

Day No.	7 Symbols of <b>Spoken Word</b> in Genesis (Meaning)	7 Virtues of <b>Written Word</b> in Exodus, Deut, Jn (T'GE) [shdws of Man in Jn]	7 Virtues of <b>Living Word</b> in John	7 Virtues of the <b>Beatitudes, Light of world (5:3-8, 14-16)</b>	7 Vices from Mark 7: 8-13, 21-23
1.	Light ( <b>Sovereign God, God's Will</b> )	<b>Humility</b> (subjection to God's will) [ <b>Pride</b> : Pharisees Jn 1:24]	Light: Jn1:3 [Humility: <b>Lamb</b> , Jn 1:29]	Poverty of spirit, They that mourn, The meek	Pride, blasphemy
2.	Water/Sky ( <b>Originator and Sustainer of life</b> )	<b>Obedience [to hear, thirst]</b> [ <b>Rebellion</b> : Jn 2:15, Heb 12:5-8]	Water at Cana <b>Obedience to Mother</b> [wine], <b>to Father</b> [blood], Jn 2, Phil 2:8	Hunger and thirst	Failure to follow commands [sin of Corban] (Rebellion)
3.	Soil/Seed/Dry Land ( <b>Redeemer</b> )	<b>Forgiveness</b> [ <b>Murder</b> : Jn 2:19]	<b>Bronze Serpent</b> (sacrificial love, Jn 3:14,15 Num 21:8-9)	Merciful	Murders
4.	Sun/Moon/Stars ( <b>Bridegroom Ps 19:5</b> )	<b>Purity</b> [ <b>Adultery</b> : Jn 4:18]	<b>God so loved world...</b> Jn 3:16 <b>Bridegroom, Sun</b> Ps19:5, devotion Jn 3:29, luminary 3:19, discriminator 3:20-21	Purity	Lasciviousness, adultery, fornication, evil thoughts
5.	Birds/Fish ( <b>Lord of Heaven's and Earth's labor force</b> )	<b>Diligence</b> [ <b>Laboring for Perishing Bread</b> : Jn 6:27]	<b>Harvester and Workers</b> : Jn 4:35, corporate enterprise: [Jn 4:36]	Peacemakers	Thefts
6.	Man/mammal/reptile ( <b>Last Adam, 1Cor 15:45</b> )	<b>Honesty/Sincerity</b> [ <b>The Father of Lies</b> : Jn 8:44, <b>Hireling</b> : Jn 10:12 ]	<b>The Good Shepherd</b> Jn 10:11, Upright: The alignment of the spiritual and physical	Reviled (falsely)	Deceit
7.	<b>Rest</b>	<b>Gratefulness</b> [ <b>Greed</b> . Jn 11:48,12:1-6]	<b>Rest</b> [Jn 11:25] Gratitude, Jn 11:41	Rejoice (contentment)	Covetousness

