



Part 1 - Life

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¹ *In the beginning the Word already existed.
The Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
² *He existed in the beginning with God.*
³ *God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.*
⁴ *The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.*
- John 1:1-4 NLT

Where Does Life Come From?

The life of every living thing is in His hand, as well as the breath of all mankind.
- Job 12:10 CSB

...But you have not glorified the God who holds your life-breath in His hand and who controls the whole course of your life. - Daniel 5:23 CSB

He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near. We live and move in him, can't get away from him! - Acts 17:27-28 MSG

Three Divine Qualities of The Word

[The Son] is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word... - Hebrews 1:3 NRSV

- ETERNALLY GOD
- EQUALLY GOD
- ESSENTIALLY GOD

Christmas Life!

1. The RATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE of Divine Life

The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. ²³ I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth... - Proverbs 8:22-23 NKJV

2. The RELATIONAL CENTER of Divine Life

No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. - John 1:18 NLT

And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him. - John 8:29 NLT

*Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.
- John 17:5 NLT*

3. The AUTHORIAL POWER of Divine Life

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact! - Acts 3:15 NLT

*We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. ¹⁶For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. ¹⁷He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment.
- Colossians 1:15-17 MSG*

Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, ³¹Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men. - Proverbs 8:30-31 NKJV

My Next Step This Week...

- Memorize *John 1:1*.
- Place Jesus Christ in the center of all my Christmas holiday activities.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.