Condescension of Elohim

Condescension: voluntary descent from one's rank or dignity in relations with an inferior.

PSALMS 36:9 KJV For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

What Form was This Being?
Did this Being have a physical shape, a body, or human features in that beginning state?

No Physical Form – Pure, Invisible Spirit and Energy
In that original, eternal state, He had no physical form, shape or body whatsoever. He was not a man made of flesh and bone. He was pure, self-sustaining Spirit, Life, and Intelligence.

He had no beginning of days and no end of life. He was the only Thing in existence, He was not technically called "God" at that exact point, because the English word God means an "object of worship". Since there were no angels or people to worship Him, He was simply the Eternal One (Elohim), the infinite fountain of life.

The Logos (Theophany / Body of Light)
Out of that great Fountain of Spirit, God brought forth a ray of Light the Logos. This Word-body (theophany) began to take on the outline and form of a human being. It was this celestial body that Moses saw from behind the cleft of the rock, which looked like the back parts of a man. It was this visible Word-body that met Abraham as Melchisedec, serving bread and wine.

The Manifestation in Flesh (Jesus Christ):
Finally, that entire Fountain gathered and poured Its fullness into a virgin-born human tabernacle Jesus Christ. In Christ, the invisible Fountain of Spirit became visible and touchable flesh. This we will visit in greater detail

Brother Branham described this original Being as a great, infinite Fountain: A Fountain of Purity, Love, and Truth: All true love, holiness, life, peace, and goodness did not originate from the universe; they flowed out of this one boundless Fountain.

Unexpressed Attributes (Thoughts):
Inside this Fountain were thoughts and desires waiting to be displayed. He had the attribute to be a Father, a Saviour, a Healer, and a King. But to be a Father, He needed children; to be a Saviour, He needed something to save.

Before creation, light, atoms, or celestial spheres existed, God occupied all eternity and space. He was not an object of worship yet, because nothing existed to worship Him. In this primordial state, God was an infinite, uncreated Fountain of Spirit containing only absolute perfection: pure love, pure holiness, and pure righteousness. To reveal His unexpressed attributes, create the universe, and communicate with creation, Elohim gathered the pure attributes of that Spirit Fountain and brought forth the Logos.

57-0828 HEBREWS.CHAPTER.TWO.3, JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB WEDNESDAY
276 Now, so, God was in the beginning.
Before there was any light, before there was ever an atom, before there was ever a star, before there was any visible thing, God filled all space.
And in That was nothing but purity: pure love, pure holiness, pure righteous. It was Spirit.
He covered the whole space all from Eternity, where we can't fathom It. It goes beyond anything that we could imagine.

What is the 8th Dimension? (Absolute Eternity)
In science and everyday life, we are familiar with our three natural dimensions (length, width, and height), and science recognizes the fourth dimension (which carries invisible radio and television signals).
Brother Branham explained that beyond these are higher spiritual dimensions:

- The 5th dimension is the realm of the lost, torment, and nightmares.
- The 6th dimension.is the peaceful resting place of the redeemed saints under the altar.
- The 7th dimension is where God dwells as the Creator and Ruler of creation.
- The 8th Dimension is Absolute Eternity. In the Message, the number seven represents completion in time and the finishing of God's work (such as the seven days of creation, seven church ages, and the thousand-year Millennium). But the number eight goes completely past time, days, and weeks into Eternity.

Before any star, planet, angel, atom, or light existed, God lived entirely alone in this 8th dimension of absolute eternity. The Being in the 8th dimension was an invisible, boundless Spirit that filled eternity, no creature could ever see Him, touch Him, or fellowship with Him directly.

Therefore, God condescended (stepped down) and formed Himself into a visible shape:

The Divine Condescension: From Pure Spirit to Human Form

1. Pure Invisible Spirit: Infinite Fountain existing in Eternity without body, shape, or beginning.
2. Celestial Body Logos:.Divine light forms a celestial shape, revealed as the Pillar of Fire.
3. Physical Flesh Incarnation: Divine Logos becomes human flesh in Jesus Christ to redeem humanity.

64-0205 GOD.IS.HIS.OWN.INTERPRETER, BAKERSFIELD.CA, V-8, N-6 WEDNESDAY

9 ….So He was the Eternal One, the--the main Fountain of all intelligence.
And in this Fountain of all intelligence there was not an atom, molecule, or nothing, light nowhere, star, moon, nothing else. God, what we know as God, the great Spirit that was Eternal (never did begin, never did end), He was there.

