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ANSELM, LUTHER,
 + THE COOTIE COLLECTOR

MAIN CLAIM OF BOOK:

OUR EXPERIENCE + ACCOUNT OF GOD IS INSEPARABLE FROM THE LIFE + CONTINUED PRESENCE OF JESUS.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BLOOD!
 GOD DIDN'T NEED JESUS' BLOOD TO FORGIVE ME.
(MELGIBON'S PERSONAL OF THE CURIST WAS BURNING)

"WE KNEW JESUS WAS THE ANSWER, BUT WE EACH HAD OUR OWN QUESTIONS."
 DOCTRINES OF ATONEMENT

ANSELM: WHY THE GOD-MAN?

11th century Benedictine Monk

THE SATISFACTION THEORY

REFLECTED THE "JESUS-BEAT-SHOT-OUT-OF-SATAN" THEORY AND RANSOM THEORY

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) GOD CREATED HUMANS TO SHARE DIVINE LIFE, but we created SIN.
- 2) GOD WOULD NOT BE DETERRED BY SIN, BUT WOULD SEEK TO OVERCOME IT.

SIN IS FRAMED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MEDIEVAL FEUDAL HONOR/SAME CULTURE

JUSTICE = GIVING WHAT IS DUE + PAYING WHAT IS OWED

INFINITE GOD
 finite human - our debt/oblivion is INFINITE, so we CAN'T SATISFY IT.

IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOD for LAND + PEOPLE THAT REQUIRES THE INCARNATION + CRUCIFIXION.

JESUS SATISFIED THE DEBT...
 1) HE WAS OBEIENT
 2) HE PAID MORE THAN HE OWED WE GET HIS PAYMENT.

LUTHER: WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

16th century Augustinian monk

HAD BEEN TRYING TO MANAGE HIS OWN GUILT + GOD'S WRATH (impossible)

EPIPHANY → "FORGIVENESS" - the words of CHRIST

GOSPEL = PROMISE OF GRACE from GOD through CHRIST
 GIFT not REWARD

LIKE WEDDING VOWS
 "BLESSED EXCHANGE"
 GOD SAYS: WHAT'S MINE IS YOURS
 YOU ARE MY BELOVED

SIN = SPIRITUAL ENSLAVEMENT

SIMULTANEOUSLY SAINT + SINNER
 WE DON'T HAVE TO DO GOOD WORKS, WE GET TO.

OUR CHILDISH GAMES
 COOTIES!!
 WE ALL HAVE COOTIES

PROBLEM: IT DOESN'T MATTER IF COOTIES ARE REAL OR NOT. IF THEY DEFINE THE TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT ON THE PLAYGROUND, THEN THEY'RE REAL.

JESUS WAS GOD'S COOTIE COLLECTOR

THERE ARE NO COOTIES!
 RESURRECTION PROMISE

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GETTING HIGH WITH JESUS

THREE QUESTIONS

- 1) HOW CAN WE TALK ABOUT GOD?
- 2) WHERE DO YOU START WHEN DOING CHRISTOLOGY? (ABOVE OR BELOW)
- 3) HOW DO YOU ASSESS DIFFERENT THEOLOGIES?

THE RAW CHRISTOLOGICAL MATERIAL
 * EACH OF US REALLY BEGINS FROM WITHIN
 CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY IS A DISCIPLE'S DISCIPLINE

LOGOS CHRISTOLOGY (THE WORD = CHRIST)

THREE STAGES

- 1) PREEXISTING LOGOS "BEGINNING"
- 2) WORD INTO WORLD
- 3) RESURRECTION + ASCENSION

JOHN COBB

AN EXAMPLE OF CHRISTOLOGY FROM ABOVE = THE LOGOS IS INCARNATE IN JESUS.
 COBB'S STARTING POINT

AND, COBB IS COMMITTED TO NATURALISM
GOD DOES NOT ACT ON THIS WORLD, OUT WITHIN IT.

