

Message Notes

Mary and Elizabeth

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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What's all the fuss about?

1. This MUST be a work of the Holy Spirit!
2. "The Lord" is the fruit of Mary's womb

Error that have been made throughout history
regarding this beautiful doctrine:

1. Arianism - 325 AD
2. Appollinarianism – 361 AD
3. Nestorianism – 428 AD
4. Monophysitism – 440 AD

That's it! A council is formed – Chalcedon in 451

Summary Statement:

"Remaining what he was,
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Gospel Application – Has the wonder of the
Incarnation become commonplace?

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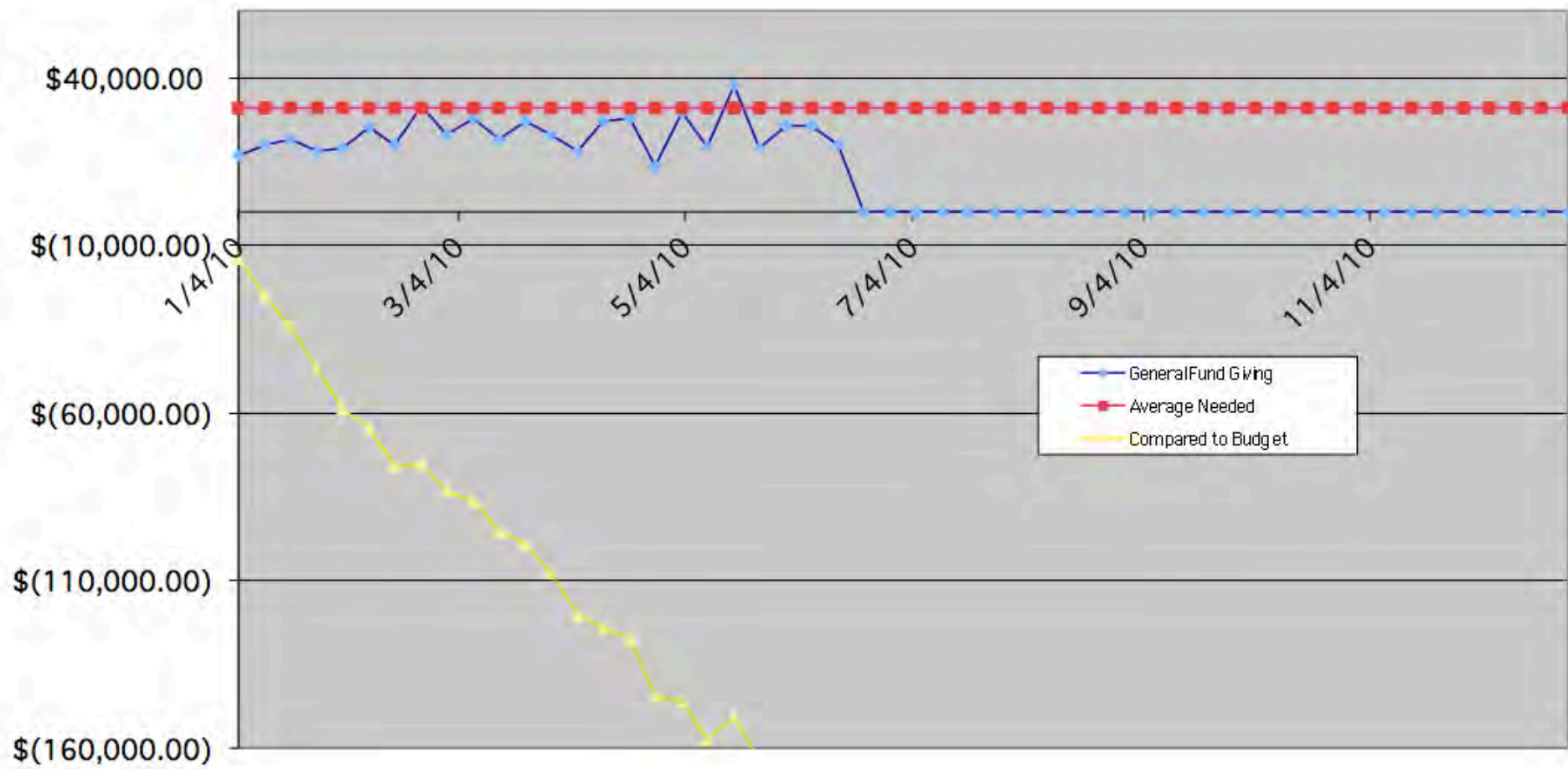
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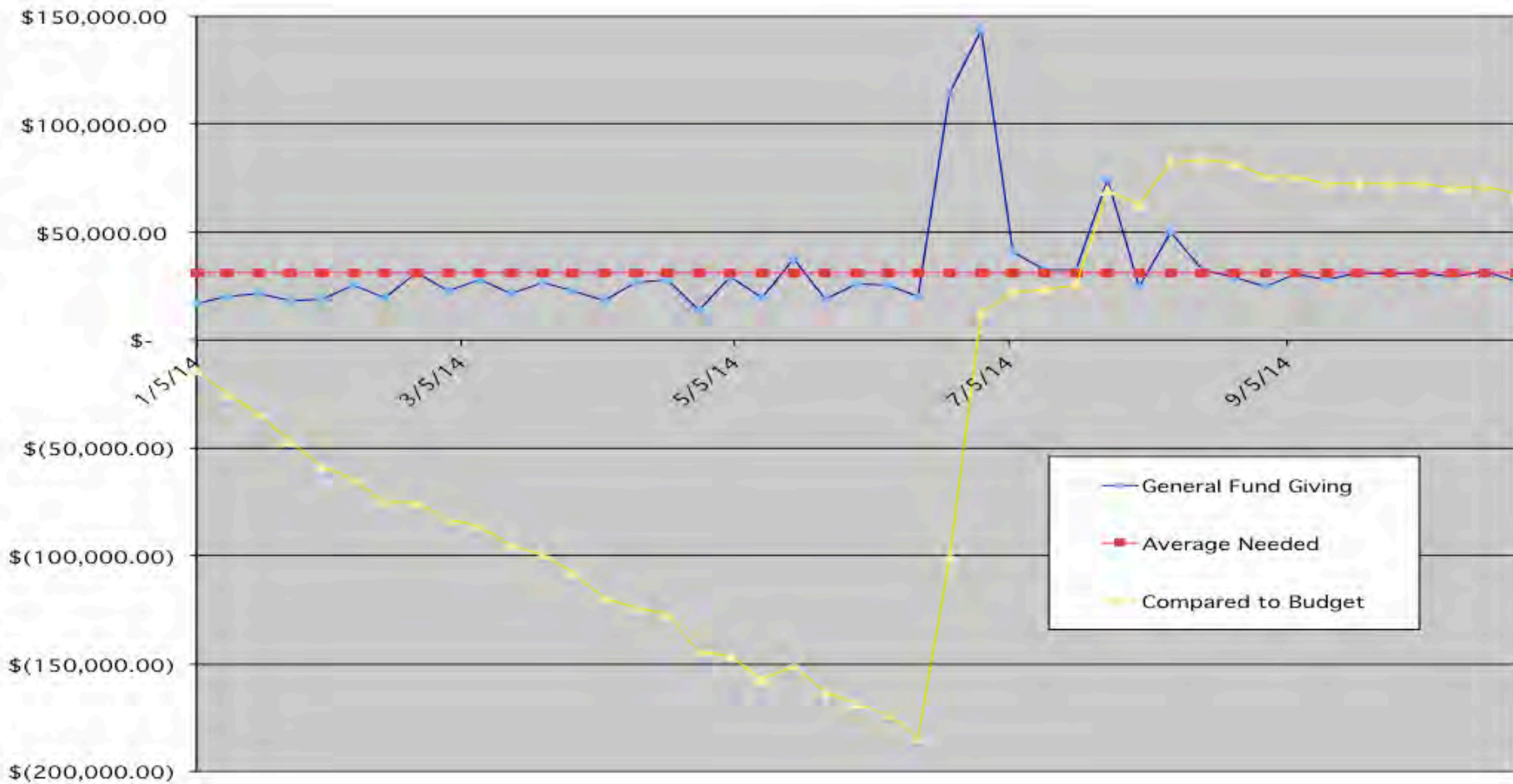
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To Correct

- To budget need:
 $\$31\text{k} - \$23\text{k average shortfall} = \8k per week
- To replenish cash reserve:
About $\$5.7\text{k per week}$
- Monthly additional need = $\$59\text{k}$



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 - Average Needed
 — Compared to Budget

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The Gospel of
LUKE



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Luke 1:13-17

¹³But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous — to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”



Rossetti, Dante Gabriel *Ecce Ancilla Domini!* (*The Annunciation*) 1849-50, Oil on canvas, 28 1/8 x 16 1/2 in, Tate Gallery, London

Luke 1:29-38

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵The 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. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God.”

