Son YAHWEH and YAHSHUA, same spiritual name. Notice it was the flesh that received the name Adam not their spirit, Genesis 5:2. So in verse 5:3 his image was not just Adam; it was Adam and Eve from verse 5:2; Man and WoMan.

For me, the argument for the Son of Elohim being possessed by YAHWEH means the Son was a part of the Father, for me the answer is yes. The Son was more than a thought; HE WAS I-AM of the I-AM. You can have a God without the Son proceeding from YAHWEH, but you cannot have The Elohim, the Mighty One(s)

We went farther into that story than I expected, but I sure enjoyed it. Let's continue our study for the Deity.

We have learned a great extent from Paul's teaching that YAHSHUA created everything from the foundation of the world. The revelation for Elohim came from the prophets as said in Hebrews 1:1 and so again in Romans 16:25. We know by scripture that we need two or three witnesses to prove a truth. We have two scriptures that YAHSHUA created everything, in the Colossians letter and the Hebrew letter. John also provides a third witness for this truth, as we will read later in John 1:3.

Colossians 1:16 For BY Him everything was created, that are IN heaven, and that are IN earth. Visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: He created everything, for Himself:

Colossians 1:17 And He is before everything, and by Him everything consists. (Earth and its heaven, not the universe neither the solar system.)

In the beginning and from the beginning

Because the Holy One showed Himself to the Apostles, they now had the key that opened the door to the mystery from the foundation. To understand the mystery of who He is allows a person to distinguish the phrases "from the beginning" and "in the beginning". The phrase "in the beginning" refers to the Holy Spirit/Elohim before Its works of creation. Somewhere in time near the early creation of our solar system, before earth's foundation or its beginning, defines the era "in the beginning" which begins the Father-Son relationship. "From the Beginning" is the era when earth began to be formed. (We will discuss this further on [page 29](#))

So Paul takes us back to a time called "from the beginning" as does Apollos in Hebrews using Proverbs 8:23. For the importance, of this mystery, let's read from Paul:

Ephesians 3:9 and to make all men see what the fellowship of the mystery is [and to give light to all men, that they might know what is the fellowship of the mystery], which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in Elohim which made all things through YAHSHUA Messiah. (Tyndale Bible) Yes I know, many Bible translations don't recognize Paul's extended thought for how the mystery of the gospel moved to the gentiles, then adding the purpose for this transition in a single verse. Paul said this gospel is to bring understanding for the mystery of fellowship between the Father, Son and the born again soul. Verse 3:9 begins with the word "and," Paul changing from his first subject to the next subject. Go back to Proverbs as Paul did, Paul is teaching, ... from the beginning ... hid in Elohim ... What was hid in Elohim ... The Only Begotten Son was hid.

The Son of Eloim did not begin His creating work until Proverbs 8:24, as this verse states: before the springs were heavy with water, I came forth. So "in the beginning" the Son was hid in YAHWEH, then "from the beginning" Elohim created all things through YAHSHUA Messiah. Now, our next verse is Colossians 2:2 and Paul is teaching the same doctrine from the Ephesians to the Colossians, Lets read it:

Colossians 2:2 That every saint's heart will be comforted. Being knit together in love, and unto the richness of the full assurance of understanding, to the admission of the MYSTERY OF Elohim, and of the Father, and of Messiah;

Paul is teaching one mystery for the understanding of Elohim, Father and Messiah. Unless you know the apostles mystery the same as they, you cannot understand what Paul said in Ephesians 3:9 and Colossians 2:2. Likewise, in this verse, we see how people

in Paul's generation struggled with themselves personally and socially. Paul wrote this to ASSURE them that his teaching for this relationship of the three titles. Why did they need such assurance? What was the social difficulty in this profession? Because the Old Testament only recognized one Spirit not one Spirit in two pieces. This understanding was alien to everything they grew up believing. Now in 2022 nothing has changed. What did you grow up believing?

We have the full assurance by Paul that YAHSHUA created everything in the heavens and in the Earth. Also the Son was in the bosom of the Father, in the beginning. So we can now read Genesis 1:27 from its mystery to its plain understanding as we have liberty from the Apostolic faith. I will add this statement: The truth of the Godhead does not come from the early fathers theology, 100-400AD. With that said 99.99% of all Christians believe one of the god-head theologies developed during this time period.

Genesis 1:27 So Elohim created Man in His own image, in the image of YAHWEH created He him; masculine and feminine created YAHSHUA them.

Notice now that in verse 1:27 it reads "His own image" and earlier in this study we learned His image is spirit. So Let's see what Paul said of, His image:

Colossians 1:15 Who IS the image of the invisible YAHWEH, the firstborn of every creature: (image is spirit) Yahshua: *I-AM* salvation.

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new Man, renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him.

The image is the firstborn, the first life from the Father before anything else there was the Son of Elohim the Only Begotten Son.

Paul brings to light Isaiah with Ephesians 3:9 as Isaiah agrees with the mystery relationship:

Isaiah 54:5 For YOUR MAKER IS YOUR HUSBAND, YAHWEH of hosts is His name; and the Holy One of Israel (YAHSHUA) is thine Redeemer, the Elohim of the whole earth He is called. (YAHWEH and YAHSHUA, HE is singular and is the Elohim of the earth. Isaiah is back to Proverbs and Proverbs sets on Genesis 1:26; this is Paul's foundation.)

Paul with Isaiah said Elohim the Father and the Son created us and then renewed us. Colossians 3:10 puts us right back into the lineage of Adam and Eve, as if we are the firstborn before sin. Paul said renewed in knowledge; This knowledge is the law of good; before, the law of evil entered Man. Notice again that our Man, the image in the likeness of Elohim in us, now called the new Man, Colossians 3:10. Hence YAHSHUA's teaching for: you must be born again. Our image must be renewed to the original state in Adam, free from death.

At this point we want to weave back into this discussion, the scriptures from Hebrews that we started with earlier; Let's read Hebrews 1:8 once again, as we want to see a very deep thought the Father spoke to His only begotten Son.

Hebrews 1:8 But to the Son (YAHSHUA) He (YAHWEH) said, Your throne, Oh Elohim, is forever, a scepter of uprightness ...1:9 ... Therefore Elohim, even thy Elohim, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (Isaiah 54:5 stated this very thought)

What did Apollos just say? He said what YAHSHUA said in the letter of Revelation. Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith YAHSHUA. Who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Apollos lays out the true Deity in Hebrews 1:8 Elohim (YAHWEH) said to His Only Begotten Son you are Elohim. Next in verse 1:9 Elohim (YAHWEH) has anointed His Son, the Son of Man the Devin flesh of YAHSHUA. Apollos's thought is from Isaiah 54:5 and Isaiah spoke in agreement with Psalms 45:5-6:

Psalms 45:6-7 Thy throne, Oh Elohim, is for ever, and for ever, A scepter of uprightness Is the scepter of Thy kingdom. Thou has loved righteousness and hates wickedness, The Elohim, thy Elohim, hath anointed thee, Oil of joy above thy companions. (YAHWEH the Father just spoke to us plain as day by two prophets that Elohim is both Father and Son; Mighty One(s))

Just an illustration that might help us think of the one Spirit that is Father and Son. The Red Sea is one sea, one essence of water. When Moses parted the Red Sea, was it still the Red Sea in one essence? Or was it two Seas with the same essence? The Sea on the right hand and the Sea on the left hand were one sea. While he parted the Red Sea into two, it was still the Red Sea. I believe as we are talking of a Spirit; that the Fathers Spirit brought out of itself a part of itself. The Son did not separate as if He were another spirit in the spirit. He came forth as a part of the original. But we are speaking of Spirit, something we know nothing about.

John Teaches the fullness of the Deity

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim (I-AM), and the Word was Elohim (I-AM).

Before we get started, we will review the Hebrew words that Moses wrote for Exodus 3:14, in-particular I-AM THAT I-AM. In Hebrew these words are Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh. Here is information I found that provides one explanation for this Hebrew text:

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

I am that I am is a common English translation of the Hebrew phrase אֲנִי־אֲנִי־אֲנִי, 'ehyeh 'āšer 'ehyeh ([ʔɛhˈjɛh ʔaˈʃɛr ʔɛhˈjɛh])—along with “I am who I am”, “I am what

I am” or “I will be what I will be” or even “I create what(ever) I create”.

[1] The traditional English translation within Judaism favors “I will be what I will be” because Hebrew has no present tense of the verb “to be” in the Hebrew language. So, for example, to say, “I am a book” in Hebrew we have, Ani Sefer (in English is “I book”). This translation of a phrase from the Hebrew Bible is often guided by the theology or ideology of the people translating or their sponsors.

In reading the scriptures of the burning bush Exodus 3:14: Moses asks what he is to say to the Israelites for who God is. Yahweh replies, “I am who I am,” adding, “say this to the people of Israel. I am has sent me to you.” Ehyeh is the first person form of hayah, “To be,” and owing to the peculiarities of Hebrew grammar means “I am,” “I was,” and “I will be”. The meaning of the longer phrase 'ehyeh 'ăšer 'ehyeh is debated, and might be seen as a promise. “I will be with you” or as a statement of incomparability (“I am without equal”).

