MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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* It is sometimes argued that a "virgin birth" is no aid to the explanation of Christ's sinlessness. Mary being herself sinful in nature by birth, it is held the taint of corruption would be conveyed by one parent as really as two. It is overlooked that the whole fact is not expressed by saying that Jesus was born of a virgin mother. There is the other factor - "conceived of the Holy Ghost". The birth of Jesus was not, as in ordinary births, the creation of a new personality. It was a divine Person - already existing - entering on this new mode of existence.

The belief in the virgin birth of Christ is of the highest value for the right apprehension of Christ's unique and sinless personality. Here is one who, free from sin Himself and not involved in the Adamic liabilities of the race, reverses the curses of sin and death brought in by the first Adam, and establishes the reign of righteousness and life. As one of Adam's race, not an entrant from a higher sphere, He would have shared in Adam's corruption and doom, and would Himself have required to be redeemed.

...."For if, through the transgression of the one individual, Death made use of the one individual to seize the sovereignty, all the more shall those who receive God's overflowing grace and gift of righteousness reign as kings in Life through the one individual, Jesus Christ".... Romans 5:17 Weymouth Translation