

From the time when Christ was born of the virgin Mary - which makes Him the God-man - critics have denied and sought to deny the Deity of the only begotten Son of God.

If the incarnation of Christ were not true, man would be lost without any hope of redemption. For Christ to be the "Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29,36;) He had to become "Immanuel, which is being interpreted, God with us" of (Matt 1:23;)

He had to be one of the persons in the Godhead who was "made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that by the grace of God he should taste of death for every man." (Heb 2:9;)

He had to share "flesh and blood" with mankind in order that He might deliver "all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Heb 2:14-15;)

John well states his purpose in John 20:30-31; "Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in His name."

Just as each of the earlier writers by inspiration sustained their purpose in writing, so did John sustain his purpose.

It becomes crystal-clear why John began his record in eternity, before "the beginning." The Son of God did not begin at the beginning of creation; in fact, He had no beginning. He "became flesh." showing His eternality. No person who persists in denying the Deity of Christ can have the abundant life. Christ stated, "I said therefore unto you, that you shall die in your sins: for except you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins." (John 8:24;)

King James 1 John 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

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Living Bible 1 John 4:2; "and the way to find out if their message is from the Holy Spirit is to ask: Does it really agree that Jesus Christ, God's Son, actually became man with a human body? If so, then the message is from God."

Note the severe condition of denying "that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh": "every spirit that confesses not Jesus is not of God: and this is the spirit of the antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it cometh; and now it is in the world already"



International English 1 John 4:3; "Another spirit refuses to say this about Jesus. That spirit is not from God. This is the spirit of the enemy of Christ. You have heard

he was coming and now he is already in the world!"

In Genesis, the very first book of the Bible, God creates the first man (Adam) and the first woman (Eve) in His own image.

God places them into a perfect environment, the Garden of Eden.

God gave them a commandment to keep, but they broke it. Breaking God's law is called sin.

We are like Adam and Eve in that we also have sinned.

"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

This death is not just the physical death we die, (the separation of the spirit from the body); Spiritual death involves separation from God.

In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; We learn that the Lord Jesus shall be:- "revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

To avoid eternal punishment we must come to know God and trust Him and return to a relationship with Him. The Bible reveals God to us and tells us how we may be saved.

God's plan for redeeming man from his sins is seen first in the Garden of Eden.

At the very moment God was pronouncing the penalty for man's sins.

He also promised the opportunity to redeem him.

(Genesis 3:15;)

Later, when God chose Abraham and his descendants for His own special people, He promised "in your seed shall all the nations of the world be blessed." (Genesis 26:4; 28:14).

This seed who would bless all nations is Jesus. (Gal 3:16;). Jesus is the one who (according to the Old Testament) will come into the world through the descendants of Abraham. (the nation of Israel);

Jesus is also the main subject of the New Testament.

His miracles were unique.

And the influence
He has had on the World
is unsurpassed
by any other.

Jesus was no ordinary man, nor was He merely a great teacher, rabbi, guru, or even a prophet.

He was all of these, but much more.



WHAT MAKES JESUS
DIFFERENT FROM OTHER
GREAT RELIGIOUS
TEACHERS, PROPHETS
OR PHILOSOPHERS?

If any adjective were to describe Jesus, it would be "UNIQUE"!

His message was unique.

The claims He made regarding Himself were unique.



For unlike the other great religious teachers who came before or after Him.

Jesus not only spoke about love and God.

He was love! He was God!



WHO IS JESUS. YAHWEH is the only SAVIOUR.

Isaiah 43:11; I, even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no saviour.

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God – YAHWEH is the ONLY Saviour

WHO IS JESUS.
YAHWEH is the only SAVIOUR.

Salvation is found in Jesus only.

"There is no salvation by anyone else, for there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given among people

by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12;

JESUS IS UNIQUE!

Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago.
He is the only person who ever lived who was both thoroughly HUMAN and yet DEITY (Godhood) at the same time.

Some might ask why we use the name YAHWEH instead of JEHOVAH

Y H W H = God Pronounced Y a H W e H

Vowels were added later in Hebrew (200-700 A.D. by the Masoretes)

The man made word:
Jehovah
was introduced centuries after Christ.

WHO IS JESUS. Some might ask why we use the name YAHWEH instead of JEHOVAH

The word JEHOVAH
was made by taking the vowels from ADONAI

and adding them to the Y H V H

Which became

Y A H O W A H

Which was then translated into English as:
Je Ho Va H

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14).

When was the beginning?

It Was when God CREATED the universe.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1;

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE.
Jesus said unto them, Truly, Truly,
I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

John 8:58;

Before the world existed Jesus pre-existed as the word who WAS with God and WAS God.

And now, Father, reveal my glory as I stand in your presence, the glory We SHARED before the world began.

Physically, Jesus was descended from Abraham.

But He is also part of the Godhead.

God (the Word) became a human being,

one of us. "For in Him dwells

all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Colossians 2:9).

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. In Isa 9:6; referring to The Messiah (Jesus). The strongest use of the word father is seen:- Everlasting Father.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6;)

When Isa 9:6; is seen alongside:-John 8:58; "Before Abraham was, I am."

And Matt 1:23; "Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. We see Jesus clearly portrayed as God, As Deity in His pre-existence.

And we also see Him still as God Described as becoming flesh. (humanity.) In John 1:1-3, 14, 18;

Christ stated, "I said therefore unto you, that you shall die in your sins: for except you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins." (John 8:24;)

It becomes obvious that to Deny JESUS is both GOD and MAN will bring condemnation.

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Is there any doubt as to what Paul has said?

"...it is in Him..." — In Jesus
"...that all..." — entirely, the whole
"...the fullness..." — that which is filled, complete,
the substance

"...of the divine quality..." — of the state of being God "...dwells..." — is present, is found "...bodily." — in physical form

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. What was 'Jesus' doing in the beginning?

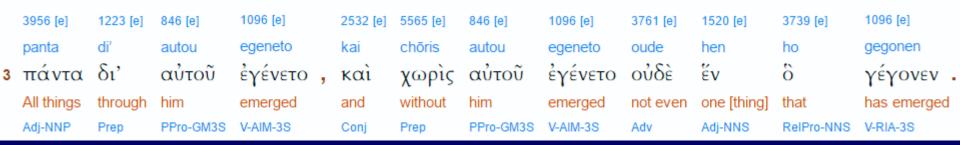
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John 1:3;

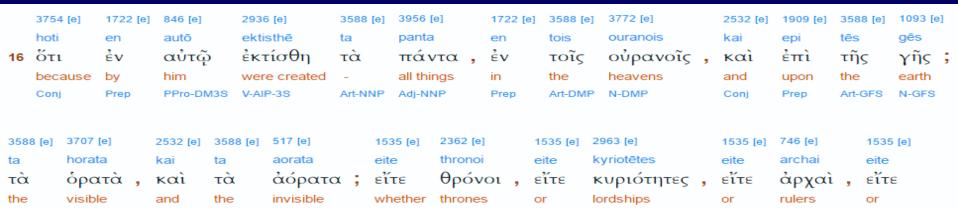
Why was the universe created?