57-0821 HEBREWS.CHAPTER.ONE, JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB WEDNESDAY

129 The Logos, and this great Fountain, this great Fountain of Spirit which had no beginning or no end; this great Spirit began to form, in the creation, and the Logos that went out from It was the Son of God. It was the only visible form that the Spirit had. And it was a theophany, which means a body, and the body was like a man.

JOHN 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

COLOSSIANS 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.



57-0821 HEBREWS.CHAPTER.ONE, JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB WEDNESDAY

128 Now, when these great Lights went out, or great rays of Spirit: love, peace, that's all there was, That. There wasn't no suffering. There wasn't no hate, nor no malice; it couldn't come from this Fountain. That was Jehovah. That was Jehovah God. And now, as the theologians call it, a theophany went from That, which was called, in the Scriptural, the "Logos," the Logos that went out of God. It's hard to explain, but It was a part of God.

130 Moses saw It when It passed through the by the rock. And he looked at It, said, "It looked like the hind part of a man." It's the same type of body that we receive when we die here. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." That was It. And that was the theophany which was the Son of God. That Son, that Logos, became flesh, because we were put in flesh. And the theophany, the Logos, became flesh, here among us, and It was nothing else but the dwelling place, for that entire Fountain dwelt in Him. Oh, do you see it? There It is. That was the One, that, in...

57-0516 WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS, SASKATOON.SK THURSDAY
E-15 In the beginning God was a Spirit. And all the fountain of goodness and mercy and power, and all the good things of love, God was the center of that fountain.
And then the Logos that went out of God in the beginning become what we would call a theophany, or a supernatural body.
God is just not like the air, but He's in a body. Moses seen Him pass and said it looked like the back part of a man, and so forth. And then that same theophany was made flesh and dwelled among us. And we beheld Him, the only begotten of the Father: Christ.

1 TIMOTHY 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

JOHN 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

The invisible Fountain of thoughts and attributes began to express Itself, bringing forth the Logos (the Theophany, the Word body, the Pillar of Fire) as the first visible manifestation and divine pattern of creation.
1 TIMOTHY 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC, JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY
57 His first being was Spirit, God, supernatural, all right, the great Eternal.
Second, He begin to form Himself towards flesh, in a theophany, it's called "the Word; a body."
This then is the state He was in when He met Abraham, was called Melchisedec. He was in the form of theophany.

The Core Stumbling Block: God Veiled in Human Flesh
The primary reason people stumble is that God does nothing outside of a human being. Man, always imagines that if God visits the earth, He must appear with majestic, supernatural fanfare as a towering Pillar of Fire walking the streets, or accompanied by visible legions of celestial angels.

Instead, God consistently conceals His supernatural Glory behind a humble, ordinary human veil.

JEREMIAH 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Stumbling Over the Mortal Veil
When Jesus walked the earth, the religious leaders stumbled over His humanity. They saw a Man who ate, drank, grew weary, wept at a grave, and possessed no formal theological degree from their seminaries. Their eyes were fixed on the mortal veil, they accused Him of blasphemy and attributed the discernment of the Word to the devil (Beelzebub), completely missing that Jehovah was tabernacling inside.

64-0629 THE.MIGHTY.GOD.UNVEILED.BEFORE.US, PHILADELPHIA.PA V-3 N-22 MONDAY
150…. What's hid behind that skin? What is behind there, that's what counts. That's what, the people is blinded. The skin blinds the people.
153 Them skins, that was once on the badger, but now it's hiding the Glory of God, got It housed behind it. It was on an animal, but now it's housing the Glory of God.

The Badger Skin Tabernacle & Its Antitype
The tabernacle Moses built was covered on the outside with badger skins. To the passing traveller or carnal spectator, badger skins were rough, weathered, dark, and utterly devoid of beauty.

The Glory on the Inside: Yet directly behind those humble, unattractive badger skins rested the Ark of the Covenant, the Shekinah Glory, the Shewbread, and the Mercy Seat.

The Antitype in Flesh: Isaiah 53:2 prophesied of Christ: "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him". His human body was the badger skin.

The Purpose of the Veil – Separating Believer from Unbeliever: The veil is not an accidental obstacle; it is God's deliberate economy to separate the believer from the unbeliever:
The Same Sun that Melts Wax Hardens Clay: The very same revelation that gives light to an eagle will blind an owl.

Matthew 11:25 points out that Jesus thanked the Father for hiding these things from the intellectual theologians, rabbis, and scholars, and revealing them unto "babes" who are predestinated to receive the Word. The intellectual mind relies on human reasonings and external appearance; when God comes veiled in simplicity, the wise and prudent trip and fall over it.

