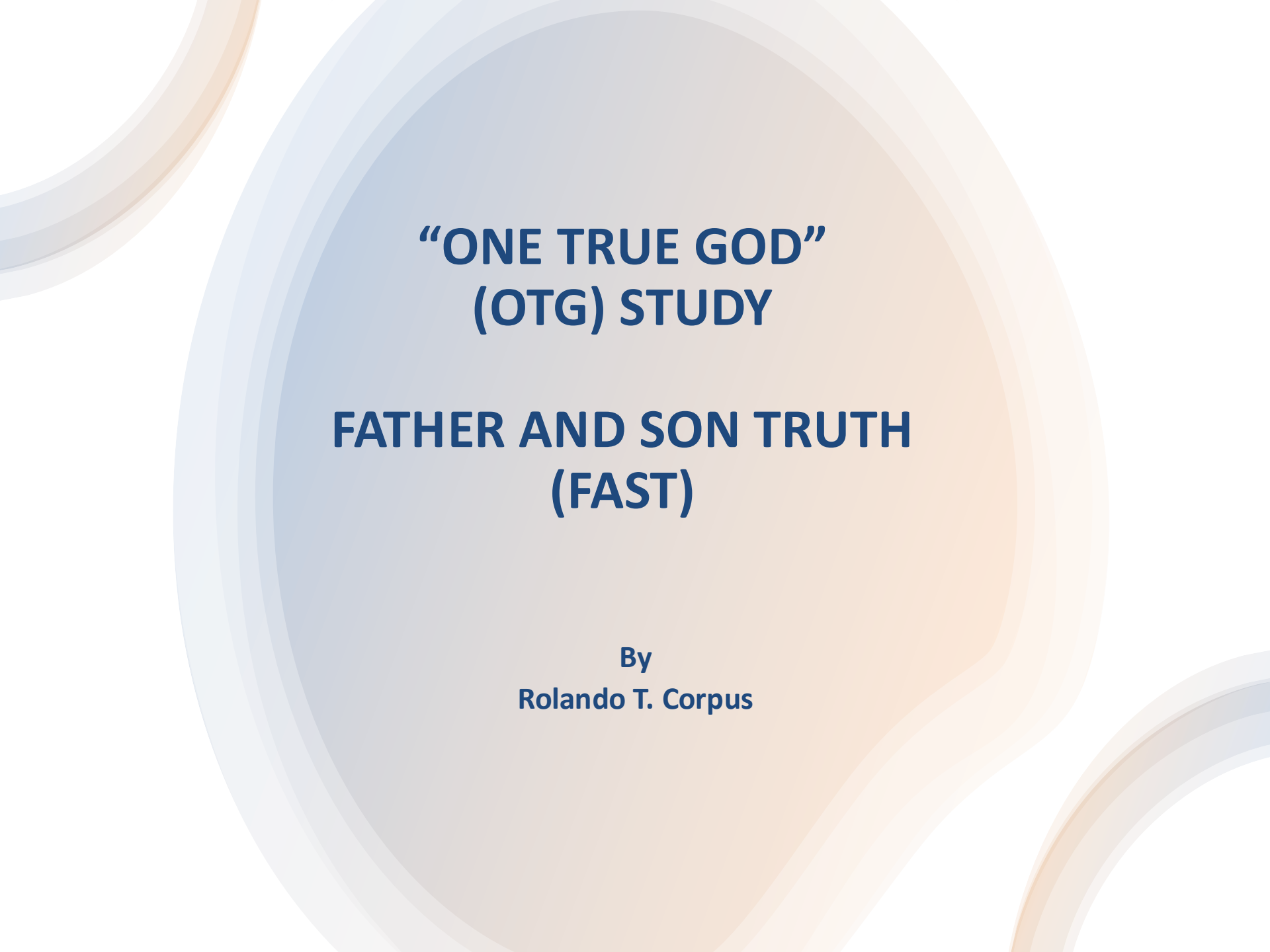




“ONE TRUE GOD” (OTG) STUDY

FATHER AND SON TRUTH (FAST)

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This is a Study Affirming
that there is:

ONE GOD ...
THERE IS NO OTHER GOD...
THERE IS BUT ONE TRUE GOD ...

*BHT Deuteronomy 6:4 šüma`
yiSră'ël yhw(h'ädönäy)'élöhêonû
yhwh(h'ädönäy)'eHäd*

Hear O Israel, YHVH is our God,
YHVH is **One!**

**It Essentially
Challenges
The
“TRINITY
DOCTRINE”**

**ARE THERE
DIRECT
SUBSTANTIAL
SCRIPTURAL
EVIDENCES TO
SUPPORT IT?**

INTRODUCTION

- **This presentation was written with the full awareness that it may be deemed heretical, as it stands contrary to the traditional position widely accepted and espoused by the majority of Christendom regarding the Classic “Trinity Doctrine”.**
- **This study is an attempt to show that the Classic Trinity Doctrine is unsubstantiated and unsustainable if based on Scripture alone.**
- **Thus, it is a dangerous position as it leads to serving and worshipping not the “God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” but a god of man’s own making – one who is no better than the Egyptian Ra, the Philistine Baal or the Greek Zeus.**

- Throughout the history of the nation of Israel, God's chosen people, **God has repeatedly shown His hate and disdain for His people worshipping gods other than Himself.**
- **Over and over, from Genesis through Revelation, Scripture is replete with statements of God speaking out against IDOLATRY.**
- **Today, when professed Christians misidentify the “only true God”, the God of the Holy Scriptures ceases to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**

- It is hoped that this study would help others recognize and acknowledge the “One True God” of the Bible who deserves our worship as Creator and Redeemer, who has reconciled us to Himself through His Son, *Yeshua* (Jesus), a contraction of *Y’hoshua*, His true given Hebrew or Aramaic name, so that we can live with Him for all eternity.
- While this presentation includes some passages from the “Spirit of Prophecy” books by Ellen G. White, whom Seventh-day Adventists are generally familiar with, it is hoped that non-SDAs may nevertheless find her inspired writings on this topic helpful as well.

Source References

- **Holy Scriptures – *Tanakh* or Old Testament**
- **Inspired New Testament Books**
- **BibleGateway.com English Versions**
 - New American Standard Bible (NASB)
 - Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)
 - Other versions when indicated: KJV, NKJV, NIV, ESV
- **Some books by Ellen G. White**
- ***“God According to His Son”* – by A. Leo Camagay**
- **On-line research sources especially on Early Christian Church history**



Why A Study On This?

We have been instructed, in fact
commanded to:

- **2 Tim. 2:15** (KJV) - “**Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**”
- (NASB) - “**Be diligent ...**”
- (CJB) - “**Do all you can ...**”
- (ESV) - “**Do your best ...**”

- **1 Thess. 5:21** (NASB) – “but **examine everything**; hold firmly to that which is good,”
- (CJB) – “But do **test everything ...**”
- (KJV) – “**Prove all things ...**”

STUDY OUTLINE



I - Historical Aspects



II – OT & NT References about the “ONE TRUE GOD” – (OTG)



III – Scripture passages used to support the “Trinity Doctrine”

Are they strong enough?



IV – Summary & Conclusions

DEFINITION

**CLASSIC
TRINITY
DOCTRINE**

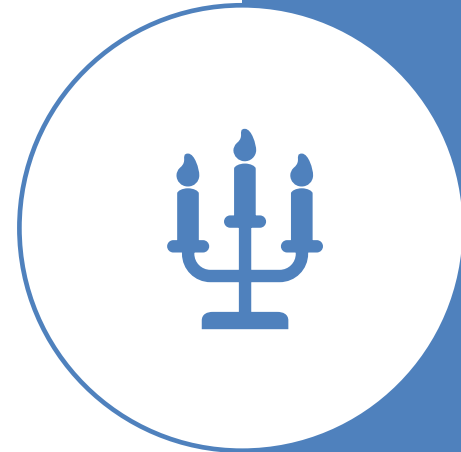
Classic Trinity Doctrine states:

“God the Father”,
“God the Son” and
“God the Holy Spirit”,
are **3 COEQUAL** (equal in power and authority), **COETERNAL** (in existence) and **CONSUBSTANTIAL** (in essence) **Persons = 1 Being** who are not 3 Gods but 1 God; simply stated **(1 + 1 + 1 = 1)**

THE
“TRIUNE” GOD

Official Catholic Creed

- **"Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity,** without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; **for the person of the Father is one, the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another;** but the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal. Inseparable in what they are, the divine persons are also inseparable in what they do."



Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part one, The Profession of Faith, No.'s 266, 267

Core Principles of the Trinity Doctrine



- **One Essence:** God is a single, indivisible divine being (monotheism).
- **Three Persons:** The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are fully and equally God.
- **Distinction:** The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father.

Historical Development of the Doctrine of the Trinity

- **The Bible:** The word "Trinity" is not in the text, but the concept is derived from various scriptural references to the divinity of all three. (*Deductive inference*)
- **Codification:** The formal doctrine was **defined and defended** at early church councils, most notably the **First Council of Nicaea in 325 CE**; convened by Emperor Constantine the Great
- **Finalized:** **Council of Constantinople in 381 AD**; convened by Emperor Theodosius 1

Origin of the Concept

- There was no concept of the Trinity God in the first 200 years after Christ's crucifixion or that God was a conglomerate of "3 Persons".
- The earliest known record of the 3 Person concept known as the Trinity doctrine was in the 4th century when the church was fully Romanized or Gentilized and was widely accepted.



“The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them.”

**The Catholic Catechism
Section Two #234**

“The mystery of the Trinity is the **central doctrine** of Catholic faith. Upon it are based all the other teachings of the Church.”

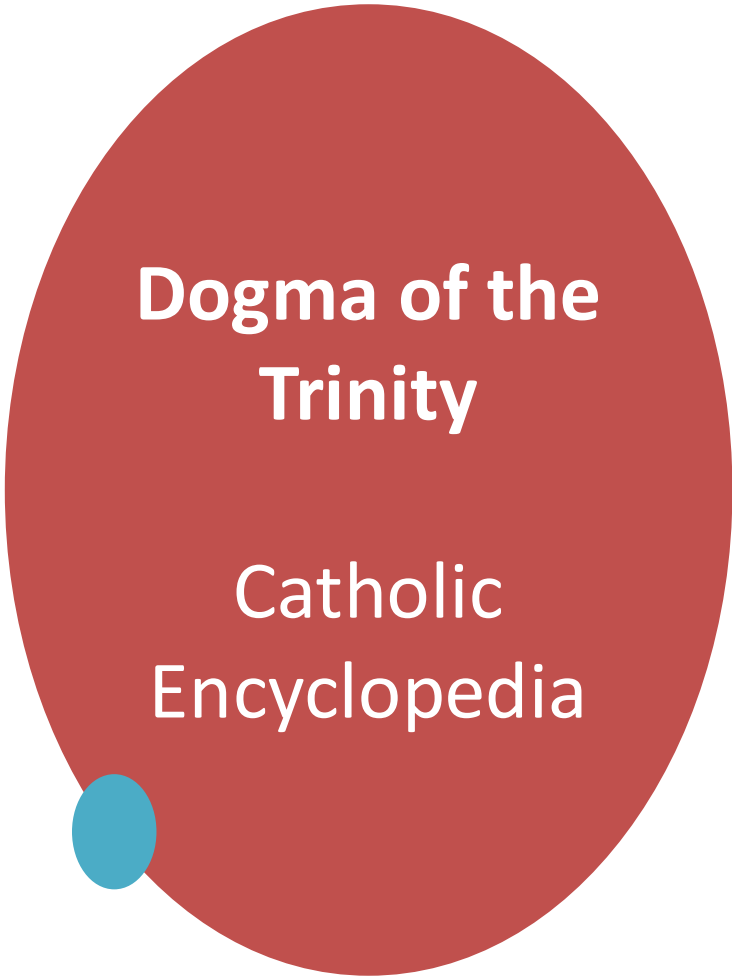


Handbook
for Today's
Catholic,
p. 11

**“No doctrine is more
fundamental or more
emphasized in
Freemasonry than
that of the Trinity,
although many
masons never realize
its presence.”**

From the
Masonicworld.
com

MASONIC-
TRINITY-AND-
WAY-OF-THE-
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Dogma of the Trinity

Catholic
Encyclopedia

- “The **Trinity** is the term employed to signify the **central doctrine of the Christian religion** – the truth that in the unity of the **Godhead** there are **Three Persons**, the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit**, these **Three Persons** being truly distinct one from another.”

A stack of several books with various colored spines (red, blue, green, brown) is shown on the left side of the image. A white, torn paper-like vertical line separates the books from the text on the right. The background on the right is solid black.

Where did the
'Trinity Doctrine'
come from?

How did it originate?

Could it be found
in the Bible?

A bit of history

ITS FORMULATION

- The “Trinity Doctrine” did not exist before 200 AD.
- The doctrine of the Trinity was first formulated among the early Christians and fathers of the Church as they attempted to understand the relationship between Jesus and God in their scriptural documents and prior traditions. – *Wikipedia.org*
- It is therefore clearly man-made !

Is the “Trinity Doctrine” found in the OT?

- **No trinitarian doctrine is explicitly taught in the Old Testament.**

Sophisticated trinitarians grant this, holding that **the doctrine was revealed by God only later, in New Testament times** (c.50 - 100) and/or in the Patristic era (c.100 - 800).

- They usually add, though, that **with hindsight**, we can see that a number of texts either portray or foreshadow the **co-working of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Is the “Trinity Doctrine” found in the NT?

- ***The New Testament contains no explicit trinitarian doctrine.***

*However, many Christian theologians, apologists, and philosophers hold that **the doctrine can be inferred from what the New Testament does teach about God.***

*But how may it be inferred? Is the inference deductive, or is it an inference to the best explanation? And is it based on what is implicitly taught there, or on what is merely assumed there? Many Christian theologians and apologists seem to hold it is a **deductive inference.***

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Deductive Inference - Definition

- A good deductive inference is called a **valid inference**, meaning **its structure guarantees the truth of its conclusion given the truth of the premises**. Pay attention to this definition. **The definition does not say that valid arguments *have* true conclusions**. Validity is a property of the logical forms of arguments, and remember that logic and truth are distinct. **The definition states that valid arguments have a form such that *if* the premises are true, then the conclusion must be true**. You can test a deductive inference's validity by testing whether the premises lead to the conclusion. If it is impossible for the conclusion to be false when the premises are assumed to be true, then the argument is valid.
- **When applied to the Trinity Doctrine, the premises are not facts but are assumptions considered to be true.**

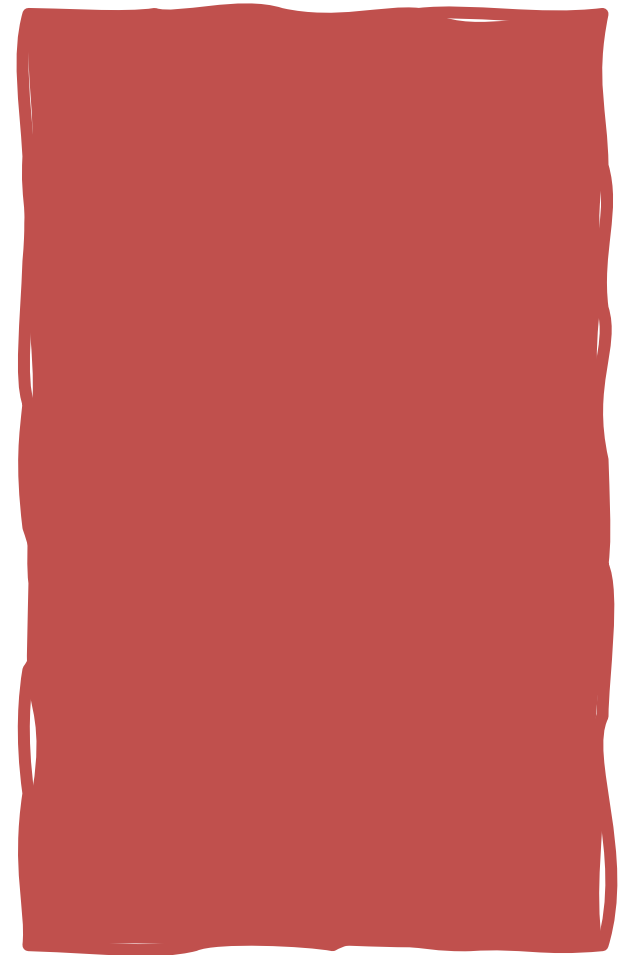
SOME of the “ISMS”

- **MONOTHEISM** – the belief in **One Creator God** - Judaism, Islam, Christianity & Zoroastrianism
- **POLYTHEISM** – **many gods**: Summerian, Egyptian, Roman & Greek mythology, Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Shintoism)
- **TRINITARIANISM** (classic form) – belief in **3 gods which are One**
- **TRITHEISM** – belief in the 3 Persons of the Trinity worshipped as **3 distinct gods**

Triple Deities – *Triune* Gods

- **SUMERIAN:** Anu (Sky), Enlil (Earth), Ea (Waters)
- **POST-FLOOD:** Nimrod, Semiramis, Tammuz
- **EGYPTIAN (3)** Amun, Re, Ptah / Osiris, Horus, Isis / Amun, Mut, Khonsu
- **ROMAN 2** (Capitoline Triad): Jupiter, Juno and Minerva / Jupiter, Mars, Venus
- **GREEK (3)** Zeus (Heaven), Poseidon (Seas and Oceans), and Hades (Underworld) / Zeus, Apollo, Athena / Moirai, Charites, Erinyes
- **HINDUISM:** Brahma (creator), Vishnu (preserver), Shiva (protector)
- **BUDDHISM** Trikaya: Dharmakaya (essence), Sambhogakaya (enjoyment), Nirmanakaya (transformation)

