YESHUA—HIS HUMANITY

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The Seed of Abraham

On Tuesday, February 6, 2024 I received an email from a woman (whom I'll call her Denise), who has a weekly Newsletter comprised of articles from various people. An acquaintance of hers (I'll call her Jane) questioned my position on the Holy Spirit being the feminine Person in the God Family, in a comment I wrote in Denise's Newsletter. Jane (and Denise) believe that the Holy Spirit is just a force or the power of God the Father, but not a Person.

Jane asked Denise to relay to me that if the Holy Spirit was the Mother in the God Family, how could two females "meld" (i.e. have sex; the Holy Spirit coming upon Mary). Her underlying assumption was that she believed Jesus' humanity came from Miriam (Mary), not God, which if a fairly typical view. I had also accepted that understanding, uncritically, up to that time, that Yeshua's humanity had come from his mother Mary. This is the usual thought on the subject, but then I began to question it: How could that be? How could Mary's humanity, her fallen human nature be the substance of the pristine and sinless human nature of Jesus? Mary could not share or give her sinful human nature to Jesus because then Jesus would have had a sinful human nature.

Both Denise and Jane believe the same thing about the Holy Spirit being the force or power of God and *not* a Person in the Godhead and also, that Mary's human nature gave rise to the human nature of Jesus. When Jane sent her comment/question to Denise, Denise forwarded it to me:

> "My understanding is that the Holy Spirit is the Power of the Most High. If as Avram has stated, the Holy Spirit is the mother, then how did she meld with Miriam (the human mother)?"[1] (i.e. Mary)
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> "Luke 1:35: "The messenger (angel) answered her, "Ruach HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit) will come upon you, the power of HaElyon (the Most High) will cover you. Therefore the kodesh (set-apart thing; holy one) begotten to you will be called the Son of Elohim (God)."

Denise said, "A response from you would be appreciated."

Hello Denise, and thank you for relaying Jane's question/comment to me. The following is my response:

The Power, But Not a Person?

Scripture, speaking of "the Power" of God Most High can refer to the Holy Spirit, but it can also refer to the Father. Matthew records the dialogue between Yeshua and the High Priest, putting Yeshua under oath:

> "But Yeshua kept silent and the High Priest said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God! Tell us if You are the Messiah, the Son of God!" Yeshua said to him, "It is as you have said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at

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[1] She had previously said that if I was right about the Holy Spirit being the Mother in the God Family, that this Mother had sex or intercourse with another female, Mary, and that "goes against God's ways." Only a husband and his wife are to be sexually intimate.

> the right hand of *the Power*, and coming on the Clouds of Heaven."" (Mt. 26:63-64)

It's obvious that "the Power" refers to the Father in this and other instances.[2] If the angel Gabriel is referring to the "Power" of God Most High being the Holy Spirit, Gabriel is saying the same thing twice, only in two different ways, paralleling "the *Holy Spirit* will *come upon you*," with *"the Power* of the Most High God *will cover you*," which is not unusual in Hebrew (or perhaps angelic) speaking. This is called Hebrew parallelism, but it doesn't mean that the Father isn't present. It also doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit is just a force or a power of God (*just* "God's Spirit").[3] If it's both the Father and the Holy Spirit they are working in tandem, which is what we would expect for this monumental event called the Incarnation.

Mainline Christianity has always seen the Holy Spirit as a Person; not just a force or power, and for very good biblical reasons. In both the Old and the New Testaments the Holy Spirit comes across as a Person.[4] For instance, the Lord Yeshua speaks of the Father and the Holy Spirit in Isaiah, saying,

> "Come near to Me and hear this! I have not spoken in secret from the Beginning; from the time that it was, I *was* there, and now the Lord Yahveh *and His Spirit* have sent Me." (Isaiah 48:16 spoken about 740 BC)

If the Holy Spirit were just "God's Spirit" Yeshua wouldn't have said the both of Them sent Him. That's Messiah Yeshua speaking of His Father and His Mother (the Holy Spirit) sending Him to Israel in the future. Also interesting is that the Holy Spirit is called *"the* Holy Spirit" or just *"the* Spirit," many times in Scripture when if the Holy Spirit was "just a force or power" we would expect Scripture to always refer to Her as God's Spirit or the Spirit of God, which would be a point in favor of it being just "God's Spirit."[5]

In the New Testament the Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, ends his second Letter to the Corinthians with a trifold blessing:

> "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, *and the communion of the Holy Spirit* be with you all. Amen!" (2nd Corinthians 13:14).

Paul could not have written that if the Holy Spirit were *only* "God's Spirit" or only the power of God, and not a Person in Her own right. The verse is made up of three parts. The first two parts speak of two different Persons (the Father and the Son), and the third part of the Holy Spirit as a Person.

The Lord Yeshua also spoke of the Holy Spirit as a Person when He said She was "the Helper:"

> "Nevertheless I tell you the Truth. It is to your advantage that I go away because if I do not go away, *the Helper* will not come to you, but if I depart, I will send Her[6] to you" (John 16:7)

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[2] Compare Mk. 14:62; Lk. 22:69; cf. Mt. 6:13; 22:29; Rom. 1:16; 1st Cor. 1:18; 2:5; 2nd Cor. 4:7; 13:4; 2nd Tim. 1:8; 1st Pet. 1:5.

