

## PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

### Introduction to Progressive Revelation

Progressive revelation is an important principle in the field of biblical interpretation. Progressive revelation may be defined as the gradual, disclosure of divine truth in Scripture. That is to say that the Bible is to be interpreted in stages of time. Progressive revelation may be understood as theological evolution.

There are many different views. Traditional thought is that progressive revelation means that God did not unfold His entire plan to humanity in the Book of Genesis or, for that matter, in the entire Old Testament. The Doctrine of the Cross perspective is that God did unfold his plan in the Creation and in the Old Testament. The problem heretofore is that the Creation has been a mystery, and so, God's plan has been a mystery.

New Testament scripture describes how Jesus taught the cross for salvation. Many times Jesus reiterated that one must take up one's own cross in order to follow him. He taught that there were four steps on the cross to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught that there were three steps on the cross before the result—entry into the kingdom of God. Jesus even defined four attributes of God of the Cross--*all nations* (humanity), and *Father, and Son and Holy Spirit* .

But there was no revelation of the fourfold God of Creation.

Progressive revelation of a fourfold God occurred with Church Father Saint Irenaeus from the early second century. Irenaeus is the earliest witness to see the canonical character of all four gospels that fit on the cross. He wrote in his principal work “Against Heresies” (c. 180) that the Word of God was fourfold in form held together by one Spirit.

The Gospels could not possibly be either more or less in number than they are. Since there are four zones of the world in which we live, and four principal winds, while the Church is spread over all the earth, and the pillar and foundation of the Church is the gospel, and the Spirit of life, it fittingly has four pillars, everywhere breathing out incorruption and revivifying men. From this it is clear that the Word,

the artificer of all things, being manifested to men gave us the gospel, fourfold in form but held together by one Spirit. As David said, when asking for his coming, 'O sinner upon the cherubim, show yourself'. For the cherubim have four faces, and their faces are images of the activity of the Son of God. For the first living creature, it says, was like a lion, signifying his active and princely and royal character; the second was like an ox, showing his sacrificial and priestly order; the third had the face of a man, indicating very clearly his coming in human guise; and the fourth was like a flying eagle, making plain the giving of the Spirit who broods over the Church. Now the Gospels, in which Christ is enthroned, are like these. (3.11.8)

Irenaeus' fourth living creature, *was like a flying eagle*, is written in Revelation 4: 7-8. It is interpreted that the forward moving flying eagle describes the Eternal Father, who is constantly in forward motion, just as time is constantly moving forward.

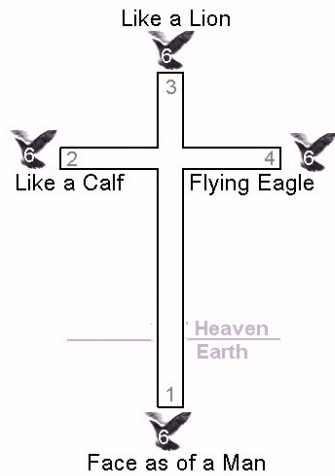
*7. And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. 8. and the four living creatures, having each*

*one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about*

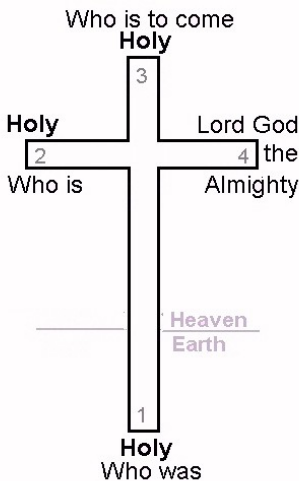
*and within: and they have no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come. (Rev 4:7-8, ASV)*

So Revelation 4:8 declares the timeless identity of *Lord God, the Almighty*, who is the fourfold God of Creation.

Irenaeus ends his "Against Heresies" discourse with, "Now the Gospels, in which Christ is enthroned," are like these, which he calls the foundation of the Church.



Four Living Creatures



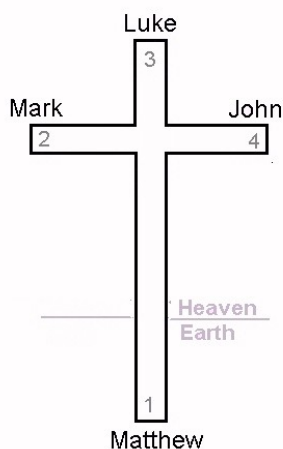
Lord God, the Almighty

So what is enthroned on the throne?

