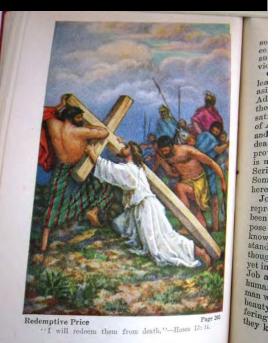
Jesus Carrying His Cross

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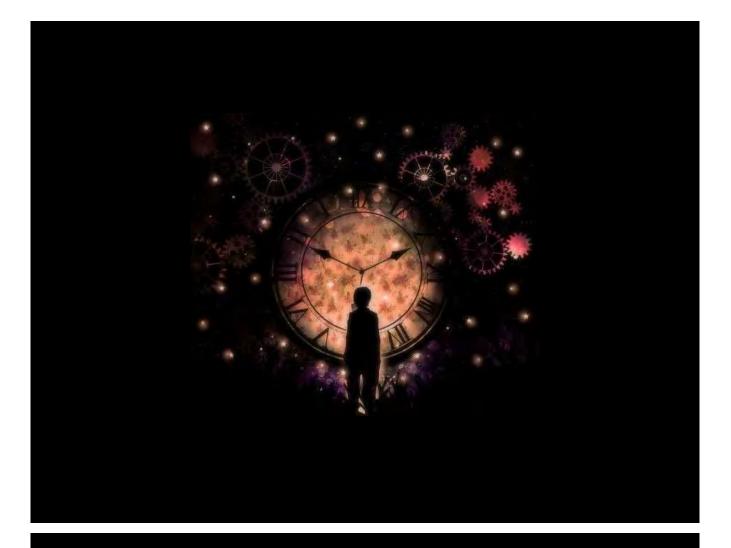


The Forgotten Trinity

- Isaiah 40:25 "To whom then will you liken Me, that I would be *his* equal?" It does not say to WHAT do you liken me. God is unique – three persons yet the one God.
- Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man" so why do men compare Him to themselves?

Within The Nature of God

- God is Omnipresent and God's being is not limited, therefore, God's being cannot be divided.
- What is half or a third of Omnipresence? Can the infinite be divided into parts?
- All the fullness of the being of God is shared completely by each of the Divine Persons of the Trinity.



- **Psalms 90:2** "Even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God."
- There has never been a time when God was not God.
- We struggle with the concept of eternity because we have been created to exist temporarily, within the realm of time.

Rather than thinking of eternity as a long, long time, we need to think of it as a way of existence that does not involve <u>a</u>
progression of events and moments.
(Here, time is described without using the word time).

Within The Nature of God

Isaiah 41:4 "Calling forth the generations from the beginning." As the *Lord of Time*, God mocks the idols that do not exist beyond the realm of time when he challenges them in Isaiah 41:22-24 on two accounts.

- **One** = tell us the future.
- Two = tell us what has taken place in the past and <u>explain the purpose</u> of what has happened.
- It is one thing to recount historical events but quite another to explain <u>WHY</u> they happened.



Difference in Function Does Not Indicate Inferiority in Nature!

- The majority of those who oppose the Deity of Christ ignore this simple rule
- Just because the Father, Son & Holy
 Spirit do different things does not mean they are inferior in nature!

Difference in Function Does Not Indicate Inferiority in Nature!

In Eternity past:

- The Father: Chose to be the Fount or source of the work of redemption
- The Son: Chose to be the Redeemer, entered humanity & subjected himself to the Father
- The Spirit: Chose to be the Sanctifier of the Church, the indwelling testifier of Jesus Christ

Difference in Function Does Not Indicate Inferiority in Nature!

- Each took different roles of necessity they could not all take the same role and do the same things.
- The false assumption of Jehovah's Witnesses & Mormons is: the Son and the Holy Spirit have to do the <u>exact same things</u> as the <u>Father in the exact same way in order to be</u> <u>Deity</u>.
- Otherwise, they are inferior!

Difference in Function Does Not Indicate Inferiority in Nature!