A BIT OF HISTORY

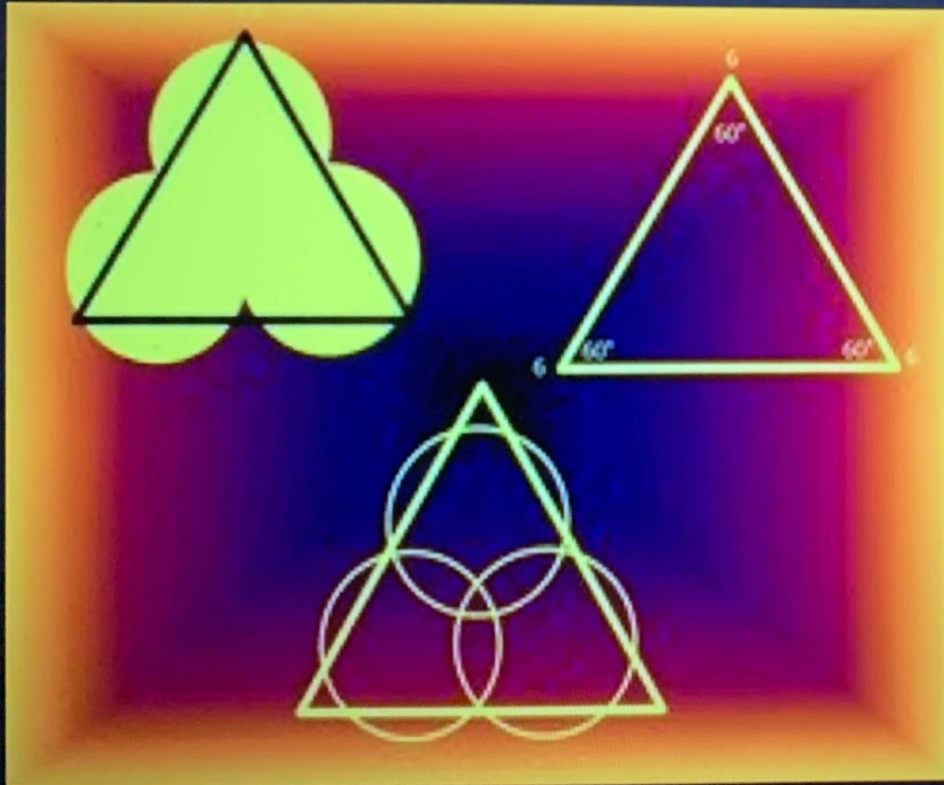


SUN WORSHIP



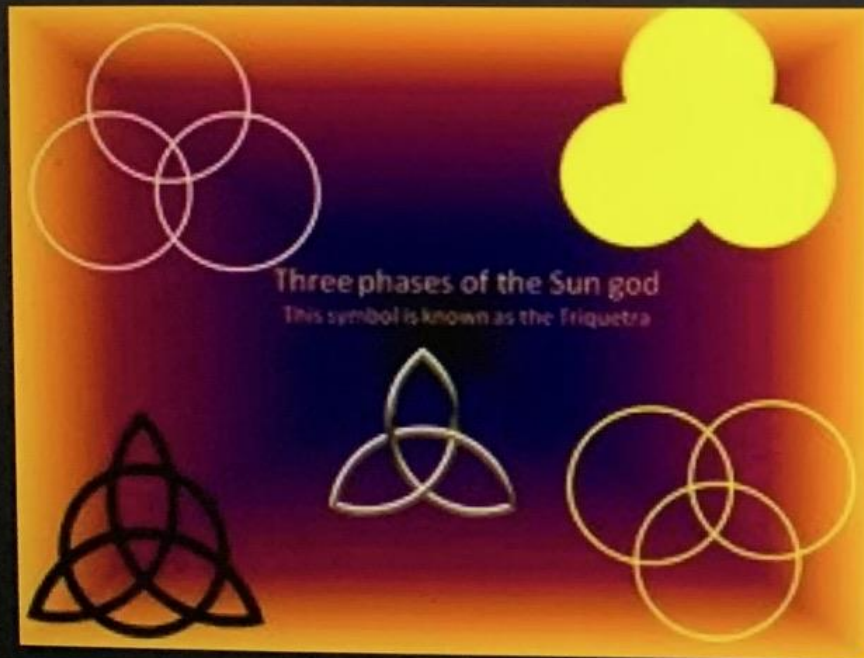
- It was after God confused the languages in Babel that **SUN WORSHIP** started in 3 stages: the **rising sun** was one god, the **midday sun** was another god and the **setting sun** was the 3rd god and yet **there were not 3 gods but one god – the SUN**
- In other words **1+1+1= One**
- **The concept of the Triune God had been influenced from its inception by no other than the Sun-god of Babylon.**

Three in one



The pagans also believed the three phases of the sun were the three manifestations of the supreme deity in the Egyptian sun gods. This became known as the three in one god.

Triquetra



There are three interlocking circles or sections. These three interlocking sections can be substituted for the whole so that part of each circle can be used rather than the whole





TRIQUETRA

Triquetra

The triquetra has long been used to symbolise the holy trinity but pre-dates Christianity and its use as such. This symbol has been found in Celtic and Nordic inscriptions and arts as well as on Germanic coins and Swedish runes as far back as the 11th century.

Some modern traditions use it to represent the connection between the mind, body and soul. In Celtic-based Pagan traditions it is often used as a symbol of the three realms of earth, sea and sky. In the past there has been speculation that the triquetra is a symbol of the triple goddess or was used as a Celtic symbol of feminine spirituality though no solid scholarly evidence has been found to date.



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Triquetra

- ◆ This symbol represents the three in one sun god and is found throughout different cultures and different pagan institutes of belief.
- ◆ You will often see the triquetra drawn in many different ways and you will find them in temples, shrines, paintings, etches and carvings.

Triquetra

“The triquetra is a satanic symbol that has its origins in the occult. It has always been associated with pagan beliefs, satanic practises and witchcraft. The triquetra is composed of three 6's overlaid. This logo is the ancient symbol for the pagan trinity. The symbol was popularised again by Satanist Aleister Crowley for the Royal Arch (Lucifer) or the 3rd Degree of the Year Order of Masonry.” — New King James Omissions A.V. Publications.)

“Trias” *“Trinitas”* *“Trinity”*

- The word *“Trinity”* **does not appear in the Bible.**
- The doctrine **did not originate from the Bible.**
- *“Trias”* – the term first used by **Theophilus of Antioch c.180 AD**
- *“Trinitas”* (Lat.) was first used by **Tertullian in 216 AD**
- The **concept** of a Trinity was **introduced in the Council of Nicea in 325 AD** (*Nicene Creed*)
- The first 300 years of Christianity was strictly **MONOTHEISTIC** – belief in 1 God.

First Creed Where “Trinity” Appeared

- The first creed in which it appeared is that of Origen's pupil, **Gregory Thaumaturgus** (260-280)
- *“There is therefore nothing created, nothing subject to another in the **Trinity** nor is there anything that has been added as though it once had not existed, but had entered afterwards: therefore **the Father has never been without the Son, nor the Son without the Spirit: and this same Trinity is immutable and unalterable forever.**” (P.G. X, 986)*

ITS ORIGIN

- **Athanasius, a deacon from the church at Alexandria,** brought up the idea under the influence of **Origen, a Gnostic Greek philosopher,** who used theological speculation and the allegorical method to the explanation of Scripture.

Athanasian Creed

Basis of the
Trinity
Doctrine

- “ ... we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity ... for **there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Ghost is all one ...they are not three gods, but one God** ... the whole three persons are **co-eternal and co-equal** ... **he therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity** ... “

ATHANASIAN CREED

- “The **Father is God**, the **Son is God**, the **Holy Spirit is God**, and yet **there are not three gods but one God.**”
- That **“one God”** is **three divine personalities** in one and are of an **indivisible substance or essence.**



NICENE CREED

1st
Ecumenical
Council of
Nicea
325 AD



- We believe in **one God, the Father Almighty**, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- And in **one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God**, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made...
- We believe in the **Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life**, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; **With the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified**; ... “

Trinity Doctrine

finalized at the

**2nd Ecumenical Council of Constantinople
381 AD**

- **The Nicene Creed, in 325 AD,** did not officially recognize the “Holy Spirit” as a god
- **“Trinity Doctrine” was finalized in the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD :**
 - the “Holy Spirit” was declared equal with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ
 - “And I believe in the **Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,** who proceeds from the Father and the Son; **With the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; ... “**



THE TRINITY DOCTRINE

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?



THE TRINITY
1+1+1 = 1
MAKES PERFECT SENSE!

WHAT THIS IDEA TEACHES:

- ▶ God is one substance made of **three persons**: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Each is a **person**, not a separate being, yet **each is God** on His own.
- ▶ One God is made up of **three persons**.
- ▶ These three are co-eternal, co-equal, and all three should be worshiped.
- ▶ At all **times together**. There was never a time when one came out from the other.

THE REAL AUTHOR
OF THIS DOCTRINE IS...

LUCIFER!

He wanted to be like
the Most High and
to be worshiped.



THIS IS THE **ATHANASIAN CREED**
FROM WHICH THE TRINITY DOCTRINE ORIGINATES.

ATHANASIAN CREED

"Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled; without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this:

That we worship **one God in Trinity**, and **Trinity in Unity**; Neither confounding the Persons; nor dividing the Essence. For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is **all one**; the Glory equal, the Majesty **coeternal**.

Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father **uncreated**; the Son **uncreated**; and the Holy Ghost **uncreated**. The Father **unlimited**; the Son **unlimited**; and the Holy Ghost **unlimited**. The Father **eternal**; the Son **eternal**; and the Holy Ghost **eternal**. And yet they are not three **eternals**; but **one eternal**.

As also there are not three **uncreated**; nor three **infinities**, but **one uncreated**; and **one infinite**. So likewise the Father is **Almighty**; the Son **Almighty**; and the Holy Ghost **Almighty**. And yet they are not three **Almighties**; but **one Almighty**. So the Father is **God**; the Son is **God**; and the Holy Ghost is **God**. And yet they are not three **Gods**; but **one God**. So likewise the Father is **Lord**; the Son **Lord**; and the Holy Ghost **Lord**. And yet not three **Lords**; but **one Lord**.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity; to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord; So are we forbidden by the catholic religion; to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords. The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is before, or after another; none is greater, or less than another. But the whole three Persons are **coeternal**, and **coequal**.

So that in all things, as aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, let him thus think of the Trinity."

IN TRUE REALITY OF THIS DOCTRINE,
THERE WAS NO:

- ✗ Jesus being brought forth.
- ✗ Christ being Begotten of the Father sometime in eternity.
- ✗ Father and Son relationship.
- ✗ It makes the Bible a liar.

IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN THERE
ARE NO FATHER AND SON,
LEAST THESE THREE PERSONS
WOULD BE BROTHERS
AND THE FATHER AND SON
WOULD ACTUALLY BE TWINS!

BUT THIS IS NOT WHAT
THE BIBLE TEACHES.

From the Scriptures, the Bible teaches us the existence of only **ONE GOD**, and that is the **FATHER**.

Jesus is divine, has the God nature, the character of God, the Name of God that He inherited because of His Son-ship.

But the one God of the Bible is the one source of all things. He is the one source of everyone. He is known as **GOD THE FATHER**.

LET'S COMPARE THIS IDEA OF THE TRINITY WITH WHAT PAUL TELLS US IN:



1 CORINTHIANS 8:6

"But to us there is but **one God**, the Father, **OF** whom are all things, and we in him; and **one Lord Jesus Christ**, **BY** whom are all things, and we by him."

JESUS **NEVER** TAUGHT THAT HE WAS PART OF A
1-IN-3 OR 3-IN-1 TRINITY EITHER.
HIS WITNESS AND TESTIMONY WAS ALWAYS ABOUT THE FATHER.

IF PAUL BELIEVED IN THE TRINITY,
IF GOD WANTED US TO BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY,
THAT VERSE WOULD HAVE SAID,

"but to us there is **one God**, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

BUT AS YOU CAN SEE,
THAT IS NOT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.



Trinity Doctrine

"God According To His Son"



Having its historical roots in the 4th century, it is clearly a man-made concept



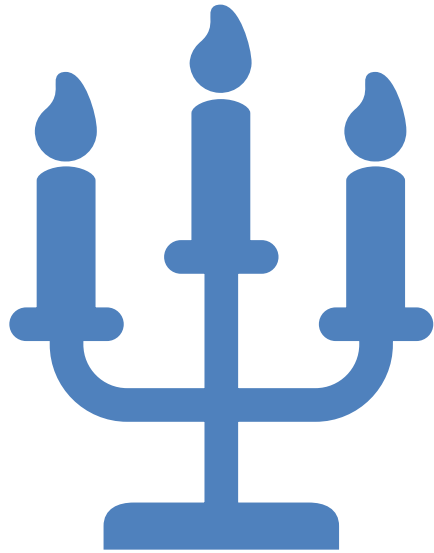
The Trinity is a thought idol made of expressed philosophical ideas contrary to what Who the God of the Bible – the Father, identifies Himself to be through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ – **John 17:3**

JEWS and the BIBLE

- Yeshua (Jesus) was a Jew; His disciples were Jews
- The Jewish religion is MONOTHEISTIC – one God
- The books of the Bible were written by Jewish authors
- Jews **NEVER BELIEVED** in a Trinity
- Jews **NEVER TAUGHT** the Holy Spirit is a third god
- To the Jews the “Holy Spirit” was the “**Spirit of God**”
- **How can the authors of the Bible be referring to a third god when they have NEVER BELIEVED or TAUGHT that ever?**



IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

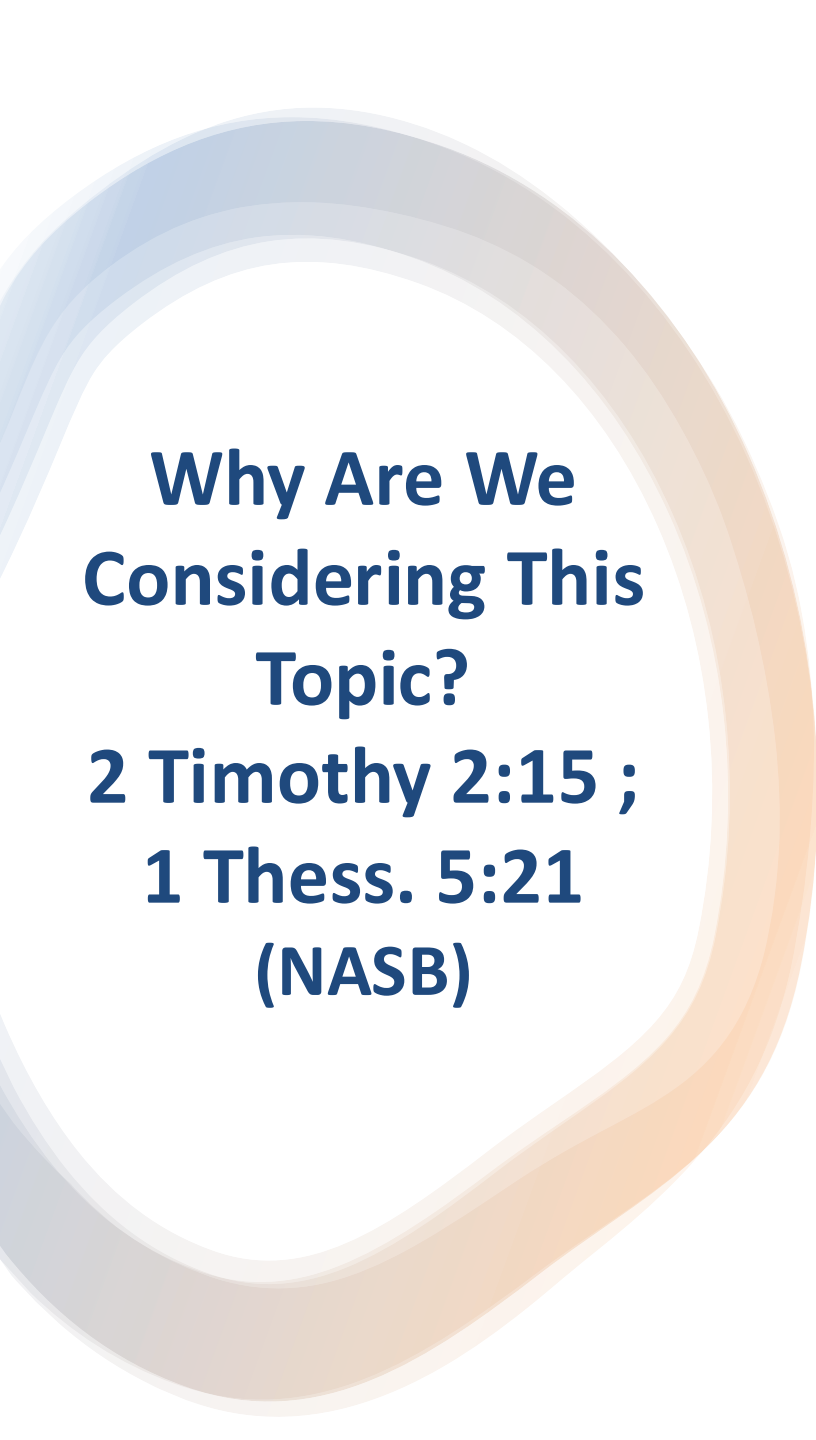


Why is there a need to study this when 98% of Christendom believe and worship the Trinity?

