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"It is Finished"

John 19:30 captures the moment of Jesus' crucifixion when he chose voluntarily to leave his visible body. In this verse, Jesus says, "*It is finished*" just before quickening or made alive in the spirit realm. To gain deeper insight into the meaning of this phrase, let's delve into the original Greek text using the interlinear study tool.

The phrase "It is finished" in John 19:30 comes from the Greek words " $\tau \epsilon \tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \sigma \tau \alpha$ " (tetelestai). Breaking down this word can provide us with a richer understanding:

1. "τετέλεσται" (tetelestai) is derived from the root word "τελέω" (teleo), which means "to bring to an end," "to complete," or "to accomplish."

2. The suffix "- $\sigma\tau\alpha\iota$ " ("-stai") indicates that the action is in the perfect tense, which signifies a completed action with ongoing effects or consequences.

Therefore, when Jesus uttered " $\tau\epsilon\tau\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\sigma\tau\alpha\iota$ " (tetelestai), he was declaring that His mission, the work that the Father had sent him to do, was accomplished, fulfilled, and brought to completion. This statement holds profound theological significance:

1. **Completion of His Work**: Jesus had finished what He came to earth to do, which was according to Acts 10: 38, through contact with Father, Jesus of Nazareth was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, which enabled him to go around doing good and healing all who were under

the power of the traducer and alienated from Father in their minds, because Father was with him.

- 2. Victory Over Death: Jesus laid his life down according to John 10:17,18 "The reason my Father loves me (The wording in this verse was written wrong - Father loved that he was willing to die, and in dying he removed all that hindered Man – Father always loved Jesus as Father always loves us) is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have the authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."
- 3. Victory over the veil of separation caused by the Mosaic law: "It is *finished*" signifies the awareness that there is no separation between mankind and Father. According to Colossians 1:21, "We were alienated from Father and were enemies in our minds (awareness) because of bad behavior" (no awareness of who we are). 1 Corinthians 3:14 further explains, "But their minds (awareness) were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ (contact with Father) is it taken away." Like the prodigal son, we awaken to who we are and are reconciled to (reminded by) Father that we are holy, without blemish, and free from accusation.

In summary, John 19:30 encapsulates the momentous completion of Jesus' mission on earth and the revelation of Father's complete love for mankind and awareness of oneness with Father.

By: Connie Dusek

"LOVE"

Matthew 5

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Matthew 5:43 & 44

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Matthew 22

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Matthew 22:37-39

Said NT:1161 NT:3588 unto him, Thou shalt love Lord NT:3588 God with all thy heart NT:3588 and with all NT:3588 soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. Second and like unto it, Thou shalt love NT:3588 neighbor as thy thyself.

- Heart 2588 **kardia** (kar-dee-ia) thoughts/feelings, the middle.
- Soul 5590 psuche (psoo-khay') from NT:5594 breath, spirit, also from 47NT:4151 which is the rational and immortal soul and from NT:2222 which is mere vitality, even of plants these terms correspond respectively to the Hebrew OT:2416 clay (Khah'-ee) from OT:2421 alive, hence, raw (flesh); fresh (plant, water, year); strong; also (as noun, especially in the feminine singular and masculine plural) life (or living thing), whether literally or figuratively
- Mind 1271 dianoia (dee-an-oy-ah); from NT:1223 and NT:3563; deep thought, properly, the faculty from the base of NT:1097 to know.

1 John 4

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1 John 4:18, 19

There is no fear in NT:3588 Love; but perfect Love cast out NT:3588 fear: because NT:3588 fear has torment He that NT:1161 fears not, is made perfect in NT:3588 love. We love, because he first loved us

LOVE which is agape – loving without a cause.

Love to me is the key to everything, regarding our Father. We cannot grow or even evolve in our knower, without Love.

I have always tried to understand Love. My mother was very loving, my dad not so much. I found myself always wanting approval or to receive permission in everything I did, though-out my life, including my spiritual journey.

In Matthew 5:43 - To Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you can be quite challenging. I am glad that – in Matthew 5:44 - bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and despitefully use you were 9999.

