

Mystery of Incarnation (Mistre Sigawe)



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- Mystery of Incarnation means the mystery of the descending of God, the Son, who is one of the Trinity from heaven and taking up flesh and rational soul from the Holy Virgin Mary. This is the mystery of God becoming man and man becoming God "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". (Jn. 1:14).
- He was born from God without mother(He is God and Son of God) before time was created and was born from virgin Mary without father 5500 years after the beginning of of the world (Adam and Eve).

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- God became man and man became God
John 1:1-14, John 3:16
- The union of Christ's Divinity and Humanity was:

- ★ Without Change
- ★ Without Confusion
- ★ Without Separation
- ★ Without Division

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The one nature of the union (union of divinity and humanity) is called **Miaphysis** (Tewahdo). That nature is still of both a divine character and a human character, and retains all the characteristics of both.

Plurality: The state of being plural, distinctly separated, or numerous.

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- God created Adam and Eve without sin and death.
- But, man, through his transgression brought on himself misery and suffering as well as sin and evil, and was condemned to death - death of body and soul, grave and hell
- Gen 3:1-24

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- Adam and Eve disgraced and impoverished themselves they were expelled from the Garden of Eden.
- They brought suffering and misery and were subject to the dominion of the devil. Death reigned from Adam to Christ, even to them that had not sinned.

Rom 5:12

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- When the appointed time has come forth, God sent his only begotten son, according to the promise. God the Son descended from heaven and was born from the Holy Virgin Mary.
- He was born so that all who believe in Him would be saved. When it is said, that He became man, it is said to mean that he united to himself the body and soul of man. Then all the words of the prophets were fulfilled.
Isa. 7:14, 9:6; Micah. 5:2; Gal. 4:4

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- Without separation of his Divinity from His humanity and His humanity from his Divinity, He became one person, one nature without change, without confusing, without separation and without division.
- **Heb 13:8, Colossians 1:15; Epheson 2:13.**
- Catholicism and Eastern Orthodox vs Orthodox Tewahdo (5 or 6 Oriental Churches)...?

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St. Gregory of Nazianzium said, "He is the only God the Son who became man and the only man who became God in unity" (Faith of the Fathers Ch.61 part 4 verses 23). John Chrysostom has written that the union of the Divine Word honored the human body. The poverty in the nature of the flesh was abolished by the Unity of the word of God with the Flesh, and the flesh retained the glory of the word of God to itself by the unity. (Jn. Chrysostom, Faith of the Fathers Ch. 66 part 9 verse 18-19).

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- After birth, he grew like men, doing all human works except sin. He taught 33 years and 3 months in the world. For us men he died on the Cross, destroyed death by his death, and saved the world.
- Therefore, the teaching highlighted in the Mystery of incarnation is to believe that Christ is the word of the father and of the Holy Spirit, thus the Virgin Mary is the true Mother of God, the Mother of the Word.
- Therefore, He was born from God without mother (He is God and Son of God) before creation of worlds and was born from virgin Mary without father.