"all things were created by Him, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible ... all things were created by Him and for Him and He is before all things and all things are sustained by Him." Colossians 1:16-17;

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All things that never came into being All things that came into being

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ALL CREATED THINGS

According to the law of excluded middle:either a thing was created or it wasn't created
—there is no third option—



According to the law of non contradiction a thing can't be both created and not created, so the categories are mutually exclusive. Any particular thing has to be one or the other.

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NWT. Tries to undermine the text by saying "and apart from him not even one thing came into existence." But even this attempt does not need to mean what they want it to mean

"Apart from Him" means "apart from His agency."
It is like saying, "Apart from me you'll never get to London.
I've got the car." Apart from Jesus' agency
nothing came into being that has come into being.
Why? Because Jesus is the Creator. He is God.

John 1:1 and John 1:3; are saying the same thing two different ways for emphasis and clarity: everything that ever came into being owes its existence to Jesus, who caused it all to happen.

If Jesus caused all created things to come into existence, then He must have existed before all created things came into existence. Therefore, the Word could not have been created.

if Jesus created everything that has come into being, and Jesus also came into being (as some contend), then Jesus created Himself which is a contradiction in terms.

The point is that Jesus as the Word, as God is existing before the creation of all things that ever came into being.

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. What was 'Jesus' doing in the beginning?

New King James Colossians 1:15; "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

International English Colossians 1:15; "Christ is the image of God who cannot be seen. Christ is superior to everything that was made."

Colossians 1:15;
"ho's estin eikoo'n tou'Theou' tou' aora'tou,
prooto'tokos pa'sees kti'seoos."

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. What was 'Jesus' doing in the beginning?

KJV. Revelation 3:14; "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; these things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Living Bible Revelation 3:14; "Write this letter to the leader of the church in Laodicea: This message is from the one who stands firm, the faithful and true Witness [of all that is or was or evermore shall be], the primeval source of God's creation:"

William's New Testament Revelation 3:14;
"To the messenger of the church in Laodicea write:

`The Amen, the true and faithful witness,
the origin of God's creation, speaks as follows:"

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. What was 'Jesus' doing in the beginning?

Revelation 3:14; "Kai' too' ange'loo tee's en Laodikei'a ekkleesi'asgra'pson: Ta'de le'gei ho Amee'n, ho Ma'rtus ho Pisto's kai'Aleethino's, hee Archee' tee's kti'seoos tou' Theou'.

Rev 3:14; BEGINNING, ARCHE translated ORIGIN New English N.T.

"THE PRIME SOURCE OF ALL GOD'S CREATION" the cause, the principle, the author of all creation.

As in John 1:1; This passage actually means that CHRIST IS THE ORIGIN OF THE CREATION OF GOD.

This is seen to be true in other passages also Heb 1:2; Col 1:16; John 1:3; Eph 3:9;

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. In what sense was Jesus the FIRST-BORN, PROTOTOKOS, of all creation.

- a) Col 1:15; "First-born of all creation" His eternal relationship with the Father
- b) Col 1:18; "First-born from the dead" Rev 1:5; in relation to the resurrection
- c) Rom 8:29; "First-born among many brethren" position in relationship to the church.
- d) Heb 1:6; "When he brings again the First-born into the world" in relation to His return.
- e) This word FIRST-BORN, PROTOTOKOS, does not mean that Christ is a created being, The word has to do with RANK and POSITION and PREEMINENCE.

JW - NWT Col 1:16-17; "Because by means of him all (other) things have been created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and things invisible no matter whether they are thrones or Lordship or governments or authorities. All (other) things have been created through him and for him."

J.W. Say that the (other) is put in to clarify the English text but the real truth is that it is in to deny the eternal nature (Deity) of Christ.



WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. In what sense was Jesus the FIRST-BORN, PROTOTOKOS, of all creation.

VINE "First begotten/first-born PROTOTOKOS,
from PROTOS=first and TIKIO = to beget is used of Christ
as born of a virgin Lk 2:7;
g) In John 1:30; He was before me PROTOS lit He was first Jesus as the word (Deity)
pre-existed and was prior to John.

The logos of Jn 1:1-3; show us the very essence of God (deity) becoming in the form of a man (Jn 1:14;) to Show men who and What God is. Jn 1:18;

Paul in Phil 2:6; shows He claims EQUALITY with GOD yet because of mans sin He empties Himself. yet He still is the very image of the invisible God and the expression of God's person. Col 1:15; Heb 1:3;

The Father testified to the son, calling Him "My beloved son" on at least two occasions (Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5; Mark 1:11; Mark 9:7; Luke 3:22; Luke 9:35; and 2 Peter 1:17;) namely at His baptism and at His transfiguration.

That tells us who Jesus is:- That's why Mark's gospel begins: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the son of God." (Mark 1:1;)

Jesus Calls himself "First and Last" and "Almighty" titles that belong only to God, (Deity) as it is recorded in Revelation:

There is something special and unique about the words

Alpha and Omega as they appear in Revelation (1:8,11; 21:6;

22:13;) Jesus Christ used those terms

to describe Himself, terms that refer to His deity.

King James Rev 1:8; "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

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WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. King James Rev 1:11; "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

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King James Rev 21:6; "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

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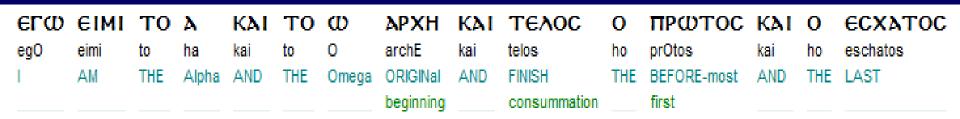
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Jesus as the Word is the Alpha and the Omega in His eternal nature, His role in creation, His sustaining of the universe, and in His fulfillment as the Messiah.

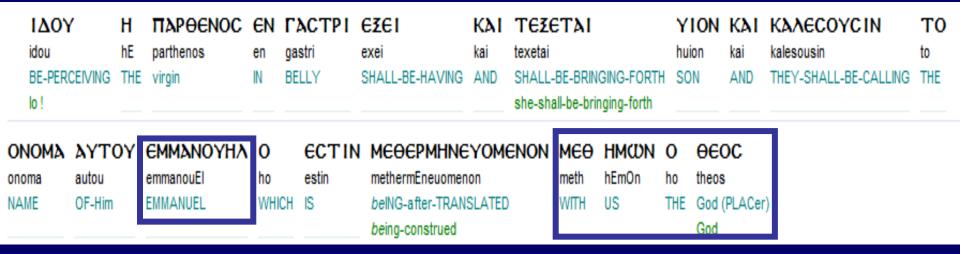
"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Revelation 1:17-18).



