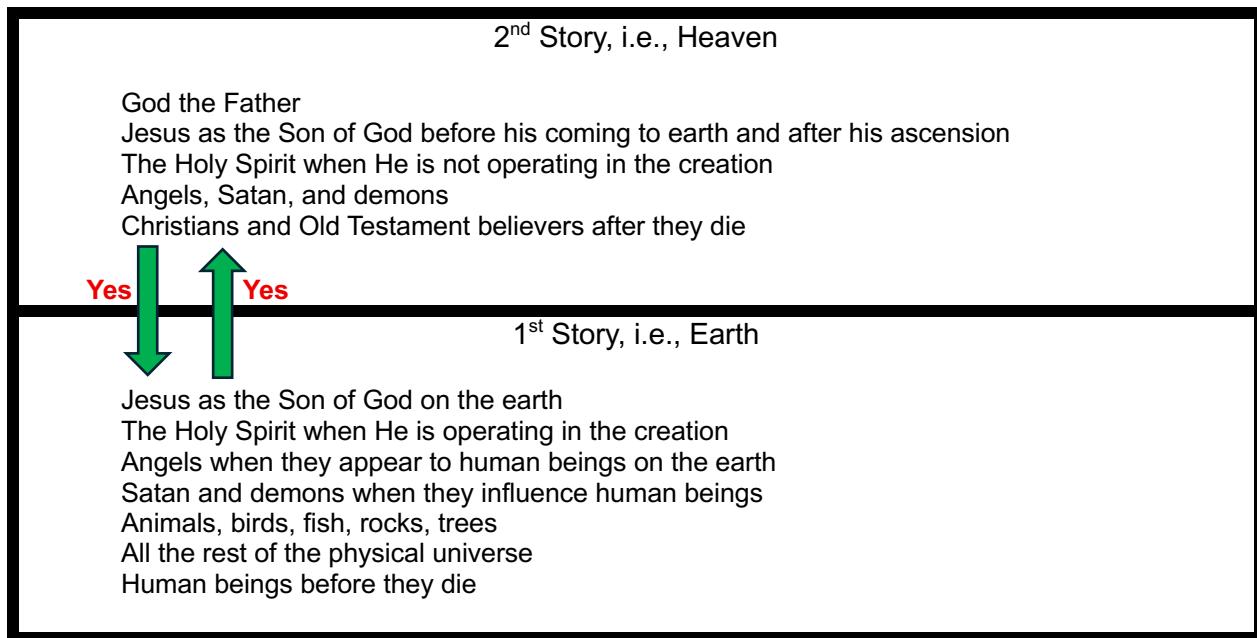
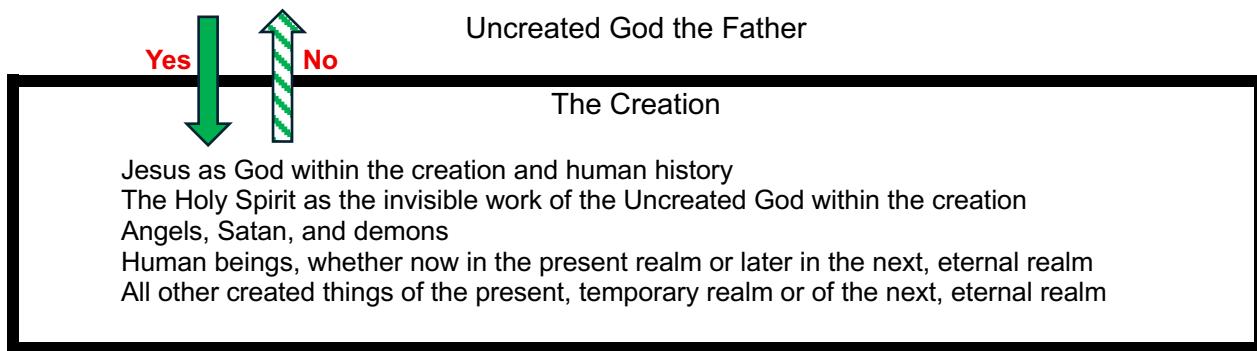


Two-Story Model



In the **Two-Story Model**, God resides mainly in the second story, but He can go back and forth from one story to the other. For example, Jesus walked down the stairs so to speak from the second story of heaven to the first story of the universe and the earth. Also, human beings can inhabit either story when God wants them to. As a result, Christians leave the first story when they die and ascend to the second story where God and Jesus are, with Jesus' having returned to the second story at his ascension.

Transcendent Model



In the **Transcendent Model**, God, as the only uncreated being, resides outside the box of creation, which He has made. In addition, He is the transcendent author of the story of every detail in the box. For example, God created Jesus to be God within the creation as a character in the story, and Jesus remains within the box throughout his entire, eternal existence. Christians are also characters of the story in the box, either who are made eternal characters when or after Jesus returns or who pass out of existence at the final judgment. Because of the theological and rational constraints of this model, God may manifest Himself within the story and the box of the creation, e.g., the man of Genesis 18 or the burning bush of Exodus 3, but no created being, even Jesus, can journey outside the box into the realm of the uncreated God.