

If God is Jesus only, then Jesus **lied** when He stated that He did not testify of Himself. If the truth is Jesus only, then Jesus **DID** attest to Himself while He was manifesting Himself as His own Father.

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### Jesus and the Father are One...

Some will say that since Jesus and the Father are one, this disproves the Trinity. However, is that really the case?

*"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for **a spirit hath not flesh and bones,** as ye see me have." (Luke 24:39)*

*"**God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)*

Here it is clear that Jesus and the Father are two distinct Persons of the One True God.

Jesus instructed them to handle Him, to examine His hands and feet. They were afraid and thought He was a spirit. He clarified their understanding and said that a spirit does not have flesh and bones as He had.

Next we see that God is a Spirit. Thus God does not have flesh and bones... but Jesus does.

This exemplifies the different Persons of the Triune God.

Following is another example:

- \* God the Father is the Holy Judge. (Rev. 20:12)
- \* Jesus, God the Son, is the Sacrifice for sin. (1 John 2:1)

\* The Holy Spirit is the One Who convicts of sin. (John 16:8)

Each Person of the Trinity is distinct... yet One. They each have various functions that they serve.

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### Conclusion:

*"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and **there is none like me,**" (Isaiah 46:9)*

The True God of the Bible is **unique!** There is **NO god like Him!**

So, as we ponder the many gods of this world, we should consider...

**Polytheism** (many gods) - There are **MANY** polytheistic faiths - Hindus - Mormons - etc.

**Monotheism** (one god) - There are **MANY** monotheistic faiths - Islam - Jehovah's Witnesses - etc.

**Trinitarianism** - There is **ONLY ONE** faith that has a Trinitarian God - Biblical Christianity!

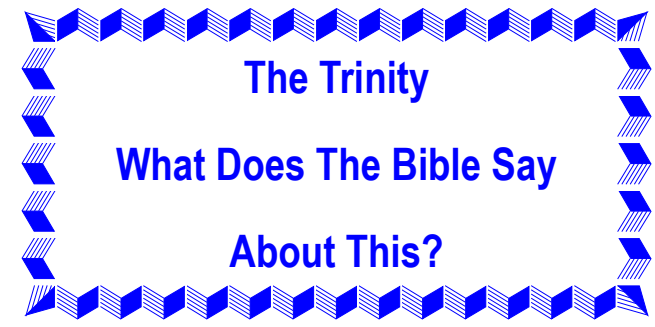
The True God of the Bible is **One of a Kind.**

Polytheism is NOT unique. Monotheism is NOT unique.

Only the Trinity of the Bible is unique.

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*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord **our God is one Lord:**" (Deuteronomy 6:4)*

*"Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by **God the Father,** and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:" (Jude 1:1)*

*"And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**" (John 20:28)*

*"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost...** (4) ... thou hast not **lied** unto men, but **unto God.**" (Acts 5:3-4)*

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The doctrine of the Trinity is an important doctrine that has been argued for millennia. Clearly it is important, or people would not debate this doctrine so hotly.

The verses cited above are some of the key passages regarding the "Trinity". Here are a few things we can take note of from these Scriptures.

### Observations:

- \* There is ONLY ONE God
- \* The Bible says that God the Father is God
- \* The Bible says that Jesus is God
- \* The Bible says that the Holy Spirit is God

## THE TRINITY - WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THIS?

These observations present us with a possible problem: they appear to contradict each other. If we limit God to human understanding... the **problem is real**. However, if we take the Bible to mean exactly what it says... the **Trinity is real**.

### Possible scenarios from the above notes:

- \* The TRINITY is the TRUTH! One God in Three distinct Persons
- \* No TRINITY - but Only Jesus, who manifests Himself as three personalities
- \* No TRINITY - but Only the Father, Jesus & Holy Spirit are NOT God
- \* No TRINITY - THREE GODS - but they are ONE IN PURPOSE only

There are of course other possible interpretations, but these are the most common.

### Possible issues from these views:

**Jesus only** - this is the view that holds there is no Trinity, but that God is Jesus only and He manifests Himself in different ways at different times.

The biggest issue with this approach is the concept of God being confusing and possibly deceptive. As we read through the Bible, we see this issue repeatedly. For example:

*"And God said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness:" (Genesis 1:26)*

Who is the **"US"** and the **"OUR"** in this passage (and there are others, such as Genesis 3:22 and Isaiah 6:8)? Of course there are other questions

that would need answers if the God of the Bible were a unitarian god. Such as...

Why would God want to carry on a conversation with Himself?

What would you think of a person who holds a discourse with themselves?

The Hebrew word translated as "God" is "elohiym" and it is a **plural** word. Why would God use this word if He were a unitarian type god? Why not use the word "Yēhovah" like He did in Deuteronomy 6:4?

Here is another example:

*"And the **Holy Ghost** descended in a bodily shape like a dove **upon him**, and a **voice came from heaven**, which said, Thou art **my beloved Son**; in thee **I am** well pleased." (Luke 3:22)*

The virgin conception and the baptism of Jesus are a couple of very powerful Trinitarian passages. In both cases we see the Three members of the Trinity interacting together.

To think of God in a unitarian concept is to create great problems in the Scriptures. Here are a few of the issues that a Jesus only or Father only notion of God would cause:

- \* Why does God choose to manifest Himself in different personalities?
- \* Why only three different personalities?
- \* What did those at Jesus' baptism think?

Deceptiveness was postulated earlier, imagine being at Jesus' baptism. Those who observed the Lord's baptism would have...

\* Seen Jesus being baptized.

\* Seen a dove descend upon Him when He came up from the water.

\* Would have heard a voice from heaven.

Is it possible to believe that the audience thought that Jesus was that dove, and that He was the voice from heaven? If Jesus only is a true concept (it is not), would it be accurate to render part of the verse like this...

*"...and a voice came from heaven, which said, **I AM MY BELOVED SON, IN ME I AM WELL PLEASED**"*

Wouldn't this be accurate if it is only Jesus?

### Some interesting questions to study:

*"If I bear witness of myself, **my witness is not true**. (32) There is **another** that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which **he witnesseth of me is true**." (John 5:31-32)*

*"And the **Father himself**, which hath sent me, **hath borne witness of me**. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape." (John 5:37)*

In this passage we note the following:

- \* Jesus says He did NOT testify of Himself.
- \* Jesus says another person testified of Him.
- \* Jesus says that person was God, His Father.

In light of this passage, the burning question needs to be:

Did Jesus **LIE** when He declared that He did **not** bear witness of Himself... but **another did** testify of Him.?