Q: WHAT IS GOD LIKE
 A: JESUS
 Q: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FULLY HUMAN?
 A: JESUS

CLASSIC WESTERN THOUGHT
 SUBSTANCE ONTOLOGY (HYPHATIC NOUN)
 THIS IS A PROBLEM
 GOD ANSWERS BAD OUTLAW

HELPFUL ALTERNATIVE: PROCESS THEOLOGY



JESUS IS UNIQUE INCARNATION OF LOGOS
 → JESUS' AUTHORITY
 → JESUS' INTIMACY WITH ABBA.

GOD'S REDEEMING WORK: CREATING TRANSFORMATION

INVITATION + NOT CONDEMNATION
 - SEE REALITY
 - TURN TOWARD CHRIST
 - PARTNER IN THE CREATING TRANSFORMATION

DIVERSITY + RELIGIOUS PLURALISM?

MANY RELIGIONS HAVE DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO LOGOS, (& IN) CHRIST (not but) THE WORD BECAME FLESH.

"IF GOD IS AT LEAST AS NICE AS JESUS, THEN GOD HAS TO HAVE BEEN BUSY PURSUING ALL PEOPLE IN ALL PLACES WITH DIVINE LOVE"

WE DO NOT POSSESS LOVE AND WE CANNOT POSSESS GOD

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TURNING JESUS DOWN

RECONCILING WITH 9/11 AND THE RISE OF AMERICAN CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM
 DID WE PRAY FOR OUR ENEMIES?

DOES GOD GIVE A CRAP???

MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME??
 JESUS KNEW + SHARED THE UGLIEST WORST OF OUR EXPERIENCE

JÜRGEN MOLTMANN

HE WAS A GERMAN P.O.W. IN WWII
 HELPS US RECONCILE THE EXTREME VIOLENCE OF THE 20th CENTURY + THE IDEA OF A LOVING GOD.

WESTERN XTY HAD TRIED TO PRESERVE THE PERFECTION OF GOD
 NOT A BIBLICAL CONCEPT

ABRAHAM HESCHEL

THE PATHOS OF GOD OVERWHELMING COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

GOD SHARES IN THEIR SUFFERING + REJOICES IN THEIR JOY!

CROSS MUST BE A TRINITARIAN EVENT

ABBA GRIEVES
 SON STANDS WITH THE CRUCIFIED SIBLINGS
 SPIRIT PRESERVES + GIVES NEW LIFE
 GOD IDENTIFIED WITH THE GUILTY + FORSAKEN OVERCOMING OUR ALIENATION + BRINGING US PROMISE OF OUR OWN FUTURE IN DIVINE LIFE

ONLY A CRUCIFIED GOD CAN JUSTIFY SPEAKING THE NAME OF GOD AGAIN.

JESUS WAS A DUDE, BUT IS GOD?

ELIZABETH JOHNSON

A CATHOLIC THEOLOGIAN
 AUTHOR OF "SHE WHO IS"

EXCLUSIVELY MASCULINE GOD-TALK IS EASILY APPROPRIATED BY PATRIARCHY TO JUSTIFY ITSELF AND DIMINISH WOMEN'S DIGNITY

WHAT ABOUT JESUS' MASCULINITY?
 JESUS IS WISDOM'S CHILD

SOPHIA THE WISDOM OF GOD IN HEBREW SCRIPTURES
 JESUS IS THE EMBODIMENT OF SOPHIA

"THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM IS NOT THAT JESUS WAS A MAN, BUT THAT MORE MEN ARE NOT LIKE JESUS, INsofar AS PATRIARCHY DEFINES THEIR SELF-IDENTITY + RELATIONSHIPS."

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS-SOPHIA
 - ALL-INCLUSIVE LOVE
 - THE CROSS IS SET AGAINST THE PATRIARCHAL MALE
 - IN THE BODY OF CHRIST WE WORK IN THE SPIRIT + MISSION OF JESUS-SOPHIA REGARDLESS OF GENDER.

ASKING JESUS OUT OF YOUR HEART, AND BACK IN

PROCESSING SERIOUS SPIRITUAL TRAUMAS,
 - AGAINST LGBTIQA+
 - AGAINST ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE

WHAT IF JESUS REALLY WANTS TO GROW YOUR HEART SO MORE AND MORE LIKE THE GRINCH CAN GET IN