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## Our Master's Answers to the Questions

"If we can say that God is energy, and energy is matter, matter is energy, and energy created matter, then how do you explain God's creation of the physical world?"

"There is no distinction between energy and matter. Since God is plus energy, whenever minus energy appears, or subject and object energy appears, then through the action of give and take, they become one. They have a circling movement.

"So all things have an outward and inward. The seed of a tree is the core of energy which attracts the chemical elements from the universe. Because it has the structure to obtain those elements, it grows and expands and becomes a tree.

"Likewise, the very beginning of humanity in a mother's womb is like a seed which obtains all the elements through the mother's body. It is a plus energy, but it obtains the energy from the outside. It had the potential from the beginning.

"In this way, the whole creation came into being."

"When does a child become a living soul-while in the mother's womb or after breathing its first breath of air?"

"Man must go through two worlds, spiritual and physical. The child must take at least one breath in the physical world before it can become a living soul.

"It is said in the Bible that God breathed into Adam and Adam became a living soul."

(Source: "The Master Speaks" -MS-5 by The Unified Family, Washington, D.C.)

The Lord's Prayer

Have you ever tried to put the Lord's Prayer in your own words that would be significant to you at a particular moment? I suggest that you try this yourself, putting it in writing, then go back a few days or week later and after meditating upon the prayer again write down the meaning it has for you at that moment. This can be a meaningful experience for you! Following is an example:

"Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name."  
Loving Father, who is manifest in all of creation

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

May your kingdom come on earth, bringing peace, love and harmony to all of mankind.

"Give us each day our daily bread"

Give me each day the strength and courage to meet the demands of this day and the faith to know that that need will be met.

"And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Forgive me for all the things I think and do that separate me from you...help me to understand, feel compassion for, and really love those that knowingly or unknowingly do wrong to me.

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"

Do not cease to test me, but give me the strength to overcome all temptation.

"For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the Glory forever."

The kingdom on earth and in heaven is yours. It is one world. You are omnipotent...the power in all the universe.

- Terre Hall -

Some Thoughts on the Orthodox Christian Belief of  
"The Pre-Existence of Christ"

The Principles indicate that in the beginning God had an idea to rule the Universe centering Adam. But He failed, so the Second Adam came into the picture. Since the fall of man, mankind needed a savior which is Jesus Christ, the Second Adam. So, in one sense, Jesus, as God's ideal Adam, truly existed from the beginning, and even more so after the fall of man. It was not actually His body that existed in the beginning, but the perfect spirit of Adam or Idea of the God's Ideal Man, Adam, existed long before creation and even after the fall of man. So, the value of Jesus is equal to the first Adam in Adam's capacity. Therefore,

it can be said that Jesus, as the second Adam, existed as the Logos - the Word and as God's perfect Ideal Man.

With this understanding we can see why Jesus said He existed in the beginning and He was the foundation of the world as mentioned in the Gospels. He claimed this simply because He was the image of God's Ideal Man, He was Christ, and the Universe belonged to Him. Further, our manuscript on Christology develops the lecture on the Doctrine of the Logos.

We can not take the Bible interpretation only based on the orthodox approach. We have to look at the panoramic view of the Bible. As Neo-orthodox points out, the Bible contradicts itself and there are also mistranslations from the original texts, and corrected by many unknown scribes, etc.

It will be very helpful for us to pick several strong verses which are used by many fundamental theologians to prove the pre-existence of Jesus Christ, and then some interpretation as a model may be presented.

John 17:5, "O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

Instead of interpreting that Jesus was before the world, as mentioned above, the Christ Jesus existed in God's mind before the creation. Because of the fall of the first Adam, the Second Adam, Jesus, naturally can be said and claimed by Jesus that He was before the world was created. The most strong scripture like John 1:1 can be understood in the same way. Even though many use Hebrew 1:2, 6, 8, 10, the verses are very weak and not clear to prove their points. Also, there are several other places in the Bible that Jesus claimed "I Am" in the beginning. If He is one with God and God is in Christ, then Christ can claim "I Am" in the beginning in one sense.

The main source of the Pre-Existence theory came from the Gospel of John who was influenced by the so-called Logos Doctrine which prevailed at his time, and John fully developed and applied it to his new Christian theology. Briefly the Doctrine of Logos is as follows: Philo was a Jewish scholar who studied Plato's philosophy and regarded the Torah, Moses' five books. Naturally, there are many similar thoughts between Philo and Plato. Philo's philosophy was dualistic-materialistic and spiritualistic. God is pure spirit and opposite is matter and the creation. The opposite~~s~~ can not be mixed and there is no relationship between God and matter in the physical world.

Philo's doctrine of Logos used all sorts of go-between between God and Matter to relate the two, such as angels. God did not create matter, rather He created an intermediate being that created Matter. This being created Matter.

The Logos is, very crudely speaking, a created angel or being (much higher). The Word (Logos) is then an angel or being outside of the Godhead, which then created the whole world. There are many go-betweens, and Logos is one; not exactly an angel but a created being (supreme one). John, the writer of the Gospel, was influenced by Philo's doctrine of the Logos, as well as many apocryphal literatures. He looked to Jesus as the created being (supreme being) and related Jesus to the Logos, the Word, as a pre-existed being.

