

Chapter 13

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT A TRINITY? IF NOT, WHAT IS THE NATURE OF GOD?

*“...attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding,
to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of
Christ. ~ Apostle Paul*

What is the Holy Spirit? Many who believe in the doctrine of the Trinity have described it as the deepest of all mysteries and beyond comprehension – something that cannot be explained or compared to anything in all of nature. But God’s Word tells us to “Prove all things... (1 Thes 5:21).” Is the Holy Spirit the Spiritual essence, Power and Composition of God, or is it (or He) a third member of a mysterious closed triangle of a tri-union nature of God? Is the Holy Spirit a personage, or the loving powerful will and essence of God in action? Do you know? Is Jesus a Holy Spirit? Is the Father YHVH a Holy Spirit? Can you prove in the Bible what is the Holy Spirit of (from) God?

It was the first New Testament Pentecost – the Feast of Firstfruits – on which the Father’s promise of baptism by His Spirit began to be fulfilled (Acts 1:1-9). This baptism of the Holy Spirit was followed by a mass symbolic water baptism, accompanied by true repentance (Acts 2 – 3). But what was that Spirit that they were baptized into and with – and what did it mean? Did it mean that on Pentecost a third member of the godhead was given or revealed to us? Or did it mean that God’s Power and Nature was given to us, like water to a thirsty plant? What is the nature of God and what

is this “HOLY SPIRIT” of God? Let’s learn the Truth from God’s Word so that we can accurately and scripturally TEACH AND PROVE THIS TO OTHERS!

The Nature of God and the “identity” of His Holy Spirit remains a MYSTERY to most people, because their teachings were tainted by ancient philosophy and blinded religion. But we do not need to be confused concerning THE MYSTERY OF GOD, for God revealed it to His disciples. They recorded it for the future generations of those whom the Father would call (Mark 4:9-2, John 6:44).

Does it really matter if we KNOW what we worship? God said it does (John 4:19-26)!

So let’s establish the Truth concerning the most basic question that has confused millions of people. What is the Holy Spirit?

Let’s begin with a look at a few scriptures that are used to support Trinitarian beliefs – and see what these verses actually say:

1 John 5:6 This is He who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear witness ~~in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.~~ 8 ~~And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one~~ (NKJV).

I have struck through that portion of the verses that were added later and do not appear in ANY ancient text!

Virtually all scholars recognize that the majority of 1 John 5:7 (and much of verse 8) is not in ANY ancient manuscript, but were added later to a Latin text. It is believed that these parts of the two verses were interpolated in order to support the adoption of a transformed ancient pagan Babylonian Trinity doctrine into Christianity. The Trinity doctrine was not believed or taught by Christians for hundreds of years after the time of the apostles! The use of the words “Holy Spirit” in scripture do not form a sound basis to claim otherwise – nor do those words imply a third person in the godhead! Interpolating the apostle John’s letters does not change the Truth. This arrogant insertion into John’s words is so well known that MOST Bible translators do not even print the added words. Others expose the added spurious words utilizing brackets or italics with notes of explanation. For example, notice how the *Complete Jewish Bible* translates this same passage:

1 John 5:6 He is the one who came by means of water and blood, Yeshua the Messiah — not with water only, but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 There are three witnesses — 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood — and these three are in agreement (CJB).

To use 1 John 5:6-8 as support for a belief in the Trinity doctrine is a desperate attempt to add to God’s Words one’s own mindset!

Notice what *Adam Clark Commentary* has to say about this same passage:

1 John 5:7 “But it is likely this verse is not genuine. It is wanting in every manuscript of this letter written before the invention of printing, one excepted, the Codex Montfortii, in Trinity College, Dublin: the others which omit this verse amount to one hundred and twelve. It is missing in both the Syriac, all the Arabic, Ethiopic, the Coptic, Sahidic, Armenian, Slavonian, etc., in a word, in all the ancient versions but the Vulgate; and even of this version many of the most ancient and correct MSS. have it not. It is wanting also in all the ancient Greek fathers; and in most even of the Latin.

The words, as they exist in all the Greek MSS. with the exception of the Codex Montfortii, are the following:

"6. This is he that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7. For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one. 9. If we receive the witness of man, the witness of God is greater, etc." (from *Adam Clarke's Commentary*, Electronic Database. Copyright © 1996, 2003, 2005, 2006 by BibleSoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)

What this passage is teaching is that the propitiation – the atoning sacrifice – of Jesus came by both the symbolic cleansing of water and the atonement of His blood. This is why John gave testimony that BOTH water AND blood poured forth from the spear wound in the side of Jesus' body (John 19:34-35).

1 John 5:6-8 certainly does not say ANYTHING to support the doctrine of the trinity! Let's now consider what other passages are often quoted in support of Trinitarian beliefs!

2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. (KJV)

Here we see three things mentioned. 1 The grace of Christ, 2 The love of God, and 3 The communion, fellowship or partnership we have through the Holy Spirit. Now while this passage has been *MISCONSTRUED* (in an attempt to show that there are three beings in the one godhead), it proves **NO SUCH THING!** This verse is simply saying that we can have fellowship with God through His Spirit. **NOTHING IS MENTIONED ABOUT A TRIUNE GODHEAD OF “THREE IN ONE” – OR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING A PERSON!** It’s a forced assumption! Again, this passage is mentioned as an additional primary verse that is used to garner support for belief in the trinity.

