

Who is this Man?

(The Last Adam, the Second Man, the Man of Heaven)

1 Corinthians 15

(A study in the Book of Colossians)

(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and the LORD and Anointed for Christ.)

Who is this Man whose coming was prophesied in Genesis chapter three,¹ who was named by the Creator before his birth, who is called the only-begotten Son of Yahweh, who is seated at the right hand of the Creator? Who is this Man who by his birth changed the world's calendars, who had more books printed about him than anyone else in the world? Who is this Man who people will live and die for having never met him face to face? Who is this Man that has given people hope for conquering death by promising them that they will arise from among the dead to live a wonderful age-abiding life on a new earth with him? Who is this Man who out of all the beings in Yahweh's creation is the only one worthy to open the scroll in the book of Revelations?² The Apostles questioned, "...Who then is, this, that, both the wind and the sea, give ear unto him" (Mr. 4:41)? The messengers of Yahweh proclaimed his name to Joseph (Yowceph) and Mary (Miriam) by saying, "...Thou shalt call his name Yahshua [*Yeh-ho-shoo'- ah* meaning Yahweh is salvation],— for, he, will save his people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21, Lk. 1:31).³ Who is this Man but the Savior of mankind, Christ our Lord! I believe that this Man, the Last Adam, the Second Man, the Man of Heaven's life's work was and is so important that if he would have not freely accepted and completed the mission that Yahweh, his Father, had given him, then the creation (universe), as we know it, would not have been created by Yahweh, nullifying our very existences. Christ Yahshua is the Last Adam, he who will justly judge all men and all men will kneel before him, for he is worthy because he was slain, and did redeem unto Yahweh by his blood, men out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation!⁴ This Second Man is worthy "...to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. 5:12).

If you believe, as did St. Athanasius and most of the Christian Church, that "God became man to redeem us" and that "within the Virgin he built himself a temple, that is, a body; he made it his own instrument in which to dwell and to reveal himself,"⁵ then you need not

¹ And, enmity, will I put between thee, and the woman, and between thy seed, and her seed,—He, shall crush thy head, But, thou, shalt crush his heel. Gen. 3:15

² Re 5:2, 4, 9 And I saw a mighty messenger, proclaiming with a loud voice—Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to unloose the seals thereof? And, I, began to weep much, because, no one, worthy, was found, to open the scroll, or, to look thereon. and they sing a new song, saying—Worthy, art thou, to take the scroll and to open the seals thereof; because thou wast slain, and didst redeem unto Yahweh by thy blood *men* out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation,

³ 03091 יהושוע Y@howshuwa' *yeh-ho-shoo'- ah* or יהושע Y@howshu'a *yeh-ho-shoo'- ah*

⁴ Worthy, art thou, to take the scroll and to open the seals thereof; because thou wast slain, and didst redeem unto Yahweh by thy blood *men* out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, (Rev. 5:9)

⁵ This excerpt from St. Athanasius' famous work On the Incarnation (8-9, PG 25, 110-111)

read on. If you believe, as did John Cassian, when he wrote, “Now, you heretic, you say (whoever you are who deny that God was born of the Virgin), that Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, cannot be called the Mother of God, but the Mother only of Christ and not of God—for no one, you say, gives birth to one older than herself. And concerning this utterly stupid argument . . . let us prove by divine testimonies both that Christ is God and that Mary is the Mother of God,”⁶ then you already have your answer to the question, “Who is this man?” He is, as you would say, ‘God.’ No need to expound on the obvious! If Yahshua was only Yahweh in disguise, as taught by the Church Fathers, then his life work was not remarkable at all because he was not Yahshua but Yahweh performing a child’s task upon the earth. The false teaching from the adversary that Yahshua was Yahweh or as is known in secular terms, ‘Jesus is God,’ strips Yahshua of his very existence and accomplishments, which is exactly what the slanderer has in mind. This is a blow to Christ and to Yahweh by their own family, the Church, in the same fashion as when the Pharisee Saul attacked Christians in the name of Yahweh, cannibalism, in the sense of the Church eating its own. Our adversary is and was behind both assaults by using religious, ignorant and deceived men to be his hands, feet and mouth in attacking his chief enemy, Yahweh, Elohim of Hosts.