A proper understanding of God is fundamental to our faith and practice.

**Who we worship is key,
is it:**

**The Trinity God or
The One True God?**



Why Are We Considering This Topic? 2 Timothy 2:15 ; 1 Thess. 5:21 (NASB)

- **“Study** to shew thyself approved unto God ... **rightly dividing** the word of truth.” 2 Tim. 2:15 (KJV)
- **“Be diligent** ... handling the word of truth”. (NASB, ESV)
- ²¹ but **examine everything**; hold firmly to that which is good, ” 1 Thess. 5:21 (NASB)
- We are exhorted to **“study”** and understand the veracity of doctrines and teachings, to **“examine everything”**, and to **“hold firmly to that which is good”** - meaning to fact-check whether they actually conform accurately with scripture.
- **These Bible passages don’t say “read”, “listen”, “just accept what you hear or what you are taught”.**

SOME OLD TESTAMENT “ONE TRUE GOD” REFERENCES



Exodus 20:1-3

*Deuteronomy 6:4-6;
4:35,39*

1 Kings 8:60

Isaiah 45:5,14; 46:9

Exodus

20:1-3

(NASB)

- v1 *Then God spoke all **these words**, saying,*
- **The 1st of “these words” is verse 2:** (starts with quotation marks)
- v2 ***“I am the LORD your God,** who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”*
- v3 ***“You shall have no other gods before Me.”***
- ***LORD** written in all caps translated from:
- **YHWH** - Yud-Heh-Waw-Heh (Ancient Hebrew) or **YHVH** - Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (Modern Hebrew)

“Shema”

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NASB)



- **4** ***“Hear O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!”***
- **5** *And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*
- **6** *These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.”*

1 Kings

8:60

(NASB)

- “so that all the peoples of the earth may know that **the LORD is God; there is no one else.**”

***“There is no
other”;
“no one else”***

- **Deuteronomy 4: 35** – *“To you it was shown that you might know that the LORD, He is God; **there is no other besides Him.**”*
- **Deuteronomy 4:39** – *“Know therefore today, and take it to heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; **there is no other.**”*
- **1 Kings 8:60** – *“... **there is no one else.**”*
- **Isaiah 45:5** – *“**I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God.**”*
- **Isaiah 45:14** – *“... Surely God is with you, **and there is none else.**”*
- **Isaiah 46:9** – *“Remember the former things long past, **For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me.**”*

SOME NEW TESTAMENT ONE TRUE GOD REFERENCES

NASB – New American Standard Bible

CJB – Complete Jewish Bible

(Highlighted portions added for emphasis)

Mark 12:28-32 (NASB)

Scribe's discussion with Jesus

- ²⁸ One of the scribes came up and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the ^[r]foremost of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The ^[s]foremost is, **'Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one;** ³⁰ and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² And the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher; **You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no other besides Him**

Jesus praying in Gethsemane

John 17:1-3
(NASB)

- **Jesus praying to His Father**
- 1 "... **Father**, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,
- 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.
- 3 **This is life eternal, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**"
- **Why can't we take Jesus' very own words as enough?**
- **Why do men add to what Jesus clearly stated – that His Father is "the only true God"?**
- **Why doesn't this statement end all discussions?**

Who did Yeshua
(Jesus) Himself
say was the
“Only True God”
in
John 17:3 ?

John Ch. 17 - **Jesus praying to His Father** in the garden of Gethsemane just before His arrest

V3 - “And eternal life is this: to know **you, the one true God**, and him whom you sent, Yeshua the Messiah.” (CJB)

V3 – “And this is eternal life, that they might know **You, the only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent”.
(NKJV)

V3 – “... that they know **You, the only true God**, ...”
(NIV, ESV)

V3 - “...that they may know **You, the only true God**”
(NASB)

If Jesus Himself called His Father, “the only true God” why can’t the truth be anymore simple?

Doesn’t the Son know His Father best?

Are we not supposed not to add or subtract from Scripture?

John

20:17

(NASB 1995)

- **Jesus speaking to Mary** - Following His resurrection, the disciples found the tomb empty and left except for Mary
- *17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'* "
- **Jesus Himself refers to His Father as "My God".**



Romans

15:5,6

(CJB)

- *⁵And may God, the source of encouragement and patience, give you the same attitude among yourselves as the Messiah Yeshua had, ⁶ so that with one accord and with one voice you may glorify the **God and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.***
- **Paul refers to God, as the “Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah”**
- **Clearly they are 2 distinct divine beings; not co-equal in status.**

1Corinthians

8:4,6

(NASB 2020)

- Paul's strongest statements
- V4 – “... **there is no God but one.**”
- v6 – “**yet for us there is only one God, the Father,** from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; **and one Lord, Jesus Christ,** by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.”
- Clearly, “**one God, the Father**” ... “**and one Lord, Jesus Christ**”;
No specific mention of the “***Holy Spirit***” as a distinct entity, let alone as a god.



Ephesians

1:15-17 (NASB)

- *15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints,*
- *16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;*
- *17 **that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,** may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.*

1 Timothy

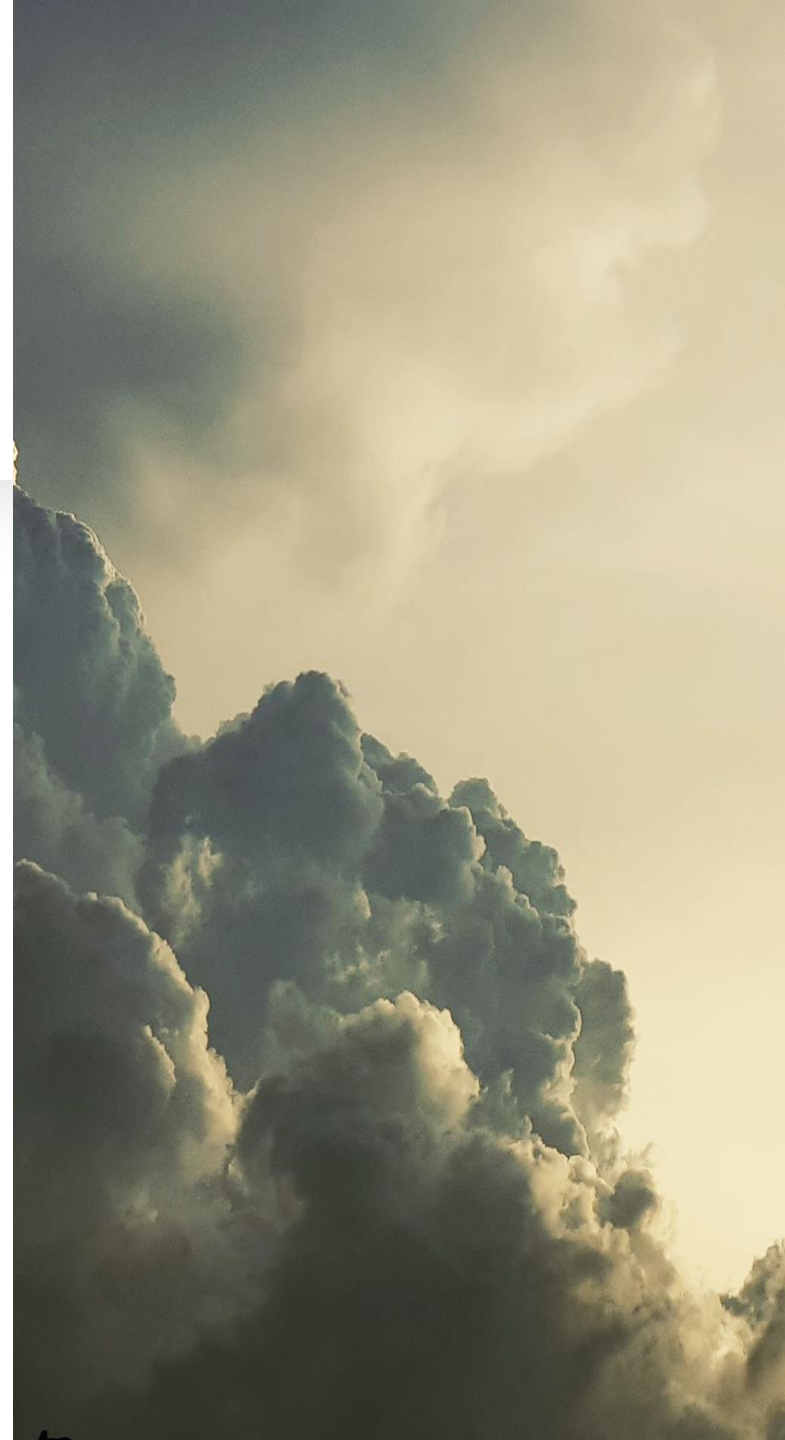
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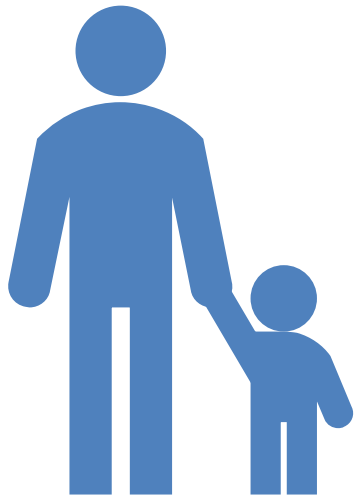
(NASB 2020)

- 5 “For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** also between **God** and mankind, **the Man Christ Jesus**,”
- The “**one God**” referring to the **Father** is **distinct** from the “**one mediator**”, **Christ Jesus**.
- Paul doesn’t even refer to Jesus as “God”.

Mark 13:32

- Yeshua (Jesus) talking about the coming return of the Son of Man
- ³² But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father *alone*.
- **The Father alone knows; not even the Son knows**
- *How about the Holy Spirit?
No mention of it !*





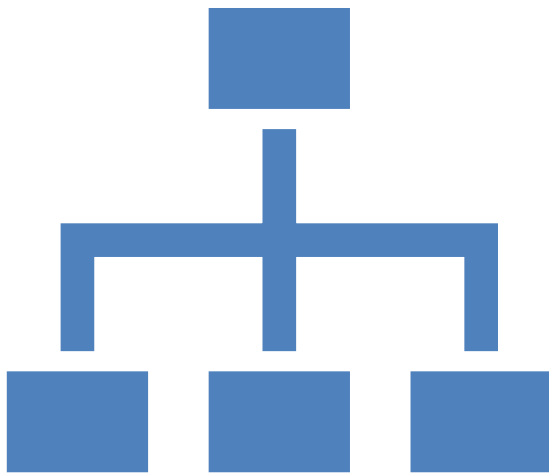
John 5:26

- ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in Himself, so **He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself**;
- **The Father gave life to His Son**
- ***If they were COEQUAL***, as stated in the Trinity Doctrine, why did the Father have to give life to His Son?
- ***If they were COETERNAL***, the Son should have had life as His Father at the same time.

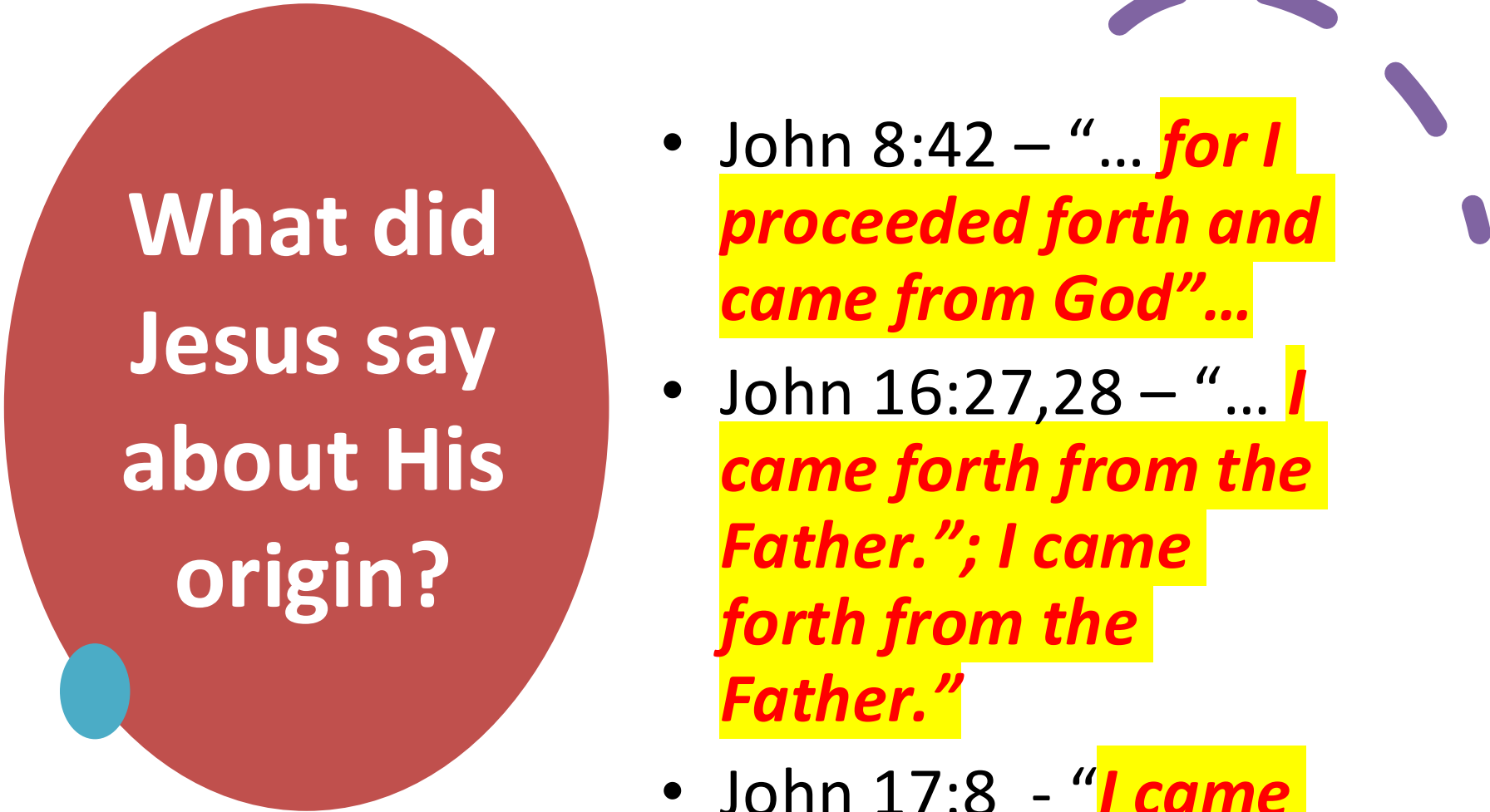
Some other
NT verses
that
contextually
do not
support the
Trinity
Doctrine

- **Ephesians 4:6** – “⁶ **one God and Father** of all who is over all and through all and in all.”
- **1 Thess. 1: 9,10** – “⁹ For they themselves report about us as to the kind of reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve **a living and true God,** ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is, Jesus who rescues us from the wrath to come.”
- **1 Timothy 6:13, 15, 16** – “¹³ I direct you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, — **He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of ords,** ¹⁶ **who alone possesses immortality** and dwells in unapproachable light, whom ^[p]no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.
- (*All verses from the NASB)

**HOW DID YESHUA
REGARD HIMSELF ?
WAS HE DISTINCT
FROM HIS FATHER ?
WHAT DID HE SAY
ABOUT HIS ORIGIN ?**



**Was Yeshua (Jesus)
“coequal” (in authority),
“coeternal” (in existence)
“consubstantial” (in essence)
with the Father as the
Trinity Doctrine states?**



What did Jesus say about His origin?

- John 8:42 – “... *for I proceeded forth and came from God*”...
- John 16:27,28 – “... *I came forth from the Father.*”; *I came forth from the Father.*”
- John 17:8 - “*I came forth from You*”.