JOHN 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

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135 Notice, how is He identified, what could He? If the Bible said, Colossians 1:15, that we worship an "invisible God." God is invisible. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Then this person coming around here with nail prints, and smoke, and blood, and everything else, that wouldn't make him God. We worship an invisible God. He has always been invisible until He identified Himself in Jesus Christ. Is that right? ["Amen."]

137 The Pillar of Fire that Moses saw was not the invisible God. That Pillar of Fire was the Shekinah Glory that represented that the invisible God was at hand. When John baptized Jesus, the Son of God; God, the invisible God, come down in the form of a Light, shaped like a dove sailing down through the air, the invisible God identified in the Shekinah Glory.

En Morphe

I TIMOTHY 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

What Does En Morphe Mean?

The Greek phrase "en morphe" (ἐν μορφῇ) literally means "in the form of" or "taking on a shape or form".

In biblical theology and the teachings of William Branham, it carries a very specific, visual meaning: it describes an actor changing their mask or costume to play a different role, while remaining the exact same person underneath.

Brother Branham defines en morphe as “something that could not be seen, yet it’s there, and then it’s changed and the eye can catch it”. It represents God changing from the supernatural to the natural bringing what was always existing in the unseen realm into plain, visible view.

In ancient Greek theatre and Shakespearean plays, a single actor often performed multiple parts. One moment the actor stepped backstage wearing a villain’s mask; a few moments later, he returned wearing a king’s crown or a servant’s cloak. The audience saw different characters with distinct roles, but backstage there was only one living person changing outfits.

In the same way, en morphe describes how the invisible, eternal God changes His outward form, veil, or "mask" to make Himself visible and relatable to human beings, without ever changing who He is inside.

5319 phaneroo {fan-er-o'-o} from 5318; TDNT -- 9:1,1244; vb

1. to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown, to manifest, whether by words, or deeds, or in any other way
   1a) make actual and visible, realised; to make known by teaching; to become manifest, be made known; of a person, expose to view, make manifest, to show one's self, appear; to become known, to be plainly recognised, thoroughly understood: who and what one is

I TIMOTHY 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

The Core Principle: God Never Changes His Being, Only His "Mask"
A foundational law of Scripture is that God Himself cannot change: "I am God, and I change not". His core nature, eternal Spirit, and thoughts never mutate. However, pure Spirit has no physical shape, colour, or boundary He is invisible and fills all eternity. Because humans only possess five physical senses, we cannot naturally see or interact with a pure, formless Spirit. Therefore, for God to interact with His creation, He underwent en morphe. He clothed Himself in different "tents," "masks," and bodies across time: God did not change from Spirit into something else; He simply placed a visible container around His invisible life. The change is not in His essential identity, but in His outward manifestation.

A. God Above Us (The Pillar of Fire / Theophany)
Before physical creation existed, God first took on a spiritual Word-body known as a Theophany or the Pillar of Fire. In this form, He appeared to Abraham as Melchizedek, spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, and led the children of Israel through the wilderness. He was holy and unapproachable, if even an animal touched the sacred mountain, it died. This was God above His people, veiled in supernatural Light and Fire.

B. God with Us (The Man Jesus Christ)
A holy fire on a mountaintop could not bleed, die, or be hugged, God changed His "mask" again. In the virgin birth, God created a unique blood cell and tabernacled inside a physical human body His Son, Jesus, in this veil of flesh, God became tangible. He ate fish and bread, drank water, grew tired, wept, and suffered human agony. People looking with natural eyes saw only an ordinary carpenter, but those with spiritual revelation saw the Almighty Father veiled behind human skin. This was God with us (Emmanuel). We will visit this another time.

C. God in Us (The Holy Spirit in the Church)
After dying on the cross to pay the penalty for sin and rising from the dead, Jesus ascended. On the Day of Pentecost, God took off that single human veil and returned as the Holy Spirit, dividing Himself like tongues of fire to live inside millions of redeemed believers, He is now living, speaking, and operating through ordinary men and women. This is God in us.

Throughout these three stages, it was not three separate Gods or different persons; it is the one same Person who changed His mask three times.

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"I will give you a sign," said God. "Not the sign of a white collared priesthood. Not the sign of wealth and power. There's nothing in this sign that you will want, or think suitable. But it is an everlasting sign. It is the greatest sign of all." Jehovah standing in the courtyard bruised and bleeding with thorns on His brow and spit on His face, mocked and set at naught. Jehovah, despised and rejected, hanging naked upon the cross, while the hypocrites jeered and dared Him to come down off the cross. Jehovah dying. Jehovah praying and nothing happening. Then Jehovah died. {Even though the Spirit / Father left him in the Garden of Gethsemane, it was still God's body, blood and DNA. This is the law of representation.} That is the sign for all men now. There isn't another like it. It is the great one.

