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(Genesis 1:26)

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Let us Make Man in Our Own Likeness.

- **Genesis 1:26:** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Those who believe Jesus is God use God's words, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" to support the theory Jesus pre-existed with God from before the foundations of the world. They claim God is talking to Jesus, but if this is a true statement it would mean that Jesus pre-existed with God as some type of conscious angelic eternal spirit being that became a foetus in the womb of Mary to be born a human. Clearly everyone rejects this idea so, but if we believe Jesus pre-existed this is exactly what would have had to take place. So, if Jesus did not pre-exist with God who then was God talking to when He said, "Let us?" Before considering another theory, it should be pointed out that this is the beginning of our world of time not God's beginning, He had created multitudes of angels prior to this event. With this in mind it is most likely that God is speaking to the angels which had been created long before our world began.

Scriptures reveal that in the eternal heavens:

- There is an angel named Gabriel who came to Daniel and to Mary. (Dan. 8:16) (Luke 1:19).
- There is an angel named Michael who fights for Israel and his angels (Rev. 12:7).
- There are living creatures before the throne of God (Rev. 7:11).
- There are myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands of angels around God's throne (Revelation 5:11).
- There are angels who are God's ministers and a flaming fire (Psalm 104:4).
- There is a company of destroying angels (Psalm 78:49).
- There are angels that will come with Jesus when he returns (Matt. 16:27).
- There are angels that will gather the elect from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:31).
- There are twelve legions of angels that could have come to Jesus aid (Matt. 26:53).
- There are angels that rejoice over every sinner who repents (Luke 15:10).

Added to this we are told that the golden Ark of the Covenant is a shadow of heavenly things which means there maybe angelic creatures called Cherubims and Seraphims around the throne of God (Gen. 3:24) (Exod. 25:20) (Isa. 6:2, 6). This means that Gabriel, Michael and his angels, living creatures and myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands of angels and angelic creatures called Cherubim's and Seraphim's were all existing in heaven before God started laying the foundations of our world. I would suggest it was to these the God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Especially since the author of Hebrews tells us that angels are all ministering spirits sent out to serve God for the sake of those who are to inherit eternal salvation (Heb. 1:14).

It is certain God shared His eternal plans that He had purposed in His eternal mind for the earth, creation, the world, the universe and mankind's eternal salvation and then used his angels (and still is) as His ministers to bring it all to pass. There is no indication in the Scripture or the language within this chapter of Genesis that Jesus is pre-existing with God. This idea comes from human speculation because of the mistaken

belief Jesus is God. Obviously, whoever believes Jesus is God is forced to believe he pre-existed before the foundation of the world. Much of traditional Christian teaching forces many to believe that the Father is the Son and the Son is the Father because of the claim Jesus and God are the one and same God, but this is a great leap of blind faith and is totally contrary to the Scriptures which never once say that Jesus Christ the Messiah is God the Almighty Father. The Lord Jesus Christ God's most beloved Son perfectly manifested God the Father's word, power, heart, compassion, mercy, grace and forgiveness and manifested the eternal life that was with God from the beginning when he appeared to his disciples in his resurrected immortal and eternal body. God's word was perfectly manifested in His Son because He spoke and lived the very words of His Father, he manifested the power of the word and God through his miracles and the eternal life of the Father was manifested in Jesus resurrected eternal immortal body.

The exciting thing about this is that the Bible states:

- If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you (Rom 8:11).

The spirit that was in Christ was that spirit and that desire that lived to please, worship, honour and obey his awesome and Almighty loving Father, whoever has this spirit dwelling in their heart will be raised as Christ was raised to eternal glory. It means that God and the Lord Jesus Christ are seated on the throne of the heart and the mind as a believer's highest thought and supreme desire, passion and love.

The words:

- Let Us make man in our image, according to our likeness (Gen. 1:26).
- God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him (Gen. 1:27).

Refer to Adam and by extension to all his offspring which means that mankind is made in the image of God. Some might wonder how especially since we are far from being holy, we do not have any creative or miraculous power and we die and decay. But God is not saying He will make us as gods, but in the image of God in contrast to plant life and animals that do not have a mind as mankind does.

Man is made in the image of God in that:

- We have intellect, free will, choice and emotion.
- We can reason and are capable of creating our own environment (within the limits of God's creation).
- We have authority and dominion to rule over the fish, the birds the cattle, over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.
- We know good and evil.

This is what God meant when He said He would make man in His Image. We are not told who the words US and OUR, refer to, and there is certainly no mention of Jesus being with God in Genesis so to say he was, is purely human assumption and speculation. In contrast to this silence there are many Scriptures that do make it very clear that before man was created God was existing with a whole host of angel's and heavenly beings. For this reason, to suppose that God's words, "Let us" were spoken to the heavenly host of angels is a far safer place to rest our faith upon. It is bedazzling why some scholars would attempt to use these verses and God's words "Let us" to support a doctrine that teaches there is God the Father and God the Son? Especially when this kind of thinking is reasoned to its final conclusion those who accept it are forced to accept that it is actually teaching more than one true God (i.e., God the Son and God the

Father). When God's words, "Let us" are allowed to rest upon the whole host of Heaven that God had previously created it harmonizes with every other teaching of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. To see a pre-existing Son with God in Genesis comes from man's assumption and speculation and not from Scripture. Sadly, multitudes today are taught that Christ pre-existed with God, but it is only from an already preconceived mindset that Jesus is God or God the Son that he is read into these verses of Genesis even though there is no mention of the Lord Jesus Christ in them. The entire Old Testament from Genesis to Revelation proclaims that there is only one immortal, invisible holy and eternal Almighty God and one Lord Jesus Christ (God's most beloved Son).

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