Here’s yet another passage that the trinity is supposedly based upon:

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Passages like this, where the Holy Spirit is referred to as “He” or “Him,” is also used to support Trinitarian beliefs. This is *an extremely weak argument*. While it can be appropriate to refer to God’s Holy Spirit with the masculine gender “He” in some passages, this is because the use of

the term “He” is merely referring, by extension, back to the Father (or the Son) *as an extension of God* to accomplish His will through His Spirit. It’s nothing more.

Further, the word translated “He” and “Him” in John 14:17 is from the Greek word “*autos*” – Strongs # 846, and is the same Greek word that is also translated elsewhere in scripture as “it,” “she,” “this one,” “that one,” “their” etc., much like we still do today when we refer to a ship or boat in the feminine – “Isn’t she a beauty” – or of a whale – “there *she* blows.” There are many times masculine nouns or words are used that are not referring to people or God at all. For example, Jesus used the same word that is translated as “Him” and “He” in John 14:17, as “*it*” in Matthew.

Matt 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

I have highlighted the word “*it*” above where it has been translated from the same Greek word “*autos*” from Strongs #846. In many places the translators have chosen to translate “*autos*” into the English word “it.” While in other places this same word is translated “their,” “he,” “she,” and even “thereof” and “same.”

Today storms are given masculine or feminine names and referred to as “*he*” or “*she*,” yet they are not referring to

people. It often is just as accurate to translate “*autos*” as “*it*” as it is to translate it as “he” or “him,” as is the case when God’s Holy Spirit is referred to in scripture.

Often it’s a matter of the translator’s choice of words. If doctrine were to be set by a translator’s choice of words, then each language would have a different doctrine, so sometimes we must remember to look at the original words in the original language in which they were written, to understand the meaning of what is being communicated. We must also be careful not to add our own interpretations to God’s inspired words.

Back now to the passage in John 14:17. The context of the very next verse (vs. 18) explains what Jesus was really saying. Jesus was saying that HE would not leave His elect as orphans when He said “I will come to you”! *Jesus* said He would come to us, through the Holy Spirit! Jesus is Spirit and Jesus is Holy. Jesus is a Holy Spirit!

John 14:18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

That’s why Paul said, “Christ lives in me” (Gal 2:20). Passages in John and a few other places sadly have been misused, leading people to believe that the Holy Spirit is a proper name and title of a newly revealed third member of the godhead. Even though the Trinity doctrine was not taught or accepted for centuries after Christ and the apostles, it was not a new religious teaching since the Babylonians had been worshiping a triune god for thousands of years before the advent of the Messiah! Notice what Alexander Hislop records in his revealing work on pages 16 and 17 of *The Two Babylons*:

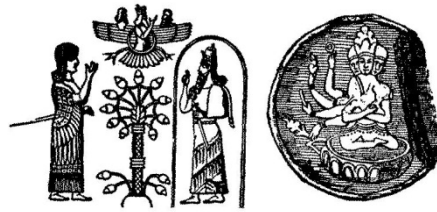
In the unity of that one only god of the Babylonians, there were three persons, and to symbolize that doctrine of the Trinity, they employed, as the discoveries of Layard prove, the equilateral triangle, just as it is well known the Romish Church does at this day.”

Hislop continues on the next page:

“The Papacy has in some of its churches, as, for instance, in the monastery of the so-called Trinitarians of Madrid, an image of the Triune god, with three heads on one body. The Babylonians had something of the same. Mr. Layard, in his last work, has given a specimen of such a triune divinity, worshipped in ancient Assyria (Fig 3). The accompanying cut (Fig 4) of such another divinity, worshipped among the Pagans...”

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(The Two Babylons, by Alexander Hislop, pages 16-17.)

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~Alexander Hislop

Jesus said that He would not leave us fatherless. A father, by nature, is one of TWO – not three.

Once again, we do not see anything in the gospels that refer to the Holy Spirit as being the third person in a *three-in-one* closed circuit godhead. Nor do

we see the apostle John (or any other apostle) referring to God’s Spirit as being a Person. The Holy Spirit is stated as being an aid from a loving Father and His caring obedient Son, which aid is referred to by the translators with a masculine pronoun – that’s all. Yet these are the MAIN scriptures used to teach Trinitarian views!

We all know the words “TRINITY” or “TRIUNE GOD” etc., are nowhere found in the Bible, but only in pagan religious writings, and in later men’s writings who were writing about the Trinity doctrine. Only a few passages can even be construed and interpreted to support the Trinity doctrine. We have covered the ones that most people consider the main passages used to support their Trinitarian views. However, the proper way to study the Bible is to let the CLEAR, CONCISE, SCRIPTURES INTERPRET those that are LESS comprehensive or brief, for any given topic. Therefore, let’s examine some of those passages regarding the nature of God as it relates to the Trinity doctrine! Like

this author, many others in the Church of God have long been familiar with some of these points. Some have even authored works dealing with some of these and other points as they relate to the Trinity. Among such helpful works are those of Evangelist and author, Raymond McNair in several of his works, including his quality booklet, *“The God You Can Know,”* copyrighted in 1996 by the Global Church of God; and a succinct and incisive study paper by Mr. Gary Fakhoury, printed in the October 28, 1996 issue of the monthly publication, *“In Transition.”*

15 POINTS THAT DISPROVE THE TRINITY

POINT 1:

“Holy Spirit” is a descriptive term, NOT A PROPER NAME OF A PERSON.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19).

