

## “All things” were Created “through Him” (Col. 1:16 & Jn. 1:3,10)

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δι' αὐτοῦ (through Him) διὰ + genitive personal pronoun

δι' οὗ (through Whom) διὰ + genitive relative pronoun

Both terms **with a genitive case object** ALWAYS require the agent's personal participation. The preposition διὰ can only mean “on account of” **if its object is in the accusative case** (αὐτόν / ὄν)

**John 1:3** All things were made **through him**, and without him was not anything made

**John 1:7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe **through him**.

**John 1:10** He was in the world, and the world was made **through him**, yet the world did not know him.

**John 3:17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved **through him**.

**Acts 2:22** "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did **through him** in your midst, as you yourselves know –

**Romans 5:1** Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 **through whom** also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ... 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God **through him**. ... 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom** we have now received the reconciliation.

**1 Corinthians 8:6** yet to us is one God, the Father, of whom are the all things, and we to Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, **through whom** are the all things, and we **through Him**;

**Ephesians 2:18** For **through him** we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**Colossians 1:16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created **through him** and for him. ...20 and **through him** to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Hebrews 1:2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, **through whom** also he created the world [lit. ages].

**Hebrews 7:25** Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God **through him**, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

**1 John 4:9** In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live **through him**.

## Three **FUTILE** Unitarian attempts to escape Col. 1:16 & John 1:3,10

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**FAIL #1.** “Through Him/Whom” actually means “because of Him/Whom.” This is proven false from the grammar.

**FAIL #2.** Jesus was an INCARNATION (becoming flesh) of a PERSONIFICATION (“Wisdom” and “Word” as literary devices, allegorical characters having no tangible existence).

A. Col. 1:15 uses personal pronouns that refer specifically to the Son (Jesus), saying that “all things” were created “through HIM” – Jesus. A literary device (personification) was not God’s Agent through whom He created all things. The personal pronouns **require personal presence and agency**, as was already shown.

B. John 1:3,10 use personal pronouns in the same way. The pronoun “Him” in vs. 3 refers back to “Word” in vss. 1-2 (so it is dependent on what is meant by “the Word”).

1. But “the Word” is identified as “God” (v. 1), which is ALWAYS a Person, and was “with God,” which requires a tangible existence (vss. 1-2).

2. In vs. 10 the personal pronoun “Him” clearly refers to Jesus, since in v. 12 those who believe in His name become sons of God.

**FAIL #3.** The “creation” referenced is the “NEW creation” which began with Jesus’ death.

A. Colossians 1:16-20

1. **“ALL THINGS”** in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, **“WERE CREATED”** (aorist indicative – historical event) and **“HAVE BEEN CREATED”** (perfect participle – completed with current results) through Him. The new creation is barely begun, with much to be completed.

2. The same “ALL THINGS” created “through Him” are to be reconciled to God “through Him.” What is already “new” cannot be “reconciled” (Col. 1:16 & 20).

B. John 1:3,10

1. v. 3 **ALL THINGS** through Him **ORIGINATED** (aorist indicative – historical event)

2. v. 10 **THE ARRANGEMENT** through Him **ORIGINATED** (aorist indicative – historical event)

a. ὁ κόσμος (lit. “the arrangement”) is a reference to the whole completed system of creation as stated in Gen. 2:1 LXX “*And was completed the heaven and the earth, even all THE ARRANGEMENT [ὁ κόσμος] of them.*”

b. This ὁ κόσμος (arrangement) which originated *through Him* “did NOT KNOW Him.” If the redeemed are part of the alleged “new creation,” then why did the redeemed not know Him? This can ONLY refer to the original creation.