John
8:42
(AKJV)
Jesus
speaking to
His disciples

- “Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: **for I proceeded forth and came from God**; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.”
- If Jesus **“proceeded forth”** from His Father **“and came from God”** they both could not have had the same beginning (**co-eternal**)
- **If He came from His Father, His Father must have come first!**

Jesus speaking to His disciples

John 16:
27, 28
(NASB)

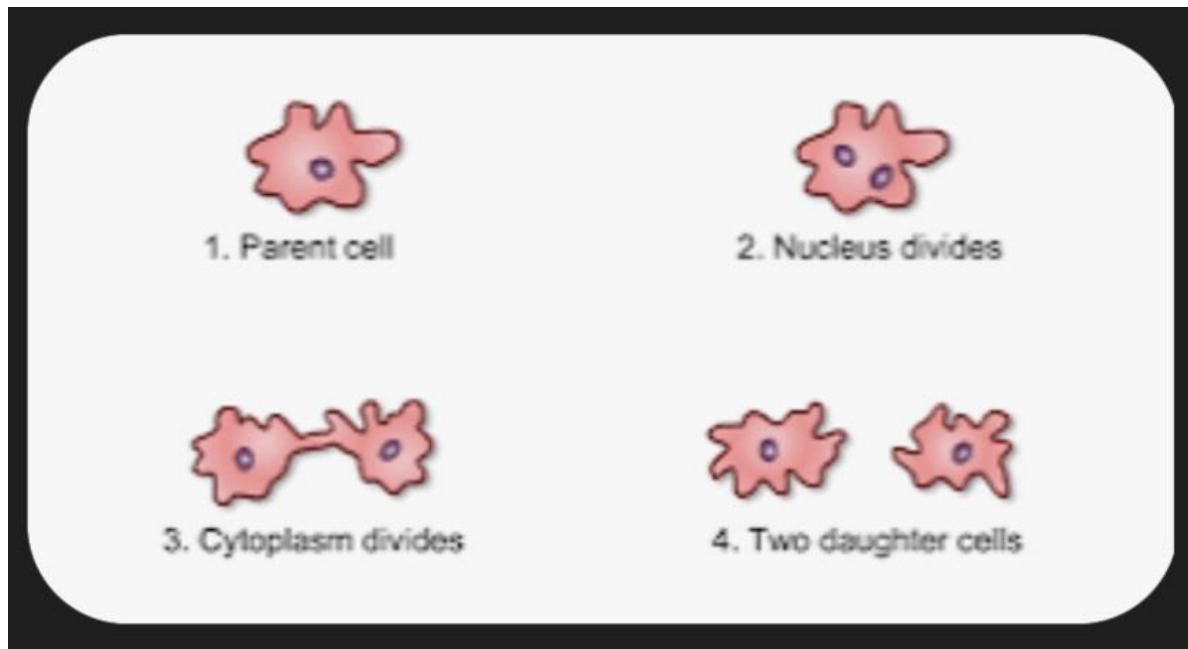
- 27 *"For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that **I came forth from the Father.**"*
- 28 *"**I came forth from the Father** and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father."*
- Hebrew word – *"chullthi"*
- Greek word – *"exerchomai"*
- **The Father must have been in existence before the Son !**
- **To deny this fact makes the Son a liar !**
- **The Son CAN'T BE COETERNAL with His Father !**

Jesus praying to His Father

John 17:8
(NASB)

- ***“for the words which You gave me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.”***
- **Again, clearly the Father must have been in existence before His Son, Who came forth from Him !**
- **The Father could not have had the same beginning as the Son.**
- **The Son CAN'T BE COETERNAL with His Father !**

- **“came forth”** could be illustrated from one of YHVH’s creations – the one-celled **amoeba** – where the **daughter cell breaks off from the parent cell** carrying with it part of the nucleus and cytoplasm – the very **same essence and nature of the parent cell**.



From “God According to His Son”

NOTE PAUL'S GREETINGS

**In his epistles to the churches in:
Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus,
Philippi, Colossae, and Thessalonica
and in his letters to Timothy and
salutation to Philemon.**

**Greetings from “God our Father”
and the “Lord Jesus Christ.”**

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Rom. 1:7 / 1 Cor. 1:3 / 2 Cor. 1:2 / Galatians 1:3 / Ephesians 1:2 / Philippians 1:2 / Colossians 1:2,3 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1 / 2 Thess. 1:2 / 1 Tim. 1:2 / 2 Tim. 1:2 / Philemon 1:3 - **12 instances**
- In Paul's **opening greetings in his letters** to the **various churches and to his disciples** (Timothy & Philemon), he made **no mention of the “Holy Spirit”** as being one with the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ***If there was indeed a “Trinity”** and Paul himself recognized 3 co-equal “Persons”, **he would have at least mentioned the “Holy Spirit”** in some, if not all, of his greetings, **but he didn't.**

Paul's Theology

- Paul refers separately to God the Father and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ (*Yeshua HaMashiach*).
- Paul sees the Father and Jesus as two distinct entities.
- While Jesus pronounced that all authority on earth and in heaven was given to Him by His Father, He was still subordinate to His Father – He was an agent (*Heb. Shaliach*) of His Father.
- Paul's theology does not allow for the Father and His Son to be co-equal Beings.
- Both exist, both are relevant, and both have their own attributes and functions. They were distinct from one another.
- To Paul, there was a definite hierarchy with the Father on top.

For what reason was John exiled to the Island of Patmos?

Revelation 1:9

- KJV - *"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, **for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.**"*
- NASB – *"... because of the **word of God and the testimony of Jesus.**"*
- CJB – *"... for having proclaimed the **message of God and borne witness to Yeshua.**"*
- **For whom? How many persons?
Answer - TWO !!**

Why was Paul persecuted?

- John was a member of the apostolic church and was NOT persecuted for worshipping 3 gods but for worshipping 2 Beings - ***“for the word of God”*** (the Father), and ***“for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*** (His Son)



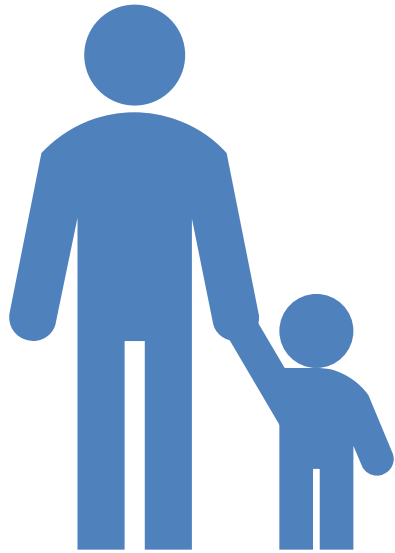
Revelation

19: 9,10

Context is

WORSHIP

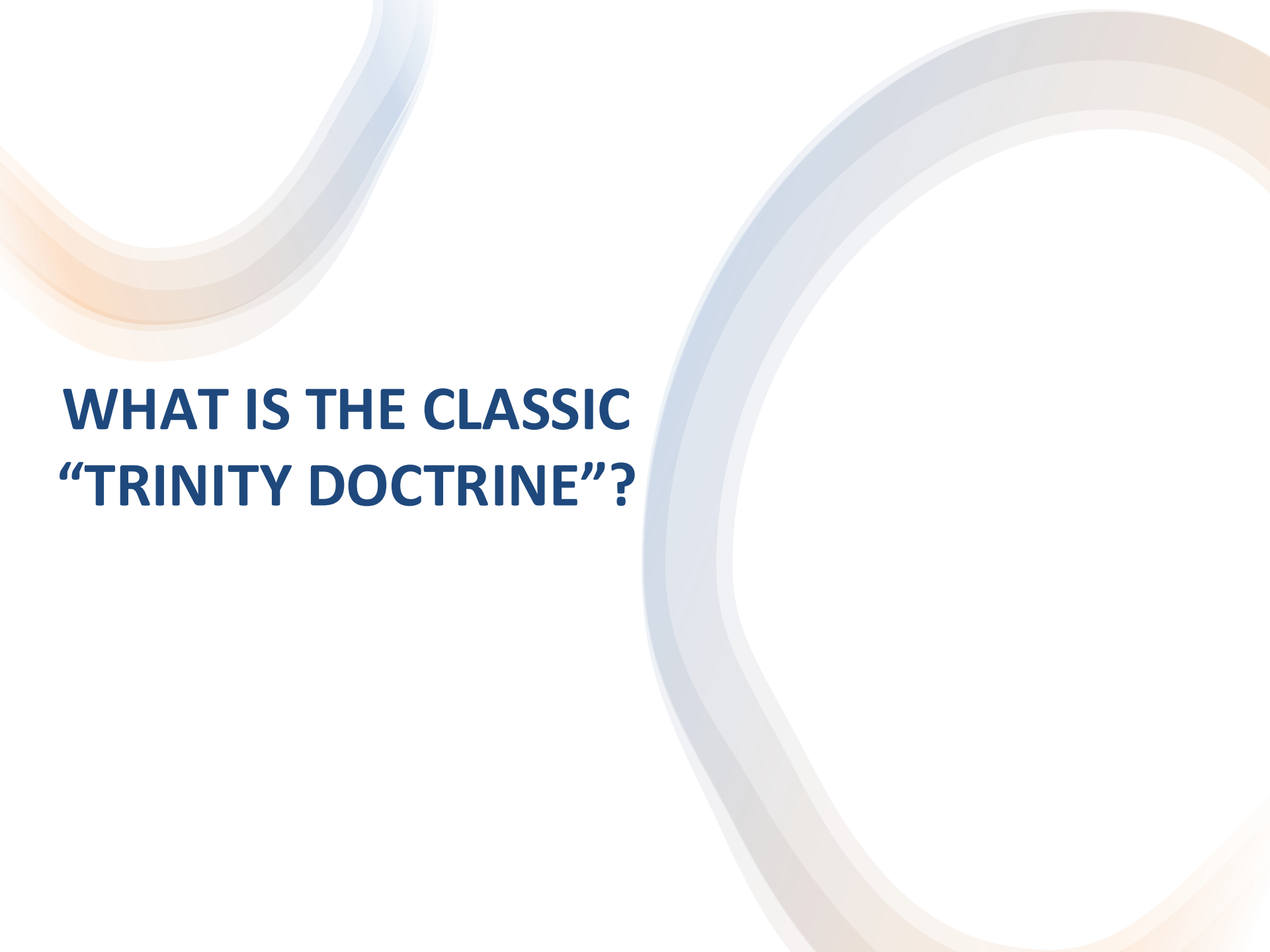
- *⁹ Then he *said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.'" And he *said to me, "These are the true words of God."¹⁰ Then **I fell at his feet to worship him.** But he *said to me, **"Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours** and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus; **worship God!** For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." NASB*



HOW MANY DIVINE BEINGS?

Only 2 -
The Father and
His Son

**ONLY THESE 2 BEINGS
DESERVE WORSHIP**



**WHAT IS THE CLASSIC
“TRINITY DOCTRINE”?**

Classic Trinity Doctrine states:

God the Father,
God the Son and
God the Holy Spirit
are 3 Persons
COEQUAL (in authority),
COETERNAL (in existence) and
CONSUBSTANTIAL (in essence)

Who are not 3 gods but 1 God.

Can these claims be substantiated by
“sola scriptura” - Scripture alone, which is the
1st core principle of the Protestant Reformation?

What is the Doctrine of Trinity?

Britannica
Encyclopedia

- ***“Trinity, in Christian doctrine, the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead. T***
- ***The doctrine of the Trinity is considered to be one of the central Christian affirmations about God.”***

Where Does the Bible Teach the Trinity?

History of Trinitarian Doctrines

Stanford Encyclopedia

- ***“No trinitarian doctrine is explicitly taught in the Old Testament.***

*Sophisticated trinitarians grant this, holding that **the doctrine was revealed by God only later**, in New Testament times (c.50-c.).”*

Trinity in Catholicism

Catholic Encyclopedia

- *“In Trinitarian doctrine, God exists as three persons or hypostases, but is one being, having a single divine nature. The members of the Trinity are co-equal and co-eternal, one in essence, nature, power, action, and will.”*

Phrases Occurring in Scripture

- The following is what appears in Scripture numerous times:
- ***“God the Father”*** – the one true God / the “only true God”
- ***“Son of God”*** – the only begotten Son of God / our Lord Jesus Christ; NOT ***“God the Son”***
- ***“Spirit of God” / “Spirit of the LORD”***
- ***“Spirit of Christ” / “Spirit of Jesus”***

Occurrences in the NT (NASB)

- ***“God the Father”*** – **14 times** (1 Cor. 8:6; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 6:23; Phil 2:11; Col. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:2; 1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:17; 2 John 1:3; Jude 1:1)
- ***“God the Son”*** – **0 times**
- ***“God the Holy Spirit”*** - **0 times**
- ***“Son of God”*** – 48 times
- ***“Spirit of God”*** – 27 times
- ***“the Holy Spirit”*** – 89 times; ***“His HS ”*** - 3; ***“Your HS”*** - 1
- ***“Spirit of the Lord”*** – 28 times
- ***“Spirit of Christ”*** – 2; ***“Spirit of Jesus”*** – 2



WHO IS GOD?

A COMPARISON OF REFERENCES

A careful review of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy shows that the titles and phrases used to describe the Godhead are overwhelmingly applied to the Father and the Son, not to a third person called the Holy Spirit.



Referring to the Godhead	King James Bible	Ellen White Writings
"God the Father"	13 Times	172 Times
"Son of God"	47 Times	5102 Times
"Spirit of God"	26 Times	5998 Times
"Holy Spirit (Ghost)"	95 Times	11878 Times
"Spirit of (Jesus) Christ"	3 Times	1452 Times
Referred to "God and Christ"	534 Times	225 Times
Referred to "God and the Holy Spirit"	0 Times	0 Times
Called the Holy Spirit a "Being"	0 Times	0 Times
Called the Holy Spirit a "God"	0 Times	0 Times
Trinitarian Phrases		
"God the Holy Spirit"	0 Times	0 Times
"God the Spirit"	0 Times	0 Times
"God the Son"	0 Times	0 Times
"God in three persons"	0 Times	0 Times
"Trinity"	0 Times	0 Times
"Triune God"	0 Times	0 Times
"Co-equal"	0 Times	0 Times
"Co-eternal"	0 Times	0 Times
"Consubstantial"	0 Times	0 Times
"First Person"	0 Times	0 Times
"Second Person"	0 Times	0 Times
"Third person"	0 Times	4 Times (repeated about 4 times each)

THE FACTS SPEAK!

The Father and the Son are clearly identified and referred to **THOUSANDS** of times.

But the Holy Spirit is **NEVER** called "God," "a Being," or a third person in the Godhead.

Trinitarian phrases are **ABSENT** in both Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy.

THE BIBLE TEACHES ONE GOD – THE FATHER, AND ONE MEDIATOR – THE SON, JESUS CHRIST.

ONE GOD – THE FATHER

"This then is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

– John 17:3



ONE MEDIATOR – THE SON

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

– 1 Timothy 2:5

“Jesus Christ our Lord”

“Christ Jesus our Lord”

“our Lord Jesus Christ”

In many of these texts these phrases are clearly distinguished from:

“God our Father”

“our Father God”

“Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Differentiations in the NT
67 times (NASB)

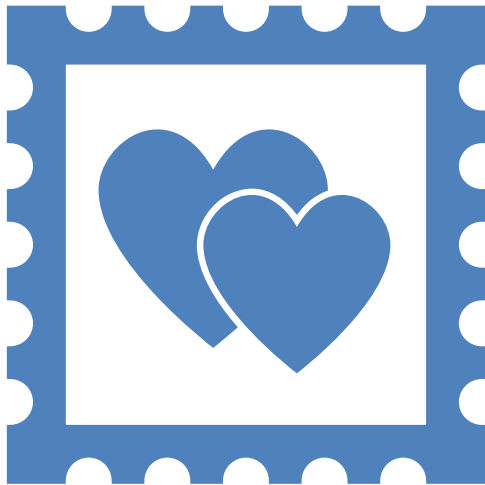
Romans 8:9

- **Romans 8:9** – *“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed **the Spirit of God** dwells in you. But if anyone does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him.”*
- If the “Spirit of God/LORD” is different from the “Spirit of Christ/Jesus” then there should be two (2) Holy Spirits – Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ – then it’s no longer a “trinity”
- ***The “Holy Spirit” exists in its fullness in the beings of the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ and is used interchangeably for both of them.**



Galatians 4:6

- ⁶ *Because you are sons, God has sent forth the **Spirit of His Son** into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”*
- **The Son has His own Spirit that emanates from His Father and is sent into the hearts of the believers at the Father’s discretion.**



Points to Ponder

- Why does Scripture not have any record of the Father or the Son speaking to the Holy Spirit as though it was a co-equal being?
- **Why are there no records of the Holy Spirit ever speaking to the Father or to His Son Jesus?** Yet the Father spoke to His Son over and over and we find Jesus frequently speaking with His Father.
- **Could it be because the “Holy Spirit” isn’t a distinct being as defined by the Trinity doctrine?**
- All we find is the Father interacting with His Son and vice versa.