³⁸“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

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As a young girl, Mary would not normally have left her home without accompaniment – either to browse in her own hometown or (especially!) to travel some seventy miles to the hill country around Jerusalem. Until she entered the bridal chamber, a girl lived in seclusion in her home...



Elizabeth's first words are reminiscent of the greeting and praise given to a superior in recognition of her or his advanced status and of the fact that God had blessed this person. Her language in this instance differs from that in v 45; here she acknowledges the superiority of her young relative, a status position due to Mary's prior reception of God's beneficence...





Mary is the mother of “my Lord” – a designation by which Elizabeth articulates her own submission to this unborn baby and which anticipates the identification of Jesus as “Lord” on the basis of his exaltation (cf. Ps 110:1; Acts 2:34–36). As a rule, the lesser greets the greater, the servant travels to the master. What is Elizabeth to make of this reversal

of societal convention? First, the superiority of Jesus over John is thus again highlighted. Second, however, the *nature* and *exercise* of the superior status of Jesus is anticipated. With his coming, social conventions will be turned on their head; the greater will serve the lesser.

~ Joel B. Green, *The Gospel of Luke*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997), 94-96.

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“Why did Elizabeth’s baby react in this way? The answer is twofold. First, there was a prophet in her womb, and this was his first prophecy. John the Baptist’s ministry was beginning three months before his birth. The Holy Spirit, with whom he was filled before birth, prompted his inner vault. John’s joyous leap was lived out in life some thirty years later when he compared his prophetic joy in announcing Christ with that of a friend of the groom at his wedding, saying, “The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete” (John 3:29).



“Second, John leapt because he was overcome with the emotion of joy. The more exact sense is that he “leaped with delight.” Do not miss the point: this fetus, yet to see the light of the world, experienced the emotion of joyous delight. This is incontrovertible testimony to the pre-birth personhood of John the Baptist. John was then about nine inches long and weighed about one and a half pounds. He looked like a perfect miniature newborn. His skin was translucent. He had fingerprints and toe prints. Sometimes he opened his eyes for brief periods and gazed into the liquid darkness of the womb.”



~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word
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This indicates that the focus in this account is upon Mary's child more than Mary herself. Here "Lord" is clearly a Christological title and refers to Jesus. The title is used in our account (and in Luke 1–2 in general) both for God (1:46) and Jesus (1:43; cf. Acts 2:36), and it reveals the greatness of Mary's child already before his birth. Whereas the title "Lord" is used for Jesus only six times in Mark,^{*} it is used over twenty times in Luke.^{**} To these can be added the nineteen times Jesus is addressed in the vocative as Lord.^{***}



^{*}Mark 1:3; 2:28; 7:28; 11:3; 12:36–37.

^{**}Luke 1:76; 2:11; 3:4; 6:5; 7:13, 19; 10:1, 39, 41; 11:39; 12:42; 13:15; 17:5–6; 18:6; 19:8, 31, 34; 20:42–44; 22:61 [twice]; 24:3, 34.

^{***}Luke 5:8, 12; 6:46 (twice); 7:6; 9:54, 59, 61; 10:17, 40; 11:1; 12:41; 13:23, 25; 17:37; 18:41; 22:33, 38, 49).

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WHEN IS IT OKAY TO ASK A WOMAN IF SHE IS PREGNANT?



