

Questions	<p style="text-align: center;">The Gospel of John John 1:3-4</p>
<p>Who is the "Him" in vv.3 & 4?</p> <p>What are the "All things" in v.3? What does Col.1:16 have to say about what the "all things" are?</p> <p>What happened to the "all things"? How did they come into being? How key was the Word in this process? How is the role of the Word in creation connected to the creation in Gen.1:1?</p> <p>What does the phrase, "through Him"?</p> <p>What does John mean by "life"? Is there more than one kind of life in John? Are there other places in John where the life, mentioned in 1:4, is used? Where do we get this life? Who is this life?</p> <p>What does "light" mean in 1:4? How is life connected to light? What can this light do in our lives? How can we be in this light in our daily living?</p>	<p>TEXT: John 1:3 ^aAll things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being. 4 In Him was ^{1a}life, and the life was the ^{2b}light of men.</p> <p>STUDY OUTLINE</p> <p>The Word in Creation</p> <p><u>Creation As revealed in the Old Testament</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God spoke the creation into existence. (Gen.1:3a, 6a & 7a, 9a, 11a, 14a & 16a, 20a & 21a, 24a & 25a, 26a & 27a) God spoke and His speaking was the Word and His Word created and this Word was God Himself. 2. This Word was God's Wisdom which was with God in the beginning of His way, from eternity before His works of old and before the earth was and before the heavens were established. (Prov.8:22-29) This word, God's wisdom, was by God, as a master workman, an artificer or artist, who carries out God's plan and design. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) This word, the wisdom of God and the workman was the nursling of God's love. (Prov.8:30, John 8:18) He carries out God's plan by being a nursling to God, being God's delight and, at the same time, delighting in God. As a nursling, he depends on God's life supply and gives God delight by being totally dependent on God and by carrying out God's plan b) Not only is He the nursling-workman, living totally by and creating for God, He, the wisdom of God, rejoices before God's presence, disporting before Him. He rejoices in God and in God's goal, the habitable earth. (Prov.8:31) <p><u>Creation As revealed in the New Testament</u></p> <p>According to Col.1:16-17 says, "...in Him all things were created...all things have been created through Him and unto Him...all things cohere in Him." In John 1:3, we are told that all things came into being through the Word and not one thing came into being which exists apart from Him, as seen in Genesis 1. Here John is teaching us that Christ, the Word of God, is not just a man, but the very creator. John is mending the net of the truth of God's economy.</p> <p>Eternal Life and Light Comes Through the Word</p> <p>Since v.3 refers to the creation in Genesis1, life here should refer to the life signified by the tree of life in Gen. 2. This is confirmed by the fact that in Rev.22 John, the author of this gospel, mentions the tree of life. Since life is in Him, He is life (John 11:25; 14:6); and He came that man might have life (John 10:10b)</p> <p>This life, the eternal life of God, is in the Word (John 1:4) and when it reaches man it shines as the light of men, shining in the darkness, which can not overcome it.</p>