We can see from Isaiah that this term is a term that refers specifically to YHWH, Yahweh, the Lord: Isaiah 41:4 "Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am He."

Isaiah 48:12 "Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am He; I AM the first, I also am the last."

King James Matthew 1:23; "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."



No one was good enough to be sacrificed for the forgiveness of mans sin God had to step into human form to take our place so that God's justice and mercy could be met.

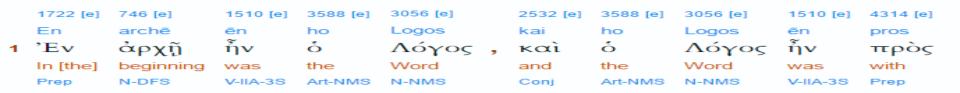
WHO IS JESUS – Deity and Humanity. Jesus is God. (John 1:1,14;)

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John 1:1; Other Greek texts from www.biblehub.com

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Westcott and Hort 1881

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Stephanus Textus Receptus 1550

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JW NWT "In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god."

What basis is there for making a distinction between the 'theos' of John 1:1b and the 'theos' of John 1:1c, unless one is predisposed to a particular doctrine?

In John 1, the word 'theos' appears 13 times, 7 times with the definite article (1:b, 1:2, 1:29, 1:34, 1:36, 1:49, 1:51) and 6 times without the definite article (1:1c, 1:6, 1:12, 1:13, 1:18a, 1:18b). Consistency would demand that the indefinite article be added to all occurrences which lack the definite article.

Further, there are other verses similar to John 1:1, which have the word 'theos' occurring two or more times, once with the definite article, once without (John 3:2; John 13:3; Romans 1:21; 1 Thess 1:9; Hebrews 9:14; 1 Peter 4:11).

The NWT has not added the indefinite article 'a' to any of these passages.

USING THE WORD "GOD"

The word God, theos in the Greek, ought to be understood as the supreme Divine Being, nothing less, nothing more.

If we ascribe to the word God a specific personality, problems will arise in the reading of the scriptures, and in understanding the nature and plurality of the Godhead.

Some immediately ascribe the word God to the Father. This is faulty, and will bring about much confusion. It is true that more often than not, the word God is used of the Father, BUT certainly NOT exclusively.

We must examine the context wherein the word is found, and then ascertain who is spoken of, whether it is the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit.

IT IS JOHN who originated this title for Christ and who made it current and well understood in the church of his day. It is also correct to say that what this title expressed in one weighty word was known in the church from the very start.

John's Logos is He that is called "Faithful and True" in Rev 19:11; see v13; "and His name is called The Word of God." He is identical with the "Amen, the faithful and true witness." in Rev 3:14;

So John went out to Jews and Greeks to tell them that in Jesus Christ this creating, illuminating, controlling, sustaining mind of God,

Was MORE THAN THAT that He WAS GOD and had come to earth.

John came to tell them that men need no longer guess and grope; all that they had to do was to look at Jesus and they would see not only the mind of God but God Himself.

As God He is eternal. He never had a beginning. He will never have an end. He dwells not in time, as we do, but in eternity, in the eternal Now. (a concept that is almost impossible for us to grasp.)

As human as God could descend, as Divine as man could aspire to! The Mediator between God and Man. Hear, O Israel: the Lord your God, the Lord is One." 'WITH' in the Greek is not indicating co-existence with God, but refers to being of the same substance as God. DEITY the Godhood the God family.

WHO IS JESUS – Deity and Humanity. "God:- revealed in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, observed by angels, preached to the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory." 1Timothy 3:16;

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Jesus is Elohim. Elohim is a Hebrew name that is used of God 2,570 times in the Old Testament. The name literally means "strong one," and its plural ending (im in Hebrew) indicates fullness of power.

Elohim is portrayed in the Old Testament as the powerful and sovereign governor of the universe, ruling over the affairs of humankind.

Jesus is recognized as both Yahweh and Elohim in the prophecy in Isaiah 40:3; "Prepare the way of the LORD [Yahweh]; make straight in the desert a highway for our God [Elohim]."

This verse was written in reference to John the Baptist preparing for the coming of Christ (as confirmed in John 1:23;) and represents one of the strongest affirmations of Christ's deity in the Old Testament.

In Isaiah 9:6; we likewise read a prophecy of Christ with a singular variant (EI) of Elohim: "And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God [EI], Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

There are over 8000 references to God in the Old Testament God is referred to as Father in only 15 verses in all the Old Testament. This is striking, since "father" is a metaphor used to describe God by nearly all ancient peoples.

Contrast that to the New Testament, where Jesus refers to God as Father hundreds of times in the Gospels and the Apostles refer to God as Father scores of times in the remainder of the New Testament.

God is referred to as Father in the creative (not exactly biologically begetting) sense only twice:-

"Is this the way you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you?" (Deuteronomy 32:6;) "Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:8:)

Despite the over 8000 references to God in the Old Testament.

God described as Father, is surprisingly rare (only fifteen times) in the Old Testament.

There God is specifically called the Father of the nation of Israel.

(Deut 32:6; 1 Chron 29:10; Isa [twice] 63:16; 64:8; Jeremiah 3:4; 3:19; 31:9; Mal 1:6; 2:10;)

or the Father of certain individuals (2 Sam 7:14; 1 Chron 17:13; 22:10; 28:6; Psalm 68:5; 89:26)

At times the father imagery is present although the term "Father" is not used

[Exod 4:22-23; Deut 1:31; 8:5; 14:1; Psalm 82:6; 103:13; Prov 3:12; Jer 3:22; 31:20; Hosea 11:1-4; Mal 3:17;]

Twice God describes Himself as Father to the king who will be His son (1 Chronicles 17:13; 22:10;).

More often, God is referred to as Father in a defending, saving context:

"He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Saviour.'" (Psalms 89:26;)
"But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name." (Isaiah 63:16;)

"They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son." (Jeremiah 31:9;)

In a single Messianic passage the Child is referred to in terms suitable to only God Himself:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6;)

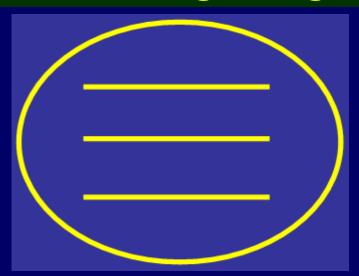
Twice in Jeremiah, God puts "Father" into the mouth of his people in the form of address, the vocative:-

"Have you not just called to me: 'My Father, my friend from my youth...." (Jeremiah 3:4;)
"I thought you would call me 'Father' and not turn away from following me." (Jeremiah 3:19b;)

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. So we see a contrast between the Old Testament and the new Testament.