Thus, Logos is separate from God. John and Paul in the New Testament were the only ones who occasionally used the Logos Doctrine. Briefly, Logos means Reason and Speech and Word. John, the writer of the Gospel must have copied the double meaning of the Logos: Christ, Jesus is the Idea of God's Reason and Christ, Jesus is the very expression of God.

Plato had the Doctrine of Divine Mind. He did not mean Divine Mind is God or is the personality. But Philo tried to reconcile this idea with the Old Testament. In some verses in the Old Testament, the Word means personality, Voice of God, one who is represented as the Word or Voice of God. This means the attribute of God and His will to mankind.

John, the writer of the Gospel, further developed this Logos Doctrine that started from Plato. He carried the term, Logos, even further than the predecessor. He actually meant the term as:

1. Messiah
2. Son of God
3. Son of Man
4. Person of Christ
5. Deity of Christ

Thus Christian theology is initiated by John's development and amplification from the original Philo and Plato's Logos Doctrine.

\*\*\* You will meet many people with the narrow-minded view of the so-called "Jesus Christ is pre-existed in the beginning, and He is, was and will be." Also, any scriptural verses in relation to this subject can be easily explained along the above thoughts.

- Esther Carroll -

- Selections From "The Prophet" -

And an old priest said, Speak to us of Religion.  
And he said:

Have I spoken this day of aught else?  
Is not religion all deeds and all reflection,

And that which is neither deed nor reflection,  
but a wonder and a surprise ever springing in  
the soul, even while the hands hew the stone or  
tend the loom?

Who can separate his faith from his actions,  
or his belief from his occupations?

Who can spread his hours before him, saying,  
"This for God and this for myself; This for my soul, and  
this other for my body?"

All your hours are wings that beat through space  
from self to self.

He who wears his morality but as his best  
garment were better naked.

The wind and the sun will tear no holes in his skin.

And he who defines his conduct by ethics imprisons  
his song-bird in a cage.

The freest song comes not through bars and  
wires.

And he to whom worshipping is a window, to  
open but also to shut, has not yet visited the  
house of his soul whose windows are from dawn  
to dawn.

Your daily life is your temple and your religion.

Whenever you enter into it take with you  
your all.

Take the plough and the forge and the mallet  
and the lute,

The things you have fashioned in necessity or  
for delight.

For in revery you cannot rise above your  
achievements nor fall lower than your failures.

And take with you all men:

For in adoration you cannot fly higher than  
their hopes nor humble yourself lower than their despair.

And if you would know God be not therefore a  
solver of riddles.

Rather look about you and you shall see Him  
playing with your children.

And look into space; you shall see Him walking  
in the cloud, outstretching His arms in the  
lightning and descending in rain.

You shall see Him smiling in flowers, then  
rising and waving His hands in trees.

- Kahlil Gibran -

Portland, Oregon

Esther Carroll

On May 7th in a Sunday afternoon meeting I had the  
opportunity to lecture in the First Church of Universal  
Spiritual Action. The minister is open to any topic so  
it was a thrill to lecture The Divine Principles with  
complete freedom.

I chose as my topic, "The Seven Theories as to His  
Second Coming". I began with the progressive revelation

and also touched briefly on why Jesus was Second Adam and also the Tree of Life; how His three temptations and Moses three signs related to Adam's three blessings; what His mission and purpose for coming was.

Upon this foundation I went into the seven theories with main emphasis on the last two. I developed the "coming in clouds" to quite an extent, showing how truly He will come in the clouds in the same manner. I logically and scripturally developed this thought and laid the foundation for the seventh theory.

The minister took a tape on the lecture and he was so impressed and inspired he asked permission to use it in his studies. He said it opened up new areas of his thinking and helped to clarify other thoughts. He plans to study the tape because of the many points I introduced to him. He asked me to speak again at another time.

There were some, of course, who did not respond, but the general over-all response was overwhelming. One woman was so completely enchanted. She said, "I just sat there and soaked it in. I've never been able to tie in details that way." I saw her the same evening at another church. When I walked in she told another lady about my lecture and said, "I haven't gotten over it yet, it was so wonderful." Another lady said she enjoyed it very much and said while I was talking I was surrounded by a white and gold light with purple lights. There was a beautiful gold cross there where I was standing. I had several people make comments along this line and are eager to hear more.

One man said that he liked it very much and what had impressed him most was that I didn't undermine or undercut any faith or religion, but merely presented information to consider.

Berkeley, California

Terre Hall

There is a new spiritual son at the Berkeley Chapel. His name is Michael Symonds, sometimes called Mike. He is an intellectual as well as spiritually enlightened young man, and he is a real inspiration to all the family members that have met him. He is preparing for the Principle examinations, and he's anxiously awaiting the coming of Our Master to this country. Michael's spiritual birthday is May 1st.

Welcome to the family of Our True Parents, Michael.  
May God bless you abundantly as a leader of the New Age!

SPECIAL NEWS FROM KOREA -- Recent information gives us that Our Master and His party will leave Seoul for Japan at the end of May, and they will stay approximately 2 months. During His stay He plans to bless 12 couples (36) which will be considered as 1st blessed couples in a foreign land. He is expected to arrive in the United States in late summer or early autumn.