The different role the Son takes in Redemption

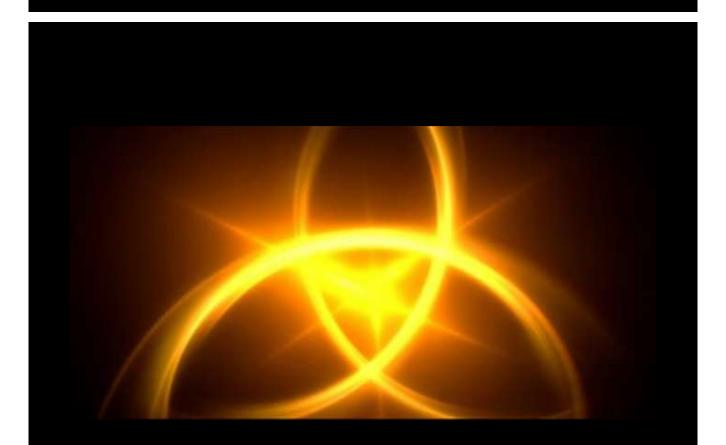
Distinguishes Him

From the Father and the Spirit, But does not make Him INFERIOR

To the Father or the Spirit.

Difference in Function Does Not Indicate Inferiority in Nature!

The Father is the Source, The Son is the Agent, & The Holy Spirit is the Keeper Of Redemption



Relationships of the Trinity

- Unity, in diversity, works in complete harmony
- Due to the humble submission to each other
- Before Creation there was a Trinitarian order
- Submission is not slavery or domination
- The Father uses His authority to glorify the Son
- The Son came to do the will of the Father
- The Spirit uses what Christ did to glorify both

The Role of the **Father** in the Trinity!

- The role of the Father in Eph. 1:3-14
- He chose us and blessed us
- He predestined us to adoption
- He made known the (a) <u>mystery</u> of <u>His will</u>,
 (b) the <u>pleasure</u> of <u>His will</u>,
 (c) the <u>purpose</u> of <u>His will</u>
- He is the Q.B. of the Trinity



The Role of the **Father** in the Trinity!

He is the Conductor Of Creation & Salvation



The Role of the **Son** in the Trinity!

- He is the Means & He is the Agent
- He is the Instrument the Father uses
- He carries out the plays of the Quarterback
 - Jesus makes the touchdowns





The Role of the <u>Holy Spirit</u> in the Trinity!

- Eph. 1:13-14
- He is a Seal and a Deposit
- A seal shows ownership and preservation
- A deposit guarantees more to come.....
- More salvation in the presence of God



The Role of the <mark>Holy Spirit</mark> in the Trinity!

- He is called the "Holy" Spirit because He sanctifies the Church
- His work brings to completion the work planned by the Father
- And completes & furthers the work done by the Son



The Role of the <u>Holy Spirit</u> in the Trinity!

- God's grace went well beyond this
- He made us <u>partakers</u> <u>of his Divine Glory</u>
 - He placed a deposit of Himself in us
 - And will someday make full payment
- Being Engulfed & Awed By Love And Joy



The Role of the <u>Holy Spirit</u> in the Trinity!

We're Not Mere Spectators Of Trinitarian Glory





God is a Mystery

• Deuteronomy 29:29 "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."

God is a Mystery

- Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."
- Ephesians 1:9 "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself."

God is a Mystery

The Church confesses the **Trinity** to be *a mystery* beyond the comprehension of man.

- <u>This is not</u> a statement that the doctrine is inherently contradictory or irrational.
- <u>This is not</u> an excuse to ignore Biblical passages or believe things not taught in Scripture.
- <u>This is</u> an <u>admission</u> that Deuteronomy 29:29 is true: there are certain secret things that belong only to the Lord.

He Has Not Chosen To Reveal Everything There Is To Know.

God is a Mystery

Indeed,

When it comes to the eternal relationship Between Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, Could we even begin to grasp the Eternal, Perfect, Infinite, Union That is theirs even if we tried?

Aren't Our Finite Minds Far Too Limited For Such A Task?

God is a Mystery

What Is Amazing:

- The confession of 1 God as 3 Persons
- Took place <u>without struggle & controversy</u>
 - By a people indoctrinated for centuries
 - In the rigid faith of the <u>One True God</u>
 - And with entering the Church Age
 - Were not conscious of any break With their ancient faith

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore And make disciples of all the nations, Baptizing them <u>IN THE NAME</u>

Of <u>the</u> Father, and <u>the</u> Son and <u>the</u> Holy Spirit."

