

## WHY I, WITHOUT A DOUBT, BELIEVE IN THE VIRGIN-BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST!

It may be fashionable and cool not to believe in the virgin-birth. But the Bible says it is true and I know, without any doubt, that my Saviour was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

**There are critics who want us to believe that the virgin-birth is scientifically impossible.**

One wants to ask such critics if they did not take note of recent developments relating to *in vitro* fertilization. Embryonic transfer also came on the scene in 1978, and artificial insemination seems to be a regular occurrence in our modern medical environment. Particularly as modern people, living with today's medicine and its achievements, one should not expect a statement from informed, educated people that it is impossible for a virgin, who has never experienced sexual intercourse, to give birth.

Yes, the Bible makes it clear that it was Almighty God and not some high-paid gynaecologist, who worked the particulars of Jesus' Divine-Human conception: *The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."* Luke 1:35.

Yes, it is a miracle. But with all the wonders of nature and the human being becoming more and more known as science progresses, why deny that miracles occur? The very existence of man and his environment perfectly suited for his subsistence, is clearly miraculous in itself. The virgin-birth seems to be a "small" and "easy" miracle for the God who created the entire universe, including the wonders associated with the life of mankind.

Yes, it is certainly is not naïve or unintelligible to confess the virgin-birth of our Lord. The more we learn about the wonders of His creation, the more logical it is to incorporate this amazing part of God's plan of salvation into your faith! For one thing is certainly true: **when we look at the complete corruption of human kind, we certainly need a man, who is perfect and divine, truly man and truly God, to be the Mediator between God and us!**

Who else can save us?

What other, better plan of salvation can those who deny the virgin-birth come up with, than the perfect plan of the all-wise God Himself?

**There also are critics that say that the virgin-birth is historically unsupported.**

You do hear some saying that the fact that the Apostle Paul does not say anything about the virgin-birth indicates that its historic support is questionable. Such critics forget conveniently that Luke, Paul's companion, friend and partner in ministry, is 100% clear on this issue and supports Matthew fully in this matter. And Matthew personally knew Jesus and Mary. It is widely accepted that Paul and Mark were the main sources for Luke's gospel. We therefore certainly have early recognition of this truth by the most prominent, reliable church leaders and Bible writers during the first century.

It is also true that the historical fact that Jesus of Nazareth was truly man and truly God and therefore the unique Mediator between God and man, is a corner stone of Paul's understanding of God's salvation plan. To call Paul as a witness *against* the virgin-birth is certainly unfair towards him, and to do so is therefore wicked and unfounded.

We also have the testimony of the early church. The Apostles' Creed, written during or before the 4th century; the Nicene Creed, adopted at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.; the Athanasian Creed, written about 450 A.D.; the Chalcedon Definition, adopted at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D. are the best known sources that without any doubt supported this teaching. It is only in recent,

modern times that Bible critics began to try to spread doubt about a doctrinal truth that the Church has sanctioned since the beginning of Christianity. But then it is also true that these critics do not believe that any of the miracles recorded in Scripture “really happened”.

I would much rather accept the observation of the Apostles, the testimony of the ancient church and the confirmation of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the Church for 2000 years, than the sceptical, unproven remarks of Bible critics who do not believe that the Almighty God clearly gave evidence of His divine power since the days of the beginning of faith in Him during the times of Abraham. And why are they unable to see God’s miraculous works of salvation, healing, deliverance and sustenance every day of our lives?

#### **Why I believe in the virgin-birth.**

- I believe in the virgin-birth, because I know my own desperate need for a Mediator between a holy God and me. I need Jesus to be God and man, because I need a Saviour who is able to pay for my sin as a human and who, as the Son of God, is also able to bear of the wrath of God for all my iniquities!
- I choose to believe the Bible on this matter, because I accept the Bible as the sufficient, highest authority in all matters of faith and as inspired by the Holy Spirit!
- I choose to rather believe with the church of all ages in the virgin-birth, than putting my faith in the writings of sceptics who say my God can not perform miraculous works of creation (including the virgin-birth) and salvation.
- I believe in the virgin-birth, because I personally know Jesus Christ, my Saviour and I know He is much more than a man! In order to be able to save me, He must be God too! This is only possible if Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.