



# The Untruthful Trinity

**truth about the godhead**

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There is one specific Christian doctrine that puzzles both clergy and lay people. When asked about this idea, some pastors explain that the mystery is so great that it can not be comprehended. Few seminary professors can point to specific Bible verses on the subject and no one can find the word “trinity” within the pages of the Bible. The scriptures never use this term. So, should a person in blind faith accept the trinity as true?

The Trinity was first introduced to the faith to appease polytheistic converts during the Nicean Council of 325AD. The Egyptians had their trinity of Osiris, Horus, and Isis and the Babylonians used the triangle to symbolize their triune deity. Early church leaders Tertulian and Origen spoke of the trinity and the notion formally became part of church doctrine in the fourth century. It was then that the Catholic Church first began teaching god as being in three separate persons. The New Catholic Encyclopedia says, “the Trinity is not directly and immediately the word of God. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not taught in the Old Testament.”

Many different Trinitarian ideas exist, which generally present the Godhead as three distinct persons yet each equally “god.” Those who defend the trinity will often take segments of Scripture, of an incident, or of a text and try to make them say what the entire Bible refutes.

One major problem with the trinity is that leads to a separation of the godhead. People envision Jesus the Son being sent to rescue the world from an angry Old Testament God the Father. The Holy Spirit is considered to be a flighty personality that rests on some but not on others. Such ideas could not be farther from the truth. Paul wrote that “YHWH is only one,” in

Galatians 3:20. Even the 10 Commandments state, "I am YHWH your Elohim; you shall have no gods except me," Exodus 20:2. The Hebrew word "elohim" is a plural word that is often translated as "god" in English Bibles. For example, Genesis 1:26 reads: "Elohim said, "Let **us** make man in **our** own image. Many people erroneously interpret the plurality of the title "Elohim" as indicating the three Persons of the Trinity. Though this word is plural, that doesn't mean that there are plural YHWHs. By using the word "elohim" the Hebrew authors are stating that YHWH is plural in majesty. He can't be put in a box or encompassed in human terms.

What the Bible does teach is "unity." This is the idea that there is one Elohim who may choose to be revealed in various ways such as the burning bush or the voice from heaven. The Messiah alluded to this when He quoted Deuteronomy 6:4 as He was asked which commandment was the greatest. "Hear, O Israel; YHWH is our Elohim; YHWH is One: And thou shalt love YHWH thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment," Mark 12:29-30. Notice that He didn't say that YHWH is three!

The original Hebrew of Deuteronomy 6:4 reads "shema yisrael YHWH eloheynu; YHWH echad." The Hebrew word "echad" is the word for "unified, unique, and special." This is also the numeric word for one.

The Bible says that even the demons know better than to believe in a triune god. James 2:19 says, "you believe that there is one Elohim, good! Even the demons believe that and shudder." For the most compelling evidence against the trinity, simply consider the many words spoken by the Messiah on this subject. The Savior often said of doing only what the Father commanded. In John 10:30 He stated, "I and the Father are one." Truly, there is only one divine will. There is only one divinity. The Trinitarian idea of "god in three persons" doesn't pass the litmus test of the Scriptures. There exists the Father or "YHWH" as revealed in Exodus 3. The Messiah is certainly 100% divine yet is subject to the Father. The Holy Spirit is the Almighty's power at work.

The trinity doesn't have to be a mystery as it can certainly be understood as untruthful. "Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true YHWH, and Y'shua whom you have sent," John 17:30.