The Once and Forever Creator-King Manifests

'An elephant was thoroughly enjoying himself as he splashed about in the river. A mouse was perched on the sandy shore. It was obvious that he was disturbed about something. The mouse yelled at the elephant, "Come out of the water at once". The elephant laughed and said, "Why should I come out?" The mouse was not about to be humiliated by this mountain of flesh. He kept yelling and yelling. The elephant realized that if he wanted any peace and quiet he had better come out of the water. Slowly the elephant lumbered out of the water and stood towering over the mouse. "Now, why did you want me to come out of the water?" The mouse looked up and said, "I wanted to see if you were wearing my bathing suit". // It's easier for us to understand how an elephant could wear a mouse's bathing suit than it is for us to understand the awesome mystery of the incarnation—God's Word ["Expression"] became flesh. He wore our suit of flesh.'

But even that wording, "He wore our suit of flesh", doesn't even begin to do justice to what God in Messiah Jesus actually did. The enormity of what our God in Three Persons actually did is truly beyond our comprehension. But at the same time, it was incredibly uncomplicated and utterly unimaginable in its simplicity. So simple, that we can't wrap our minds around it! Our biggest

stumbling block to having a better understanding of what Lord Jesus did in coming to earth physically, results from our woefully incomplete grasp of Who and What God actually is. And our inadequate comprehension mainly results from our lack of studying, meditating, reading God's written Word, and spending time with Him. But most people seemingly just don't have the time! We're just too busy with this, that and the other. In reality, we don't make the time to do what is ultimately the most important part of our day. Since we're at the turn of the year, with 2025 only 4 days away, would it not behoove us to make a resolution to spend more quality time with the Lord?

God is well aware that we are His creatures, with limited understanding, limited largely because our first parents rebelled in Eden, taking upon themselves to judge whether God really meant what He'd said about eating from the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The diabolical devil had successfully sown just enough doubt in Eve's and Adam's minds that they decided for just an instant that they knew better than God. Eve reached out, grasped the fruit, and took a bite. Handing it to her husband, he took a mouthful. We've been suffering for it ever since! Had they not decided in their own minds that they possibly could know something better than God, well, they would have grown in their blessed knowledge and spectacular enlightenment of all the mysteries of God that they would have matured into the exalted creations that God always intended from the very begin-

ning of time, the crowning creatures that would bear His very image! Well, they got knocked off the path of life, and God would have to resort to Plan B. But God, being God, already knew that all this would happen, and the real Plan was initiated. Messiah Jesus would eventually come to earth as one of us, interact with us as one of us, and retain His humanness for all the rest of eternity, along with us!!

The serpent's guile in Eden was devastatingly effective! So effective that it's still infecting humanity all over the world today. If we really look around us, look within us, into our innermost beings, we'll see how we've been infected by the devil's ruse over and over and over again. A blatantly obvious example will also shed light on why we have such a political divide in our country today, and not just here but in many other nations of the world.

When I went to seminary, one of the leading seminaries in the world, renowned, famous, boasting the world's largest theological library, second only to the Vatican. Not long after beginning course work there, I began to realize, by God's grace, thank Him forever, that the pre-assumption foundational to all the instruction and thinking there was that we humans have the ability to dissect, analyze, and judge **everything** that we can put under our purview, even the very Word of God, the Holy Bible. In short, we human beings, despite the Bible testifying we're only mere creatures of God, have the rights and wherewithal to stand in judgement over God's Word. Taken to its logical conclusion, we

can in the final analysis judge God Himself. Back in the 1980s when I was a student, this presupposition would have never been put into such blatant language, but it was nevertheless the underlying attitude, worldview, from which we proceeded with our academic studies. In short, this means that we humans have put ourselves into the position of determining what is true and what is false. What in the Bible is true and what is mistaken. What is historical fact and what is fantasy and myth. God Himself becomes practically an afterthought. The ultimate standard of all life and knowledge becomes just another book of suggestions, which we can twist, pervert, or just plain ignore at will. It's all because we humans have progressed and educated ourselves, such that our understanding now can provide all we'll ever need for our future lives and wellbeing. Why, we have no need of God anymore!

We can see how our education system operates on these same foundational principles today—faulty, defective, deficient, and false though they be. And this has bred whole generations of urbanites across the country and much of the world who have little respect for God at all. Living lives of convenience and comfort, with faith in their own abilities and personal strengths, there is no need for God, and even less so of His antiquated and asinine commands, rules and regulations that seem to exist only to crimp our style and rain on our parades of fun and "freedom". In contrast, those who live in rural areas are, by virtue of their far more extensive exposure to the natural world around them, are vastly

more cognizant of God's absolute reality and of the essential requirement to obey His commands and laws. Thus, we now have blue cities in otherwise red states. The most "educated" are, in general, the most senseless, dumb and gullible. They have the least knowledge of God and thus bring upon themselves the automatic curses for violating God's rules for humans.

All human history is littered with this. So God, in His foreknowledge, sent one of His "personages", His Word, His Expression, "condensed down" into the form of a human sperm cell, to join an ovum in Mary's womb, and a "new" fully-human life was conceived that was also fully God, fully divine. This was no mere angel or exalted angelic being. No, this was a vastly higher, more magnificent Being—God's very Spiritual Being joined in union with physical, human flesh. So the Baby Mary bore was both fully God and fully man, at the same time! But God's Word, God's Expression, came to earth not to just continue being God. He now had to become one of us, a human man, physical in every way like we are, but retaining the union with Spirit Divinity, that was God's original intent from the beginning. And so, Messiah Jesus became the Messiah, the Savior and Rescuer of All Humanity and the Universe, those who'd accept Him, and put themselves under His judgement and purview, as we were always intended to be.

God in Holy Spirit had moved upon the prophets to put into the Holy Scriptures, God's very Word written, prophecy after foreshadowing after prediction what to look forward to, in God's rescue plan for us and the universe. But in humanity's diabolical predilection to judge first and pray later, if at all, very few Jews understood God's message. So confused did the greater part of the Jewish leadership become that they came up with the implausible, irrational and ridiculous concept that God would send two messiahs to rescue His people from their harsh oppression. One was a "suffering messiah", who would suffer along with the people, to be followed by another messiah who would militarily defeat all of Israel's enemies and liberate Judah and the people forever. Since Lord Jesus did not overthrow the Romans, but was instead crucified by them, He could not therefore be the promised messiah. And so have the vast majority of Jews believed ever since, for their rabbis have convinced themselves that this is the only possibility. Again, for all their vast learning, they've missed the forest for the trees!

Even though the Lord told them plainly that He was indeed the Messiah, He didn't meet their requirements. Most put stock into their great learning, and required memorization of the entire Old Testament. Few considered that their "requirements" might be wrong! Turns out, as Jesus charged, most didn't know God at all. They worshipped a projection, a god created in their own minds. But now, in these end times, during the ongoing war, more and more Jews are coming to see that Christ Jesus is really Who He always said He was, and that He is coming back. Soon! So praise and thank Him every day, for 2025 will be turbulent.

