Was Jesus born of a virgin?

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According to the Christian interpretation of the bible, their savior was born of a virgin, AND this is one of the **solid proofs** of the divine nature of Jesus. Their belief is completely in line with **fourteen** to **sixteen other pagan religions** (primarily based upon **Mithraism**) who's saviors all had something miraculous about their birth, they were either born of virgins or burst full-grown out of their chief-god's head, they were of humble birth in caves or barns, they were visited by kings or wizards at their birth, they did many miracles, healed the sick and raised the dead, died a horrible death and in so-doing paid for our sins, and were later raised from the dead and went to sit at the right hand of the chief god to make intercession for our sins.

Christians go to great lengths to justify their belief that their god was virgin-born by the mistranslation of <u>Isaiah 7:14</u>, where Isaiah prophesied (for the comfort of King Ahaz) that a young woman would give birth to a son who would be **named and called** Immanuel, and before this boy would be old enough to know right from wrong and choose to do right, King Ahaz would no longer be troubled by the northern kings who were threatening the security of his kingdom.

In the first place, this prophesy was *specifically* to King Ahaz, for his kingdom, and most decidedly it was *not* a Messianic Prophesy. All of the events of the prophesy were to take place within the next few years, *and they did*. End of story.

In the second place, the child was to be born of a **SPECIFIC** "haAlmah," meaning "the young woman," not born of a "bethulah," which means "a virgin." In the Hebrew, it is clear enough that it was *not* a virgin who was to give birth to this child, and the prophesy was not about a miracle birth that was to happen several centuries into the future, but was a prophesy about the protection for the Kingdom of Israel in the days of King Ahaz.

So, Isaiah *did not* predict that *Jesus* would be born of a virgin.

Does that mean that **Jesus** was **NOT** born of a virgin? **NO!!!**

It only means that IF Jesus was born of a virgin, it was not a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy.

Is virgin birth possible? Yes!!!. It is called "parthenogenesis."

The on-line Encyclopedia Britannica defines parthenogenesis as:

parthenogenesis, biological reproduction that involves development of a female (rarely a male) gamete (sex cell) without fertilization. It occurs commonly among lower plants and <u>invertebrate</u> animals, particularly rotifers, aphids, ants, wasps, and bees. An egg produced parthenogenetically may be either haploid (*i.e.*, with one set of dissimilar chromosomes) or diploid (*i.e.*, with a **paired set** of chromosomes).

So we can see that while it is common in "lower animals" and plants, Encyclopedia Britannica does not mention that it happens in the higher vertebrates, like people. Also, the offspring, receiving **DNA** from *only the mother*, would be an *identical copy of the mother*.

Virgin birth was in the news in October, 2014, as having happened in the case of a giant python, which caused me to start wondering again about Jesus.

Giant python has species' first ever 'virgin birth'

Yahoo News, 10/26/2014



Ready your myrrh, folks: A reticulated python named Thelma has given birth to six little miracles of science.

Staff at the Louisville Zoo in Kentucky suspected something was amiss, reports *National Geographic*, when the 200-pound, 20-foot-long snake **produced six female offspring** in June 2012, despite not having been in contact with a male counterpart. Now DNA evidence published in the *Biological Journal of the Linnean* **Society** confirms that **there wasn't another parent in the mix:** it was all Thelma.

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Virgin births — known scientifically as *parthenogenesis* — have occurred in other reptiles, though this is the first instance ever recorded in a **reticulated python**, the world's longest snake. Explains *National Geographic*:

This phenomenon occurs when polar bodies, or cells produced with an animal's egg that normally die or disappear, behave like sperm and fuse with the egg. [National Geographic]

Scientists can't tell what catalyzes parthenogenesis, but they think loneliness might have something to do with it. "I guess sometimes truth is stranger than fiction," said Bill McMahan, the zoo's curator of cold-blooded animals.

When we apply this to Jesus, we must do some extensive research into alternative Christian religious theories, so here is what I came up with.

