

# THE INCARNATION



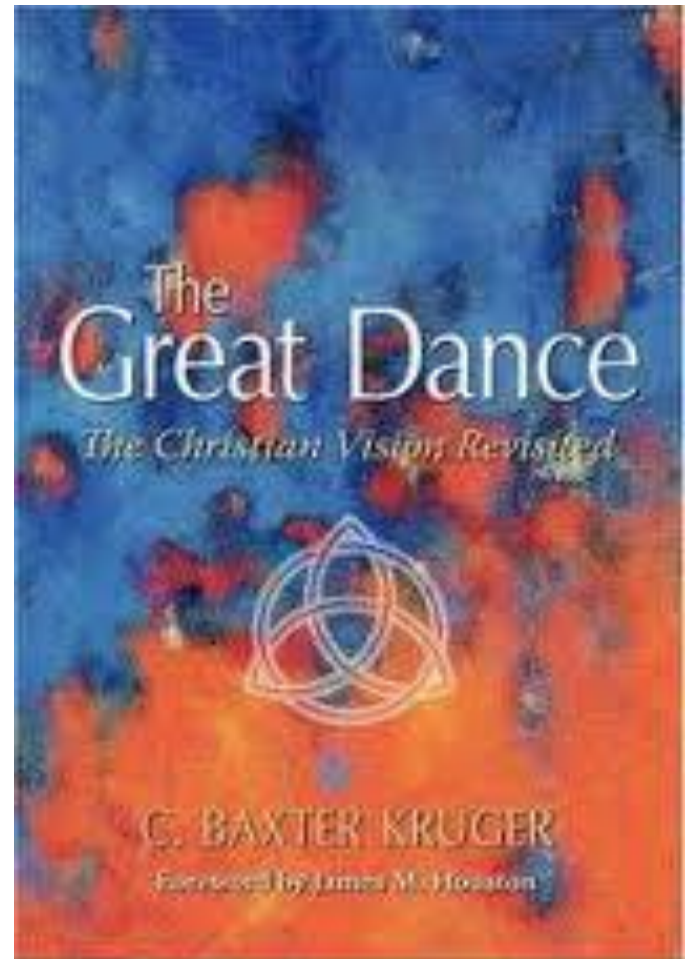
# The Colossian Heresy

- <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.
- <sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.

# WHO IS GOD?

- Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
- **John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.**

- God is fundamentally a relational being.
- God is a circle of passion and life and fellowship (p. 23)



## Verse 14

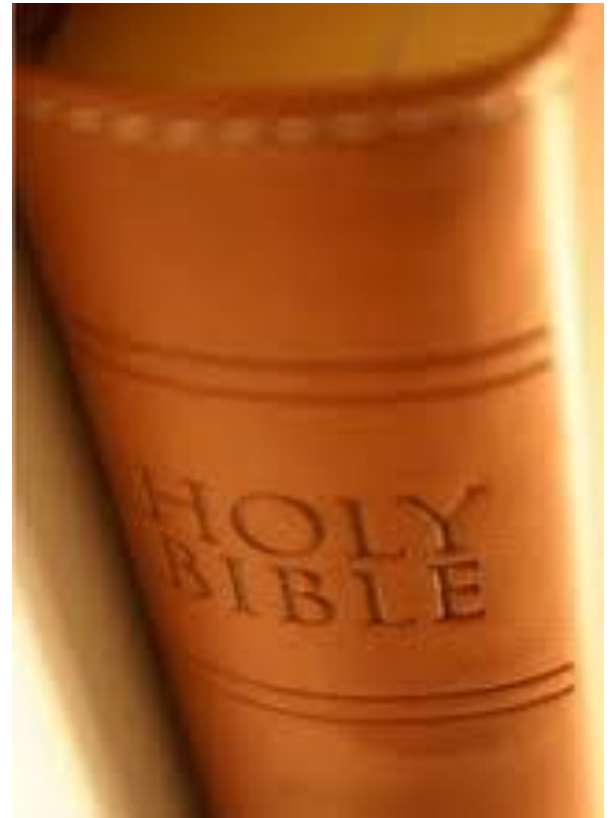
- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

# WHY THE INCARNATION?

- <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,<sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
- <sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of<sup>[g]</sup> your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

# Ephesians 1

- In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will



- The great dance of life shared by the Father, Son and Spirit is the womb of creation (p. 25)



# Jesus Fleshly Existence

- Jesus was fully human – entered into our fallenness.
- **HEB 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

- The Incarnation is to be understood as the coming of God to take upon himself our fallen human nature, our actual human existence laden with sin and guilt, our humanity diseased in mind and soul in its estrangment or alienation from the Creator. – **T.F. Torrance**

- What happens when the divine touches the human?


**TRANSFORMATION**

## Romans 6

- For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

# BODILY RESURRECTION



A bright, glowing figure stands in a field of trees at night, illuminated by a strong light source. The figure is the central focus, appearing as a vertical column of intense light. The surrounding trees are silhouetted against the dark background, with some catching the light and appearing as a soft yellow glow. The overall scene is ethereal and dramatic.

**Every Eye Shall See Him**