The term Holy Spirit is descriptive of God, His essence, His presence, His works and His nature.

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and truth (John 4:24).”

God is a Spirit. God is Holy! The term “Holy Spirit” cannot be a “proper name” or a title, otherwise there would be

massive confusion, since there would be no way to distinguish between them, as they are all Holy and Spirit!

Further, if the term “Holy Spirit” was a name or if “Holy Spirit” referred specifically to a third person, then it would give the connotation that of the three, ONLY the Holy Spirit was Holy!

- One of the three would be the Father in characteristics.
- One of the three would be the Son in characteristics.
- One of the three would be the Holy One!

But, the Truth is that the Father is the Most Holy and the Most High God who alone reigns supreme (1 Cor 15:28), and Jesus is His Holy Son and is High Priest (Heb 7).

The Father is the Most High Holy Spirit who sent His Holy Spirit Son to us! The Holy Son was sent from the Father to us. The Holy Spirit also was sent to us from the Father!

Both the Father and His Son ARE HOLY SPIRIT BEINGS and the leading One sent the other to us as our merciful Atoning Passover Sacrifice! Thanks and praise to our God for doing so!

POINT 2:

Only the Holy Spirit is compared to water.

Can anyone think of or find clear scriptural passages where the Father YHVH has directly compared Himself to and is symbolized by water? NO! Can anyone think of or find any passages where the Son YHVH is directly compared to and symbolized by water? NO! Can anyone think of or find any passages where the Holy Spirit is directly compared to water? YES!

It was said of Jesus, that “He poured out His Soul unto death (Isa 53:12). But this was a literal reference to the blood and water that poured out of His fatal spear wound (John 19:34), as His final sacrifice of the gift of His life to atone for our sins. It was not a comparison of Jesus to water.

Point two is this: If God were a Trinity of three equal persons in one Godhead – then why is only the Holy Spirit compared to water? If God were 3 in 1 and 1 in 3, then they would ALL 3 be likened to water!

Let’s look at God’s Word and see some characteristics of the Holy Spirit:

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (KJV)

Christ was giving Nicodemus a basic chemistry/physics lesson. Man is COMPOSED of flesh. God is COMPOSED OF SPIRIT! Flesh and bone is what we are made out of! God’s Holy Spirit is His powerful essence and composition that He is made of. Thus it is also His Power by which He carries out his will throughout the universe – since God is not limited by a physical body as we are. When David

referred to God's Omnipresence (Ps 139:7-10), he said "Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence (verse 7)?" David likened God's Spirit to God's presence. God has compared His Spirit to powerful moving water.

John 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Jesus often compared the Holy Spirit to powerful flowing water in the context of doing the works of God (Jn.4:5-14)! God is living and His works are fluid – not stagnant. This comparison is not directly made in the same way of the Father's personage or of the personage of His Son Yeshua. Such comparisons are only made of the fluid and powerful nature of God's Holy Spirit as an extension of God, His Will and His Life. Man too (in a much more limited way) can extend His life beyond his body through his blood and sperm as well as through his energy and works. If the "Holy Spirit" were a third person, the unequal comparisons to water would not fit in with the 3-in-1 or the 1-in-3 Trinitarian teachings since all 3 should fit similar comparisons to water – if they were all really one.

POINT 3:

Matt 11:27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor

does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

The purpose of point 3 is this: If from eternity ONLY the Father knew the Son, and ONLY the Son knew the Father – why is there no mention of the Holy Spirit if they were eternally three-equals-in-one?

POINT 4:

Jesus said, “I and My Father are one” (John 5:20).

When Jesus said He was one with His Father, why was there NO MENTION of the Holy Spirit? If the Trinity doctrine were true, that clearly would seem to be A COLOSSAL OVERSIGHT! If a person believes in the Trinity, HE will need to get used to seeing these COLOSSAL OVERSIGHTS throughout Scripture – because time after time the Holy Spirit is not mentioned when speaking of the persons of the Godhead!

As Mr. Raymond McNair has pointed out, the oneness of the Father and the Son as it relates to the Trinity doctrine, presents many scriptural problems. Mr. McNair asked this:

When Jesus answered His disciples’ question about when He would return by saying, “Of that day and hour no one knows not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (Matt.24:36), did Jesus mean that He Himself actually knew the day and hour but just made up an excuse to avoid telling them? *The God You Can Know!*, page 24, by Raymond McNair, copyright 1996 Global Church of God.

Jesus Christ was not, and is not, being dishonest by denying something that He would know – if the Trinity doctrine were true!

POINT 5:

The personal intimate relationship of Jesus with His Father.

Christ's intimate prayer concerning His relationship with His Father God, the nature of the two of them, and their relationship to each other clearly reveals TWO Eternal Great Beings – the Supreme Most High and Most Holy Powerful Loving Father and His obedient Son, not of three persons (John 17:5-7, 20-26)!

As you read the reminiscing personal words of Jesus to His Father about their past and future in John 17, you will notice Jesus made NO MENTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! Jesus made NO MENTION of being “one of three” in any sort of a “triune relationship.” All His historical references are ONLY of being AT-ONE with His FATHER in spiritual glory – and of His looking forward to being at-one with us! Thus God is NOT revealing Himself as being a closed Godhead – triangular circuit – but as a growing Family that begins with the Father and His Son and grows to many billions! God's Truth is so awesome and so superior to the many “remanufactured” pagan concepts that have crept into modern “Christianity.” No wonder Satan has tried to hide the truth by perverting and twisting God's incredibly encouraging beautiful words.

