

Jesus as the beginning of God's creation

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To understand Rev. 3:14 you have to understand the two creations. We have the Genesis creation and the new creation referring to Jesus and His establishment of the church and the age to come.

Isaiah 65:17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

This is not Genesis.

2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Jesus is the beginning of God's new creation, not the Genesis creation.

Ephesians 2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace.

Ephesians 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

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Listen to Colossians 1:16 and you will hear kingdom language regarding things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers **IN** heaven and **ON** earth, not **THE** heaven and **THE** earth. This is not Genesis language.

Colossians 1:16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

The flesh and blood Jesus had His beginning 2000 years ago. He had to grow in wisdom and stature and had to learn obedience because He was a new creation the first born from the dead as the beginning of the age to come.

Hebrews 1:1-2 tells us that **God did not speak to us through His Son in the Old Testament.** Jesus Himself says it was God who created Adam and Eve, not Himself.

Mark 10:5-6 **Jesus answered and said to them**, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’”

Jesus had to deny His own word in order to obey the word in John 1:1-2.

Jesus is the firstborn from the dead, He is a new creation, which makes Him the beginning or source of God’s new creation.

God plainly says that it was **He alone** who **all by Himself** stretched out the heavens and laid the foundation of the earth.

Isaiah 44:24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: “I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens **all alone**, Who spreads abroad the earth **by Myself**.”

How and when did Jesus become the Son of God? Was it before His birth or at His birth...listen

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, “**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, (or because of this)** that Holy One who is to be born **will be called the Son of God.**”

Luke 1:35 The angel answered her, “**The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore,** the holy child developing inside you will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:35 The angel answered, “**The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God’s power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God.**”

Luke 1:35 The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason”the “holy Child shall be called”the Son of God.

All these translations indicate how the origin of the Son of God started at His birth and not before His birth. The goings forth of Jesus was from before the foundation of the world in the foreknowledge of God’s mind as part of His plan. This is indicated all throughout the Old Testament as Jesus being the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world and as the seed of the woman in Genesis and the seed of Abraham and the seed of King David but none of this refers to a literal Son existing in the Old Testament.

I agree that there are some verses in the Bible that were tweaked or misinterpreted to sound as though there was a preexisted Jesus or a co-eternal trinity God but that’s all they are, tweaks and misinterpretations. Remember, Jesus only spoke in parables so many of the things Jesus said went over everyone’s head.

Let me give you an example of a misinterpretation of Scripture that just about the whole world does. Listen.

People say the seventh day Sabbath was changed to the first day because of Jesus’ resurrection. Here is the verse they use. Listen.

John 20:19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When people read this verse they see the disciples gathering for worship on the first day because of Jesus' resurrection. They see this because that's what they were taught to see. Now let's interpret it correctly.

First, it does not say they were gathering for worship, but rather, it says they were hiding in fear of the Jews. Why is this? Because Jesus had just been crucified and they didn't know what would happen to them so they hid for fear of the Jews.

Secondly, they were not gathering here to celebrate Jesus' resurrection because as of that point, they didn't even know Jesus had risen that's why they were hiding in fear of the Jews. Do you see how the whole world is being misled? The same thing is happening with Jesus. God tells us plainly in Hebrews 1:1-2 that He **did not** speak to us through His Son in the Old Testament yet the whole world is saying that He did and with the same breath they are saying Sunday is now the new Sabbath day because of Jesus' resurrection.