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The Greek god of the sun and oracles, Apollo, possesses important attributes in common with the Jewish savior Jesus, including his status as the son of God. As Jesus was titled "the Christ" or *Christos*, so too was Apollo purportedly styled *Chrēstos*, a similar-sounding Greek word meaning "good" or "useful," among other connotations.

It is further claimed that this sun god and son of God was given the epithet IH or "IE" which appears on a Larissan epitaph discovered at the Greek sacred site of Delphi, ostensibly representing the year of "age" ("eton") of 18. If Apollo essentially was called "IE the Chrēstos," centuries before the common era, we find ourselves faced with an important precedent for "Iesous the Christos" or Jesus Christ.

Concerning the uses of the word *chrestos* or its related forms in Pagan antiquity, which I have discussed in depth in my paper "Is Seutonius's Chresto a Reference to Jesus?", one writer comments:

Apollo was the "god of oracles," as we know from his temple at the Greek site of Delphi, seat of his famous oracle. In this regard, we further discover that this term, *chrestos*, is "one who is continually warned, advised, guided, whether by oracle or prophet." (Liddell and Scott's Greek Lexicon)

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