A BIOLOGIC VIEW OF CHRISTMAS

Did the conceived Jesus have power as a blastocoele? Was there something in His embryonic form that Mary’s soul could feel? When Jesus as a fetus caused joy at quick'ning time, Could He then have baptized John with the Holy Spirit sublime? At length when there with Joseph in the humble manger plain And Mary brought forth Jesus like all mothers in her pain Did Jesus cause the Tetanus Clostridia and bacilli of gas gangrene To behave as if they were benign and powerless. So it seems. Who would think to have a baby in a barn with animals and sheep? To attempt this act in what we know, certain death we’d surely reap— But Jesus turned the stable into heaven and a place of beauty true A place of hope for all mankind, yes even me and you. And from this birth the world has changed and everything is new. Yes, Christmas is a holy time with a power to change us too. Just as He transformed the wise men and the youthful shepherd boys, He turns our sorrows into peace and our dirges into Messianic joys.

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The Good Lord gave me this poem fourteen (14) years ago. As a doctor also a surgeon, I know the great pains we take in obstetrics and surgery to make certain that the atmosphere of our operating area is perfectly sterile. Many mothers years ago often died of what was termed “puerperal sepsis”. It is amazing that Jesus and Mary survived the Savior’s birth in such an unsterile barn. Jesus carried the miraculous with Him from the moment of His divine, Holy Spirit conception.

Today, in a world of much evil, more war, more evil, immorality and hatred, why doesn’t modern man seek our miracle working Savior and our Father God to intervene and bring forth Heaven on Earth? Do we not pray “Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven” as we say the Lord’s prayer”? Do we not pray for the soon return of our Messiah as we view the hopelessness of this world from day to day? Do we not ask for His healing love at this worrisome time? Do we not see that our Triune God is our primary HOPE in these worrisome days?

We are to “seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you” – Matthew 6:33). As we do this, God’s Peace and Love will come to us as our wondrous Christmas gifts at Christmas time. “God said it. I believe it. That settles it”. Hallelujah!

Have a Blessed Christmas dear, dear friends and loved ones.

God bless us all.

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I’ve been a Christian as long as I can remember. I was reared by a believing mother. My father died when I was very young leaving my mother with ten children to rear. My mother was tenacious. She had to be as she was left with ten children ages six months to seventeen years of age with very little income. Her strength and hope were centered in her belief in Jesus Christ. We were taken to church every Wednesday night for mid-service and on Sunday we would spend the entire day at church. My mother packed us our lunch and dinner because we lived in the country and we had to drive quite a distance to attend services.

I accepted Jesus at a very young age and followed my acceptance with baptism. Later in life when I finished High School in Fredericksburg, TX and moved to San Antonio, TX I once again was baptized in a Baptist church where I attended. Years later, I went to Israel and was baptized in the river Jordan. Someone said to me “Coppi if you could get to Heaven on baptism you would be first in line”. I was also told if baptism in water could get one to Heaven make sure you are baptized in a body of water such as the Atlantic Ocean. I am at present reading the book of Romans and when I began reading Romans 6:1-11 my heart skipped a beat. I have written about the Greek words Logos and Rhema before — Logos being the written word and Rhema being when the word is lifted off the pages and become reality to one. This happened to me when I was reading Romans 6-11. I quote from The Message Bible: “So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! If we’ve left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn’t you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land!”

That’s what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we’re going in our new grace-sovereign county.

Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the Cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer at sin’s every beck and call! What we believe is this. If we get included in Christ’s sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection”.

Thus, I said to myself, “Coppi when you are immersed/baptized all your old life and sins are buried and forgiven as far as the East is to the West and now you have the resurrected life – Kingdom Life on earth – Kingdom living”! And as Tom Wade, a fantastic Bible teacher as well as an astronomer, said about the forgiveness of God — God forgives our sins as far as East is to West as man cannot measure the distance from East to the West but can measure the distance from North to South.

Standish, I said, “I want to be baptized again as now I truly know the meaning of baptism”. The following weekend, Standish and I drove to Ft Meyers, FL — rented a room on the beach and checked in. We sat down on the sofa and opened the Bible and read Romans 6:1-11 then Standish read from the Book of Common Prayer about baptism. We slipped into our bathing suits and walked to the beach and into the Gulf of Mexico until the water was waist high. I made my confessions of all past sins, doubts, fears, etc to Jesus and then Standish baptized me into this large body of water, not the Atlantic Ocean but the Gulf of Mexico. I came out of the water a new person — a resurrected one! We recited the Lord’s Prayer, prayed, and rejoiced in this wonderful experience! Romans 8:15 says (Message Bible) “this resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “what’s next, Papa”. God’s spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children”.

As I said, I have been baptized many times but this baptism was an experience I will not forget — I knew why I was baptized — it wasn’t a “doing” but a “being united into Jesus’ death and resurrection”! Romans 8:11 says “it stands to reason, doesn’t it, that if the alive-and-present God, who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he’ll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself”. How blessed is that? Thank you, Jesus!

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