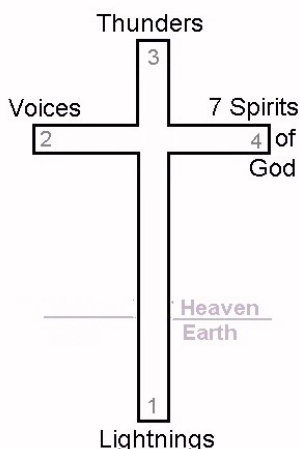
*And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And [there was] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; (Rev 4:5, ASV)*

For the "Throne of God" Cross there is lightning from heaven that comes from above and strikes the earth below. The second step is voices that are like the voice of Jesus Christ and the prophets who bring the Word of God. At the top of the cross is the power of the Holy Spirit like thunder from heaven. The fourth step is the seven spirits of divine reason that are counted in the Creation on the seventh day.

Such is the "Throne of God," like the fourfold God of Creation.



Four Gospels Enthroned



Throne of God  
(Rev 4:5)

Although the Church accepted part of Irenaeus' "Against Heresies" progressive revelation that declared the foundation of the Church was enthroned like "Four Gospels Enthroned," the Church did not understand that the four-way "Throne of God" was the fourfold God of Creation.

Irenaeus' revelation of the gospel fourfold in form, but held together by one spirit, made passage through the authority of the "Four Gospels

Enthroned” Cross.

And so the New Testament and the foundation of the church was authorized by the cross.

The expression of god-as-three concept came with Tertullian, a Latin theologian who lived and wrote in the early third century. Tertullian invented the word "Trinity" and taught that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were one complete God.

Later, in 325, the Council of Nicea officially defined the relationship of the Son to the Father, and affirmed the Trinity as orthodoxy. The Trinity became Christian religious law. The Church violently protected the law of the Trinity through the centuries torturing, burning and killing anyone who could not believe the Trinity Doctrine.

Still there was no revelation of God of the Cross by the Church.

It wasn't until about 1520 that progressive revelation occurred again. Martin Luther introduced Paul's doctrine of salvation by faith alone. Like the Doctrine of the Cross, Martin Luther taught that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge. He challenged the authority of the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church and Protestantism was formed. Even though Paul taught the fullness of God was measured four ways, like the "Fullness of God" Cross (Pg 12) and that God was like a family in heaven, there was no revelation of God of the Cross by the Church.

But the Church has a history of accepting biblical progressive revelation. The Gospel of Grace from the Apostle Paul is a result of progressive revelation.

*Now to him that is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal. (Rom 16:25, ASV)*

*For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through revelation of Jesus Christ. (Gal 1:12, ASV)*

But what biblical progressive revelation authority did Paul have?

It happened on the road to Damascus. Saul, who was not yet named Paul, had been given the authority to capture, bind and prosecute anyone who followed the way of Jesus. As he was arriving to Damascus Jesus came upon him with the Light that blinded Saul. And Saul fell down upon the earth. Jesus gave Saul instruction to enter Damascus where he would find Ananias. Saul’s transfer of authority from the chief priests to Jesus is written in Acts 9.

8. *And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.*

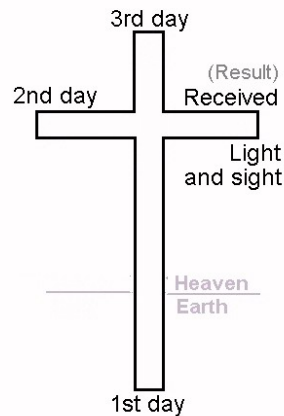
9. *And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.*

13. *But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he did to thy saints at Jerusalem:*

14. *and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon thy name.*

17. *And Ananias departed, and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, [even] Jesus, who appeared unto thee in the way which thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.*

18. *And straightway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight; and he arose and was baptized; (Acts 9:8-9, 13-14, 17-18, ASV)*



Authority of Paul

So Saul’s authority from Jesus to Saul was given by Jesus through the “Authority of Paul’ Cross and the “Authority To Baptize” Cross. (Pg 18) There were three steps on the cross before a fourth step result—light from the Holy Spirit. There were three steps of Saul’s body, soul and spirit as seen on Pages 7, 8 and 9.