Why Did God Use En Morphe?

God did not change His forms just to put on a show; He had two critical, practical purposes:

- Redemption Through Death: God in His original Spirit form is immortal and cannot suffer or die. But divine justice required that human sin be paid for by death. By putting on a human body through en morphe, God was able to taste death for every sinner and shed divine blood for our redemption.
- True Fellowship: You cannot hold a conversation with an invisible, infinite cloud of energy. God wanted a real, loving relationship with His creation. By putting on human flesh, God brought His life down to our eye level so we could walk with Him, talk with Him, and become part of His own family.

God is Veiled to the World, Revealed to the Believer

Finally, en morphe explains why the world has consistently misunderstood God's visitations: Whenever God veils Himself in human flesh whether in Moses, in Jesus Christ, or in the members of His Bride the carnal world only sees the human skin or veil.

In the New Testament, Christ became "our Moses". God once again changed His form (en morphe), stepping out of the Pillar of Fire and tabernacling behind the human veil of Jesus.

- The Greeks Seeking Jesus: When the Greeks came saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:20–21), they could not truly comprehend Him because He was masked in the ordinary temple of human flesh.
- Jesus answered them that a corn of wheat must fall into the ground and die, signifying that His flesh veil had to break so the Life could be released to all believers.
- While the outer mask hides God from the wise, prudent, and traditionalist, faith looks past the veil to see the unchangeable Word of God living and manifesting itself in every age.

Brother Branham traces how God progressively masked His Presence across sacred history:

- The Prophet's Face: First, God veiled Himself in Moses, whose shining countenance was covered by a cloth veil.
- The Tabernacle's Badger Skins: Once Moses delivered the Word, that Word was placed inside the Ark of the Covenant behind the temple veil, sheltered under badger skins. To the carnal eye, badger skins were rough, weathered, and unappealing.

Yet behind that humble exterior rested the Shekinah Glory, the mercy seat, the shewbread, and the Word of God. Like the badger skins of the tabernacle, Isaiah declared of Jesus that "there is no beauty that we should desire him".

- The Greeks came saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus", yet they could only see an ordinary man eating, drinking, and walking in Judea, because God was masked behind human flesh.
- The Pharisees were spiritually blinded by that same human veil; they condemned Him, saying, "Thou, being a man, makest thyself God".
- When Jesus was crucified, God sent fire and lightning from heaven to rip the temple veil in two from top to bottom. By tearing that veil, God placed the genuine Mercy Seat in plain view on Golgotha God suffering in the flesh as our Kinsman Redeemer. Yet, just as Paul declared, their traditional blindness kept them from seeing Him.

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139 Listen, those Greeks failed to see Him. Why? "Sirs, we would see Jesus." They failed to see Him because He was clothed in His human temple, God in a man. Human flesh was what blinded them. They couldn't understand. "You, being a man, make Yourself God, or equal with God."

Three Sons

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259 Remember, He comes in three son's names.

The Son of man – The Prophet (God in Flesh on Earth)

The Definition of "Son of man": In biblical usage, "Son of man" is the designated title for a prophet. In the Old Testament: Jehovah Himself repeatedly addressed the prophets, such as Ezekiel, as "son of man" (Ezekiel 2:1–3).

Fulfilling Deuteronomy 18:15: Moses had prophesied to Israel, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me".

Because the Scripture could not be broken: When Jesus walked the earth in His first coming, He had to appear in the office of a prophet.

While walking in Judea: Jesus did not refer to Himself to the public as the "Son of God," but consistently identified Himself as the "Son of man".

When He asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" (Matthew 16:13), He was identifying Himself in that prophetic office. The Prophetic Sign: He vindicated this office by the characteristic sign of the Word discerning the secrets of human hearts. Heart Discernment Manifested:.He knew Simon Peter's name and father, telling Nathanael where he had been under the fig tree, and revealing the Samaritan woman's five husbands.

The God-Prophet:.He was not just a prophet; He was the God-Prophet, possessing the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Yet Israel rejected Him in this office and crucified Him.

The Son of God – The Supernatural Spirit (The Church Ages)
Following His death, burial, and resurrection: Christ ascended on high. On the Day of Pentecost, He changed His en morphe stepping out of the physical body of a single prophet (Son of man) and returning as the Son of God.

