

Brief on Created and Uncreated Wisdom¹

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God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-wise. The power of God is uncreated, as it is one of God's powers and thus is eternal. It consists of God's power to do all things. The knowledge of God is uncreated, as it is one of God's powers and thus is eternal. It consists of God's knowledge of all things, past present, and to come. The wisdom of God is uncreated, as it is one of God's powers thus is eternal:

“All wisdom is from the Lord God and hath been always with him and is before all time.” (Eccus. 1:1)

The wisdom of God consists of God's thoughts, plans, and ways. The wisdom of God regulates all that he does. For there is no thought, plan, or way of God that is not all wise and thus that is not pure and unadulterated wisdom.

The wisdom that emanates from God gives birth to wisdom in rational creatures when they hear and embrace God's wisdom in their hearts and minds. That is why the wisdom that emanates from God is referred to in the feminine, as her or she, because she gives birth to wisdom in rational creatures:

“Wisdom shall praise her own self and shall be honoured in God and shall glory in the midst of her people, and shall open her mouth in the churches of the most High and shall glorify herself in the sight of his power. And in the midst of her own people, she shall be exalted and shall be admired in the holy assembly. (Eccus. 24:1-3)

“Doth not wisdom cry aloud and prudence put forth her voice? Standing in the top of the highest places by the way in the midst of the paths; beside the gates of the city in the very doors, she speaketh, saying: O ye men, to you I call, and my voice is to the sons of men. O little ones, understand subtlety, and ye unwise, take notice. Hear, for I will speak of great things, and my lips shall be opened to preach right things. My mouth shall meditate truth and my lips shall hate wickedness. All my words are just; there is nothing wicked nor perverse in them. They are right to them that understand and just to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction and not money; choose knowledge rather than gold. For wisdom is better than all the most precious things and whatsoever may be desired cannot be compared to it. I wisdom dwell in counsel and am present in learned thoughts.” (Prv. 8:1-12)

“For I make doctrine to shine forth to all as the morning light, and I will declare it afar off. I will penetrate to all the lower parts of the earth and will behold all that sleep and will enlighten all that hope in the Lord. I will yet pour out doctrine as prophecy and will leave it to them that seek wisdom and will not cease to instruct their offspring even to the holy age. See ye that I have not laboured for myself only but for all that seek out the truth.” (Eccus. 24:44-47)

In the following verses, the wisdom that emanates from God is referred to as “her” and “she” but the source of wisdom is referred to as “him,” as God himself. And this wisdom was embraced by the holy Jesus, son of Sirach, the author of this text:

“When I was yet young, before I wandered about, I sought for wisdom openly in my prayer. I prayed for her before the temple, and unto the very end I will seek after her, and she flourished as a grape soon ripe. My heart delighted in her, my foot walked in the right way, from my youth up I sought after her. I bowed down my ear a little and received her. I found much wisdom in myself, and I profited much therein. To him that giveth me wisdom, will I give glory.” (Eccus. 51:18-23)

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Beware, then, of the heretics who teach that God the Holy Spirit is feminine and thus is not masculine. These heretics equate the wisdom that emanates from the Holy Spirit as the Holy Spirit himself. Therefore, they make no distinction between the uncreated wisdom that is in the Holy Spirit and the created wisdom that emanates from the Holy Spirit and is conveyed into the souls of rational creatures.

While the wisdom that is in God is eternal and thus uncreated, the wisdom that emanates from God is created because it is outside of God. God creates it outside of himself and gives it to others. The Bible speaks of God's created wisdom, the wisdom that emanates from God, and says that this wisdom was the first thing God created and thus was before everything else that God has created:

“And in the multitude of the elect she shall have praise, and among the blessed she shall be blessed, saying: I came out of [emanated from] the mouth of the most High and covered the earth as a cloud... So the Creator of all things gave me a commandment, and he that made me chose the spot for my tent, And he said to me: Let thy dwelling be in Jacob and thy inheritance in Israel, and take root in my elect. From the beginning and before the world was, I created; and unto the world to come, I shall not cease to be; and in the holy dwelling place, I have ministered before him. And so was I established in Sion, and in the holy city likewise I rested, and my power was in Jerusalem. And I took root in an honourable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance, and my abode is in the full assembly of saints (Eccus. 24:4-5, 12-16)

“The Lord created me, the beginning of his ways, for his works. Before this age, he established me, in the beginning before he made the earth. The depths were not as yet, and I was already brought forth, neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out. The mountains with their huge bulk had not as yet been established; before the hills, I was brought forth; he had not yet made the earth nor the rivers nor the poles of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was present, when with a certain law and compass he enclosed the depths. When he established the sky above and poised the fountains of waters, when he compassed the sea with its bounds and set a law to the waters that they should not pass their limits, when he balanced the foundations of the earth, I was with him forming all things and was delighted every day, playing before him at all times, playing in the world, and my delights were to be with the children of men. Now therefore, ye children, hear me: Blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me and that watcheth daily at my gates and waiteth at the posts of my doors. He that shall find me shall find life and shall have salvation from the Lord. But he that shall sin against me shall hurt his own soul. All that hate me love death.” (Prv. 8:22-36)