Those who are familiar with the truth about the Trinity doctrine know that it teaches that the godhead is closed,

like three fish swimming in a tight closed triangular circle. God says otherwise! He says that WE ALSO CAN BE ONE WITH HIM!

So this begs the question: If the Holy Spirit was the third personage of a one triune God – then why is the Holy Spirit NEVER mentioned in relation to the lengthy historical “person to person” relationship of the Father and the Son, throughout their past eternity?

POINT 6:

If God were a Trinity of 3 equal persons in 1 (as the Trinity doctrine states), then how could the Father be both equal and greater at the same time?

- *John 14:28 “I am going to the Father; for My Father is greater than I.”*
- *John 10:29 “...My Father, who has given them to Me, is GREATER THAN ALL...”*
- *John 12:49 “For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak just as the Father has told Me, So I speak.”*
- *John 14:10 “Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.”*

Clearly Christ was SUBORDINATE to the one IN AUTHORITY – the SUPREME MOST HIGH FATHER! God’s Holy Scriptures do not reveal a 3-in-one of equals! The Father is in charge! The Father is the Most High who SENDS both Christ and His Spirit as He wills! This the Jews understand, which is why Yeshua said “we” (the Jews) know what we worship (John 4:22).

POINT 7:

If the Godhead were made of “3 equal parts in one” and “one in three,” then when Christ said that the Father sent Him (John 14:23-26) – was He really saying that He sent Himself?

When Christ said that THE FATHER would send the Holy Spirit, was He really saying that He would send Himself? Wouldn’t that be misleading? Since God cannot lie, I cannot believe the doctrine of the trinity. How could I?

Can you actually see that the Scriptures DO NOT TEACH A TRIUNE NATURE OF GOD? I ask, what does God’s Word actually teach about God’s nature and family? I did not ask what you were *taught* about the nature of God. I did not ask what you *believe* about the nature of God. I ask us all to remove the smoke screen of presumption and false teachings and honestly consider what the Holy Scriptures clearly teach about the nature of God.

POINT 8:

An OVERWHELMING number of times God and Christ are introduced at the opening of NEARLY EVERY APOSTOLIC LETTER – HOWEVER, NOT ONE of them ever mentions the Holy Spirit, or gives EVEN A HINT of there being a third member of the Godhead!

Let's prove point 8 from God's Word right now:

- Rom 1:1 *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God....*
- 1 Cor 1:3 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 2 Cor 1:2 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 2 Cor 1:3 *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort...*
- Gal 1:3 *Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ*
- Eph 1:2 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- Phil 1:2 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- Col 1:2 *To the saints...in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- 1 Thes 1:1 *Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 2 Thes 1:1 *Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 1 Tim 1:2 *To Timothy, my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- Titus 1:4 *To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.*
- Philemon 1:3 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 2 Pet 1:2 *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*
- 2 John 1:3 *Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.*

Point 8 is simply the overwhelming number of times that God's Word makes reference to the family and nature of God as being the Father and the Son, with no mention of any third being in the Godhead!

POINT 9:

The Most High Father is the God of all comfort!

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort...(2 Cor 1:3) KJV.

Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the “comforter” that the Father would send in John 14 – 16. If being the “comforter” was the job and function of a being named “Holy Spirit” in the “triune oneness of God,” then why does God’s Word call the Father the God of all comfort?

POINT 10:

The Trinity doctrine calls into question the Truth of the LOVE OF GOD!

Jesus said, “*As the Father loved me, I also have loved you... (John 15:9).*”

He also said, “*But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do (John 14:31).* Indeed, “*God is love (1 John 4:8).*”

These, and other Scriptures, tell of the eternal love of the Father for the Son and of the Son for the Father, as well as of their love for us and that we are to love them. But there is no passage in all of scripture saying that the Holy Spirit loves the Father or the Son or vice-versa. Nor are there any passages telling us that we are to love the Holy Spirit or

that the Holy Spirit loves us – only that God has shed upon us HIS love through His Holy Spirit! Thus, with a belief in the Trinity, two problems arise related to God’s love:

- A) Why tell of the love the Father and Son have for each other, and NOT MENTION the love for their supposed third equal member of the Trinity – the Holy One called “Holy Spirit”? Is the one known as the “Holy Spirit” not loved? Does he not love the Father, the Son and us?
- B) If God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are really ONE in unity and identity (with no individuality of person or mind), then WHAT MEANING would their love have for one another? Wouldn’t they really be saying they loved themselves?

POINT 11:

HEAVENLY PICTURES OF THE FAMILY OF GOD.

One of the best ways to determine whether God is a Trinity is to look at Biblical descriptions, like pictures painted with words, of how God reveals Himself to us, and then simply COUNT the number of members of the Godhead. Such “word pictures” were recorded for us. They are called “visions” in the Bible.

