

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JESUS

Merry Christmas to you - and Happy Birthday to JESUS! This season is a great time to give your own personal testimony as a believer. That's because most people in our society follow the whole world in opening up to the birth of JESUS at Christmas. Is there anyone in our world who doesn't know JESUS was born at Christmas? (More on the exact date of His birth later.) A proper greeting is "Merry Christmas to you - and Happy Birthday to JESUS."

THE CONCEPTION OF JESUS

Most writers concentrate on the birth of JESUS. No problem. Today we will study the conception, contradistinctive to the birth. A student doesn't have to be very mature to know both events are very important. "You can't have one with out the other."

IS EL ELYON THE FATHER OF JESUS?

The Bible says the name nature of the father of JESUS is EL ELYON (the Most High God). "He shall be called the Son of EL ELYON (the Highest)." (LUKE 1:32) And, "The power of EL ELYON (the Highest) shall overshadow thee:" (LUKE 1:35)

SPIRIT, SOUL OR BODY?

EL ELYON first procreated the SPIRIT (not body) of JESUS before the world began. (John 1:1-3, 2 Tim. 1:19) Later, about 2000 years ago, EL ELYON procreated the BODY (not SPIRIT) of JESUS in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary. (LuKE 1:32, 35)

YOUR SPIRIT

The SPIRITS (not BODIES) of the rest of us were also first procreated by EL ELYON before the world began. (2 Tim. 1:9) Much later, your own BODY was procreated by your own natural father and mother. The SPIRITS of every one of our Bible students were also procreated by EL ELYON, the same name nature of the Godhead

who procreated JESUS. The Bible settles the question of the name of our own heavenly father when it says,

"I have said, ye are Gods; and all of you are children of EL ELYON (the Most High)" (Psalms 82:6)

In other words, the Bible says EL ELYON is the father of JESUS' SPIRIT and EL ELYON is also the father of the SPIRIT of everyone of our friends, readers and students.

WHEN WERE YOU BORN?

The Bible settles the question, "WHEN were our SPIRITS procreated and born?"

"According to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," (2 Tim.1:9) And, "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world," (Eph. 1:4)

YOU ARE VERY OLD!

Those scriptures show that you are very old. Upon hearing those scriptures a middle aged lady in our Bible class said, "So that's why I'm feeling so tired!" That was a joke because she knew her SPIRIT was ancient but her tired BODY wasn't, even though it sometimes felt like it was. And that applies to you, too! We are like JESUS one way in the realm of the SPIRIT, in that we, like JESUS, were all fathered by EL ELYON before the foundation of the world. (Psa. 82:6, 2 Tim. 1:9).

THE DIFFERENCE

Jesus differs from us in one way, in that he is the ONLY human who was begotten by GOD in the realm of the BODY.

"The glory as of the only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14) And, "The only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father" (John 1:18) And, "He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16) And, "Believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

Jesus is the only begotten Son of God in the realm of the BODY. But, in the realm of the

From that scripture it looks like JESUS had two fathers. He did, EL ELYON and David. First the scripture said JESUS was called the Son of EL ELYON (the Highest). Second, the same verse said that JESUS's father was David. How can JESUS be the son of EL ELYON and also have David as his father? Is David EL ELYON? The answer is in the contradistinction between SPIRIT and natural BODY.

The SPIRIT of JESUS was fathered by EL ELYON. But, the BODY of JESUS was fathered by EL ELYON (Luke 1:32, 35) through Mary who traces to the lineage of David. (Luke 3:23 more study later) That makes EL ELYON the father of the SPIRIT of JESUS and David the father of the BODY of JESUS through Mary. The Bible treats the birth of the SPIRIT as a separate event from the birth of the BODY. Believers must learn to do the same.

TWO GENEALOGIES

Most Bible students have noticed there are TWO separate and very different genealogies given for JESUS. One is in Matt 1:1-17. The other is Luke 3:23-38. One traces the physical BODY of JESUS. The other traces the SPIRIT of the CHRIST. If you do not understand the difference between JESUS and CHRIST then pray about sending for my MONARCH titled, IS CHRIST THE SAME AS JESUS?, Aug. Sept. 1982.

BOTH JESUS AND CHRIST

But, Luke traces the genealogy of JESUS (contradistinctive to CHRIST) back up through Mary (not Joseph - explained later) through the same David and Abraham and adds the progression through Adam to God.

In other words, Matthew is interested in the SPIRIT of the CHRIST. And Luke is interested in the BODY of JESUS.

Repeat: Matthew gives the genealogy of the CHRIST. Luke gives the genealogy of the JESUS.

MARY OR JOSEPH?

A casual reading of Luke 3:23 would cause a Christian to think the path was through Joseph. But, some writers report that Luke 3:23 should read,

"Joseph...was the son in law of Heli" (instead of son of Heli as the KJV has it).

In other words, Mary's father was Heli - not Joseph's. That would explain the difference in the two different paths.

We should also note that females had close to no rights in that old society. For instance,

remember that the Bible gives the names of the BROTHERS of JESUS but it only mentions His SISTERS without naming them. (Mark 6:3) Some writers have suggested that when referring to a woman it was customary to use the name of her husband. That makes a little sense because even today that is the way some credit card companies do - ie., Mrs. David Ebaugh instead of Betty.

