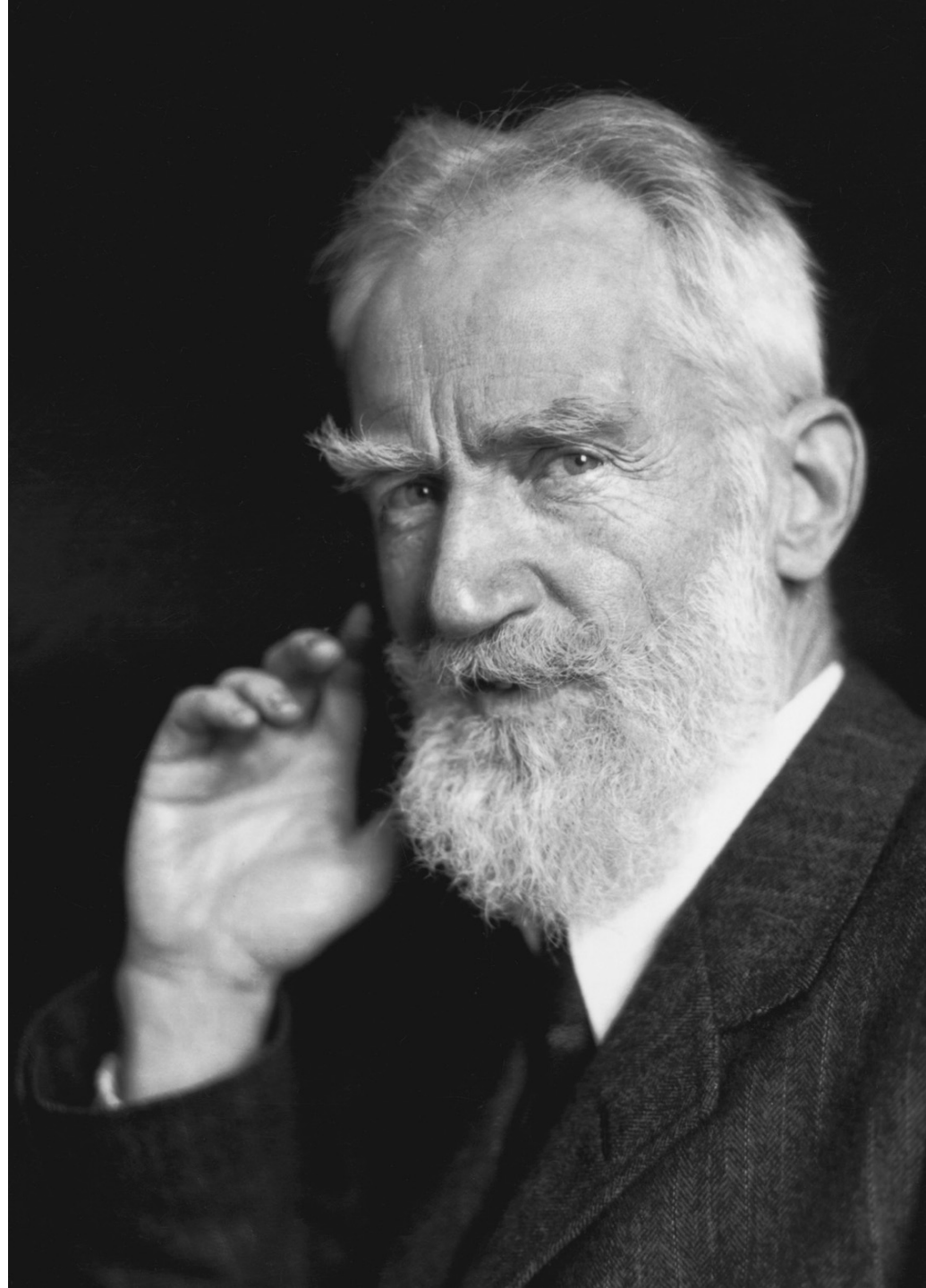


George Bernard Shaw

“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place”.





Robert J McClosky

“I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure that you realize that what you heard is not what I meant”.

Bob Souster

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John 1:1-5 & 14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. Jesus was there before the beginning.
2. Jesus was with God.
3. Jesus was God.
4. Jesus became a living person.

John 1:1-2

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

Psalm 33:6

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

Colossians 2:9 (NIV)

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form

John 1:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet he did not sin.

Jesus – Qualified to be the Word

1. There at the beginning of it all.
2. A close, intimate relationship with the Father.
3. Fully God....
4. ...and fully man.

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Luke 4:20-21 (NIV)

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹

He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

1 John 3:8 (NIV)

⁸ The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

John 8:44 (NIV)

⁴⁴ He (the devil) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 10:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

Jesus, The Word came to bring: -

- TRUTH in place of lies
- LIFE in place of death and
- TRANSFORMATION in place of destruction

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (NIV)

⁵⁴ “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)

¹ ... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Matthew 28:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”