5 Scripture References to Consider

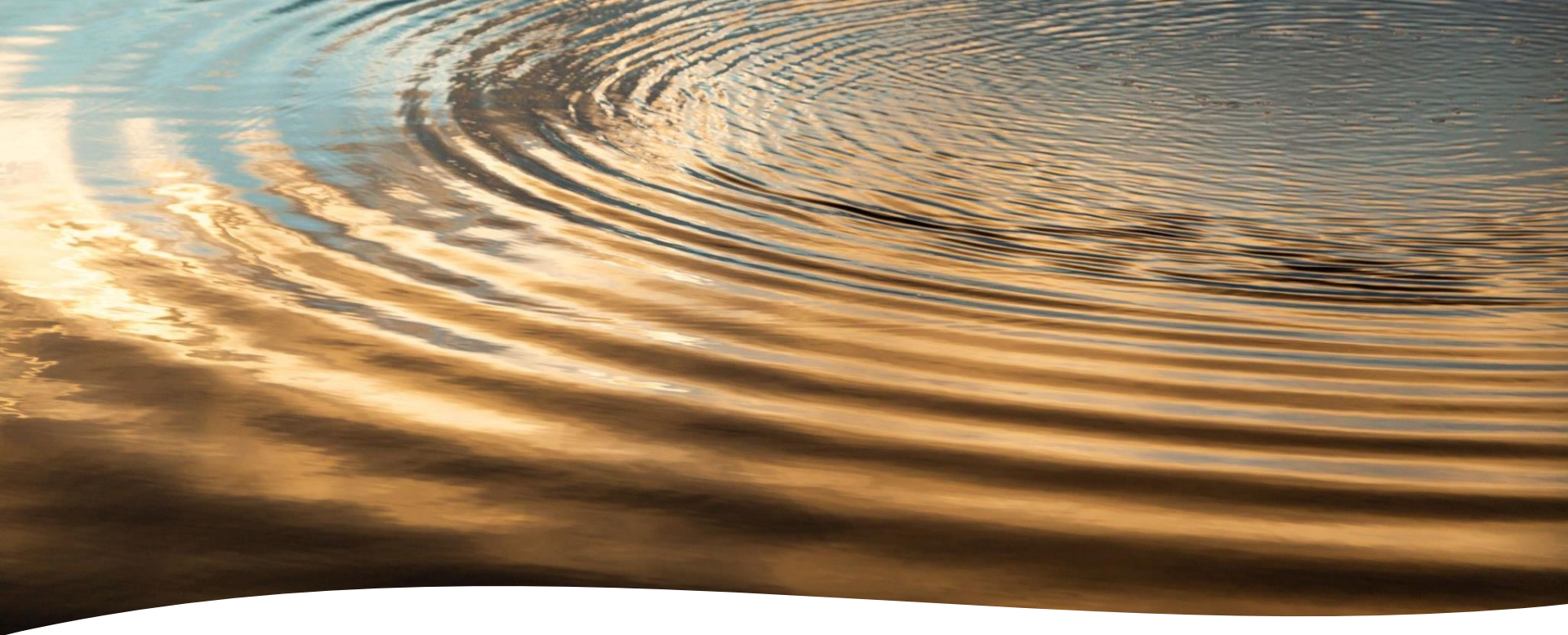
- *Genesis 1; John 1 – Creation of the World*
- *Matthew 3:16, 17 – Baptism of Jesus*
- *Ephesians 4:30 – Grieving the Holy Spirit*
- *Matthew 28:19, 20 – “The Great Commission”*
- *John 14 & 16 – “another: Helper / Advocate, Comforter / Counselor”*

**A CLOSER LOOK
AT THE
CREATION OF THE WORLD**

Genesis 1
John 1

Genesis 1:1,2 (NASB)

- V1 - In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth
- V2 ... and **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.
- There was **God who spoke – “And God said ...”** 9 times
- There was **God** (Creator) and **His Son Jesus** (through Whom all things were created)
- There was the **Spirit of God** (“hovering over the waters”) –
- **“Spirit”** is mentioned as a possession of God – **“the Spirit of God” – His very own Spirit !**

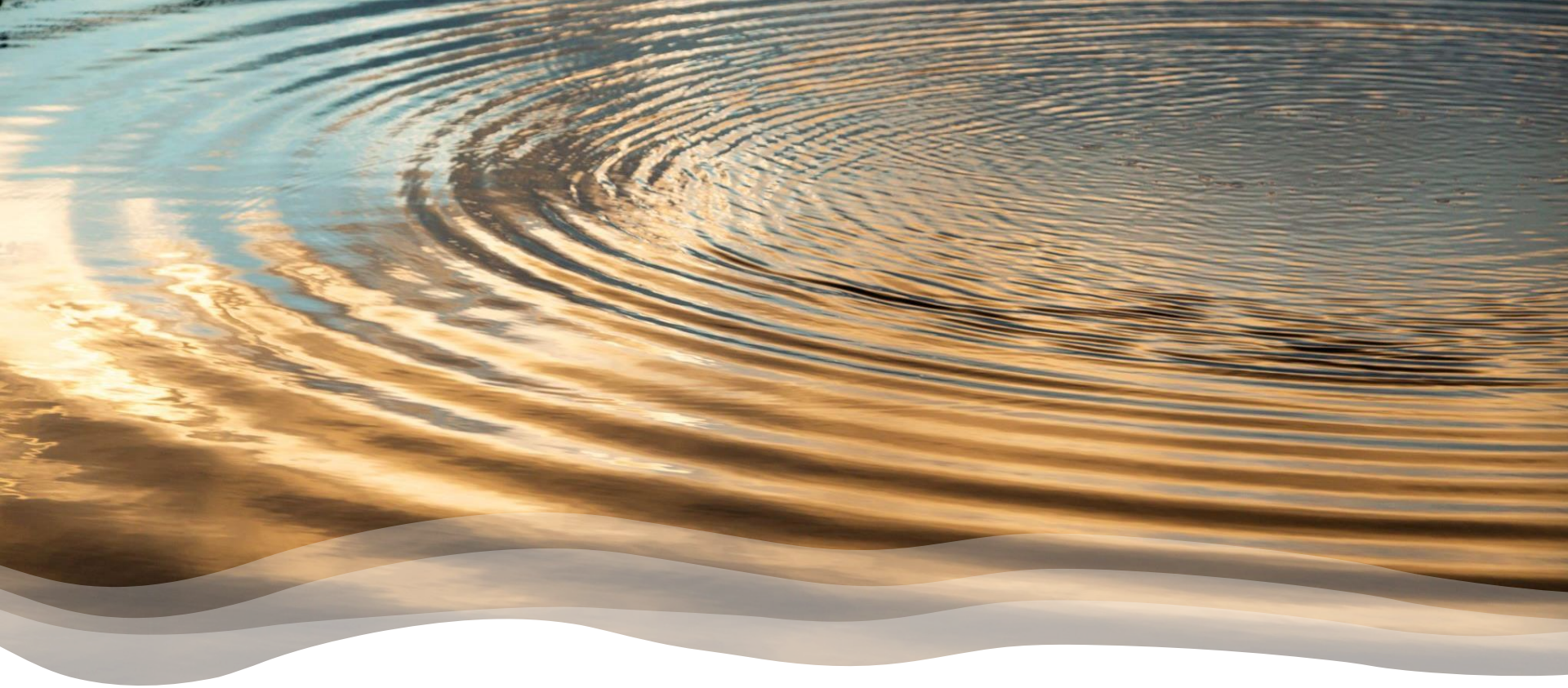


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*Gen. 1:2 ... and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.*

- Strong's H7307 – *ruwach*
- Outline of Biblical Usage:
wind, breath, mind, spirit

John 1:1,2 (NASB)

- ¹ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ² *He was in the beginning with God.*
- “the Word was with God” – they were 2 distinct Beings
- No mention of a 3rd separate being



Psalm 33:6, 9 (KJV)

- **V6** – “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them **by the breath of his mouth.**”
- Strong’s H7307 – **ruwach**
- **V9** - **For he spake,** and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.
- **His spoken word was the breath of His mouth**

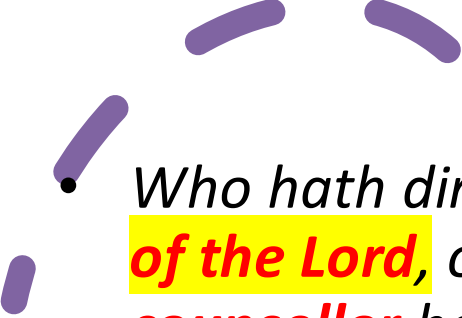
Psalm 139: 7-10 (KJV)

- ⁷ Whither shall I go from thy **spirit?** or whither shall I flee from thy **presence?**
- ⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- ¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- **Spirit of God = His presence is everywhere**

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- The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: **his eyes** behold, his eyelids try the children of men. Ps. 11:4
 - **His eyes = His OMNIPRESENCE**
 - “The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. “The Lord’s throne is in heaven” (Ps.11:4); **yet by His Spirit. He is everywhere present.** He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of **His hand.**” - Ed. 132.2
 - **Spirit of the Lord = PRESENCE**
 - **Right hand = DIVINE POWER**



Presence
and
Power

- 
- Who hath directed the **Spirit of the Lord**, or being his **counsellor** hath taught him?
- Isa. 40:13 (KJV)

- For who hath known the **mind of the Lord**? or who hath been his **counsellor**?
- Romans 11:34 (KJV)

- **Counsellor = SPIRIT & MIND of the Lord**

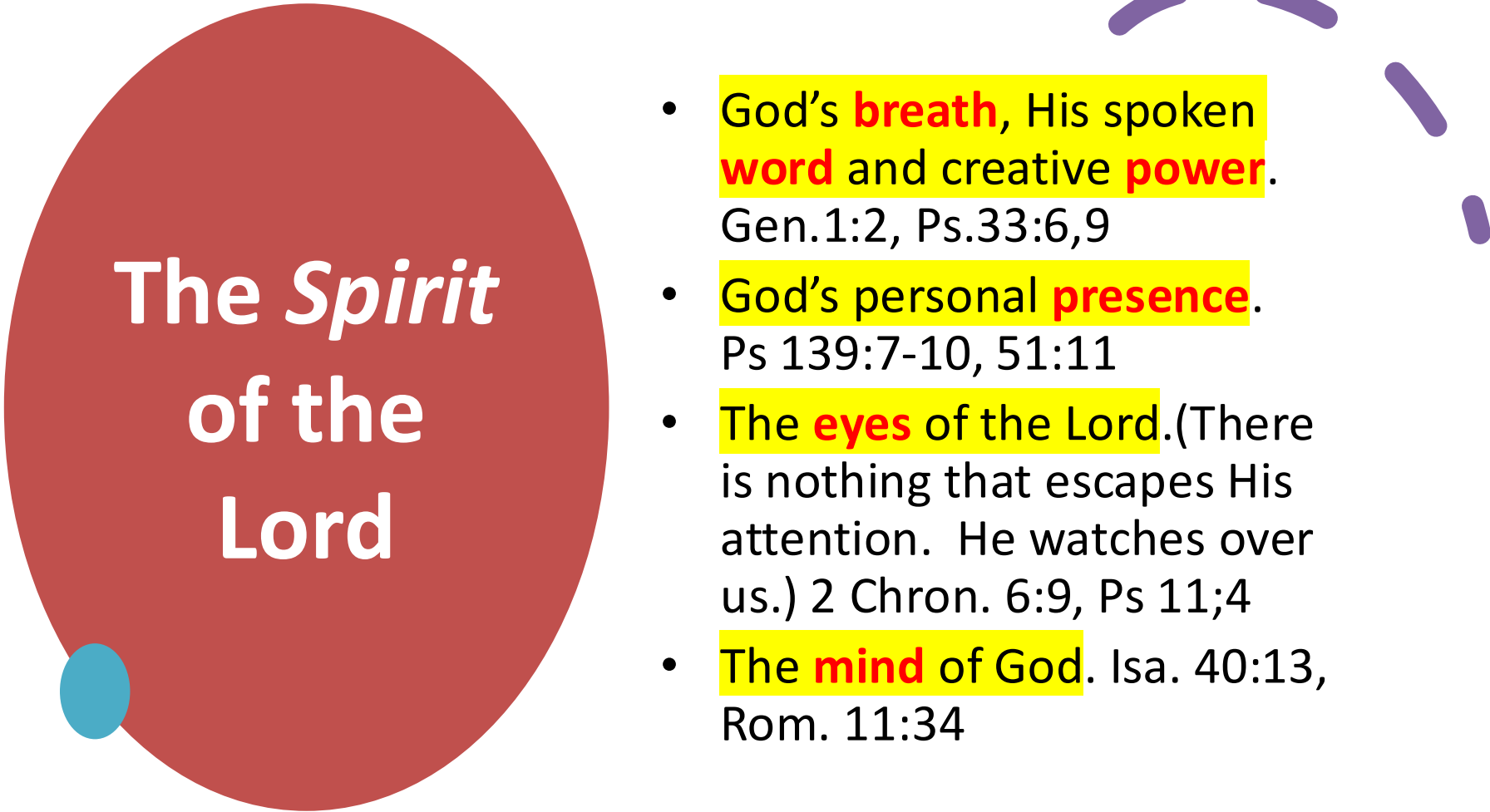


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Spirit & Mind
the LORD



Spirit =
Comforting
Presence &
Power of
God

- ***“I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you”** John 14:18 (KJV)*
- The divine **Spirit** that the world’s Redeemer promised to send is the **presence and power of God.** – YRP 39.4 , Nov. 23, 1891



The *Spirit* of the Lord

- God's **breath**, His spoken **word** and creative **power**.
Gen.1:2, Ps.33:6,9
- God's personal **presence**.
Ps 139:7-10, 51:11
- The **eyes** of the Lord.(There is nothing that escapes His attention. He watches over us.) 2 Chron. 6:9, Ps 11:4
- The **mind** of God. Isa. 40:13, Rom. 11:34

Genesis 1:1,2

- ¹*“In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth. ² And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the surface of the waters.”*
- *“In the beginning **God** ...” – **Elohim** (Creator)*
- *“**and the Spirit of God** ...” – NOT “God the Holy Spirit”*

**“Let Us make
man ...”**

**Gen 1:26
(NASB)**

- **Gen 1:26** – “Then God said, “Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; ...”
- **“Us” and “Our”** are automatically referred to be the Trinity; but they could also be referring to 2 Beings, not necessarily 3

God in Creation in John's Gospel

John
1:1,2,14

- John 1:1,2 = *"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.**"*
- **Jesus**, the **Word** - *"was with **God**"* in Creation; **only 2 Beings**
- John 1:14 – *"**The Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us."*
- The *"**Word**"* of v1 is the same *"**Word**"* who "became flesh" in v14 - **Jesus**

John 1:1 (KJV)

- “*In the beginning **was the Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God**.*”



John 1:1 (KJV)

- “*In the beginning **was the Word,***
 - 1st thought phrase
- “*and the **Word was with God,***
 - 2nd thought phrase
- “*and the **Word was God.**”*
 - 3rd thought phrase

2 Greek Words for “God”

(adapted from “God According to His Son”)

- 2nd thought phrase – “and the *Word was with God*”
The first “**God**” is a **noun** (*ton theon*) that all reputable Bible scholars agree *refers to God the Father*.
- 3rd thought phrase – “and the **Word was God**”
 - The second “**God**” (*theos*) acts as **an adjectival predicate** ascribing the qualitative attributes of the **full Divinity of God**, which in this case is applied to the subject of the phrase, **the Word – the Father’s Son was fully divine**.

Greek word:	Ἐν	ἀρχῇ	ἦν	ὁ	λόγος	καὶ	ὁ	λόγος
Greek transliteration:	En	arche	hen	ho	logos	kai	ho	logos
Strong's Greek No.:	1722	746	2258	3588	3056	2532	3588	3056
English rendering:	In	beginning	was	the	Word	and	the	Word

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Greek Transliteration:	Hen	pros	ton	theon	kai	theos	hen	ho	logos
Strong's Greek No.:	2258	4314	3588	2316	2532	2316	2258	3588	3056
English rendering:	was	with	the	God	and	God	was	the	Word

(From "God According To His Son, p. 37)

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- A closer look at **John 1:1** from the Greek rendering of the term **“God”** as used in 2 instances: 1) as a **NOUN (“ton theon”)** and 2) as an **ADJECTIVAL PREDICATE (“theos”)**

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- As a **NOUN** – **“ton theon”** referring to **“the GOD”** – specifically referring to **the Father**
- As an **ADJECTIVE** – **“theos”**; anarthous without the Gr. definite article; ascribing qualitative attributes of the **full Divinity of God**; meaning **the Word was “of God nature” or “fully divine”**.

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The 2nd Greek word of “God” - translated **“theos”** in last thought phrase unit - is anarthrous meaning, without the Greek definite article **“ton”**; **“theos”** – meaning **“divine” was the Word.**

John 1:1c

- The last phrase ***“the Word was God”*** is a reverse interlinear rendering and the ensuing misunderstanding has been wrongly attributed to the Apostle John. **The fault, however, lies in the Trinitarian bias of the translators, and not the Apostle John.**
- **The first translation of the Gospel of John from Greek into Old English was around 700 AD, centuries after the Trinity Doctrine was instituted.**

How John 1:1 should read

- Based on an understanding of the deeper analysis of the Greek text, **a more accurate English translation could probably read:**
- ***"In the beginning **was the Word**, and the **Word was with the God, and Divine (God) was the Word.*****



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Matthew 3: 16, 17

Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:16, 17 (NASB)

- v16 – After being baptized, **Jesus** came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens opened, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending **as a dove** and lighting on Him,
- v17 – and behold **a voice** out of the heavens said, **“This is My beloved Son,** in whom I am well-pleased.”
- **Jesus, the Spirit of God (the dove) and voice of the Father**

Who were present?

- **Jesus** (physically coming out of the water)
- **Spirit of God** (God's Spirit; the Spirit possessed by God)
- The **Voice of the Father** speaking
- 2 "Beings" – Father and Son
- **The Spirit of God**, depicted as a dove - *"descending as a dove"*
- Just as in creation – the **Spirit of God was the Spirit of the Father** and not another separate being called "God the Holy Spirit".

Ephesians

4:30

(NASB)

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, *by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”*

Frequently read in the following abbreviated manner - ***“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit”*** – PERIOD!

“... of God” is frequently omitted; if not mentioned it would suggest that the ***“Holy Spirit”*** was another being

Its full context is in the possessive form – ***Holy Spirit of God***

Genesis 1:2-3
Matthew 3:16-17
Ephesians 4:30

All of the above passages refer to:

“Spirit of God” or
“Holy Spirit of God”
The Spirit possessed by the Father

NOT “God the Holy Spirit”



SCRIPTURE TEXTS TRADITIONALLY USED TO SUPPORT THE “TRINITY DOCTRINE”

**Do they specifically teach the
Nature of God or make direct
reference to a “Trinity”
or the 3-in-1 God?**

A deeper look at their contexts

A CLOSER LOOK AT
Matthew 28:19,20 (NASB)
The “Great Commission”

“Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the **Father** and the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**, **teaching** them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Most English Bible Versions

Notice the Sequence Jesus Laid Out

- “Go ...
- make disciples ...
- baptize ...
- teach ... ”
- Note:
- **Who are taught?**
- **Those who had been baptized.**
- Suggestion:
Baptism is an enrollment; it is not a graduation. Graduation comes after having been taught.



