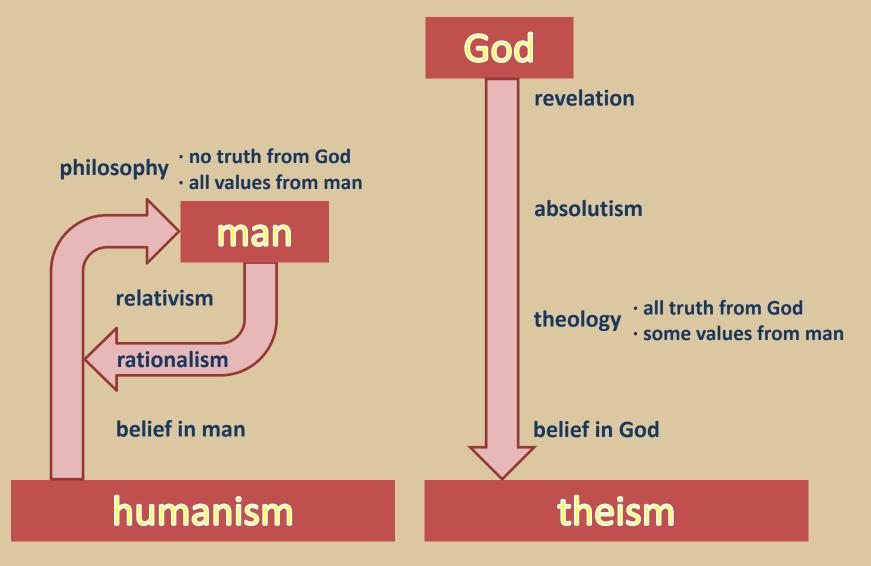
Christian World View Truth Absolute Truth

The Pursuit of Absolute Truth



a world view is a belief system used to interpret life

Absolute Truth = Absolute God

the nature of absolute truth the nature of God a perfect match forever = absolute truth God is eternal **Psalm 90:2** unchangeable = absolute truth Psalm 102:25-27 God is immutable God is omnipresent Psalm 139:7-10 everywhere = absolute truth Psalm 145:3 God is transcendent unreachable = absolute truth Psalm 98:2-3 God is immanent revealed = absolute truth comprehensible = absolute truth Psalm 19:7-9 God is perspicuity God is omniscient Psalm 119:103-104 relevant = absolute truth God is omnipotent preserved = absolute truth Psalm 119:89, 160

absolute truth the attributes of God

the attributes of God

spirit holy · perfect infinite & eternal aseity & self-sufficient omniscient · all knowing omnipotent · all powerful omnipresent · all present absolute & immutable incomprehensible sovereign & free love good truth faithful wisdom grace · mercy righteous · just

the attributes in action

love
joy
peace
patience
kindness
goodness
faithfulness
gentleness
self-control

God reveals His truth to man





the Word of God · Jesus Christ

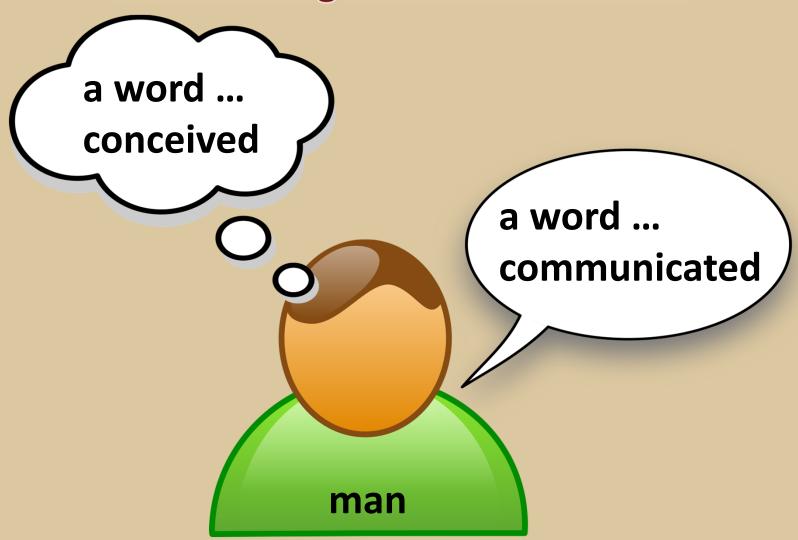
the written Word

the living Word

LOGOS = $\lambda \dot{\phi} \gamma \phi \varsigma$ = "word"

