

John 1:1-3

(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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As this passage patently declares, the Word is <u>Jesus Christ</u>. He is <u>God</u> and is the Creator God of Genesis. "All things were made *through Him*."

"Word" here is translated from the Greek *logos*. *Strong's Concordance* begins its definition as "something said." In his *Key Word Study Bible*, Spiros Zodhiates begins his entry with "to speak." Recall the method the Creator God used to create: He used words; He spoke. The Logos, the One who speaks, spoke this world and everything in it into existence (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, and 26).

Paul also testifies in Colossians 1:16 that Christ was the Creator:

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Paul repeats John's idea in John 1:1 of the world being created "through Him," indicating that Another authorized the works carried out by the Word. In the same verse, John affirms that another God Being was present: "the Word was with God." Genesis 1:26 begins, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image." The "Us" is the Word and the other God, the One we now know as the Father (John 17:5).

In His last message to His disciples, Jesus confirms that He continued to follow the creation pattern. He spoke the words given to Him by the other God, God the Father: "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me . . ." (John 17:8).

In Genesis 1, the Creator God is called "God," translated from the Hebrew word *elohim*. While this Hebrew word is plural in form, it often appears in combination with singular verbs and adjectives, indicating a body, group, class, or family that contains more than one member. John's description agrees. Both were God, both with the surname Elohim, of the Family called God, which is currently composed of the Father and the Son, as revealed in the New Testament.

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