

The angel answered the biological question, saying: 'The thing shall be done by the direct act of God, the power of the Most High, The Holy Spirit, wrapping thee round, overshadowing thee, producing in thy womb the Man Child and also, by the same act, by that same energy, by that same force, The Holy Spirit overshadowing, that which is begotten shall be held from contamination with the sin of thy nature, and in human nature, It shall be holy. It shall have been put in thy womb by the act of God: and it shall be held from contamination with the sinfulness of thy nature, by the same act of God.'"

~ G. Campbell Morgan

"The modernist often asks, 'Why do you fundamentalists make an issue of the doctrine of the Virgin Birth?' We would return the question upon the inquirer and ask, 'Why do you modernists make an issue of the Virgin Birth?' The controversy regarding the Virgin Birth of Christ has been occasioned, not by the affirmation of the doctrine but by its denial. Why do the modernists want to disprove the doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Christ? The answer is not difficult to discover. They attack this doctrine because they consider it the weakest stone in the structure of a supernatural, revealed religion. They know that the fundamental truths of our faith stand or fall together. By dislodging this stone, they hope that the entire edifice will be weakened and will ultimately fall. We should defend it for the same reason that the modernists attack it. Revealed truth does stand or fall together. If we sacrifice this doctrine, the whole structure of our faith will be undermined, and will be in danger of total collapse."

~ Robert L. Goddard

"Exactly what do we mean by the term *virgin birth*? Certainly not to imply that Jesus was born in a manner different from other children, for He was born in exactly the same way as any other normal baby. Nor that there was merely a miraculous conception as in John the Baptist. It was a virgin conception, entirely without parallel, and of such a character as to assure sinlessness. The ordinary processes of the transmission of the racial heritage were interrupted in His case by the Miraculous Conception."

~ J. Oswald Sanders

THE DOCTRINE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

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Luke 1:26-47;
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INTRODUCTION

A. Four Ways to Make a Human Body

1. Adam - Made from the dust of the earth (Gen. 1:27; 2:7)
2. Eve - Made from the rib of Adam (Gen. 2:21-22; 1:27)
3. Others - Normal process of the union of a father and mother; reproduction "after his kind" (Rom. 5:12)
4. Jesus Christ - From a woman only without a human father

B. By Miracle or By Evolution?

1. Each of these births is miraculous
2. Infidel rejection
3. Which takes the most faith?

C. My Purpose

1. To show the truth of this doctrine of the Virgin Birth, so we may both REJOICE and also WITNESS to the unique, virgin-born Son of God
2. Proof - Acts 18:27-28

I. THE LINE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH THRU MARY

A. Announcement to Zacharias (Luke 1:5-13)

1. "Thy prayer is answered"

2. Eight specific details

- a. Thy wife
- b. shall bear thee
- c. a son
- d. call his name "John"
- e. he shall be great
- f. filled with the Spirit
- g. many... shall be turn to righteousness
- h. go in the spirit and power of Elijah

B. Appearance to Mary (Luke 1:26-28)

1. Details concerning Mary
2. Details concerning encounter

~ Salutation (vs. 28)

~ Puzzlement (vs. 29)

~ Reassurance (vs. 30)

~ Explanation (vs. 31-33)

Note 8 specific promises:

a. His birth

e. His nature

b. His sex

f. His station

c. His name

g. His work

d. His character

h. His continuance

~ Question (vs. 34)

~ Angelic Answer (vs. 35)

~ Confirming Sign (vs. 36)

~ Principle (vs. 37; Job 42:1-2)

~ Willing Heart (vs. 38)

II. THE LIGHT ON THE VIRGIN BIRTH THRU OTHERS

A. Authentication thru Elizabeth

1. Trip to the hill country of Judea
2. Reactions ~ John the Baptist (Lk. 1:41)
~ Elizabeth (Lk. 1:42-45)
~ Zacharias

3. Mary is **NOT** to be worshipped (Lk. 1:46-47)

B. Assurance to Joseph (Matt. 1:18-25)

1. Espoused = much more than engaged
2. "Found with child"
3. What should Joseph do?
- By the angel (Matt. 1:20)
- By the Word (Matt. 1:22-23)
- Response of obedience (Matt. 1:24-25)

CONCLUSION

A. The Choice:

~ Between man's reason and God's revelation

B. My Choice & Yours

Never did a hyphen mean so much - it both joins and divides. Fully man and fully God, rejected in His manner of birth and person by many today, yet, if accepted, He still gives the power to become the sons of God." ~ B.A. Adams