

ETERNAL SON OR ETERNAL WORD

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1 John 4.14 reads, The Father sent the Son but 1 John 5.7 states, For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost and these three are one. Why not the Son in 1 John 5. 7?

(Jane Smith was known as Jane Smith until she married Mr Brown; she is now Jane Brown but was Jane Smith. She existed before she was Mrs Brown).

Indeed the Father sent the Son. Matthew 11. 3 states He who is to come to describe the Son.

[*\(See article on 1 John 5 and the alleged spurious verse\)*](#)

The Lord Jesus was known as the Eternal Word before His Incarnation. That is clear from John 1. But we stress that all three that make up the Trinity are Divine and Eternal.

1 John 4.14 was Written after the resurrection and ascension and when the disciples were aware that the Lord who was the Eternal Word as explained by John was the Son (John 20.31)

The Eternal Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (John 1.14) not the eternal Son was made flesh.

Creation was the work of the Trinity including the (eternal) Word, not the eternal Son

There was a time when the eternal word was begotten as the beloved Son (Hebrews 1. 5).

He became flesh (John 1.14) He was born a Son of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary (Matthew 1.18). He was begotten as the Son of God (Hebrews 1.5) A body was prepared for Him (Hebrews 10.5)

When the Lord Comes to the world in judgement He will be known as the Word of God (Revelation 19.13). Why is He not called the the Son here?

Of course the Lord Jesus is one of the Trinity as the Eternal Word who became flesh (John 1.1 and 14, 1 John 5. 7)

At the time of creation, Adam, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David etc. was there an eternal Son of God in Heaven? The Bible does not say so but 1 John 5.7 is applicable but some brethren dispute the authenticity of this verse and calls it spurious.

God as Father in the Old Testament is the father of the fatherless (Psalm 68.5) and of His people who are clay in the Potters hands (Isaiah 64.8). He is never referred to as having a Son. In the New Testament He is the Heavenly Father of His people and dwells in Heaven (Matthew 6.9 etc.)

The Eternal Sonship causes real problems and divisions and to make it a primary doctrine is not sanctioned in Scripture. Of course the Lord was with the Father but there is no indication that He was the Son but there is evidence that He was the Eternal Word.

You are right about the meaning of persons. Tritheism is the belief that God is three persons and therefore three separate Beings and therefore three Gods. I cannot understand why brethren do not accept this heresy. If they are so fussy they should rectify this thinking.

Why are we persecuted by some brethren? We believe in the eternal trinity.

I have also had venomous letters from brethren on this matter and one brother was once threatened with violence on this issue and there are independent witnesses to this. This was in a London meeting.

The J N Darby tract upholding the eternal Sonship doctrine was almost certainly a forgery and the evidence for this is substantial. If, and I repeat if, exclusive brethren are guilty of any deception to uphold the eternal Sonship doctrine then they are charlatans and crooks.

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