In this article, we will not entertain the creations from the hands of men, such as the doctrine of the trinity or the incarnation. These creations have “a mouth but they speak not, eyes, have they, but they see not; ears, have they, but they hear not; Like unto them, shall be they who make them, Every one who trusteth in them.”⁷ Men have followed the ways of Aaron; “And so they fell to calf-making in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands” (Acts 7:41). The, man-made, doctrines of the trinity and the incarnation are called such because the terminologies of these doctrines are not in Yahweh’s Word but were the creations of men. Terms such as trinity, incarnation, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Mother of God, God-man etc. do not exist in the scriptures but only in the minds of men. The purpose of this article is not to debate these man-made doctrines but rather to fully understand the Man of Heaven, the Last Adam, the only-begotten Son of Yahweh who is Christ Yahshua and his accomplishments. This article is for those who search the sacred scriptures rather than the teachings and doctrines of the Church Fathers. It is for those whose hearts are malleable, who will let the scriptures speak to them the truths that come from the lips of Yahweh. Yahweh knows His Son, the Man of Heaven, and will reveal him to us, if we but humbly leave all preconceived ideas behind and ingest His Word as the sole authority of truth, thereby allowing our eyes to be enlightened, by way of spirit, which we have received from Yahweh in order “that we might know the things which, by Yahweh, have been given in favor unto us” (1 Cor. 2:9-12).

⁶ (On the Incarnation of Christ Against Nestorius 2:2 [A.D. 429]).

⁷ Their idols, are silver and gold, the works of the hands of men,— A mouth, have they, but they speak not, Eyes, have they, but they see not; Ears, have they, but they hear not, A nose, have they, but they smell not: Their hands! but they feel not, Their feet! but they walk not, No sound make they in their throat. Like unto them, shall be they who make them, Every one who trusteth in them. Ps. 115:4-8

Our first principal is not to confuse Yahweh with His Son, Yahshua. Yahweh "...is over all, and through all, and in all" (Eph. 4:6). As the psalmist said, let us praise our Creator, Yahweh:

*Praise ye Yah,
Praise Yahweh, out of the heavens,
Praise Him, in the heights;
Praise Him, all his messengers,
Praise Him, all his host;
Praise Him, sun and moon,
Praise Him, all ye stars of light;
Praise Him, O ye heavens of heavens,
and ye waters that are above the heavens;
Let them praise the Name of Yahweh,
for, He, commanded, and they were created;
Let them praise the Name of Yahweh,
for lofty is His Name alone,
His splendour is over earth and heavens.
Praise ye Yah!
Psalm 148*

The twenty-four elders in heaven said, "Worthy, art thou, O Yahweh, our Elohim, to receive the glory, and the honor, and the power: because thou didst create all things [including His Son], and, by reason of thy will, they were, and were created" (Rev. 4:11). Yahshua is not Yahweh but rather is the Son of Yahweh, second in command, as was Joseph under Pharaoh;⁸ "for—He [Yahweh] put, all things, in subjection under his [Christ] feet [as did Pharaoh to Joseph]. But, whensoever it shall be said—all things are in subjection!—it is evident that it means,—Except him [Yahweh] who did put into subjection, unto him [Christ], the all things" (1 Cor. 15:27). Yahshua could not exist without Yahweh neither could he do anything without Yahweh, as was stated many times in the Gospel of John.⁹ Yahweh, the Head of Christ,¹⁰ is the Creator of Christ. "...I—Yahweh, am the maker of all things [including His Son], Stretching out the heavens, alone, Spreading forth the earth, of myself."¹¹

⁸ So Pharaoh said unto Joseph, After Elohim hath made known unto thee all this, there is no one discreet and wise like thee. Thou, shalt be over my house, and, on thy mouth, shall all my people kiss,—only as to the throne, will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph,—See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. So Pharaoh took his ring from off his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand,—and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put the chain of gold upon his neck; and made him ride in the second chariot which belonged to him, and they cried out before him, Bow the knee! thus setting him over all the land of Egypt. (Gen. 41:39-44)