The passage raises several issues beyond its linguistic and theological meaning. Most commentators think Moses did not know the name of the Almighty. Or just what the statement means. We can approach the last in three ways:

“I am who I am”—an evasion of Moses’s question; I am he who is — a statement of Israel’s God; “I Am’ is who I am,” or “I am because I am”—this version has not played a major part in scholarly discussion of the phrase. But they have incorporated the first variant into the New English Bible. End

For our study, we will stay with those who translate this phrase as I-AM THAT I-AM. I think this phrase is easier to follow at least for me, with what Apostle John teaches in John 1:1. With this said, let’s go back to the scripture that gives the name and the commandment using the Elohim’s name:

This is interesting in that we see an introduction as Moses wrote I-AM THAT I-AM. Moses now understood the self-existing; He did not learn this from flesh and blood. The title I-AM carries the thought, always present. So Moses now understands there is a self existing one and that it is always present with humankind.

When we read John 1:1, we read a similar introduction, a statement of truth expressing who the Deity is: in the beginning was the WORD. John’s teaching will agree with Moses. To me, John said: this WORD was in the beginning alone. The entire verse comprises three truths that have a relationship one to another through time. I am persuaded that John gleaned his truth in John1:1 from I-AM THAT I-AM and Proverbs 8:19-35. From what John is teaching it shows John realizes that Moses introduction to Elohim is more than an introduction in Exodus 3:14-15. Moses learned the meaning for the self existing, then twelve hundred years later, John understands the title Elohim, in the complete composition. What I think John understood is; only the Word is I-AM, THAT I-AM, is the eternal existing self. I AM is YAHWEH; and I-AM is YAHSHUA this makes I-AM the Elohim who is always present with humankind. Moses never saw the I-AM as YAHSHUA. This concealment of the Savior is the mysterious relationship until Matthew 13:35.

Mat 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the

foundation of the world.

Let's return to the three truths from John as he connects each truth with the conjunction word "and". I will compare how John used the conjunction word and how it is used in Genesis chapter one. In Genesis you read each verse as time begins and transitions from one creation period to another. We have what began in verse one continuing without pausing into each new event as it awaits its proper place in time.

We recognize from John's teaching that the WORD is Deity and the WORD is a substance, a being. Not words written on a page in a book or vocal airwaves spoken with a mouth. This WORD as taught by John is the Deity with YAH and literally is YAH. YAH carries the titles Elohim, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (YAH in Hebrew is I-AM in English)

Moses wrote extensively by inspiration by the Elohim, this inspiration commanded us to never worship other elohim's (gods):

Deuteronomy 8:19 And it shall be, if thou forget YAHWEH thy EL (God), and walk after other elohim's (gods), serving them, and worshiping them. I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Deuteronomy 10:17 For YAHWEH your Elohim is Elohim of elohim's, and Lord of lords, a great El, a mighty, and a terrible El (God). Which regards not persons, nor taking reward:

Deuteronomy 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart does not become deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other elohim's, and worship them; (Restoration Bible)

I would like to digress a bit and speak about the title Elohim. I've wondered recently if the title Elohim, the very understanding of this title, came from Enoch's books. The core knowledge for the title Elohim had to be given by the Holy Spirit to man at some point in time. With that said, Adam and Eve understood the Elohim. I believe Enoch had the perfect understanding of Elohim as a direct descendant of Adam. Furthermore Adam lived another three hundred years after Enoch was born. These are reasons I believe Enoch knew and wrote knowing the Elohim title. For Enoch's thirteen books to transfer to Methuselah and his brothers down through time until 320 BCE; the writings of Enoch had to survive the flood with Noah. The oldest fragments we have found of Enoch's writings are from nine of his thirteen books. We must recognize there has always been an overseer for these books since the hand of Enoch 5,000 years ago.

What do we know about the books of Enoch?

If we believe that the oldest books we have of Enoch dating from 320 BC are a translation of the original books five thousand years ago, I must ask who was the caretaker for 2,600 years? And if we believe as I do that Elohim's chosen people were the Hebrews; Then, the books of Enoch we could assume, have come through the care of Shem's lineage. Abraham was the father of the Hebrews, but he was Chaldean

(Genesis 11:31) from where we know is Mesopotamia. He is the father of both the Israelis and Arabs, but the promise was too Isaac. So if Shem's lineage preserved the books of Enoch, through the lineage of Abraham from Semitic tribes in Mesopotamia. It then is easy to understand the common religious arguments between the Arabs and the Hebrews.

I ask myself: Did Abraham ever read the books of Enoch? Leaving the land of the Chaldeans looking for a new city? Did he take Enoch's books with him? Or did they stay in the land of Chaldees, the city of Ur? Were the books of Enoch copied and shared around the Mesopotamia lands? What do we know of the book fragments of Enoch? The next paragraph is an excerpt from an article.

The Origin of Enoch's writing from 320 BC:

It is wholly in existence, only in the Ge'ez language. With Aramaic fragments from the Dead Sea Scrolls and a few Greek and Latin fragments. For several reasons, the Ethiopians believe the original language for the books was Ge'ez. Because modern scholars argue that it was first written in either Aramaic or Hebrew; Ephraim Isaiah suggests that the Book of Enoch and the Book of Daniel, were composed partially in Aramaic and partially in Hebrew. We know no Hebrew version to have survived. We assert it in the book itself that its author was Enoch, before the Biblical Flood.

The most complete Book of Enoch comes from Ethiopic manuscripts, Maṣḥafa Hēnok, written in Ge'ez; brought to Europe by James Bruce in the late eighteenth century and translated into English in the following century.

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I digressed for an entire page, sorry about that, but now let's continue on with John's teaching: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was Elohim. Our next step in understanding John's teaching is to start with the same question Paul and Apollos have answered;

When is the beginning, as John states it?

In answering this question, we will start with John 1:1 and John 1:2:

John 1:1 In the beginning was THE WORD, and THE WORD was with Elohim, and the WORD was Elohim.

John 1:2 THE SAME (WORD) was in the beginning **with** Elohim.

Geneva Bible 1599 AD: John 1:1 In the beginning was that Word, and that Word was with God, and that Word was God. John 1:2 This same was in the beginning with God.

Definition for was: first person singular past indicative of be. Definition for the word be: to exist or live: (Try using the words exist or live in place of was)

Despite how we want to hold to our traditional thinking, John did not say in John 1:1 & 2 that Elohim was in the beginning with the Word. In John 1:2 he made this very

point, because he tells us that the Word existed for lived (was) in the beginning with Elohim.

John did not say Elohim was in the beginning with the Word. The Word came first in both verses 1:1 & 1:2.

We have read Proverbs many times in this study, but we must go there again. This time with two added thoughts from John. To see if they fit with Proverbs, as does a hand in a glove. We will start with John:

1Jn 1:1 THAT which was FROM THE BEGINNING, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes. Which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of THE WORD of life;

1Jn 1:2 (For the LIFE was MANIFEST, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you THAT ETERNAL LIFE. Which WAS WITH THE FATHER and WAS manifested unto us;)

John 1:1 In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD WAS WITH Elohim and the WORD WAS ELOHIM.

John 1:2 The same (WORD) was “in the beginning” with ELOHIM.

John 1:14 And the WORD WAS MADE flesh (YAHSHUA).

John 1:3 All things made by Him; and without him was not everything made that was made. (YAHSHUA)

John 1:10 He was in the world, and He made the world, and the world knew Him not. (YAHSHUA)

When we read what John said, it sounds to me he said the WORD is ETERNAL LIFE, and the eternal life was Manifest. YAH is I-AM the ever present Spirit, the WORD as the Spirit which made all things on earth and in earth's heaven. This Word which is in the beginning, now at the end became flesh.

So, is there anything said by John in describing the Elohim and Yahshua, that isn't the WORD?

Just for an exercise, I will replace the titles for YAHWEH and YAHSHUA with their meanings from Proverbs chapter eight. We can compare these verses with the gospel of John of which we previously read.

Proverbs 8:22 YAHWAH The I-AM Eternal, possessed Yahshua the I-AM Salvation in the beginning of I-AM Eternal's way, from then, before (I-AM Eternal's) works.

8:23 Yahshua (I-AM Salvation) was established forever (for the ages), FROM the beginning, for the earth.

Proverbs 8:26-27 While as yet Yahweh (I-AM Eternal) HAD NOT made the earth and the fields: When (I-AM Eternal) PREPARED the heavens, (I-AM Salvation) was there:

(Once again for an exercise: change the word was with its definition be, “be” means live or exist, so use live or exist in place of “was.”)

These scriptures fit together as a hand sliding into a glove. John proved as did Paul and Apollos-Hebrews, their arguments for the Deity mystery. This is; who Elohim-

God is. The scriptures proved themselves through the apostles and a personal testimony from the Only Begotten Son of YAHWEH as He said in Proverbs.