If we were to draw this contrast perhaps it will help us understand that Jesus pre-existed as God. Perhaps we would draw the concept like this!

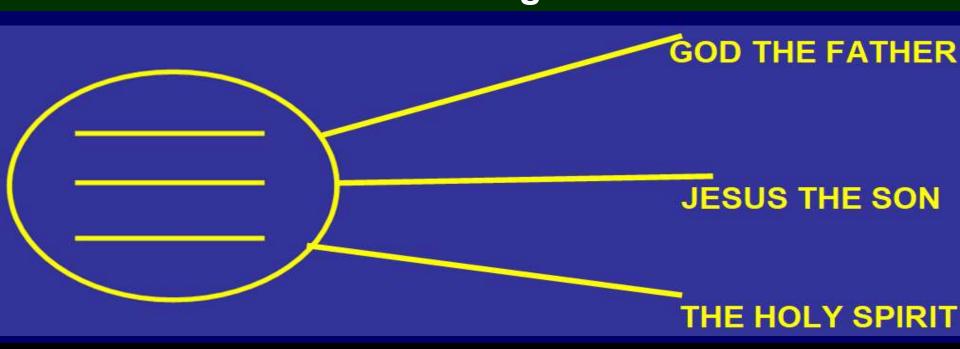
In the Beginning:-



GOD / DEITY / /GODHOOD / ETERNAL ESSENCE

When we come to the New Testament.

We see a different picture of:The Father, The Son and Holy Spirit,
performing different roles in the scheme or plan
of redeeming man:-



STILL GOD / DEITY / GODHOOD PERFORMING DIFFERENT ROLES IN MAN'S REDEMPTION, THE EMPHASIS IS ON SHARING RELATIONSHIP WITH MAN.

New Jerusalem with Apocrypha
John 17:5; "Now, Father, glorify me with that glory
I had with you before ever the world existed."

New King James John 17:5; "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."



FATHER / SON / HOLY SPIRIT
ALL DEITY / GOD, BUT PLAYING DIFFERENT ROLES
IN MANS REDEMPTION.

Jesus is called Theos throughout the rest of the New Testament. For example, when a jailer asked Paul and Silas how to be saved, they responded: "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

(Acts 16:31;)



After the jailer believed and responded to the message of salvation, he "rejoiced, having believed in God [Theos] with all his household" (verse 34).

Believing in Christ and believing in God are seen as identical acts.

He tells them again in John 8:58, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

The Pharisees again respond with death threats because when Jesus said "I am" He was using the name and nature of Yahweh to describe Himself.



Jesus is using the term God the Father used In Exodus 3:15; They cry blasphemy!

JW. NWT. "Jesus said to them, "Most truly I say to you, before Abraham came into existence, I have been." (Jn 8:58;)

In the Greek, Jesus said, 'ego eimi,' literally, 'l am."
The NWT rendering, "I have been"
is inconsistent at best, and deceptive at worst.

The JW's In an attempt to give some sense of validity to this translation they point to two other texts (John 3:28; & 14:9;) that are rendered the same way "have been."

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Consider the word "eimi" in the immediate context of Jn 8:58;
         "... am {eimi} the light of the world..." (8:12;)
     "... am {eimi} not alone, but the Father who sent me
                      is with me." (8:16;)
 "I am {eimi} one that bears witness about myself..." (8:18;)
            "... am {eimi} from the realms above...
            I am {eimi} not from this world." (8:23;)
           "...if you believe not that I am {eimi} [he],
               you will die in your sins." (8:24;)
     "...then you will know that I am {eimi} [he]..." (8:28;)
             "As long as I am {eimi} in the world,
              I am {eimi} the world's light." (9:5;)
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Why change the rendering of 'eimi' in John 8:58;?

To avoid the power of Jesus statement,

"...before Abraham came into existence, I am."

This is undoubtedly a statement of eternal existence, wherein Jesus identifies Himself with the One who appeared to Moses. (Exodus 3:14;) Notice the progression of the conversation in John 8:-

v 18 – The Father who sent me bears witness of me. v 19 – Where is your Father?	v 21 – Where I am going you cannot come. v 22 – He will not kill himself, will he?	v 23 – I am not from this world. v 25 – Who are you? v 28 – When once you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will	forth. v 46 – Who of you convicts me of sin? v 48 – You are a	v 51 – If anyone observes my word, he will never see death. v 52 – Now we do know you have a demon.	v 53 – You are not greater than our father AbrahamWho do you claim to be? v 58 – Before Abraham came into existence, I have been (ego eimi)
		of man, then you will know that I am [he].	v 48 – You are a Samaritan and have a demon.		they picked up stones

There are number of statements here where Jesus is claiming pre-existence and Deity. The Jews understand that, hence their reaction.

WHO IS JESUS - HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. John 10:30; Jesus said "I and the Father are one."

If this statement leaves any room for doubt, the reaction of the Pharisees (the Jewish religious leaders) to this statement obliterates that doubt.

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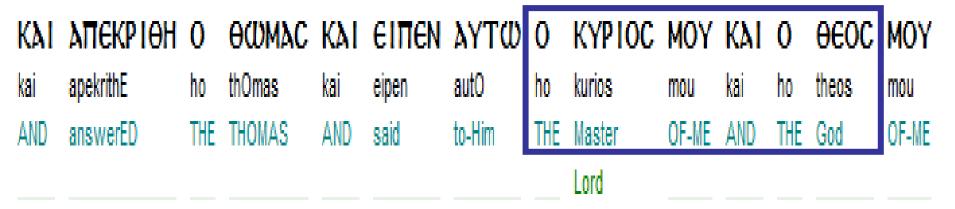
Notice again the attempt at corruption by the NWT John 10:33; "...for blasphemy, even because you, although being a man, make yourself a god."

NOTE – the indefinite article 'a' is not present in the Greek.

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When Jesus sees they plan to harm Him for His statement, Jesus does not deny His claim, or tell them He miss-spoke. He doesn't say "No, wait! You don't understand my meaning."

Another example comes from the disciple, Thomas, who addressed Jesus as "my Lord and my God." In John 20:28;



More direct translation into English, "The Lord of me and the God of me."

Jesus commends Thomas for his faith.

Acts 20:28; tells us, "Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood." We know who bought the church —the church of God—with His own blood. It was Jesus Christ.

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KJV 1 Peter 1:19; "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

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Paul says in Titus 2:13; believers are to "wait patiently for the coming of our God and Saviour, Jesus Christ."



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JW. NWT Rom 9:5; "to whom the forefathers belong and from whom the Christ [sprang] according to the flesh: God, who is over all, [be] blessed forever. Amen."

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Westcott and Hort 1881

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Aramaic Bible in Plain English "And the Patriarchs; and from them The Messiah appeared

in the flesh, who is The God Who is over all, to Whom are praises and blessings to the eternity of eternities, amen."

