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When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

PSALM 8:3-4

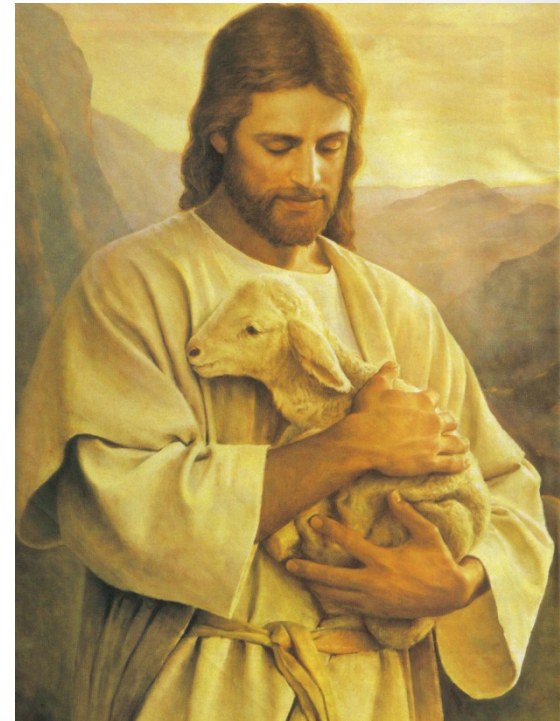


Unique Relationship

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“I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.” (John 10:14-15)

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you (1 Peter 5:7)



Unique Relationship

- But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him
 - Luke 15:20



Relationship in Other Religions

- Islam – Master/Slave
- Hinduism – Brahma is impersonal force
- Buddhism – no god/Irrelevant
- Animism – Constant appeasement of ancestors, spirits and gods
- Taoism – The Tao, the way
- Confucius – God not involved

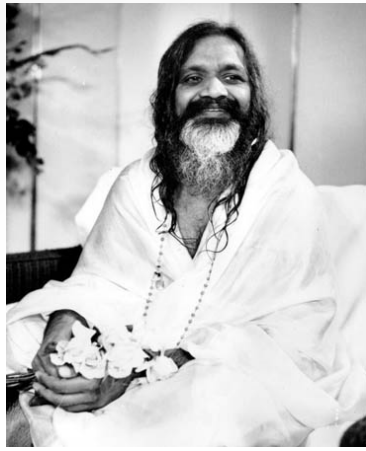
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Unique Savior

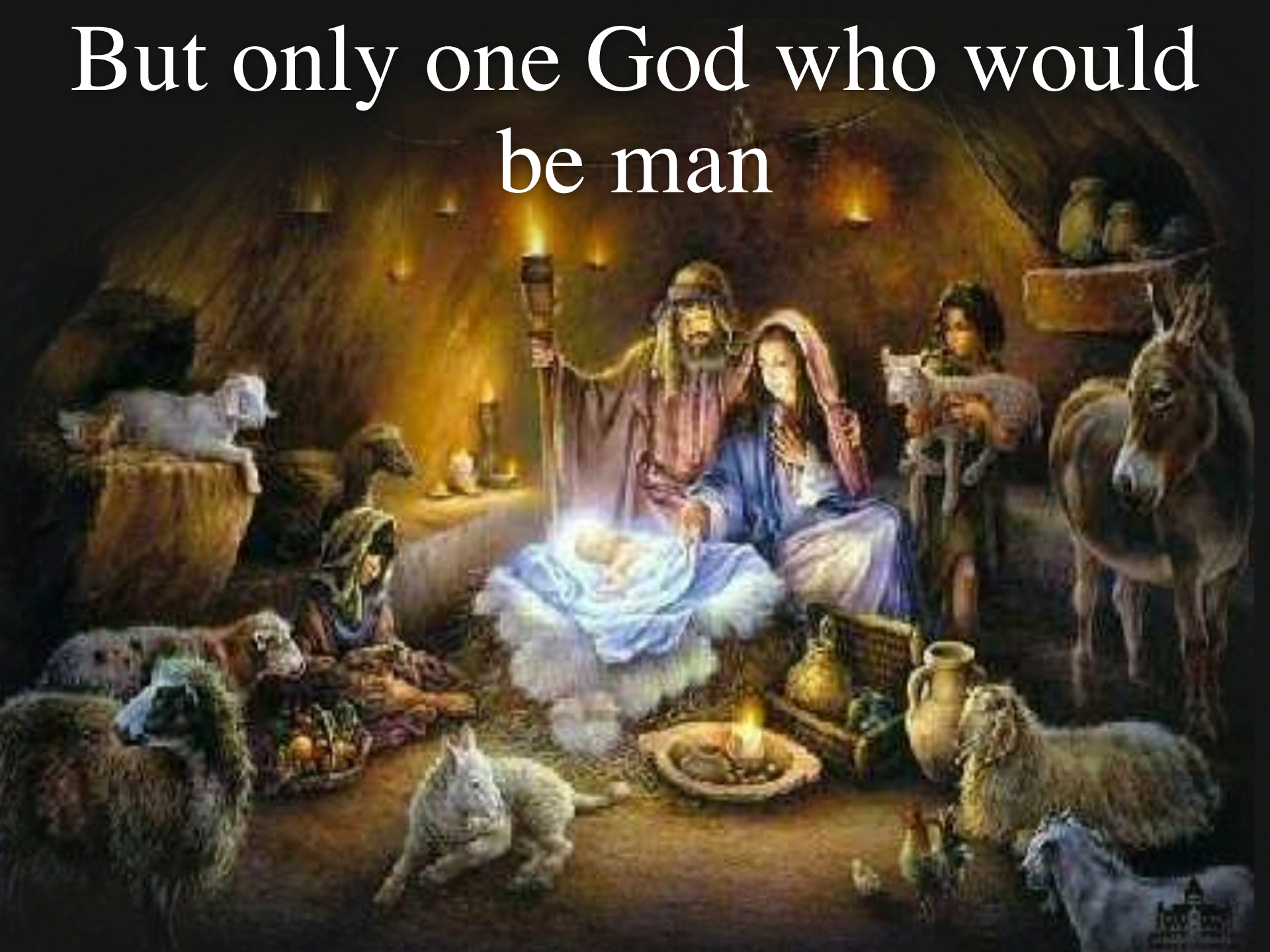
- In the beginning was the word, the word was with God and the word was God.
 - John 1:1
- For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
 - Col. 1:19