In Matthew 10:37 - To Love our Father with all of my heart, soul and mind is something I believe I will always be working on, as my spirit guides and helps me with understandings and being made free, from my old mind sets; As in Matthew 10:39 - To where I can Love my neighbor as myself. But before I can do any of that I must first learn how to Love me. Which is something I have been working on for some time.

Being I am a visible spirit, one with the Father and all mankind, that I chose to come here and be in this world but not of it from before the foundation of everything. I am remembering my origin, which in itself is awesome.

Overcoming Fear which is essentially to determine within oneself that Jesus overcame the world then so can I, after all we are one, because like it says in 1 John 4:18 - There is NO love in fear and all it does is cause torment, but in 1 John: 4:19 - Perfect love cast out fear. And yet fear shows up all the time, fear of needing permission, approval, the unknown, fear of being too late in my age to start and fear of all the lies I have embraced in my life, will I ever overcome? I say yes – all because I have chosen to embrace the Love of my Father which is Perfect Love, it will cast the fear away. As fear shows up - I choose to face each fear and feel where it is coming from, acknowledging it and letting it go, causes me to become free, and to live and move and have my being in my Father. After all He First Loved me. 💬

Added by Roy: The word "enemies, is supposed to be translated as "hateful." The word "persecute" comes from NT:1249 diakonos - serve, run errands, do for or teach. And all the 9999 words were added to this verse.

The correct rendition of Matthew 5:4 is, "I say to you, love those who are hateful to you; also speak blessing for them which serve you as teachers, pastors or any other service to you."

Dan

JACOBS LADDER – MEDITATION Gen 28:12-13

"And **he dreamed**, **and behold a ladder** set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold **the angels of God ascending and descending on it.** And, behold, the Lord stood above it,"

Ladder

Lauder	
OT:5551	cullam (sool-lawm'); from OT:5549;
	a stair-case:
OT:776	'erets (eh'-rets); from an unused root probably meaning to be
firm;	
	the earth (at large, or partitively a land):
OT:8064	shamayim (shaw-mah'-yim);
	(shaw-meh'); to be lofty; the sky (as aloft; alluding to the visible
arch	in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where
the	celestial bodies revolve):
OT:2492	chalam (khaw-lam'); to bind firmly, i.e. (by implication) to be
	(causatively to make) plump; also (through the figurative
sense of	dumbness) to dream:

Jacob dreamed of a "ladder" from our earth to heaven.

Heaven is within us, so the ladder (staircase) is seated in our **earth**en vessel and reaches up into the high realm of divine mind.

The 'angels' messengers (or messages) ascend and descend this staircase. The angels of God are us! The messages and the messengers – ascend boldly before the seat of all power and grace and come back to their (visible Spirit) bodies. All the while we encounter the Lord over it all. I see this as none other than meditation and personal ascension that we were encouraged to do.

I see that:

Adam lived in an ascended state – for a while. (walked with God in the cool/breath of the day) every breath he took was a connection in God.

Enoch ascended – Enoch walked (ascended) with God for 300 years and pleased God (felt God's pleasure within) and it took him to full union in God; though he died physically (Heb 11:5, 13)

Elijah ascended – went up in a chariot (merkabah) of fire (God's Word) **Jesus ascended** long before his final ascension. (Mk 1:10-13) – In the Mount of Transfiguration story, Jesus did not have to transform, he was already the perfect Visible Spirit of Father. It was the disciple single-eye being opened to see Jesus, as he always was.

Paul ascended to the third heavens (epiouranos) and came 'back down.' (The "third heaven," is the full understanding of the Logos of the Sacred Scripture – he made perfect contact with his Divine Mind.)

John the Apostle ascended in the Day of the Lord and from there he went even higher in his awareness in Chapter Four of Rev. when he was told to 'come on up!'

WE are the angels/messengers meant to ascend and descend the staircase; we become at home in this process within. Heaven and earth agree in one! We will do only what we see and hear the Father doing!