The four scriptures from John build a thought; they explain each other. What I learned from John is The WORD of Life is the original seed. The original seed was in the Holy Spirit and it was the Holy Spirit “in the beginning, lived the Word”. Our next verse of scripture by Luke teaches the same thought as John, but expressed with one sentence. Luke confirms what John taught and explained, as they both established Proverbs 8:22. Luke tells us the Word itself is the seed (substance). John as we just read said the WORD be and the WORD be with and be the Elohim.

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the WORD of Elohim

John’s teaching for “in the beginning” was not the same beginning as Matthew 13:35, “from the beginning” of the foundation of the earth. YAHWEH began His works of old from the beginning. However, “In the beginning” was the era before His work of old. The work preparing for creating earth with the heaven of heavens and all their hosts, Proverbs 8:27. A time shortly before the earth was formed; what science states as the foundation, when the earth became a molten ball of rock. Our solar system’s beginning was in the beginning when the Only Begotten Son was in the Father. From the beginning is when the Son of Elohim’s works began after He came forth from the Father. When the hills were not settled and springs were not heavy with water.

Paul in Colossians 1:16; For by Him everything was created, that are IN heaven, and that are IN earth, visible and invisible. We have in the beginning for the Father’s works and from the beginning for the Son’s works as different eras of time.

Hebrews teaches the creation work by the Son of Elohim as “in the beginning”. **Heb 1:10** And, Thou, Lord, “ In the beginning” hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *His* Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds. (YAHWEH appointed His Son heir and by His Son, YAHWEH made the worlds.)

Don’t let the wording throw you off track in Hebrews 1:10 remember Apollos explained the relationship in verse 1:2 of Hebrews and in verse 1:8 he brought together the oneness of Elohim. So in verse 1:10 the Son of Elohim while in the bosom of the Father was with the Father when the foundation was laid for earth. Then Apollos said, “and” indicating a period of time past, then the heavens are the works of thine hands. This is when the Only Begotten Son precede from the Father and created all things in heaven.

This stays true with Paul’s teachings including Colossians 1:16 ... all things created in heaven and earth ... YAHWAH set the orbit of the earth and shaped it, prepared it.

As Apollos was a student and an Apostle under Paul's teaching I believe their doctrine is in agreement. In the beginning for the creation work by the Son of Elohim was the time of mountains being unsettled and the springs were not heavy with water as said in Proverbs. Water on earth is said to be about 800 million years after earth began as a molten ball of rock 4.5 billion years ago, water appeared on earth near 3.7 billion years ago. So the Sonship was in the Father for 800 million years of earths beginning as the Father prepared the earth for his Son's inheritance. He inherited His Father creation for continuing as creator of earth and heaven.

I now realize John was not referencing the beginning of the Universe. John wrote, "In the beginning" a reference to Proverbs 8:22.

Ok, we want to continue with John 1:1: in the beginning was the Word. We now understand John is speaking before the foundation of the earth. Let's look at what John said. The beginning we know is a point in time. For time to exist the universe must be existent. We know by science the beginning for the universe is near fourteen billion years ago. Was the WORD alone when time began with the beginning of the universe? So far in this study the beginning of the universe is not mentioned in the scriptures. In continuing our search for this answer, we will first read Genesis 1:1 to define its place in time.

Genesis 1:1 in the beginning, Elohim created heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit Elohim moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:3 And Elohim said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:4 And Elohim realized that it was good: and Elohim divided the light the darkness.

Genesis 1:5 And Elohim called the light day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

We have read the beginning earth and after earth's creation until time brought the first creation day of the six from verses 1:2-5. The first day began after Genesis 1:1. I will digress from Genesis 1:1 to discuss the first day in verse 1:2. Between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 the word "and" shows time elapsed. This is important as time from the beginning has transpired bringing the story to begin the first day. So, let's take a look at verse 1:2.

A great number of things happened before the fifth verse. It could be the earth was without form and void as it was thawing out from the last ice age. This ice age ended near eleven thousand five hundred years ago. We have in another study for which we calculated time by the scriptures and discovered the first day in Genesis chapter one to be near 11,570 years ago. Interestingly, science tells us the last ice age was coming to its end at this time. Below is two articles I hope you enjoy as I have. The first article concerns the transliteration of Hebrew in Genesis 1:2. The Second teaches the time of the last Ice age.

https://www.plaintruth.com/the_plain_truth/the-earth-became-formless-and-void.html

It is interesting that Jeremiah 4:23-26 uses the phrase “tohu vav bohu,” as does Genesis 1:2: “I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form (tohu), and void (bohu); and the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and every hill moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and they fled every bird of the heavens. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and every city fell at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger.” You notice that this verse describes the Earth the same as Genesis 1:2. It describes The Earth as “formless and void,” (or “in disarray and empty,”) Interesting, is that it refers to cities, and what’s more these cities had received a judgment from The Lord. “Every city collapsed [in disarray] at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger.” And the earth was without form and void; Vav... Erets..... hayah.. tohu.... bohu; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

The word for “was” — hayah — is the same word used in Genesis 19:26 where Lot’s wife was (hayah) turned into a pillar of salt. This implies that the word hayah is not descriptive but is active. The word “vav” for “and” can read as “but” depending on the context. The Greek Septuagint Bible, translation is this way. Thus Genesis 1:2 could, or should, read; “But the earth ‘had become’ without form and void.”

“Without form, and void” has translated from the Hebrew phrase “tohu vav bohu”. We find the words tohu and bohu in Isaiah 34:11 but interpreted differently; Isaiah 34:11, ... of confusion (tohu) and the stones of emptiness (bohu).

Thus “tohu” can mean “confused,” and “bohu” can mean “empty”. “Confused” and “without form” share in common a lack of order. In a place where there should be order. Perhaps the text could read as follows; “But the earth was in disarray and empty.” (END)

Next is our second article teaching the last ice age of earth:

[https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-11/3%20The%20Younger%20Dryas%20-FINAL%20NOV%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-11/3%20The%20Younger%20Dryas%20-FINAL%20NOV%20(1).pdf)

The Younger Dryas is one of the most well-known examples of abrupt change. About 14,500 years ago, Earth’s climate began to shift from a cold glacial world to a warmer interglacial state. Partway through this transition, temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere suddenly returned to near-glacial conditions. This near-glacial period is called the Younger Dryas, named after a flower (*Dryas octopetala*) that grows in cold conditions and that became common in Europe during this time. The end of the Younger Dryas, about 11,500 years ago, was particularly abrupt. In Greenland, temperatures rose 10°C (18°F) in a decade (Alley 2000). Other proxy records, including varied lake sediments in Europe, also display these abrupt shifts (Brauer et al. 2008). (END)

Getting back to Genesis verse 1:1, In the beginning. We want to note that Genesis

1:1 is a standalone statement. Each verses after verse 1:2 is one thousand years. They precede each other in continuous time. (one thousand years as established by 2Peter 3:8, Hosea 6:2 and Genesis 2:17: in the DAY that thou eat of it thou shalt surely die. 930 years)

This brings us to the question; How much time between 1:1 and 1:2? We have said before, our universe is near fourteen billion years old. But before modern astronomy, man didn't know the time era for the beginning of the earth. Only that it was ages ago. Neither did man know the time of earth's beginning as related to our universe's beginning.

Proverbs 8:22-36 testifies of Earth and its heaven's creation from the time it began as a molten ball of rock until water and our atmosphere formed. Amazingly Apollos's book of Hebrews had enough understanding to speak of the foundations three times. His discussion for foundations has their beginning with Matthew 13:35 ... I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world... These mysteries revealed by Yahshua, provided the Apostle's with an understanding of Proverbs chapter eight. Just think of that day when Messiah began teaching the understanding for the mystery He spoke through King Solomon in Proverbs; while including all the prophets of old.

Hebrews 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: Proverbs 8:26-28

We will read Hebrews 1:10* with footnotes from the Geneva Bible 1599. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth And the heavens are the works of thine hands:

* He proves and confirms the deity of Christ shown in the flesh. By these six distinct testimonies by which he far surpasses all angels. So much so he is called both Son, and God in (Hebrews 1:5 Hebrews 1:6 Hebrews 1:7 Hebrews 1:8 Hebrews 1:10 Hebrews 1:13). (u) Made the earth firm and sure.

Hebrews 4:3 For we which have believed enter rest, as he said. As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter my rest, although the work is finished from the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world. Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared; putting away sin by THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF

Back to the place for answering the question; What beginning is Genesis 1:1 speaking?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning Elohim (Mighty One(s)) created the heaven and the Earth, no mention of stars or hosts of heaven in this verse. In this verse the beginning is the creation for heaven and Earth only, as it does not say the Sun, moon, or stars. We know by the hand of Apollos in Hebrews 1:10 that YAHSHUA created everything from the foundation of earth, this pertained to Earth and its purpose.

I understand that there might be a question between the words heaven and heavens. That question is; Can the heavens include stars in these passages? This is a fair question. I hope that in searching this question, it will give us further insight into John's truth: in the beginning was the WORD. Each verse we just read pertains to Earth's creation. Let's cross reference several scriptures for this question:

Psalms 33:6 By the WORD of YAHWEH were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Psalms 89:11 The heavens are thine, the earth is thine: as for the world and the fullness of it, thou has founded them.