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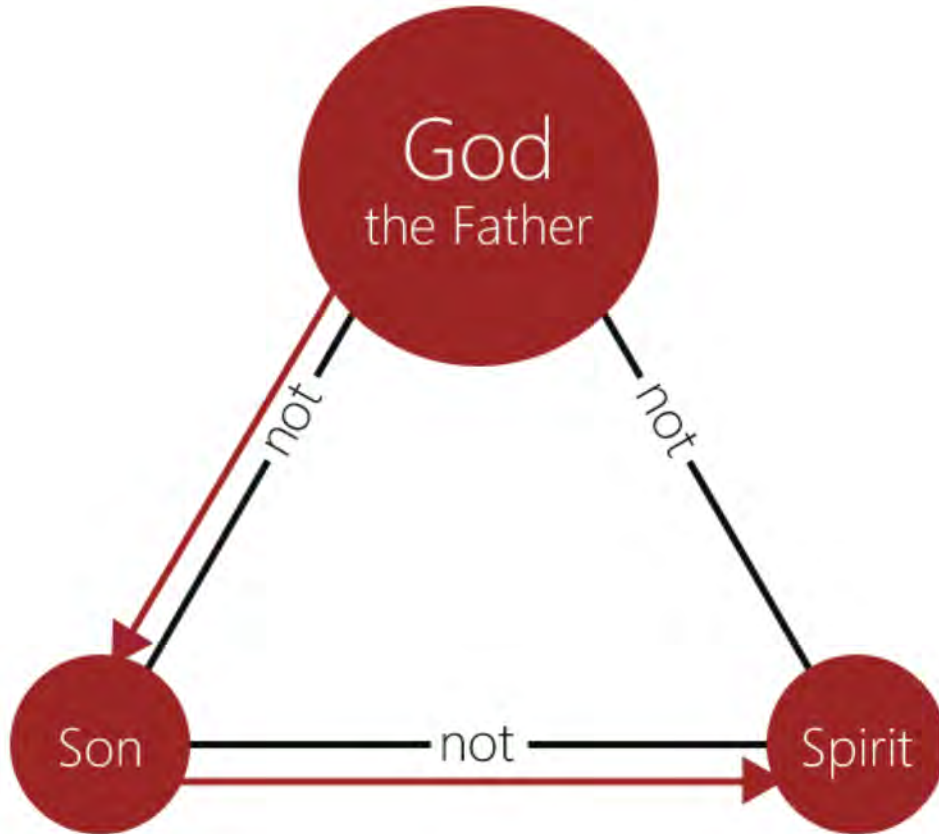
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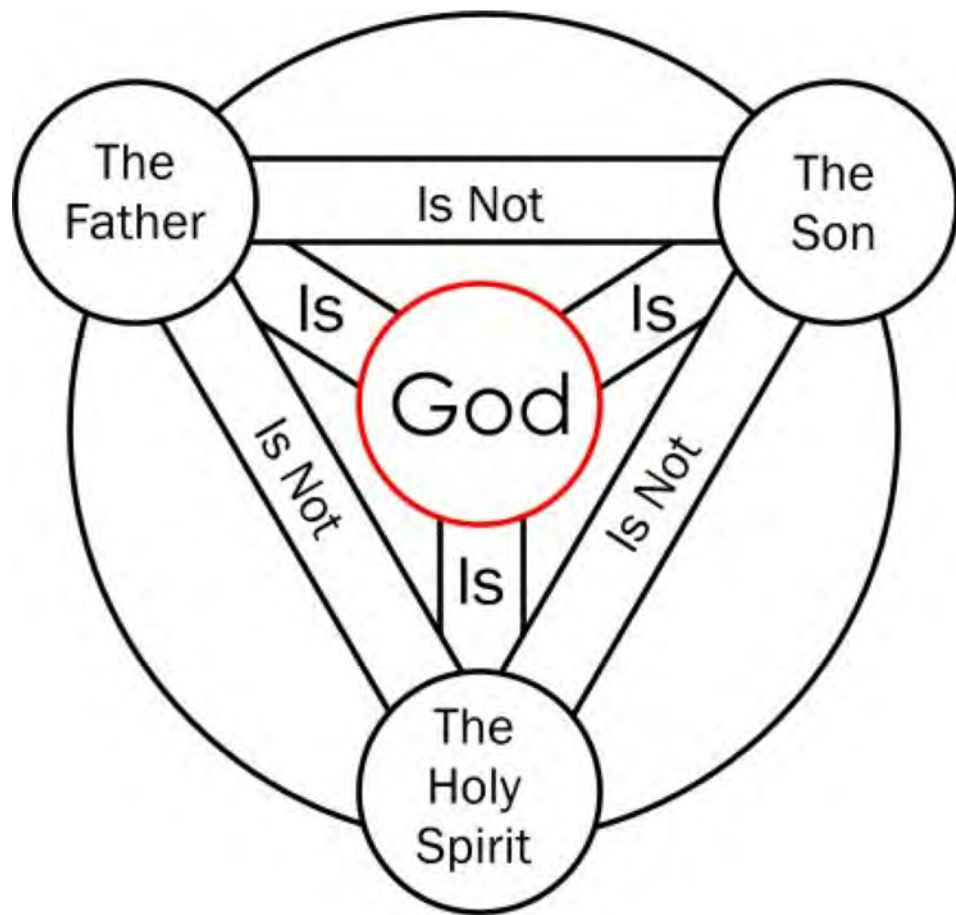
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*Errors