

Dismantling the Virgin Birth Doctrine

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RESOURCES USED IN THIS PRESENTATION:

- **Esword** Software Program:
 - **Strongs Concordance**
 - **Greek Septuagint** – English Brenton Translation
 - **Greek New Testament (*Textus Receptus*)**
 - Young's Literal Translation (YLT)
 - King James Version (KJV)
 - **Thayers Greek Definitions**
 - **Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew Definitions**

A culmination of *my* Biblical studies up to this point as it relates particularly to the Virgin Birth doctrine.

SESSION INTRODUCTION

Genesis 1 establishes a **Natural Order for creation**: Generally speaking, all life is made to reproduce after like kind.

Given that **the Virgin Birth Doctrine deviates from this Natural Order** established by the Creator in the beginning, the burden of proof *should* fall on the proponents of that doctrine to defend their case, not on those who adhere to the Creator's way.

But because this doctrine is so pervasive in our modern western culture, the notion of the Messiah being born by natural means is widely considered to be the deviant position.

As a result, those who challenge the Virgin Birth doctrine often find themselves in the weaker position of having to speak from a **limited pool of Biblical text**, because the case for a Virgin Birth can only be made in a few verses, namely within the first chapters of Matthew and Luke.

But the fact of the matter is that the Bible at large not only speaks to the Natural Order, and strongly against the usurping of it, but also it speaks of many *promises made* by the Creator toward mankind by way of various covenants, all reinforcing the Natural Order.

Multiple witnesses testify of these things, and an ample supply of evidence to support this order and the carrying out of these covenants on the part of the Creator are often overlooked in the Virgin Birth debate.

Consequently, a great divide is formed between the Old and New Testaments, and many are either **rejecting Jesus as the Messiah** or **embracing a false image of him**.

So, I have chosen to act as the Prosecutor in the case for the Natural Order and the expectation concerning the Messiah, utilizing **the entire Biblical text** to challenge this doctrine and ultimately dismantle it.

My hope in presenting this case is to equip the average person with the Biblical evidence to not only address the Virgin Birth talking points, but also to demonstrate **beyond a shadow of doubt** that the Bible not only *overwhelmingly upholds the Natural Order*, but *requires* the anticipated Messiah to be born of natural human descent.

PART ONE: God and the Natural Order

1.1.1 God Made Heaven and Earth

*In the beginning **God** made the heaven and the earth. (Gen 1:1 Brenton LXX)*

Or... In the beginning the god made the heaven and the earth.

“The god” → “most high”

And Melchisedec king of Salem brought forth loaves and wine, and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed Abram, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, who made heaven and earth, (Gen 14:18-19)

> The god is most high.

1.1.2 God Said – The Word of God

The remainder of Genesis 1 unfolds what God made through the power of His word.

We're told *the Spirit of God moved over the water*, and a series of things came into being.

***And God said**, Let there be light, and there was light. (Gen 1:3)*

***And God said**, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the water, and let it be a division between water and water, and it was so. (Gen 1:6)*

***And God said**, Let the water which is under the heaven be collected into one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so. (Gen 1:9a)*

***And God said**, Let the earth bring forth the herb of grass bearing seed according to its kind and according to its likeness, and the fruit-tree bearing fruit whose seed is in it, according to its kind on the earth, and it was so. (Gen 1:11)*

***And God said**, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, to divide between day and night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and for years. And let them be for light in the firmament of the heaven, so as to shine upon the earth, and it was so. (Gen 1:14-15)*

***And God said**, Let the waters bring forth reptiles having life, and winged creatures flying above the earth in the firmament of heaven, and it was so. (Gen 1:20)*

***And God said**, Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind, quadrupeds and reptiles and wild beasts of the earth according to their kind, and it was so. (Gen 1:24)*

And God said, Let us make man according to our image and likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the flying creatures of heaven, and over the cattle and all the earth, and over all the reptiles that creep on the earth. And God made man, according to the image of God he made him, male and female he made them. And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the seas and flying creatures of heaven, and all the cattle and all the earth, and all the reptiles that creep on the earth. **And God said**, Behold I have given to you every seed-bearing herb sowing seed which is upon all the earth, and every tree which has in itself the fruit of seed that is sown, to you it shall be for food. And to all the wild beasts of the earth, and to all the flying creatures of heaven, and to every reptile creeping on the earth, which has in itself the breath of life, even every green plant for food; and it was so. (Gen 1:26-30)

Genesis 1 establishes **the power of God's word** brings to life all that He says.