[3] The translation of Jane's is not accurate, for she states, "The messenger (angel) answered her, "Ruach HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit) will come upon you, the power of HaElyon (the Most High) will cover you," but the correct translation would have an "and" between the two phrases: "The messenger (angel) answered her, "Ruach HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit) will come upon you *and* the power of HaElyon (the Most High) will cover you." This is an indication that the second phrase refers to the Father.

[4] See my article, Three Persons—One God?, for a full understanding of why the Holy Spirit is the Second Person in the God Family. For some Old Testament cites that present the Holy Spirit as a separate entity, as a Person, see Ezekiel 1:12; 3:12, 14, 24.

[5] For example, Romans 15:13: "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope *by the power of the Holy Spirit*."

[6] "Her" is the correct pronoun for the Holy Spirit for both the Hebrew Old Testament and the Hebrew New Testament.

A "force" or "power" cannot be "a Helper." Yeshua again speaks of the Holy Spirit, comparing Her *to Himself as a Helper* when He says, "And I will pray the Father and He will give you *another Helper*, that She may abide with you forever" (John 14:16). This can't be said of a force.

Ezekiel saw visions of the Lord and the Cherubim. What concerns us about the Personhood of the Holy Spirit is found in Ezekiel 11:5 where the Spirit speaks to him:

> "Then the Spirit of Yahveh fell upon me, *and said to me*, ***"Speak!*** "Thus says Yahveh! "Thus you have said, House of Israel, for I know the things that come into your mind." (Ezekiel 11:5)

Another set of Scriptures that reveal that the Holy Spirit is a Person is found in the words of Yeshua in the Book of Revelation. In speaking to the churches in chapters two and three, Yeshua always ends with something like this:

> "He who has an ear, *let him hear what the Spirit* ***says*** to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." (Revelation 2:7)
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> "He who has an ear, let him hear what *the Spirit says* to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the Second Death." (Revelation 2:11; cf. Rev. 2:29; 3:6, 13, 22)

All these six cites in Revelation that declare the Spirit speaking or saying to the churches what they need to do in order to get right with God, or that God is pleased with them, reveals and confirms that the Holy Spirit is a Person in the God Family because a "force" or a "power" cannot speak. Only a person speaks.

The Father and His Word (i.e. Yeshua/Jesus; cf. Jn. 1:1) are "one," but They are two Persons. The Father and His Spirit (i.e. the Holy Spirit[7]) are "one," and They are also two Persons. The Three are one God Family and are the prototype for the first human family.

Just as every family on Earth that has a father and a son must also have a mother, it's common sense, logic and Scripture that if there is God *the Father* and God *the Son* there must also be God *the Mother* (the Holy Spirit).

Adam, Eve and Cain are a reflection of the God Family: father Adam, mother Eve and son Cain. This is what it means for Man to be made in the Image of God (Gen. 1:26).

Melding and the Incarnation

There is no "melding" or sexual intercourse of the Holy Spirit and Mary in Scripture to make the humanity of Jesus. The Word says that,

> "The Holy Spirit will come upon her" and "The Power of the Most High God will cover her."

It seems that both God the Holy Spirit (God the Mother) and God the Father (the Power of the Most High God) came upon Mary[8] although a case can be made that both phrases refer to the Holy Spirit.[9] This creative act of making God the Son into a human embryo is reminiscent of how Yeshua "came forth" from both His Father and His Mother in the Beginning of Creation on Day One (Gen. 1:2-3).[10] Yeshua was not

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[7] Compare Num. 11:29; Ps. 106:33; Is. 34:16; 48:16; Zech. 7:12; 1st Cor. 2:10.

[8] See my article, Yeshua—God the Son for how Jesus was begotten in the Beginning. The process for His humanity was similar in that both His Father and His Mother were involved in the making of Their Son's embryo.

[9] Most likely Yeshua was also involved in this creative miracle that made Him the Second Adam.

created on Day One, but was *begotten* as God's Son.[11]

There is no melding of Mary's human nature with her Son, and so there is no heavenly "Woman" (the Holy Spirit) mating or having sexual intercourse with an earthly, sinful woman (Mary). This is a very crude, vulgar and heretical understanding of what happened when the Holy Spirit came upon Mary—no less heretical and pathetic than the Muslim teaching that Jesus came into being by God (the Father) having physical sex with Mary.[12]

Trying to make the conception of Yeshua in the womb of Mary "understandable" is fine, but not if it goes against Scripture, common sense and logic, which speaks of Yeshua *not* being a sinner or having a sinful, Adamic nature,[13] which He certainly would have had if His human nature came from Mary. Nowhere in Scripture does it say that Jesus had Mary's humanity, and for good reason: He would have had a sinful, Adamic nature like Mary's. Mary couldn't give Him what she didn't have (a pristine Adamic nature).

The miracle of the Incarnation is that God the Son became a sinless human being; the Second Adam with a pristine human nature; a perfect Jewish human being, fulfilling prophecies of the coming Savior for Israel. Yeshua was born of a Jewish mother and circumcised on the 8th day of His life, just as Isaac had been (cf. Gen. 21:4), as well as every other Jewish boy from Isaac's time until today. All His life Yeshua was seen as a Jew and He died as the King of the Jews, and so being born through Mary made Yeshua acceptable to God to be a Jew because only a Jew could become King of the Jews. Moses said to Israel,

> "you shall surely set a king over you whom Yahveh your God chooses; *one from among your brethren* you shall set as king over you. You may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother." (Deuteronomy 17:15)

Matthew 2:2 states of the Magi, who said to King Herod, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.""