History is crowded with men who would be gods



But only one God who would
be man



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Unique Historical Event

- Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.
4 He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 5 He was seen by Peter* and then by the Twelve. 6 After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers* at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.
 - 1 Co 15:3-8

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Prophetic Testimony of Christ

- *The Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy* by J. Barton Payne records 127 prophecies regarding the life of Christ.
- No other religious figure has such a prophetic legacy.



Supernatural Predictions were on Target



Human Race
Woman, Gen 3:15

Ethnic Group
Abraham, Gen 12:1

Tribe
Judah, Gen 49:10

Dynasty
David, 2 Sam 7:12

How
Virgin, Isa 7:14

Where
Bethlehem, Mic 5:2

When
33 A.D., Dan 9:24

The image features a target with concentric rings. Blue arrows point from the text on the left to the corresponding rings of the target. The arrows point to the outermost ring (Human Race), the second ring (Ethnic Group), the third ring (Tribe), the fourth ring (Dynasty), the fifth ring (How), the sixth ring (Where), and the bullseye (When).

Nostradamus

In the year that is to come soon, and not far from Venus, the two great ones of Asia, Africa, shall be said to come from the Rhine and Ister (Lower Danube in other translations), crying and tears shall be at Malta and on the Italian shore.

Ray Comfort, *The Secrets of Nostradamus*, (Bellflower, CA.: Living Waters, 1996), p. 47



Nostradamus

- “The year 1999, seventh month, From the sky will come a great King of Terror: To bring back to life the great King of the Mongols, Before and after Mars to reign by good luck.”
 - Century 10, Quatrain 72



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Romans 3:23



OUR CHOICE
RESULTS IN
SEPARATION
FROM
GOD

PEOPLE
(SINFUL)

GOD
(HOLY)

Confucius: Nature of Man

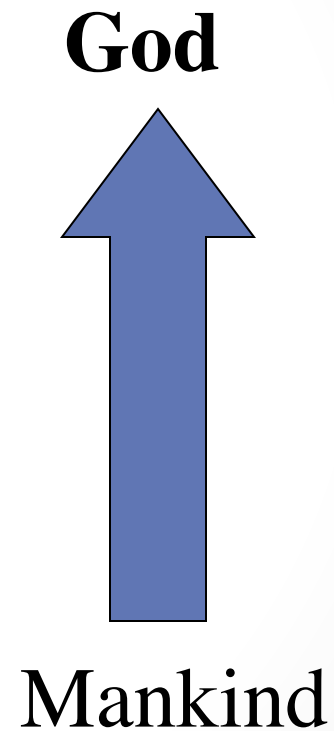
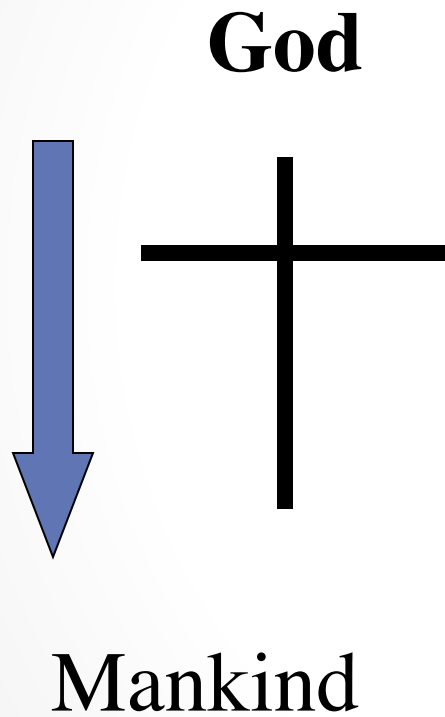
- "The Master said, 'Is goodness indeed so far away? If we really wanted goodness, we should find that it was at our side.'" (*Analects* 7:29)
- Confucian disciple Mencius stated, "Man's nature is naturally good just as water naturally flows downward." (Chan 52)



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Salvation by Grace

- For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast
 - Ephesians 2:8-9



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