I can't find enough information to prove or disprove the claim that it was a male chauvinist society that switched Mary's name to Joseph's. But it is an interesting and believable point to ponder.

It is also a very disturbing point. As a consequence many theologians do not believe it. They believe that God would not allow such a switch to occur in the Bible. After 30 years of intense Bible study, I do believe that our God has allowed many Bible misconceptions to occur throughout history. I believe this is the age when our GOD is returning us all to basic Bible truth, by sending angels to pull out the tares from our minds. (Matt. 13:24-40)

Compare:

Matthew traces

1. CHRIST through, 2. paternal genealogy Joseph.

Luke conversely traces

1. JESUS through, 2. maternal genealogy MARY.

WHEN IS JESUS' BIRTHDAY?

The exact date of the birth of Jesus has been argued by expert theologians, and no one that I know of still adamantly holds to Dec. 25. That is what I call the traditional date. But, that issue still splits some Christians. Christians should not "bad mouth" believers for selecting one date over another, for the celebration of the event of the birth of JESUS. At our house we celebrate Christmas at the same time as does every one else on our block. We think you get more flies with honey than with vinegar. It may surprise you to know that each Christmas season I receive several letters of condemnation because I celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25. I do not turn my head away from these critical letters. I do read them carefully. I have decided they are right in determining Dec. 25 is not the right date for the birth of Jesus. But, we celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25 anyway because we honor an event, not a date. Most modern Biblical annalists report the birth of JESUS to be at the time of the feast of tabernacles. Roman Catholics report Dec. 25. Greek Catholics report Jan 6.

MARY KNEW THE DIFFERENCE

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was the most blessed and highly favored woman in all history. I greatly honor her and I continually study every recorded word of Mary. Her famous division of SOUL from SPIRIT is naturally one of my favorites.

"My SOUL doeth magnify the Lord and my SPIRIT hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." (Luke 1:47)

I do think the blessed virgin Mary would agree with every word in my book, SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY, the 3rd SALVATION. Her testimony shows that she understood the long hidden and misunderstood difference between SOUL and SPIRIT. I long for the day the same thing can be said about all preachers. I don't believe it is possible to effectively explain or understand the Bible without referring to the basic difference between SOUL and SPIRIT.

EL ELYON OR THE HOLY GHOST?

But, there is another big problem I stumbled over for a lot of years. Most all Christians (I used to be among the number) erroneously teach that JESUS was conceived by the HOLY GHOST. When I came upon the SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY study, I noted the pattern of the Holy Ghost (Spirit) was always to make entry into the SOUL of mankind - not the BODY. And I knew enough about procreation to know that if the Holy Ghost did conceive JESUS, then that would be in the BODY realm - a departure from the patterns set by all the other scriptures. Furthermore I was even more erroneously confused because I was sure the Bible said someplace, "Conceived by the Holy Ghost", But I couldn't find it whenever I took the time to look.

Now I have discovered that "Conceived by the Holy Ghost" is part of the Apostles Creed (usually in the hymnal responsive reading section) and it is NOT in the Bible. Well, it helps to know where that idea came from! And I carefully analyzed Matt. 1:18,

"before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

That is a good (but erroneous) reason to think that JESUS was conceived by the Holy Ghost. But, that is in direct opposition to the scriptures that say;

"He shall be called the Son of EL ELYON (the Highest)" (Luke 1:32) and "The power (DUNAMIS) of EL ELYON (the Highest) shall overshadow thee" (Luke 1:35).

Those two scriptures indicate EL ELYON (the Most High GOD) is the father of JESUS.

But, that's not the whole scripture either.

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee (to your SOUL) and the power (DUNAMIS) of EL ELYON (the Highest) shall overshadow thee (your BODY)."

Now, that is beginning to make sense. The Holy Ghost brought thoughts - ideas to the SOUL of Mary and that got her mind ready for what was soon to happen to her body. Next the DUNAMIS (power) of EL ELYON overshadowed the BODY of the blessed virgin Mary and produced the conception of the BODY of JESUS. Can you conceive of that?

So, it was the Holy Ghost who got her mind ready and it was the DUNAMIS (power) of EL ELYON that performed the physical miracle. That makes all the patterns in all the other scriptures fit. But it doesn't support the Apostles Creed - so you'll have to deal with that. When there is conflict, which has priority? The Apostles Creed or the Holy Bible? I picked the Bible; what did you pick?

Now, we should re-examine, "before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:18)

That does not agree with our conclusion and also it does not agree with the original Greek. As you might have guessed - we are headed for a translation error. The Williams translation renders it this way,

"she was found to be an expectant mother through the influence of the Holy Spirit."

That translation is more in harmony with all of the Bible patterns, as we know them now. Mary was influenced in her SOUL (mind) by the Holy Ghost; she was not impregnated by the Holy Ghost. Mary's body was overshadowed by the DUNAMIS (power) of EL ELYON (the Highest).

These translations and these ideas now cause all of the Bible to agree with every other part of the Bible.

I don't stumble over the question of who is the father of JESUS anymore. The father of JESUS is EL ELYON, the MOST HIGH GOD.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! GOD BLESS YOU!

This ministry can not exist apart from the gifts of our readers, friends and students. This is a serious truth. Please pray that all of our friends, readers and students will understand.
