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He removes kings and raises up kings;

[ADV] —God controls time and seasons (Dan. 2:21 above)

—God controls nature for His purposes

“Acts of God”

Job 37:13 He causes it to come,

Whether for correction, Or for His land, Or for mercy.

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Psalm 33:6-9

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deep in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

9 For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.

—Creation is beyond comprehension



- Job 38:1-41
- 4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

God is all-powerful (Omnipotent)

—God’s creative power is beyond our comprehension

Job 38:1-11 (and more)

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:

2 “Who is this who darkens counsel

By words without knowledge?

3 Now prepare yourself like a man;

I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 To what were its foundations fastened?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the morning stars sang together,

And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors,

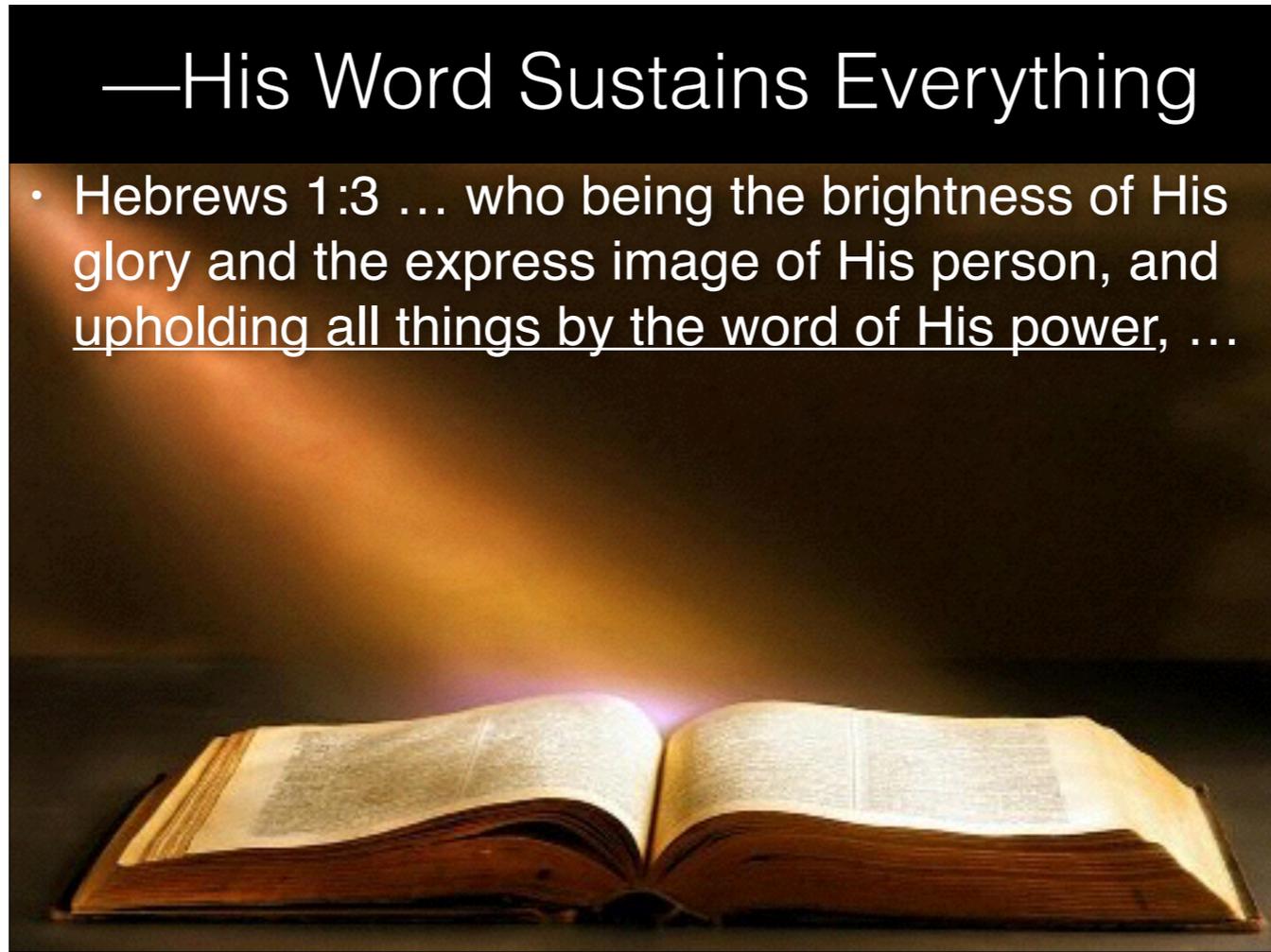
When it burst forth and issued from the womb;

9 When I made the clouds its garment,

And thick darkness its swaddling band;

—His Word Sustains Everything

- Hebrews 1:3 ... who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, ...