Psalms 148:4 Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters be above the heavens.

Proverbs 3:19 YAHWEH by wisdom hath founded the earth; By understanding hath he established the heavens. (Restoration Bible)

2Pe 3:5 For this they WILLINGLY are ignorant. That by the WORD OF Elohim the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: (1John 1:1-2)

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, as we see them, by the SAME WORD are kept in store. Reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (Geneva Bible John 1:2 Page 28)

2Pe 3:10 The day of YEHWEH will come as a thief in the night. The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. The earth and the works that are in it shall be burned completely.

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto THE COMING OF THE DAY of YEHWEH, wherein the heavens being on fire shall dissolve, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness.

These verses by Peter speak of the heavens as the atmosphere around the earth, or as the scriptures call the firmament. Earth's environment will return to the Garden of Eden. Notice verse 3:10 shows the transformation of the heavens. Do you consider the great and terrible day of the LORD to destroy the universe? There are many verses speaking of the heaven and heavens. A few verses show stars in heavens, or we think they do. Let's begin analyzing Psalms which speaks of the hosts of heaven.

I will point out that our first verse Psalms 33:6 expresses a broader thought, the host of heavens. This phrase is used many times in scriptures, recently I read a book titled, The Comets of God by Jeff Goodman. He provides compelling biblical with science arguments that the hosts of heaven is the Oort Cloud and the Kuiper belt of comets and asteroids on the out edges of the solar system. I believe he makes a good argument which I accept. The hosts I do believe must include everything of our solar system. Let's read Nehemiah for heaven and heavens and their hosts as a comparison with Psalms 33:6:

English Standard Version Bible:

Nehemiah 9:6, You Are the LORD, you alone; You have made heaven, the heaven

of heavens, including their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas including that is in them; And you preserve each of them; And the host of heaven worships you.

Hebraic Bible

Nehemiah 9:6, All life comes from you, YAHWEH; You are He, who has made the heavens, and Heaven of the heavens, and all their host; The earth and everything on it; The seas and everything in them; And you preserve each of them alive. And the host of the heavens bows to You.

Nehemiah I believe is teaching the same thought as Proverbs; the works of YAHWEH is the solar system. We read in Nehemiah: YAHWEH alone made heaven. Nehemiah continues with the next thought: YAHWEH made the heaven of heavens. Nehemiah continued for YAHWEH's creation as He created heaven and heavens which includes a host of things in them. As if packaged together as Earth has a host of companions. Nehemiah after providing the scope of creation by YAHWEH then continues to describe earth with its life. Now we will read Jeremiah who writes as Nehemiah:

Jeremiah 31:35, connects the heavens of heavens to the earth and the sea. He included the category hosts when he said stars:

Jer 31:35 Thus saith the YAHWEH, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divides the sea when the waves thereof roar; The YAHWEH of hosts *is* his name.

Jeremiah speaks of our solar system surrounding earth he states the stars , i.e., the moon, Sun and Jupiter effect earths tides. Stars also are comets, as we know by science, they have parted the seas with ginormous tsunami's more than once during earth's history.

Can we say heavens is the atmosphere around the earth and heavens of heavens is our solar system? I believe King David a prophet himself will add understanding to Nehemiah:

Psalms 148:4 Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters be above the heavens. Is David speaking of the waters in the hosts of heaven? The Comets and Astroids which are ice and rock? Many scientists think earth received some of its water by comets or Asteroids striking earth leaving water on earth. David is specific for water in earth's heaven and in our solar system.

Here we have Prophet David who brings Nehemiah and King David's prophetic statement to agree with Proverbs 8:22 in that YAHWEH the Elohim is the creator for our solar system. Neither verse bringing into account creation for the universe. These scriptures we have read place Genesis 1:1 at the foundation of the Earth.

I will remind us we are reading Old Testament scriptures, that hide the mystery of the Son of Elohim until Matthew 13:35. This thought is important; Because the apostles reveal YAHSHUA as the Son of God creating everything on earth and its heaven. This was unknown to Old Testament prophets. This understanding came to us through the

New Testament. From these scriptures we are studying. Let's go back to the prophet of old, Moses:

Genesis 2:4 shows us plain for the beginning of Genesis chapter one, we will start with Genesis 1:6 and build up to Genesis 2:4.

Genesis 1:6 And Elohim said, Let there be a firmament amid the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Genesis 1:7 And Elohim made the firmament and divided the waters under the firmament from the waters above the firmament: and it was.

Genesis 1:8 And Elohim called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and morning were the second day.

Genesis 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the Earth. When they were created, in the day that YAHWEH Elohim made the Earth and heavens.

As I keep repeating; these scriptures we have read, Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 40:21, with Proverbs 8:22-27, tell the story for "from the beginning" for earth and its heavens, not the universe. Our beginning of understanding according to Matthew 13:35 ... I will show you mysteries from the beginning ... can only be the secrets opened to us starting from "in the beginning". A prophet or Apostle has not written or taught doctrine dating before the time "in the beginning," as Messiah said He will teach "from His beginning." Proverbs is the only scripture that sets the beginning of time for; Before YAHSHUA's works of old, before the earth was. And this truth was taught by the Son of Elohim who was a witness as John wrote: **Joh 1:18** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*. And so He did declare the Father as He testified in Proverbs chapter eight.

This leaves us with clarifying John's teaching for the WORD in the beginning, which cannot go beyond the time of Proverbs. To start I will express my thought; John 1:1 is an event occurring through time in three parts. When we say: the beginning, we express an event. So Proverbs 8:22-23 is relating an event at a specified time, an era before His works of old.

In this beginning, the Son was "established" for the ages. He does not teach secrets before the era that He was established. For this was His beginning. But the Son only taught the secrets from His beginning, as said in Matthew 13:35, page 11. The reason He did not teach any secrets before that time is because he was not established until the beginning had begun.

Let's take a close look at John: **Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

John was very careful how he related his three truths, he used the word "and" in John 1:1, to separate his three thoughts while giving them relationship through time. Earlier in this book I ask: Does the word "and" represent time connecting his thoughts together? I believe the answer is yes. John used the

conjunctive word “and” to illustrate the relationship. This relationship is three parts brought together in a moment of time. First is the WORD, next the WORD is with Elohim Then, the WORD was Elohim. You may think I am crazy. Before you decide that, please stay with me to the end of this illustration.

John said, the WORD was with Elohim, and the WORD was Elohim, this is the same moment of creation but consider that a moment in time has a beginning and an end. If you enjoy science as I do, we can illustrate what we are discussing in John 1:1. We will use Albert Einstein’s big bang theory for explaining the birth of our universe and relate this too John 1:1. And remember, the birth of our universe was by the Word.

In his mathematical theory, he believed [God] in a single moment began the universe with an explosion. Particles compressed so tight that an extraordinary energy exploded in a small fraction of one-second; In 10^{-43} of a second the universe was born and has been expanding since that time. At the moment before this fraction of a second occurrence was the WORD. We can illustrate this using John’s expression: In the beginning was the WORD, at the next fraction of a second the WORD was with the universe, and one-second later the WORD was the universe. Then nine billion, three hundred million years later: the WORD was in the beginning, and at the next moment the WORD was with Elohim and after that moment the WORD was Elohim.

Now you can call me crazy.

Moving forward with our study for stars creation. We have two verses that speak of creating stars: Psalms 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou has ordained. (ordained means: something ordered or decreed officially)

For a second reference by a prophet, we will go to the book of Enoch. Yes, Enoch is scripture, as confirmed by Apostle Jude 1:14-16 and the Bible is a witness of these truths. Before you want to argue quoting Enoch as Apostle Jude quoted, think of Enoch writing 1,500 years before Moses, 2,000 years before Isaiah, and 2,700 years before John; and they every one agree! The Jews read these books for centuries; It is interesting that until the fifth century, Christians recognized these books. It was a religious committee that removed the books of Enoch. So we will read Enoch for a reference to Psalms and Genesis.

Enoch 71:1, The Book of the REVOLUTIONS of the luminaries of Heaven. According to their respective classes, their respective powers, their respective periods, their respective names. The locations where they start their progress and their respective months. Uriel, the holy angel was with me, explaining to me for he conducted them. The complete account for them, according to every year of the world’s end. Until it shall affect a new work, which will be eternal.

Enoch 68:28 By this OATH the sun and moon complete their progress, never swerving from the command given to them for ever and ever.

Enoch 68:29 By this oath, the stars complete their progress;

Enoch 68:30 And when their names are called, they return an answer, for ever and ever.

Verses 28,29 carry out the earth's rotation just as it states in 71:1, this takes us back to Proverbs 8:22. Interestingly, between Proverbs 8:22 and the earth in its finished state as it rotates a one-year cycle around the Sun and a 24 hour day. The tilt of the earth will have its effect, as recorded by Enoch. The effect is how the constellations are viewed from earth during its rotations and earths tilt and wobbles. Let us remember Paul said YAHSHUA created the angels. This tells us Uriel began his oath after water was upon earth. This means our Solar System was near its finished state. So Angels did not create our Solar System, neither did the Son of Elohim. Enoch's testimony agrees with Psalms 8:3 describing the relationship of our Earth in its solar system. You can disagree and I respect that, but that is what scriptures speak to me.

