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The Christian faith is fundamentally about Jesus Christ being the Savior and Lord of sinful people like you and I. His lordship is not only about reading your Bible and being an active member of a local church–it is about how we live and how we think about every area of life. In [2 Corinthians 10:5](http://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/2%20Cor%2010.5) the Apostle Paul speaks of *“taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”* Of course that has application for how we deal with the temptations we face every day. But it is also a mandate to make sure our thoughts, ideas or opinions about every possible subject are being informed by the Word of God.

For example the Bible should be the standard for how we think about entertainment, sports, finances, relationships of all kinds, government, exercise, mathematics, history, language, etc. Take language for instance. The Bible has much to say about what should and should not come out of our mouth. We should not take the Lord’s name in vain, we should not speak hateful words, and we should not lie. On the other hand, we should glorify the Lord with our words, be encouraging, and speak what is honest and truthful.

But let’s think briefly about language in a more fundamental way. Where does language come from? How is it that sounds we make or squiggly lines we write can actually communicate from one person to another? It is truly remarkable that you can see the markings contained in this article and actually understand the thoughts, ideas and happenings that are being addressed.

Language comes from God. It is a gift of God to us. It actually reflects and reveals Him. We have examples in the Bible of conversations that took place within the Trinity before the world was ever created. (By the way–since God is Spirit, He spoke without the aid of a mouth, a voice box, or even a brain–though He has infinite wisdom). [Psalm 110:1](http://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Ps%20110.1) says, “*The LORD*(God the Father) *says to my Lord*(God the Son)*: ‘Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.'”* That conversation took placed before the foundation of the world.

The first time we see God speaking in the history of the world is at creation. The way God spoke in creation gives us a paradigm for how we can understand the fundamentals of language. [Genesis 1:3](http://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Gen%201.3) says, *“Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”* This simple sentence reveals to us the 3 main aspects of communication. We have the One who speaks; we have the words that are spoken; and we have the effects of the words. God the Father is the One who speaks. God the Son is the Word (He is spoken of as the Word in John 1). God the Spirit is associated with the effects of the words spoken.

Those three things are a part of every conversation you have, or article you might read. You have one who is speaking or seeking to communicate. You have actual words being spoken or written. Then you have the effect of those words on those who hear or read them. Therefore every conversation you have is a display of the Triune God. As a matter of fact you could not even have that conversation if not for the Triune God. It would be impossible. You would not be able the comprehend anything you have read on this website–in fact it could not even have been written–if not for the sustaining work of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

That is truly amazing to me. Every day, all day long, you and I are seeing evidence of the existence of our Creator and Sustainer–even in the simplest of conversations. *“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.” (*[*Psalm 33:6*](http://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Ps%2033.6)*)*

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