Ascension is a rising upwards within perception to a purer consciousness. It is our upward, journey in God as messengers with a message. We all will complete the works prepared for us before the foundation of the cosmos. Even if it flows into our next level in Life. We are being brought to a place of remembrance and clarity of the First (arche) state wherein **God** blessed us and **called** <u>US</u> **good**.

Because "only God is Good!" Right?

HOW WILL WE MOVE ACROSS AND APPEAR IN ALL THE REALMS?

Joseph had a messenger/angel appear in his dream. Mary had the man Gabriel come to her with a message from God Zacharias had a vision of a messenger/aggelos while he was doing his priestly duties. The shepherds in the fields saw the heavens opened and saw and heard multitudes of messengers in heaven.

Time cannot access Eternity, but Eternity can access time.

God (our identity) exists in the Eternal NOW.

Where every moment exists together and all space is connected in the "fabric of God." We can access past, present, and future because they exist in the same moment of the eternal now. We can BE anywhere while we are in the "here" of God because all things are connected in God.

Eternity and Time come together in Him who is the Eternal and the Ancient of Days.

This is our HOME! We are made for this! This is where we live! Is it any wonder that we can translocate or that we can peer into "the future" from this vantage point of the Holiest of All?

All physical reality is constantly phasing into and out of existence - phasing in and out several times a second! Quantum physics shows us some of the reality of our heavenly kingdom.

Messengers ascending and descending! Whether they appear in the physical, or in the psychic realm or the low energy Delta Waves of the sleep/dream state, it should be no wonder that Sons and Daughters of God can walk in all the realms and speak messages from our divine mind!

Roy: Jacob would represent the Thoughts of Spirit of the right hemisphere of the brain, and Esau represents the left hemisphere of the brain, representing carnal thoughts and desires that come to tempt you and make carnal suggestions to you, if you think according to the realm of appearance, which is what is done by living out of the left hemisphere of the brain.

Jacob also represents staying in contact with our Divine Mind (putting on the Mind of Contact - Christ). Jacobs latter is a spiritual picture of our Kundalini, which is pictured on a doctors coat. It is the spine, with the nerves going up and down the spine. The basic premise is to encourage the flow of Kundalini energy up the spine and toward the top of the head—the crown chakra—thus projecting your awareness into the higher heavenly dimension of Holy Breath - Divine Mind. The result is an indescribable expansion of consciousness into spiritual realms beyond the material and intellectual thought. What it is, is the energy going up the spine up to the base of the brain and exploding in the pineal gland and sending light into the body and energy goes down and energy comes up just like Jacob's Ladder energy goes down and the energy comes up and goes down and energy comes up and eventually it flows out as rivers of living water out of our belly or out of our solar plexus.

Darryl Manning

Gospel of the Kingdom

The message of Jesus revolved around something he titled as "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God."

The Greek word for "gospel" is pronounced euaggelion (yoo-ang-ghel'-eeon) which simply means good news or glad tidings.

In Luke 4:18 Jesus read from Isaiah

Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (These are the results of feeding on the knowledge of good or bad – religiosity.)

When the reading was finished Jesus said. "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

The message of Jesus was good news to every person but especially to the poor and downtrodden. (It was bad news to the Pharisees and Sadducees)

The world at this time did not recognize the rights of individuals above the rights of governments and religiosity. The kingdoms of Jesus' day ruled with absolute authoritarianism which rewarded those subservient and punished those less than subservient.

Jesus taught there was another kingdom. Christianity took this to mean the kingdom of God would one day eliminate human kingdoms and directly rule over the people of the world.

However, Jesus said the kingdom of God is within a person.

(Luke 17:20-21 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.)

Jesus was bringing the good news that the highest kingdom of all is within a person. This was radical teaching in that day and for the most part not fully accepted today.

The founders of the United States declared in the Declaration of Independence, that the rights of the individuals to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were superior to the rights of kings and governments. This is a testament to the message of Jesus and has brought great freedoms to the oppressed in America and to some other countries.

