Supplemental Notes:

Immanuel
The Transcendent Nature and Deity of Messiah

Was there really a visitor to our Planet Earth from outside time and space?

Why do we believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

As part of their recent series on The Creator Beyond Time and Space, Chuck Missler and Dr. Mark Eastman explore the historical evidence, claims, attributes, and authentication of the Messiah.

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1) Independent of the Space-Time Domain.
Because the Creator existed before time and space He must, of necessity, be independent of the space-time domain.

2) The Creator Must Be Transcendent.
British Physicist Sir James Jeans recognized this fact when he stated:

Indeed the finiteness of time and space almost compels us, of ourselves, to picture the creation as an act of thought...Modern scientific theory compels us to think of the creator as working outside time and space, which are part of his creation, just as the artist is outside his canvas.2

Not only must the Creator be outside the “canvas,” He must be able to enter the “canvas” to order and establish the matter and energy therein. This attribute is called “transcendency.”

3) The Creator Cannot Be the Universe.
In order to create the universe, the Creator must be distinct from it. In effect, 20th-century physics rule out any religious system that teaches that God is confined to the universe or that the universe is God.

4) The Creator Must be Omnipotent.
The law of cause and effect states that an
effect is always less than its cause. Since the universe is an effect of God, it means that God’s power must exceed the sum total of the energy in all the universe! From our perspective, such a Being would be infinitely powerful; i.e., omnipotent.

5) **The Creator Must Be Omniscient.**
Because the Creator designed the physical universe, we would expect the Creator to have a perfect and full knowledge of its structure and function. Thus, from our perspective, He would be all-knowing; i.e. omniscient.

6) **The Creator Must Be Omnipresent.**
As finite beings trapped within the space-time domain we enjoy three dimensions of spatial reality and one dimension of time (In reality we only enjoy the use of half of the time domain because we cannot “move backward.”) Consequently, we can only be in one place at one time.

However, a transcendent being who exists outside the space-time domain would possess additional dimensions of space and time. Consequently, in theory, He could be at all places at all times. This ability is called “omnipresence.”

7) **Authority over the Laws of Nature.**
Because the Creator contrived and created the very laws of nature (gravity, electromagnetism, thermodynamics, etc.) we would expect Him to demonstrate authority over those laws. That is, He should be able to supersede them at will!

**Biblical Theology**

**God’s Transcendent Nature**
Throughout the Bible we find the nature of God described. In the very first verse we see that God is independent of the space-time domain.

> In the beginning (time) God created the heavens (space) and the earth (matter).

*Genesis 1:1*

This is supported by 2 Timothy 1:9:

> [God] Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

**Additional Attributes of God**

1) **Omnipresence**
“Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him?” saith the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” saith the LORD.

*Jeremiah 23:24*
2) Omniscience

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

1 John 3:20

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

Psalms 147:5

3) Omnipotence

Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

Jeremiah 32:17

God Manifest in Both Testaments

Throughout the Bible God demonstrates His transcendent nature by appearing “out of no-where” in the form of a man. These are just a few examples:

1) Abraham met God in the Terebinths of Mamre (Genesis 18:1).
2) When Abraham offered Isaac (Genesis 22) he met “The Angel of the LORD,” who told Abraham that he knew Abraham feared God because, “you did not withhold your only son from me.”
3) In Genesis 32:24 Jacob wrestled with God.
4) In Joshua 5:14 Joshua worshipped One called the “Captain of the LORD’s Host.”

Biblical Christology

Throughout its text the Bible clearly teaches that there is but one God. However, the mystery of the Godhead is that this one God manifests Himself in three distinct persons—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This fact has led to the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. In fact, the attributes of God, the works of God and the names of God are applied to all three persons of the trinity.

Historical Evidence for Jesus

For most of the last 2,000 years the historical existence of Jesus was not doubted. However, in the last two centuries, liberal theologians as well as some rabbis, have claimed that Jesus never existed. However, even a cursory review of ancient Roman and Rabbinical writings reveals that Jesus was indeed an historical figure.

Josephus

The first century Jewish historian Josephus made a number of references to Jesus Christ.
Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man. If it be lawful to call Him a man, for He was a doer of wonderful works. He was the Christ. And the tribe of Christians so named from Him are not extinct to this day.6,7

Ancient Rabbinical Sources

The Babylonian Talmud, an ancient rabbinical commentary, makes number of references to Jesus of Nazareth. In Sanhedrin, 43A we read a fascinating reference to His existence, His supernatural ministry and His crucifixion;

*It has been taught on the eve of the Passover they hanged Yeshua. And an announcer went out in front of him for forty days saying, “He is going to be stoned because He practiced sorcery and enticed and led Israel astray. Anyone who knows anything in His favor, let him come and plead in His behalf.” But, not having found anything in His favor, they hanged him on the eve of the Passover.*

New Testament Claims About Jesus

Throughout the New Testament the disciples clearly spoke of the preeminence and deity of Jesus Christ. The following is only a sample of their claims about the nature and identity of Christ.

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Jesus is called:

“Lord and God” Jn 20:28
“Almighty” Rev 1:8
“True God” 1 Jn 5:20
“Great God” Tit 2:13; Rev 19:17
“Blessed God” Rom 9:5

The Claims of Jesus

The claims of Jesus are the most radical ever made any man or religious leader. These are just a few of them.