The Name

Matthew 28:19

There is only one name mentioned

("Name" is singular here): That of

The <mark>Father</mark> and

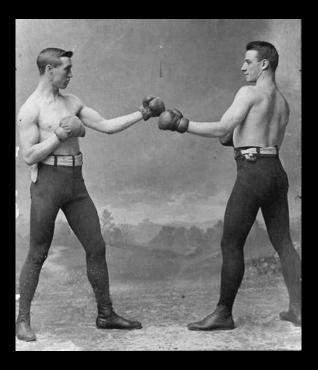
The <mark>Son</mark> and

The Holy Spirit.

- Jesus could not have been clearer
- He was substituting the <u>Name of Jehovah</u> with this other Name
- "Of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."
- Jehovah was now to be known to them by the new Name of: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

- We are <u>NOT</u> witnessing here the <u>birth</u> of the doctrine of the Trinity; <u>that is presupposed</u>
- What we are witnessing is the authoritative <u>announcement of the Trinity</u> as <u>the God</u> of Christianity
- By its <u>Founder</u>, in one of the most solemn of His recorded declarations.

The Jehovah's Witnesses Counter



- If the Father is a person
- And the Son is a person
- How could two persons share a single name With a non-person,
 - A mere force?

- The question must be asked what is the difference between being & person!
- Everything that exists has a being
- A rock has the being of a rock & a tree has the being of a tree
- But they <u>don't have personality</u>

- You cannot insult a rock or disgrace a tree
 - You can try but they will carry you away



- Only three kinds of beings are personal God / Men / Angels & Demons
 - They can say, *"I have being, I exist, Yet I am also personal."*

The Trinity, as a doctrinal fact, Has always been true But, when did it become knowable to men? What "<u>revealed</u>" <u>it to the human race</u>? *

The Trinity is revealed by the Incarnation The Son coming in the flesh, and the Holy Spirit descending upon the Church

- The Trinity is not **clearly** revealed in the Old Testament, and more **defined** in the New Testament.
- Both the Incarnation and founding of the Church took place between the OT & NT.
- These events are recorded for us in the New Testament, but they took place before a word of the New Testament was written.

The Trinity is a doctrine Not revealed merely in words But instead In the very action of the Triune God Through redemption itself! We know who God is By what He has done In bringing us to Himself!

The Name

The <u>Father</u>; loved us and sent his Son. The <u>Son</u>; loved us & <u>gave</u> himself for us. The <u>Holy Spirit</u>; <u>entered</u> our lives to conform us to the image of Christ.

Here is the revelation of the Trinity, In the work of Christ And the Holy Spirit.

There is no single passage laying out, in a <u>creedal format</u>, the doctrine of the Trinity

We have scriptures including all three persons and their roles all nicely tied together

"The <u>grace</u> of the <u>Lord Jesus Christ</u> and the <u>love</u> of God and the <u>fellowship</u> of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14)

The Name

"There is <u>One Body</u> and <u>One Spirit</u>, Just as you were called to the <u>One Hope</u> That belongs to your call, <u>One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism,</u> <u>One God And Father</u> Of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all" <u>(Ephesians 4:4-6)</u>

"According to the <u>Foreknowledge of God the Father</u>, <u>By the</u> <u>Sanctifying Work Of The Spirit</u>, <u>That you may</u> <u>Obey Jesus Christ</u> <u>And be</u> <u>Sprinkled With His Blood</u>" <u>(1 Peter 1:2)</u>

If they come knocking...



1 John 5:20

"And we know that the Son of God has come, And has given us understanding So that we may

<u>Know Him who is true;</u> And we are in <u>Him who is true,</u> in his Son Jesus Christ. <u>This is the true God and eternal life</u>."

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

The relationship Between the Father and the Son in John's writings is so close, So intimate, and so perfect, that in reality, the description *"The True God And Eternal Life"* Can be used of either one or both.

1 John 5:20 (NWT) reads:

"But we know that the Son of God has come, And he has given us insight so that we may gain the knowledge Of the one who is true. And we are In Union With the one who is true, By Means Of his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and life everlasting."