There are several places where the plural name for God (Elohim) is used, denoting God as a spiritual family. This makes perfect sense, since God calls Himself a Father – which is a family term. It also makes sense because a human family begins with the two persons (a husband and a wife) made in God’s image. For example;

- *Gen.1:26 “Let US make man in OUR image...”*
- *Gen 3:22 “... Behold the man has become like one of US.”*
- *Gen 11:7 “Come, Let US go down and confuse their language...”*

Even more convincing is the fact that several of the visions of the Godhead – or God Family – that God has provided for us clearly depict TWO members – never three. I have seen Trinitarians use these passages in genesis in an effort to support the trinity – since these verses clearly show more than one member of the Godhead – and they *ASSUME* that the three members of the trinity are referred to. There is no mention here of how many are speaking to each other. God does reveal Himself to us through the family structure of man, since man is made in God’s image. God created TWO (Adam and Eve), and from them the family grows. That’s TWO! The clear implication is that the TWO revealed beings in the Godhead known as Father and the Word [Jesus through whom the Father created all things (Eph 3:9, Rev 4:11)] were speaking to one another!

- *Ps 110:1 “The LORD (1) said unto my Lord (2), Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool (KJV).” (emphasis mine)*

Here the Scriptures refer to the LORD (the Great YHVH) speaking to the other deity called Lord (Master). Here we see the TWO speaking, just like in Genesis when God said, “Let us make man in our image.”

Next we'll examine an enlightening passage where we are allowed to peer in, as if through a window, directly into the heavenly temple of God, seeing the Father – the Ancient of Days – sitting and ruling upon His throne. So let's read and count how many members of the Godhead are revealed to us:

- *Dan 7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated (That's One); His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;
10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened.*

Here the Most High Ancient of Days is seated upon His Throne. It is a session of court with ten thousand times ten thousand standing before Him. There are reasons to believe that the books that are opened are the Holy Scriptures that God has given us. Let's notice what happens next:

- *Dan 7:13 "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man (That's Two), Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

Count the deities. We see the Ancient of Days (ONE) plus the Son of Man (TWO) who comes in great glory on the clouds (Dan 7:13, Matt 24:30, 64).

Notice the Ancient of Days stays seated upon His throne, showing that He is the Most High God. He is approached by the Son of Man (a term referring to the Messiah who was both the Son of God from eternity and the Son of Man by being born of the virgin Mary by the Holy Seed from the Father). God's Word tells us that the Son will inherit everlasting dominion, since He is King of kings (Titus 6:15-16, Rev 19:16). These references are plainly about the Father and Yeshua the Messiah – the Son of God. There are only the TWO who are depicted as deities, and also they are NOT equal in Power, Majesty or Authority! There is no third. There is no other!

There are more visions of the Godhead in heaven. Steven also saw heaven opened and God sitting upon His throne. Let's read and count once more:

- *Acts 7:55 ...he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, 56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man (1) standing at the right hand of God (2)!"*

If God were actually an equal triune of 3-in-1 and 1-in-3, then why is the supposed 3rd member of the godhead ALWAYS absent in God's heavenly visions? There's more. Let's look into heaven and count the number of the God family yet again:

- *Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne (That's ONE) a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"*
- *Rev 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb (That's TWO) as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.*

(Note: The "seven spirits of God [Rev 5:6], are God's seven watching angels – compare with Rev 1:4, 20 and Rev.4:5).

The Father (ONE) and the Lamb of God (TWO) – are the ONLY TWO members in the Godhead – the family of God – that are listed. This is the case, time and time again. Are you ready to grow in God's rich Truth?

- *Rev 21:22 ... I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty (ONE) and the Lamb (TWO) are its temple.*
- *Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God (ONE) and of the Lamb (TWO).*

THE MISSING 3rd THRONE

One more thing a person cannot help but notice as they count the members of the Godhead is that there are always TWO THRONES depicted for the Godhead – one for the Most High Father, the Ancient of Days, and one for His Son, the King of kings! If the Holy Spirit were a third co-equal member of the Godhead – where is His Throne? With so many examples of the Father sitting on His Throne and the Son sitting on His Throne – why do we have NO EXAMPLES OF A THRONE FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT? Answer: Because there is no third member of the God family in any passage of Scripture or in any vision. Please accept God's Words over tradition. God's Words are better – much better, and they're true! And accepting them will put you on a healthy path to growth and enlightenment. Will you accept them?

POINT 12:

AN HONESTY ISSUE

Out of a deep respect and love for God and His Holy Name, it pains me to even record the absurdities that a logical analysis of the doctrine of the Trinity attributes to God. Therefore, below in this section, you'll observe the use of lower case spelling instead of the traditionally capitalized words that refer to God (*god*) or His (*his*) Son (*son*) in this section. This is done because God is not capable of lying or of the unrighteous deceit that the Trinity doctrine presumes and/or presents (Titus 1:2, Num 23:19). This twelfth point comes down to an ISSUE OF HONESTY! Consider this: If god were a trinity, we would

have an ethical problem to solve, because if God were a trinity of “three-equal-persons” in one Being, then wouldn’t that mean that god misled us by MISREPRESENTING himself? How so, you might ask? Because how can a person be both dead in their tomb, and at that same time, be alive and well as one of the “3 in one” in heaven?

