

## “The Word of Creation” Part 2

### The Relational Word (Imminent)

1. Unlike all other earthbound creatures, mankind has the ability to \_\_\_\_\_. What separates us from the rest of the animal kingdom? Speech! It's not merely that we are endowed with the ability to speak unlike the animals, it's that we can form lines of logic, which is indicative of the Logos. I don't know the anatomic physiological structure and terms for what separates us biologically w/ regard to our ability to produce speech. I saw one of the *Planet of the Apes* movies where the chimpanzee learned to speak and immediately I thought (and perhaps even spoke out loud), “That's impossible due to the physiology of the chimp.” But it is much deeper than that. The ability to speak is merely an avenue of physical expression for the mind and spirit's perceptions. God is Spirit and has no vocal chords, yet we are given an account of how the Word created the cosmos. Either mind (Logos) was before matter (creation), or matter came before mind! Vocal chords (matter) are an invention of God and thus when He “spoke” creation into existence; we must understand the anthropopraxism used to convey a reality of creation via fiat. Expound.
2. Language is indicative of intelligence and the spoken word is the conveyance of information. Nevertheless, God communicates via more than the written/spoken word. “Deep calls out to deep.” Ps. 42 (read) is a written word which is merely communicating deep thoughts, desires, needs, and acknowledgments that the psalmist experiences w/o words – it is in fact, that which words cannot express.
3. I rarely pray out loud when I'm alone thus I don't use speech in prayer, but I do use language. I convey emotional, volitional, intellectual communication because I am a human in the image of God; thus I have the ability to contemplate, feel, chose, create, desire, and acknowledge relational realities. The mind uses logic and expresses such via word. Therefore, the mind (logic) supersedes the vehicles of speech and writing which convey the intelligent lines of reason. We can pray, ponder, and petition without writing or speaking. However, the very acts of such communication are spiritual and require logic and mind.
4. There is a reason that logos is translated as ‘word.’ Though we are speaking theologically about the Word, we must not overlook the face value of such. Words (be they written or spoken) are revelation; i.e. they reveal one's thoughts, intents, desires, emotions, etc. Words are a means of communication, and language is not merely expressed via words. There is code e.g. binary digital code. There is the language of DNA (the longest word known to man is spelled out in the DNA code which consist of 2 to 3 billion letters in a specific order which orders the formation of life's building blocks. Language is also seen in body language, symbols, signs, and other means of communication.
5. I'm certain that Jesus communicated like no other man. He could certainly “speak” w/o a word – by just giving a look. He certainly used inflection, body language, healing, enduring, waiting, etc. to “speak” volumes without saying a word.
6. Creation itself communicates to us that God is powerful, majestic, and mysterious, and even righteous (Ps. 97:6). Ps. 19:1-4 proclaims how God's creation communicates to us.
7. I think it was the Reformers who stated that God has two books: The Book of Creation and the Book of Scripture.
8. “Western civilization was born out of reasonable faith. And because this is so, its revelations rightly illumine and elucidate human reason. Revelations in the books of nature and of knowledge lead us beyond the darkness of imago Darwinii to the dignity of imago Dei.” (Hank Hanegraaff).

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9. Even with the advent of modern science/biology, which demonstrates binary genders, as if observance isn't enough, some are playing word games by redefining terms. This is illegitimate communication and goes directly against the Word of God by perverting words. Government's redefinition of marriage is an abomination. Marriage is a term for which only one union is represented i.e. one man – one woman – till death. Mt 19:4-6
10. Read Ps. 139. Verse 14 sums up the wonder and astonishment of creation – viz. mankind – and that awe is accompanied with the ‘fear’ or dread of His majesty.
11. Biologically and anatomically, made from the dust, we are profound exquisite creatures. The human body is a universe in itself consisting of electricity, elements, systems, and structures, yet those are only the physical aspects of the human. Consider the metaphysical aspects of perception, contemplation, conviction, volition, desire, and emotion. We are mind and spirit as well as body – a triune being so to speak.<sup>1</sup>
12. This awesome creative Word is eternal and transcendent as well as astonishingly personal and immanent. Consider again Ps. 42:7.
13. Crown of Creation: When God spoke the language of creation to bring forth environments and their respective species, He simply spoke, so to speak. What is *special*, *profound*, and *unique* about man is that when God created him, He formed him and breathed spirit into him! Gen 2:7
14. We are the only species which subsists of both body and spirit!
15. We know that life begins at conception but when is biology paired with spirit? For Adam it was immediate.<sup>2</sup> We know that procreation naturally takes place and yet there is still a supernatural aspect of such as Scripture affirms that God is at work in the womb and even before such by His determinative will e.g. Isa. 44:2; Jer. 1:5, even in spite of our fallen nature (Ps. 51:5).
16. Speech separates us from the animal kingdom and a physical body separates us from the spiritual beings. We are truly the crown of creation in that we are unique to both spiritual and physical creatures.
17. The Word is powerful in creating the cosmos. He is personal in His choice to create, especially tenderly forming the soul of man. The Word is pure, powerful, and personal i.e. almighty and righteous and He is also compassionate and gracious (Jn. 1:17-18). Gen 2:7; 2 Cor 5:17.
18. **TRANSITION:** The Logos brought grace and truth – the balance of righteousness and mercy (Jn. 1:14). It is, however, the same Word which is described in the written Law (17)! Through faith and grace we are saved (Ro. 3:27-28), yet it is not only from the curse of the Law that we are saved but unto it (Ro. 3:31)! Let us, therefore, consider the Law.

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What we are about to explore is seldom emphasized or hardly preached in the Church. However, what we consider now is fundamental, theological, and necessarily biblical. To understand who we are is to better understand who God is – and we cannot do such without the Word of God! Who we are is incomprehensibly profound. We are God's crown jewel of creation. In fact, we are so dignified as

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<sup>1</sup> Both dichotomists and trichotomists acknowledge distinctions (albeit nuanced) of body, soul (perhaps spirit), and mind. Perhaps there is semantics going on in the debate but perhaps the dichotomists simply make the major distinction between the physical and metaphysical attributes of the human. I personally do not have a preference of categorization.

<sup>2</sup> Adam was a singularity (as was Eve) in that he was created and formed as a mature adult. The “What came first, the chicken or the egg?” is absurd to the logical minded Christian.

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human, that God became one! And to misunderstand this is to tragically and fatally miss out on the very purpose for which we were created.