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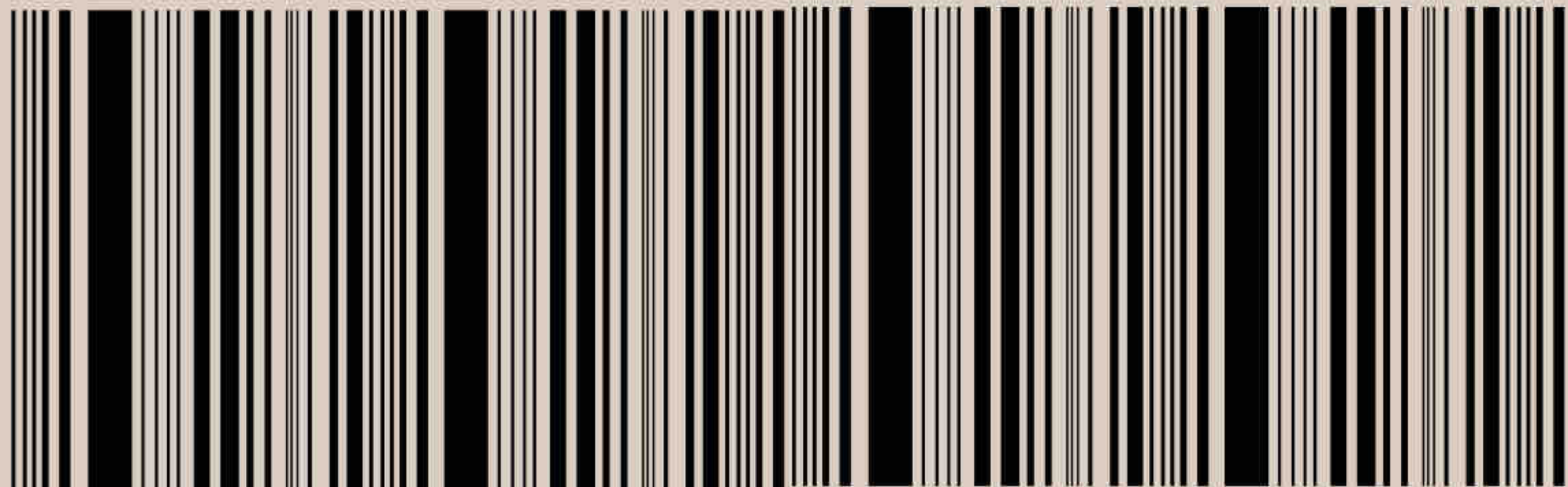
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¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5 ESV



The Divine Word

- I. Jesus is the eternal Word

Purpose

“³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written **so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:30–31 ESV



¹ **In the beginning**, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 ESV



LOGOS

“word, speech, explanation, principle, or reason.”

¹⁴ And the **Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 ESV



I. **Jesus is the eternal Word**

a. The Word is eternal

⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you **before the world existed.**

John 17:5 ESV



I. Jesus is the eternal Word

- a. The Word is eternal
- b. The Word is God

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war... ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God.**

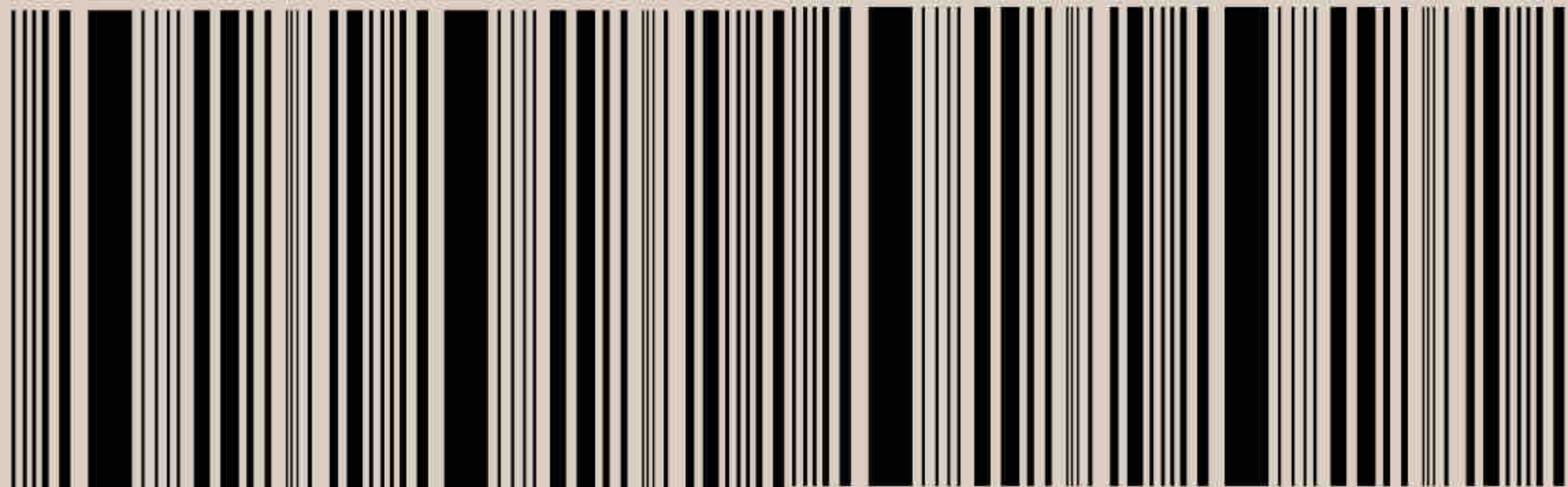
Revelation 19:11,13 ESV



⁶ ...though **he was in the form of God**, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped...

