

# The word Became Flesh

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We have here four simple words but each one is like a window opening into the glorious home of God. Out of those windows there comes something that makes mans drooping thoughts straighten up into beams of glory that pierce realms that are eternal.

It is in the human heart to think of an all creative deity out yonder somewhere - and in the human mind to see right here before our eyes the works of His hands all around us and out into space further than man can think on those works.

Some link of connection between that God and what He has made has occupied the thought of the smartest men in the world even in the centuries B.C. the christian era - the prophets of Judaism the Greek philosophers, and speculators like Philo all dealt with this link.

The Greeks spoke of it as the Logos  
By this he meant DIVINE-Reason -  
DIVINE-IDEA -

Expressed ① in lands - rivers - trees - stars etc  
② in the mind of man -

Then John came along and christened all that had been expressed by saying -

ing - this divine reason -  
 divine idea } became  
 divine intention } FLESH

Some say - "well we know all that so why say any thing about it? my dear friend it is too important for us just to be silent about it. are you silent about your mother's love?" <sup>(It should draw (and that) songs and expressions of love)</sup>

we have here the highest purposes of God revealed in human flesh - this body of revelation becomes a glorious window - a stained window - a window stained with blood - a window on which is the painting of the very heart of the Everlasting God -  
 (The heart and bloody body of Christ)

What nature, in all its vastness could not contain

what the mind of man could not hold  
 all of this was lodged in the physical Son of man -

God's divine intention created worlds and worlds - yet when all this was done God's desire for self-expression went beyond such material - all this bulk of rocks, water, and star dust could not give to God what they did not have -

Love - righteousness, and reason are essential to fellowship - these did not come forth out of bulk of matter - So God went further - and put His own life in man - man becoming a living soul - the heart and mind of man were the light of that life - with all due respect

3 to the mind that was trying to display  
God to the world - it was imperfect crippled  
by sin, and operated in the darkness -  
God needed some thing more than matter -  
more than mind crippled by sin - He needed  
His divine intention - perfect and sin-  
less - some how to be known in the  
world \* so as a cumulative act  
that the world might be brought  
down to the level of the flesh  
this perfect intention - perfect reason,  
and perfect idea - stooped under a  
stable door - became flesh - thereby  
placing a light on the hearth of the world  
so that a world in darkness might see the light  
this fleshly robe became the medium  
for the mission and message of God to  
the world - "the word became flesh"

In this form Jesus must have become  
very powerful and convincing - for as  
you know John and the other apostles  
were brought up an monotheistic re-  
ligion - so to deify any person but God  
was to join the pagan idea of many  
gods and that was abomination to  
the Jews - yet they worshipped Jesus  
as one with God - and the faith  
they had in Him has been the foundation  
of <sup>early</sup> Christianity.

Strange to say this high estimate  
that these monotheists had of Jesus  
did not start by their seeing Him  
come down from the sky as it  
seems they would look on Him

4/ Had to come - but by the lowly human  
terms - Babe of a manger - the Boy at  
Nazareth - the Carpenter - the peasant  
Teacher - the poverty-stricken wanderer  
of Palestine -

Our flesh then is in touch with  
deity - we see the demonstration of  
God's love in a body of flesh as we  
see the mother bending over her  
milk child -

There is no sin in flesh which is  
not planted there by a corrupted spirit -

Sects have arisen in opposition to  
flesh - monastic's said "If you want to  
be a saint cease to be a man" - and  
striving to be more than man they  
became less than men.

To be Christians our bodies do not  
have to be housed in filth - starvation -  
mutilation, in cancer, dews, or  
in pellors away from men -

To get the revelation of God that Jesus  
brings us - we do not pride ourselves  
on reclusion, dirt, maceration -  
nor mistake mutilation for sacrifice.  
Rather we exult the surgeon's knife  
sanitary protection against disease -

God shows Himself in freeing the world  
of dirt and disease as well as war and  
pestilence - He still shows Himself -  
social betterment - destruction of  
the slum - fever breeding bacilli -

All these are an extended measuring of the  
Incarnation - of the Divine Intention  
that became flesh -

Jesus kept His body beyond the  
Resurrection - a transformed body -  
"Feel me" He said - "I have hands and  
feet - I breathe and talk"

The five senses in Him and us  
are gates through which angels  
pass - Stop them up with sin and  
your own stories

Don't only save the soul - but  
save the whole body by driving  
lust - drink - greed - all war  
out of existence.

A world task toward which  
the Church proceeds in the strength  
of the Incarnate Christ

