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theologians in England. It is called <u>The Myth of God Incarnate</u>. They wanted to say that every time Jesus said He was the Son of God, He was simply using poetic language. You do not even have poetry used in those sections. That is an abuse of poetic language. Here you have poetry used, and the poetry that is used simply indicates the presence of wisdom before anything was ever created. "When there were no depths, I was brought forth." That is, I was there. The wisdom was there.

"When there were no fountains abounding with water," the wisdom was there. "Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth." Before anything was created, wisdom was there. "While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth," wisdom was there. And he goes ahead to show that wisdom existed before anything was ever created, and that wisdom that was always part of God because it is one of His attributes, was manifested in creation. Because this wisdom is so old, belonging to God Himself, we should pay attention to it. If we pay attention to and listen to and obey what it says, we will be blessed. We will be happy as a result of it.

This passage does not teach that Jesus is a created being. This passage is not talking about Jesus; it is talking about one of the attributes of God. It is talking about His wisdom. It says that this attribute is eternal because it is one of God's attributes and thus it is just as eternal as God Himself. It was in existence before anything was created. God manifested this wisdom in creation so that you can look at the creation and you can see the manifestation of God's wisdom in it, and it is this wisdom that tells us how to live. If you listen to what it says, then you are going to be happy as a result of it.