

***Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.***

(Jeremiah 20:9)

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***"All Creation in the Womb of God" (Vision/Word)***

Early in the morning of December 14, 2013, I was in and out of sleep when I had what was not so much a dream as it was a vision.

I saw a large sphere-shaped object that contained a large mass that appeared to be curled up. I had no time to think about or to analyze what I saw, for almost at the same moment of seeing this, I heard: ***All creation in the womb of God.***

Obviously, this caught my attention and I immediately woke up. My first thought was that the word did not contain a verb, so I believed it meant that all creation had been in the womb of God, as in the beginning of creation. However, it seems as if the spirit of God immediately corrected me, and I realized that it was an emphatic statement of a present reality and the curled-up mass in the sphere was likened to a fetus in a womb. The vision is a glimpse of the whole of creation (i.e., all things) in the womb of God.

My understanding of this vision did not stop here, for as I meditated on it, I kept getting a picture that the universe itself is the womb of God. Let me repeat this in the reverse: The womb of God is the universe, which, by the way, is the sum-total of all things, both visible and invisible, as far as we know it, that is, as far as God has revealed it to us. Think about it!

I don't know about your reaction but mine is – Wow!

Let us consider some definitions, for they provide more clarity. The word *womb* is defined as: 1. the place [e.g., female uterus] where life is conceived and nourished until birth; 2. the place where anything is produced. The period of time that a new life is in the womb and developing is called *gestation*. The word *gestation* means 1. the act or period of carrying young in the uterus from conception to birth; pregnancy; 2. the development of a plan in the mind.

Before offering further explanation, there is a question: Does this mean that God not only presents as a father but also as a mother? Yes! Rotherham, in his translation, gives a rather intriguing explanation of the famous *I AM* response God gave to Moses.

And Moses said unto God—Lo! as surely as, I, go in unto the sons of Israel, and say unto them, The God of your fathers, hath sent me unto you, so surely will they say unto me—What is his name? What shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, ***I Will Become whatsoever I please***, and he said—Thus, shalt thou say to the sons of Israel, ***I Will Become hath sent me unto you.*** (Exodus 3:13-14 Rotherham [bold italic added])

If we accept this particular translation, the expression *I AM* implies that God can become and does become whatsoever He pleases. He could be father, mother, son, spirit, or whatever He wants to be in relational character. To me, this makes the doctrine of the trinity far too limited in scope. God is not triune; He is infinite. Think about it!

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By the way, for those who fear I might be talking about some distorted form of pantheism, I am not. Actually, did you know that pantheism means "all god"? I am not proposing that God is a tree or any of that nonsense. Notice that I used the expression *relational character*. Simply, God can take on any characteristic He so desires to express His relationship to His creation.

Given this thought, God takes on the nature of the mother of creation.

As such, everything in existence is contained in God's womb (universe), and all that is within His womb is in the state of gestation. Applying the definitions, the realm of the universe is likened to the uterus of a woman. God conceived all things in Himself, and He is pregnant with His entire creation as He carries all things within Himself. All of creation continues in gestation, for God, as of yet, has not brought to full birth His new creation in His Son. It is still in the works or in the oven, so to speak. Yes, His Son has finished the work, but it must be worked out in all creation until God's grand jubilee when all debts are cancelled and the entire creation is set free in love and made all new (in character).

Even the second part of the definition of the word *gestation* has meaning, for within God is His very plan to achieve His ultimate purpose of all. His plan for His creation is in development within His womb or His entire universe.

Scientists attempt to unravel the meaning and the inner working of the universe. However, this one vision tells us that the womb of God is the place where all life is conceived and nourished and from which life is birthed. This is the meaning and the working of the universe.

Thus, we know God as Father, but He also has traits of a mother. One of His names is *El-Shaddai*, translated as *Almighty God*. The word *shaddai* comes from the Hebrew word *shad*, meaning "the breast" or, more exactly, a "woman's breast." As a breast pours forth to a child, *El-Shaddai* means "*The Pourer or Shedder Forth of Blessing*." God gives forth His life to His children as a mother gives forth her life to her child through the feeding of her breast. When the child cries, the breast gives comfort, so that she has great power over the child. This is one of the meanings of *Almighty God*.

This might all sound good and right, but the question is whether it can be substantiated by scripture. Yes! Let us consider several translations in order to paint the picture.

