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## CHRIST, THE CENTER OF HISTORY

**Jesus Christ is the center of history. Jesus Christ is “the hinge of history.” For He takes all times off their hinges and becomes himself the Lord of time. ‘Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:17). As Lord of time he holds all moments together in the coherence of his eternal and unchanging Being! (See Colossians 1:17). To know who he is means to have a history. For history is life with a meaning and only one who is at the beginning and at the end of time – only one who is the Lord of time – holds all times together. Only he who is the fullness of time fills time with the ultimate meaning that constitutes it as history!**

**In Jesus Christ, the “I Am” of the Old Testament becomes the “Thou Art” of the New Testament. The central self-disclosure of God in history and through history is “the word made flesh.” In contrast to Gnostic syncretism, it is said of Christ, “For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell” (Colossians 1:19). In Jesus Christ it was not simply a ray of the light of the glory of God that penetrated time. God turned himself fully toward man in this life that was “full of grace and truth.” Thus it seems devious and superfluous to look elsewhere for the fullness of the knowledge of God!**

**Jesus is the simplification of God. All great discoveries are simplifications. The great simplification took place in Bethlehem of Judea. The “Word” became flesh. The “Word” is the expression of the hidden thought. Jesus Christ – the “Word” – is expression of the hidden thought – God! This word is not spelled out – it is lived out! Jesus Christ is the speech of eternity translated into the language of time! AMEN.**

~ Dr. Caesar A. W. Clark

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

