



## Godhead

### **Deuteronomy 6 v4, "Hear O Israel the lord our God is one Lord.**

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Jesus also quotes this in Mark 12 v29 when, having been asked what the first and greatest commandment is.

All religions have Gods, superior beings that the believer acknowledges as the final authority. Many religions have lots of gods with a supreme God in charge, Zeus in Greek mythology for example. This is polytheism, many gods.

There are only three religions that have just one God: Islam, Judaism and Christianity. This in monotheism and all three acknowledge the same God, the God of Abraham. Muslims call Him Allah and believe that Ishmael, the first born of Abraham is the chosen son while the Israelites follow the second son Isaac and his own second son Jacob as the true line. To the Jews He is Jehovah.

Christians, however, seem to have avoided a name but, believing God to be three persons yet one God, have given Him three titles, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. And that goes against Judaism and Islamic understanding who cannot believe that three persons make one God.

There are many Old Testament quotes that God is one. Some examples are "Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." Isaiah 44 v 6,, & v8 "Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. " Also there is "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour" in Isaiah 43 v11. The Jews cannot accept a saviour other than Jehovah and in their eyes Jesus being a son of God cannot fit the bill.

## Trinity Doctrine

Why then do so many Christian church talk of three persons being God?

Jesus is called the Son of God. That means there has to be a Father. There are also references, especially in the New Testament, about the Holy Spirit, hence there is Father Son and Holy Spirit.

One classic reference for all three is Jesus baptism in Matthew 3 v16-17.

"And Jesus, when He was baptized went up immediately out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened to Him and He saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him: and Lo a voice from heaven saying, This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

So here is Jesus in the water, the Holy Spirit like a dove descending and the voice of the Father from heaven commending His Son.

From this and other verses comes the trinity doctrine that states that there is only One God but He is in three persons, God the Father, god the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Unfortunately while this explanation of God is an understandable result this has become a doctrine and been made an article faith by some. It was the Council of Nicaea that made the trinity doctrine a basis of belief, although it said little of the Holy Spirit at the time.

Is such a doctrine true?

If we think in terms of God being unable to be all places and in whatever form He wants at anytime then it sort of makes sense.

But if God is omnipresent, in other words able to be everywhere all at the same time then the need to have three separate persons is not



necessary. He can be in Jesus of Nazareth being baptised by John the Baptist. He can also appear as a dove and speak from heaven all at the same time.

Do other Bible references indicate that the trinity doctrine may be a simplistic and misleading doctrine?

Yes, plenty.

For example the extreme trinity doctrine is that the three persons, Father Son and Holy Ghost are not interchangeable. The Father is not the Spirit, the Spirit is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father or the Spirit. But that is not what the Bible says.

Isaiah 9 v 6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God, The everlasting Father**, The Prince of Peace."

There is no doubt that this verse, read at every Christmas service, is talking of Jesus. But it says He is the mighty God and the everlasting father.

Then in Matthew 1 verse 18 we learn that Mary was with child of the Holy Ghost, not God the Father. To confirm this when Joseph, who finding his fiancé was pregnant and not by him was thinking to move her away to somewhere safe was told by an angel that she the Father of Jesus was the Holy Ghost.

Either Jesus did not know who His father was or the Holy Ghost and God the Father are the same person.

And then we have in verse 23 the reminder that the Son born of the virgin is Immanuel, or "God with us!"

The trinity doctrine is claimed to be a mystery, but there is a promise that the mystery of God would be revealed. That promise is in Revelation 10 v7 that in the days of the voice of the seventh angel

the mystery of God should be finished.

If it is understood that letters the seven churches of Asia in chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation are prophetic of seven church ages then it is quite clear that the world wide church of today, of whatever denomination, is in a Laodicean state. It is neither on fire for God spreading the gospel world wide, nor is it stone cold. It is lukewarm, wishy washy, half hearted. (Of course there are individual exceptions but I am talking of the overall status of the international Christian churches.)

We are in the Laodicea Church Age, the seventh and last age. That being so there has to have been an angel, or messenger to this church age. And if there has been he is the one to reveal the truth of the mystery of God. That messenger will reveal the truth about God, it would clear up the oneness, twoness and trinity, doctrines.

William Branham, was a prophet. He stood many times before whole congregations and to prove that Jesus Christ was the same yesterday, today and forever he would wait until the Lord revealed to him the thoughts and intents of the heart of people awaiting healing.

Now before we go any further William Branham was a man, no more. He was used by God as was William Booth who started the Salvation Army, Wesley who started the Methodist or even Martin Luther who started the reformation and the Lutheran church. We don't worship them and nor should we. He was however God's man for this time and just as Luther, Booth, Wesley were reviled in their time so it is today with Branham. Jesus was called a devil and so has Branham. Peter, John, Paul all were met and guided by angels but apparently it isn't acceptable for a modern man to have that experience, hence some dismiss Branham waiting for the angel of the Lord as a sign of witchcraft.

A simple reading of the Scriptures shows that a prophet must wait on the Lord. Moses had to go up a mountain to meet God, Elijah met God after hiding in a cave and John was thrown into prison on Patmos before an angel came to reveal the book of Revelation. And Branham



was a prophet. The woman at the well did not know who Christ was but when He revealed the secrets of her heart and told her how many husbands she had had she said, "Sir I perceive you are a prophet!" She recognised that as the sign of a prophet. So when someone else comes along doing the same thing and pointing to Christ and the Word of God that can only be a prophet of God.

