

John 1:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Analysis

This verse establishes Christ's role as Creator, affirming His deity and pre-existence. The Greek 'egeneto' (came into being) distinguishes created things from the eternal Logos. Paul echoes this in Colossians 1:16, showing Christ's supremacy over all creation. This theological foundation refutes any notion that Christ was a created being, central to orthodox Christology.

Historical Context

Written around 90-100 AD, John's Gospel combats early Gnostic heresies that denied Christ's full deity. This verse directly addresses Docetic teachings that separated the divine Christ from the human Jesus.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's role as Creator impact your understanding of His authority over your life?
2. What implications does this verse have for how we view the material world?

Interlinear Text

πάντα	δι'	αὐτοῦ	γέγονεν	καὶ	χωρὶς	αὐτοῦ	γέγονεν
All things	by	him	made	and	without	him	made
G3956	G1223	G846	G1096	G2532	G5565	G846	G1096

οὐδὲ	ἐν	ὃ	γέγονεν
not	any thing		made
G3761	G1520	G3739	G1096

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 8:6 (Parallel theme): But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Revelation 4:11 (Creation): Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Genesis 1:26 (Parallel theme): And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Psalms 33:6 (Creation): By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

John 1:10 (Creation): He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Isaiah 45:18 (Creation): For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:12 (Creation): I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Psalms 102:25 (Parallel theme): Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

Ephesians 3:9 (Creation): And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Genesis 1:1 (Creation): In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.