

John 1:1-5

The Eternal Word

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
- 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Notes and Lessons from John 1:1-5

Throughout the Book of John, we will see different Descriptions and Attributes of Jesus Christ. Right from the beginning we are introduced to Jesus as the following:

1. The Word
2. The One who was with God, Right in the Beginning
3. Jesus is God
4. The One who Made All Things
5. The One in Whom Life can be found
6. The Light of Men

At this point, one will wonder, who are we referring to here. The One who was with God and who is God. If you are reading this for the first time you might wonder who this is. This first section has not mentioned Jesus yet but it is referring to Him as we will see in Verse 14 of John 1 when it tells us the word became flesh and dwelt among us. The passage provides more clarity on Jesus as we move into the next set of sections.

Throughout this study we will point out some themes to focus on. Please feel free to bring up any themes you notice. We will discuss some of the themes now and some might be discussed with the next cohort going through this series. Here is the first theme we have to examine.

THEME: The Beginning and Creation

In the class website on Google Classroom, I have attached an extra resource which is a paper focusing on Creation and the Beginning. This is a very important topic but one which some people take lightly. Please feel free to read that article and write your thoughts on it. I have also attached the article at the end of this section.

The Apostle Paul who wrote a lot of the Books in the New Testament shared more on this topic of Jesus being involved in Creation.

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 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. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV

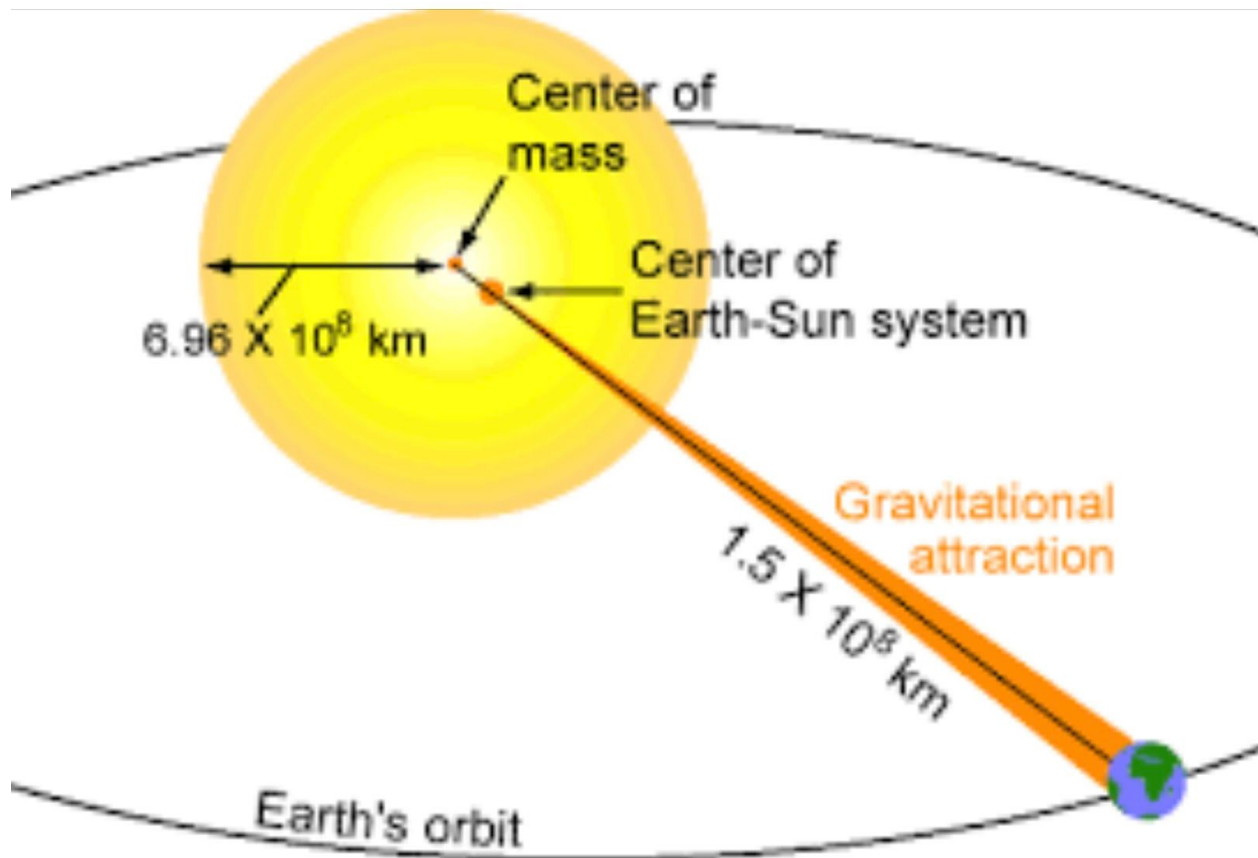
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From the passage above, we learn some very important things about Jesus. One of these things is that Jesus holds all things together “in Him all things Consist.”