Jesus claimed to be:

- The Messiah Jn 4:25
- The Son of God Jn 9:35-37
- One with God Jn 10:30-3
- The Image of God Jn 14:9
- The Only Way to Eternal Life Jn 14:6
Jesus’ Supremacy over Natural Laws

By healing the sick, resurrecting the dead, creating food out of nothing and by defying the laws of gravity, Jesus demonstrated His authority over the laws of physics and thereby revealed His divine nature.

Jesus said he would

- Resurrect Himself (Jn 2:19; 10:17, 18)
- Resurrect Mankind (Jn 11:1-45, 5:21, 6:40,54)
- Walked on Water (Mt 14:3)
- Healed the Sick (Mt 11:4-5)

Evidence for the Deity of the Messiah in the Old Testament

Throughout the Old Testament we are given a glimpse of the deity and majesty of the Messiah (Anointed One). Furthermore, the fact that God is a plural Being, eternally existent in more than one person, is also found throughout the Old Testament.

Plurality of God

“Elohim”—The plural form of “El,” one of the names of God, is seen throughout the O.T. (see Genesis 1:1). In Genesis 1:26 God states, “Let Us make man in our image.” This is another hint of God’s plurality.

Messiah is called “Mighty God” (Isa 9:6
Messiah is called “Immanuel” (With Us is God) (Isa 7:14
Messiah is called “Yahweh” (Jer 23:5-6; Isa 6:1-3

Immanuel—God With Us!

The résumé of Jesus is impeccable. All the necessary attributes of the Creator for this universe are applied to Him within the Biblical text.

What if God Became One of Us?

- He could reveal His power.
- He could reveal His authority.
- He could reveal His love by dying in our place!

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

John 15:13

Tape 2: Our Transcendent Messiah

How Certain Can We Be?

There are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament detailing the Coming Messiah. We are going to examine eight of them (the Old Testament was translated into Greek by 270 B.C.)
Conditional Probabilities

Example: Two events, each with a 50% probability, each have a 25% probability: .50 x .50 = .25. If each had a 10% probability, together they would have 1% or 1:10^3 x 10^3 = 1:10^6.

8 Prophecies

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An Equivalent Sample

If we say the total population of people born in the past 2,000 years = 100 billion (10^{11}):

10^{28}/10^{11} = 10^{17}

16 Prophecies

10^{28} x 10^{28} = 10^{56}

Concept Model: Ball of silver dollars—radius 30 times the distance of the earth to the sun!

48 Prophecies

10^{28} x 10^{28} x 10^{28} x 10^{28} x 10^{28} x 10^{28} = 10^{168}

10^{168}/10^{11} = 10^{157}! (That's a bigger number than we can grasp.)

Concept Model:

- Make a “ball” of every atom in the universe (10^{60})
- Make a ball for each atom of the universe (10^{66} x 10^{66} = 10^{132})
- Repeat that exercise, every second since the universe began... (10^{132} x 10^{17} = 10^{149})

...and we’re still short by 100,000,000 times (10^9)...and we’ve still only dealt with 48 prophecies out of over 300 in the Old Testament!

Adapted from Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks.*
Design A Genealogy

Try to design a genealogy, of actual people, with the following parameters:

1) The number of words in it must be divisible by 7 evenly.
2) The number of letters must also be divisible by 7.
3) The number of vowels and the number of consonants must also each be divisible by 7.
4) The number of words that begin with a vowel must be divisible by 7.
5) The number of words that begin with a consonant must be divisible by 7.
6) The number of words that occur more than once must be divisible by 7.
7) The number of words that occur in more than one form shall be divisible by 7.
8) The number of words that occur in only one form shall be divisible by 7.
9) The number of nouns shall be divisible by 7.
10) Only 7 words shall NOT be nouns.
11) The number of names in the genealogy shall be divisible by 7.
12) Only 7 other kinds of nouns are permitted.
13) The number of male names shall be divisible by 7.
14) The number of generations shall be 21, also divisible by 7.

This is the genealogy of Jesus Christ, in Greek, in Matthew.

Why Wasn’t He Recognized After His Resurrection?

- By Mary in the Garden? Jn 20:11-18
- On the Emmaus Road? Lk 24:13-23
- In the Upper Room? Lk 24:36,37

Old Testament Descriptions: Ps 22; Isa 53 (52:14); Isa 50:6; Rev 5:1-5. It will take an eternity for us to understand what it cost Him that we might live. A Transcendent Creator, who has given us a love story written in His blood, on a wooden Cross that was erected in Judea two thousand years ago.

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Notes:

1. See The Creator Beyond Time and Space by Chuck Missler and Mark Eastman.
3. All other times when men tried to worship an angel they were told to worship God alone.
4. See The Trinity, 2 tape Briefing Pack by Chuck Missler. 1-800-KHOUSE1.
5. Ibid.
7. See The Search for Messiah, Mark Eastman, Chuck Smith, The Word for Today.
8. For a detailed examination of the deity of Jesus Christ see The Creator Beyond Time and Space, Mark Eastman, Chuck Missler, Chapter 10.
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