King James 2000 Bible

"Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh

New Living Translation

"Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are their ancestors, and Christ himself was an Israelite as far as his human nature is concerned. And he is God, the one who rules over everything

Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen."

and is worthy of eternal praise! Amen." - New Revised Standard with Apocrypha

Romans 9:5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, {Or [the Christ]} who is over all, God blessed forever. {Or [Messiah, who is God over all, blessed forever]; or [Messiah. May he who is God over all be blessed forever]} Amen.

WHO IS JESUS – Deity and Humanity. Heb 1:8; "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."



In this passage, the Father refers to <u>Jesus</u> as <u>"O God"</u> indicating that Jesus is indeed God, and that they are equal Deity.

King James Colossians 2:9; "For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Weymouth's New Testament Colossians 2:9; "For it is in Christ that the fullness of God's nature dwells embodied, and in Him you are made complete."

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Jesus was born of a woman and grew similarly to other humans. Yet He also held full deity within His human form, including full knowledge that He is Deity.

WHY CANNOT JEHOVAH'S WITNESS SAY JESUS IS YAHWEH?

A footnote in the New World Translation on 1 Cor. 11:23 informs us that John Christian Reichardt's 1846 version of GREEK SCRIPTURES in Hebrew (J₁₄) uses the tetragrammaton YHWH in place of LORD.

What translator Franz does not tell you is that Reichardt also uses the tetragrammaton in place of LORD at 1 Cor. 12:3. Therefore, 1 Cor. 12:3 should read:

"AND NOBODY CAN SAY: "JESUS IS YAHWEH!" EXCEPT BY HOLY SPIRIT."

JESUS IS YHWH 1 Cor. 12:3 J 14 א אל הקורנחים יב TIC: וּבְצְנְנֶנִי רוּחָגִיוֹרו אַחַי אַין רְצוֹנִי אַשׁׁר הַחִיגּ בְּלֹא , דעה : הלא ידדהם כי הייתם שים הולכים אחרי ו הָאָלילים הָאַלְסִים כָּאֲשֶׁר הגבְלְהָם: בַּליבֵן אוֹריב לָבֶם פי צין איש חולבר בראח, אלחים אונא לישים הכה . ולא יוכל איש לקרא לושבע וחנח וולחי ברגה הקרש: הה ושמת הנה הבהמות והרות פהר חומו : ושמת הנה , הַבְּבוֹרוֹת וְהָאָרוֹן אַהָר הוא : (שׁנוֹת הַאָּה הָבְּבְלוֹת והאלהים חוא אחר הפעל הפל בפל : הלכל איש נאיש נהגרו התגלמרו הרמח ה לתוצלות הבלל : כי לאחר נהנות ברהם כלותי הַהָּכְבֶּה . וּלְאַחֵר מָלֶּה־הָנָּבֶּה לְפִּי הָרוּח הַהוּא : ם ולאתר אמונה ברוח ההוא . ולאחר מהנות הרפואות . ברוח החוא : ולאחר פעלות נפלאות . ולאחר נביאה . ולאטר בחינת הרוחות . ולאטר פיני לשנית . א הלאחר פתרון לשנוח : ומחיבל מלח פבל היוח הַאָּחָר הַחוּא וּמְחַלֵּק פַרְצוֹנוֹ לכליאִישׁ: בי כצשר תנונה אתת חיא ולה שברים רבים וכליאברי הנונדה האחת נים אם רבים בכליהאת י נונה אתת מם. כן נם תקשית: כי גם ברהת אתר נטבלנו כלט לנויה אחת אם יהודים ואם יונים אם עברים ואם פני דורים . וכלמי שהיני ברות אחר: י כי נם העונה לא אכר אחד כייאם אכרים רבים: פי אם תאסר הרגל . ישן פי לא יד אני לא סגונה אלכי . מו הכעבור זאת לא פגונה היא : ואם תאמר האון . נכו כי לא עין אני לא כנויה אנכי . הכעבור זארו לא - קנונה היא : אם הנונה בלה עין איה השפע . אם יה כַּלָּת שָׁמִע אַנָה הָרִיה: (עָהָה שָׁם הַאַלֹּהִים אַה־הַאַבְרִים ש אכר אכר פגויה פרצונו : ואם יהיג כלם אכר אחר ב אות האונה: ועתה לש אקרים רבים בנוגה אהרו: מ ולא חוכל קצין לדבר אליתיר . אין לי ספץ בה . ע ונם לא הָראֹם אֶל־הָרַנְלוֹם . אין לִי הַפַּץ בָּבָן : גּלְהַבַּתְּ בליעוד אכרי הגויה נראים יותר חלטים יותר אנהש מ צריכים לחב: ואלח אשר נחשב לנחלים בגונה אתם כר קבור יותר נלביש . ושליםעורינה ניש הדר יותר: פי לצחקרים בני אין ערף . אכל תאלחים ברף אתיהניות והוריי 256

YHWH 1 Cor. 11: 23 J.C.REICHARDT'S HEBREW 1846 א אל חקורנתים יא יב שפבו בנפשבם הנאוה לאשה להתפלל לאלחים וראשה 🖈 פרוב : וָבַם הַבָּכִנ הַלֹא וְלֹבֵּר מְהַבָּכ פּי הָאִים אַסֶּל ד יתנה לו פרע הרפה הוא לו : ואשה בריתנה גה ס פרע בבור הגא לה כי הפרע נפן לה למנסה : לאשר מו נראה איש לחרחר ריב אין לנו מנחנ בוה ולא להחלות האלחים : ובפהרי זאת לא שהלל שהגם כי לההלחם י לא ליותר טוב פי אשליותר בע: פי אובש בלי ח דבר שפניפי פי בתקתלבם פקתל ג'ש פתלאות פיניבם . הלכקנת האמנהי: כי לא ההדל הבצוח כהרבבם ש לפצו ינלה הפאפנים ביניבם : ועתה בההתקלבם יחר י אין זאה לכצן אַכל אַהיסעוּדַת האַדֹּאׁ : פי בפעורה בלישחר לבח אחילחמו מ בראשנה . ואָחָד רָצַב וְאָחָד שָׁלָּב : הַאֵּין לָכֶם בָּתִּים ע לאכל ולשתות בהם . או את החלת האלחים תכונ וקבישו אקם ששר אין לקס/. מה אמר לכם . האהפלל אָהָבֶּם בְּוֹאַת לֹא אַהַלֶּל שבן שנכי בשת יהנה קבלמי שת ששרבם ספרמי ש לכם . כי הארון ישוע בלילה אשר כנר בו להח לחם: ניוֹרָה נִיּבְרוֹס נִיּאֹבֶר . קחו אַכְלוּ . זֶה הוא נְנִיָּחִי ט הַפַּרֶכָה בַּעַרְכָבו . ואח עשה לְוַכְרֹנְי : הְבְמוֹיכֵן אַרוֹ כה הבוס אחבי אכלם לאמר . הבוס הואח היא הבריח הַחַלְטָה בַּרְטִי . זאָה עשׁ בְּכָל־עָת אַשֶׁר הַשְׁתַּה אֹהַה לוברני : כי בכליעת אשר האכלו אתיהלחם הזרה ס וַהְשַׁתַּג אַת־הַפּוֹם הַגּאָרת הַכְפָרגּ אַתימוֹרת הַאַרוֹן עַד פיינבא: לכן אים אים ששר יאכל שתיהלחם הנוח מ וישהה אתיכוס הארון בפעילה ירשע בגיבה הארון וכדכו : אכל יכהן אדם אחינפשו ואו מן הפחם סי יאכל וכן הפום ישהה : כי האכל והשתה במעילה מ אבל ושֹׁחָה דִין לְנַפְשׁוֹ בַּאֲשֶׁר לא יִבְחֹן אַח־גוּיַח הַארוֹן: על-בּן הַלשׁים וחלים רבּים בָּכִם וּרַבִּים נ ושור או נישלט אחינסטטר לאינשפט : וכאשר אונ נשבם עבר כאת אלני למען לא נאשם עם־העולם: לכן אחי פַהַקְהַלכֶם יָהַר לָאָכֹל הוֹחִילגּ אִישׁ לְרַעְחנּ : מּ ואיש כי ירעב יאבל בביהו לבכן לא הקחלה לאשמח. מ ואת־היחר אצלה בבאי : ובעביבי 233