And Revelation 10 verse 7 says, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel the mystery of God should be finished as He has declared to His servants the prophets."

The mystery of God, the truth about the trinity, will be revealed by the messenger to the seventh church age. And he will be a prophet.

So an easy way to check who is the seventh messenger is to see if he reveals the truth about God. And remember it must fit the Bible even if it doesn't fit our theology. And it must make sense.

William Branham taught that Jesus didn't just start life at the time of Herod. The gospel of John has Him as the Creator.

**John 1 v 1 -3** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with god and the Word was God. .... All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made."

When viewed with the opening verse of Genesis, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" God and Jesus seem to be one and the same.

How can John 1 v1-3 and Genesis 1 v1 agree?

Before Genesis 1 there was God, an eternal self-existing spirit in eternity. He always was, he always will be. In Him were attributes.

He could be saviour, but no one was lost, He could be healer, but no one was sick, He could be a redeemer but none of His children existed let alone being owned by someone else. He was also alone and, just as the Adam He was to create He did not have a wife.

The only way those things could become a reality was if something happened outside of Himself. He had to find a way to project His thoughts, His attributes into a different dimension.

So He spoke His thoughts. The spoken Word was no different than the thought except it was expressed. However the thought came first, the Word later, the thought is the father of the Word, the Word, which can bring light and life is the son.

The Word of God is the thoughts of God expressed. We call the Word of God, Jesus Christ.

That is how we can have God and Jesus creating the universe. They are the same except that one is in tangible form the other is pure Spirit. And God is Spirit, and He is Holy. He is the Holy Spirit

Brother Branham taught that God operates through three offices, Father Son and Holy Ghost.

God spoke through the prophet that a virgin would conceive. He spoke into existence the fertilised egg in Mary. There was no egg from Mary, she simply incubated the second Adam.

God in spirit form, the Holy Spirit lived in Jesus of Nazareth. As I Colossians 2 v9 says of Jesus, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Did that stop an eternal Spirit, unrestricted by time, also being in other places doing other things? Not at all!

The body of Jesus is the begotten son of God, but God Himself lived in that body.

### **Brother Branham restored the original Christian Baptism**

Jesus gave instructions to Peter and the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost yet Peter and the others baptised in the name of Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28 v 19 and



Acts 2 v38

Why did they do that?

They did that because they had a revelation that there is only one God He has only one name for His three offices of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. And that name is "Jehovah Saves" or "Yeshua," which in Greek is "Jesus."

So important is this name that Paul, when he arrived at Ephesus found Christians but they had not received the Holy Ghost so he checked how they were baptised. They had been baptised for repentance but the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit had not come on them. Paul found that they had not been baptised in Jesus name and so re-baptised them.

Water baptism, according to Roman's 6 is a burial and a resurrection to a new life. If we are being buried but then being born anew it is important to have our father's name. anyone who doesn't is illegitimate. Father Son and Holy Ghost are titles, God's name is Jesus. The name used at water baptisms, and these are to be burials, immersions and not just sprinklings, need to be done in the name of our Father, Jesus Christ.

Moses met a pillar of fire in a burning bush, It was God. Paul met that same pillar of Fire on the road to Damascus. We know that because he called that light Lord. "Who are you Lord?" No Pharisee could do that unless he knew He was talking with God. That light answered and said, "I am Jesus." The pillar of fire that Moses met, that led the children of Israel through the wilderness was Jesus.

The book of Revelation is often referred to as the Revelation of St John. That is because John received the revelation. However the opening verse of the book describes what it really is, the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The whole book reveals who and what Jesus is and it starts in the first chapter.

God says, in Chapter 1 verse 8, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, says the Lord, which is, which was and which is to come, the Almighty."

There can be no doubt as to whom is speaking. It is God the Father, the Almighty. Further on in verse 11 He speaks again as a great voice. "I am the Alpha and Omega the first and the last ..."and He then instructs John to write letters to the seven churches in Asia. (See also Isaiah 44 v6 where Jehovah God says I am the first and the last.)

There then follows a description of who is speaking. In the middle of the seven candlesticks is one like Jesus, the Son of Man yet He is dressed as a judge with white hair or wig, indicating eldership, maturity. He has feet like brass, and brass is always judgement as in the brass altar. And He shine like the sun. He speaks again in verse 17. "Fear not, I am the first and the last, I am He that lives, and was dead; and behold I am alive for ever more. ...." This has to be Jesus. God the Father is eternal, He cannot die except as a Son.

There can not be two first and lasts, no two beginnings and endings. It is the same one. Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New. There is only one God who has revealed Himself to us in various ways.

Jesus is God. God became man but He operated according to His own rules. Jesus of Nazareth was a prophet and a prophet can only speak and act according to what God says. And that is what Jesus did. That is why Jesus said He could do nothing except the Father showed Him.

That to me is clear. There is only one God, His name is the Lord Jesus Christ, He operates in three offices of Father Son and Holy Ghost but it is the same eternal spirit living in each manifestation of Himself.

William Branham has made it clear, He has restored Baptism and so much more just as Jesus said Elijah the prophet would before His secret coming. God has sent a prophet with His Word for today and one of the proofs is in the scriptural teaching of the Godhead.