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—His Word sustains everything

Hebrews 1: God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself[a] purged our[b] sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

God is ever-present

The Omnipresence of God



God is ever-present (Omnipresent)
—He is always with us.

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- Psalm 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
- 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I
make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in
the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And
Your right hand shall hold me.

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—He is always with us.

—No one can escape Him ... (the negative view)

Psalm 139:7-12

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And Your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall[a] on me,"

Even the night shall be light about me;

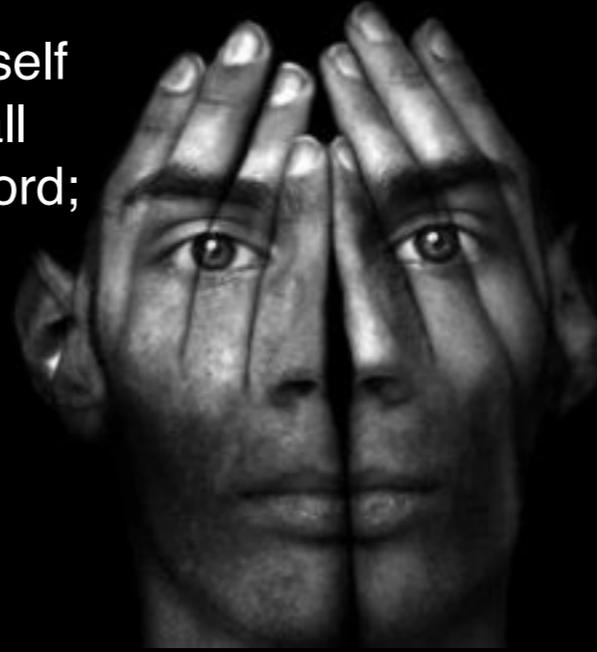
12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,

But the night shines as the day;

The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

—None can Hide from Him

- Jeremiah 23:23 “Am I a God near at hand,” says the Lord, “And not a God afar off?”
- 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the Lord; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the Lord.



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God is all-knowing

The Omniscience of God



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- Daniel 2:21 ...
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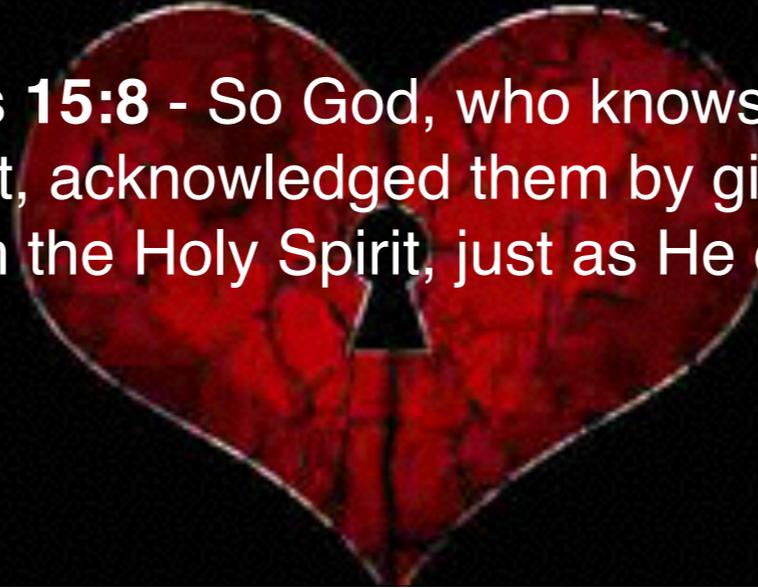
—God knows everything

“He determines the course of world events; He removes kings and sets others on the throne. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.” (Daniel 2:21)

He is the beginning and the end. ... He doesn't just KNOW it ... He IS it!

