

WHERE GRAMMAR AND BIOLOGY CLASHED

Ever since His birth at Bethlehem, the identity of Jesus Christ has been the intriguing mystery of the ages - no doubt, beginning with Mary and Joseph when they recalled the words which the angel had spoken to them. Luke stated, “But Mary treasured up all these words, pondering in her heart what they might mean” (Luke 2:19 NET). This mystery of His identity, beginning with those two intimately associated persons, would continue through time even to this day.

This mystery of Jesus’ identity would cause not only the scribes and Pharisees great bewilderment but also Jesus’ closest companions, those who were His disciples, would find themselves mystified by the One Who they had chosen to follow. Yes, the very men who walked, talked, and sojourned with Him – those who heard His words, saw His miracles and broke bread with Him daily, they too found themselves asking, “What manner of Man is this?”

However, what took place at Bethlehem has caused some to stumble as they have tried to reason the mystery of the ages – Emmanuel, God with us! This mystery was the focal point which eventually, some 300 years later, would cause a gathering at Nicaea where a council formulated an incorrect creed concerning the Godhead. This council’s grievous error in 325 AD became, in time, the doctrine of the trinity - a false doctrine that was derived from misidentifying Jesus Christ.

To understand that divine moment that transpired in Bethlehem’s manger, it is imperative to grasp the duality of the One Who was birthed in the “fulness of time” – Jesus Christ.

Jesus was fully man and fully God. Mary birthed the "fully man" but not the "fully God."

However, we begin to see a clash between grammar and biology in this wondrous matter, for we can clearly and rightfully say that Jesus is God... but if we take **that terminology** back to the virgin birth, then it comes out (grammatically) as; Mary gave birth (biologically) to Jesus Who is God... and some would then, through applied logic, even say that Mary was the mother of God.

BUT they would be wrong in such an assumption, both grammatically and biologically, because Mary did not give birth (the origin) to God, Who is Jesus; she did, however, give birth (human seed origin) to the Man Who is Jesus who was conceived in her by the Holy Ghost.

If one does not understand the Spirit (God) and flesh (humanity) duality of Jesus Christ, they will certainly end up in a quagmire of biology and grammar.

The same scenario, as stated previously, also takes place at Calvary. God did not die at Calvary. He, Who became the Supreme Sacrifice, was truly the One Mary had given birth to at Bethlehem - the Man Christ Jesus! And because He is also the Almighty God, He resurrected Himself from a garden tomb! He Who is, and was, and is to come – the Almighty – and His Name is Jesus! Truly, “great is the mystery of godliness.”

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