that have been made about the wonderful
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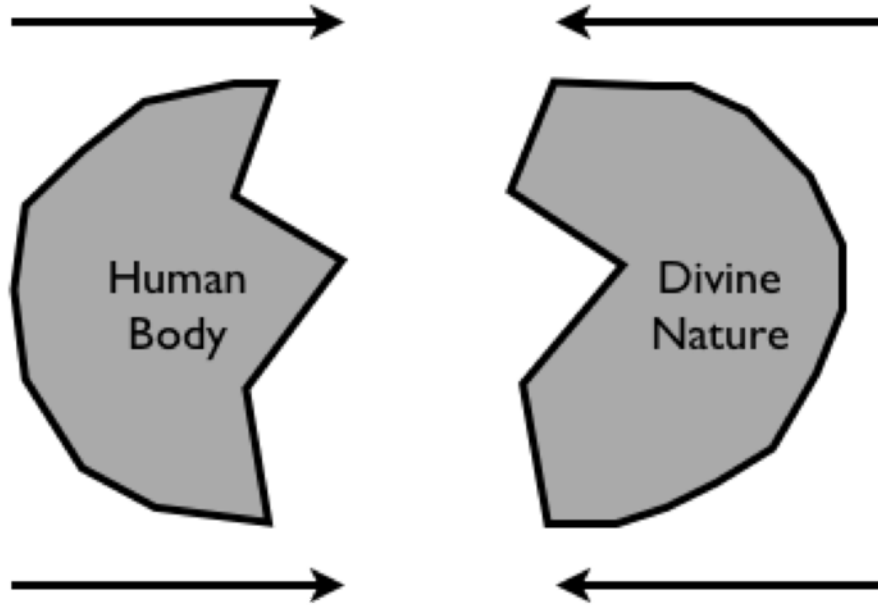
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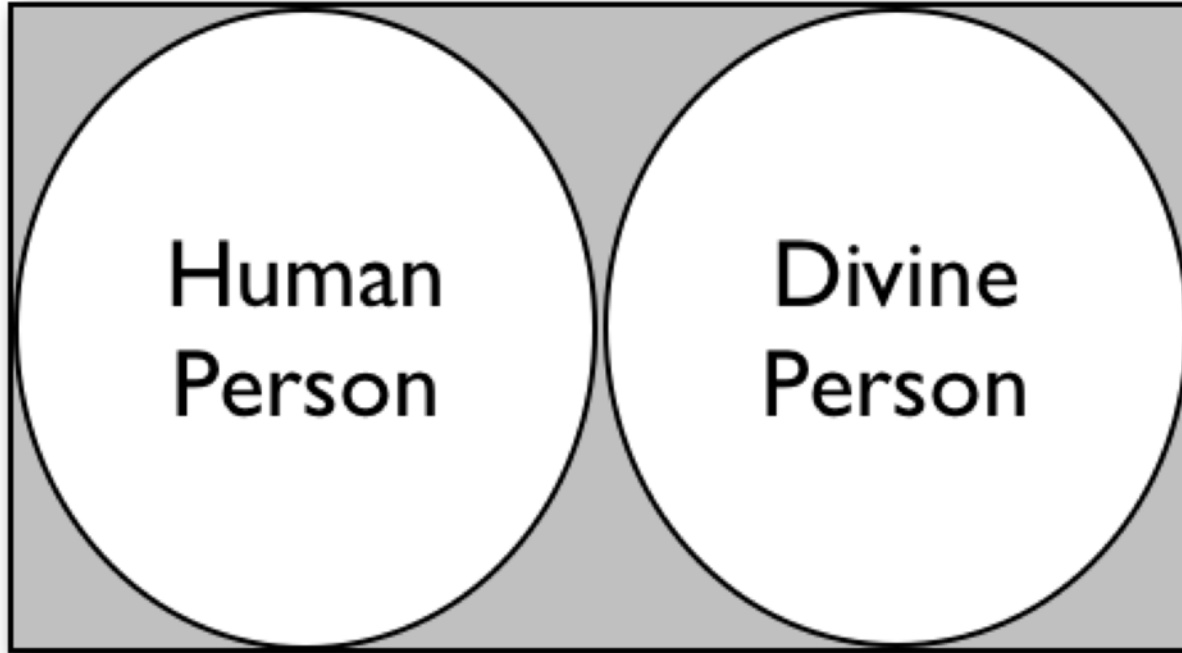