John writes that Yeshua aligned Himself with the Jewish people when He said to the Samaritan woman at

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[10] Yeshua speaks of "coming forth" from His Father a number of times:

John 8:42: "Yeshua said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I *proceeded forth* and *came from God*, nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.'" (cf. John 7:29; 10:36)

John 16:27-28: 'for the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that *I came forth* from the Father. *I came forth from the Father* and have come into the world. I am leaving the world again and going to the Father.' (See also John 7:29 where Yeshua says '…I am *from Him,* and He sent Me.')

John 16:30: 'Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You *came forth* from God.'

John 17:8: 'for the words which You gave Me I have given to them and they received them and truly understood that *I came forth* from You and they believed that You *sent* Me.' (See also Mark 1:38)

All these speak of Yeshua being begotten, not created, which means that He has the same exact nature as His Father—deity. No other person in Scripture ever used those words concerning himself. Moses, the greatest of the Old Testament Prophets (Dt. 34:10-12), and *the* prototype for the Messiah as the Savior of Israel from Egyptian slavery and the giver of the words of God (the Ten Commandments, etc.), never said that he *came forth* from God, nor that he was the Son of God, nor that he was the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:48, 51), etc.

In John 15:26 Yeshua speaks of the Spirit *coming forth* from God the Father: 'When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth who *proceeds forth* from the Father, She will testify of Me.'

[11] See p. 3, note 8; cf. Psalm 2:7; John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5; 5:5; 1st John 4:9.

[12] Compare what Yeshua says to the question of the Sadducees (Mt. 22:8f.; Mk. 12:23f.; Lk. 20:33f.). Also, what Yeshua says to Nicodemus when he doesn't understand about being Born Again: "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?" (John 3:12)

[13] John 8:46; 2nd Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1st Peter 2:22.

the well, "You worship what you do not know. We (Jews) know what we worship, for salvation *is of the Jews"* (John 4:22).

Matthew states that when Yeshua stood before Pilate, he asked Yeshua if He was "the King of the Jews," and Yeshua answers in the affirmative:

> "Now Yeshua stood before the governor and the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Yeshua said to him, *"It is as you say.*"" (Mt. 27:11)

Matthew also records of the Roman soldiers at the Cross that, mocking Him, they called Yeshua "the King of the Jews:

> "When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand, and they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"" (Mt. 27:29)

> "And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: "This is Yeshua, the King of the Jews."" (Mt. 27:37; cf. Mk. 15:26; Lk. 23:38; Jn. 19:19)[14]

Yeshua is the King of the Jews and will one day sit upon David's Throne, His earthly Father, and rule Israel for a thousand years.[15] Man, left to his own thoughts, can be ingenious…and very foolish. Both Catholic and Protestant teaching on how Jesus got His human nature from Mary fall into those categories.

The Catholic Mary

The popular Christian view is that the humanity of Jesus came from Mary. This is Catholic theology and it has made its way into Protestantism, etc. It's also heresy. Scripture refutes this in two ways: Nowhere in the Word of God does it state that the humanity of Jesus came from Mary. For Jesus to have the same humanity as Mary would have made Him a sinful, carnal human being at conception because Mary's humanity was fallen, sinful Adamic human nature. There was nothing of Mary's human nature that she could give to Yeshua that wasn't sinful and corrupt. Catholic theology works around the small inconvenience by creating a false Mary.

The Catholic Church says that *Mary* was actually conceived "immaculately," meaning that she didn't have an Adamic, sinful human nature, but this is pure paganism. The "Mary" of paganism was sinless. One of the titles of the Catholic Mary is "the Queen of Heaven," and in this Catholicism is marked out as an heretical cult because the biblical Mary is never spoken of as the Queen of Heaven, but the pagan "Mary" is. The Catholic Mary is a reflection of Ishtar, Diana and Astarte, etc.

One of the reasons why God allowed Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, to decimate the southern kingdom of Judah and destroy Jerusalem and the Temple of Solomon in 586 BC was because they offered worship to the Queen of Heaven.[16] *The Jewish Study Bible* says that,

> *"The Queen of Heaven* is most likely some form of the Mesopotamian goddess Ishtar, symbolized by the Morning Star or Venus, who represented both war and fertility."[17]

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[14] See Acts 2:30-31; 3:18; 5:42; 9:20, 34; 17:3; 1st John 2:22; 5:1, etc. That "Jesus is the Christ," refers to Jesus as the King of Israel, for that's what "the Christ" or "the Messiah" means; not literally, for it literally means "the Anointed One," but in Jewish understanding that Messiah or the Anointed One is the King of Israel as well as its High Priest and Savior.

[15] Luke 1:32-33—"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God, and the Lord Yahveh will give Him the Throne of His Father David, and He will reign over *the House of Jacob forever*, and of His Kingdom there will be no end;" cf. Rev. 20:1-6f.; Ezk. 40–48 for His thousand year reign.

[16] Jeremiah 7:18; 44:17-19, 25.