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and god was the word. The same was in the beginning with God. (Joh 1:1-2)

NOTE:

1. In the Greek text the words are not capitalized.
2. In the English language we have three separate pronouns: he, she or it that we can use to differentiate between male, female and things/ideas. But in Greek there is only one word/suffix that can mean all three. So it is up to the reader's discretion in determining which one applies based on the noun to which he/she thinks it may be referring.

God = "the god" = "o theos" (or "ton theon")
"god" (not capitalized) = "theos"

*In the beginning was the word, and the word was with **the god**, and **god** was the word.*

All things were made by it; and without it was not any thing made that was made. In it was life; and the life was the light of men. (Joh 1:3-4)

> The word of God is powerful: it brings to life.

1.1.3 Plant Life – Seed-bearing, Reproducing after Like Kind

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the herb of grass bearing seed according to its kind and according to its likeness, and the fruit-tree bearing fruit whose seed is in it, according to its kind on the earth, and it was so. (Gen 1:11 Brenton LXX)

“seed” = “sperma” (G4690) = “from which a plant germinates, the semen virile”
“bearing” = “speiro” (G4687) = “to sow, scatter seed”.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. (Gen 1:11 KJV MT)

“seed” = “zera” (H2233) = “seed, sowing, offspring”
“yielding” = “zara” (H2232) = “to sow, scatter seed”.

> The purpose of the seed is to reproduce after like kind.

1.1.4 Animal Life

> Animal life is made to reproduce after like kind.

1.1.5 Human Life

And God said, Let us make man according to our image and likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the flying creatures of heaven, and over the cattle and all the earth, and over all the reptiles that creep on the earth.

And God made man, according to the image of God he made him, male and female he made them.

*And God blessed them, saying, **Increase and multiply**, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the seas and flying creatures of heaven, and all the cattle and all the earth, and all the reptiles that creep on the earth. (Gen 1:26-28)*

➤ God Made Man According to the Image of God

*For God created man **to be immortal**, and made him to be **an image of his own eternity**. Nevertheless through envy of the devil came death into the world: and they that do hold of his side do find it. (Wisdom of Solomon 2:23-24 Brenton LXX)*

And Abraam planted a field at the well of the oath, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God. (Genesis 21:33)

*'I am the Alpha and the Omega, beginning and end, saith **the Lord**, who is, and who was, and who is coming--the Almighty.' (Rev 1:8 YLT)*

As opposed to...

*And I did turn to see the voice that did speak with me, and having turned, I saw seven golden lamp-stands, and in the midst of the seven lamp-stands, one like to **a son of man**, clothed to the foot, and girt round at the breast with a golden girdle, and his head and hairs white, as if white wool--as snow, and his eyes as a flame of fire; and his feet like to fine brass, as in a furnace having been fired, and his voice as a sound of many waters, and having in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth a sharp two-edged sword is proceeding, and his countenance is as the sun shining in its might.*

And when I saw him, I did fall at his feet as dead, and he placed his right hand upon me, saying to me, 'Be not afraid; I am the First and the Last, and he who is living, and I did become dead, and, lo, I am living to the ages of the ages. Amen! and I have the keys of the hades and of the death. (Rev 1:12-18 YLT)

The Lord created man of the earth, and turned him into it again. He gave them few days, and a short time, and power also over the things therein. He endued them with strength by themselves, and made them according to his image, And put the fear of man upon all flesh, and gave him dominion over beasts and fowls.

They received the use of the five operations of the Lord, and in the sixth place he imparted them understanding, and in the seventh speech, an interpreter of the cogitations thereof. Counsel, and a tongue, and eyes, ears, and a heart, gave he them to understand. Withal he filled them with the knowledge of understanding, and shewed them good and evil. (Wisdom of Sirach 17:1-7 Brenton LXX)

➤ Let Them Have Dominion

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little less than angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honour; and thou hast set him over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet: sheep and all oxen, yea and the cattle of the field; the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, the creatures passing through the paths of the sea. O Lord our Lord, how wonderful is thy name in all the earth! (Psa 8:4-9 Brenton)

O God of my fathers, and Lord of mercy, who hast made all things with thy word, And ordained man through thy wisdom, that he should have dominion over the creatures which thou hast made, (Wisdom of Solomon 9:1-2 Brenton)

➤ Increase and Multiply, and Fill the Earth

1.1.6 On the Sixth Day – God Finished

*And the heavens and the earth were **finished**, and the whole world of them. And God **finished** on the sixth day his works, which he made... (Gen 2:1-2a)*

“finished” = “suneteleothasan”= “1) to end together or at the same time, 2) to end completely, 3) to accomplish, bring to fulfillment, 4) to effect, make, (conclude), 5) to finish.”