Chapter 5 : The Word and the World according to John’s Gospel

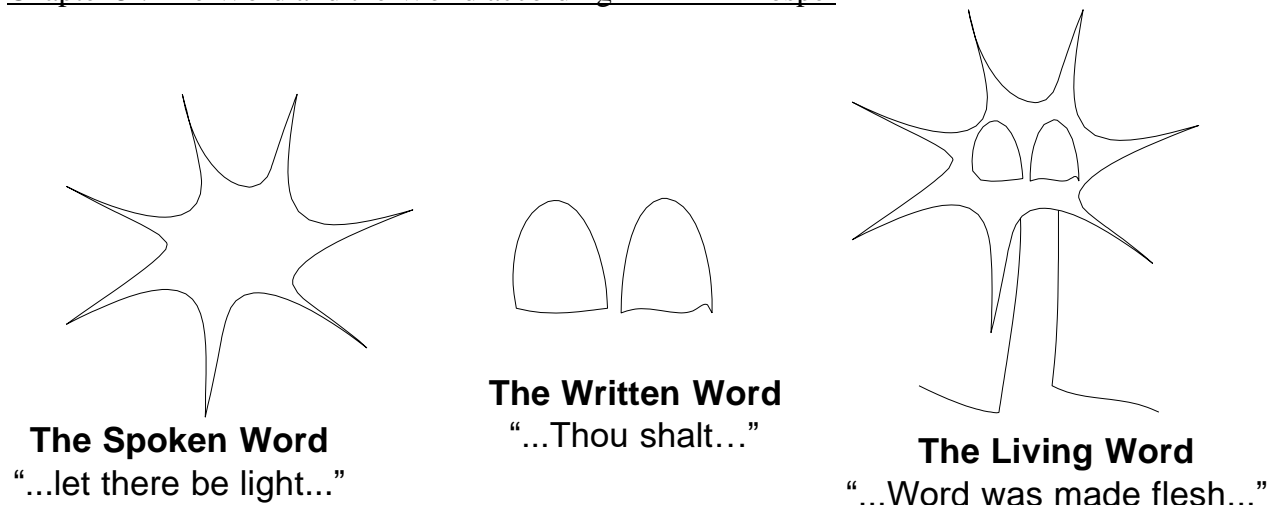


Figure 12: A Visual Aid for John 1:1, 1John1:1-2

Table 10: The Spoken, Written, and Living Word from John 1-12

Table 10 Compares the Physical Goodness of Christ (Genesis 1:31) to His Moral Goodness (Deut 30:15)

See [https://wisdoms-house.com/G&T/V&V/Spiritual\\_and\\_Physical\\_Light\\_Table2.pdf](https://wisdoms-house.com/G&T/V&V/Spiritual_and_Physical_Light_Table2.pdf)

John’s Gospel is a magnificent literary work. The book is filled incredible imagery and metaphors that saturates us with a full image of Christ. In the paraphrase of 1John 1:1- 3 from the first chapter of this book says, “We have met Christ, the Creator, who was there from the

beginning of time. We have fellowship with the Father and with Christ Jesus, His Son. This text is written so that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will for your lives..."

This chapter attempts to unpack some of the main elements that comprise the message of John's Gospel Chapter 1-12. One can only pray that words can be written to capture the fullness of the message in a limited amount of space. This topic is related to the "Creation Ordinances" that Dr. Walter C. Kaiser mentions in his book, "Toward Old Testament Ethics", p 31.

John's Gospel is a valuable lesson in the use of word pictures. It teaches us how to write and how to learn. It is very organized and structured. It uses objects that allow even the beginner to grasp, but the depths of the wisdom goes as far as we can travel, and beyond. It shows the purpose and meaning of the things God created. It links together many books of the Bible. The lessons taught in John are what secular educators are striving for, but cannot find.

### **Explanation 1John 1:1-2 and John 1:1**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us--  
(1Jn 1:1-2)

### **1John 1:1 is a summary of John's Gospel Chapters 1-11 that defines Christ as Light:**

**"that which is from the beginning...**[1John1:1a] **The SPOKEN WORD ...** God said let there be light [Genesis 1:1-3],

**...which we heard** [1John1:1b], **The WRITTEN WORD:** "Hear oh Israel the Lord thy God is one Lord.." Deut 6:4]

... **which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled**, (1John1:1c. ...), and the **LIVING WORD** [John 1:14, ...the Word was made flesh],

John interweaves these three things together (Genesis, Deuteronomy, and Christ's advent on earth) to make his gospel. In so doing, John shows how the goodness of the physical creation is related to the goodness of Christ in the spiritual or moral realm, Deuteronomy 30:15.

When John said in the beginning was the Word in John 1:1. He was referring to Jesus as the Spoken Word in Genesis where Jesus spoke “let there be light” (Gen1:3). In addition, John was referring to Jesus as the Written Word in Exodus, when Jesus wrote the Ten Commandments with his own finger (Exod 31:18, Deut 30:15). When John said that the “Word was made flesh”(John 1:14), he described the fact that Christ came in the form of a man, but he embodied the previous two attributes (Spoken Word, Written Word) as the Living Word. So John interwove the goodness of God in Genesis (Genesis 1:31) with the morals/character of God from Exodus, Deuteronomy (Deut 6:4)with the living example of Christ walking on Earth that John personally witnessed himself. John calls these attributes of God “Light”. Not only this, but John interweaves alongside the light of God the contrasting “shadows” of mankind.

### **Unique Benefit of John’s Gospel**

One unique benefit of John’s Gospel is its description of creation. We see how the creation is a reflection of the character of God. Psalm 19<sup>th</sup> attests to this:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the expanse proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. *There is* no speech nor *are* there words; their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, and he comes forth as a

bridegroom from his canopy; he rejoices as a strong man to run a race, going forth from the end of the heavens, and its course *is* to their ends. And there is nothing hid from its heat.”

(Psa 19:1-6)