What Matthew 28:19 Doesn't Say:

That the “Father”, “Son” and “Holy Spirit”
– are all “Gods”

That these are 3 in 1 gods or 1 in 3

That these 3 comprise the “Godhead”

That these 3 are to be called a “Trinity”

That these 3 are COEQUAL & COETERNAL
BEINGS

It doesn't even mention the word “God”.

All it was suggesting was a
“Trinitarian Formula” for baptism.



The
“Trinitarian
formula” of
baptism
in the
“GREAT
COMMISSION”
Matthew 28:19

- These were supposedly the **last words of Jesus** to His disciples before His ascension which **should carry utmost importance and significance** to His disciples.
- These last words, apparently, contained His **“Great COMMISSION”** & instructions for baptism – referred to as the **“trinitarian formula” of baptism**
- If so, Jesus’ disciples were expected to have followed the formula, right?
- Question: **“Did the disciples follow it?”**
- Answer: **The disciples DID NOT follow it. Nowhere else in the NT could this “trinitarian formula” for baptism be found; it has never been collaborated or repeated anywhere in the entire New Testament !**

**Question: Did the disciples follow the
“TRINITARIAN FORMULA”
for baptism recorded in Matt. 28:19?**

Answer: NO, they did not !

Question: Why Not?

**Answer: They were not aware that
such formula ever existed !**

**There is no record in
the Bible of anyone
baptizing in three
separate names
(or titles) of three
individual persons.**



**The disciples
ALWAYS baptized in
the name of Jesus,
or of Christ.**



New Testament Baptisms were:
“...baptized in My Name ...”
“in the Name of Jesus” / “Into Christ”

- **Acts 2:38** **Acts 8:12,16**
- **Acts 10:48** **Acts 19:5**
- **Romans 6:3**
- **1 Cor. 6:11**
- **Galatians 3:27**
- **** All passages were taken from the NASB***

- **Acts 2:38** – “Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be **baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- **Acts 8: 12** – “But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and **the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized**, men and women alike.”
- **Acts 8:16** – “For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**”
- **Acts 10: 48** – “And he ordered them to be **baptized in the name of Jesus Christ ...**”

- **Acts 19:5** – “When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**”
- **Romans 6:3** – “Or do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ Jesus** have been baptized into His death?”
- **1 Cor. 6:11** – “Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were **justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ** and in the Spirit of our God.”
- **Galatians 3:27** – “For all of you who were **baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

Romans 6:3-5

- ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ Jesus** have been **baptized into His death?**⁴ Therefore we have been **buried with Him** through baptism into death, so that, **just as Christ was raised from the dead** through the glory of the Father, **so we too may walk in newness of life.**⁵ For if we have become **united with Him** in the likeness of His death, certainly **we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,**



BAPTISM – based on Romans 6:3 - 5

Symbolizes “*union with Christ*”.

Having been baptized “*into Christ*” new believers become “*one with Christ*” in His death, burial and resurrection, which baptism symbolizes.

FACT: Only Jesus Christ died, was buried and was resurrected. That is why believers are baptized “in His Name”. TO BE IN UNION WITH HIM.

“bapto” vs “baptizo”

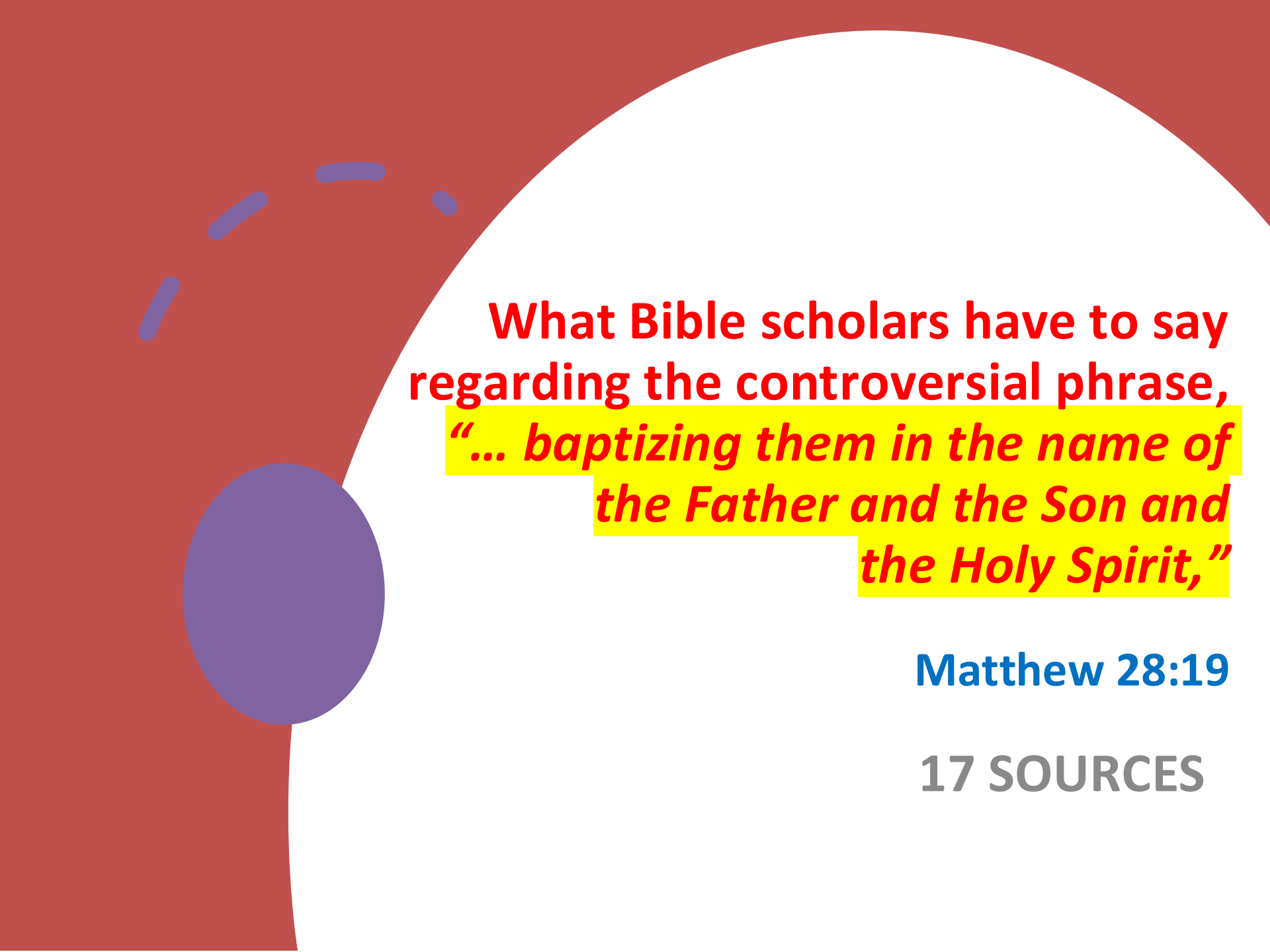
from a Greek recipe for making pickled vegetables (200 BC)

- **Physical dipping**
 - **“bapto”** – dipping quickly or blanching vegetables in boiling water
 - **“baptizo”** – is totally immersing, submerging the vegetable in vinegar to produce pickling
- **Change in status**
 - **Total change** in physical state or appearance – as in dyeing a garment
 - **Change of identity** – being identified with Christ
 - **Being “born again”**

***“Therefore, go and
make people from all
nations
into talmidim,
immersing them into
the reality of the
Father, the Son and
the Ruach HaKodesh,
...”***

Matthew 28:19 (CJB)





What Bible scholars have to say
regarding the controversial phrase,
*"... baptizing them in the name of
the Father and the Son and
the Holy Spirit,"*

Matthew 28:19

17 SOURCES

“The Demonstratio Evangelica” by Eusebius

- **Eusebius** - Church historian and Bishop of Caesarea and was present at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD
- **Eusebius** was an eyewitness to the unaltered Book of Matthew and Informs us of **Jesus’ actual words to His disciples in the original text:**
- ***“With one word and voice He said to His disciples: “Go and make disciples of all nations in My name, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”*** – *Proof of the Gospel, Book III, Ch. 6, 132 (a), p. 152*
- **The words baptizo, baptize or immerse are not even mentioned.**
- **“in My name” = that “Name” is Jesus.**

The Catholic Encyclopedia, II, p. 263

- *“The baptismal formula **was changed** from the name of Jesus Christ to the words Father, Son, and Holy Spirit **by the Catholic Church in the second century.**”*

Catholic Cardinal Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger (later became Pope Benedict XVI)

Introduction to Christianity: 1968 Edition, pp.82-83

- *“The basic form of our Trinitarian profession of faith took shape during the course of the second and third centuries in connection with the ceremony of baptism. So far as its place or origin is concerned, the text (Matt. 28:19) came from the city of Rome.”*

The Catholic University of America in Wash., D.C, 1923 NT Studies No. 5

- *The Lord's Command To Baptize An Historical Critical Investigation*, p. 27 - by Bernard Henry Cuneo - "The passages in Acts and the Letters of St. Paul. **These passages seem, to point to the earliest form as baptism in the name of the Lord.**"

The Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, p. 435

- *“Jesus, however, cannot have given His disciples this Trinitarian order of baptism after His resurrection; **for the New Testament knows only one baptism in the name of Jesus** which still occurs even in the second and third centuries, while **the Trinitarian formula occurs only in Matthew 28:19, ... Finally, the distinctly liturgical character of the formula ... is strange; it was not the way of Jesus to make formulas ... the authenticity of Matt. 29:19 must be disputed ...**”*

The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries, I, 275

- “It is often affirmed that *the words in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* **are not the ipsissima verba [exact words] of Jesus, but ... a later liturgical addition.**”

Kyrios Christianity, p. 295

Wilhelm Bousset

- *“The testimony for the wide distribution of the **simple baptismal formula [“in the Name of Jesus”]** down into the second century is so overwhelming that even in Matthew 28:19, **the Trinitarian formula was later inserted.**”*

The Jerusalem Bible

A Scholarly Catholic Work

- “It may be that *this formula, (Triune Matthew 28:19)* so far as the fullness of its expression is concerned, *is a reflection of the (Man-made) liturgical usage established later in the primitive (Catholic) community.* It will be remembered that *Acts speaks of baptizing “in the name of Jesus,” ...*”

Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics

- The **trustworthiness** of the traditional wording has been questioned on grounds of **textual criticism, literary criticism and historical criticism.**
- *“The obvious explanation of the silence of the New Testament on the triune name, **and the use of another (JESUS NAME) formula in Acts and Paul, is that this other formula was the earlier, and the triune formula is a later addition.**”*

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Vol. 4, p. 2637

- *“Matthew 28:19 in particular only canonizes a later ecclesiastical situation, that its universalism is contrary to the facts of early Christian history, and its Trinitarian formula (is) foreign to the mouth of Jesus.”*

NRSV says this about Matthew 28:19

- *“Modern critics claim this formula is falsely ascribed to Jesus and that it represents later (Catholic) church tradition, for nowhere in the book of Acts (or any other book of the Bible) is baptism performed with the name of the Trinity ...”*

The Doctrine of Baptism, p. 28

by Edmund Schlink

“The baptismal command in the Matthew 28:19 form can not be the historical origin of Christian baptism. At the very least, it must be assumed that the text has been transmitted in a form expanded by the [Catholic] church.”

For Christ's Sake p. 103

by Tom Harpur

- *“All but the most conservative scholars agree that at least the latter part of this command [Trine part of Matthew 28:19] was inserted later. The [Trinitarian] formula occurs nowhere else in the New Testament, and we know from the only evidence available [the rest of the New Testament] that the earliest Church did not baptize people using these words (“in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”) baptism was “into” or “in” the name of Jesus alone.”*

The Bible Commentary 1919, p. 723

Dr. Peake

- *“The command to baptize into the threefold name is a late doctrinal expansion. Instead of the words baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost we should probably read simply – “into My Name.”*

Doctrine and Practice in the Early Church, 1992,
pp. 20,21
by Dr. Stuart G. Hall

- ***“More common and perhaps more ancient was the simply ,”In the name of the Lord Jesus or, Jesus Christ.” This practice was known among Marcionites and Orthodox;** it is certainly the subject of controversy in Rome and Africa about 254, as the anonymous tract *De rebaptismate* (“On rebaptism”) shows.”*

Peake's Commentary on the Bible

- *“The Church of the first days (AD 33) did not observe this world-wide (Trinitarian) commandment ... **The command to baptize into the threefold (Trinity) name is a late doctrinal expansion.**”*
- *“Finally, the distinctly liturgical character of the formula ... is strange; **it was not the way of Jesus to make such formulas ... the formula's authenticity of Matt.28:19 must be disputed ...**”*

A History of the Christian Church,
1953 by Willston Walker, Prof. of Eccl. History,
Yale University

- p. 95 – *“With the early disciples generally baptism was “in the name of Jesus Christ.”*
- *“There is no mention of baptism in the name of the Trinity in the New Testament except in the command attributed to Christ in Matt. 28:19. That text is early, (but not the original) however.”*

SUMMARY on the “Trinitarian formula”

- Jesus’ disciples **NEVER FOLLOWED IT** – 8 passages
- Eusebius (an eyewitness of the original) **confirms its non-existence in the original manuscript.**
- **Many scholars** believe and are united in the position that the **“trinitarian formula” of baptism was a later addition to the original manuscript**
- Why did the disciples not follow the “Trinitarian formula” for baptism supposedly given by Jesus to them?
- **Because they were never aware of it being said by Jesus; they only knew to baptize “in My name” (Jesus).**

Matt. 28:18-20 should read:

“With one word and voice He said to His disciples: “Go, and make disciples of all nations in My Name, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you,”

Matthew 28:20

(NASB)



- ***“teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”***
- ***“... all that I commanded you;”***
- **Did Yeshua command worship of the Triune God?**
- **Did He command worship of “God the Holy Spirit”?**
- **Absolutely not ! There is no record of it anywhere in the NT.**

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**Conducting my granddaughter's baptism:
"And now Ella, because of your decision to follow JESUS ...
In the presence of the Father and of His Spirit, I now baptize
you in the Name of JESUS."**

**AN ANALYSIS OF OTHER
KEY PASSAGES USED
TO SUPPORT THE
“TRINITY DOCTRINE”**

**JOHN 14:16-18 and
16:13-15**

**The
Coming of
the
Comforter**



Familiar John 14 Verses (NASB)

- **V1** ***“Do not let your heart be troubled ... ”***
- **V6** ***“... I am the way and the truth and the life ... ”***
- **V9** ***“ ... The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; ... ”***
- **V11** ***“Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; ...”***
- **V15** ***“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”***

John 14: 16–18 (NASB)

- 16 *I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may be with you forever;*
- 17 that is **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, **but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.**
- 18 *I will not leave you as orphans; **I will come to you.***

John 14:16-18 (NIV)

- 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another advocate** to help you and be with you forever -
- 17 **the Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.**
- 18 **I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.**

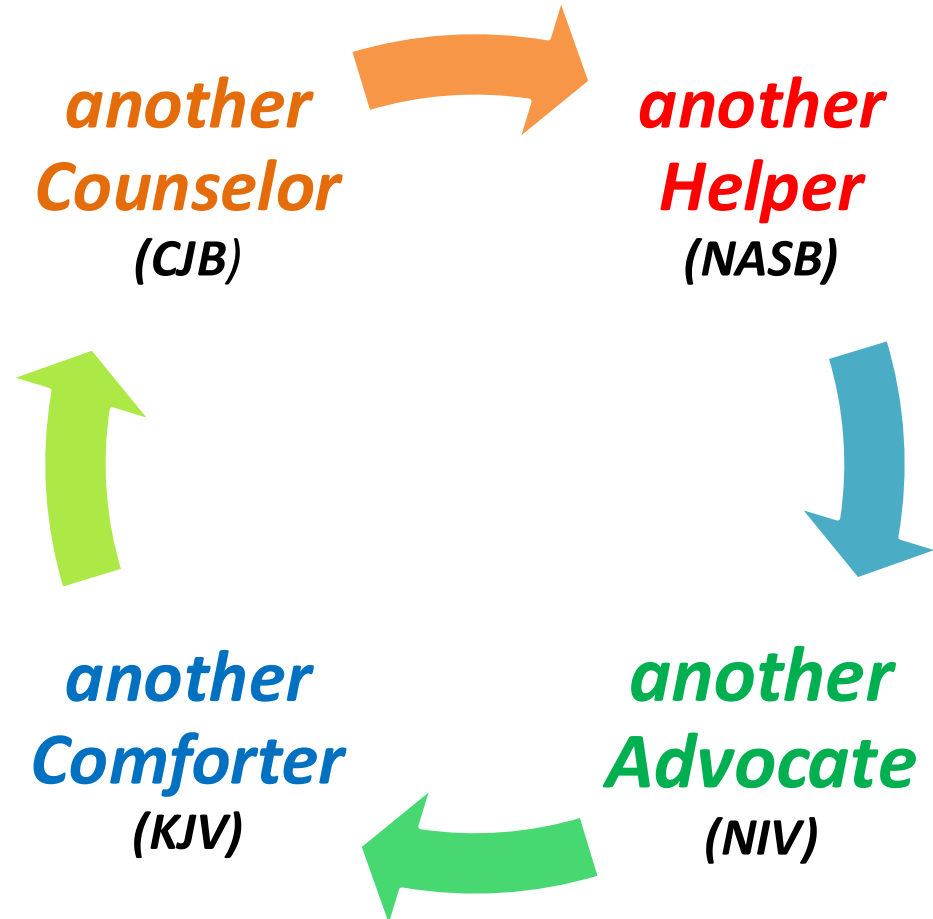
John 14:16-18 (KJV)

- 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you forever;
- 17 Even **the Spirit of truth;** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**
- 18 **I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**

John 14:16-18 (CJB)

- 16 and I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another comforting Counselor** like me, **the Spirit of Truth**, to be with you forever.
- 17 The world cannot receive him, because it neither sees nor knows him. **You know him because he is staying with you and will be united with you.**
- 18 **I will not leave you orphans – I am coming to you.**

John 14:16



John 14:16

- *another Helper*
(NASB)
- *another Advocate*
(NIV)
- *another Comforter*
(KJV)
- *another Counselor*
(CJB)

- All of these terms refer to the **“Spirit of Truth”**

– John 14:16

- As He said: **“I am the way, the truth and the life.”** - John 14:6

- Because He is **“the truth”**, His Spirit is the **“Spirit of Truth”**.

