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## **CHURCH UNITY**

Church unity has already been achieved. The churches which masquerade as organised Christendom are all united in saying that Jesus the Nazarene – better known to his contempories as Yeshua Hanotzri – was born of a 'virgin'. They tell you that this kind of birth was 'necessary'. They all tell you that the Bible says so.

The complete unity of the churches on this point demonstrates that their differences are merely differences of degree.

Strangely enough – you probably already suspected this anyway – the Bible does not say Jesus was born of a 'virgin'. To the contrary, it names not only his supposed father, but also his real physical father. The evidence is well known to theologians.

Below is a page, which shows some of the Bible texts relevant to the issue. Taken singularly or collectively these texts show clearly that Jesus was born by the normal methods of procreation. He had no advantage over the rest of us. His claim to be the Messiah (or Anointed One) rested on his character, not his birth.

The doctrine of 'virgin birth' very subtly destroys every principle that he stood for. His one and only miraculous birth – and this point is hammered by the New Testament writers as absolutely the central issue of Christianity – is his rebirth by God from the dead.

You may care to check these texts for yourself. The meaning of the Hebrew and Greek words listed on the card may be found in any of the many authoritative works available in the Libraries of Brisbane and other cities. Or perhaps you may prefer the easier method of turning to your spiritual adviser for guidance and direction on the significance and meaning of these Hebrew and Greek words.

## THE WRECK OF THE 'VIRGIN BIRTH'

Isaiah	7:14	Almah	Refers To Age Not Chastity.
Matthew	1:18	Genesis	Refers Strictly To Birth Not Procreation.
Matthew	1:23	Almah	Used In Ancient Hebrew Rendering Of Matthew.
Luke	1:31	Sullambano	Conceive. Elsewhere In New Testament It Always Takes Two To Make A Bargain.
Luke	1:36	Suggenes	Mary And Elizabeth Of Same Tribe. (Levites Not Judahites.)
Luke	1:31 2:23	Before	Who Alone Would Know There Was A Lapse Of Time? And Why?
Luke	1:35 2:23	Holy	Jesus Declared Holy Because Of Law Of Moses. Mary Instructed To Observe Law.
Jeremiah	22:30	Jeconiah	No Descendant Of Joseph Could Be King.
Matthew	1:11	Jeconiah	The Messiah Could Not Be Joseph's Son.
Matthew	1:25		Matthew Shows Jesus Was Not Joseph's Son.
Luke	3:23	Son Of	Received Text Shows Jesus Was The Son Of Heli.