

which dwells within and actuates the so-called human being. Now, let us consider the ideal meaning of the word *birth*. 'A man is born into the world.' That is, a spiritual organization endowed with life by God, is introduced into the natural world. The spiritual being becomes adapted to the restricted, and in the ideal sense, artificial conditions of the natural world. The intellectual being becomes related in a particular manner to the material conditions and existences of the natural world.

That God is Himself a spirit (or, as we would prefer to say, is spiritual.)\* We already know from the emphatic declaration of the Bible. A *word* in the natural world is the expression of a spiritual-being in or through the medium of matter, so as to become communicable to human beings through their material organs of sense. The 'Word of God in the world' may be therefore understood as meaning the expression of God's personal attributes, of His will, His power, His love for His terrestrial children, in the natural world through the medium of matter; but also through the medium of the intellectual organization of an individual man, or of a community of men collectively, because the relation of the intellectual or spiritual being to the Creator is similar to the relation of mere matter to the (created) spiritual being.

The *ideal* meaning of the expression 'Christ' we have already explained and defined elsewhere

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\* The great all-pervading Spirit. The Father of Spirits.