

The Theology of Christmas

Philippians 2:5-11

Credit: Pew Research Center

When it comes to the virgin birth, which is the centerpiece of the Christmas story and the Christian faith, the vast majority of Americans believe that it unfolded.

When asked, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ was born to a virgin, or don't you believe this?" 73 percent answered affirmatively (estimated to be more than 229 million people), with 19 percent saying they don't believe it.

Americans were also asked which Christmas activities they plan to partake in and whether or not they did so as children. While 79 percent of U.S. adults plan to put up a Christmas tree, only 16 percent plan to go caroling.

And 54 percent of respondents plan to attend religious service on Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

- See more at: <http://upww.us/ultimate-news/324495/how-many-americans-actually-beli#sthash.891Hv1hC.dpuf>

The astonishing thing about that statistic is that 73 percent actually say they do believe in the virgin birth.

Only 1 of few things is possible if that is true

1. There are a whole lot more Bible Believing God Fearing Disciples of Jesus Christ that we are told. They are out there and the media is always misrepresenting the numbers
2. There are a whole lot of Christians hiding behind there immorality and lack of Church attendance. They are stealth

Christians. In the World Of the World and Cant see them in the world.

3. Or there are a lot of people that are lying and don't really Believe in the virgin Birth, and just want the attention
4. There are a whole lot more Delusional people who are confused about the difference between truth and error. Reality and ficition.
5. There are a lot of people who believe in the virgin Birth and do not understand what it means or the implications of the incarnation of the Son of God.

So what would it mean If The virgin Birth is True

1. Gods Word is true with with out error
2. Prophecy from God is 100% accurate
3. Jesus is the Savior promised to the world
4. The Reality of Sin and the need for Forgiveness from God is Real
5. Jesus is God and everything He said he is
6. Jesus Being God is the Judge and will Judge every sinner
7. Jesus is coming Back
8. YOU BETTER BE READY

This week I reread portions of a book that I had read a couple of times years ago. The title of the book is Miracles, its author C.S. Lewis. He has a chapter in the book entitled "The Grand Miracle," it's a chapter on the incarnation. And in that chapter in his inimitable way he draws some rich analogies for us by which we can view the incarnation. Let me read you a somewhat extended portion of what he says because it is so rich. "In the Christian story God descends to reascend. He comes down, down from the heights of absolute being into time and space, down into humanity, down further still, down to the very roots and sea bed of the nature He had created. But He goes down to come up again and bring the ruined world up with Him. One has the picture of a strong man stooping lower and lower to get himself underneath some great complicated burden. He must stoop in order to lift.

He must also disappear under the load before he incredibly straightens his back and marches off with the whole mass swaying on his shoulders. Or one may think of a diver, first reducing himself to nakedness then glancing in mid air, then gone with a splash, vanished, rushing down through green and warm water into black and cold water, down through increasing pressure into the death-like region of ooze and slime and old decay. Then up again, back to color and light, his lungs almost bursting till suddenly he breaks surface again, holding in his hand the dripping precious thing that he went down to recover. He and it are both colored now that they have come up into the light. Down below where it lay colorless in the dark, he lost his color, too. In this descent and reascent, everyone will recognize a familiar pattern, a thing written all over the world. It is the pattern of all vegetable life. It must belittle itself into something hard, small and deathlike. It must fall into the ground, thence the new life reascends. It is the pattern of all animal generation, too. There is descent from the full and perfect organisms into the spermatozoon and ovum and in the dark womb, a life at first inferior in kind to that of the species which is being reproduced, then the slow ascent to the perfect embryo, to the living conscious baby and finally to the adult. So it is in our moral and emotional life. The first innocent and spontaneous desires have to submit to the deathlike process of control or total denial. But from that there is a reascent to fully formed character in which the strength of the original material all operates but in a new way. Death and rebirth go down to go up, it is a key principle. Through this bottleneck, this belittlement, the highroad nearly always lies," end quote.

Outline

I. His Eternal Glory

II. His Humble Descent

III. His High Exaltation