

that He is a created being, which would contradict what the Holy Spirit told John to write in John 1:3.

But this verse does not mean that Jesus is a created being. It means that Jesus is the Creator of the creation of God. And that is in perfect harmony, it is absolutely consistent with what John said in John 1:3. In John 1:3 he said all things were made by Jesus and without Him there is not a single thing that has been made that was not made by Him. And here Jesus is telling John to write the angel, probably the pastor, of the church of the Laodiceans and He says, When you write I want you to tell the Laodiceans who it is that is saying these things in this letter to them. Jesus says: I am the One who is saying these things; the One who is the Amen, the source of all truth, the faithful and true witness, the beginning--that is, the Creator--of the creation of God. Jesus says, because I am the One who is saying these things to them, they are to listen to what I have to say.

This passage, then, does not teach, as some say, that Jesus is a created being. Rather, it teaches that Jesus is the Creator of all creation. The word "beginning" there simply means, the active cause of the creation of God, that by which the creation of God began to be. Jesus is the One by whom it began to be. He brought it into existence. He created it.

Now another passage that is used to try to refute the deity of Christ is found in the book of Colossians. The idea is similar as you will see. Turn to Col. 1:15 and notice what we read: "Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.: What happens here is this. Those who deny the deity of Christ will take this particular phrase and they will say: "the firstborn of all creation." This means that Jesus is the first part of God's creation. The