Scripture teaches the Bible must be interpreted in stages, and that certain understandings are pre-destined for future times. Daniel's vision of 2300 evenings and mornings was a progressive revelation of things to come in the future.

*And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings [and] mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. (Dan 8:14, ASV)*

Only now in this century is it scientifically possible to understand that 2300 evenings and mornings are actually 77 months that identify 7 evenings and 7 mornings counted on the 7th day of the Creation. The astronomical measurement of the moon's position at apogee is the angular diameter of 29.87 arc-minutes on December 25th, 2012. When 2300 days is divided by 29.87, the result is 77 months.

Revelation of 7 evenings and 7 mornings counted on the 7th day of the Creation is 77 generations of the Face of God, who was incarnated as Jesus Christ. It is a critical step in understanding the mystery of God's Creation. This 77 Face of God begins the Old Testament, appears many times throughout the Torah, begins the New Testament in Matthew's 77 77 77 natural descending genealogy for the Son of Man, completes Jesus identity with 77 Patriarchs in Luke's supernatural ascending genealogy of the Son of God and finishes the Bible with 77 77 77 77 cross of God's wrath. (See Pg 17)

What this means is that *then (now) shall the sanctuary be cleansed* by washing away the misunderstanding of the Cross. What this means is that NOW there will be a proper understanding of evenings and mornings and day to be the timeless image of God. What this means is that NOW there will be a washing away of a non-biblical triune god whose name is not written in any Bible. What this means is that NOW there can be an end of the sinful violation of the First Commandment—*Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (Ex 20:3, ASV)*

Daniel's revelation was not destined to be released at that time. New knowledge was scheduled to be released first.

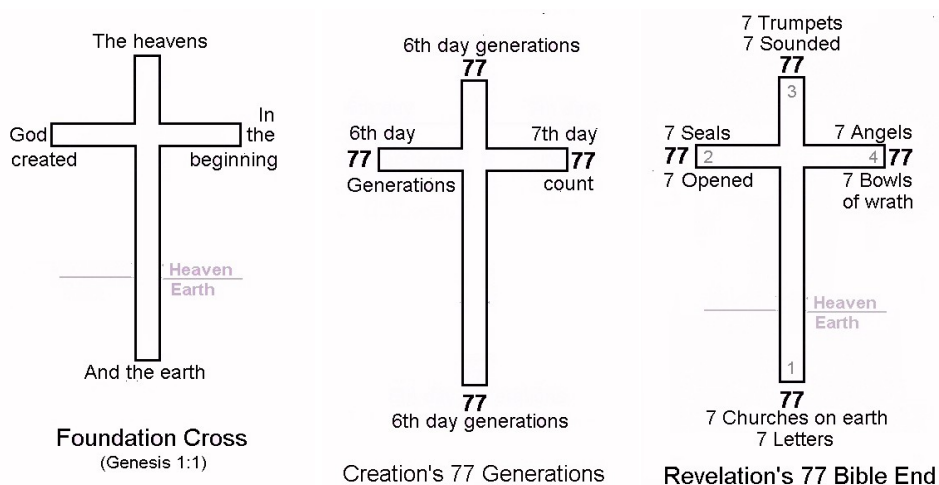
*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (Dan 12:4, ASV)*

The Doctrine of the Cross is the *knowledge shall be increased* that reveals God's revelation of the fullness of Himself as a family-in-heaven

God of the Cross that makes the Bible come alive to mothers and daughters on earth as well as all men. God’s revelation of humanity unified on the foot of the cross as children of God generates a non-divisive theology that can end religious conflict worldwide. After thousands of years of rigid man-made dogma it is time for the biblical Doctrine of the Cross.

But to preserve unity of scripture, new doctrine must be perfect from the first book in the Bible to the last. Following is an excerpt from an article: "Biblical Theology: Hermeneutical Principles of Progressive Revelation" by Eugene Kimble, Ph.D.:

"Biblical progressive revelation with its organic unity of Scripture requires perfection of doctrine at every stage, from Genesis to Revelation."



Such is the Doctrine of the Cross through every stage of the Bible—from the first foundational sentence, through the Creation’s generations to the ending Book of Revelation.