However, Jesus' message does not end with just basic freedoms being superior to government. The full message of Jesus is the power within is superior to any perceived power. There is only one Power – Father – Breath – Source.

Jesus proved the power within to be effective by healing the sick, raising the dead, cursing a fig tree, calming the sea, commanding the behavior of fish, his resurrection, etc. Christianity claims this was the power of Jesus' deity however Jesus said things that leave a different conclusion.

John 10:34 "Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do...

Matthew 17:20 If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Jesus' message of our identity seems preposterous. I have believed the message for many years but have not experienced the kind of power Jesus spoke about. I have concluded that there must be something limiting our ability to access this power.

Jesus stopped James and John from using their power telling them they were of the wrong spirit. (Lk 9:55)

Perhaps most of us would use the power selfishly so this renders it inoperative. I don't have an answer but look forward to the full revealing of the sons of God as Paul did in Romans 8:19.

This confidence in the power of God is what stirs the atmospheres of the Divine Mind and sets into action elements of our Visible Spirit that speed the climax of all that is ours. Divine Mind works through Man. Spirit does excellent things only through the person who has absolute faith in the Father's faith in them. In other words, it is not a physical God out there somewhere, doing things for us; it is Breath (Spirit) "in us as us" to perform what is required daily. What appears to us then is not a miracle, it is living out of our Spiritual Resources. We have been taught to ask God to do things for us, for so long that that believed in deeply ingrained in all of us. Feeding on the Logos, the creative Spiritual activity that reveals the law of the Spirit of Abundant Life will free us from giving up our dominion to a God we were taught to be out there somewhere, and to go within to our Divine Mind.

Homework by: Donna

What I learned using the PC Program and Scripture.

I learned that the translators added a lot of scripture that should not have been added. I believe it was to invoke fear into our hearts and minds to keep us in the religious mindset. I also believe they wanted to control others. We can look historically through looking at the **First Council of Nicaea**, (325) and many other books.

The Roman Catholic Church knows / knew the mystical meanings to scripture and wanted to hide that from us even today. Scripture was written to show us who we are and to help us grow in our spiritual walk.

The scriptures were intended to help us in our day to day life not to invoke fear.

I've learned by going through this study that the 9999 scriptures and words that were added did not instill life into me but of death, a spirit of fear, condemnation, guilt and judgement. I knew instinctively years ago that Father is a good God. He is not a God that was portrayed to me growing.

Scripture tells us that He is a God of love (1 John 4: 16) and light.

<u>NT:26</u> ἀγάπη **agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from <u>NT:25</u>; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: **KJV** - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Father intends us to walk in light as He is light (1 John1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all). We are light (Matthew 5:14).

I believe light speaks of wisdom (Father is wisdom) and we have the wisdom of Father.

I truly believe some people are atheist because some ministers, teachers, parents, and religious people wanted to instill fear into them. They did not tell us what a loving God / Father He is. They told us what He's not. They want to control people for their own gain.

I'm not totally faulting them because I had / have the responsibility to get alone with God and do my own studies like this and others that do not teach the Bible literally.

Hector:

Since I was a young boy I was always afraid of the boogeyman or Satan or any horror character and I was also scared of a place called hell, as I was growing up I had heard lots of stories of all these evil/bad guys doing bad things, and where they would be going, my uncles and cousins would have a bonfire every holiday, a family get together and tell different stories.

Every church that I attended I heard satan or hell, when I heard those names I was like "wow" even in church there is satan and hell, some family members would tell me that satan's adobe was the church that was his hang out. I was a depressed kid just wanting to know the truth. I was sick of all the evangelical pastors spitting in my face yelling "you're going to hell where satan lives. So I started to do my research in the year 1999.

The last time I lost my fear of Satan and hell was when we first got the Internet. Why the internet, well I started doing my searching/homework for the truth. I guess I was just like some people that didn't want to do their homework reading the bible; I was just a listener and not a doer.

An old friend told me one day that if I wanted to find the truth of something just start from the root of the word and just follow it. So now you have me doing something like this looking up a word like satan.