⁹ Jn. 5:19, 30; 7:16; 8:28; 14:10, 24, 28; Acts 2:22

¹⁰ 1 Cor. 11:3

¹¹ Is. 44:24

Our second principal is that the term, ‘man,’¹² is not a dirty word! To say Christ is a man is not an insult to Christ or Yahweh but rather a mere truth; “For there is, one, Elohim, one, mediator also, between Yahweh and men,—a man—Christ Yahshua” (1 Ti. 2:5). This Man, Christ, has an Elohim and Father as we also do, whose name is Yahweh; “Yahshua saith unto her—Be not detaining me, for, not yet, have I ascended unto the Father; but be going unto my disciples, and say unto them—I am ascending unto my Father and your Father, and my Elohim and your Elohim” (Jn. 20:17).¹³ You do not need to be a rocket scientist to understand these scriptures. Christ is the Last Adam, the Second Man, the Man of Heaven.¹⁴ The Hebrew word for man is אָדָם (‘adam *aw-dawn*,) which was first used in Genesis 1:26; “And Elohim said—Let us make man [adam] in our image, after our likeness—and let them have dominion...” Man is made in the image and likeness of Yahweh. We hold in high regard the other beings created by Yahweh, such as messenger’s (angels) and cherubim but for some reason we demean mankind, even though Yahweh made them in His image. Men exalt messengers (angels) above themselves but we have been told that we will judge messengers.¹⁵ Yahshua, being a Man, is the image of Yahweh as stated in the scriptures:

Who, is an image of the unseen Yahweh, Firstborn of all creation (Col. 1:15)
 Who, in form of Yahweh, subsisting, not, a thing to be seized... (Phi. 2:6)
 ...Christ—who is the image of Yahweh. (2 Cor. 4:4)
 Who [Yahshua], being an eradiated brightness of his [Yahweh] glory, and an exact representation of his [Yahweh’s] very being...(He. 1:3)

David said in a Psalm eight concerning man:

*What was weak man, that thou shouldst make mention of him?
 or the son of the earthborn, that thou shouldst set him in charge?
 That thou shouldst make him little less than Elohim,¹⁶
 with glory and honour, shouldst crown him?
 Shouldst give him dominion over the works of thy hands,
 All things, shouldst have put under his feet:*

¹² The word men or man, as used in this article, will always refer to the human believers and followers of Yahweh unless otherwise noted.

¹³ Rm. 8:29, 1 Cor. 15:24, 2 Cor. 1:3, 11:23, Eph. 1:3, 17; Heb. 1:9, 2:11, Rev. 1:6, Ps. 22:10, Mt. 12:50, 27:46, Micah 5:4

¹⁴ Thus, also, it is written—The first man, Adam, became, a living soul, the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. Howbeit, not first, is the *body* of the spirit, but that, of the soul,—afterwards, that of the spirit. The first man, is of the ground, earthy, the second man, is, of heaven: As, the man of earth, such, also, the men of earth, and, as, the man of heaven, such, also, the men of heaven; And, even as we have borne the image of the man of earth, let us also bear the image of the man of heaven. 1 Cor. 15:45-49

¹⁵ Or know ye not that, the saints, shall judge the world? And, if, by you, the world, is to be judged, unworthy are ye of the smallest judgment—seats? Know ye not that we shall judge, messengers? and not, then, matters of this life? 1 Cor. 6:2-3

¹⁶ The majority of the Bible translations translate verse five as “For You have made him a little lower than the angels” (NKJV). The Hebrew word they translate ‘angel’ is ‘elohim’ whose first usage is in Genesis 1:1; “In the beginning, Elohim (God) created the heavens and the earth.” Elohim has been translated ‘God’ over 2,000 times and only translated as ‘angel’ once. The only Bible translation that I have seen translation this verse correctly is the ASV; “For thou hast made him but little lower than God, And crownest him with glory and honor.”