Even though created wisdom is not really a person, it is personified and thus referred to as a person; such as when the Bible refers to inanimate things or living forces as living beings. For example, many times in the Bible, Jerusalem (an inanimate thing) is referred to as a female person:

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her, all you that love her. Rejoice for joy with her, all you that mourn for her. That you may suck and be filled with the breasts of her consolations that you may milk out and flow with delights, from the abundance of her glory.” (Isa. 66:10-11)

“My soul, bless thou the Lord, because the Lord our God hath delivered Jerusalem his city from all her troubles.” (Tob. 13:19)

In the following verses, the Bible refers to inanimate things and living forces as living persons (as spirits):

“There are spirits that are created for vengeance and in their fury they lay on grievous torments. In the time of destruction they shall pour out their force and they shall appease the wrath of him that made them. Fire, hail, famine, and death, all

these were created for vengeance; the teeth of beasts, and scorpions, and serpents, and the sword taking vengeance upon the ungodly unto destruction. In his commandments they shall feast, and they shall be ready upon earth when need is, and when their time is come they shall not transgress his word.” (Eccus. 39:33-37)

Even though created wisdom is not a real person, it is a real force, such as oxygen or the wind, and thus is not inanimate as a rock is.

God’s created wisdom is given to rational creatures and is created in their hearts and minds when they embrace it. No creature can possess the wisdom that is in God (uncreated wisdom) or else they would become God, which is impossible. But rational creatures can possess the wisdom that emanates from God and thus can become like God. However, the wisdom that is in God the Son is born from God the Father and thus is the wisdom that is in God. It is uncreated wisdom, just as God the Son is uncreated. It did not come to God the Son by emanation but by eternal birth. Whereas the wisdom that is in rational creatures is the wisdom that emanates from God and thus is in them by grace and adoption but not by nature and birth.

For example, if I verbally teach the wisdom of God to unbelievers and some embrace it and thus it is now in them, they do not become me but become like me by the wisdom we share in common. And the wisdom that emanates from my mouth is not a living being but a living force, a force that was embraced by some and thus lives in them but fell dead in others and this was dissipated in them.

Here is another example. I write the wisdom of God on a piece of paper for others to read. Some read it and embrace it others read it and do not embrace it. Now, the words, the wisdom, on the paper are not part of me or else if they burned the paper they would burn me. However, the words on the paper emanated from God to me and from me to others, and it is a living force to be reckoned with. That is why St. Paul says,

“For the word of God is living and effectual and more piercing than any two edged sword; and reaching unto the division of the soul and the spirit, of the joints also and the marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12)

King Solomon puts it this way,

“And all such things as are hid and not foreseen, I have learned; for wisdom which is the worker of all things, taught me. For in her is the spirit of understanding; holy, one, manifold, subtle, eloquent, active, undefiled, sure, sweet, loving that which is good, quick, which nothing hindereth, beneficent, gentle, kind, steadfast, assured, secure, having all power, overseeing all things, and containing all spirits, intelligible, pure, subtle. For wisdom is more active than all active things and reacheth everywhere by reason of her purity. For she is a vapour [an emanation, a force] of the power of God, and a certain pure emanation of the glory of the almighty God, and therefore no defiled thing cometh into her. For she is the brightness of eternal light, and the unspotted mirror of God’s majesty, and the image of his goodness. And being but one, she can do all things and remaining in herself the same, she reneweth all things, and through nations conveyeth herself into holy souls, she maketh the friends of God and prophets.” (Wis. 7:21-27)

(See also Wisdom 8)

The wisdom that emanates from God comes to men internally in their hearts by the natural law and externally by hearing it, as many truths cannot be known by the natural law and thus must be heard from an external source. Men can embrace this wisdom or reject it. Hence they can even reject the wisdom that is in their hearts by the natural law and thus harden their hearts to it.

We learn from the following verses that the wisdom of God emanates from the God the Holy Spirit and is conveyed by the Holy Spirit into the souls of rational creatures:

“Who hath searched out the wisdom of God that goeth before all things [the wisdom that emanates from God]? (Emanated) Wisdom hath been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God on high is the

fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed, and who hath known her wise counsels? To whom hath the discipline of wisdom been revealed and made manifest? And who hath understood the multiplicity of her steps? There is one most high Creator Almighty, and a powerful king, and greatly to be feared, who sitteth upon his throne, and is the God of dominion. He created her in the Holy Spirit, and saw her, and numbered her, and measured her. And he poured her out upon all his works and upon all flesh according to his gift, and hath given her to them that love him.” (Eccus. 1:3-10)

“He [God] created her [created wisdom] in the Holy Spirit.” Created wisdom, then, emanates from God the Holy Spirit and is conveyed into souls by the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit (by covering grace during the Old Testament era and now sanctifying grace during the New Covenant era) also gives spiritual life to souls.