"God is a Spirit" (John 4:24): The office of the Son of God is supernatural and spiritual. Throughout the two thousand years of the church ages, Christ has been known and worshipped by the Church as the Son of God, indwelling believers through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

In this dispensation: God moved from acting in a single Man (Jesus) to acting through redeemed human beings in His Church. He served as our Great High Priest in Glory, interceding with His own Blood while leading His people by the Spirit.

The End-Time Junction: The Son of man Revealed Again (Luke 17:30)
Brother Branham's most distinct teachings regarding en morphe: Between the Church Age (Son of God) and the Millennium (Son of David), there is a prophetic junction where the Son of man must be revealed again.

In the final church age of Laodicea (Revelation 3:20): The organized church locks Christ on the outside of the door.

Fulfilling Luke 17:30: Jesus explicitly prophesied that at the end of the age, "As it was in the days of Lot... even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed".

Brother Branham stresses that Jesus did not say, "when the Son of God is revealed," but "when the Son of man is revealed".

Before Sodom was burned with fire: God manifested Himself in a human body (Elohim) to Abraham, sitting under the oak tree, eating food, and discerning the thoughts of Sarah behind Him in the tent.

Brother Branham points out that the elect seed of Abraham was promised this exact same prophetic sign: God veiled in human flesh discerning hearts and revealing the Word just prior to the world's judgment.

This reappearance of the Son of man in prophetic manifestation: Designed to fulfil Malachi 4:5–6 and bring the restoration of the original apostolic Word, uniting the Bride to the Bridegroom before the translation.

The Son of David – The King (The Millennium)

While the Son of man is the Prophet and the Son of God is the Spirit, the Son of David is the King. Under the divine covenant with King David (2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17), God swore that David's royal lineage would produce an eternal Seed whose throne would be established forever. Jesus Christ was David's Son according to the flesh.

In Revelation 3:21, Jesus states: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne".

During the present church dispensation: Christ sits on the Father's spiritual throne in Heaven; but in the Millennium, He will change His form to sit upon the physical, earthly Throne of David in Jerusalem, reigning over all nations with His saints.

When the Pharisees could not understand how David in the Spirit called the Messiah "Lord" if He was David's son (Psalm 110:1): Jesus confounded them. Brother Branham explains that in His Deity, Christ was the Root of David (God who created David), while in His humanity and lineage, He was the Offspring of David (the Son of David).

God continuously descended and ascended throughout the life and ministry of William Branham.

God descended upon the earth in 1909 for a limited time at the birth of William Branham, in the form of the Pillar of Fire.

God then appeared in the tree in the form of a wind. God then appeared at the Ohio river, in the form of the Pillar of Fire and a voice to announce Brother Braham's ministry.

In 1946, God appeared to the Prophet in a cave and gave him his commission.

From 1946 to 1963, God descended at the end of the service in the form of two pulls to vindicate the message of William Branham.

In 1963, God descended in the form of the Archangel Michael with a little book opened. God did not return to heaven .

Summary: Across the Entire Redemptive Drama

Across the entire redemptive drama, God never changes His character, His nature, or His essence. He remains the self-same Eternal God. Through en morphe, He changes His mask: This was Jehovah God and not the Son in:

- Son of man: Revealing the Word as the Prophet on earth.
- Son of God:.Indwelling the Church as the supernatural Holy Spirit through the church ages.
- Son of man (Revealed again):.Manifesting the prophetic sign of discernment to call out the Bride at the end of time.
- Son of David: Taking the physical throne as King of kings in the Millennium.

The Condescension of Elohim:
En Morphe and the Redemptive Offices

8th Dimension Spirit

Formless eternal Spirit brings forth the celestial Logos.

Manifestation in Flesh

The infinite Fountain poured into Jesus Christ.

Concept of En Morphe



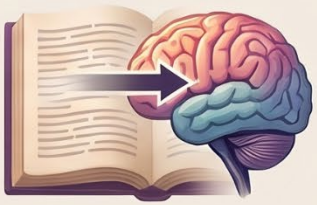
Concept of En Morphe
God changes His outer veil without changing nature

Badger Skin Tabernacle



Badger Skin Tabernacle
Rough exterior conceals inner Shekinah Glory from carnal eyes.

Purpose of Concealment



Purpose of Concealment
Hides truth from intellectual minds while revealing to babes.

Son of Man



The Prophet
discerning the secrets of the heart.

Son of God



The supernatural Spirit
indwelling the Church Ages.

End-Time Revelation



Prophetic Son of man manifestation
fulfilling Luke 17:30.

Son of David



The King
reigning on David's throne in Millennium.

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