*Sheep and oxen, all of them,—yea even the beasts of the field;
The bird of the heavens, and the fishes of the sea,
the passer-by on the paths of the seas?
O Yahweh, our Lord!
How majestic is thy Name, in all the earth.*

The Second Man, Christ Yahshua, is seated at the right hand of Yahweh. We, as men, have been seated in the heavenlies in Christ! Men, after receiving their spiritual bodies, will be heavenly beings, who will live an age-abiding life on earth with Yahweh and Yahshua. These same men are the brothers and sisters of the Man of Heaven, Christ Yahshua, who, as their brother, will reign over them as King for one thousand years. Below is a list of verses that illustrate that Yahshua, the Last Adam, the Second Man, the Man of Heaven, was and still is a Man:

- 1.) Then shalt thou speak unto him, saying, Thus, speaketh Yahweh of hosts, saying,—Lo! a man! Bud, is his name, and, out of his own place, shall he bud forth, and shall build the temple of Yahweh; (Zech. 6:12)
- 2.) This, is he, of whom, I, said—After me, cometh a man, who, before me, hath advanced, because, my Chief, was he. (Jn. 1:30)
- 3.) Ye men of Israel! hear these words:—Yahshua the Nazarene, a man pointed out of Yahweh unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs, which Yahweh did through him in your midst, just as ye yourselves know, (Acts 2:22)
- 4.) Be it known unto you, therefore, brethren,—that, through this man, unto you, remission of sins is declared; And, from all things from which ye could not, by the law of Moses, be justified, by this man, everyone that believeth, is justified. (Acts 13:38-39)
- 5.) Inasmuch as he hath appointed a day, in which he is about to be judging the habitable earth in righteousness, by a man whom he hath pointed out,—offering faith unto all, by raising him from among the dead? (Acts 17:31)
- 6.) But, not as the fault, so, the decree of favour, for, if, by the fault of the one, the many died, much more, the favour of Yahweh and the free-gift in favour, by the one man Yahshua Christ, unto the many superabounded; (Rm. 5:15)
- 7.) For, since indeed, through a man, came death, through a man, also cometh the raising of the dead; (1 Cor. 15:21)
- 8.) For there is, one, Yahweh, one, mediator also, between Yahweh and men,—a man—Christ Yahshua: (1 Ti. 2:5)

The first men, Adam and Eve, children of Yahweh, were brought into existence in the image and likeness of Yahweh.¹⁷ They could have walked in the steps of the Last Adam, by humbling themselves and walking in obedience but they chose rather to disobey Yahweh, which resulted in death to themselves and their children, who are us; “For this

¹⁷ Lu 3:38 of Enos, of Seth,—of Adam; of Yahweh.

cause,—just as, through one man, sin into the world entered, and through sin, death,—and, so, unto all men death passed through, for that all had sinned” (Rm. 5:12). These sons of Yahweh brought death to their children (human race), which would be a terrible story if this was its end. Is it possible, that Yahweh, who knows all things, would have never created mankind in the first place if He knew their existence ended in death, which is total separation from Him. Yahweh knew beforehand what Adam and Eve would do and the catastrophic effect it would have on the creation and themselves but He also knew of a Second Man, the Last Adam, His only-begotten Son and his heart of service which was able to redeem mankind from Adam’s sin. How did He know him? He knew him as He knew Cyrus,¹⁸ who before he was born was also called to complete a task, which was to rebuild the temple of Jerusalem. John the Immerser is also an example of Yahweh giving a task to an individual before he was born, which was to “prepare the way of Yahweh,—Make smooth, in the waste plain, a highway for our Elohim” (Is. 40:3). This Man, who is similar to Adam and Eve, would be brought supernaturally into existence by Yahweh and Mary but in contrast to Adam and Eve, he would, by his free will, completely obey Yahweh, even to the point of substituting his life to pay the redemptive price for all of Adam and Eve’s children.

This Man, also known as the Son of Man¹⁹ and the Son of Yahweh,²⁰ existed in Yahweh’s foreknowledge before Genesis 1:1, now brings a purpose for Yahweh to create the heavens and the earth. Without a Second Man, all men would have perished but now a great many men will live with Yahweh age-abidingly because of the obedience and sinlessness of this one Man; “But, not as the fault, so, the decree of favour, for, if, by the fault of the one, the many died, much more, the favour of Yahweh and the free-gift in favour, by the one man Yahshua Christ, unto the many superabounded...For, just as, through the disobedience of the one man, sinners, the many were constituted, so, also, through the obedience of the one [man], righteous, the many shall be constituted... For, since indeed, through a man, came death, through a man, also cometh the raising of the dead; For, just as, in the Adam, all die, so, also, in the Christ, shall all be made alive” (Rm. 5:15, 19, 1 Cor. 15:21-22).