The logical essence of a Trinity doctrine would make God out to be something He certainly is not – a fake or fraudulent deceiver! God is Truth. For the Trinity to be true, one would have to believe the following about god: The *father* would have had to act as if he gave up *his* son at death, when the son was really with *him* all the time (3-in-one” equals); and the son would have had to act as if he died for our sins, when *he* never really died or left his *father’s* side, because *he* would have remained alive as part of the oneness of the so called “triune god.” The *father* would have had to “make-believe” he sacrificed *his* son (or another aspect of *himself*?) when really, the son would NEVER have left the *father god’s* side in heaven! The Trinity, in essence, says the *messiah* CLAIMED to give up *his* heavenly glory, and then put on the charade of asking for it back in John 17 – when, as an equal member of the oneness of the godhead, *he* would never have really lost either *his* life or glory because *he* would have always remained alive and at one with the *father* and the *holy one*! It’s absurd to believe such things – and probably no one does. But such absurdities are logically part of the essence in the Trinity teaching.

I believe Mr. Gary Fakhoury may have said it best in his study paper on “*The Nature of God: A Biblical Review*,” as printed in the monthly publication *In Transition*:

“We should also not neglect that there is a moral issue at stake here if Trinitarians are right. We’re talking about a Father who pretended His Son was not still sharing His heavenly existence – giving Himself credit for “sacrificing” Him – when His Son “remained one with His Father in heaven” all along.

We’re talking about a Son who pretended He didn’t share His Father’s glory, when He did – and pretended to ask for it back. We’re talking about an apostle who pretended his Messiah made the supreme sacrifice of giving up the prerogatives of Heaven when He really hadn’t.

These issues strike at the very character of the God of the Bible, His worthiness of our worship and the veracity of the Christian scriptures.

(In Transition, page 13, October 28, 1996, by Gary Fakhoury.)

Respectfully, when it is more closely examined, belief in the Trinity requires acceptance of confusion and blind belief of men, and effectively renders many of God’s words meaningless. No wonder it is called by its leading perpetrators: a “mystery” that cannot be explained.

God’s Word does not require blind acceptance. He tells us to prove our beliefs. Be encouraged, God is not a closed circuit of three. His arms are open through Christ to welcome all His sons into His glorious family (see John 17)! God’s Truth is not mired in confusion or ancient pagan philosophy. It is beautiful, and there is simplicity to what Christ taught us: God loves us, is forgiving and is saving us

so we can share His Kingdom with Him as His royal sons (John 1:12, Rev 5:10)!

2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted — you may well put up with it! (emphasis added)

Most who believe in the Trinity have simply not thought through all of the ramifications of such a belief. For example, this doctrine would dictate that we believe that what the apostles taught was a fraud. They taught us about all the Messiah gave up. However if the Trinity doctrine were true, christ would not have actually given up ANYTHING, because *he* would have remained in Heaven with *his* other “selves” or aspects of “*himself*”! May God help us all to see!

POINT 13:

Who was the Father of Jesus the Christ – the Father, or the Holy Spirit?

Jesus (Yeshua) was born of a virgin – who was impregnated, not by the seed of a man but by the Seed of the Great Ancient of Days – the Father’s Holy Seed – the Father’s Holy Spirit (Matt 1:18-20). Yet the Holy Spirit is NEVER called the Father of Jesus. So the question must be asked, if the Holy Spirit were a person, then why is the Holy Spirit not called the Father of Jesus? Why is the Most

High the one who is called the Father? Because it was the Holy Seed of the Father (1 Pet 1:23, 1 John 3:9) that impregnated Mary with the Son of God! The Father impregnated Mary with the very Seed (Greek ~ *sperma*) of Himself – the very Essence of Himself – making HIM the True and Only Father of Christ! This fits with the very nature of man – for man is made in God’s image. To introduce a third person, would be a perversion!

Yet the Babylonian counterfeit – the Romish church – perverted this beautiful simple and obvious truth to appear to be a continuation of the ancient pagan Babylonian doctrine of a triune god of “three gods in” one presence. History records that ancient individual pagan gods each supposedly chose a beautiful human woman as the recipient of his spirit, thereby impregnating her. As the recipient that contained the spirit – she then also came to be referred to as a “holy spirit.” The supposed fruit of her body was then called a “holy son” – by pagan standards. This Babylonian counterfeit pagan belief predated the truth of the Son of God (Yeshua) by thousands of years, but was renewed and manipulated and then made to appear to be applicable to Yeshua the Anointed (Jesus the Christ) and His mother Mary! Notice:

Now viewed in this light, the triune emblem of the supreme Assyrian divinity shows clearly what had been the original patriarchal faith. First, there is the head of the old man; next, there is the zero, or circle, for “the seed;” and lastly, the wings and tail of the bird or dove; showing, though blasphemously, the unity of the Father, Seed, or Son, and Holy Ghost. While this had been the original way in which Pagan idolatry had represented the Triune God, and though

this kind of representation had survived to Sennacherib's time, yet there is evidence that, at a very early period, an important change had taken place in the Babylonian notions in regard to the divinity; and that the three person had come to be, the Eternal Father, the Spirit of God incarnate in a human mother, and a Divine Son, the fruit of that incarnation. (*The Two Babylons*, Alexander Hislop, pages 18-19.) (emphasis added)

Mr. Hislop's historical work continues on the following page 20:

The Babylonians, in their popular religion, supremely worshipped a Goddess Mother and a Son, who was represented in pictures and in images as an infant or child in his mother's arms (Figs. 5 and 6). From Babylon, this worship of the Mother and the Child spread to the ends of the earth.