Because **Jesus** was **not** the result of the prophesy in Isaiah, then:

- 1. if one wants to believe that Jesus was born of woman, then,
- 2. because it is a fatal violation of Torah for a woman who is betrothed to one man to have sex with another **man**, **then**,
- 3. the sperm had to come *from somewhere*, or else Jesus would have been the result of **parthenogenesis**, and therefore,
- 4. instead of a "he," Jesus would have been a "she."

This brings us to the **Serpent Seed Doctrine** promoted by <u>William M. Branham</u> and the <u>Christian Identity</u> movement.

Serpent Seed Doctrine

In a nutshell [nutcase?], the Serpent Seed Doctrine is based upon further mistranslations of scripture, inferring that when the serpent "beguiled" Eve, in Genesis 3:13, Branham taught that the word REALLY means is that the snake had sex with Eve, and produced a child.

The Serpent Seed Doctrine teaches that **Cain** was actually the offspring of the **Serpent** and **Eve**, and **NOT**, as stated in **Genesis 4:1**, the offspring of Adam and Eve.

When you read through all that is written by the adherents of the Serpent Seed Doctrine, you see that they enlist the support a wide variety of other Tanakh and New Testament verses to strengthen their case. In my opinion, none of their citations make any sense, at all.

For myself, I see that the word "beguiled" means "enticed or mesmerized." I see no evidence that Isaiah prophesied anything, EVER, about a virgin birth. I read that the Messiah, when he gets here, will be a man, born of a natural man and woman, just like Moses or David, except he will have a very special anointing of the Ruach haKodesh (Holy Spirit) that will protect him and other Torah-obedient people, and empower the Messiah to lead his people into battle against the Kings of the Earth, the Merchants of the Earth, and the ungodly organizations that are masquerading as churches, and that the Messiah will bring the entire world into Torah compliance, so there will finally be world peace and prosperity.

If one *insists* on believing that Jesus was an actual, living man, not just a myth or a nebulous, religious ideal, then they <u>must</u> believe that he was born of an earthly father and mother just like any other <u>MALE</u> child. The only other alternatives are to believe that Jesus was either a woman who was passing herself off as a man, or else was of the seed of a snake, who in some manner or another, unknown to science or the prophets of the Old Testament, was able to transfer male, "Y-chromosome bearing," human sperm, and impregnate Eve and Mary.

And if the above was the case, then Jesus would not have been a literal, lineal descendant of David, so for yet another good reason Jesus could not have been the real messiah.

There does not seem to be an easier way to resolve the virgin birth issue, based upon the evidence that we have.

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The name of our Creator is made up of four, Hebrew VOWELS, YHWH (source: Flavius Josephus - Antiquities of the Jews)

The letter (h) when used as a vowel, usually has the "ah," 'ha," or the "huh" sound. The is the definite article, or THE, SPECIFIC, to the EXCLUSION of ALL others.

This is exemplified in showing the difference between the word "eretz," meaning land, and the words "ha_Eretz," meaning *THE Land of Israel*, to the <u>exclusion</u> of all others.

In Hebrew, the letters $\mathbf{\hat{y}}$ (\mathbf{y}) and $\mathbf{\hat{y}}$ (\mathbf{v})(\mathbf{w}) are used interchangeably, and when located in the first, second, or third position in a word, indicate the tense of the word, either past, future, or continuing.

Being placed in the first and third positions, the and indicate that the name is **both past and** future, or, - *Eternal*.

The preceding **both** the and the means that the name is specifically, to the exclusion of all others, both *past* and *future*, or **THE Eternal**.

Furthermore, being *singular*, and *being found twice*, the would also allow the addition of the word, **ONE**, as a descriptor.

The Name, YHWH, could then be logically rendered as The Eternal ONE, because He has eternal existence, to the exclusion of all others.

It is pronounced in one, long breath, like the wind, with the accent on the middle syllable. .

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