Yahweh’s foreknowledge of the obedience of the Last Adam, the Second Man, His Son, gave a purpose for Yahweh to create our universe, the end result being that men would be redeemed from the consequence of the first Adam’s sin, by the Last Adams’ obedience. This was the plan of the ages which Yahweh made in the anointed Yahshua our Lord (Eph. 3:11). Christ becomes the purpose of the creation because without his redemptive life, there would be no purpose for the creation, all would have perished and all men would have been without hope, godless in the world. Yahweh’s plan was that Christ would be the

¹⁸ Isa 45:1 Thus, saith Yahweh, to his Anointed, to Cyrus—Whose right hand I have firmly grasped, To subdue, before him, nations, And, the loins of kings, will I ungird,—To open, before him, the two-leaved doors, And, the gates, shall not be shut:

¹⁹ The phrase ‘Son of Man’ is used 86 times in the New Testament. The word ‘Man,’ used in the phrase, ‘Son of Man,’ is the Greek word, *ανθρωπος* *anthropos anth’-ro-pos* 1) a human being, whether male or female

²⁰ The phrase, ‘Son of God (Elohim or Yahweh),’ is used 33 times in the New Testament. The man made phrase ‘God the Son,’ is never used in the scriptures.

“...Firstborn of all creation,— Because, in him, were created all things in the heavens and upon the earth, the things seen and the things unseen, whether thrones or lordships or principalities or authorities,—they all, through him and for him, have been created, And, he, is before all, and, they all, in him, hold together” (Col. 1:15-17). Why is he before all, and, we all, in him, hold together? Because Yahshua, “Who, in the form of Yahweh, subsisting, not, a thing to be seized, accounted the being equal with Yahweh [as Adam and Eve did], But, himself, emptied [which Adam and Eve did not], taking, a servant’s form, coming to be, in men’s likeness; And, in fashion, being found, as a man, humbled himself, becoming obedient as far as death, yea, death upon a cross. Wherefore also, Yahweh, uplifted him far on high, and favoured him with the name which is above every name,—In order that, in the name of Yahshua, every knee might bow—of beings in heaven, and on earth, and underground,—And, every tongue, might openly confess—that Yahshua Christ is, Lord, unto the glory of Yahweh the Father” (Phi. 2:9-11).

Colossians

The first and second chapter of the book of Colossians gives us astounding new information about who this Man of Heaven, Christ Yahshua, is and what impact his life has had on Yahweh’s creation. This revelation of who Christ is and who we are in him, is breath taking. Chapter one verses 15-20 are very difficult to understand and must be understood in light of the rest of Yahweh’s books. This section of scripture can not be interpreted in a contradictory sense to what Yahweh has already revealed. I will attempt a thesis of what I believe it must mean and what it definitely does not mean. It is absolutely imperative that the prepositions used in this section of scriptures be understood and translated correctly, otherwise pandemonium breaks out in the Church, which already has happened, concerning these verses because of incorrect Bible translations. (See Appendix A for Prepositions) These Bible translations translate the text making it agree with the teachings of the Church Fathers rather than with the scriptures say, making them interpretations rather than translations.

For some reason, of which I do not have a clue, the Church Fathers and the present Church leaders wanted Yahshua to be the creator of all things rather than Yahweh. I believe it has something to do with their man-made doctrine of the trinity. This can be illustrated by the man-made addition of text in certain Bible translations. For example, in the King James Version of the Bible the following errors exist, which are in italics and underlined:

1 Jn. 5:6-8 ¶ This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.* And there are three that bear witness *in earth*, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

Eph. 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

A different error occurs in Colossians 1:16 when many of the newer Bible translations, mistranslate prepositions in order to conform to the teachings of the Church Fathers, thereby making Yahshua the Creator rather than Yahweh. The Greek text read, “Who [Christ], is an image of the unseen Yahweh, Firstborn of all creation, Because, in [en] him [Christ], were created all things in the heavens and upon the earth, the things seen and the things unseen, whether thrones or lordships or principalities or authorities,—they all, through [dia] him and for [eis] him, have been created.” Some of the Bible translations translate the prepositions incorrectly by saying:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by [rather than 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 were created by [rather than through] him and for him. NIV

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by [rather than in] Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. NKJV