JW. NWT "Keep this mental attitude in you that was also in Christ Jesus, who, although he was existing in God's form, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God. No, but he emptied himself and took a slave's form and came to be in the likeness of men. More than that, when he found himself in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient as far as death, yes, death on a torture stake." (Philippians 2:5-7;)

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Living Bible Philippians 2:6-7; "who, though He was God, did not demand and cling to His rights as God, but laid aside His mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. Christ humbled Himself."

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WHO IS JESUS – Deity and Humanity.

King James 1 John 4:2; "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:"



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Living Bible 1 John 4:2; "and the way to find out if their message is from the Holy Spirit is to ask: Does it really agree that Jesus Christ, God's Son, actually became man with a human body? If so, then the message is from God."

International English 1 John 4:2; "This is how you can recognize God's Spirit: One Spirit says, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ. Jesus came to earth and became a human being." That Spirit is from God."

JESUS CALLED YHWH. (YHWH appears in A.V. as Jehovah)

Jer 33:16; "Righteous branch to be called,

The LORD (YHWH) is our righteousness."

Jer 23:5-6; "The king is to be called

The LORD (YHWH) is our righteousness."

Zech 12:1-12; (v10) "Look on HIM, LIT, ME" (first person singular)
Zech 13:9; The test = "they will say",
The LORD (YHWH) is MY GOD.
Jn 19:37; Jn 20:28;

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MORE THAN ONE CAN BE "ONE":

A husband and wife are "...one flesh...", yet there are two.
The church is "...one body...", yet has "...many members..."
God is "...one Yahweh...",
yet there are three persons to the Godhead.

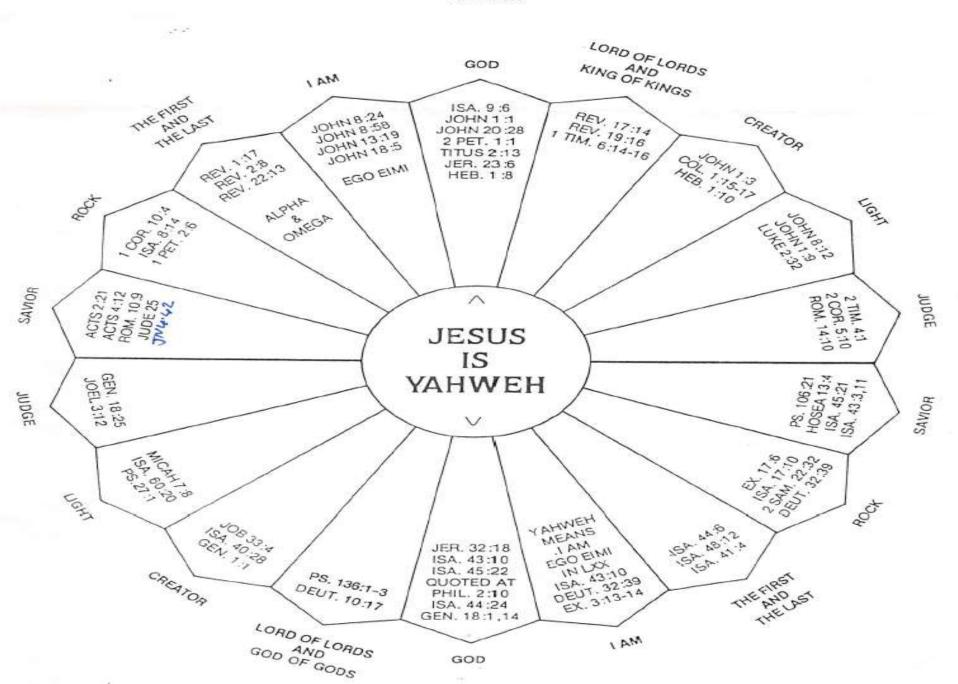
CHARACTERISTIC	FATHER	SON
Creator	Genesis 1:1; 2:4	John 1:1-3
Unchangeable	Psalm 102:26-27	Hebrews 13:8
Omnipresent	Psalm 139:7-12	John 1:47-51; Matthew 18:20
Omnipotent	Genesis 17:1; 18:14	Matthew 28:18
Omniscient	Psalm 147:4-5	John 16:30; 21:17
Discerner of Thoughts	Psalm 44:21; 139:2	Matthew 9:4; 12:25
Power to Forgive Sins	Isaiah 43:25	Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:5-12
Object of Worship	Matthew 4:10; Psalm 99:9	Matthew 2:11; 8:2; 9:18; 14:33
Eternal	Exodus 3:14	John 8:58

HOW ARE THEY "ONE"?

Being united in nature / form / being. Being united in purpose / goals / aims. Being united in thought / reason.

"TO US THERE IS ONE GOD."

1 COR. 8:6





The Godhead: 3 = 1

3 passages and 3 different, though closely related, Greek Words

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"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and GODHEAD; (Romans 1:20) so that they are without excuse."

"For in Him dwells all the fulness of the GODHEAD bodily." (Colossians 2:9) "Theotes"

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- Ephesians 4:4-6

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The word 'Godhood' defines the state of being 'God, or 'Deity' (Incidentally, notice the difference in the words *divine* and *deity*.

<u>Theion or Theotes</u> = deity, denotes the actual nature of God.