Let's go back to Genesis:

Genesis 1:14 And Elohim said, Let there be lights in heaven's firmament, dividing the day from the night. And let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Genesis 1:15 And let them be for lights in heaven's firmament to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

Genesis 1:16 And ELOHIM MADE TWO GREAT LIGHTS; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made THE STARS.

Genesis 1:17 And Elohim set them in the heaven's firmament to give light upon the earth.

Elohim set the two great lights to give light to earth. He did not set stars in our galaxy; He presents them as they shine through the firmament of earths heavens. Just as Enoch and Moses testified.

Genesis 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night. And to divide the light from the darkness: and Elohim saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Genesis chapter one illustrates earth in its solar system relationship within the solar system and the solar system as it sets in its Milky Way Galaxy. Planets moons and comets are all referred to as stars as history records and still is today. Next we have two scriptures speaking of constellations beyond our solar system.

Amos 5:8

He who made the Pleiades and Orion and changes deep darkness into morning. Who darkens day into night, Who calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the surface of the earth, YAHWEH is His name.

Job 9:9 Who makes the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;

Deuteronomy 4:19 “And when you look up to the sky and see the sun. The moon and the stars, the complete heavenly array. Do not be enticed into bowing to them and worshipping things YAHWEH your Elohim has apportioned to every nation under heaven.” (Comets were considered gods of judgement and worshipped them. The same is true of constellations. This began with the Sumer civilization 5000 years ago and is common around the world.)

Each of these verses we have just read agrees with Enoch; They each testify to the earth and mankind’s relationship with our Solar System and the solar system with the constellations. The constellations are given their purpose by YAHWEH. The zodiac constellations are near our Solar System and are part of our Galaxy the Milky Way; but the constellations are not the same age as our Solar System. Several are older and several are younger. These are grouped together in our Galaxy.

May we consider Enoch’s testimony to help us realize the fullness of what the angel said in relation to Job and Amos? This is, that they have respective classes, their respective powers, their respective periods, and their respective names. The places where they start their progress, and their respective months, which Uriel, the holy angel was with me. The angel said, the Zodiac with the Sun and moon is according to every year of the world forever, until it shall affect a new work, which will be eternal. The sun and moon and constellations will not disappear any time soon; rather their purpose in meaning for humankind will not be needed. Also the meanings for these constellations have had their purpose and will change with the earths tilt and wobble. Possibly or probably the earths tilt will change. This tilt change will change the meaning for the zodiac constellations.

Question: We read that YAHWEH while beginning His creation works, His works of old, He created the Sun and Moon with the hosts of heaven, as said in Psalms 136:7 and Genesis 1:16. This was His beginning of works, His works of old are a period when the sun and moon were in their inception. The ever changing growing universe for our Milky Way Galaxy had brought about time for our solar system’s birth. So we have a mystery or secret for stars of the universe and stars of our solar system in these two verses. The mystery is, the creation for the universe or as science calls, the big bang that birthed the universe is not the beginning of Elohim’s works of old.

John ONLY said: in the beginning was the WORD; John is stating, that before the beginning for our solar system, there was the WORD.

We want to further consider the language for stars; in Psalms 136 and Genesis 1:16. Because of Matthew 13:35 ... I will teach you secrets hid from the beginning ... we cannot go back in time before the era called “from the beginning.” We have to solve the secret for YAHWEH creating stars from the beginning spoke by Psalms 8:22. If we attempt to extend time before His beginning we condemn ourselves.

We must recognize science is not limited for studying and learning the secrets of the universe. The Bible states there is no limit what man can do: Genesis 11:5 And the LORD

said, Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them, ESB Bible. You must admit, the world of science works as one language and this is especially seen with the study of the Cosmos.

Well, what about the term planet as it relates to stars? When did it originate and how was it used? The first known use of the word 'planet' in English, according to the Oxford English Dictionary. Was in the year 1300 AD in an account of the lives of Christian saints. The word planet in other languages, dates back much further. The word 'planet' comes from the ancient Greek ἀστήρ πλανήτης (astēr planētēs), meaning 'wandering star'. The ancient Greeks, as the Babylonians, associated the planets with gods, often corresponding with the Babylonian pairings. (END)

Are the stars in Genesis 1:16 and Psalms 136 wandering stars? Is the star referenced from Matthew for the birth of Messiah a planet? Here is a very short excerpt from an exceptional book found for free on the Internet: [http:// www.askelm.com/star/star001.htm](http://www.askelm.com/star/star001.htm)

The Star of Bethlehem: The Star that Astonished the World
Ernest L. Martin, Ph.D.

Matthew 2:9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the STAR which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

On June 17, 2 BCE, Jupiter had its spectacularly rare reunion with Venus. The two planets were then a mere .01 degree from one another and they appeared to people on earth as a single "double-star". Only the sharpest eyes could separate these planets. Venus (now in its double role as a Mother because the planet was now an evening star) had extended itself as far east as possible to meet Jupiter (the King planet). Jupiter was moving west in a direct path to meet her. What occurred was a splendid planetary conjunction visible west of Babylon. This grand conjunction again happened while the planets were in the constellation of Leo (Judah) and at the exact time of the Full Moon. So close were the two planets that they appeared as one gigantic STAR in a "marriage union" with each other. The Magi (they were in Mesopotamia) witnessed this planetary union appearing on the western horizon directly toward Judaea. This celestial occurrence prompted Isaiah Asimov to ask, "Is the fact that the unusual 'star' seen toward Judaea enough to make them think of a Messiah?"

One thing is undeniable. The year 3/2 BCE was consistent with visible astronomical events. Genesis 1:14 says that the heavenly bodies are for signs. These unusual relationships were interpreted by the Magi as showing the birth of the Jewish Messiah. (There were seven unusual planetary signs in these twelve months.)

This leads us to the final suggestion that could help us find the "Star of Bethlehem." The stellar body that played the most prominent role in the extraordinary year of 3/2 BCE. The planet which figured in essentially every celestial relationship was Jupiter. It

could well be that Jupiter was “his star” that the Magi followed to Jerusalem, and finally too Bethlehem.

Modern Astronomers Are Impressed

The conjunction of Jupiter and Venus has brought the astonishment of modern astronomers. Computers have given today’s astronomers the ability to reference the solar, lunar, planetary and stellar motions and their relationships with one another. We can review the planetary and stars for the past five thousand years. Within the last twenty-five years no astronomical event of the past has caused more discussion between astronomers and historians than this conjunction of Jupiter and Venus on June 17, 2 BCE. It was Roger W. Sinnott, writing in the astronomical journal *Sky and Telescope*, who was the first to draw attention to this unusual conjunction of Jupiter and Venus. He said it was a brilliant “DOUBLE STAR,” which gave the presentation for merging into a single “star” as the planets drew nearer the western horizon. Sinnott showed that only the sharpest eyes could have been able to split them. The twinkling caused by the unsteady horizon atmosphere blended the two planets into one “STAR” for each viewer. “The fusion of these two planets gave a rare and awe-inspiring event.” (End)

So my final thought for stars in Genesis 1:16 includes planets. Is the language for stars in this verse the planets of our Solar System? I believe so, when we consider the purpose of the zodiac and how the planets play such an important part in it. In fact, the signs of the zodiac consider planets having great power, For any of you William Branham followers I need to remind us he said fifteen times, the zodiac is the first Bible. That statement agrees with Genesis 1:14 and Enoch. The Bible said the light from the heavens are for signs.

When reading these two scriptures, Genesis and Psalms, they just read so specific for YAHWEH creating the two great lights, the Sun and Moon and the stars. I believe they wrote these scriptures not in parable. Rather these scriptures have become vague with the transliteration of languages over the centuries. The scriptures teach the stars of the zodiac give purpose and power and have names by YAHWEH for mankind’s knowledge. They sure were by the Magi (Wisemen) for finding the child YAHSHUA.

Our Sun, a star is referred to as a planet in the zodiac signs. We have an excerpt from an article that dates the beginning for reading the zodiac. The time of Enoch as he wrote his books was the same period and geographic region where the knowledge for the zodiac was born. Here is the short history:

<http://www.ancient-wisdom.com/zodiac.htm>

This evidence points to a time and place that they originated: roughly the year 2700 BC at 36° north latitude. There are three main lines of evidence that point to this date and location. The Empty Part of the sky is a circle of 36° radius in the southern part of the sky, which does not contain any of the original 48 constellations. That implies that the originators of the constellations lived at 36° north latitude because at that location, specifically such a region of the southern sky will be invisible to them. The

center for the circle drifts through the sky from the motion of the earth's axis. The location of the center of the empty part of the sky implies an origin date near 2,900 BC.

Slanted Constellations:

Many of the constellations are tipped at an angle to the natural directions of north, east, south and west. If one asks if there was a time and place when they have each been aligned vertically and horizontally. The answer is, near to 2,900 BC. Note this an entirely different line of reasoning, but it yields a very similar date and location of origin. Several of the constellations mark astronomically important areas at this time. For example, the long snake Hydra did coincided with the circle called the celestial equator.

