

Word.

John 1:1-18
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Word = Logos

- Stoics- “rational principle by which everything exists and which is the essence of the rational human soul.
- Epicureans- do what makes you happy.
- Philo- logos refers to the ideal man.
- Christians- Logos is Christ.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.” Genesis 1: 1-2.

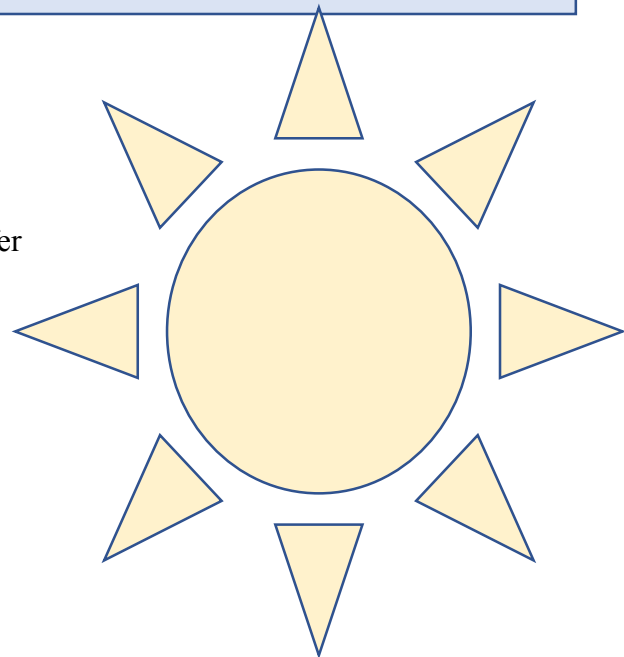
God’s Word is connected with creation, revelation, and salvation.

“The fact that the invisible God came down in and into the human life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth and explained himself in this clearest and most credible way is itself . . . very good news” (Bruner 8).

Light & Life

“A masterpiece of planned ambiguity: this may appear to refer exclusively to creation, without moral overtones, but it anticipates the light-darkness duality that dominates much of the rest of the book” (Zondervan NIV Study Bible).

References to light and life: John 8:12; 9:5; 11:25; 14:6





Witness

“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.” John 1:6-8.

“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”
John 20:30

Believe

The power of a verb. No modifiers.