<u>Theiotes</u> = divinity, denotes characteristics or qualities of Godhood).

ATTRIBUTES OF DEITY!

Rom 1:16; Mt 28:20; Rom 15:19;

Jn 1:1;

Mt 9:36;

Jn 21:17; Jn 14:26;

Heb 13:8; Hag 2:5;

Heb 4:15; Name "Holy."

Heb 9:14;

"comforter."

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ATTRIBUTES.	FATHER.	SON.	HOLY G
Omni-presence.	Jer 23:24;	Mt 28:20;	Psa 139:

Rm 11:33;

Mal 3:6;

Psa 90:2;

Lev 9:2;

1 Jn 3:1;

Omni-potence.

Omni-science.

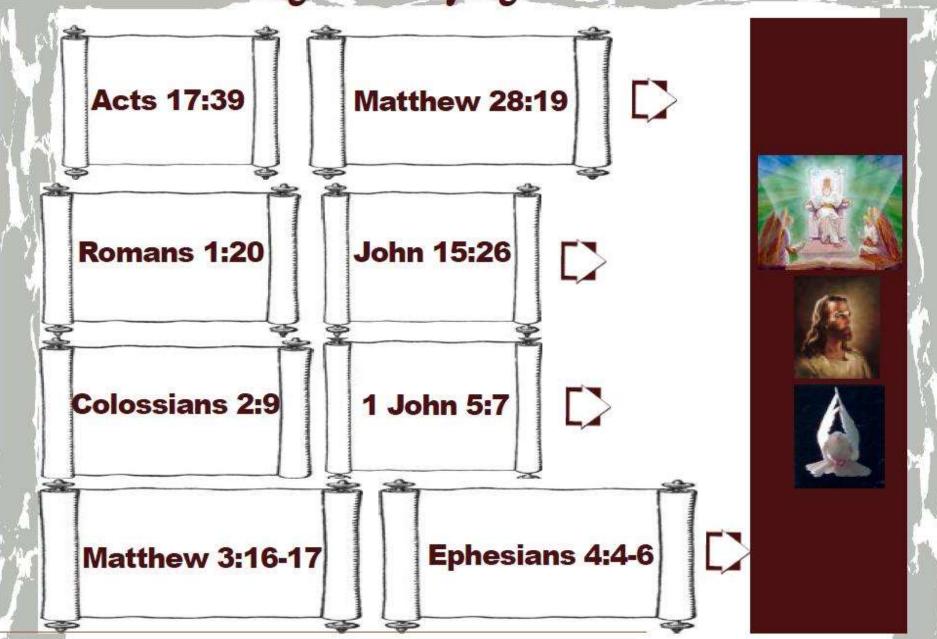
Immutability.

Eternality.

Holiness.

Love.

Passages Verifying the Godhead



Biblical Examples of Three Persons:The Creation.

(Gen 1:1) "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth."

God – Hebrew "Elohim" plural form of "Eloha"

Showing that more than one was present in the Creation process.

"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." (Eph 3:9;)

> "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." We see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit united in the creation. (Gen 1:26;)

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The Baptism of Jesus. (Matt 3:13-17;) Living Bible

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- 15. But Jesus said, "Please do it, for I must do all that is right." So then John baptized him. 16. After His baptism, as soon as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God coming down in the form of a dove.

17. And a voice from heaven said,
This is my beloved Son, and
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These Three are One.

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit:and these three are one. 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 5:7-8;)

Jesus says:-

"I and my Father are one." (John 10:30;)
"The Jews took up stones to stone Him.
They understood what He was saying."

These Three are One.

How can the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit be three and one at the same time?

The Bible emphatically proclaims that there's One God.
The Bible also proclaims Three have the same nature
The Bible also proclaims that
these Three are distinct Individuals.

"I and my Father are one." (John 10:30;)

- "And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.'
 - 6. Since they are no longer two but one, let no one separate them, for God has joined them together." (Matt 19:5-6;)

Same word 'one.'

What does it mean to be "No longer two but one."

These Three are One. The Marriage.

The Husband and Wife are separate Persons God says that they're "One Flesh" How is the husband and wife one?

They're one in purpose, agreement, and life.

They are one family.

Just like the marriage or family.

The Godhead is One
in their plans and purpose.

These Three are One. The Church is One Just as the Godhead is One. 20 "I am not praying for these alone but also for the future believers who will come to me because of the testimony of these. 21 My prayer for all of them is that they will be of one heart and mind, just as you and I are, Father. That just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me.

22 I have given them the glory you gave me, the glorious unity of being one, as we are--23 I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one, so that the world will know you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me." (John 17:20-23;)

In the creation of the New Testament Church. The Father planned the New Testament church.

"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:" (Eph 3:10-11;) It was part of God's eternal purpose.

The Son Built it (Created it).

"And I say also unto you, That you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt 16:18;

The Holy Spirit gave the Law / Word.

"When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come." (John 16:13;)

In the creation of the New Testament Church.

There is one body and one Spirit; just as you were called to one hope when you were called.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

(Ephesians 4:4-6;).



Sometimes we use the concept of the Deity expressed as "Three in One."

As in 3 in 1 Oil.

A 3 leaf clover each is an individual leaf but they all share the same stem or root of being.

Water-Ice-Steam
All = H2o.

ONE GOD YET THREE PERSONALITIES?

Closest we sometimes come to understanding is perhaps through conjoined twins?



They are ONE physically yet
TWO distinct personalities.

WATER.

FATHER (GOD)