Such is the Doctrine of the Cross—one must make passage through the cross to reach the Father in heaven, just as Jesus did on his “Jesus’ 77 Genealogies” Cross .

Such is the Doctrine of the Cross—everything important to God must make passage through the cross.

## The Revelation of Author JW Farquhar

I became a Bible class teacher in October of 1999. It was a twenty lesson Bible class; a NavPress Bible study on the book of Romans. The "Joy Class" included about 25 adults conducted in a room of the basement of the Philadelphia Methodist Church in Fort Mill, South Carolina. It was my responsibility as a teacher to prepare for each class. I used to rise early every Sunday morning to research and prepare the lesson of the day.

During this activity I discovered something profound. I discovered that the Book of Romans was organized into the order of six questions of reason—WHO, WHY, HOW, WHAT, WHEN, and WHERE that line up with the last six of the Ten Commandments. I realized that there were only six questions one could ask about anything. It occurred to me that the last six ordered commandments of ten address six natures of mankind that lead to a 7th question—WHICH path? EVENing or Morning?

The class made a large 4 foot by 6 foot wall poster showing the six questions of reason with the corresponding subjects in Romans that we hung on the classroom wall. I called it the logic of the Reason Creature. At that time little did I know that these same questions generate the logic of the Bible's first six sentences. Little did I know that the ordered six-question-theme repeats and repeats throughout the Bible. Little *did* I know I was looking at the likeness of God. Little did I know that the prophet Daniel was selected and trained the same way in Dan 1:4 & 17. (Pg 205,207)

Later I discovered the six natures of mankind was part of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. When I discovered that the six questions of reason perfectly structure both the Gospel of John and the Book of Romans, I realized that this was a progressive revelation of biblical reason that revealed the likeness of God.

In the field of theology my discovery of the six questions of reason that line up with six natures of mankind is considered natural revelation. It refers to knowledge about God and spiritual things discovered through natural means, such as observation of reasoning and philosophy. It is also called general revelation as opposed to special revelation.



Special revelation is a term used by Christian theologians which refers to the belief that knowledge of God, and of spiritual matters of the Bible, can be discovered through supernatural means, such as miracles, dreams, visions, or the scriptures. It is a disclosure of God's truth through means other than through man's reason. The following describes the steps leading to my special revelation in the night.

One day in a big Church of God in Charlotte I heard a preacher give a sermon about the Creation. His version was that each of the days of creation were not one day but 1000 years. I also heard that there were giant green grasshoppers in the story of Job, which were actually giant dinosaurs. Although I could never find any reference to these grasshopper-dinosaurs, I realized that if a preacher could change one day to 1000 years, then why couldn't a single day be 10,000 years, or a million years, or 100 million years? But still something was missing from this picture.

The Creation was not the only thing that troubled me. The calculation of the beast in the Book of Revelation was a mysterious challenge. Where did the number 666 come from? What, or who, did it represent? Somehow I had connected the Creation to this mystery by counting six evenings and six mornings in the Genesis I Creation. However I was stymied on the third six. For months the thought loomed in my mind that the third six could really be 6000 years.

One night while in a sound sleep I heard, "JW count the day.... JW hear me –count the day..... Joseph I call you to count the day." I woke up startled and stunned. I felt the presence of something or someone in the room. I suddenly could SEE in a new Light what I could not see before. I cannot describe the combination of goose bumps and euphoria as the realization of the first calculation for the 666 beast sunk in. That special-revelation event changed my life.

What was important about this new understanding was the 666 count for evening, morning and day on the sixth day was when God created man. So then the number for mankind was 666. And since man was created from the image of God, then the image of God was 666 on the incomplete sixth day, and 777 on the complete 7th day. This was a second progressive revelation that reveal numerical generations of the Creation that are necessary for validation of biblical interpretation.

During the ensuing months I struggled to maintain my objectivity. I am an engineer who learned to think in a logical, dispassionate way, where everything must be proven. So I set out to prove to myself this calculation was nothing more than a coincidence. What I found brought me to my knees. Was this the God of Time who introduced His Face on the face of the Bible in terms of time—evening, morning, and day? I began to realize that my dream in the night was like Daniel's secret vision of 2300 evenings and mornings.

As my research continued, the numbers of Bible scripture connected again and again with the foundational numbers of evening, morning, and day in the Creation. I realized, of course, this was the true God of the Creation—the true God of salvation, where man is born in the spirit of evening who always leads to darkness. Of course, man must find the morning who always leads to Light and a new day. This was special revelation of the Creations secret. Of course!

