

GOD NOT ALONE.

"The Beginning of the Creation of God."

HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

Pastor Russell Quotes Scriptural Authority Proving That the Logos Was the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Conclusion, of Jehovah's Creation.



Philadelphia, Pa., January 15 - Pastor Russell preached yesterday from the text, "In the beginning was the Word (Logos) with the God and the Word (Logos) was a God. The same was in the beginning with the God. By him were all things made and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1: 1, 2). He said:

A week ago we considered the time when God was alone. Today let us discuss the first creative act as respects intelligent beings. Long before man was created, or our earth was brought from its chaotic condition, long before angels and cherubim were created, Divine power brought forth a Son on the spirit-plane—Jehovah's First Begotten—glorious, perfect, beautiful, his own image and likeness.

This glorious One is in our text designated the Logos, the Word, the Message, the Expression of God. In the Old Testament he is symbolically referred to as "Wisdom" in the words "Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. . . . Then I was by him, as one brought up with him, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him" (Proverbs viii, 22-30).

This mighty one, personified as Wisdom, is declared by St. Paul to be "the first-born of all creation" (Colossians 1: 15-18). The Psalmist similarly refers to him as Jehovah's "first-born, high-er than the kings of earth" (Psalm lxxxix, 27). Jesus thus refers to him as "one who had a pre-eminence of time, saying, "Before Abraham was, I am" (John viii, 14, 23, 42-58). The glorified, ascended Christ, in Apostolic vision, declared the same great truth, that he was "the beginning of the creation of God" (Revelation iii, 14). And again he declared, "I am the First and the Last" (Rev. i, 17; ii, 8).

All of these Scriptures fully corroborate the statement of our text that he who subsequently became the world's Redeemer was long before the primary Son of God. He ranked first, not only in seniority, but also in honor, dignity and station, above all other sons of God, not one of whom was like himself—the direct creation of Jehovah. "For all things were made by the Logos, and without him was not one thing made that was made." He was not the creator in the primary sense of the word, but in the secondary sense. He was the active agent of Jehovah in all of his subsequent creative work; thus he was not only the first-born of all creation, but, individually, he was also the last of Jehovah's creation. To this agrees the word of St. Paul, "All things are of the Father, and all things are by the Son."

Surely many have failed to appreciate not only the Divine personality of Jehovah, but also the greatness of him who is styled "The Son of God."

In the Dark Ages. There was a time when God's people did not possess the Bible in their own language, and when education to read it was extremely limited, and when nobody possessed such wonderful Bibles (with references and concordances) as are common today. It should not surprise us that in that far-off time confusing errors crept into the traditional faith of the Church. The contention of the Jews was that Jesus of Nazareth was an impostor and that his mighty works were done under the influence of the fallen angel, Beelzebub. Should we think it strange that in the heat of discussion some of the followers of Jesus would make extravagant claims for him in their endeavor to oppose the theory that made of Messiah a mere sinful man?

It does not surprise us, therefore, that early in the third century claims were put forward in the name of Christ and his Apostles which neither he nor they ever authorized. The Apostles declared him to be "the Son of God with power" and that he was "holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners" (Hebrews vii, 26). The Master himself declared, "My Father is greater than I." "He is above all," "he sent me," "I came to do the will of my Father in heaven and not mine own will." "I delight to do thy will, oh my God; thy law is written in my heart."

True, he also declared, "I and my Father are one;" but he showed in what this oneness consisted—that it was an oneness of will, of purpose, of work. Because he had fully submitted his will to the Father's will and had made the Father's will his own, therefore they were one.

The Master again illustrated this oneness when he prayed for his disciples that "they all might be one, even as thou Father and I are one" (John xvii, 11, 21, 22). Evidently the Master did not pray that his disciples should all become one in person, but that they should all become of one mind, of one heart, of one disposition through their loyalty and obedience to the Word and to the spirit of God. And this oneness, he declared, was the kind which subsisted between the Heavenly Father and himself.

Leaving the simplicity of the teachings of Jesus and of the Apostles, some went to the extreme of declaring that Jesus was his own Father; that the terms Father, Son and Holy Spirit all applied to one person who manifested himself in manifold and different ways corresponding to these names—one God in three manifestations. Others took a still different view and claimed that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were three God, who operated as one. In proportion as these unscriptural human theories were received, they produced confusion. And when asked how three persons could logically be one person, and how one person could be three persons, equal in glory and power, of course no answer could be given. Then the subtlety was raised, "This is a great mystery which nobody can explain."