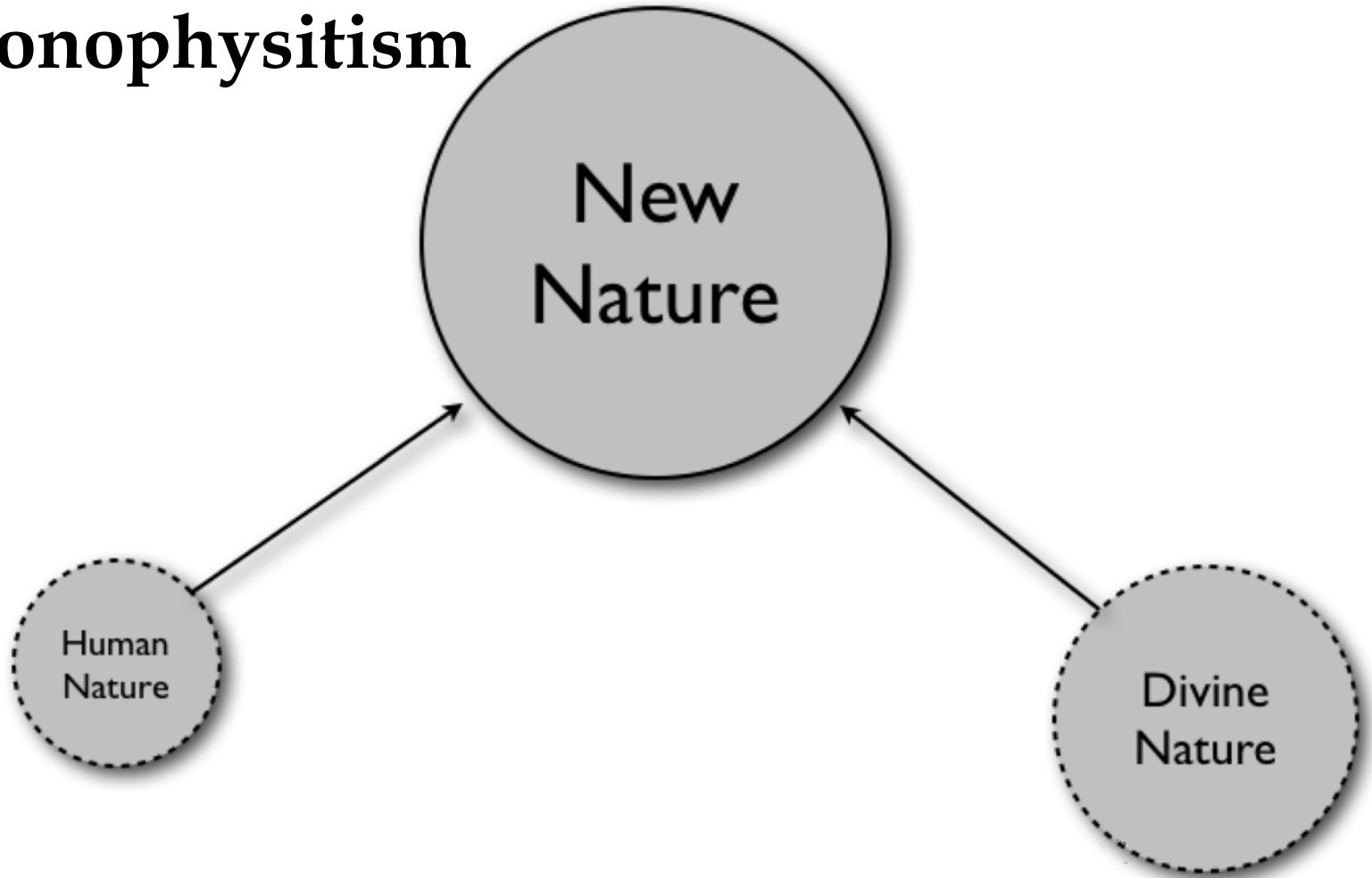
Appollinariansism



Nestorianism



Monophysitism



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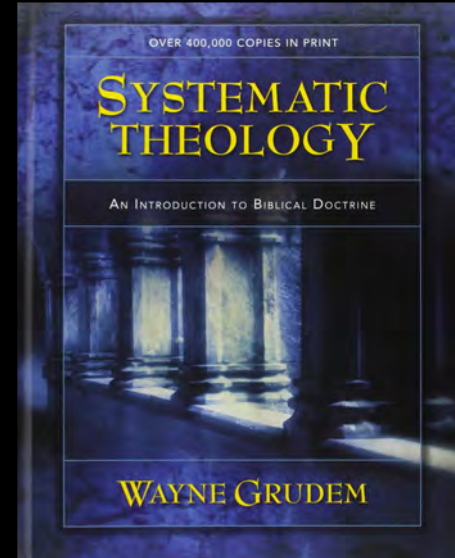
“We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; *consubstantial [coessential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood;* in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood;

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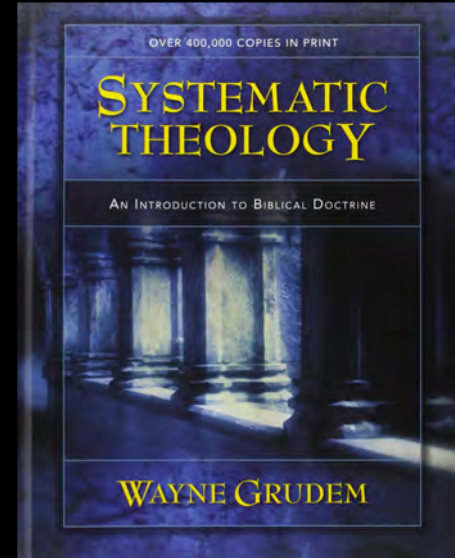
“one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in *two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably*; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather *the property of each nature being preserved* and concurring in *one Person* and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God, the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has been handed down to us.”

~ English translation taken from Philip Schaff, *Creeds of Christendom* 2:62–63.

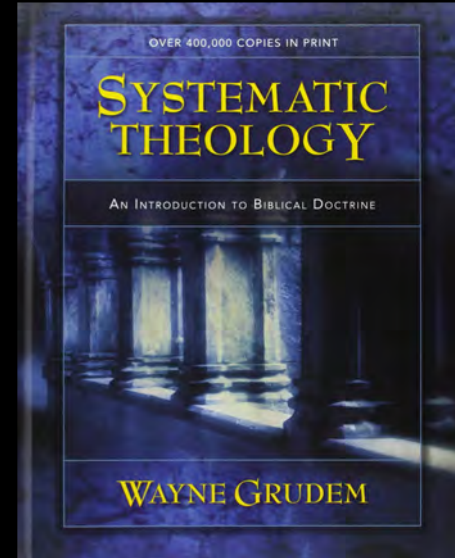
“Against the view of Apollinaris that Christ did not have a human mind or soul, we have the statement that he was “*truly man of a reasonable soul and body ... consubstantial with us* according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us.” (The word *consubstantial* means “having the same nature or substance.”)



