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Before anything or anyone was created,

“The Almighty God” existed in perpetual light. The intensity of which is beyond human comprehension,

.... He who is the blessed and only Potentate (Sovereign), the King of kings and Lord of lords,¹⁶ Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, Whom no man has seen or can see, to Whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen (1 Timothy 6:15b-16; NKJV use throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. note in parenthesis, emphasis added).

This is not describing Jesus Christ who has been seen by many individuals over an extended period of history. Instead, it is referring to Christ’s Father in heaven,

And the Father Himself, who sent me (Christ), has testified of me. You have neither heard His voice (directly) at any time, nor seen His form (John 5:37; cf. 6:46; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Prior to the existence of the first created entity, “time did not exist”. However, at the moment Almighty God began to create, “time” commenced. This “time” is described by the Apostle John as “in the beginning”,



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In the beginning was the Word (Gr. *logos*; *speaker, teacher, spokesperson*), *and the Word was with* (Gr. *pros*; *towards, nearby*) *God* (the Father), *and the Word was (a) god.*² *He was in the beginning with God* (the Father) (John 1:1-2; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This same beginning is described in the book of wisdom known as The Proverbs (of King Solomon). And, Christ is positioned beside his heavenly Father and learning from Him,

The Lord (Almighty) *possessed* (Heb. *qana*; *created, formed, originated*; cf. Psa. 139:13) *me* (Christ) *at the beginning of His way, before His works of old* (Proverbs 8:22; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Then I (Christ) *was beside Him* (Almighty God), *as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him* (Proverbs 8:30; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

*He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.*⁵ *The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious* (as Satan was), *nor did I turn away.*⁶ *I gave My back to those who struck Me* (cf. Mt. 27:26; Jn. 18:22), *and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard* (Mt. 26:67; 27:30; Mk. 14:65); *I did not hide My face from shame and spitting* (Mk. 15:19) (Isaiah 50:4-6; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This summary background is necessary for a better understanding of events described in the first two verses of the book of Genesis that will be covered in “The Brief #102”.