> God ended completely on the sixth day his works, which he made.

1.1.7 On the Seventh Day, a Sabbath

*And he **ceased** on the seventh day from all his works which he made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it he ceased from all his works, which God began to do. (Gen 2:2b-3 Brenton LXX)*

“ceased” = “katapausen” = “to make quiet, to cause to be at rest, to grant rest”

*and he **rested** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. (Gen 2:2b-3 KJV MT)*

“rested” = “shabath” ← Verb root for “shabbath” = “sabbath”

> Seven denotes a completion

PART TWO: The Book of Genesis

*This is the book of the **generation** of heaven and earth, when they were made, in the day in which the Lord God made the heaven and the earth, and every herb of the field before it was on the earth, and all the grass of the field before it sprang up, for God had not rained on the earth, and there was not a man to cultivate it. But there rose a fountain out of the earth, and watered the whole face of the earth. (Gen 2:4-6)*

“generation” = “genesis” = “source, origin”

“genos” = “kindred”

“ginomai” = “to become, i.e. to come into existence, begin to be, receive being”.

1.2.1 Adam – A Living Soul

And God formed the man of dust of the earth, and breathed upon his face the breath of life, and the man became a living soul. (Gen 2:7-8)

➤ God Forms Each Man

Thus saith the Lord God that made thee, and he that formed thee from the womb; Thou shalt yet be helped: fear not, my servant Jacob; and beloved Israel, whom I have chosen. (Isa 44:2)

The Divine Spirit is that which formed me, and the breath of the Almighty that which teaches me. (Job 33:4)

And the word of the Lord came to him, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth from the womb, I sanctified thee; I appointed thee a prophet to the nations. (Jer 1:4-5)

➤ God Gives the Breath of Life to Each Man

Who then has not known in all these things, that the hand of the Lord has made them? Whereas the life of all living things is in his hand, and the breath of every man. (Job 12:9-10)

And Job further continued and said in his parable, As God lives, who has thus judge me; and the Almighty, who has embittered my soul; verily, while my breath is yet in me, and the breath of God which remains to me is in my nostrils, my lips shall not speak evil words, neither shall my soul meditate unrighteous thoughts. (Job 27:1-4)

But the mother was marvellous above all, and worthy of honourable memory: for when she saw her seven sons slain within the space of one day, she bare it with a good courage, because of the hope that she had in the Lord. Yea, she exhorted every one of them in her

own language, filled with courageous spirits; and stirring up her womanish thoughts with a manly stomach, she said unto them, I cannot tell how ye came into my womb: for I neither gave you breath nor life, neither was it I that formed the members of every one of you; But doubtless the Creator of the world, who formed the generation of man, and found out the beginning of all things, will also of his own mercy give you breath and life again, as ye now regard not your own selves for his laws' sake. (2 Maccabees 7:20-23 Brenton LXX)

Not only does God give each man the breath of life, but He also gives each his own spirit.

➤ God Gives Each Man A Spirit

Thus saith the Lord God, who made the heaven, and established it; who settled the earth, and the things in it, and gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to them that tread on it: (Isa 42:5)

before the dust also return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return to God who gave it. (Ecc 12:7)

For they counted all the idols of the heathen to be gods: which neither have the use of eyes to see, nor noses to draw breath, nor ears to hear, nor fingers of hands to handle; and as for their feet, they are slow to go. For man made them, and he that borrowed his own spirit fashioned them: but no man can make a god like unto himself. (Wisdom of Solomon 15:15-16 Brenton LXX)

➤ God is very instrumental in the life of every man, not just Adam.

- He knows us before we are conceived.
- He forms us in our mother's womb.
- He gives us the breath of life.
- He gives us our own spirit.

1.2.2 Ish and Isha Becoming one Flesh

And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone, let us make for him a help suitable to him.

And God formed yet farther out of the earth all the wild beasts of the field, and all the birds of the sky, and he brought them to Adam, to see what he would call them, and whatever Adam called any living creature, that was the name of it.