OT:7853 satan (saw-tan'); a primitive root; to attack, (figuratively) accuse:

Roy - If you have my book, titled, "Simple Answers to what Seem to be Difficult Questions, and or have take the first EKKLESIA course, I explained what the words "devil," "Lucifer," and "Satan" means, and also the story of Luke Chapter four, supposedly an entity called "Satan" took Jesus to a high place to tempt him. None of that story is true, and it is explained very well in my book, and also in the EKKLESIA Course 1.

We are our accusers of ourselves. Our thoughts accuse us and tempt us.

satan (saw-tawn'); from OT:7853; an opponent; especially (with the article prefixed) – Never add what Strongs added after the meaning a word or phrase.

Roy: An opponent was the law of Moses or any other do to be law, and also false thoughts, and tempting thoughts. In the Luke chapter 4 story, Jesus had to settle two questions, for himself, before he could successfully enter into his mission, mandate and mission: "Am I who Father told me I Exist as, and am I hear to take over the world I live in or to allow the Jews and Romans to put me on a cross, and suffer their abuse, and then on the cross, lay down my own life. He answered both questions correctly, and said, I thirst: From a spiritual perspective, the words "I thirst" have been interpreted to symbolize Jesus' longing for freeing people from the great lie of religiosity, and his desire to reveal to all people they are One with Father. It is seen as a powerful expression of Jesus' profound love and compassion for Mankind, as well as his willingness to endure suffering to free the people from the enslavement of the teachings of the Mosaic Law and other false teachings of doing to be.

Esther Turner

Wisdom

The bible says the fear / reverence "deeper respect for someone or something" of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Wisdom being the proper application of knowledge and having a deeper understanding...greater insight into what is unseen and to go beyond the way things look or feel.

The wisdom that is from above is first pure "free from any contamination" peaceable "free from argument or conflict" gentle "kind and free from harshness" and easy "simple, light, effortless" to be intergraded full of mercy "compassion" and good fruit without partiality and sincere, without hypocrisy, "practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform; pretense".

The Word of Wisdom as one of the nine gifts of the Sprit

A revelation of wisdom beyond natural human wisdom that enables a person to know what to do or say. In our day-to-day decisions how do we come to a decision...how do we create a plan...how do we achieve the best outcome. By that small quite voice that says no, stop, go or be still. You know it...it is you, but you are not sure it is you... its spirit. That quite voice of

spirit is wisdom. She protects, she leads, and she guides when we are unsure of which way or choice to make.

In the Hebrew Bible wisdom is personified as a female character having female traits. A few of those traits are:

1. Experience - practical contact with facts or events.

2. Knowledge – Awareness or familiarity gained by experience of a fact or situation.

3. Good judgement – The ability to make considered decisions or to reach sensible conclusions.

4. Being wise – Means having or showing experience. knowledge and good judgement

5. Insight – A deep understanding of a person or thing.

6. Discernment – The ability to judge well.

7. What is true or right – Synonym of true or accurate, opposite of wrong?

When we listen, she "wisdom" will serve us well...she is our helpmate. Father gave her to us as a gift of his love to help guide and protect us in our daily lives. What a gift we have been given.

Tamara Jarvis

Immortality - the unfading glory

"To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life" (Romans 2:7, NIV)

In the book of Romans, Paul speaks of unfading glory - what is this glory that doesn't fade? The word "immortality" is rarely seen throughout scripture, but this particular verse in Romans 2:7 uses immortality in 41 different English translations of the Bible. (I counted on Bible Gateway! Altogether, there were 61 translations available.) It is the Greek word "aphtharsia" which means "incorruptibility; unending existence; deathlessness Dict. – one not subject to death; imperishable" and also appearing in 1 Corinthians 15:53-54; 1 Timothy 6:16 and Timothy 1:10.

As believers, ones who are in Christ, we have accepted the gift of eternal life as something that occurs after we have experienced physical death, meaning that afterwards we go on to exist in Heaven. Could it be that this unfading glory Paul is talking about is actually for our physical bodies as well, here and now?

