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## MERRY CHRISTMAS 1996

Q. Why do preachers argue about the question of whether Mary was a virgin or not?

A. In 1963 MOODY PRESS published a New Testament version by Charles B. Williams. It brought up the question. Williams changed the word "virgin" into the word "maiden."

***King James Version, Luke 1:27, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.***

***Williams version, Luke 1:27, to a maiden there engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David: and the maiden's name was Mary.***

In the Greek, the word for virgin is "PARTHENOS". Some people got the idea from the new Williams translation that the Greek word "PARTHENOS" was **maiden**, not **virgin**.

Q. Well. Was she a virgin? How do you know? Especially if the translation of the word "PARTHENOS" is in question?

A. This is what Matthew 1:18 says. ***Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.***

How much plainer does it have to be? "Before they came together." That settles it. Mary was a virgin.

The word maiden means virgin, inexperienced, innocent. What is the meaning of the terms old maid, and your maiden name?

Q. What problem did the change from virgin to maiden cause?

A. In the last few years some people who hate Christianity have written books that call our **JESUS** a bastard. They claim that Mary was sexually promiscuous and **JESUS** was a result of Mary's affairs.

Since the time of the cross of **JESUS**, all bastards can have as much of the blessings of **EL ELYON** as legitimately born people. But under the law of YAHWEH, the God of Israel, bastards have no rights or blessings. Sadly, some of our own students do not know the name of their own father. But, I am very glad to tell every person on this earth, "The name of the father of your spirit is **EL ELYON**, who is the father of **JESUS** Christ." That makes **JESUS** your brother. Right? Yes. Right. Every person in the world is a legitimate son of God **EL ELYON**. You are not the product of a mistake (even if your mother said you were). You were procreated (in spirit) at least 6000 years before your parents got around to it. Our God wants you. Shape up and realize that you have a marvelous part to play in the great Volume of the Book, the script of life. Don't ever forget it.

Q. It is a blessing to know that. What proof do they offer that Mary was promiscuous?

A. None. None whatever. They made up the story out of their own degraded imagination.

Q. Are the bad guys preachers?

A. Not in the sense of being Christian preachers. But they are religious leaders from an earlier religion that teaches their people to hate **JESUS**.

Q. Should we burn their books?

A. Never. 2 Corinthians 13:8 says, *For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.*

Their books will come to nothing.

Q. Thank you. I was confused by only hearing part of the story, or at least I could only remember part of it. I believe Mary was a virgin. Thanks for clearing it up. The Bible says **JESUS** was conceived **by** the Holy Ghost, doesn't it?

A. Technically, that's a wrong idea. The Bible says **JESUS** was conceived **of** the Holy Ghost, not **by** the Holy Ghost. **JESUS** was conceived **by** His father **EL ELYON**, the Most High God.

**Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of EL ELYON (the Highest): and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:**

**Luke 1:35, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of EL ELYON (the Highest) shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**

Q. Where did we get the idea that **JESUS** was conceived **by** the Holy Ghost?

A. The Apostles creed says **JESUS** was conceived **by** the Holy Ghost. Also, Matthew 1:18 says, **Now the birth of JESUS Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.**

That's a good (but erroneous) reason to think that **JESUS** was conceived **by** the Holy Ghost.

Q. I don't get it. I think that says **JESUS** was conceived **by** the Holy Ghost. But, that is in direct opposition to the scripture that says, "**the power (dynamis) of the Highest (EL ELYON) shall overshadow thee**" **Luke 1:35**. But, it says **of**, not **by**, doesn't it?

A. All scripture can be brought into harmony by understanding the scripture like this.

**"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee (to your mind, soul) and the power (dynamis) of EL ELYON (the Highest) shall overshadow thee (your body)."**

Q. Now that is beginning to make more sense. The Holy Ghost brought thoughts and ideas to her mind (soul) and that got her ready for what next was going to happen to her body. Next the word of **EL ELYON** came forth with the dynamis (power) of **EL ELYON**. They overshadowed the body of the blessed virgin Mary and produced the body of **JESUS**. So, it was the Holy Ghost who prepared her mind. It was the word and the dynamis power of **EL ELYON** that performed the physical miracle in her body. Glory! Can you conceive of that?

A. That's a well spoken question. Can you **conceive** of that? Yes I can. That makes all the patterns in all the other scriptures fit. Our new book **EL ELYON NOW, THE NAMES OF GOD** goes into a lot of detail about the question of the virginity of Mary. Mary was a virgin. The book shows the proof. I hope you have the chance to read it.

Q. I'll order it. How much does it cost?

A. **EL ELYON NOW, THE NAMES OF GOD** costs \$20.00. One book is given free on the request of anyone who needs financial assistance.

Q. I appreciate the chance to discuss the details about this **CHRISTMAS** season. The **birth** of **JESUS** is important and the **conception** of **JESUS** is important, too. What is the difference between **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON**?