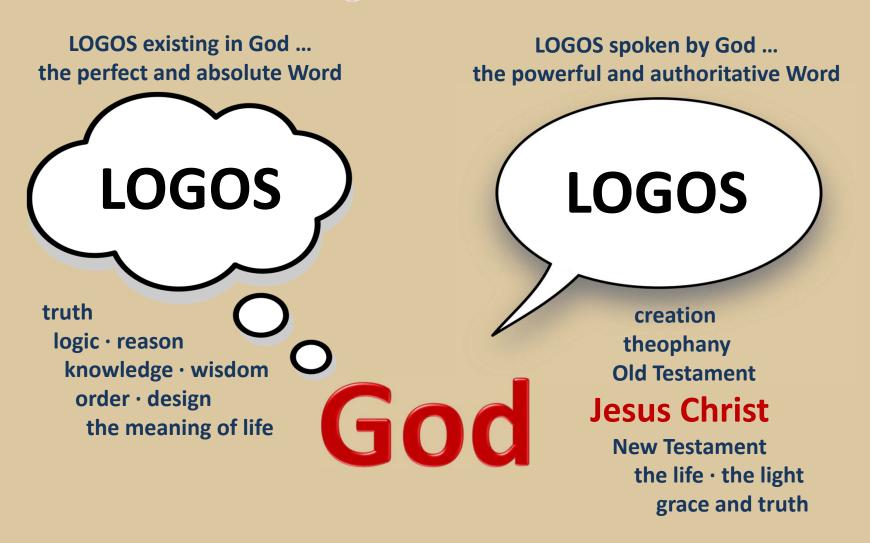
the expression of a thought \cdot a concept \cdot an idea \cdot a truth

the meaning of LOGOS · "Word"



a word is the outward form by which an inward thought is expressed

the meaning of LOGOS · "Word"



God is Absolute Truth absolute truth → the LOGOS

John 1:1-5 → the Word / the LOGOS / the Creator / the life, the light, and the darkness

¹ In the beginning was the <u>Word</u>, and the <u>Word</u> was with God, and the <u>Word</u> was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was <u>life</u>, and the <u>life</u> was the <u>light</u> of men. ⁵ The <u>light</u> shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:6-8 → John the Baptist / the witness of the light

⁶There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to testify about the <u>light</u>, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the <u>light</u>, but *he came* to testify about the <u>light</u>.

John 1:9-13 → the true light / the Creator / receive · believe / the children of God

⁹There was the <u>true light</u> which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become <u>children of God</u>, *even* to those who <u>believe in His name</u>, ¹³ who were <u>born</u>, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:14-18 → the Word / the LOGOS / flesh and glory / grace and truth / the only begotten God

¹⁴ And the Word became <u>flesh</u>, and dwelt among us, and we saw His <u>glory</u>, <u>glory</u> as of the only begotten from the Father, full of <u>grace and truth</u>. ¹⁵ John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" ¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and <u>grace upon grace</u>. ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; <u>grace and truth</u> were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; <u>the only begotten God</u> who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

God is Absolute Truth the seven "I am" statements

the person (present) the call (present) the promise (future)

John 6:35 → "I am the bread of life;

he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall not thirst."

John 8:12 → "I am the light of the world;

he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 10:9 **→** "I am the door;

if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and shall find pasture."

John 10:11 → "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

John 11:25-26 → "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die."

John 14:6 → "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

John 15:5 → "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears " much fruit; for apart from Me you can " do " nothing."

the Shepherd & "My sheep"
He calls His sheep by name (10:3)

John 10:25-30

(I call them) → My sheep hear
I know them → My sheep follow
I give them eternal life →
My sheep shall never perish

God is Absolute Truth LOGOS · COSMOS · CHAOS

Hebrew

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ToHu WaBoHu ■ Genesis 1:3

ToHu = "formless" → nothing · no form or shape

WaBoHu = "void" → emptiness · an empty area
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Latin

creatio ex nihilo = "creation out of nothing" → nothing comes from nothing

Greek

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chaos χάος = "emptiness" → complete confusion · random disorder
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cosmos κόσμος = "world" → the ordered universe
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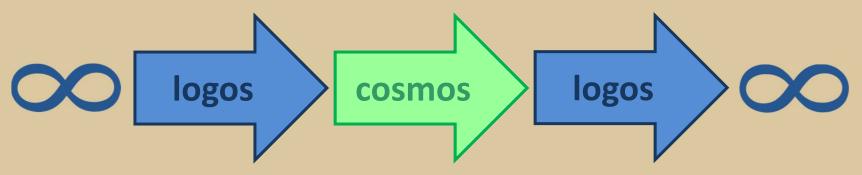
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logos λόγος = "word" → truth · wisdom · order · design
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LOGOS · COSMOS · CHAOS

humanism



theism



chaos occurs in cosmos when logos is abandoned

God reveals His truth to man



reve<mark>la</mark>tion

the Word of God · Jesus Christ

all absolutely true



the good man the natural man

the spiritual man

the glorified man