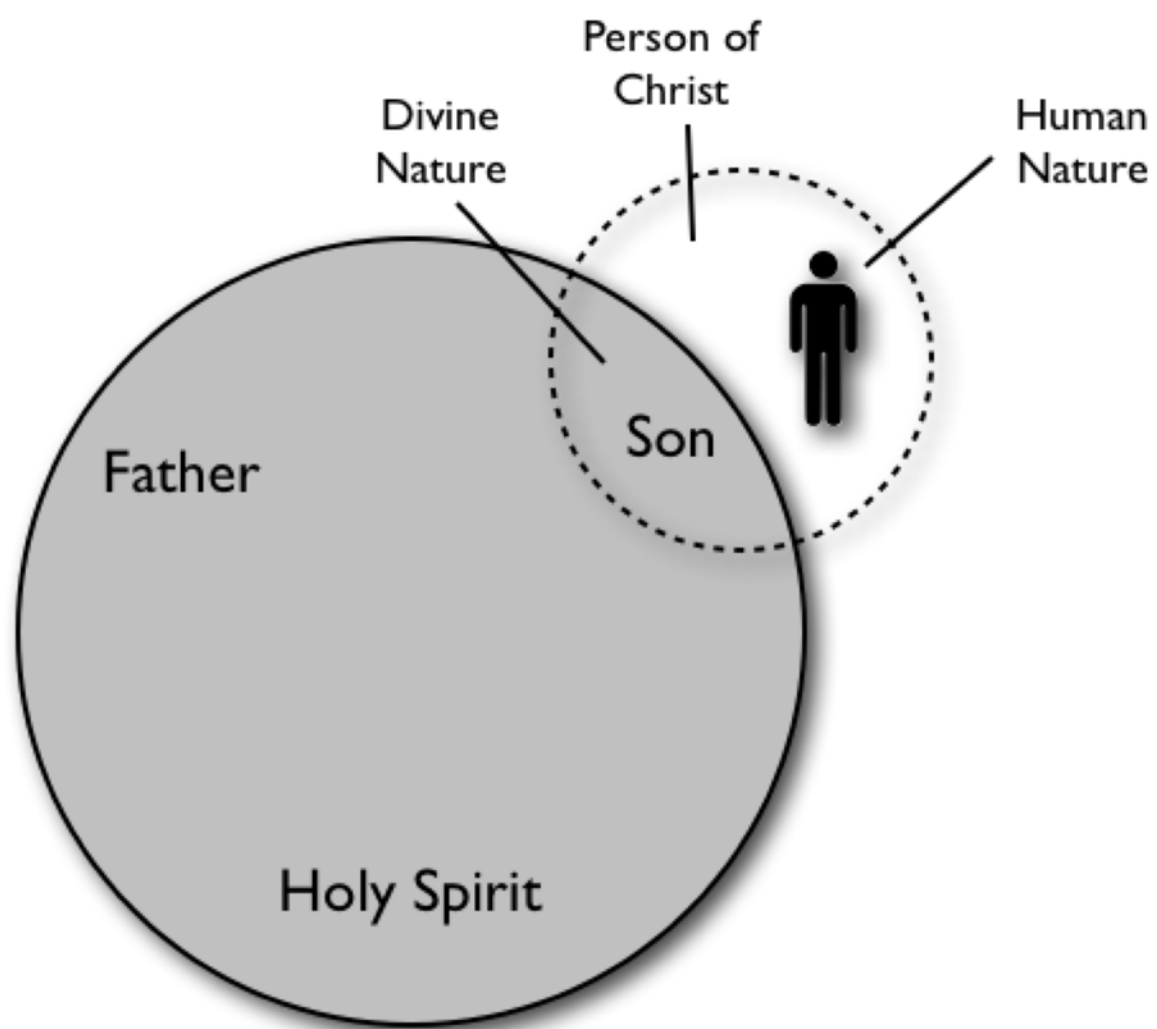
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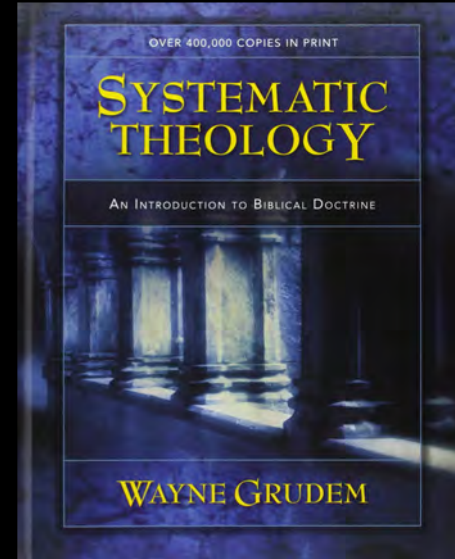
“Against the view of Monophysitism that Christ had only one nature, and that his human nature was lost in the union with the divine nature, we have the words “to be acknowledged in *two natures inconfusedly, unchangeably* ... the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather *the property of each nature being preserved.*” The human and the divine natures were not confused or changed when Christ became man, but the human nature remained a truly human nature, and the divine nature remained a truly divine nature.”



~ Wayne A. Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; Zondervan Pub. House, 2004), 557.



“Sometimes in the study of systematic theology, the following sentence has been used to summarize the incarnation: “Remaining what he was, he became what he was not.” In other words, while Jesus continued “remaining” what he was (that is, fully divine) he also became what he previously had not been (that is, fully human as well). Jesus did not give up any of his deity when he became man, but he did take on humanity that was not his before.”



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Gospel of Luke Application:

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