It should not surprise us from what we know of the structure of human nature that these extreme views were opposed by others of the opposite extreme, some claiming that Jesus was a mere man; that he was born as one of other men; that Joseph was his father, etc. Thus we behold the danger of any variation whatever from the precise teachings of the Word of God.

It should be needless to say to Bible students that there is nothing in the Bible which declares a trinity of God. There is just one passage of Scripture quoted in proof of the Trinity (John i, 7), and it is never quoted by scholars, because all scholars know that it was tampered with, several words having been added in the seventh century which are not found in any New Testament manuscript of earlier date. And those added words make the statement as a whole foolish.

If you will turn in your Bibles to this passage, you may strike out the spurious words as follows in verse seven: "In heaven the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one;" and in verse eight the words, "and there are three that bear witness in earth."

After thus eliminating the spurious additions, after thus removing from the precious document this dead fly of falsehood which was inserted for the very purpose of deceiving, and because no Scripture could be found to give color to the doctrine of the trinity—then you will be able to read that portion of the Word of God in its purity and simplicity. Then the "mystery" part will be gone from it forever. It will be in full accord with the entire Bible in declaring, "To us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things and we by him" (I Corinthians viii, 6). How absurdly the passage reads in our common version, stating that the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are bearing witness in heaven that Jesus is the Son of God!

The pure Word of God presents simply and beautifully the fact that the great Creator, the Father of all mercies, is Jehovah God, and that he has an only begotten Son who is yet to be the Savior of Deliverer of all of Adam's race worldwide in him. And there is one Holy Spirit, "the spirit of truth," "the spirit of wisdom," "the spirit of a sound mind," the spirit of power, energy, will, mind of the Father—which is also the spirit of the Son, and which must be also the spirit, disposition, mind, will of all those who now come unto the Father as sons through the adoption which is in Christ Jesus.

The Only Begotten Honored. Before the beginning of the creation of God, before the Only Begotten of the Father became the Alpha of Creation, the Father had wonderful purposes in himself respecting all his great plan for the everlasting future. It included this world, and mankind, and the permission of sin, and the redemption of man from sin and its penalty, and the restoration to be accomplished by Messiah's Kingdom and the glorious work of eternity in further creations in world after world.

But, as the Master declared, these things the Father had kept in his own power—in his own hand. He divulged them not to the angels, nor even to his dearly beloved "only begotten Son." We have seen how this Divine secret, Divine purpose, was symbolically represented in the scroll in the hands of Jehovah, as pictured in Revelation v, 1. We have seen that this revelation was delivered to the Lamb, the Only Begotten One, after he had been slain—after his consecration at Jordan, and in its fullness after his death at Calvary, when he ascended up on high, glorified at the right hand of the Father's majesty.

But before the Logos was made flesh, before he undertook to be man's Redeemer, the Heavenly Father sent before him the glorious proposition. He informed him that he had a plan, a scroll, and that the execution thereof was to be given to one who would prove himself worthy, by demonstrating his loyalty to the Divine will.

We read that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, but we are not to understand from this that he came under Divine commands, the refusal of which would have meant Divine displeasure and his own degradation. On the contrary, we understand the matter clearly when we hearken to the Apostle's statement. He declares that Messiah left the glory, which he had with the Father before the world was, and humbled himself to take upon himself man's form and then consecrated himself even unto death—all because of the joy that the Father had set before him.

The joy set before the Logos was (1) That he might serve the Heavenly Father's gracious purposes.

(2) That he might recover mankind from the state of sin and death into which all were plunged by father Adam's one act of disobedience.

(3) Additionally he was promised the honor and distinction of the Messianic Kingdom by and through which mankind would be blessed and uplifted.

(4) He was promised a special Bride class to be selected from among the redeemed race of men—a class having his own disposition of loyalty to God and to righteousness, and faithful unto death—which like himself, would be exalted in the chief resurrection from the earthly to heavenly condition, far above principalities and powers and every name that is named.

(5) He was promised that his own personal distinction would be to all eternity a participation in the qualities of the divine nature; he would possess, not only glory and honor, but also inherent life, deathlessness, immortality.

For these joys, he left his glory, he was made flesh, he sacrificed his earthly life and, being raised from the dead, he entered into his promised joy. Since, he is waiting in expectation for the completion of the Church, his Bride, the members of his Body, assured that then the Father will give him the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession, that he may bind Satan, put down sin and uplift the sinner and bring everlasting order out of the world's confusion by destroying the earthy work.