“Another” in John 14: 16 (NASB)

- 16 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another** Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the **Spirit of truth**...
- 2 Greek words translated as **“another”**
 - ***allos** – another of the **SAME** kind
 - ***éteros (heteros)** – another of a **DIFFERENT** kind
- John used **allos** when writing verse 16
- **“another Helper/Advocate/Comforter/Counselor”** is the **“Spirit of truth”** and is no other than the **SPIRIT OF CHRIST Himself – His Spirit, of the SAME kind as Him**

Summary of John 14:17

- “but you know Him because He **abides with you** and **will be in you.**” (NASB)
- “But you know him for he **lives with you** and **will be in you.**” (NIV)
- “but ye know him for he **dwelleth with you**, and **shall be with you.**” (KJV)
- “You know him because he is **staying with you** and **will be united with you.**” (CJB)
- **“He abides, lives, dwelleth, staying with you” – refers to Jesus Himself presently and physically living with them**
- **“Will be in you”, “will be in you”, “shall be with you”, “will be united with you” – also refers to Jesus, Himself, coming in the future as the “Spirit of Truth” – His own Spirit !**

Summary of John 14:18

- *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.* (NASB)
- *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.* (NIV)
- *I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.* (KJV)
- *I will not leave you orphans – I am coming to you.* (CJB)
- In all these phrases, Jesus is referring to Himself as not leaving His disciples as orphans and that He will be coming to His disciples as the *“Spirit of Truth”*.

Summary of John 14: 6, 16-18

Spirit of Jesus is the “Spirit of Truth”

- Verse 6 – Jesus declared, *“I am the way, the truth and the life ...”* Because Jesus is the TRUTH, His Spirit is the **“Spirit of Truth”**
- Verse 16 - **The Helper, Advocate, Comforter, Counselor – ALL refer to the Spirit of Truth;**
- Verse 17 - The world will not know the **Spirit of Truth** but the disciples know Him **BECAUSE** the Spirit of Truth was presently living with them as the person of Jesus Himself.
- Verse 18 – **Jesus was not leaving them as orphans but will be coming to them as the Spirit of Truth, which is His Spirit.**
- **Helper / Advocate / Comforter / Counselor = Spirit of Truth = Jesus Himself through His Spirit**
- The “Spirit of truth” was not another literal being but was the Spirit of Jesus Himself and DEFINITELY NOT “God the Holy Spirit” !

John 14:16-18 (NIV)

- 16 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another advocate** to help you and be with you forever –
- 17 **the Spirit of truth.** The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you (Jesus Himself) and will be in you. (His Spirit)**
- 18 **I (Jesus referring to Himself) will not leave you as orphans; I (His Spirit) will come to you**
- **Helper / Advocate / Comforter / Counselor = Spirit of Truth = Spirit of Jesus**
- Not another separate literal being !

More on the “Spirit of Truth” – John 16 (NASB)

- v7 - “... it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you;”
- v13 – “But when He, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, He will guide you into all truth; for **He will not speak on his own initiative** but, whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”
- v14 – “**He will glorify Me**, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.”
- v15 – “**All things that the Father has are Mine...**”
- **Helper / Advocate / Comforter / Counselor = Spirit of Truth = Spirit of Christ.**
- Not another separate being.

“Comforter” in John 14: 16 (KJV)

- *16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you forever;*
- **The Greek word translated as “Comforter” is “paraklētos”, which is used 5 times in Scripture and refers to Christ.**
- It is used **four times** in John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7 and is translated as **“Comforter”** and **once** in 1 John 2:1 where it is translated as **“advocate.”**
- **“parakletos” = “Comforter” = “advocate” = Spirit of Christ**
- **Not another separate being.**

“Advocate” 1 John 2:1 (ASV)

- “... if any man sin, we have an **Advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous:”
- “... if any man sin, we have an **Advocate** [**paraklētos**] **(Comforter)** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”
[Parentheses added]
- **Thus Jesus Christ is both our “Comforter” and “Advocate”. The Comforter is Christ Himself by His Spirit.**
- **Not another separate being.**

Jesus represented by His Holy Spirit

“The Holy Spirit is Himself [Jesus] divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He [Jesus] would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent.” – Ellen White, Letter 119, February 18, 1895, par. 18; MR, vol. 14, p. 23.3

The Spirit of Christ is the “Holy Spirit”

“[John 14:16-17] This refers to the **omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.**” —

Ellen White, Letter 7, June 11, 1891 to Brother Chapman (MR 14, p. 179.3)

“Let them study the seventeenth of John, and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of Christ. **He is the Comforter.**”

— Ellen White, Review & Herald, January 27, 1903

“It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. **We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ.**” — Ellen

White, Letter 66 to William Warren Prescott, April 10, 1894, par. 18

God's Spirit is everywhere

- “The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. *“The Lord’s throne is in heaven”* (Psalm 11:4); yet **by His Spirit He is everywhere present.** He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand.” (Ellen G. White, Education, page 132, ‘Science and the Bible’, 1903)

The Spirit is Christ's representative

- “**The Spirit** is freely given us of God if we will appreciate and accept it. And **what is it?** -- the **representative of Jesus Christ.** It is to be our constant helper. **It is through the Spirit that Christ fulfills the promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."** (Ellen G. White, Letter 38, 1896, To S. N. Haskell, May 30, 1896)

God, by His
Spirit, is
present
everywhere

- “The Bible shows us God in His high and holy place, not in a state of inactivity, not in silence and solitude, but surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy beings, all waiting to do His will. Through these messengers He is in active communication with every part of His dominion. **By His Spirit He is everywhere present.**” (Ellen G. White, Ministry of Healing, page 417, ‘A true knowledge of God’)

Summation

HOW THE FATHER & HIS SON ARE ONE

- John 3:34 – *“For He whom God sent speaks the words of God; for He does not give the Spirit sparingly.”*
- John 17:21,22 – *“²¹ that they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; ”*
- John 17:23 – *“I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me.”*

**Ephesians
2:17, 18
(NASB)**

- ***17 "And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; 18 **for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father."*****

1 JOHN 5:7

JOHANNINE COMMMA

or

“Comma Johanneum”



1 John 5:7,8 (KJV)

- ⁷ *For there are three that bear record in heaven, **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost:** and these three are one.*
- ⁸ *And there are three that bear witness in earth, **the Spirit, and the water, and the blood:** and these three agree in one.*

1 John 5:7

Origin of the “*Johannine Comma*”

- It's appearance in this passage is not a defined event.
- **None of the 4th century and earlier manuscripts have it.**
- **A form of the phrase was written in the Latin Vulgate (c382-405 CE)**
- *Probably around AD 400-500, a scribe inadvertently copied a marginal note or commentary into the text, and that copy spread through later copies to become quite prevalent.*
- **Actually entered the Greek NT manuscripts in the 14th to 15th centuries.**

“Johannine Comma” not found in Important Codices

- The **“Johannine Comma”** is not found in the **Codex Sinaiticus** or in the **Codex Vaticanus**
- It was not in **Erasmus’ Greek NT 1516 and 1519 editions** but because of politico-theologico-economic concerns it **found its way in his 1522 edition under pressure by the Catholic Church.**
- He also did not want his reputation ruined nor his *Novum Instrumentum* to go unsold.

***“Johannine
Comma”
further
propagated***

- Thus it passed into the **Stephanus Greek NT** in **1551** (the 1st NT in verses) which became to be called **Textus Receptus** and became the basis of the **Geneva Bible NT** in **1557** and the **Authorized KJV** of **1611**.
- *“Among biblical scholars there is agreement that this statement is not genuine and has been added, probably to support the doctrine of the Trinity.” SDA SS Study Guide*

1 John 5: 7,8 (KJV & NKJV)

- v7 - *“For there are three that bear record in heaven, **“the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”**”*
- *⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.*
- **Red lettered portion** (*“Johannine Comma”*) of verse 7:
 - **Is found only in the KJV & NKJV**
 - **Were a later addition.**

1 John 5:7,8 (Most other versions)

- NASB, NIV, ASV, ESV, NLT, NCV, etc reads:
 - v7 - *“For there are three that testify” or “There are three witnesses”*
 - v8 – *“the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.”*
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1 John 5:7,8 (NASB)

- ⁷ *For there are three that testify:*
 - ⁸ *the **Spirit** and the **water** and the **blood**; and the three are in agreement.*
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1 John 5:7,8 (NASB)

- ⁷ *For there are three that testify:*
 - ⁸ *the **Spirit** and the **water** and the **blood**; and the three are in agreement.*
 - **Spirit** = *the Resurrection of Jesus, New Life, Eternal Life*
 - **Water** = *the baptism of Jesus; Father anointed Jesus with His Spirit*
 - **Blood** – *the crucifixion, death and sacrifice of Jesus for our sins*
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**SUMMARY OF
REFUTATIONS OF TEXTS
USED TO SUPPORT THE
TRINITARIAN DOCTRINE**

Arguments Against the Passages Used to Support the “Trinity Doctrine”

- **Matthew 28: 19,20** – **doesn't teach about the nature of God**; it simply proposes a **Trinitarian “Baptismal Formula”**, clearly a **later addition**; it was not followed by any of the apostles; **NT mentions only baptism “in the name of Jesus”** (5 texts in Acts, 1 in Romans, 1 in 1 Corinthians and 1 in Galatians)
- **John 14: 16-18** – another **Helper / Advocate / Comforter / Counselor**, **is the Spirit of Christ and not another distinct being**

Arguments Against Passages Used to Support the “Trinity Doctrine”

- John 16: 13-15 - Advocate = Spirit of Truth = is the Spirit of Christ - not another being (not God the Holy Spirit)
- 1 John 2:1 - another advocate (Comforter) is Jesus Christ Himself - not another being (not God the Holy Spirit)
- 1 John 5:7 reads – only in the KJV and NKJV:
“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”
- The Red lettered portion does not exist in all other major versions – NIV, NASB, NRSV, NLT, ESV, NCV, CJB, etc.

Trinity Doctrine

*“God
According To
His Son”*

- Having its historical roots in the 4th century, **it is clearly a man-made paradigm conceptualized through deductive inference.**
- **The Trinity is a thought idol made of expressed philosophical ideas** contrary to what Who the God of the Bible – **the Father, identifies Himself to be through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ – John 17:3**

Implied Consequences

*“God According
To His Son” p.126*

- It is clearly a man-made concept. Therefore, it is not the God of the Bible...
- If the Son subsists within the one Being Divine it makes Him essentially impervious to death, for as God He is immortal and cannot die.
- Who then hung on the cross and died?

Implied Consequences

*“God According To
His Son” p.126*

- If this Trinitarian Christ did not really die, because it is impossible for Him to die, did “God the Son” role play?
- Was He really alive and just played dead enough to be buried?
- If so, technically speaking the Trinitarians are still in their sins.
- This is why the doctrine of the Trinity is incompatible with the atonement integral to the Gospel.

Challenges to the Trinity Doctrine

- There is no command in Scripture and in the NT to worship or to pray to or to address the “Holy Spirit” as a god.
- There is no passage in Scripture and in the NT equating the “Holy Spirit” with either the Father or His Son.
- If we worship some god who is man-made (thus not biblical) we break the command – *“Thou shalt not have no other gods before me”*.
- If God truly is a “Trinity”, there would be unmistakable Scripture texts saying so and a lot more collaborating texts, but there are none.

Paul's Analogy

“Spirit of a Man” & “Spirit of God”

- 1Corinthians 2:10-11 (NASB) - **10** *For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11* *For who among people knows the thoughts of a person except **the spirit of the person that is in him?** So also the thoughts of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God.*
- Paraphrasing Paul: '**the spirit of a man is not a separate person to that man**'; he applies the same logic to God.
- **The divine Spirit is not an independent person but belongs integrally to God**, reinforcing the possessive construction found throughout the Bible.

“Holy Spirit of God”

IS NOT

“God the Holy Spirit”

- **‘God the Spirit’ or ‘God the Holy Spirit’** never appear in any Bible version.
- **Scripture instead employs possessive constructs** like **‘Spirit of God’** and **‘God’s Spirit’** always indicating ownership by YHVH or Christ and **never presenting the Spirit as an autonomous deity.**
- **Every biblical reference positions the Spirit as belonging to someone:** **‘thy Spirit’, ‘Spirit of the Father’, ‘Spirit of Christ’, ‘Spirit of God’**
- **This consistent grammar establishes the Spirit as an attribute or extension of the person who possesses it, not a separate divine person.**

WHO WE WORSHIP IS KEY

- If the “Trinity Doctrine” states: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are co-equal Beings it follows that all 3 deserve to be worshipped. But no instruction or command is given anywhere in Scripture. They do not exist!
- Knowing the only true and living God, leads to true worship.
- Revelation 5:13 – “To the **One** sitting on the throne and to the **Lamb** belong praise, honor, glory and power forever and ever.”
- The **One** = Father God
- The **Lamb** = Yeshua (Jesus Christ) the Messiah
- ONLY THESE TWO BEINGS ARE TO BE WORSHIPPED FOREVER

True Worship

“God According To His Son”, p. 127

- **Worship is naturally expressed outpouring of reverent gratefulness out of great indebtedness.** To recognize Who to worship, is most important: for to Whom do we credit our salvation from one's carnal unrighteousness; liberation from spiritual darkness; and renewal to live eternally in a paradise restored?
- **It is imperative we know and properly relate to Who we are greatly indebted to;** Who, by His love, grace and mercy, freely offered **reconciliation**, and **restoration to eternal life**, through His only begotten Son!

True Worship

“God According To His Son”, p. 130

- God forbids graven images of Himself—not only physical ones of wood and stone but also those *“portrayed upon the wall round about”* and in the *“chambers of his imagery”*. (Ezekiel 8:10,12) KJV
- **The wrong understanding of Who God is - His Identity**
- invalidates our adoration, praise, worship, witness, service, and ultimately our relationship with the only true God—and **determines whether we are a true worshiper, or a false worshiper.**



True Worship

“God According To His Son”, p. 131

- **In these last days**, the final global issue is not global warming, nor even one-world governance. The issues of global warming and consequent one-world governance is and will be utilized to merely lead to **the final ultimate issue for all mankind—worship!**
- **Worship will be the final issue polarizing the living human populace into only two camps: true worshipers of the only true God, and those worshipping falsely.**