—God knows the Heart

- **Psalm 44:21** ... For He knows the secrets of the heart.
- **Acts 15:8** - So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us



—God knows the Heart

We can bring every question and problem to Him

Psalm 44:20 If we had forgotten the name of our God,

Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god,

21 Would not God search this out?

For He knows the secrets of the heart.

Acts 15:8 - So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,

—He knows how we should pray

- **Romans 8:26-27** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

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God is unchanging

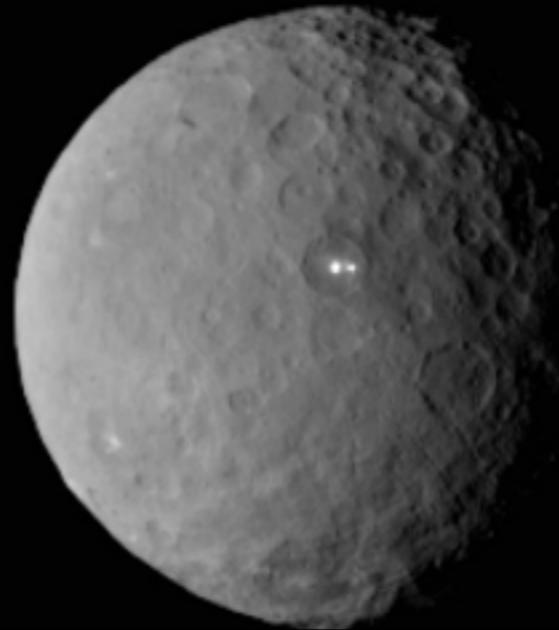
The immutability of God



God is unchanging (immutable)
—He never changes.

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- Malachi 3:6 For I *am* the Lord, I do not change ...



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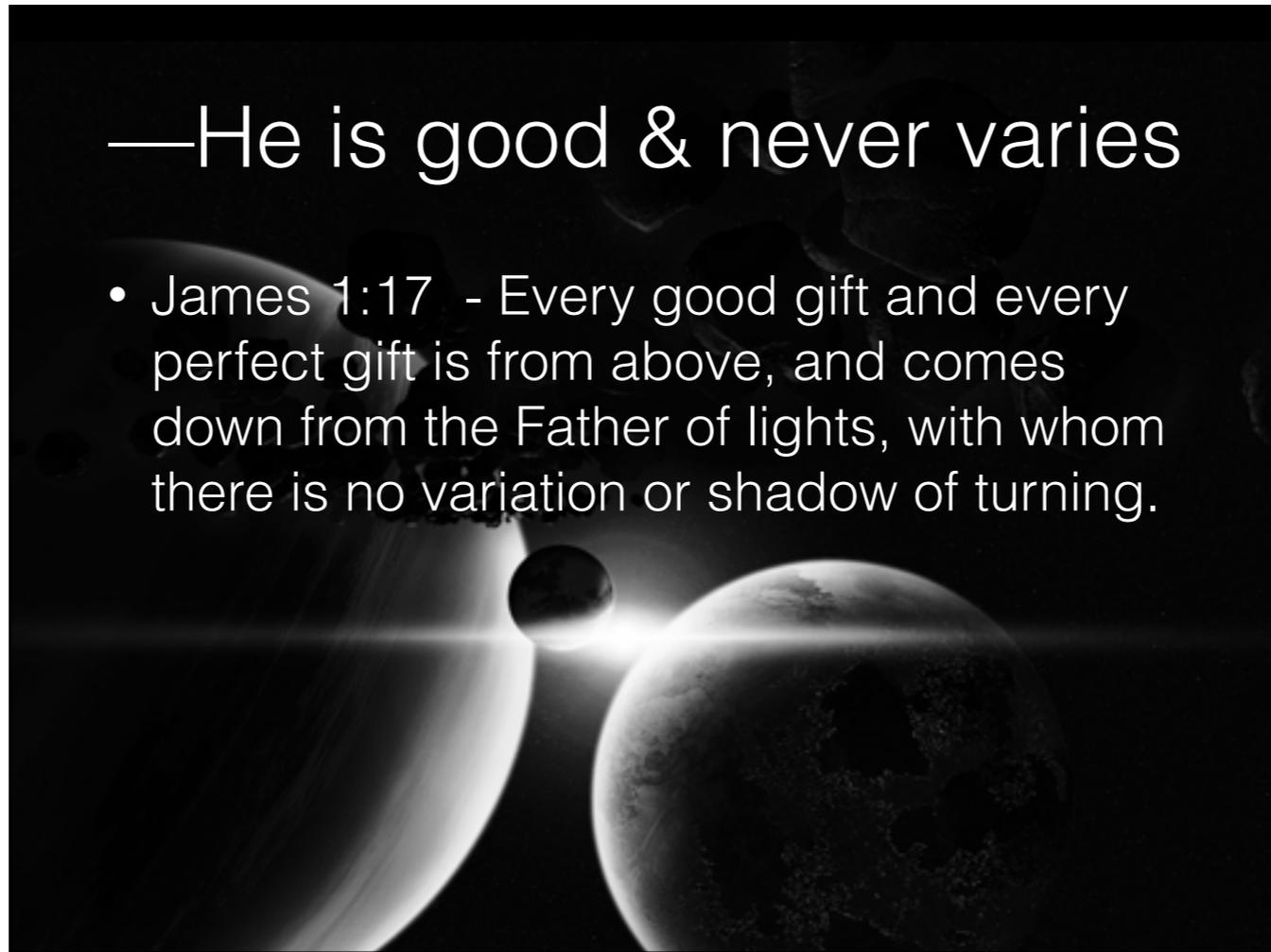
Nature is consistent. Gravity is constant. Time is predictable.

