



## **The Solicitations of the Spiritual**

John 1:1-18

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### **John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not

receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

### *The True, Good, & Beautiful*

“Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for these desires exists. A baby feels hunger; well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim; well, there is such a thing as water. We feel sexual desire; well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”

- C.S. Lewis

Are we haunted because we are still too close to the time when we *used* to believe in ghosts, or are we haunted because there is actually a Ghost there?

### **Colossians 2:17**

These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

WORD = *logos*

"00000 Million" by Bon Iver

Must've been forces

That took me on them wild courses

Who knows how many poses

That I've been in

But them the main closest

Hark! It gives meaning, Mine

I cannot really post this, ah, flee the signs

I worried 'bout rain

And I worried 'bout lightning

But I watched them off

To the light in the morning

Marking the slope

Slung low in the highlands

(Where the days have no numbers)

If it's harmed me, it's harmed me, it'll harm me, I'll let it in