Reflecting on the Garden of Eden

In the Garden of Eden before the Fall, Adam and Eve lived in a paradise abundant with life. It was a place with no death or decay. I don't believe their physical bodies were destined to age or subject to disease and breakdown. But, as Paul points out, we know all that changed: "When Adam sinned, the entire world was affected. Sin entered human experience, and death was the result" (Romans 5:12, TPT). Just as what Adam did affected all of creation, what Jesus did showed us how to return to our true identities! "Sharing in his death by our baptism means that we were coburied and entombed with him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life" (Romans 6:4, TPT). I believe that Adam and Eve had this unfading glory in the Garden of Eden. Wouldn't this mean "salvation" for the physical body as well?

Bring Unfading Glory to the Earth

What if our understanding of eternal life truly is about us being immortal (without death), with our bodies not perishing either. After all, Paul did say, "sin's meager wages is death" (Romans 6:23, TPT), but we see that and still believe for our eternal life. It seems we have made the physical death of our bodies the doorway that takes us to Heaven, when Jesus is knocking on the doorway of our hearts, "If your heart is open to hear my voice and you open the door within, I will come in to you and feast with you, and you will feast with me" (Revelation 3:20, TPT). And scripture also states that God has set Eternity in the human heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11, NIV).

One last thought on this: In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches us pray for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to the earth. He knew that we were destined for this unfading glory that would be released upon his resurrection! Aren't we supposed to bring this into its fullness? "We are reborn into a perfect inheritance that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you!" (1 Peter 1:4, TPT). On earth as it is in Heaven! "In the way of righteousness, there is life; along that path is immortality" (Proverbs 12:28, NIV).

"Even the ministry that was characterized by chiseled letters on stone tablets came with a dazzling measure of glory, though it produced death. The Israelites couldn't bear to gaze on the glowing face of Moses because of the radiant splendor shining from his countenance—a glory destined to fade away ... The fading ministry came with a portion of glory, but now we embrace the unfading ministry of a permanent impartation of glory" (2 Corinthians 3:7,12; TPT).

Immortality in Romans 2:7 & 2 Timothy 1:10

NT:861 aphthrsia (af-thar-see'-ah); from NT:862; incorruptibility; genitive case unending existence; (figuratively) genuineness:

NT:862 aphthartos (af'-thar-tos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of NT:5351; undecaying (in essence or continuance):

Immortality in 1 Corinthians 15:53 & 54; 1 Timothy 6:16

NT:110 athanasia (ath-an-as-ee'-ah); from a compound of NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:2288; deathlessness:

NT:1 A a (al'-fah); of Hebrew origin; the first letter of the alphabet; figuratively, only (from its use as a numeral) the first:

KJV - Alpha. Often used (usually an, before a vowel) also in composition (as a contraction from NT:427) in the sense of privation; so, in many words, beginning with this letter; occasionally in the sense of union (as a contraction of NT:260).

NT:2288 thanatos (than'-at-os); from NT:2348; (properly, an adjective used as a noun) death (literally or figuratively):

NT:2348 thnesko (thnay'-sko); a strengthened form of a simpler primary thano (than'-o) (which is used for it only in certain tenses); to die (literally or figuratively):

LOGOS by Barry Miller

I've been thinking about the word "logos" since our look at John 1:1-3. Since it is referring to something that existed within and from a relation of rest (NT:1722 en) before the commencement (NT:746 arche) of all and is chief/first in rank/power (NT:757 archo) of all, then the meaning must be much deeper than its translation as "Word." In the Strong's Concordance, logos is NT:3056, something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation. It is from NT:3004 lego, a primary verb; properly, to "lay" forth, i.e. (figuratively) relate (in words {usually of a systematic or set discourse}). For additional thoughts on "logos," I checked some other reference works in the PC Bible program and found the following:

• Logos embraces the ideas of account, proportion, explanation, principle, reason, thought, as well as continuous statement (e.g., narrative, story, speech, history), individual utterance (e.g., proverb, maxim, command), discussion debate, and...... phrase or sentence. [ref: International Standard Bible Encyclopedia ©1979 ed.]

