

# Concept- A Symbol of External Reality

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What is a concept?

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noun

1. a general notion or idea; conception.
2. an idea of something formed by mentally combining all its characteristics or particulars; a construct.
3. a directly conceived or intuited object of thought.

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Mental representation

A **mental representation** (or **cognitive representation**), in philosophy of mind, cognitive psychology, neuroscience, and cognitive science, is a hypothetical internal cognitive symbol that represents external reality, or else a mental process that makes use of such a symbol; (**cognitive = concerned with the act or process of knowing**)

Mental representation is the mental imagery of things that are not currently seen or sensed by the sense organs. In our minds we often have images of objects, events and settings. For example, if you were asked to recall a birthday party, you could probably remember the people, the place where it was held, and things that you saw and maybe even the things you smelled. You cannot actually smell and see those things but you can imagine them.

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[g3056](#) Λόγος: logos

1) of speech

1a) a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea

1b) what someone has said

1b1) a word

1b2) the sayings of God

3) In John, denotes the essential Word of God, Jesus Christ, the personal wisdom and power in union with God, his minister in creation and government of the universe, the cause of all the world's life both physical and ethical, which for the procurement of man's salvation put on human nature in the person of Jesus the Messiah, the second person in the Godhead, and shone forth conspicuously from His words and deeds.

**Christ is the concept of God.**

## Why Logos?

*John 20:30-31 KJV*

30) *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:*

31) *But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life ~~through~~ in his name.*

*1 John 5:19-21 KJV*

19) *And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*

20) *And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

21) *Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.*

## Not Comprehended

*John 1:1-5 KJV*

1) *In the beginning was the **Word (g3056-concept)**, and the **Word (g3056-concept)** was with (q4314-toward) (the) God, and the **Word (g3056-concept)** was God. (Cf. Hebrews 1:3)*

2) *The same was in the beginning with God.*

3) *All things were **made by (g1096-came to be)** him; and without him was not anything **made by (g1096-came to be)** that was **made by (g1096-came to be)**.*

4) *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

**(Eternal life is defined as knowing God and Christ, John 17:3)**

5) *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

**Christ's understanding of God was not understood by man.**

## Cyrus, a type of Christ

What Cyrus literally accomplished was done through the power of Christ. What Christ spiritually accomplished was done through the power of His Father, God.

*Isaiah 44:23-28\_45:1-8 KJV*

23) *Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.*

24) *Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;*

25) *That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;*

26) *That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers (h4397-messenger/angel); that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:*

27) *That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:*

28) *That saith of **Cyrus (h3566-“possess thou the furnace”)**, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.*

***CF. Isaiah 31:9 KJV***

***9) And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.***

*Isaiah 45*

1) *Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to **Cyrus** whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; (Cf. Daniel 5)*

2) *I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: (of Babylon)*

3) *And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.*

**Christ was the God of literal Israel, but the Father is the God of spiritual Israel.**

*For the next study:*

- 4) *For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known (h3045-know by experience) me. (Cf. Is 42:19)*
- 5) *I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:*
- 6) *That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.*
- 7) *I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.*
- 8) *Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them **(THE HEAVENS AND EARTH)** bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.*