The above two translations, by translating the Greek preposition ‘en’ as ‘by’ instead of ‘in’ have changed the meaning of Yahweh’s revelation. By doing so it makes Christ the Creator, as was also done in Ephesians 3:9 by the KJV, rather than Yahweh, even though it makes the verse contradictory because how could the firstborn of all creation be also the Creator? The Greek preposition ‘en’ denotes being or remaining within, with the primary idea of rest and continuance. The Greek preposition ‘dia’ denotes, when used in the Genitive case, the general sense of through, as though dividing a surface into two by an intersecting line. This section of scripture is definitely not saying that Christ is the Creator because we all know that Yahweh is the Creator,²¹ and Yahshua is the Son of Yahweh, the Son of Man, the Last Adam, the Second Man who would redeem man from the mistake of the first Adam. Yahweh created the creation for Christ, through Christ and in Christ because Christ, the Last Adam, our redeemer, died for us, which is why we are in Christ and we can only approach the Father through Christ because we now live for Christ.

The nation of Israel, Yahweh’s, ‘Firstborn,’ belonged solely to Yahweh; “Hallow to me every firstborn, that which any female first beareth, among the sons of Israel, among men and among beasts,—mine, it is” (Ex. 13:2). Mary and Joseph gave Yahshua, their firstborn, to Yahweh according to the Law of Moses; “And, when the days of their

²¹ Gen. 1:1, Ps. 148:5, Is. 40:28, 41:20, 42:5, 43:15, 44:24, 45:8, 12; 51:12-16, 65:17, Amos 4:13.

purification, according to the law of Moses, were fulfilled, they took him [Yahshua] up into Jerusalem, to present *him* unto Yahweh, [the Firstborn of all creation] — according as it is written in the law of Yahweh—Every male that is a firstborn, Holy unto Yahweh, shall be called” (Lk. 2:22-23). The nation of Israel was called Yahweh’s, ‘Firstborn,’ even though other righteous people existed before Jacob, such as Noah, Abraham and Isaac.²² The phrase, ‘Firstborn of all creation,’ is not necessarily the firstborn child. The firstborn of Isaac was Esau but Yahweh called Israel (Jacob) my firstborn. The firstborn child was Yahweh’s.²³ According to Yahweh, Yahshua was His only-begotten Son, the Last Adam, even though Adam and Eve, the first Adams, were born or brought into existence directly by Yahweh. The term, ‘only-begotten son,’ is also not necessarily the only-begotten son. Abraham had many children,²⁴ the first being Ishmael but only Isaac was called his only-begotten son.²⁵

Yahshua, being called, ‘Firstborn of all creation,’ cannot mean he was physically born of Yahweh before Yahweh made the creation. Why? Yahshua was the seed of David, the root of Jesse,²⁶ the lion of Judah and Judah, Jesse and David must be born first before Yahshua could be their seed.²⁷ Now we know that the phrase, ‘Firstborn of all creation,’ does not mean that Yahshua is the Creator. Could this phrase mean that in the foreknowledge of Yahweh, Yahshua is Yahweh’s firstborn because without his accomplishments there would be no creation? This would make Yahshua, ‘Firstborn of all creation.’ The creation would not exist without him. Being the firstborn also meant that he belonged to Yahweh!

A major theme that is reoccurring in the book of Colossians is the message of the sacred secret of the Christ, Christ being the Head of this new entity and the assembly being his Body.²⁸ (Christ is the primary name used in the book of Colossians rather than Yahshua.)²⁹ The summation of Colossians 1:13 to 2:19 is as follows: Colossians 1:13 begins by stating that Yahweh has rescued us out of the authority of the darkness (the first Adam’s realm), and translated us into the reign³⁰ of the Son of His love (the Last Adam’s realm). Who is

²² “Then shalt thou say unto Pharaoh,—Thus, saith Yahweh—My son—my firstborn, is Israel” (Ex. 4:22). Ge 27:19 And Jacob said unto his father, I, am Esau thy firstborn, I have made ready, as thou didst bid me. Rise, I pray thee, sit up, and eat thou of my game, To the end thy soul may bless me.