God doesn’t have bad moods, bad days, and emotional fits.

His word tells us what we need to know about His character.

—He is good & never varies

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—Solar system is consistent. The phases of the moon and the track of comets can be predicted.

—He remains the same

- Hebrews 13:8 — Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.



—He remains the same for all time

Hebrews 13: 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

—He is consistently merciful

- Lamentations 3:22-23 - Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.



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God is One (The Oneness of God)
—God is alone as God

—The Lord our God is One

- Deuteronomy 6:4-5
“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”



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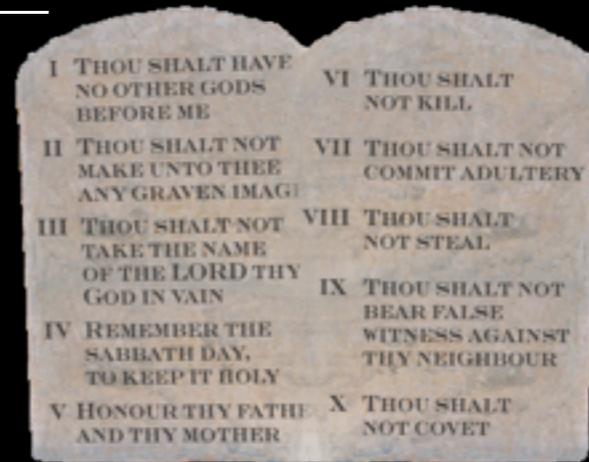
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6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

—No other gods

- Exodus 20:2-6 “I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. “You shall have no other gods before Me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth.



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(First of the 10 commandments)

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- Deuteronomy 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.
- 39 Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

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Deuteronomy 4:32 “For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether any great thing like this has happened, or anything like it has been heard. 33 Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? 34 Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him. 36 Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. 37 And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power, 38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is this day. 39 Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. 40 You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord your God is giving you for all time.”

(Repeat of the 10 commandments - Deuteronomy 5)

Deuteronomy 5:7 (NKJV) ‘You shall have no other gods before Me.

—He is God alone

- Psalm 86:9-10
All nations whom
You have made
Shall come and
worship before You,
O Lord, And shall
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- Isaiah 37:14-20
16 “O Lord of hosts, God of Israel,... You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.
- 20 Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord, You alone.”

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Threats against Jerusalem by Assyria

Isaiah 37:14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. 15 Then Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying:

Isaiah 37:16-20 (NKJV)

16 “O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 17 Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

18 Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, 19 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men’s hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. 20 Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord, You alone.”

—His name is One

- Zechariah 14:9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—
“The Lord is one,” And His name one.



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In the Day of the Lord, after the battle of Armageddon

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—God came in Flesh

- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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- **1 Timothy 2:5-6**

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1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

-God sent His son ... not a separate deity ... but in flesh (He didn't stop being God of the universe to become flesh)

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—Jesus is One with the Father

- John 10:30 “I and My Father are one.”
- John 14:8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

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11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

—Jesus is the image of the invisible God

- Colossians 1:15-18 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 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.

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- Colossians 2:9-10
For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.
- JESUS is God manifested in the flesh!

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