Star risings and settings. The ancient Greek poet Aratus states that specific stars rise and set at the same time, or that one rises as another sets on opposite points on the horizon.

Because of the earth's precession, such coincidences depend on both the location of earth and the date of observations. Using statistical methods, they have found it that Aratus was describing the stars at a latitude of 36° (within 2°) at 2,600 BC. (within 800 years).

Evidence points to an origin on Latitude 36° , near perfect for Sumera (the civilization from which Babylon inherited much of its science). The Sumerians are credited with originating the constellations. It is important to recognize that the Sumerians divided both time and space with the Hexadecimal math resulting in a 360° division of the globe and heavens.

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Something else interesting about this article is that Enoch lived in this region, the region of the Garden of Eden near 3,030 to 2665 BCE. Enoch wrote his books, "The rotation of the luminaries" at this time. If you read further in Enoch's book, he is given the 360° divisions for the signs of the zodiac.

The Magi were in this same region called Babylon when they read the stars (planets) that guided them to the Messiah.

John, Apollos and Paul are teaching the secrets, "From the beginning" of heavens and Earth. These apostles are not ignorant of the scriptures, Psalms 136:7-9 and Genesis 1:16; as well as the constellations of Amos 5:8 and Job 9:9. We have a separate secret or mystery that isn't part of salvation itself, therefore it isn't included in Messiah's teaching revealed to the apostles. Thus the Apostle's not mentioning this secret in their letters as the constellations are before the beginning.

How much more they taught beyond these letters we call the Bible we don't know. The books of Proverbs and John is what we have, providing a glimpse for "in the beginning" and no more than that. But there should be enough clues from these letters to lead us to the original faith of our Apostolic fathers, of which is science friendly.

If we stop and think of it, when we write letters to one another, how much of the

story do we include? Most of the time, we write only enough for our reader to get the main thoughts. John's letters provide insight for the works of old by YAHWEH. John recognized the language scheme in Proverbs, provoking him to teach John 1:1. Most important, he saw the phrase "in the beginning" as meaning "before the beginning." The inception of our solar system which is the works of old by Elohim, the WORD was/be/lived/existed. This letter from John is for our understanding and relationship with our creator, as said by Paul.

John, I believe, saw the creation works of old as YAHWEH preparing the heaven of heavens with its hosts for earth, for man. Could it have been, that when the gases from our Milky Way Galaxy, began to compress, His works of old began? Keep in mind that the birth for our Solar System took millions of years. Here is a clip from an article explaining our Solar System creation:

By Nola Taylor Redd November 01, 2017 Science & Astronomy

In a wide expanse of space, gravity drew dust and gas together to create the young Solar System. The sun formed first from the vast material, with the planets close behind. But how did a sea of swirling particles become the brightest star in our sky?

"The sun is terrifying and gorgeous, and it's also the best physics laboratory in our Solar System," Sabrina Savage, project scientist for NASA's Hinode at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, said in a statement. Although it may look empty, space is filled with gas and dust. Most of the material was hydrogen and helium, but some of it was made up of leftover remnants from the violent deaths of stars. About 4.5 billion years ago, waves of energy traveling through space pressed clouds of such particles closer together, and gravity caused them to collapse in on themselves and then start to spin. The spin caused the cloud to flatten into a disk like a pancake. In the center, the material clumped together to form a protostar that would eventually become the sun.

"There is a rotationally supported disk around this protostar," astronomer John Tobin told Space.com about a similar early sun, adding it's a "key element" in building planets. "It lets the material hang out long enough for the planet formation process." The young protostar was a ball of hydrogen and helium not yet powered by fusion. Over tens of millions of years, the temperature and pressure of the material inside increased, jumpstarting the fusion of hydrogen that drives the sun today. "A star the size of our sun requires about 50 million years to mature from the beginning of the collapse to adulthood," according to NASA. "Our sun will stay in this mature phase ... for approximately 10 billion years."

The formation of the sun didn't take up all the cloud it was born from. What it left continued to orbit the star, while planets formed from the leftover material. The sun is an average-size star, not too big and not too small. Its size makes it an excellent star to orbit, neither is it too large and fast-burning nor small and dim. (END)

If the stars of these two scriptures are wandering planets and comets, We can see

how Yahweh completed the creation of the moon, sun and earth, along with all the planets (wandering stars) in our solar system. Understanding the term stars brings an understanding of how prophets wrote scripture. This provides us with further knowledge of who God is.

This study is line upon a line for me. I am not asking for anyone to agree with me. I only hope this study is a place of argument that you can take in your study guided by the Holy Spirit upon you. At the end of our journey as brothers and sisters may we each come to the knowledge once taught by the apostolic gospel. As we ever learn and never judge one another. It is best, that we encourage one another with patience, to grow in Him with love one for another. This is what He has commanded us. Colossians 2:2 That they might comfort their hearts, being KNIT together in love, and unto the richer of the full ASSURANCE of understanding. To the acknowledgement of the mystery of Elohim, and of the Father, and of Christ.

It takes time to knit something together; The knitting started for the gentiles in 52 AD and continues for me in this study June the 22nd 2019. Let us move along now in our study with John.

In continuing with our journey to understand. When we read John's third thought in John 1:1, the WORD was YAHWEH. We understand that the WORD has a relationship of authority with YAHWEH and the WORD is literally YAHWEH. In fact, YAH is the expressed IMAGE of the WORD as a spirit. Part three of John 1:1 ... and the WORD was/be Elohim. This is the finished work by the WORD. The WORD becomes more than a substance as man is concerned. It has a form we call He as the Holy Spirit takes the roll of masculine. This brings the first step of opportunity for our relationship to the Word.

We see this transformation again in John 1:14 as He becomes more personal with the creation through Him the Father, Him the Son, then Him the Son of Man. Through the Son of Man we can see the Father. YAHSHUA said if you have seen me you see the Father, John 14:9. We repeated the word Him to emphasize how we can have a personal fellowship with the WORD through Its manifestations to us.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh,

It is interesting for John's use of words as he said; the WORD made itself flesh, not the HOLY SPIRIT making itself flesh. To see the relationship unfold from the WORD, Paul's said what and who the Son of Man is in 1 Corinthians when he shows the Son of Man was created differently from Adam. **1Co 15:47** The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

Next we want to acknowledge the Word is a substance, this substance became a spirit. The Spirit of life is given in us as the Word of life, not the literal Holy Spirit. We can't help but notice that the WORD is always in a relationship with its creation as we will read.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that THE WORD of YAHWEH

framed the worlds, so that things seen are not made of things which appear.

Colossians 3:16 Let the WORD of Messiah dwell in you

Rom 10:17 So then faith came by hearing, and hearing by the WORD of YAHSHUA.

Mat 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that hears THE WORD and understands it; which bears fruit, and brings forth, a hundredfold, sixty and thirty.

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: THE SEED is THE WORD OF Elohim.

1Kings 6:11 And THE WORD OF YEHWEH came to Solomon, saying,

1Kings 12:22 But THE WORD OF Elohim came unto Shemaiah the Man of Elohim,

Psalms 33:6 By the WORD OF YAHWEH were the heavens made; including the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but MY WORDS shall not pass away.

For me, everything is a relationship to THE WORD. The Bible from Genesis through Revelations is the record for The WORD in relationship with its creation.

1Jn 1:1 That which was FROM THE BEGINNING which we have heard. As we have seen with our eyes. Which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, OF THE WORD OF life;

The apostles speaking very specific as to bring us the perfect understanding; the part of Elohim that created everything seen, is the WORD. Paul along with many other writers, used this same phrase many times in scriptures. Apollos/Hebrews could have said; YAHWEH framed the worlds. But he did not. John in Revelations could have written: His name is YAHSHUA, but he did not. He wrote: Rev 19:13... his name is called THE WORD OF YAHWEH.

Writers of Genesis, 1Kings, Isaiah, Luke, Hebrews, 1John, Revelations, Colossians and many more used the description; the WORD OF. There are 352 verses in the Bible that use this phrase. We see one thing that is preeminent and eternal, THE WORD.

John 12:48 He that rejects me, and receives not MY WORDS, hath one that judges him: THE WORD that I have spoken THE SAME SHALL JUDGE him in the last day.

I understand how each of us must receive understanding from the Comforter:

Matthew 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that hears the Word, AND UNDERSTANDS IT; which bears fruit, and brings forth, part of them a hundredfold, part of them sixty, part of them thirty.

Colossians 2:2 that their hearts may be comforted, being joined together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of the understanding, to the full knowledge of the mystery of Elohim, even of the Father and of Messiah, 2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge.

Now notice what part of us bears this fruit: **Col 3:10** And have put on the new Man, renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him, Spirit. Our body is only a

portal for the spirit to express itself. YAHSHUA said: flesh prophets nothing.

Why the Title Holy Spirit?