And Adam gave names to all the cattle and to all the birds of the sky, and to all the wild beasts of the field, but for Adam there was not found a help like to himself.

And God brought a trance upon Adam, and he slept, and he took one of his ribs, and filled up the flesh instead thereof. And God formed the rib, which he took from Adam into a woman, and brought her to Adam.

And Adam said, This now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of her husband. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (Gen 2:15-24)

➤ The two are fashioned to physically fit together to form one whole unit.

1.2.3 The Fall of Man and Original Sin

*And God planted a **garden** eastward in Edem, and placed there the man whom he had formed. And God made to spring up also out of the earth every tree beautiful to the eye and good for food, and the tree of life in the midst of the garden, and the tree of learning the knowledge of good and evil.*

And a river proceeds out of Edem to water the garden, thence it divides itself into four heads. The name of the one, Phisom, this it is which encircles the whole land of Evilat, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good, there also is carbuncle and emerald. And the name of the second river is Geon, this it is which encircles the whole land of Ethiopia. And the third river is Tigris, this is that which flows forth over against the Assyrians. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

And the Lord God took the man whom he had formed, and placed him in the garden of Delight, to cultivate and keep it. And the Lord God gave a charge to Adam, saying, Of every tree which is in the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil--of it ye shall not eat, but in whatsoever day ye eat of it, ye shall surely die. (Gen 2:8-17)

“garden” = “paradeisos”

*and he said to Jesus, 'Remember me, lord, when thou mayest come in thy reign;' and Jesus said to him, 'Verily I say to thee, To-day, with me thou shalt be in the **paradise.**' (Luk 23:42-43)*

*He who is having an ear--let him hear what the Spirit saith to the assemblies: To him who is overcoming--I will give to him to eat of the tree of life that is in the midst of the **paradise** of God. (Rev 2:7)*

> SIDENOTE: Garden of Eden in Genesis 1 = Paradise of God in New Testament

Did Original Sin Corrupt the Human Genome?

And the two were naked, both Adam and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Now the serpent was the most crafty of all the brutes on the earth, which the Lord God made, and the serpent said to the woman, Wherefore has God said, Eat not of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said to the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For God knew that in whatever day ye should eat of it your eyes would be opened, and ye would be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes to look upon and beautiful to contemplate, and having taken of its fruit she ate, and she gave to her husband also with her, and they ate.

And the eyes of both were opened, and they perceived that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons to go round them.

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the afternoon; and both Adam and his wife hid themselves from the face of the Lord God in the midst of the trees of the garden.

And the Lord God called Adam and said to him, Adam, where art thou?

And he said to him, I heard thy voice as thou walkedst in the garden, and I feared because I was naked and I hid myself.

And God said to him, Who told thee that thou wast naked, unless thou hast eaten of the tree concerning which I charged thee of it alone not to eat?

And Adam said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me--she gave me of the tree and I ate.

And the Lord God said to the woman, Why hast thou done this?

And the woman said, The serpent deceived me and I ate. (Gen 3:1-14)

1.2.4 The Man, Woman and Serpent are Cursed

And the Lord God said to the serpent,

Because thou hast done this thou art cursed above all cattle and all the brutes of the earth, on thy breast and belly thou shalt go, and thou shalt eat earth all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed, he shall watch against thy head, and thou shalt watch against his heel.

> Enmity between the serpent and the woman, and between his seed and hers.

And to the woman he said,

I will greatly multiply thy pains and thy groanings; in pain thou shalt bring forth children, and thy submission shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And to Adam he said,

*Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife, and eaten of the tree concerning which I charged thee of it only not to eat--of that thou hast eaten, cursed is the ground in thy labours, in pain shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread until **thou return to the earth out of which thou wast taken, for earth thou art and to earth thou shalt return.***

And the Lord God made for Adam and his wife garments of skin, and clothed them.

And God said, Behold, Adam is become as one of us, to know good and evil, and now lest at any time he stretch forth his hand, and take of the tree of life and eat, and so he shall live forever-- So the Lord God sent him forth out of the garden of Delight to cultivate the ground out of which he was taken.