A. A discussion of **CHRISTMAS** is empty without noting the difference between the two name/natures of our one GOD. **EL ELYON** is the father of **JESUS**, not **YAHWEH**.

**Repeat: Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of EL ELYON (the Highest):**

**Repeat: Luke 1:35, the power of EL ELYON (the Highest) shall overshadow thee:**

In contradistinction; **YAHWEH** is the father of the Jewish religion. Exodus 6:2-3 says, **And ELOHIM (God) spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am YAHWEH (the LORD): And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of EL SHADDAI (God Almighty), but by my name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH) was I not known to them.**

Our new book **EL ELYON NOW, THE NAMES OF GOD** has chapters that address the differences between the name/natures **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON**.

**YAHWEH** solves problems with: 1. **LAW**,

2. **JUDGMENT**, 3. **CONDEMNATION**, 4. **PUNISHMENT**, and 5. **DEATH**.

On the other hand, the name/nature **EL ELYON** solves our problems with:

1. **LOVE**, 2. **LIGHT**,

3. **FORGIVENESS**, 4. **FREEDOM**, and 5. **LIFE**.

Which name/natures of GOD do you need?

Q. I pick **EL ELYON**. Let me return to **CHRISTMAS** and the birth of **JESUS**. Why are there two lists in the Bible that trace the genealogy of **JESUS**, and why are they different?

A. You are quite astute. Not many people notice that there are two lists. One is in Matthew 1:1-17. The other is in Luke 3:23-38. And you are very right; they are completely different. It looks like a goof up.

Q. Is there a mistake in the Bible?

A. Not really. Matthew 1:16 says, **"And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ."** That is clearly Joseph's line. But, Luke traces the genealogy of **JESUS** through His **mother** way back to David the King and it continues back to Adam and to GOD.

Q. No. It does not. Luke 3:23-24, says, "**And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,, Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph.**" and on and on. That starts with Joseph, not Mary, doesn't it?

A. Not really. Some scholars report that it should read, "**And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son-in-law of Heli,**" etc.

Q. O.K. But why didn't the list in Luke just say Heli was the father of Mary?

A. Male chauvinism. That's what it was.

Q. Are there other examples of male chauvinism?

A. Yes. The Bible gives the names of the brothers of **JESUS**. It only mentions His sisters, without naming them.

**Mark 6:3, Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?**

In that old society women had nearly no rights. They were chattel, owned by their husbands. I think Mark knew the names of **JESUS** sisters. To the men of that day, women didn't count.

Presently, the deed to our house chauvinistically reads DAVID PAUL EBAUGH, **et ux**. Even in today's society BETTY is listed as **et ux**. No wonder that women are still up tight about the way men treat them.

Q. O.K. It makes sense and it answers my question. There really aren't two genealogies for Joseph. One was for Mary, the other for Joseph. Was **JESUS** really born on December 25? When should we celebrate **CHRISTMAS**?

A. The exact date of **JESUS'** birth has been argued by expert theologians, and no one I know of, still holds to Dec. 25. But, that issue still splits some Christians. At our house we celebrate **JESUS** birthday at the same time everyone else on our block celebrates. I have decided that scholars are right when they say Dec. 25 is not the right day. But we celebrate on Dec. 25 anyway because we honor an event, not a date. Most scholars report the birth of **JESUS** to be in the fall, around the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. Roman Catholics report December 25. Greek Catholics say January 6. What date do you pick?

## FAMILY NEWS

Our grandson, David O'Brien and Josie Tish were married Sept. 28, 1996. They live near Baltimore, MD. David is the son of our daughter Marcellene and Art Currens. This is a new thrill for Betty and myself. David is the oldest of our 10 grandchildren. He calls fairly often with Bible questions and comments. Before David met Josie he used to travel with us to Bible Teaching meetings. In the car David and I played a mental game we called "Try to Stump Grandpa With a Hard Bible Question." I know David had fun because we laughed a lot. Then David met Josie and a strange thing happened. David preferred Josie's company to mine. It happens in the best of families. We love Josie dearly and pray for their success. Last night David called and said I remember what you taught us Grandpa. A young man is not ready to be married until he produces twice as much as he consumes. Well I do, so I did. I hope my walk finds favor in your sight. It does. You do. All the best to David and Josie.

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Sam Sutton, our grandson, became an Eagle Scout last month. The Court of Honor was a big affair. Our United States Congressman George Gekas attended. So did our State Representative Alan Egolf. Mr. Gekas surprised us by providing the dinner music at the piano. President Clinton sent congratulations. Mr. Egolf presented a resolution of the State Assembly honoring Sam. Sam is 15 and young for such an attainment. Sam runs my sound system. If pride wasn't a sin we would be proud of Sam. We're honored instead.

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