There are three verses in the Old Testament that use the title Holy Spirit; Psalms 51:11, Isaiah 63:10, Isaiah 63:11. These are speaking of the Father as the Holy Spirit. This is true. He is the Holy Spirit. We ask our self this question; if the Holy Spirit is the FATHER as one entity, did YAHWEH separate the Father and the Holy Spirit in His commandment of **Matthew 28:19**? “Go ye for this purpose, and teach every nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”? John provides us the answer in these next two verses:

1Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three ARE ONE.

1Jn 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three AGREE IN ONE.

Looking close into John’s thought. John said three that bear record; these ARE ONE identity. John said, the Father is the WORD, the WORD is the Holy Spirit and the WORD is the self existing substance, I-AM that I-AM. The eternal Father cannot exist if not for the WORD existing.

John goes on with his thought; He is telling us how to understand Matthew 28:19. There are three bearing witnesses in Earth; These three agree in one. John changed his language between verses 5:7 and 5:8. Verse 5:7 said these three ARE one, then in verse 5:8 these three AGREE in one. Notice John never used the descriptive term for they, he said these. The three things agreeing on earth are; the Spirit as the only begotten Son, the water is the WORD, and the blood which is John 1:14 the Son of Man. These three agree in the One in heaven.

The title Holy Spirit identifies the work of the Father and the title “Spirit” identifies the work of the Son as we see John distinguishes these titles in 1John 5:7-8. The three things on Earth can only agree in the one in heaven, because these three things are not physically the one in heaven when the Son of Man walked on earth.

If these three on earth were one in heaven, then the Spirit died on the cross. John packaged the three on earth separately from the One in heaven. You cannot deny he is specific. I have another question. Do the three on Earth agree in the Messiah on earth? Or do these agree to the one in heaven? I believe I find my final answer in John:

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeded from the Father, He shall testify of me.

For blood cannot be spirit, and the spirit bears witness whence it came. In this verse Yahshua bears witness of Himself. The Only begotten Son of the Holy Spirit bears witness for the Son of Man. The Son of Man is the Word made flesh. The first born is the Only Begotten from the beginning. What the Apostles said doesn't require our interpretation for what He is and who He is.

Analyzing in **John 15:26** Messiah said: the spirit of truth who is the Comforter I will send unto you. So the Son will send the Spirit of truth. He goes on to say the Spirit of Truth which proceeded from the Father. The word which is a past tense pronoun. So in that past what proceeded from the Father? It was the Only Begotten Son that now dwells in the Son of Man. His last mystery for Himself states the Father/Holy Spirit shall testify of the Son of Man by the Only Begotten Son in the Son of Man. The soul, the image, the inner-man in the Son of Man's body is the only Begotten Son that came forth from the Father. This is why he is called Emanuel. This verse is an explanation for what he said in **John 14:9** ... if you have seen Me you have seen the Father ...

Elohim is a spirit so His Son is Spirit. Flesh did not proceed from the Father, go back to **Proverbs 8:25** ... before the hills, I was brought forth ... then **John 8:42** ...for I proceeded forth and came from Elohim; neither came I of myself, but he sent me ..., YAHSHUA testifies where He came from. No, there is no argument for the Son of Elohim's preexistence, I don't need your private interpretation of scripture where you declare the Son was just a thought. YAHSHUA said what He meant: **Joh 8:58** YAHSHUA said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I-AM. Sounds like He quoted **Exodus 3:14** for His Sonship ... Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I-AM hath sent me unto you.

In the book of John YAHSHUA taught in plain speech, that it is Himself who is the Spirit of truth, this is the Comforter the Holy Spirit. We will read three verses from John. I would like to keep in mind the following thought from Hebrews ... Elohim thy throne is forever, Elohim even thy Elohim has anointed thee ... This doctrine from Hebrews is brought out in the next three verses:

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

The Spirit of truth proceeds from the Father just as we have read so many times ... I came forth from the Father. Whom I will send/whom the Father will send. If you have seen me you have seen the Father, which is the Holy Spirit, this is Messiah teaching who and what He is, in the Elohim.

YAHSHUA cannot be our high priest until He has resurrected after establishing the blood covenant. The Holy Spirit Father is the Holy Spirit Son, the same spirit in heaven took a part of itself and sent it to earth as Son, YAHSHUA God with us. His Spirit came forth proceeding from the Father the Holy Spirit. From this teaching John writes 1John 5:7-8 page 46. The theologies of Trinity and the Oneness both miss what John taught.

We will continue to discuss 1John 5:8. In **John 3:5** YAHSHUA answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of Elohim. **John 4:14** But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into eternal life.

Born of water and Spirit after the work of His shed blood. Messiah said He was the open door; the door is the body, His shed blood opens the door for us to fellowship with the Holy Spirit in Himself. Paul called the redeemed the new Man, Birthed from blood by the water and Spirit. So what is the water? The water is the Word. What is the Holy Spirit? The means for the Word to unite with humankind. John said, and these three agree in one, 1John 5:8.

John gives his explanation in such a way as to prevent people from teaching the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are separate persons or spirits or deities of the same essence. Kinda saying, one room with three persons walking around in it and yet all three are the same essence of Spirit. One room representing God as one. He prevents the oneness teaching, as they say He is only one and one by himself. He did this by separating Himself for the works in heaven and earth.

The Holy Spirit's work on earth is salvation which proceeded from heaven as Spirit begotten from itself, Now the Holy Spirit acts as a Father. Then he explained that on earth three things testify to what the Messiah is, not just who He is.

The HOLY SPIRIT is the incarnation of the WORD. The WORD is not a spirit but a substance that expressed itself as a Spirit. John was specific in his statement; in the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was Elohim. If we are honest, we don't want to accept what John said. It does not sit well with our religious doctrine.

We know the WORD is substance. It is nothing that has a form nor can we understand it. We have two references to this substance revealing to us The WORD. Here they are:

Proverbs 8:21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

In Proverbs 8:18-19 YAHSHUA through Solomon said this substance is durable riches not of this earth and we can receive this substance by seeking Him. Hebrews said this substance we call faith made the worlds. What we see, even what science tells us, does not exist as we think it does. It exists by this substance:

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the WORD OF Elohim framed the worlds, so that things that are seen are not made of things which appear. **Hebrews 1:2** in these last days He (YAHWEH) has spoken to us by the Son, whom (YAHWEH) appointed heir of all; and by whom (YAHSHUA) made the worlds;

Did Apollos leave any argument for identifying the Elohim and how He operates? (Elohim, the Almighty One(s))

To the question of Matthew 28:19, why are we baptized in the name of YAHSHUA for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? We have studied several scriptures in learning the Father Son and Holy Spirit relationship; to provide an answer for a simple question. The short answer is, in these three operations of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we receive salvation. The name for the Word as Spirit given to Moses is YAH (I-AM); I-AM the Father, I-AM the Son, I-AM the Holy Spirit.

Exodus 23:20 Behold, I send an Angel (messenger) before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Exodus 23:21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for MY NAME is IN HIM.

Colossians 2:9 For IN HIM dwells the fullness of divinity bodily

In Him is what? I-AM.

1Jn 1:1 THAT which was from the beginning. We have heard;

1Jn 1:2 (For THE LIFE was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life. Which WAS WITH THE FATHER and was manifested unto us;)

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son YAHSHUAMessiah.

Notice how John phrased his statement in 1John 1:1 using the word "THAT" to name the Word of life. He did not say YAHWEH, God, He, them or Elohim. John 1:1-14 repeats here in 1John 1:1-3, beginning both chapters with the same teaching. Notice in verse 1:2 he still does not give the name or title for Deity, John only said; the life was manifest, and we have seen "it". Then he said John 1:14 The WORD made itself flesh. John continues telling us the life was manifest, and John was a witness to "that" eternal life.

1John 1:3, We will replace the word "it" with "WORD". Rereading this verse, does it agree with the scriptures we have studied? **1Jn 1:2** For THE LIFE was manifested, and we have seen the WORD, and bear witness...

We just read scripture from KJV Bible, now we will read once again from the Geneva 1599 Bible. This was originally written in 1560 AD. King James outlawed this Bible as he took personal issue with the writers translations and comments, so then rewrote the Bible as the King James version. We will read a few verses now that relate to our subject. You can compare the changes made by King James.

Geneva Bible: John 1:1 In the beginning was that Word, and that Word was with God, and that Word was God. This same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by it, and without it was made nothing that was made, In it was life, and that life was the light of men.

Something to Consider

If you are a student of Raymond Jackson's Contender papers, consider what could be a prophetic statement:

Humanity and Deity of Christ part 2.

"That is why you have heard me say, Do not be too quick to call something of the devil, just because you have never heard it before. We are living close to the hour when the true bride of Jesus Christ will hear a number of things she has never heard before. But you can count on this one thing. No Man that is anointed of God to speak on His behalf will ever speak anything that will be contrary to what God has inspired other men to speak. He will never go contrary to His written word. I will say this though, you will have to have the Holy Ghost yourself to know what is Thus saith the Lord,". (END)

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Appendix

Did Paul write Hebrews?

It is possible Paul wrote the book of Hebrews. There are a couple reasons why this might be the case.

First, in the earliest manuscript editions of the New Testament books, Hebrews is included after Romans among the books written by the apostle Paul. This was taken as evidence that Paul had written it, and some Eastern churches accepted Hebrews as canonical earlier than in the West.