And he cast out Adam and caused him to dwell over against the garden of Delight, and stationed the cherubs and the fiery sword that turns about to keep the way of the tree of life. (Gen 3:21-25)

> Man was removed from having access to the tree of life; He will return to the earth from which he was taken. Simply, man will die.

because of this, even as through one man the sin did enter into the world, and through the sin the death; and thus to all men the death did pass through, for that all did sin; for till law sin was in the world: and sin is not reckoned when there is not law; but the death did reign from Adam till Moses, even upon those not having sinned in the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of him who is coming. (Rom 5:12-14 YLT)

Jesus answered them, `Verily, verily, I say to you--Every one who is committing sin, is a servant of the sin, and the servant doth not remain in the house--to the age, the son doth remain--to the age; (John 8:34-35 YLT)

Let no one say, being tempted--`From God I am tempted,' for God is not tempted of evil, and Himself doth tempt no one, and each one is tempted, by his own desires being led away and enticed, afterward the desire having conceived, doth give birth to sin, and the sin having been perfected, doth bring forth death. (James 1:13-15 YLT)

Every one who is doing the sin, the lawlessness also he doth do, and the sin is the lawlessness, and ye have known that he was manifested that our sins he may take away, and sin is not in him; every one who is remaining in him doth not sin; every one who is sinning, hath not seen him, nor known him. (1Jn 3:4-6)

➤ Sin is something we do. It is not a physical trait in the human genome.

And the all things are of God, who reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and did give to us the ministrations of the reconciliation, how that God was in Christ--a world reconciling to Himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses; and having put in us the word of the reconciliation, in behalf of Christ, then, we are ambassadors, as if God were calling through us, we beseech, in behalf of Christ, 'Be ye reconciled to God;' for him who did not know sin, in our behalf He did make sin, that we may become the righteousness of God in him. (2Co 5:18-21 YLT)

Having, then, a great chief priest passed through the heavens--Jesus the Son of God--may we hold fast the profession, for we have not a chief priest unable to sympathise with our infirmities, but one tempted in all things in like manner--apart from sin; we may come near, then, with freedom, to the throne of the grace, that we may receive kindness, and find grace--for seasonable help. (Heb 4:14-16 YLT)

The domestics! be subjecting yourselves in all fear to the masters, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the cross; for this is gracious, if because of conscience toward God any one doth endure sorrows, suffering unrighteously; for what renown is it, if sinning and being buffeted, ye do endure it? but if, doing good and suffering for it, ye do endure, this is gracious with God, for to this ye were called, because Christ also did suffer for you, leaving to you an example, that ye may follow his steps, who did not commit sin, nor was guile found in his mouth, who being reviled--was not reviling again, suffering--was not threatening, and was committing himself to Him who is judging righteously, who our sins himself did bear in his body, upon the tree, that to the sins having died, to the righteousness we may live; by whose stripes ye were healed, for ye were as sheep going astray, but ye turned back now to the shepherd and overseer of your souls. (1Pe 2:18-25)

- Jesus did not commit sin.
- Man's genetic code did not change as a result of sin in the Garden.

1.2.5 The Mother of All Living

And the man calleth his wife's name Eve: for she hath been mother of all living. (Genesis 3:20 YLT MT)

And Adam called the name of his wife Life, because she was the mother of all living. (Gen 3:21 Brenton LXX)

"Eve" = "Chavvah" = "Life" or "Living"

- *The Woman, Eve, was the Mother of all living.*

1.2.6 A Man Knows a Woman – With the Help of the Lord She Conceives

*And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she **conceived** and brought forth Cain and said, I have gained a man through God. And she again bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. (Gen 4:1-2)*

*And Cain knew his wife, and having **conceived** she bore Enoch; and he built a city; and he named the city after the name of his **son**, Enoch. (Gen 4:17)*

*And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she **conceived** and bore a **son**, and called his name Seth, saying, For God has raised up to me another **seed** instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. (Gen 4:25)*

“seed” = “sperma”

“conceived” = “sullabousa” = “to seize” or “to take hold together with one”

> The sower of seeds, sows his seed in the woman, and the woman “takes hold together with one” and **with the help of the Almighty who foreknows, forms and gives the breath of life and spirit**, she brings forth life.

> In these cases the life she brings forth are more sowers of seed, aka sons.

1.2.7 The Seed of the Woman

*And I will put enmity between thee and **the woman** and between thy seed and **her seed**, he shall watch against thy head, and thou shalt watch against his heel. (Gen 3:16)*

➤ The Natural Order is in man “knowing” his woman, **he implants his seed in her** and she conceives by *taking hold together with one* or *seizing* the seed and with the help of the Lord, life begins.

CONCLUSION of PART ONE of SESSION ONE: *In the Beginning*

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