²³ Ex 13:2 Hallow to me every firstborn, that which any female first beareth, among the sons of Israel, among men and among beasts,—mine, it is. Lk. 2:22-23 And, when the days of their purification, according to the law of Moses, were fulfilled, they took him up into Jerusalem, to present *him* unto Yahweh,— according as it is written in the law of Yahweh—Every male that is a firstborn, Holy unto Yahweh, shall be called

²⁴ Gen. 25:1-4

²⁵ By faith, Abraham, when tested, offered up Isaac, and, the only-begotten, would he have offered up, who the promises had accepted, (He. 11:17)

²⁶ Isa 11:10 And there shall come to be, in that day, A root of Jesse, which shall be standing as an ensign of peoples, Unto him, shall nations seek,—And, his resting-place, shall be, glorious.

Ro 15:12 And, again, Isaiah, saith—There shall be the root of Jesse, and he that ariseth to rule nations,—upon, him, shall nations hope.

²⁷ Jn. 7:42, Rm. 1:3, 2 Ti. 2:8

²⁸ Col. 1:18, 24, 26, 27; 2:2, 9, 10, 17, 19; 4:3

²⁹ Christ used 24 times while Yahshua is used seven times.

³⁰ The Greek word is *basileia*, which means royal power, kingship, dominion, rule. This word is also used in Rev. 17:18; And, the woman whom thou sawest, is the great city, which hath sovereignty [*basileria*] over the kings of the earth.

this Son of His love? It is Yahshua, the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Christ. Christ, the Second Man, is in whom we have our redemption from the actions of the first man, the remission of our sins. Christ is the image of the unseen Yahweh. Christ is the Firstborn of all Yahweh's creation. Why is he called the Firstborn of all Yahweh's creation? Yahweh created all things in the heavens and upon the earth in Christ. In Christ, Yahweh created the things seen and the things unseen, this includes thrones, lordships, principalities and authorities. All of the things seen and unseen were created, by Yahweh, through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all of Yahweh's creation and all of Yahweh's creation, in Christ, holds together (*sunistao*).³¹ *Sunistao* means, "to place together, to set in the same place, to bring or band together." Christ is the Head of the Body, the great sacred secret. Christ is the beginning. Christ is the Firstborn from among the dead. (The First Adam brought death while the Last Adam was the Firstborn from among all those who have died, never to die again.) Why? In order that Christ might become pre-eminent in all things. Why? Because in Christ was all the fullness (Yahweh) well pleased to dwell; "how that, Yahweh, was in Christ, reconciling, a world, unto himself" (2 Cor. 5:19). Through Christ, Yahweh reconciled all things unto himself, making peace through the blood of Christ's cross. Christ has fully reconciled us, to Yahweh, in his body of flesh through means of his death. Why? To present us holy and blameless and unaccusable before Him; "Because, through [dia] him, we have our introduction—we both—in one spirit, unto the Father" (Eph. 2:18). Yahweh has now been pleased to make known the glorious wealth of His sacred secret, which is Christ in us, the hope of the glory.

Why was Paul teaching us these truths? In order that he could present every man *teleios* (complete) in Christ; in order that our hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, even unto all the riches of the full assurance of our understanding, unto a personal knowledge of the sacred secret of Yahweh, which is the Christ: In Christ, are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden away. In Christ, dwelleth all the fullness of Yahweh's nature, bodily, And we are, in Christ, filled full. Christ is the head, the ruler of all principality and authority. In Christ we have been circumcised. In Christ we have been buried together with him. In Christ we have been raised together, brought to life by Yahweh together with him. Christ is the Head, from which all the Body, through means of its joints and uniting bands receiving supply and connecting itself together, grows with the growth of Yahweh.

This Man, Christ Yahshua, who was the Firstborn of all creation, the Firstborn from among the dead, the only-begotten Son of Yahweh, who rightly sits at the right hand of Yahweh because of his total obedience and knowledge surpassing love is our Lord, Brother and soon to be King. His position was not given to him but earned. This is why every created thing which was in heaven, and upon the earth, and under the earth, and upon the sea, and, all the things in them, are heard, saying—Unto Yahweh that sits upon

³¹ 4921 συνισταω *sunistao soon-is-tah'-o*

the throne, and unto Christ Yahshua, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, unto the ages of ages (Rev. 5:13)!

Appendix A