Second, both Clement of Alexandria (c. AD 150 – 215) and Origen (AD 185 – 253) claimed a Pauline association for the book but recognized that Paul himself probably did not put pen to paper for this book, even though they did not know the author's name.

Who wrote Hebrews?

Clement of Alexandria suggests that Paul wrote the book originally in Hebrew and that Luke translated it into Greek, though the Greek of Hebrews bears no resemblance to translation Greek (e.g., that of the Septuagint).

The King James Version assumes Pauline authorship

The nuanced position on the authorship question by the Alexandrian fathers was obscured by later church tradition that mistook Pauline *association* for Pauline *authorship*.

The enormously influential King James Bible took its cue from this tradition. In fact, in the KJV, you'll find the title translated as it was found in some manuscripts: "The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews." The tradition of Pauline authorship continued.

Parallels between Hebrews and Paul's writings

It's certainly reasonable to conclude Paul wrote the book of Hebrews. Many of the thoughts of Hebrews are similar to those found in Paul's writings:

The soteriology of Hebrews is quite consistent with Paul's own teaching. For instance, the statement in Hebrews 10:14 that those who have been "made perfect" are in the process of being "made holy" sounds very much like Paul's teaching on justification (e.g., Rom. 3:21 – 5:9) and sanctification (e.g., Rom. 8:1 – 17). Moreover, both Paul and the author of Hebrews thought of Abraham as the spiritual father of Christians in similar ways.

Reasons Paul did not write Hebrews

In spite of all this evidence for Pauline authorship, few New Testament scholars today believe Paul wrote it.

Both John Calvin and Martin Luther shared this judgment as far as the sixteenth century.

Even centuries earlier in the fourth century, the church of Rome did not believe Paul wrote Hebrews, possibly retaining a latent memory of the actual author (Eusebius, *Hist. eccl.* 3.3.5; 6.20.3).

In other words, the rejection of Pauline authorship of Hebrews is a long-standing position in the church.

What can we infer from the book of Hebrews itself?

The internal evidence presented by the book of Hebrews itself indicates an author other than Paul.

- The style of Hebrews, except in the closing verses (13:18 – 25), is quite unlike any other writing of Paul’s that has survived.
 - In keeping with the **style** of a person well educated in formal rhetoric, the Greek of Hebrews is highly literary and very ornate.
 - The **vocabulary** is sophisticated, and it includes 150 words that are not found elsewhere in the New Testament and 10 that do not occur in any other Greek writings that have survived for our study.
 - The **structure** of the epistle conforms to conventions found in Greek rhetoric used when a speech was designed to persuade its audience to action. Much of this rhetorical achievement is lost when the original Greek of Hebrews is translated into modern language, but in the original it is elegant and euphonious Greek prose. The high rhetorical quality of Hebrews indicates that its author most likely had the most advanced literary education of any of the New Testament writers.
- The author does not introduce himself as Paul typically did (cf. 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:1; and 2 Tim. 1:1).
- Its theology, though very compatible with that of the Pauline letters, is very distinctive. The apostle Paul, for instance, never alludes to Jesus as a priest, which is the major motif of Hebrews. In fact, Hebrews is the only New Testament writing to expound on Jesus as the Great High Priest and final sacrifice.

The most persuasive argument against Pauline authorship

An even more persuasive argument that the apostle Paul was not the author of Hebrews is the way the author alludes to himself in Hebrews 2:3, stating that the gospel was confirmed “to us” by those who heard the Lord announce salvation.

The apostle Paul always made the point that, even though he wasn’t one of the twelve original disciples who walked with Jesus during his earthly life, he was nonetheless an apostle of Jesus Christ, and usually identifies himself as such in his letters. It seems unlikely that Paul here in 2:3 would refer to himself as simply someone who received the gospel from those who had heard the Lord.

If not Paul, then who are the other possible authors?

We’ve established that someone other than Paul wrote the epistle.

But it is possible—even likely—that because of some of the parallels with Paul’s epistles, we know the following things about the author:

1. The author was likely a close associate of Paul

2. The author was able to write in a rhetorically ornate Greek style
3. The author had become a Christian out of Judaism
4. The author's understanding of the doctrine of salvation was highly compatible with what the apostle Paul taught, though creatively distinctive.

Connection to Alexandria

Christianity reached Alexandria at a very early date. The missionary impetus of the Christian gospel arose in Jerusalem following the stoning of Stephen when a great persecution broke out and Christians began to scatter (Acts 8).

When Acts 6:1 mentions both Hellenistic and Hebraic Jews, the phrase *pros tous hebraious* is used in that context, the exact phrase by which Hebrews is later known. One twentieth-century scholar named William Manson suggested that Christians who were of the same mind as Stephen brought the Christian message to Alexandria, noting several elements common to Stephen's speech in Acts 7 that are also shared by the book of Hebrews.

- its high rhetorical style,
- its use of the Septuagint, and
- its possible conceptual constructs

These connections make it very likely that the author was originally from the Alexandrian church, regardless of where he was when he penned the letter, and regardless of to whom it was originally sent.

Because of this, a possible author is Apollos, a native of Alexandria, according to Acts 18:24.

Why Apollos might have been the author of Hebrews

Here's what we know about Apollos from the Bible:

- He was from Alexandria and traveled in the Apostle Paul's orbit (Acts 18:24).
- He was taught by Paul's companions, Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:24 – 28),
- Paul knew Apollos personally, and encouraged him in his ministry (1 Cor. 16:12).
- He was a highly educated Alexandrian who would have been schooled in the literary style exemplified by Hebrews.
- Moreover, as a Jewish believer (Acts 18:24), he had the thorough knowledge of the Old Testament Scriptures in their Greek version that the book of Hebrews exclusively uses.
- Apollos was a great defender of the Christian faith, vigorously refuting the opposing Jews in public debate and proving from the Old Testament that Jesus was the Messiah (Acts 18:28).
- He eventually became as influential as the apostles Paul and Peter (1 Cor. 1:12; 3:4 – 6, 22; 4:6; 16:12).

We also know from the very early history of the church that Apollos would also fit the memory handed down to both Clement of Alexandria (c. AD 150 – 215) and to Origen (AD 185 – 253), who claimed a Pauline association. Origen also recognized that Paul himself probably did not write Hebrews.[5]

For these reasons, Apollos of Alexandria has been a leading contender for the authorship of Hebrews at least as far back as the great Protestant Reformer, Martin Luther, but he has not been the only contender.

Clement

Eusebius, the great historian of the church, recognizes that the letter Clement wrote from Rome to the Corinthian church in the late first century contained many allusions to and quotations from Hebrews and notes that on that basis some believed that Clement himself was the translator or author of Hebrews (Hist. eccl. 3.38.2).

However, scholarly examination shows that the Greek text of Hebrews could not be a translation of a Semitic text — at least as we understand “translation” today — because its rhetorical features would be possible only when composed in Greek.

And so if either Clement or Luke were involved in the production of the extant book of Hebrews, he would have had a very free hand in working with Paul’s material, to the point that he would be an author, not a translator by any modern definition.

Barnabas

The church father Tertullian (AD 160? – 220?) mentioned that Barnabas, Paul’s traveling companion on his first mission to the Gentiles, authored Hebrews (Pud. 20). The association of Barnabas with the book of Hebrews may be because he was described as a “son of encouragement” (Acts 4:36), and Hebrews 13:22 describes the letter as a word of encouragement (or exhortation). Moreover, Barnabas is referred to as an “apostle” (Acts 14:14) and, being a Levite (Acts 4:36), would have had the interest in and knowledge about the priesthood that forms such a dominant theme in Hebrews.

Timothy

A recent theory suggests that Timothy wrote Hebrews, except for the closing verses that Paul appended himself where Timothy is mentioned by name.[6]

While Timothy was a close associate of Paul, he was from Lystra, a small town in Asia Minor where it is unlikely he could have received the formal rhetorical training reflected in Hebrews.

Furthermore, it is doubtful that Timothy had any connection to Alexandria, though that connection may not be necessary. What we know of Apollos matches more closely what we see in Hebrews than does what we know of Timothy.

Priscilla

The intriguing theory presented in more modern times by the German biblical scholar Adolf Harnack argued that Hebrews was written by Priscilla, the woman who, together with her husband, Aquila, was a close associate of Paul’s.

Although Harnack's idea generated much discussion in its day, the author refers to himself in Hebrews 11:32, using a masculine participle in the Greek original, and there is no manuscript evidence for a feminine variant reading.

Harnack's argument that Priscilla deliberately disguised her gender by using the masculine gender is sheer speculation, and his theory remains a curiosity of New Testament scholarship.

So who really wrote the book of Hebrews?

Clement? Paul? Luke? Timothy? Barnabas? Apollos? In spite of the weight of scholarly inference, the book of Hebrews does not in fact name its author. And so if you were ever asked about the authorship of Hebrews, the correct answer is well expressed by the church father Origen (AD 185? – 254?), who said, according to Eusebius, "Who wrote the epistle of Hebrews? In truth, only God knows!" (Hist. eccl. 6.25.14).