A God but Not the God.

As all Bible scholars know, the word *elohim* in the Old Testament Hebrew is of plural form, somewhat like our English word *shoem*. Thus we read in Genesis, "The *elohim* (Gods) said, let us make man in our image." This would very properly apply to the Heavenly Father and the Heavenly Son, in full accord with our text, "Without him (the Logos) was not anything made that was made." The word *elohim* signifies, literally, "the mighty, the powerful, the great." Surely it would be strictly proper to consider the Logos mighty, great, powerful as the active agent of the Almighty One, Jehovah, who is also styled the Mighty *Elohim*.

This word *elohim* not only is used in respect to the Heavenly Father and his Heavenly Son, but it is also used in respect to angels as the messengers of God and of Christ, mighty to the doing of the will of God (Psalm vii, 5). "Thou hast made man a little lower than the angels (*elohim*)." Still further notice that this word *elohim* is used in respect to men; when Divinely appointed and active as God's agents they were mighty, or *elohim*. Thus we read of the seventy judges of Israel appointed by Moses, "The master shall bring him unto the judges (*elohim*)" (Exodus xxi, 6).

We have given a very literal rendering of our text, showing the fine distinction of the Greek original in a way that our English version does not show it. As Bible students we have not in the past been sufficiently critical in our study of God's Word, but now, in Divine providence, it is possible for those even who have practically no knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew to understand the Scripture presentations thoroughly. If any amongst my large congregation are unsuccessful in finding authoritative works that show the interpolations and mistranslations of the Holy Scriptures, I shall be pleased to have them write to me for information.

Our text in the common English version misrepresents the true thought of the original, but as we have rendered it the matter is so simple and clear that a child may understand. Jehovah God is from everlasting to everlasting and had no beginning. The Logos had a beginning—he himself was the beginning. "In the beginning was the Logos and the Logos was a God," he was a mighty one, the beginning of creation, the first and the last creation of the God, the Almighty One—"of whom, by whom and through whom are all things."

All honor and majesty and worship belong primarily to the great Father of lights and to him Jesus directed the attention of his followers, saying, "After this manner pray ye—Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." It is always therefore eminently proper in the highest sense of the word that our petitions should ascend to "the Father of Lights, from whom cometh every good and every perfect gift."

It has pleased the Father to so honor his First Begotten Son, and to so reward his faithfulness unto death, and to so make him the Head in all things over the Church which is his Body, that it is eminently proper that, in the language of the Master, "All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father" (John v, 23). They should not honor the Son instead of the Father, however, for the latter declares, "My glory will I not give to another." The exalted Christ is to be honored, yea, worshipped, because the Father has highly exalted him and given him a name above every other name, that at name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God the Father (Philippians ii, 8-11).

Moreover, there is a special reason why all who recognize Jesus as the world's Redeemer should recognize the propriety of including him with the Father in their thoughts and in their prayers. This is because, by Divine appointment, he is the Church's Advocate with the Father—the One through whom we are acceptable to God, even the Father. How could we, therefore, ignore our Advocate, our Attorney, our Intercessor?

And with the world in the future, throughout Messiah's reign, this will be equally proper, because then he will be the world's Mediator, standing between God and men, until by his Mediatorial Kingdom he shall have lifted mankind from sin and degradation and death, back to actual justification and harmony with God.

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The report that "Jack the Grabber" had been captured spread with remarkable rapidity on the streets, and although the hour was late an immense crowd had assembled, and some were threatening bodily harm. Chief of Police Farrington took the suspect to the police court chambers, and because of the nature of the offense deemed it advisable to summon District Attorney Bryson at once and give the man a hearing. After the district attorney appeared an informal investigation was held by which the attorney was convinced that the wrong man had been arrested. He stated afterward that had it not been that this man was able to prove the alibi nothing could have saved him from conviction.

The circumstances were unusual. Saturday night was very bright, with a full moon, and the snow-covered ground made it easy to distinguish any one's features. The women were positive that the man apprehended was the same one who assaulted them. A young man named Colvin, whom the fiend passed Saturday night as he was running from the scene, also identified the machine agent with little hesitation.

It seems that the women who were attacked Saturday night were walking on Willamette street Sunday night when they saw the agent standing in front of the Hadley & Hyland cigar store near the Hoffman house. The women were positive that when he caught their eye he apparently recognized them and at once started down Willamette street. They followed him to the depot, to his apparent disconcertion, and the women called an officer, who arrested him there.

