



THE VISITOR "Visitation from Space" John 1:1-5

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"The Word became flesh" is the way the Bible describes the most stupendous visitation of planet earth from outer space. The identity of the Word, the reasons for His visitation and its contemporary relevance should be considered carefully.

I. The Unique Identity of the Word.

- A. What the title "Word" (*Logos*) meant to Greeks.
 1. Stoics: the rational principle behind all things.
 2. Philo: platonic ideal behind the visible world.
 3. Reason behind expression.
- B. What the title "Word" (*Dabar*) meant to Hebrews: God's powerful self-expression in...
 1. Creation. Genesis 1:3; Psalm 33:6
 2. Revelation. Jeremiah 1:4; Amos 3:1, 8
 3. Deliverance. Psalm 107:20; Isaiah 55:11

II. The Eternal Existence of the Word.

- A. "In the beginning...": the "*arche*" origin of universe, all things.
- B. "...was the Word": "*en*" "was" cf. "*egeneto*" "became." v. 3
- C. "The Word was with God": "*pros*" "to, towards"—relational word.

III. The Divine Nature of the Word.

- A. "*Theos en ho logos*": lit. "God" was the Word.
- B. Psalm 45:6: ascribes deity to One who acknowledges God!
- C. See also Romans 9:5; Philippians 2:5f; Colossians 1:15-20; John 20:28

IV. The Creative Activity of the Word.

- A. "Through him all things were made": the act of creation.
- B. "Without him nothing was made that has been made": state of created.
- C. Cf. Genesis 1 "Let there be..." John 1 "The Word"; Colossians 1:16f; Hebrews 1:2

V. The Self-Existing Life of the Word.

- A. The Word has "life in Himself," granted by the Father. John 5:26
- B. The eternally existent life is imparted to "*ton anthropon*," human race.
- C. This life is "light," imparts insight, banishes darkness, reveals glory.
- D. Darkness, absence of light, evil not able to "master" light.

INCREDIBLY "the word became flesh and lived among us."