One does not need to try hard in order to see how paganism has swept through and influenced Christianity to this day.

This is especially true with the doctrine of the Trinity, which was not fully embraced until the Roman Church adopted it at the time of the Council of Nice, in approximately 325 A.D.!

Let's consider one more enlightening quote from Alexander Hislop's work, *The Two Babylons*, on page 82.

The worship of the goddess-mother with the child in her arms continued to be observed in Egypt till Christianity entered. If the Gospel had come in power among the mass of the people, the worship of this goddess-queen would have been overthrown. With the generality it came only in name. Instead, therefore, of the Babylonian goddess being cast out, in too many cases her name only was changed. She was [now] called the Virgin Mary, and, with her child, was worshipped with the same idolatrous feeling by professing Christians, as formerly by open and avowed Pagans. The consequence was, that when, in A.D. 325, the Nicene Council was summoned to condemn the heresy of Arius, which denied the true divinity of Christ, that heresy indeed was condemned, but not without the help of men who gave distinct indications of a desire to put the creature on a level with the Creator, to set the Virgin-mother side by side with her Son. At the Council of Nice, says the author of "Nimrod," "The Melchite section" – that is, the representatives of the so-called Christianity of Egypt – "held that there were three persons in the Trinity – the Father, the Virgin Mary, and Messiah their Son." (*The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop, page 82).

It is claimed by some theologians that the Romish Church is now the Holy Spirit, as it too claims to be imbued with the Holy Spirit and therefore is likened by some to Mary who was impregnated thereby. It is further claimed by some that, like Mary, the Church is also likened as a mother – therefore they claim that the Romish Church is the Holy Spirit, and thus part-in-part with the Trinity.

Only the “Father” is the true Father of Christ, not a personage called by some, “Holy Spirit.” Mary was not the Holy Spirit. A church is not the Holy Spirit. The one called “Father” is the Father of Yeshua! God’s beautiful truth is *NOT* difficult to understand or relate to, but it has been made confusing by a sort of pagan morphogenesis of the facts. But, with open eyes and obedient repentance, we can escape the deceitful teachings of paganism and enjoy the richness of God’s rewarding Truth. With God’s mercy, WE CAN ALL be imbued with the precious Holy Seed from the Father which will lead us to grow into righteousness and finally to a new spiritual birth in the Father’s awesome royal family – not as a limited family of three – but of many billions!

There you have it! Now is the time for YOU to understand and decide what to believe and do with this knowledge. You can reject it, or prove it from your own Bibles. Will it be God’s Truth for you? Surely it will. When the True Light exposes the facts, who would prefer to believe the oft well intentioned but confusing traditional Trinitarian teachings that are deeply rooted in paganism over God’s pure, simple to understand, Truth?

POINT 14:

THE MYSTERY OF GOD CLEARLY REVEALED IN HIS WORD

God Himself has given you plain and clear Truths regarding His Godhead, His Nature and His Family (of which He is Father). Do you prefer God's clear direct words instead of a difficult to explain, impossible to understand, ancient pagan doctrine of a "triune" god adapted and adopted by a confused counterfeit "Christian" church? God's Words are incredibly and poignantly enlightening.

Here, in this and in the next point #15, are two *very clear* passages in scripture that are SPECIFICALLY DEALING with the Godhead and NATURE OF GOD:

1 Cor 8:5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. 7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge...

Other people, who remain in darkness, have their various pagan gods and goddesses – but for God's true saints – there is ONLY ONE FATHER GOD, and ONE Lord Jesus Christ. That's it! How can God make it clearer than that?

Besides the Father and the Son in the Godhead – there is no other! That's TWO! There is no Trinity mentioned ANYWHERE in God's Word. As God's Word says: There

is *only* the Most High Supreme Righteous Father God (1) and our Lord and Passover – His great loving Son (2)!

This Truth has been hidden through Babylonian mysteries masquerading as Christianity (2 Cor 11:13-15). God has given us clear, concise, and thorough teachings on this subject. I pray that all will soon be freed with the Truth about Pentecost and about the Holy Spirit – the Holy Seed from the Father – as you accept God’s revealed life-saving Truth. He has revealed His Nature and plan of Salvation to those to whom He has given spiritual ears and eyes with which to hear and see His Truth (Mark 4:22-23).

POINT 15: The Apostle Paul Boldly Taught That Anything Besides The Father and the Son Was Empty Philosophy.

Col 2:2 ...that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.

Paul continues with his warning against those who would deceive God’s people about the Godhead with philosophy and “persuasive words.”

Col 2: 8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not

according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

God's Word teaches us that the "*FULLNESS*" of the Mystery of the Godhead bodily is contained within the Father and the Son! Anything else, God's Word says, is mere PHILOSOPHY AND EMPTY DECEIT (vs 8)! How can God make this subject more clear and concise to us?

Friends, my prayer and hope is that you now see the Truth of God's nature. He shows it to us in "nature" (through Adam and Eve and the family unit – made in His image – and by the things that He has made) and He specifically reveals it to us in His Word (Rom 1:18-20).

God made man in His image – male and female (Gen 1:26). God said that the man and the woman were to become "ONE FLESH" (Gen 2:24). Jesus reiterated this in Matt 19:5. This unity is of two – not three. But such unity, though called "one flesh," leaves the man and the woman as two distinct personages who are to be fruitful and multiply and thus to become a single *family* of many more than two or three distinct individuals. We are made in God's image. God help us all to understand.