We will come back to another theme later when it talks about all things being created through Him and For Him. The meaning of Life is found in Jesus. We were created to live for Him and for the Glory of God. There is much more on this but I do want to encourage you to write about this topic as well in detail. This is because the world is looking for meaning and purpose. As we go through this course you I pray you will be equipped more to walk through life’s journey. I also pray you will be a blessing to many in this world.

A Few Analogies

Everyone has heard of Gravity or Gravitational Force. This is the attractive force between 2 massive objects. We see this with the Sun and the Earth. The Earth revolves around the Sun because of the Gravitational Force. The famous Scientist Sir Isaac Newton is described as the individual who gave us the explanation of gravity. He lived from 1642-1727. In the picture below we see how the Sun relates to the Earth.



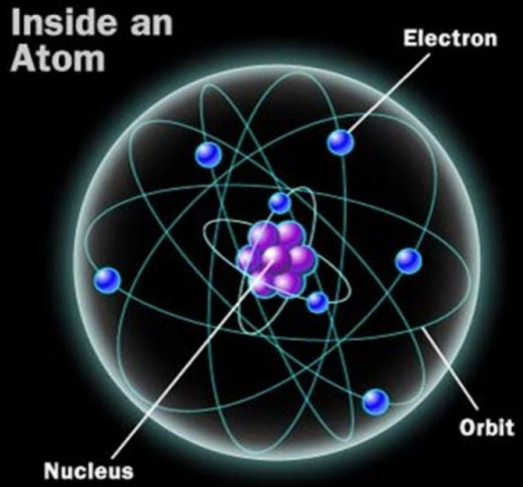
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When we think of the atom, we know that it has electrons, and also protons and neutrons which are made out of fundamental particles. However one important feature of the atom is the Nucleus (which houses the protons and neutrons). Electrons in an atom are held by forces towards the nucleus.

I did a Google Search for images of the Atom and this is one of the images that shows up. Here is a pictorial representation of the atom:

Atomic Models

- This model of the atom may look familiar to you. This is the Bohr model. In this model, the nucleus is orbited by electrons, which are in different energy levels.
 - A model uses familiar ideas to explain unfamiliar facts observed in nature.
 - A model can be changed as new information is collected.



Source: Google Images (I include the full link at the end of this section).

In both cases, notice they are held together by a Central Force. In Jesus things are also held together. He holds our lives together. He gives life meaning and in Him life makes sense because He created life.

Jesus holds all things together in a similar manner as those forces hold things together with the atom and with the Earth and the Gravitational pull of the Sun.

Here is a quote to consider as we finish up this section by C.S Lewis:

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

Applications & Questions to Ponder

1. As we see the attributes of Jesus in the Book of John, what comes to mind from some

of these attributes?

2. How have you seen some of these attributes played out in your life?
3. What do you believe about the Beginning? What passages or portions of the Bible address this topic? Feel free to share some.

Works Cited Page/References

Link to the Earth and Sun Picture:

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