Both Ishtar and Venus were the same goddess, the Queen of Heaven. Their different names reflect different countries that worshiped her (cf. Acts 19:24, 27, 28). We know she was the same goddess because of the same characteristics given to both. The *Commentary on the Old Testament* states that,

> It "may be presumed that *the Queen of heaven* was one of the deities who came to Western Asia with the Assyrians, and that she corresponds to the Assyrian-Persian *Tanais* and *Artemis,* who in the course of time took the place once occupied by the closely related Phoenician Astarte. She is originally a deification of the moon, the Assyrian *Selene* and *Virgo caelestis* who, as supreme female deity, was companion to *Baal-Moloch* as sun-god."[18]

These goddesses are the same goddess, but with different names for their different cultures (e.g. in Phoenicia and Israel she was called Astarte, but in Babylon she was Ishtar). The Catholic Mary, as Rome's Queen of Heaven, is modeled after them. The Catholic Mary has all the characteristics of the pagan Queen of Heaven, even down to her sinlessness and her perpetual virginity, which not only denies Mary her other Jewish sons and daughters,[19] after Jesus, but her true humanity. Alexander Hislop comments on Jeremiah 44:15-17, saying,

> "Thus did the Jews, God's own peculiar people, emulate the Egyptians in their devotion to the queen of heaven. The worship of the goddess-mother with the child in her arms continued to be observed in Egypt until Christianity entered. If the Gospel had come in power among the mass of the people, the worship of this goddess-queen would have been overthrown," but "it came only in name. Instead therefore, of the Babylonian goddess being cast out, *in too many cases her name only was changed*. She was called *the Virgin Mary* and with her child was worshipped with the same idolatrous feeling by professing Christians as formerly by open and avowed Pagans."[20]

The pagan Queen of Heaven was seen as sinless, and so the Catholic Mary was made to be sinless at her conception. "Now" she was able to gave Jesus her sinless human nature. Scripture though, never singles out Mary as the only human being from Adam and Eve to be sinless. Eventually, Rome would make their Mary not only divine, to be worshiped, but also a co-Savior with her Son, which also copied the pagan Queen of Heaven.[21] The Roman Catholic Church calls it the Immaculate Conception,[22] a truly heretical and unbiblical "Mary."

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[17] Adele Berlin, Marc Zvi Brettler, and Michael A. Fishbane, eds., *The Jewish Study Bible*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004; Accordance Bible Software), para. 6,132.

[18] C. F. Keil and F. Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Old Testament*, 10 vols. (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1996; Accordance Bible Software), paragraph 27,543.

[19] That Mary had children other than Yeshua is seen in Scripture (Mt. 12:46-47; 13:55-56; Mk. 3:31-32; 6:3; Lk. 8:19-20; John 2:12; 7:3, 10; Acts 1:14; 1st Cor. 9:5; Gal. 1:19. The Roman Catholic Church "gets around this" by saying that they really weren't the brothers and sisters of the Lord; they were just His cousins. This is an insidious teaching that cannot be maintained scripturally.

[20] Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, 2nd American edition (Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1959; originally published in 1862), p. 81; in *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop*, which is Avram Yehoshua's PDF of the book, on p. 62. Hislop overwhelmingly proves that the Roman Catholic Church is the Babylon of the New Testament (Rev. 14:8; 17:5; cf. 18:4). The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop is a free read; be blessed.

[21] Ibid., p. 63f. "*The Madonna of Rome then, is just the Madonna of Babylon*. The "Queen of Heaven" in the one system is the same as the "Queen of Heaven" in the other."

[22] "The Immaculate Conception is the belief that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception" in the womb of her mother. "It's one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. Debated by medieval theologians, it was not defined as a dogma until 1854, by Pope Pius IX in the papal bull Ineffabilis Deus."

For further understanding of why the Catholic Church is not a Christian church, see, A Snapshot of Church His-

In simple terms Mary was the incubator-host-feeder of the Son in her womb, but Mary's human nature had nothing to do with the pristine and sinless Adamic human nature of Jesus. That came from God. Yeshua's human nature was given to Him and created by God His Father and God His Mother (the Holy Spirit, Ruach HaKodesh in Hebrew) in the womb of Mary.

If Yeshua had Mary's sinful human nature He would have been a fallen human being before His birth, a sinner, whether He committed any actual sin or not (cf. Psalm 51:5). Human nature is what causes Man to commit sinful acts, but the two are different; like the stem on a rose and the rose petals.

Yeshua died for the multitude of actual sins that Man commits and yet, the blood of bulls and goats forgave many actual sins committed (cf. Lev. 5:1f.), but Yeshua also died to transform our sinful, Adamic human nature into His sinless divine-human nature. His blood and body are that powerful (cf. Rom. 8:3-4). Only His Sacrifice could transform us to have His nature.

Mary, like her father and mother before her, were sinners with Adam and Eve's fallen, sinful human nature. When Adam and Eve were created they had pristine, sinless human nature, but after they rebelled against God their human nature was defiled and corrupt, and so was every human being after them, including their first born son Cain, and also a distant relative of theirs, Mary. Our very nature is corrupt and rebellious. Romans 8:7 states, "…the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the Law of God, nor indeed can be."