The Father is the loving patient leader in charge of *His family*. But since God (Elohim – the plural form of the Hebrew for God) is a Family, just like with Adam and Eve, God's family will grow to be many more than three!

Man is made – composed – of flesh. God is composed of spirit, and He is calling and creating us to become His spiritual children in His Family.

IS SATAN THE REAL AUTHOR OF THE CLOSED TRIANGULAR CIRCLE OF THE TRINITY?

Scripture reveals that it was Satan who wanted to become like God – like the Father and the Son. He thought he could become a third “one-of-three.” God reveals to us that Satan said he wanted to be “like the Most High” (Isa 14:14)! Satan, filled with vanity, tried to invade God’s place in heaven, attempting to be like God – and thus make himself like a third god (“one-of-three,” Ezek 28:11-19). While Satan is a spirit being, there was nothing holy about him. He was not a holy spirit, but had become a vain, sinful, rebellious, hateful and murdering spirit. Jesus gave us factual witness of God repelling Satan and casting him back down to the earth (Luke 10:18). Thus Satan’s hopes of being “one-of-three” in the godhead (Isa 14:14) were cast down with him!

Satan, in his vanity and jealousy, wanted to be the third! But to which angel did God ever say, “You are my son, this day I have begotten you (Heb 1:5)?” However, God does call us His sons made in His image and, by His precious Holy Spirit, He does beget us again to a new life and a new birth (1 Pet 1:23)! Once begotten of God, His Holy Seed begins to impart His divine nature in us (2 Pet 1:4)! But to be His children, we need not only to have His Holy Spirit, but to be LED BY IT (Rom 8:14). Friends this is so wonderful, it’s beyond human description!

Since Satan futilely attempted to take from God the incredible potential that God freely offers us, Jealous Satan despises and maliciously resents the gift God gives us.

Do you appreciate God's amazing and wonderful gift? God's command for us is everlasting LIFE (John 12:50)! God is a family, indeed. He is our Great Grand Papa, our

Father. Let all the earth praise and love Him.

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~Don E Haney

Eph 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is

named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height

This is the Truth about the nature of God and His Holy Spirit. God is not a triune of three equals. The Father is the Most High, the Most Loving, the Most Humble, the Most Powerful, and the Greatest – and His Son is very near and like unto Him, but subject to Him.

Well meaning Trinitarians have noticed the many passages in the Holy Scriptures that reveal the Father as being Supreme in power, love and authority over Jesus Christ. Since this goes contrary to their Trinitarian belief and teachings that the Godhead is made up of three co-equal beings in one, they seem to try to explain away those passages depicting the Father as being supreme in authority and power over Christ. They claim that Jesus was only “temporarily” made lower than the Father while he manifested Himself in the flesh – and then resumed His “co-equal” status once resurrected. They claim, contrary to the Holy Scriptures, that Jesus is eternally a “co-equal” with the Father.

Notice, for example, what accomplished author and lecturer, Ralph O. Muncaster, said under the heading “The Persons of Trinity Are Co-equal and Co-eternal,” on page 13 of his book “*What Is The Trinity?*”

To accomplish this, Jesus “gave up” the right to exercise His power as God while He was on earth (this concept is called “kenosis” in theology). Jesus thus took on humanity with all its attributes. As a human, He taught us to pray to God. He taught us how to relate to God. And He taught us that the will of God is not always our will.

Did this short-term subjugation to God the Father make Jesus “less equal”? NO! It served a teaching purpose. The Bible clearly describes Jesus as equal to God...” (*What is the Trinity?*, by Ralph O. Muncaster, page 13.)

Notice the well meaning author called the belief that Jesus was only temporarily subjugated to the Father, a “*concept*.” Such a false belief is just that, a philosophical “*concept*.” Call that belief “kenosis,” or any other name – it’s still false. Dear readers – don’t be deceived, even by goodly seeming men. Only God’s Word has authority. That “*concept*” goes directly contrary to the Holy Scriptures in your Bibles! To uphold their “three co-equals” beliefs, Trinitarians may try to explain away the scriptures depicting Jesus’ subjugation to the Father as temporary – but the Bible says it is an eternal state! Let’s believe our Bibles.

1 Cor 15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

The Plain Wonderful Truth as Jesus clearly stated is found in John 14:28, “...*My Father is Greater than I.*” That kind of honest humility is both accurate and truthful. What a wonderful thing to know that, as loving, powerful and great Jesus is, the Father is GREATER! He is simply the Best and the most Holy, Most High, wisest, most capable, most loving, most merciful and most powerful being in all the

vastness of the universe – He is the Great Father over the whole family in heaven and earth – let ALL the earth praise Him! You will notice many passages in the Bible where Jesus is subjugated to the Father and where Jesus worships the Father! You will not find ANY passages where the Father worships Jesus or is subjugated to Jesus! We all ought to be very proud and happy to have such a great loving Father! Praise the Lord and Laud His Holy Name, and that of His Awesome powerful wise obedient Son!

May God bless you abundantly with His love and grace as you follow Him and His Words carefully and faithfully.

In the next (final) chapter, we will see more about the wonderful gift of God’s Holy Spirit that was poured out on Pentecost, and about how it can change us all into another man made into God’s full image. HALLELUJAH!

*“...then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.”
~Apostle Paul*

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