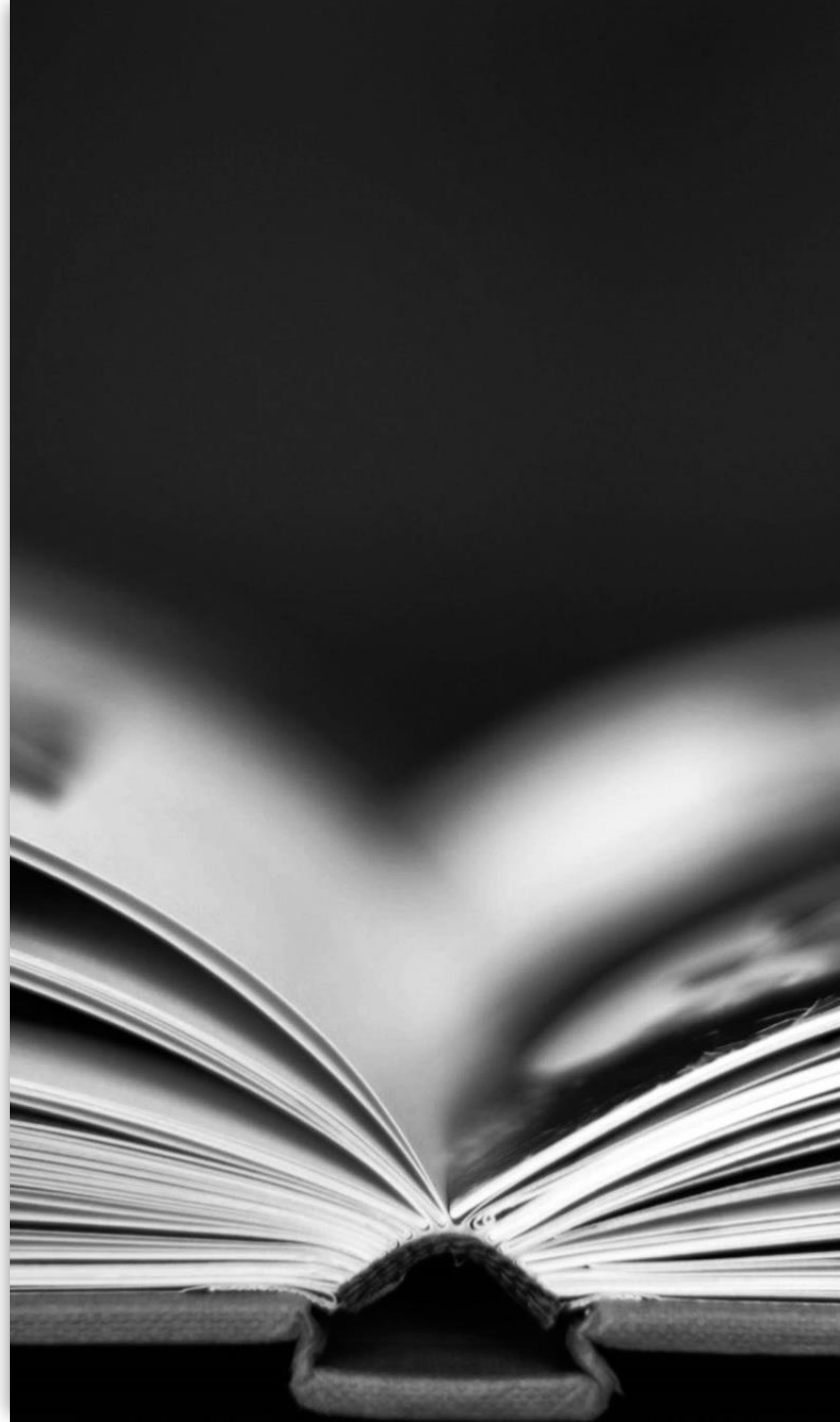
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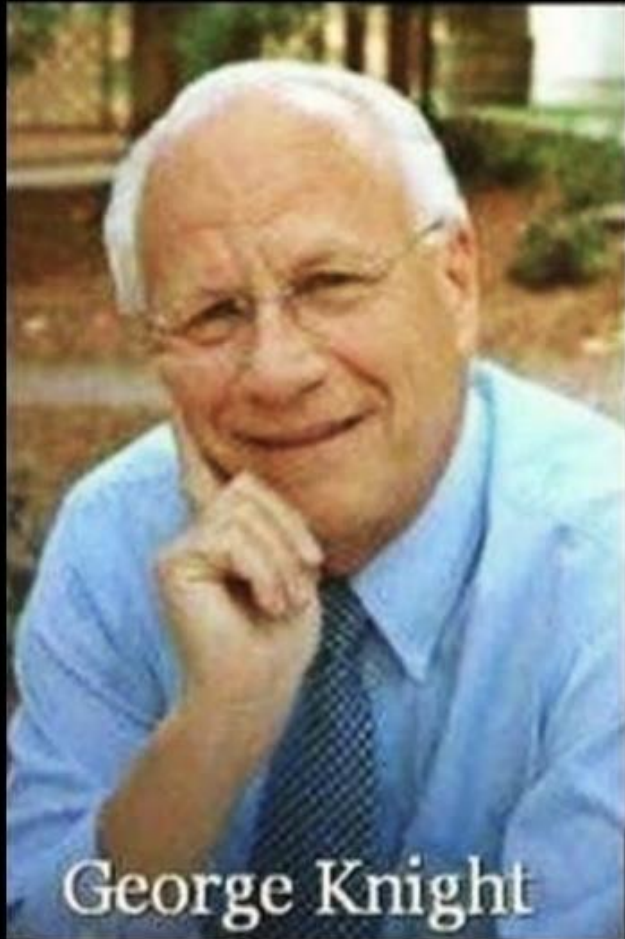
“God According To His Son”, p. 131

- **Misidentifying the only true God** for someone else, leads to the reverence and worshipping of that someone else, and **is idolatry.**
- **Identifying incorrectly the only true God as the Triune God** (or any other god for that matter), **inevitably leads to reverence and worship of the Triune God** (or any other god), denying and depriving the only true God identified and clearly written of in the Bible, the reverence and worship due Him alone.

From the Official SDA Publication

- **"While no single scriptural passage states the doctrine of the Trinity, it is assumed as a fact by Bible writers and mentioned several times ... Only by faith can we accept the existence of the Trinity."** - Adventist Review, Vol. 158, No. 31, 1981, p. 4
- **Truth is found in the Bible - NOT IN ASSUMPTIONS !**
- **Search the Scriptures, Test all Things, Prove all things - HOLD FAST TO TRUTH** – 1Thess. 5:21





George Knight

"Most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN THE CHURCH TODAY if they had to subscribe to the denomination's FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS. More specifically, most would not be able to agree to BELIEF NUMBER 2, which deals with the DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY." -

Ministry, October 1993, p. 10.

With
whom do
we have
Fellowship
with?

1 John 1:3

*3 "what we have seen
and heard we proclaim to
you also, so that you too
may have fellowship with us;
and **indeed our fellowship is
with the Father, and with
His Son Jesus Christ.**"*

**Only 2 Beings – the Father
and His Son! NO 3rd being**



WHO ONLY DESERVE WORSHIP?

Only 2 Beings

- 2 Beings – the One True God, the Father & His Son Yeshua, the Lord Jesus Christ, our Messiah, deserve worship.
- Yeshua is One with His Father in purpose, power, presence, nature and essence by their shared Spirit.
- Only the Father and the Son are to be glorified and worshipped.
- BOOKENDS:
 - Genesis 1,2 – Father God (YHVH) & the Word (His Son Yeshua - Jesus) creating
 - Rev. 21,22 – Father God the LORD Almighty & the LAMB, Yeshua, His Son (Jesus) on their thrones receiving worship – only 2 thrones

CONCLUSION

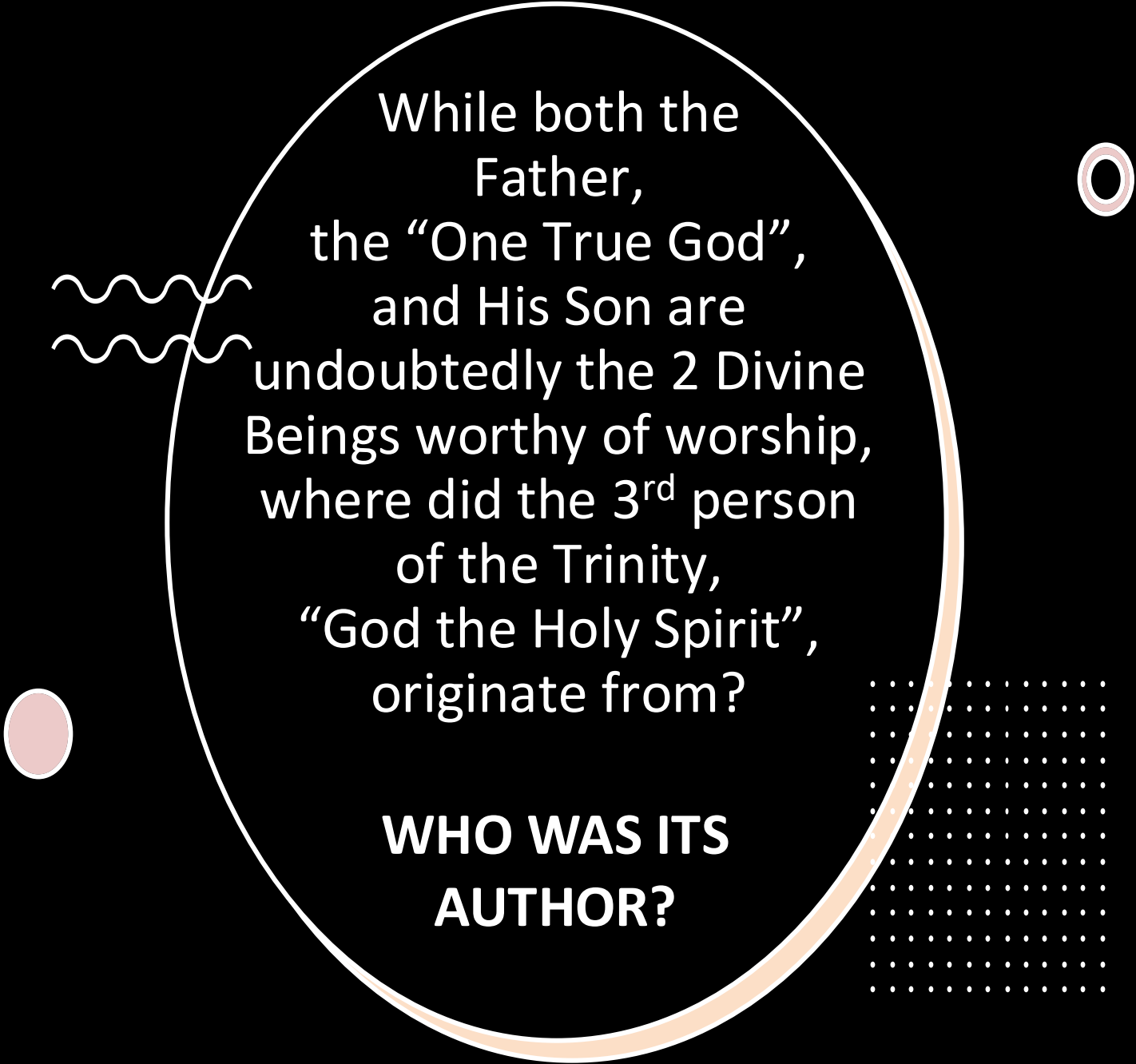
- If there is no direct Bible proof for the existence of a third Divine entity apart from God the Father and the His Son in harmony with what Yeshua (Jesus) taught, can there be a Trinity of Gods?
- Answer: ABSOLUTELY NOT !
*(Only by “Deductive Inference”
could it be explained)*

Deductive Inference - Definition

- A good deductive inference is called a valid inference, meaning its structure guarantees of its conclusion given the truth of its premises. Pay attention to this definition. The definition does not say that valid arguments have true conclusions. Validity is a property of the logical forms of arguments, and remember that logic and truth are distinct.
- The definition states that valid arguments have a form such that IF the premises are true, then the conclusion must be true. You can test the deductive inference's validity by testing whether the premises lead to the conclusion. If it is impossible for the conclusion to be false when the premises are assumed to be true, then the argument is valid.
- When applied to the Trinity Doctrine, the premises are not facts but are assumptions considered to be true.

FINAL CLARIFICATION

- There is a “Holy Spirit”.
- The “Holy Spirit” is the presence, power, nature and essence of God the Father – and is not a separate Being from Him.
- God is Spirit; the Spirit of God is holy because the very Presence of its Owner and the Source of its origin - God the Father, is holy
- “The Holy Spirit” is the Spirit of Father God shared with His Son – this is how the Father and His Son are ONE – by the Spirit they share.
- *The Holy Spirit of God is not “God the Holy Spirit” of the Trinity Doctrine.



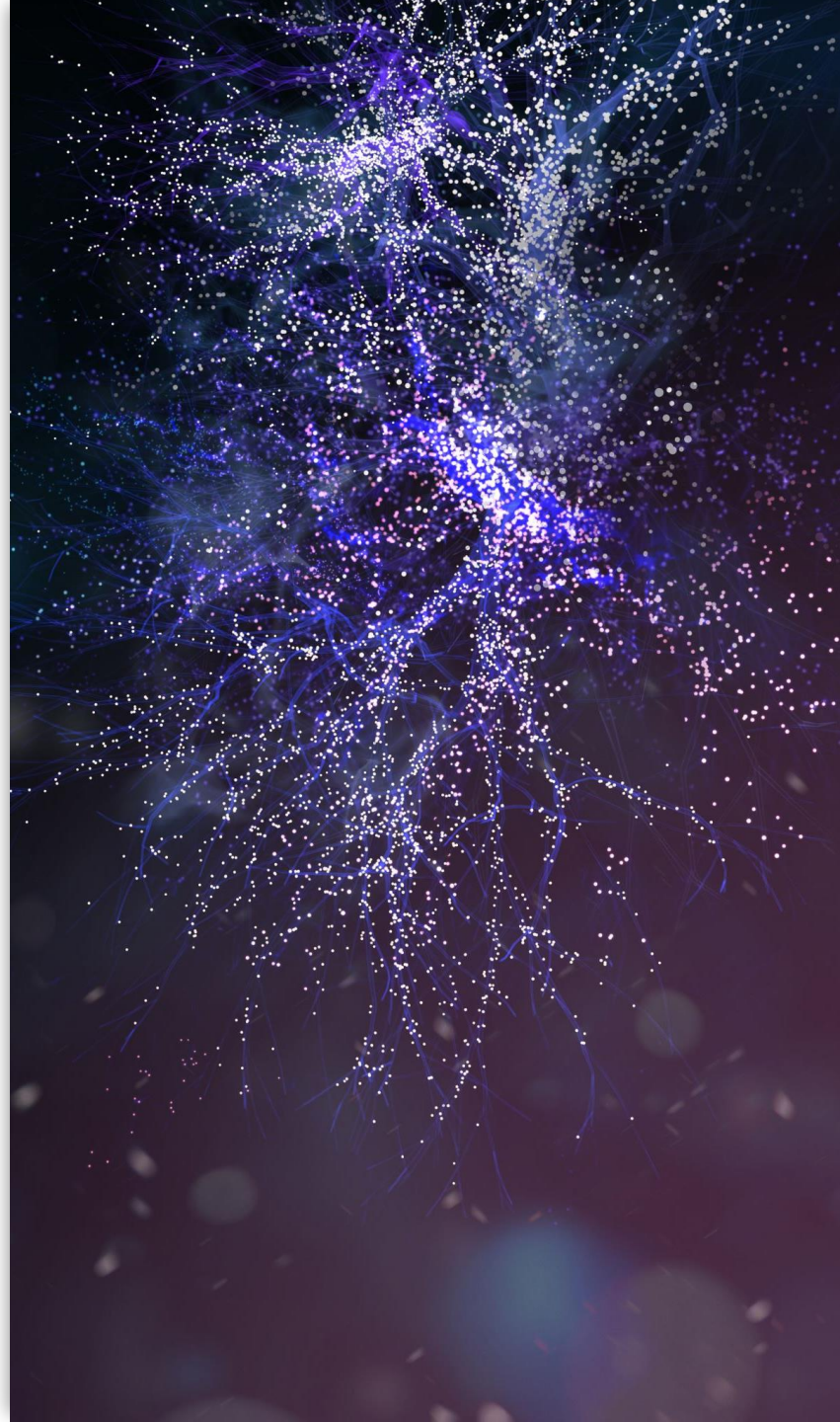
While both the
Father,
the “One True God”,
and His Son are
undoubtedly the 2 Divine
Beings worthy of worship,
where did the 3rd person
of the Trinity,
“God the Holy Spirit”,
originate from?

**WHO WAS ITS
AUTHOR?**

Author of the 3rd Person of the Trinity

Isaiah 14:12-14 (KJV)

- 12 How art thou fallen from heaven,
O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art
thou cut down to the ground, which didst
weaken the nations!
- 13 For thou hast said in thine heart,
**I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my
throne above the stars of God:** I will sit
also upon the mount of the congregation,
in the sides of the north:
- 14 **I will ascend above the heights of the
clouds; I will be like the most High.**
- **Lucifer's greatest desires are:**
 - to be worshipped,
 - to usurp the **Son of God**,
 - and to be like the **Most High God!**



Satan Always Wanted to be Worshipped.

What did he do
to try to achieve
this?

- **1st Attempt** - After Yeshua's birth, **Satan through Herod**, deviously schemed to have all boys 2 years old and under to be slaughtered.
- **Matthew 2:16** – *“Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.” (NASB)*
- **Satan, however, failed as the angel of the Lord warned Joseph to flee to Egypt. Matt. 2:13,14**

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- **2nd Attempt** – during the wilderness temptation, Satan made a face-to-face offer to Jesus:
- **Matthew 4:8** - *Again, the devil took Him along to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, “**All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.**” (NASB)*
- **Again, Satan failed as Jesus replied:** “**... For it is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’”** Matthew 4:10 (NASB)

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- **3rd Attempt** – Satan, after working through the Jews and Roman officials, and had Yeshua crucified and buried, thought that he finally “had Him”. What followed was:
- **Matthew 28:6** – *“He is not here, for He has risen ...”*
- **Mark 15:6** – *“He has risen; He is not here;”*
- **Again, Satan failed as Jesus rose from the dead !**

**Satan Always
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be
Worshipped.**

**What did he
do to try to
achieve this?**

On his 4th and final attempt, through the Trinity Doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, Satan was successful as the "Holy Spirit" was declared equal to the Father and His Son at the **Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 381 AD:**

Established the "Holy Spirit" to be worshipped as God.

"And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; With the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; ... "

What many Christians do not realize, is that by **recognizing the "Holy Spirit" as God,** who is regarded as co-equal and co-eternal **with the Father and His Son,** and especially when **directing adulation and veneration to him as** **"God the Holy Spirit",** **they are essentially worshipping Satan !**

A VERY STRONG STATEMENT

At the “Final Reckoning” Satan will ultimately meet his fate – Rev. 20

- V1 – *“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ² And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;”*
- V7 – *“When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,”*
- V10 – *“And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”*
- The Trinity doctrine completely debunked and its author, Satan, the “Great Deceiver” eternally annihilated !

There is a “Holy Spirit”, but **one who is not a separate Being,** and whenever mentioned in the Bible, it makes reference to the **Spirit of YHVH, our Father God,** shared in its fullness with His Son Yeshua (Jesus).
This shared “Holy Spirit” is what makes the Father and His Son One.
ONE – in essence, in power, in presence, in nature, in authority, and in purpose !

A FINAL STATEMENT
