

This short article is inspired by a question a young man asked recently during a discussion about Christian scientists. He wondered if someone might have been inspired by the Virgin Birth to produce artificial insemination!

The debate that followed reminded me how the miraculous birth of the Lord Jesus has always been another of those historical events that liberal critics hate most. The reason for this is because the whole plan of redemption would be affected if the Virgin Birth were not a reality!

Interestingly, the Greek Septuagint provides some of the strongest evidence in support of this fundamental doctrine. For example, one of the arguments critics have always used to deny the significance of Isaiah's prophecy is that the word *almah*, translated as *young woman*, or *virgin*, does not necessarily imply a virgin as we would use the term today.

However, the Hebrew scholars who translated the Old Testament into the Septuagint chose to translate the word *almah* into the Greek word *parthenos*, which clearly indicates a virgin!

In addition to this, the Septuagint confirms the accuracy of the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews in his quotation from Psalm forty, "*Sacrifice and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me.*"