But discovering this knowledge was comparatively easy. How could I ever convey this astonishing revelation that numbers in the Bible reconcile human salvation to the non-traditional image of God of the Cross in the Creation?

I did not like to write and I never wanted to write a book. However sometimes personal preferences and decisions take a back seat to more pressing concerns from a greater force. So my first book "The RC666 Bible Code" came to be written and published in 2007.

The "RC666 Bible Code" is a 460-page mind dump that brings together the numbers in the Bible with the numbers of science to proclaim the validity of the Word and Numbers of God. With the subtitle of "A Hidden Code Reveals the Holy Grail of Truth" "The RC666 Bible Code" authenticates the authority and power of the Bible's foundational Creation, and exposes the purpose of God's numbers.

I managed to dedicate five pages to the Cross of God. On page 327 of "The RC666 Bible Code" is a picture of the Cross of God that illustrates four attributes of God—EVENing, Morning, Light and Day. See Figure 10-11.

But, on a need-to-know basis there was too much information. So, I reorganized and condensed the content into my next book published in 2008, "The Genesis I Window." With a subtitle, "Reveals the Mathematics of the Bible," it is a 410-page dissertation and my magnum opus.

I authored and published a dialog in 2010 titled, "The Creation of Man." Although it debunked the idea of a six-solar-day creation of a physical earth, and instead, defined the Creation as the spiritual creation of man, like my previous books, it did not address the critical message from the Creation—true salvation in the image and likeness of God through the Cross.

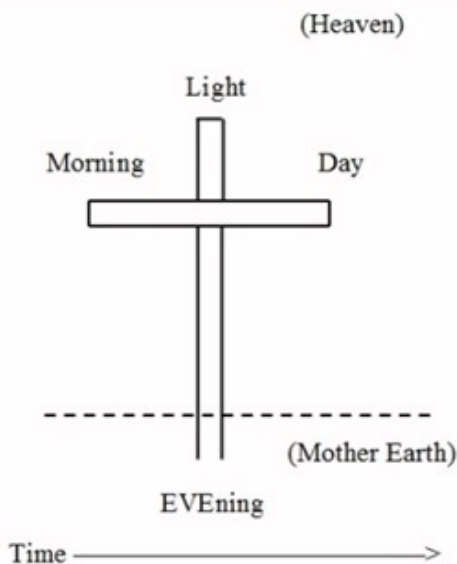


Figure 10-11. The Cross of God

With the subtitle "The Shocking Secret of the Creation" "Daniel's Secret" was my next book published in late 2012 on the Mayan End Date. The book is a dialog that reveals the perfect salvation as a clockwise progression around the four-way cross of God. The title of this book comes from the Bible's 2300 days of evenings and mornings in the Book of Daniel, where Daniel was instructed to keep his vision secret until the end times. Science confirms that 2300 days of evenings and mornings are 77 moon apogees. These 77 evenings and mornings are the same evenings and mornings in the Creation that are counted 77 generations on the seventh day. Here is scientific confirmation, as well as the prophecy from the Book of Daniel, that validate the evenings and mornings in the Creation as the Face of God, who is Jesus Christ.

"The Lausanne Covenant Hypocrisy" was authored and published in 2014. The hypocrisy is that the Lausanne Covenant uses the Cross as its symbol but does not know what the cross means—the Cross of God as God of

the Cross. Instead belief is imposed for an incomplete triune god whose name is not written anywhere in the Bible. It is amazing to think how far humans will go to protect their fragile man-made dogma. It is amazing that humans think they can sit down and initiate a covenant with God.

Finally this book, "The Doctrine of the Cross," is dedicated to God of the Cross who is introduced in the first six sentences of the Bible—EVENING, Morning, Light and Day.

Author's Note:

I hope the writings in this book are not perceived to be persuasive words of wisdom, but instead a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit of Light: that the reader's faith in the Doctrine of the Cross should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God.

It is my hope and prayer that many truth seeking readers will open their eyes to SEE and receive this good news to influence and bind togetherness on the foot of the cross instead of more division.

It is also my hope and prayer that Israel may finally see the numbered signs that God provided, so that they may fulfill their prophetic destiny.