Making Yeshua's humanity come from Mary is an insurmountable theological problem. It's Man trying to understand how Jesus got His human nature and goes past all the bounds of reason and Scripture into paganism. The human nature of Jesus was given to Him by God His Father and God His Mother (Ruach HaKodesh) and most likely Yeshua too, as God the Son. *This* was the *creative miracle* of the Incarnation—making God the Son into a human being.[23] It is similar to how God—Father, Mother and Son, gave Adam his pristine and sinless human nature. That's how Yeshua can be called the *Second Adam* and also the *Last Adam*. Yeshua's humanity was just like that of Adam's when God created Adam in the Garden—pristine and sinless:

> "And so it is written, "The First Man, Adam, became a living being." *The Last Adam* became a Life-giving Spirit." (1st Corinthians 15:45)
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> "The First Man" (i.e. the First Adam) "was of the Earth, made of dust. *The Second Man"* (i.e. the Second Adam) "is the Lord *from Heaven*." (1st Corinthians 15:47)

The humanity of Jesus was not of this Earth, but of/from Heaven, that is to say, from God the Father and God the Mother to give Jesus a pristine human nature in the womb of Mary, like Adam's had been. Looking at Adam is instructive in realizing how Yeshua, God the Son from eternity past, came to be a man with a pristine, sinless human nature. God created Adam. What human mother did Adam receive his humanity from? There was no "Mary" there for Adam. A similar, but infinitely greater creative miracle is seen with Yeshua becoming a human embryo in Mary's womb.

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[23] Yeshua was fully deity and fully human, the first of the new Creation.

In The Beginning

Just as Yeshua came forth from the union of God the Father and God the Mother (the Holy Spirit) in the Beginning (Gen. 1:2-3),[24] so too Jesus became an embryo—the beginning of a perfect, sinless human being in the womb of Mary, while retaining His deity although He didn't rely on that as a Jew (cf. Philippians 2:5-8). Yeshua truly is the *Firstborn* of the *New Creation*—God the Son became a man, the first of many brethren:

1. "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, *yet without sin*." (Hebrews 4:15)

A. He couldn't have been without sin if He had taken Mary's fallen, sinful human nature.

2. "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the Image of His Son, that He might be the *Firstborn among many brethren*." (Romans 8:29)

3. Jesus "is the Image of the invisible God, *the Firstborn over all Creation*" (Colossians 1:15).

4. "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 1:18).

A. Now, Yeshua is the eternal *glorified* God-Man—never to sin and never to die and never to be able to succumb to temptation.

5. "But when He again brings the Firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all the angels of God worship Him"" (Hebrews 1:6).

Conclusion

Yeshua the Messiah was conceived in the womb of Mary by God the Father and God the Mother and God the Son, with a pristine human nature, just like Adam had before his fall into rebellion in which his pristine human nature was changed to sinful human nature. That's why Yeshua is called the Second and the Last *Adam*. Yeshua could have sinned like Adam. That's what Satan's temptations in the Wilderness were all about (cf. Mt. 4:1f.), and if He had there would have been no salvation for mankind. Yeshua overcame all temptations by the Holy Spirit and the Father within Him, trusting and relying totally upon Them. As such Yeshua becomes the Example of how His followers can overcome sin.

There is no way the Church can get around Yeshua having a sinful human nature if He got His human nature from Mary, in spite of what the Catholic Church teaches. The Protestant churches, although not teaching the "Immaculate Conception," still insist that the human nature of Jesus came from Mary. In either case, Scripture presents Mary as having sinful human nature and so if Mary's nature was given to Jesus He would have sinful human nature.

Adam didn't need a human woman to have his human nature, and so why would Jesus need Mary's sinful human nature in order for Him to have a pristine, sinless human nature? After all, Yeshua is the Second and the last Adam, and as such, His creation as a human being is similar to Adam's.

> "Inasmuch then as the Sons have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the Devil…Therefore, *in all things He had to be made like His brethren*, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for

[24] See p. 3, note 8.

the sins of the people." (Hebrews 2:14, 17)

Sincerely,

Avram Yehoshua[25]

Two Opposing Views

After I finished this article I went online and found two articles. One represented Mary as having given her human nature to Jesus and the other spoke of it not being possible. Below are the pertinent points of the two articles.

Michael Penfold

In his article, Did The Lord Take Anything From Mary? Michael Penfold lists seven points as to why he believes that Jesus got His human nature from Mary. Most of the seven points boil down to Jesus needing to be "genetically" linked to Mary in order to be from Abraham and King David, etc.

As reasonable as this sounds, Jesus didn't have to be genetically related to Mary. In other words, God could create Jesus as an embryo in Mary's womb and He would have been seen as coming from a Jewish woman.

Another point of "the Penfold Seven" is the biblical term "conception" (Luke 1:31). Penfold declares that every place where it's seen it means a normal conception with the egg obviously fertilized. Yet, there was nothing "normal" about Mary's conception of Yeshua in her womb. The Scripture, speaking of Mary conceiving, cannot be held to a "normal definition." In other words, "conception" doesn't necessarily mean that Jesus was conceived with Mary's ovum[26] and that's where His human nature had to come from.

Penfold does recognize that Christ's human nature "was exactly the same as ours apart from sin," but nowhere does he deal with the main issue at stake: if Mary's human nature was Adamic and fallen, how could the human nature she gave to Jesus not be the same?

Dr. Nathan Merrill

On the other hand, Dr. Nathan Merrill, a physician, wrote, The DNA of Jesus—Who Contributed? and lays out a thoughtful and scientific framework for why Jesus was not genetically related to Mary. In other words, Mary did not contribute to Yeshua's human nature.[27] He writes,

"The Virgin Mary carried Jesus in her womb for nine months. Each human infant has 50% of his/her DNA from the father and 50% from the mother. God fathered Jesus, so that eliminates any DNA from an earthly father, but did Mary contribute the other 50% of Jesus' DNA? Was Jesus genetically related (at least in part) to His siblings?"

