**Who Is the Word?**

**Introduction:**

In the first five verses of John’s account of the gospel, we have a description of who the Word is – His preexistence, His nature, and His creative power.

**Body:**

1. **The Word Was God** (Verses 1-2)

* When the beginning began, the Word was already there. Whenever this happened, the Word already existed. Therefore, the Word was before time, thus eternal. Note this apt description in Proverbs 8:22-31. Jesus is revealed to be the Word in Revelation 19:11-13, 16. His preexistence had been prophesied. (Micah 5:2, Note also John 17:4-5)
* The Greek word “logos” is often translated “word.” In our context it could be “revealer” of God, His incomprehensible thoughts expressed. (John 1:18, John 14:9-10)
* “The Word was with God, and the Word was God.” God and the Word were face-to-face; a most intimate personal relationship – a fellowship and communion. This is a reference to God the Father and God the Son. (John 10:30) “I and My Father are one.” NKJV They are both equally God, but distinct.

1. **The Word Was the Creator** (Verse 3)

* “All things were made by Him.” The Word was the agent of creation. (Colossians 1:16) “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.” NKJV This includes the stars, planets, galaxies, and all kinds of life – plant and animal. (Isaiah 44:24) Not only were these created by Him, but also for Him.
* The world was made through Christ. (Hebrews 1:1-2, 10) “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 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; 10You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.” NKJV This is also emphasized in I Corinthians 8:6. He is the architect, designer, and builder.
* The Word also keeps this world functioning. (Colossians 1:17) “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” NKJV The permanence of creation rests upon Christ. He holds it together so it all works in harmony. He holds it in a delicate balance. If He didn’t, it would fall apart!

1. **The Word Was the Life and Light of Men** (Verses 4-5)

* All life came through the Word – Jesus Christ. (Psalm 36:9) He is the source, fountain, origin, and cause of life, both physical as well as spiritual. (John 6:35)
* Jesus declares that He is the light of life. (John 8:12) By following Him, one becomes “sons of light” and does not walk in darkness. (John 12:35-36, 46)
* The Word – the Heavenly Light – shines in the darkness of sin and ignorance, evil and unbelief. (John 3:19-21)
* There is a basic hostility between light and darkness, good and evil. But the darkness could not and cannot put out the light. All the darkness of hell cannot extinguish it.

**Conclusion:**

These first five verses in John teach us that without Jesus, the Word, we are both dead and in darkness. But through Him, we can overcome it.

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