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ADMIRAL SIGSBEE.

Although he is on the retired list, there are many persons who remember that today is the sixty-sixth birthday of Rear Admiral Charles Dwight Sigsbee. He was born at Albany, N. Y., January 16, 1845. He was appointed to the navy in 1869 and spent four years at the Naval Academy. In the late fall of 1863 he was promoted to an ensign. He served in the West Gulf squadron during 1863-4, and was present at the battle of Mobile Bay. During 1865 young Sigsbee was distinguishing himself with the North Atlantic squadron, figuring in both attacks on Fort Fisher and in the final attack on same.

On April 10, 1897, he took command of the battleship Maine, which was blown up and destroyed in Havana harbor in 1898, on February 15. After Captain Sigsbee commanded the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul in operations against Spain in the waters of Cuba and Porto Rico, he captured in May, 1898, the collier Restormel, carrying coal to Admiral Cervera, thus destroying the last hope of coal supply for the Spanish fleet. Later he commanded the battleship Texas, after which he was made chief officer of the naval intelligence bureau. He has also been commander of the League Island navy yard and the Caribbean squadron of the North Atlantic fleet. He was made a rear-admiral in 1904. As an author Admiral Sigsbee has won distinction, his most important works being "Deep Sea Sounding and Dredging" and "The United States Coast Survey." He has also written a personal narrative of the battleship Maine. Rear Admiral Sigsbee makes his home in Washington.

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PENSIONS FOR OLD ARMOUR EMPLOYEES

Kansas City, Jan. 16.—Employees of the Armour Packing company over 60 years of age, will be pensioned, is the official announcement. The exact form of the pension scheme is not determined.

BUSINESS MAN COMMITS SUICIDE FOLLOWING ARREST

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Carl J. Cutting, dealer in oriental goods and well-known in club circles, was arrested Friday on the charge of defrauding the government by undervaluation of imports, and who was held to answer before the federal court, committed suicide today at his residence in this city.

Cutting was found dead in his bachelor quarters by a servant. After carefully stuffing the cracks between the door, the suicide turned on all the gas circuits.

PASSING OF JOHN DALY AT SULPHUR SPRINGS

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NEWS NOTES FROM COTTAGE GROVE Bank Elects Officers for Year—More Pavement Desired Antlers Club Cottage Grove, Or., Jan. 15.—The stockholders of the First National bank held their annual meeting last week, re-electing the officers and directors of last year as follows: President, E. H. Hall; secretary, T. C. Wheeler, cashier; H. Eakin, T. C. Wheeler, J. H. Hawley, N. W. White and Oliver Veatch, directors. At this meeting \$20,000 of the undivided profits was transferred to the surplus making it \$25,000. No dividend was declared.

Elks Organized Antlers Club. On Thursday night the Elks of this city organized the Antlers Club with a membership of 35. Phillips Hall has been leased for a year, and the club will hold regular sessions each Thursday evening. Only Elks are eligible to membership. The officers elected are: Lew A. Cates, president; C. W. Wallace, secretary; F. H. Hall, treasurer; Rev. A. S. Mason, chaplain. Cottage Grove Would Pave. Cottage Grove, Or., Jan. 15.—Fourth-street property-owners have organized and are soon to present a petition to the town council for an order to pave that thoroughfare, which is the longest direct street in the city. The plan proposed is for the city to do the work under the direction of a superintendent, using its own equipment, and that no contracts be let for this or future paving. Ernest Crouch and H. R. Hendricks, who were former residents and whose parents now reside here, have just sold the Gold Note mine in Southern Oregon for a consideration of \$20,000. James Bankhead, of New York City, has purchased 40 acres of the Lyman Adams farm, situated south of Cottage Grove, the consideration being \$1400. Mr. Bankhead will bring his family here to reside. Rich Bohemia Ore. Ninety sacks of ore recently shipped from the West Coast mine to the Tacoma smelter netted \$1200.

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CITIES OVER 5000 SHOW LARGEST GAIN Washington, Jan. 15.—Oregon's cities having a population of more than 5000 contributed 55 per cent of the state's total increase of 259,229 in the last decade. Portland's increase was 81.5 per cent of the total increase of those cities and 24 per cent of the state total. The number of cities over 5000 number seven, an increase of four since 1900. Medford heads the list of increase with 393.6 per cent. Eugene is second with 178.3. Portland 129.2 and Ashland 96.5.