Created wisdom (the wisdom that emanates from God) is a figure of God’s Church, both during the Old and New Testament eras, and a figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary because both are full of God’s wisdom to the highest degree possible for created things. God’s Church contains the infallible deposit of God’s wisdom and conveys it to men. And many times God’s Church is referred to in the feminine, as her or she. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the most perfect and holy creature that God has ever created or ever will create. As such, she has the most created wisdom that any creature can contain. She is the real personification of a creature with created wisdom. As such, she was chosen to give birth to uncreated wisdom on earth so that uncreated wisdom can live among men on earth. And this uncreated wisdom is God the Son, Jesus Christ. In her son (the divine person of the Incarnate Jesus) is contained both uncreated wisdom in his divine nature and created wisdom on his human nature.² Therefore, in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, uncreated wisdom and created wisdom met and found a most perfect home in the divine person of Jesus Christ and a most perfect resting place in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who herself is the human personification of created wisdom. For, indeed, at the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, created “wisdom hath built herself a house.” (Prv. 9:1)

Therefore, God’s wisdom, such as mentioned in the Bible, is symbolic and a figure of God’s Church (which during the New Covenant era is the Holy Catholic Church) and is symbolic and a figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The following verses literally apply to the created wisdom that emanates from God and symbolically to the Blessed Virgin Mary and is symbolic of the Incarnation:

“I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me [my womb] is all grace of the way and of the truth [Jesus Chrst]; in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits.” (Eccus. 24:24-26)

What follows is the fulfillment of the symbol:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH [in the womb of Mary] and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” (Jn. 1:1, 14)

“Jesus saith to him: I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” (Jn. 14:6)

In his foreknowledge, we can hear God, as recorded in the Bible, speaking to Mary and her speaking to him even before she is created. That God, in his foreknowledge, speaks thus to creatures who have not yet been created and they speak to him is testified to by King David. King

² At the instant that Jesus’ human soul was created within his human body, the Holy Spirit bestowed created wisdom in his human soul. And at the same instant Jesus’ human soul and all its faculties, which includes created wisdom, was deified and hence Jesus human nature, like his divine nature, is all powerful, all knowing, and all wise. (See in RJMI’s *Briefs of Jesus Christ*: Jesus’ human nature was divinized and thus is divine.)

David speaks of men that are not yet born but whom God has made, which, in context means men whom God has made in his foreknowledge but are not yet made:

“There shall be declared to the Lord a generation to come, and the heavens shall shew forth his justice to a people that shall be born, which the Lord hath made.” (Ps. 21:32)

And King David speaks of God seeing and knowing him before anything was created:

“Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance; and in thy book, they were all written, even the days that were fashioned when as yet there was none of them.”

What follows is from my book *Mary, God’s Greatest Masterpiece, and Lucifer’s Fall*:

Let us listen to Mary converse with God before she was created, before she actually existed. This conversation takes place in the mind of God. Mary speaks of being God’s primary thought, as existing before anything else created. She says that she was conceived in the mind of God before any other created thing. The following verses, then, symbolically refer to Mary but literally refer to the created wisdom that emanates from God:

“The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his ways, before he made any thing from the beginning. I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived, neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out. The mountains, with their huge bulk, had not as yet been established: before the hills, I was brought forth: He had not yet made the earth, nor the rivers, nor the poles of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was present: when with a certain law, and compass, he enclosed the depths: When he established the sky above, and poised the fountains of waters: When he compassed the sea with its bounds, and set a law to the waters that they should not pass their limits: when he balanced the foundations of the earth. (Prv. 8:22-29)

God created everything primarily for Mary. Everything was formed by God with Mary in mind. All things were formed with her as the template, the master form. “I was with him forming all things: and was delighted every day, playing before him at all times” (Prv. 8:30) And, Mary was destined to be created and dwell among men. “Playing in the world, and my delights were to be with the children of men.” (Prv. 8:31)³

Beware, then, of the heretics who believe these verses literally refer to Mary and thus believe Mary’s soul was the first thing God created and thus existed with God in heaven before she was born on earth. If that were so, then Mary would not have been surprised during the Incarnation and other events in her life. This is the heresy that Origin and others held, the preexistence of souls in heaven before they born on earth in their bodies.

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³ For more, see RJMI book *Mary, God’s Greatest Masterpiece, and Lucifer’s Fall*. Also read the quotes on Wisdom in this commentary and think of the Holy Catholic Church and the Blessed Virgin Mary.