• In classical Greek logos meant "the word or outward form by which the inward thought is expressed and made known," or "the inward thought or reason itself." It also referred to the power of the mind, which is manifested in speech, also to the reason..... The word logos was already in use among the Greeks before John used it. It was used to denote the principle which maintains order in the world. With the Greek word for "seed" in its adjective form, it was used to express the generative principle or creative force in nature. [ref: Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament © 1940-55 & © renewed 1968-73]

• Logos, n. As a rhetorical term dealing with theories of argument and persuasion, the content and logic of a speech. [ref: Pocket Dictionary for the Study of New Testament Greek, © 2001

What I've gathered from these explanations so far is that the concept of LOGOS is at rest within the mind (Divine Mind) and expresses itself outward as an ordered (logical) and powerful force from which all was/is generated.

In my original study to translate/paraphrase John 1:1-3 I did an online search to get an idea of the usage of the word logos in classical Greek. That is where I found that in ancient Greek philosophy and early Christian theology it was used of the divine reason inherent in the universe, giving it order, form and meaning. Probably the most enlightening definition I found was from PBS.org, "A principle in classical Greek thought which refers to a universal divine reason, immanent in nature, yet transcending all apparent oppositions and apparent imperfections in the cosmos (universe) humanity (mankind). An eternal and unchanging truth present from the time of creation (eternality), available to every individual who seeks it." Word in italics added by me. One more reference I found was a note I wrote in John 1:1 in a bible of mine probably 20 years ago from a teaching from Dr. Kay Fairchild. The way I wrote it down was that logos meant idea, thought, blueprint, and in ancient Greek theatre it referred to the work of a playwright to dream up the plot of a play. Finally, I looked at the "Beginning" record in Genesis 1 to relate it to John 1-1-3. The keys words that I saw related to the concept of logos were spirit (OT:7307 ruwach; a strong exhalation, breath, wind), said (OT:559 amar; to say), and called (OT:7121 & 7122 gara; to call out to; to encounter.

The concept of LOGOS that I now see is that it is the very consciousness of the Generator of all, Father, Abba, Source, Divine Breath, the Theos, responsible for the framing and ordering of the universe, and since we, just as Jesus was and is the Word (Logos) made flesh, were participatory in that foundation. The logos fully realized in us is our fully aware consciousness dwelling continually in contact with the Source (Abba, Chi, Divine Mind) of all in all. Father breathed it, said it, and called it into being.

GOLD by Judy Miller

As I considered what I should write this paper on, and what word I should research. Within me rose up the word GOLD and from the scripture Matthew 2:11. This is the record of when the wise men (Magi) came from the east to Jerusalem. They were looking for he that is born "King of the Jews", and spoke of seeing his star in the east, and that they have come to worship him. King Herod not being aware of this birth questioned the wise men as to where this King would be born, they the wise men told King Herod in Bethlehem of Judaea.

The word Gold (NT 5557) is mentioned as one of the gifts that the wise men brought with them and they presented (NT 4374 be, bear, bring forth) unto Him (NT846 Him) Gifts (NT1435 a present, specially, a sacrifice).

We have been taught through old understanding that this Gold spoken of was a monetary gift to provide for the Christ Child and his family. Through searching the scriptures, I believe there is a much more perfect understanding of this gift of Gold. The Metaphysical meaning of gold is defined as: Spiritual gifts: the riches of Spirit. The gold that the Wise Men brought to the Christ child was a consciousness of the omnipresent richness of substance. To follow Jesus in the demonstration of prosperity we must charge our minds with wise and rich ideas. In this Scripture Matthew 2:11 I have other topics to look at and research "when they (the wise men) were come (NT 2064) into (NT1519 of place, time purpose) the house (NT 3614 Abode), They saw (NT 1492 to know).

These wise men were truly Messengers with a message, just as we are also. We also need to open our treasures, and present to the world the gifts given to all.