

The Book of John - 2

Introduction: We began last week by looking at the profound statement found in **verse 1**. And yet, the Holy Spirit has communicated to us such marvelous truth! You and I have the wonderful privilege of learning more and more about our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Prologue – The Revelation of the Word 1:1-14

A. The Word vs. 1-5, 9-14

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.”

1. The **eternality** of the Word. vs. 1

“In the beginning was the Word...”

Henry Ironside said this concerning verse 1. *“The Word never had a beginning. The Son is as truly eternal as the Father. To teach otherwise is to deny the very foundations of our faith.”*

2. The **co-existence** of the Word. vs. 1-2

“...and the Word was with God...”

He is the same from all of eternity. The book of Hebrews beautifully declares this in **Hebrews 13:8**:

“8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

In John’s first statement (v1. the second clause), he expressed the co-existence of the Word with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Here in verse 2, John declares that the Word has **always been** coexistent for all of eternity with God.

3. The **deity** of the Word. vs.1

“...the Word was God.”

Isaiah 9:6 tells us, *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**”*

4. The Creator God: the Word. v3

“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

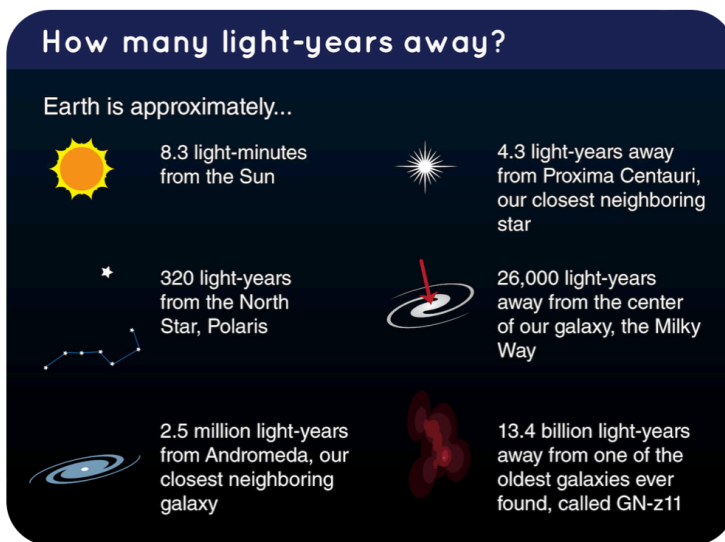
Here, we have, in the book of John, a display of **the Word’s omnipotence**. As the originator of **all things**, the Lord Jesus Christ is again **shown to be Almighty God**.

The Word of God here in **verse 3** denotes not just all things, but **all things individually were created by the Word**.

It is staggering when we begin to think about not just the fact that God created but all the complexity of His creation. Just as we cannot take in the infinitude of our Almighty God, we cannot even comprehend what He is created from nothing.

The Bible tells us in **Colossians 1:16**, *“16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, **visible and invisible**, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:**”*

This becomes even more amazing when we see that *“the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”*



John Philips, in contemplating this, stated, “The scientist takes his or her telescope and focuses it on the outer reaches of space. Out there are distances so vast that a special unit of measurement is needed with which to express those concepts. The astronomer’s yardstick is a light year: the distance light travels in one year (at 186,273 miles per second--- the equivalent of circling the equator seven and a half times). In round numbers, that is about **six trillion miles (one light year)**. Our sun, by that yardstick, is **eight**

light minutes away. But out there in space, there are stars and suns believed to be **billions of light years away**.

...turn from the world of the infinitely large to the world of the infinitely small. The building block of the universe is the atom, an entity so small that each one of them is less than one hundred fifty millionth of an inch in diameter. If the molecules of a single drop of water could be converted into grains of sand, there would be enough sand to build a concrete highway half a mile wide and one foot thick all the way from New York to San Francisco.

1.5 sextillion molecules

The accepted average volume of a drop of water is exactly 0.05 mL (20 drops per milliliter). It turns out there are **over 1.5 sextillion molecules** in a drop of water and more than 5 sextillion atoms per droplet. Aug 27, 2019



That is the world of inanimate things. When we turn to living things, the complexities that confront us on every hand are incredible. Each cell in a living creature contains two hundred billion molecules of atoms.”

100 trillion atoms

Scientists estimate the average cell contains **100 trillion atoms**.

Hebrews 11:3 tells us, *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by **the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”*

In **Isaiah 48:12-13**, we find these words.

“12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. 13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, And my right hand hath spanned the heavens: When I call unto them, they stand up together.”

Further, as we study the Scriptures, we discover **that all things are held together by the word of His power** according to **Hebrews chapter 1:3**.

When we think about this, we should understand that God loves us so much that He has given us this passage of Scripture so **that we might know Him**.

This verse in **John 1:3** not only tells us that He made all things that were made, but it also tells us **that all things except Him were made**.

The Bible emphatically declares to us **from the Creator that He created all things**. Sadly, the Bible reports, “*10 He was in the world, and **the world was made by him**, and **the world knew him not.**” (John 1:10)*

5. The Word is **life and the Light**. v4

In his commentary, David Sorenson stated, “*Jesus Christ, the pre-existent Word of God is life. He is the source of life. He is the Creator of life. He is the giver of life, both physically and spiritually.* (John 14:6)”

That verse, **John 14:6**, immediately came to my mind as well. “*6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and **the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*”

This revelation is necessary for us to grasp the Gospel of John. When we come to the fourth verse, we have already been taught of the eternality of the Word, the coexistence of the Word, the deity of the Word, and the Word as the Creator of all things.

Now the Bible tells us that “*...In him was life...*”

In the fourth verse of **1 John**, He is called the Word of life. “*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of **the Word of life**;*.”

Jesus Christ, as Creator, has given us physical life. Jesus Christ, as the Redeemer, has provided Himself as the way for spiritual life. And Jesus Christ as Savior provides eternal life for those who receive Him as Savior.

Remember it was the Lord Jesus Christ who declared this to Martha in **John 11:25** “*25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, **and the life**: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*”