"All ancient civilizations believed human conception occurred by impregnating a woman with the "seed"

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[25] This teaching was created on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 and last revised on Monday, April 14, 2025.

[26] An ovum is a mature female reproductive cell or "egg."

[27] Dr. Nathan Merrill, The DNA of Jesus—Who Contributed? "Nathan Merrill is a medical doctor…who serves on Finding Hope Ministries' board directors." He has ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of many thousands of people around the world.

of a man. That is the main reason most ancient genealogies consist only of men."

"DNA is a very fascinating molecule that testifies to the omnipotence and omniscience of a Creator. DNA is found in all living things—plant, animal and bacterial. DNA codes for the production of protein molecules essential for reproduction, energy production, survival, and growth. The DNA in each human, if placed end to end, would reach from the earth to the moon more than 500,000 times! In book form, that information would completely fill the Grand Canyon more than 75 times!…What a marvelous creation of God!"

"The DNA in each human cell is packaged into chromosomes just prior and during each cellular division. Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes. The father donates one chromosome to each pair and the mother donates the other. Only one chromosome pair determines the gender of the child. The sex chromosomes are known as the X and Y chromosomes. Females have two X chromosomes (XX) and males have one X and one Y chromosome (XY). A sperm cell can carry either one X or one Y chromosome. An ovum cell produced by the female carries only an X chromosome. An infant must have a Y chromosome to be a male, and only the male can furnish that. It seems there are only three options for considering the composition of Jesus' DNA:"

1. "Jesus has 100% Mary's DNA with a divinely created Y chromosome to make Him male."

2. "Jesus has 50% DNA from a human female (Mary) and 50% DNA from God, to replace that of a human male."

3. "Jesus has DNA created entirely by God at the time of His conception."

"Several have proposed God supplied a Y chromosome to add to the X chromosome of Mary's egg cell (ovum), which programmed for the male gender of Jesus. In so doing God bypassed defective genetic weaknesses of the Adamic (male) genome. However, this is a fallacious argument, as 22 other chromosomes must be contributed to match the other 22 chromosomes Mary produced in her ovum cell."

"The Roman Catholic Church embraces the second option: Jesus has 50% DNA from a human female (Mary's) and 50% DNA from God (to replace that of a sinful human male). This enabled Mary to supply Jesus' humanity. *God the Holy Spirit miraculously encapsulated the Divine nature in Jesus' human body*. Mary and the Holy Spirit each contributed 50% to the end result, but doesn't Mary fall under the category of all humans who are born sinners? *Catholic theologians cite Mary's "Immaculate conception" as contributing a sinless human nature to Jesus. Catholics believe Mary was without sin when she bore God's Son*. Mary is considered the "Holy Mother of God." She remained a virgin after delivering Jesus (according to the Catholic church). Therefore, Roman Catholicism insists Jesus' other brothers and sister mentioned in Scripture (James, Jude, etc.,[28] were not siblings but cousins—not birthed by the Virgin Mary. The Holy Scriptures teach Jesus' siblings were born of Mary, who did not stay a virgin after Jesus' birth."

"The Catholic Church states the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne,[29] *was free from the original sin obtained through the fall of Adam*. The Catholic Church teaches Mary was conceived by normal biological means, but God kept her "immaculate" at the time of conception. There is no biblical support for this doctrine. In fact, it bears similarities to mythical stories of the "queen goddess" of ancient civilizations (Isis, Ishtar, Aphrodite, Venus, etc)."

"The Immaculate Conception is often mistakenly confused for the conception of Mary's son Jesus Christ in her own womb. The Catholic Doctrine of Incarnation explains Mary's virgin birth of Jesus, while the

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[28] Matt. 13:55-56; Gal. 1:19.

[29] The mother of Anne is not found in Scripture. Anne's name, and that of her husband Joachim, are first seen about 150 AD in the apocrypha book, *The Gospel of James*. In other words, it's most likely a fiction that Mary's mother was named Anne.

Immaculate Conception espouses the sinless conception of Mary herself. Catholics teach Mary was sinless and conceived in perfection.[30] They therefore propose Mary contributed Jesus' sinless human nature. Jesus' DNA would then consist of 50% contribution from Mary, and perhaps more if God only added the 'Y' chromosome."

"Martin Luther initiated the Reformation and said: "Mother Mary, like us, was born in sin of sinful parents, *but the Holy Spirit covered her*, sanctified and purified her so that this child was born of flesh and blood, but not with sinful flesh and blood. The Holy Spirit permitted the Virgin Mary to remain a true, natural human being of flesh and blood, just as we. However, he warded off sin from her flesh and blood so that she became the mother of a pure child, not poisoned by sin as we are. For in that moment when she conceived she was a holy mother filled with the Holy Spirit and her fruit is a holy pure fruit, at once God and truly man, in one person."[31]

Luther had been a Catholic monk before he was excommunicated and began the Lutheran Church. His view on Mary, needing to be sinless, was just a revised version of Catholic thinking.

"Most Protestants reject the doctrine of Immaculate Conception. They do not consider the teaching authoritative because it is not supported by" Scripture.