Philippians 2:6 ESV





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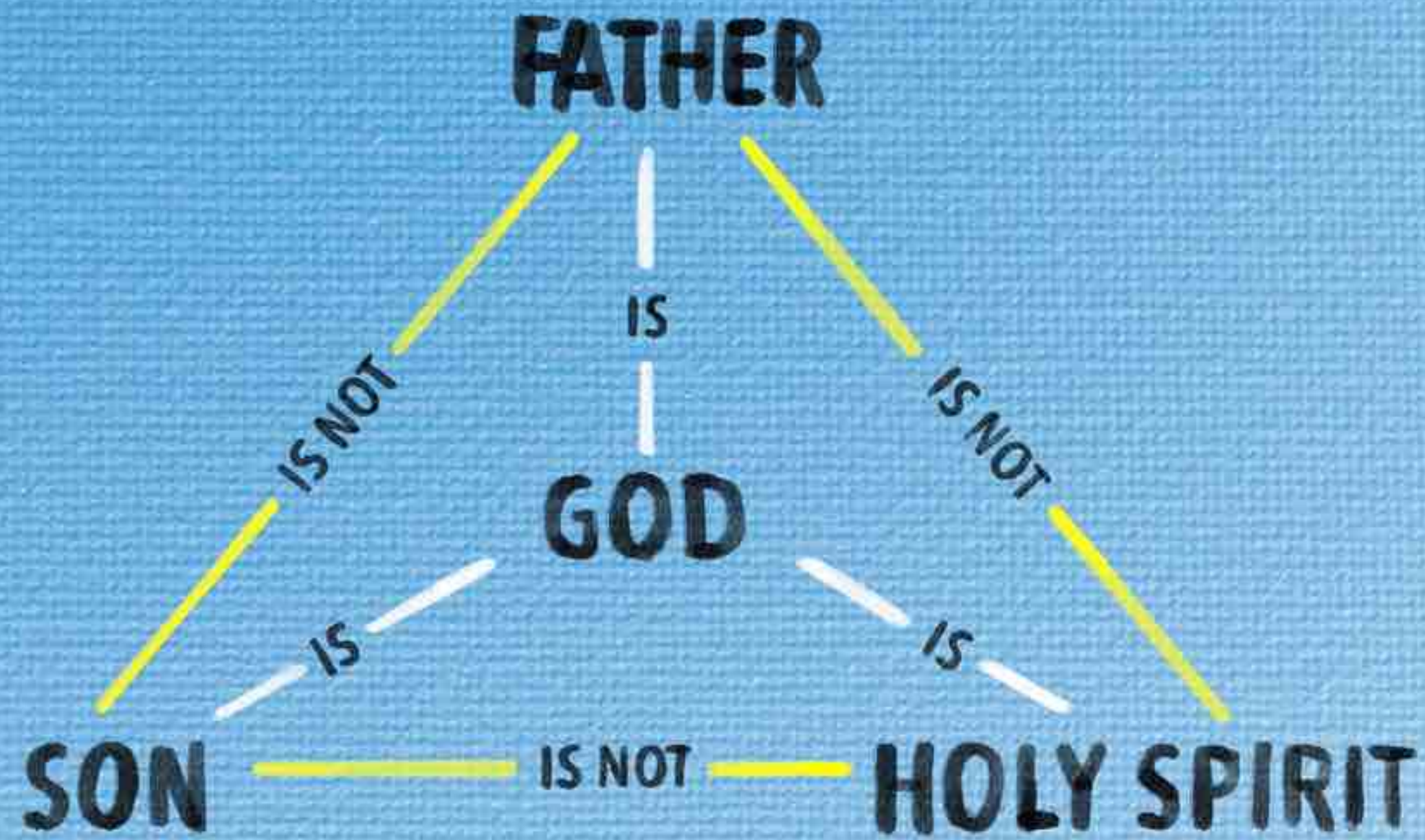
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Secularism	a historical or moral figure, not divine, at best a moral teacher



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- a. The Word is eternal
- b. The Word is God
- c. The Word is distinct from God



²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me **because you loved me before the foundation of the world.**

John 17:24 ESV



The Divine Word

- I. Jesus is the eternal Word

- II. Jesus is the agent of creation

³ All things were made **through him**, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:3 ESV



II. Jesus is the agent of creation

a. God creates through His Word

⁶ **By the word of the Lord** the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Psalm 33:6 ESV



¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10–11 ESV



II. Jesus is the agent of creation

- a. God creates through His Word
- b. Jesus is the Word of creation

¹⁶ For **by him all things were created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were **created through him and for him**. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:16–17 ESV



¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, **through whom also he created the world.**

Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV



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a. Jesus is the source of life

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has **eternal life**. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to **life**.²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will **live**. ²⁶ For as the Father has **life** in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have **life in himself**.

John 5:24–26 ESV



⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 ESV



III. Jesus is life and light

- a. Jesus is the source of life
- b. Darkness will not overcome the light

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,”
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

Psalm 139:11–12ESV





¹² “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12 ESV



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