

"GOD ... hath ordained that in every age and dispensation a pure and stainless Soul be made manifest ... Unto this...mysterious and ethereal Being He hath assigned a twofold nature; the physical, pertaining to the world of matter, and the spiritual, which is born of the substance of God Himself. He hath, conferred upon Him a double station, " One, Bahá'u'lláh says, "is the human station, exemplified by the following verse, ' I am but a man like you.' " The other station, "representeth Him as One Whose Voice is the Voice of God Himself. "

(Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, pp. 66-67

STATEMENTS RELATING TO THE TWOFOLD NATURE OF CHRIST

JESUS, THE HUMAN LAMP

CHRIST, THE ETERNAL LIGHT

provided for Man's Guidance before the foundation of the world.

LUKE II:7. "... she brought forth her firstborn son. "

JOHN XVI:28, "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world. "

MATTHEW XIX:17. "Why callest thou Me good? There is none good but one, that is, God. "

LUKE IX:43. "And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. "

JOHN I:14. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us... "

JOHN I:1:9. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God... That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. "

JOHN I:46. "And Nathaniel said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? "

MARK XIV: 6 1-2. "The high priest asked Him, .. Art Thou the Christ. . and Jesus said, I am".

LUKE II:51-2. "He went down with them ...and was subject unto them... And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature."

JOHN VIII: 58. "Verily I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. "

MATTHEW III:16. "And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up... out of the water. "

MATTHEW I: 21. "He shall save His people from their sins. "

MATTHEW II:1. "Jesus was born in Bethlehem" (THE HUMAN JESUS--THE LAMP)

JOHN XVII:5. "O Father! glorify thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the World was. " (The pre-existent CHRIST--the ETERNAL LIGHT)

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

(Spiritual Sun)

"The Divine Reality may be likened to the sun and the Holy Spirit to rays of the sun."
(Paris Talks '51 ed. p.58)

"Unless the Holy Spirit become intermediary, one cannot attain directly to the bounties of God."
(Tab. 'Abdu'l-Baha p.591)

"Having barred the way that leadeth unto Thee, Thou hast, by virtue of Thine authority and through the potency of Thy will, called into being Them Who are the Manifestations of Thy Self...that all men may draw nigh unto the kingdom of Thy Revelation, and the heaven of Thy grace."
(P. & M. p.99)

"Thy heart is My Throne; sanctify it for My descent. Thy Spirit is My place of Revelation; cleanse it for My Manifestation."
(Hidden Words p.17 #59)

Divine Prophet or Manifestation
(the perfect Mirror)

"From among all created things He hath singled out for His special favor the pure, the gem-like reality of man, and invested it with a unique capacity of knowing Him and of reflecting the greatness of His glory."
(Gl. p.77)

Soul of Man

"As the rays of the sun bring the light and warmth of the sun to the earth, giving life to all created beings, so do the 'Manifestations' (of God) bring the power of the Holy Spirit from the Divine Sun of Reality to give light and life to the souls of men." (Paris Talks p.58)

"Man, being finite, cannot comprehend the Infinite, a Being of Spirit. Man's human mind cannot conceive a pure spiritual Essence; therefore God has given man a Center of Prayer, a Manifestation of Himself." (Baha'i News #118)

"The heart is the throne in which the Revelation of God...is centered. ...'Earth and heaven cannot contain Me; what alone can contain Me is the heart of him that believeth in Me...'" (Gl. p.186)