"How can an infinite God, Who was from the beginning (John 1:2) be the same Who "was made flesh, and dwelt among us?" (John 1:1, 14). The Apostle Paul explains that Jesus Christ came in a body, which was not of *sinful* flesh: "For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: *sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh*, and as an offering for sin…" (Romans 8:3). This resolves the apparent paradox, but how could His body of flesh be received from Mary without also receiving her genetic inheritance, which is exactly what makes it *sinful* flesh?"

"The Catholics hold that Jesus could not be fully human if He had no genetic contribution from humanity (i.e. Mary). God's perfect solution was to use the "seed of the woman" (Genesis 3:15) for Jesus' humanity and contribute His own portion to make Jesus God.[32] Catholics also use the following verse from Paul's letter to the Galatians to support that Mary contributed Jesus' humanity; "God sent forth His Son, made of a woman" (Galatians 4:4). The Catholics espouse the sin nature of mankind is passed down through the seed of the male and they cite…Romans to support that."[33]

"It is more likely" that "Mary nourished and "made" the infant Jesus from a single cell being conceived

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[30] Catechism of the Catholic Church, pp/ 490-493: "the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin" (Encyclical Ineffabilis Deus of Pope Pius IX). There is no biblical nor theological support for this exorbitant and heretical teaching of Rome."

[31] *The Protestant Faith* by George Wolfgang Forell (1962), p. 23.

What Luther is suggesting by saying, "the Holy Spirit covered her, sanctified and purified her," is a transformation of Mary's human nature, not just her ability to commit sins, into that of the Son of Man's, but this doesn't happen for anyone until the Lord is raised from the dead.

[32] But Jesus was already God the Son. Part of the miracle of the Incarnation was God the Son taking on a human body.

[33] Romans 5:12—"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned,"

Romans 5:17—"For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:19—"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."

None of the above verses that the Catholic Church uses to support that sin is *only* passed down through the man, but not the woman, justifies their teaching.

(created) only by God. She gave it a virgin birth," but "God the Holy Spirit conceived and created the initial cell of Jesus that ultimately grew into the baby…born nine months later.[34] This was God's miraculous conception without a man and without a woman: "when He cometh into the world, He saith…*a body hast thou prepared me*" (Hebrews 10:5). The author of Hebrews used the same Greek word "prepared" (*katartizo)* as he used a chapter later when testifying, "the worlds *were framed* by the Word of God" (Hebrews 11:3), acknowledging the same living Word who framed the worlds *had also framed His own human body!* In that tiny cell in Mary's womb resided all the information…for His own growth into manhood."[35]

"The Bible teaches that sin is present at normal human conception, as David the Psalmist stated: "Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5)…but Jesus' conception was not of normal human reproduction. God miraculously created Him *in utero*."[36]

"The biblical record supports God intervened only once in human genealogy when Jesus became man. God picked Mary as the woman who would birth His Son because of His grace, not because He needed a sinless vessel to pass purity onto His son. Mary provided nourishment and protection for God's Son as He developed in her uterus. The virgin birth confirmed the purity of Jesus at childbirth. So God the Holy Spirit placed a God-designed conception in the womb of Mary and she functioned as a surrogate mother. God created His human nature. Jesus existed eternally as Deity. His God nature was never created, contrary to the teaching of Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses."

"Isaiah prophesied of the virgin birth, which was indeed miraculous:

> "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Is. 7:14," which means "God is with us).

God created the universe and the world we live in with all the animal and plant life, but the most amazing miracle God performed was His creation of the "second Adam" at conception. *He fashioned the first Adam on the sixth day of creation as a full-grown man without sin and in God's image. Adam was not born of a woman. He received no human DNA from earthly parents, yet he was fully human. God created Jesus at conception* in His image without any DNA contribution from earthly parents…Divinity joined humanity in that one instant of creation. God planned the creation of His human Son from before the creation of the world.

> "And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you. Therefore also that holy one which is to be born will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)
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> "An angel of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for *the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit*. She will bear a Son and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Behold the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God is with us." (Mt. 1:20-23)"

"Inherent sin in the human genome produces inherited physical mutations. Over many generations the human population has experienced myriads of genetic mutations and these defects have been incorporated

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[34] I, Avram Yehoshua, believe that it wasn't only God the Holy Spirit who created that "initial cell of Jesus" in the womb of Mary, but also God the Father and God the Son. They work in unity. One doesn't do something that the others aren't involved in. Merrill speaks of this in the next paragraph where he says that Jesus, the Word of God, "framed His own human body." I think he would also say that the Father was part of this too.

[35] Henry M. Morris, Ph.D., When God Became Man, *Acts & Facts*, p. 22 (12), 1993.

[36] "In the uterus (womb). *In utero* also refers to the length of time that a fetus is in the uterus of a pregnant female."

into the common human gene pool, affecting every infant ever born. This is why the lifespan of man has declined from 900+ years in the pre-Flood world to 200+ years of Abraham's contemporaries and ultimately to 70-80 years today. Mary did not live to be 900 years old…Her body suffered the ravages of" sin. "She had a defective human genome and died a normal age…for a woman of that time."

"All humans who have ever lived are genetically related to Adam (except Jesus). For millennia (since the fall of Adam and Eve), every human has been born with an inherited sin nature:

> "For all of sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith." (Rom. 3:23-25)

But later in the same book of the Bible God explains:

> "For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did; sending His own Son *in the likeness* of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin…(Rom. 8: 3a).[37]

"His body was truly" a human body, "but only "in the *likeness of sinful flesh*." Jesus grew in Mary's womb like any other baby, yet he was different from all others. He was not genetically related to either Mary or Joseph, for both had an inherited sin nature. Jesus was sinless and without genetic flaw. He was the spotless and sacrificial Lamb of God who offered Himself as a perfect propitiation…for the sins of mankind.