Deity

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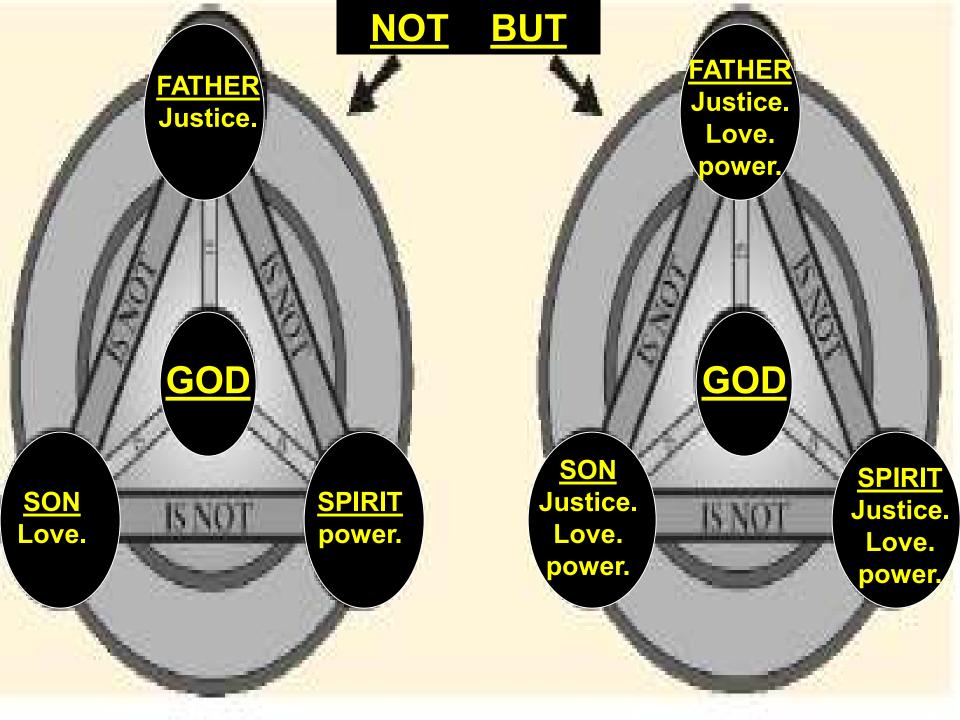
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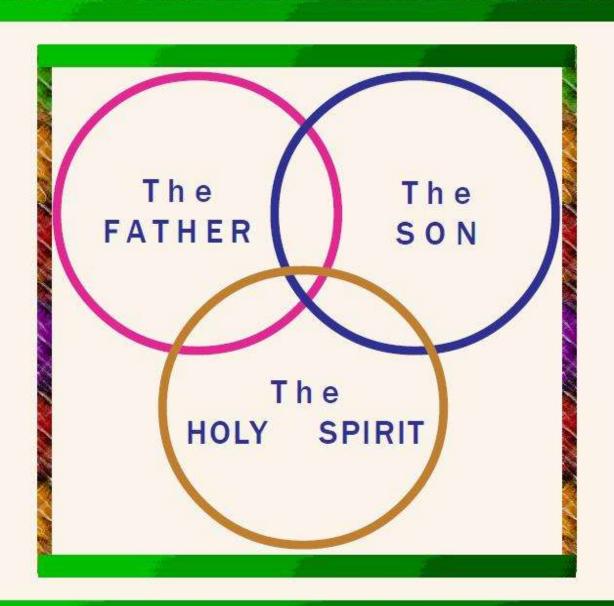
3 beings manifested in three ways yet ONE Godhood – Deity.

Holy Spirit

STEAM.



Father - Son - Holy Spirit



WHO IS JESUS – Deity and Humanity. Jesus' identity as God is the cornerstone of the gospel message.

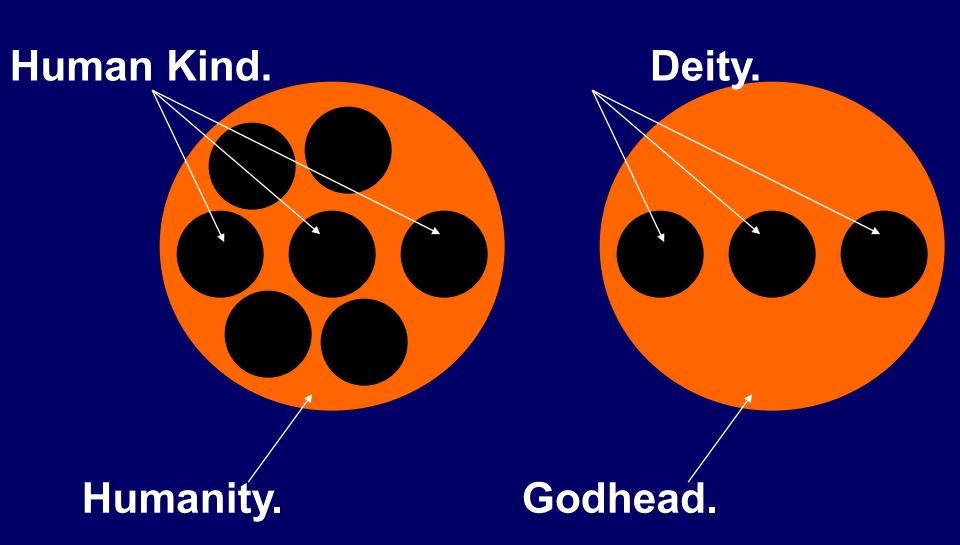
Had He simply been a man, just a good teacher or a prophet, His death on the cross would not have been sufficient to pay the penalty for the sins of the world. (1 John 2:2;)

"And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

If He is not truly Deity and humanity then those who hope in Him are deceived and pitiable. (1 Corinthians 15:19;) Thankfully, there is ample evidence, both from the mouth of Jesus Himself, and from other accounts in Scripture, to prove to us that Jesus Christ is indeed God.

The Godhead compared to Humanity.

These Three (Divine Persons) make up One Godhead (Deity). In the same way all humans make up One Humanity.



Divine Division of Activity. These Three make up One God or a United Godhead. Each Being has His role.

God the Father is the architect of the universe.

He planned all things.

The Son is the one that created the things planned by the Father.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3;)

The Holy Spirit is the Lawgiver or organizer.

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." (Gen 1:2;)

The Spirit of God – the Holy Spirit gave the natural law.

Conclusion.
(Deut 6:4) "Hear, O Israel:The Lord our God is one Lord:"
One as in United.
United in Purpose.
United in Plan.

Almighty God works through His Son.
His Son works through The Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit Works
through the word of God.

There is one true God or Godhood in the sense that there is one humanity.

The Godhead is composed of Three Beings:Father.
Son.

Holy Spirit.

These Three Work as one:in unity and harmony
to accomplish the work of Creation.
The sustaining of the universe.
and Salvation of our souls.

No matter what way we try to describe the Godhood. (Deity).

No matter what illustrations we come up with.

We will never be able to explain it in full, because in reality.

A God who can create a Universe.

Is far greater than our understanding or imagination which is why.

We live by FAITH.

WHO IS JESUS – Deity and Humanity.

"He was slain from the beginning. The Lamb slain from the founding of the world." Rev 13:8;

Jesus Spirit was in all the prophets.

"Searching what, or what manner of time
the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify,
when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ,
and the glory that should follow."

1 Peter 1:11;

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All the prophets spoke about Jesus.

"He said to them, O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:-Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and enter into His glory?"

Then beginning at Moses and all the prophets,
He explained to them in all the scriptures
the things concerning Himself. Luke 24:25-27

WHO IS JESUS.

Jesus, however, was not half human and half Divine.
Sometimes He referred to Himself as
"the Son of Man," referring to His humanity,
and sometimes He called Himself "the Son of God,"
referring to His Deity.

The phrase SON OF in this Biblical context means to <u>fully possess</u> the characteristics of one's father.

He was fully human and yet fully Deity.
What humility He showed to live on earth
as a human being!

WHO IS JESUS – Deity and Humanity.

"Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, who, though He was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside His mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. Christ humbled Himself And He humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5-8).

JESUS IS DEITY

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