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (Hebrews 11:3 ESV)

This doesn't mean that God created out of nothing; it means that God created out of Himself. Physicists are even searching for what some call the *God-particle*, the primal particle of the universe from which all things are made, that is, exist. However, scripture indicates that creation is the substance of the invisible God that is made visible through His Son, the word of God. Nothing that we see or even cannot see came out of nothing; it all came forth from God. Given this, could we not state that the whole of the universe, all things, are of the substance of God? So, all things in the womb of God are of His substance. He has conceived all things within Himself.

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things.... (1 Corinthians 8:6 KJV)

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... yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from [out of whom] whom are all things.... (1 Corinthians 8:6 NASB [WED])

... to us (or: for us; with us) [there is] one God, the Father, from out of the midst of Whom [is] the whole (or: [are] all things) .... (1 Corinthians 8:6 JMNT)

These translations use four different prepositional expressions: *of whom are all things*; *from whom are all things*; *out of whom are all things*; and *from out of the midst of Whom the whole*. Through these, we are given the sense that all things come out of God. By the way, the expression *all things* is all-inclusive; it is the whole.

... that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.' "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. (Acts 17:27-29 NASB)

Paul's sermon on Mars Hill, Greece, is one of the clearest messages of the good news in all scripture, for it speaks to the ultimate purpose of God to save all mankind. The key to the vision I was given is found in the phrase *in Him we live and move and exist*. In Him, we exist. Could we not say that in God's womb, all things exist? Do any of us believe that we are complete yet, that is, our gestation is completed? Hardly! Has the universe itself completed its gestation? Is it done expanding and changing? Hardly! Notice how Paul agrees with the Greek poets that all mankind are the children of God. Paul rejoiced in this fact.

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name (Ephesians 3:14-15).

Because, forth from out of the midst of Him, then through the midst of Him (or: through means of Him), and [finally] into the midst of Him, [is] the whole (everything; [are] all things; or: = Because He is the source, means and goal/destiny of all things – everything leads into Him)! (Romans 11:36 JMNT)

For [out] from Him and through Him and to [for] Him are all things. (Romans 11:36 NASB [WAET])

These translations indicate the glory of God's purpose and plan to be all in all. All things come out of Him; all things are through Him; all things are for Him; and all things are to Him, meaning, ultimately, all things return to Him. God is the source and the destiny of the whole.

Here is the good news. God is not done yet. He has not brought to birth the fullness of His glory in all creation. Yes, it is all finished in His Son, but all things are still in gestation; it has been this way throughout eonian history (of the ages) and will continue until the last chapter is completed. In His womb, the Almighty God has conceived His creation and is nourishing it until, one day, all things will be matured and birthed into the full and blessed glory of God.

God is pregnant with glory! This vision of His womb provides great hope for all, especially as we are in the midst of tumultuous times. All things are in God. The universe of all things is safe and secure in the Almighty God. God is love and love never fails!

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Having said all this, there is one more matter vital to our understanding that is discovered in Paul's epistle to the Colossians, where he gloriously describes the Son of God.

Who is the image of the invisible God, the First-born of all creation. ***For all things were created in Him***, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible; whether thrones, or lordships, or rulers, or authorities, all things have been created through Him and for Him. (Colossians 1:15-16 LITV [bold italic added])

How did the Father create? He created through His Son or, we could say, He created *in* Son. A part of God took on the nature of Son and, through this one, God created all things. But even more gloriously, all things were created in the Son. All things in heaven and on earth were not only created in the one who is the word of God but they were created through Him and for Him. Paul even adds to this: He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together (Colossians 1:17).

In other words, creation is not only in the Son, but He also holds it all together.

Of course, we know the Son as our Lord Jesus, the Anointed of God.

But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we live for Him. And ***there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life***. (1 Corinthians 8:6 NLT [bold italic added])

For more on the Son, see: *Who Are You Lord?* — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art65.pdf>

If all creation is in the womb of God, there is only one outcome for creation itself—it must be birthed into the very nature of *God is love*. Creation is getting ready to burst forth as an expression of love beyond anything we can imagine. That day is coming soon. And, when it does come, the glory of God will fill all creation as God the Father is all in all. All new and all in love!

What is glory?

**It is the full manifestation of love.**

**It is the beauty of the Lord of love.**