"The Lamb of God had to be holy and unblemished to meet the requirements as an acceptable sacrifice for the sins of the world.[38] God's motive for the incarnation was to save" Israel; "a virtual impossibility through normal human reproductive process. Therefore, God miraculously created a single-cell conceptus to implant the uterine wall of the young virgin Mary. The Lamb of God qualified as the sole Redeemer of" Israel "because He had no sin-nature, no genetic mutations and no physical defects. Yet Jesus was fully human."

> "Therefore, *He had to be made like His brethren in all things*, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." (Hebrews 2:17).

"The virgin birth provided an important testimony of the Messiah's birth, but the *greatest* of God's miracles was His creation of Jesus' humanity at conception.[39] Jesus' birth was natural in every way, including the full period of human gestation in Mary's uterus. God made His Son "like His brethren," to experience all aspects of human life from conception through birth, childhood, adulthood and ultimately death on a cross. He was truly man in every detail, except for sin and its physical effects."

God specially created the humanity of His Son in full perfection, and placed Him in Mary's womb free from inherited sin damage."[40]

"God *directly* formed a body for the second Adam just as He had for the first Adam.[41] God devoted His ul-

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[37] This term, "likeness" gave rise to the heresy that Jesus *only appeared* to be a human being, but He really wasn't. This is known as Docetism from the Greek "to seem" to appear. The doctrine was important in Gnosticism, that Christ's body was not human, but either an illusion or of real, but celestial substance, and that therefore His sufferings were only apparent." In other words Jesus didn't suffer on the Cross, but that doctrine goes against Jesus becoming the Second Adam and partaking of what the Sons of Israel suffered; e.g. hunger, thirst and pain (cf. 1st Cor. 15:47; Hebrews 2:9-18). What Paul meant is that Jesus was a real human being, but that He had no sin, and so he looked like any other sinful Hebrew.

[38] 1st Peter 1:19; Hebrews 7:26.

[39] Morris, Ph.D., When God Became Man, *Acts & Facts*, p. 22 (12).

[40] Ibid., p. 4 (10).

[41] Genesis 2:7.

timate love and meticulous attention to design and created "the first man (Adam), of the earth, earthy" and "the second man, the Lord from heaven." The design for Jesus' body was prepared before the very foundation of the world.[42] God likely had this very body in mind when He made the first Adam "in our image after our likeness."[43] Then, "when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman that we might receive the adoption of sons."[44]

"The Church has always taught Jesus is 100% human and 100% Deity (preexisting His incarnation as the Son of God—"the Word"). The third option, presented earlier, satisfies all these requirements: Jesus has DNA created entirely by God at the time of His conception. His Divine nature did not need to be created, as it was eternally present prior to His birth. *God…provided a human body untainted by the fallen sin nature of Adam at conception and placed it in the uterus of a virgin*, Mary. She carried this child for the nine months of a normal pregnancy as a surrogate mother. This infant had no mutations or defects because Jesus was truly created the "second Adam" in the image of God—like the "first Adam." God created the first Adam and Eve without sin as perfect adults. Sin entered both of them at the fall, and subsequently infected the entire human race. God similarly created Jesus human body at conception, so He could experience everything human from the beginning to the end of a human life. Hebrews 4:15 explains:

> Hebrews 4:15 states—"*He was at all points tempted as we are, yet without sin*."
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> 2nd Cor. 5:21 has—*For He made him who had no sin to be sin for us*."

God the Son became man to sacrifice Himself for the sins of mankind.[45] The name "Jesus" means "God saves."

"There is no need to manufacture an explanation for Jesus' sinless humanity through His "sinless" mother, Mary. Mary was also born in Adam's sin nature, like all of mankind…Likewise, all of Mary's ancestors were sinners. *God created a second Adam, perfectly human and without sin to be our "kinsman redeemer."* The second Adam, Jesus, was infinitely, eternally God and a finite, but perfect human."

"The first Adam was a special creation of God with his own unique DNA (not obtained from any man or woman). The second Adam was just like the first—except He was "God" the Son "in the flesh." He had no inherited sin, no sinful flesh, and was absolutely pure from the day He was conceived, until the day he died."

> "Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned…So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men; even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous." (Rom. 5:12,18-19)
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> "And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit." (1st Cor. 15:45)

"Jesus had to be a perfect kinsman Redeemer to save" Israel.[46] "Inasmuch then as the Sons have partaken

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[42] 1st Peter 1: 20—"He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

[43] Genesis 1:16.

[44] Galatians 4:4-5.

[45] John 1:29.

[46] Theoretically, Yeshua died "for all mankind," but only those who believe in Him are saved. In biblical terms only Israel is saved. Gentiles who believe in Jesus *are part of Israel*. Any Jew or Gentile who believes in Jesus is saved and part of Israel (Rom. 11:11f.; Eph. 2:11f.). Jesus is the King of the Jews; not the King of the world, and all Christians will live forever in the New Jerusalem (cf. Rev. 20:1f.).

of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same." (Heb. 2:14)

> "He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present *you* holy and blameless and above reproach in His sight." (Col. 1:21-22).