The Battle of Britain



We must ask... Is to be "<u>in union with</u>" The same thing as knowing someone?

We are In Union With Winston Churchill Defeating the Nazi's during The Battle of Britain But this does not mean We know Winston Churchill Personally?

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

Think about it: Jesus said that it is **Eternal Life To Know The Father** <u>AND</u> **To Know <u>The One</u> Sent By The Father.**

The Jehovah's Witness (NWT) reads: "This means everlasting life, their coming to know you, the <u>Only True God</u>, <u>AND</u> the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." (John 17:3)

John 5:23 (NWT) reads,

"So that all may Honor The Son

<u>JUST</u>

<u>As They Honor The Father</u>.

Whoever does not honor the Son

Does not honor the Father who sent him."

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

Jehovah's Witnesses,

And all others for that matter, must Honor the Son <u>EVEN</u> as they honor the Father.

> A good question to ask JW's is "<u>How do you honor the Jehovah</u>?"



I ask because this honor <u>Must be shown to the Son as well!</u>



It is not eternal life to <u>know the Father only</u> <u>Without the Son</u>. The JW's claim there is only <u>One True God And His Name Is Jehovah</u>.

They also claim Jesus is a lesser god, not "ALMIGHTY GOD" but only "mighty god"

Again, we must ask: Is Jesus A True God Or A False God If only Jehovah is the true God?



- Deut. 10:17 (NWT) "For Jehovah your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the God great, <u>MIGHTY</u>, and awe-inspiring."
 - Also Jeremiah 32:18; Isaiah 10:21
 - Here Jehovah is only "<u>mighty</u>" god
 - Rev. 19:16 Jesus is "Lord of lords"
 - Are there 2 different "Lord of lords"? NO!

John 10:30 literally reads "I and the Father WE ARE ONE." The verb "are" from the Greek is plural. In context: Here is a oneness that exists Between the Father and the Son A oneness in Redemption.

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

Yet, since redemption is a divine act, here we have the <u>testimony</u> to the <u>Deity of Christ</u>

No apostle or prophet, is said to be "ONE" with the Father in saving believers No mere creature can have this kind of <u>Perfect Unity Of Purpose And Action</u>

John 5:16-19 Jesus healed on the Sabbath The Jews objected to this, alleging He was breaking God's law. Jesus' response is often missed In the rush to get to the phrase, *"Making Himself* Equal with God."



The Jews took great offense when He said That His Father was working till then,

And

He himself was working.

WHY?

They had a belief that

Yahweh "Broke" The Sabbath

God kept the world spinning, He kept the sun shining & the rain falling, Even on the Sabbath day Thus, in one sense, God was <u>above</u> the Sabbath law as He continued to <u>"work</u>" running the universe





- This is why Jesus' words offended them
- <u>He claimed the same right for himself!</u>
- They were enraged because he called God "Father" in a way that was UNIQUE & special to himself, making himself
 equal with God

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

- To be the Son of God was to be **DEITY**
- The Son is always like the Father
- And if Jesus is the Son of the Father in a special and unique way,
- He must be <u>DEITY</u>!



"For God so loved the world he gave his

<u>Only Begotten Son</u>

UNIQUE

That whosoever believes in Him shall

Not perish but have everlasting life

(John 3:16)

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

Jesus says

"The Son can do nothing of Himself"

All through the discourse, the <u>dependence</u> Of the Son upon the Father is stressed The Son of God was <u>not repudiating</u> the Allegation of His equality with the Father.

Instead, He was <u>expanding</u> upon it, And in the process <u>correcting it</u> That is, He is ensuring that there is <u>No Misunderstanding</u> of what it means For Him to be equal with the Father

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

No <u>Competition</u> between Father & Son No <u>Differing Opinions</u>, no <u>Disagreements</u> Not a "LOOSE Cannon" doing His own thing Monotheism & the singular glory of God Are not in danger by the coming of the Son.





Instead, the Son's actions are in <u>Perfect Accord</u> with the Father in everything.

No Creature Could Utter This

He is not at odds with the Father

Because He and the Father are

"<u>ONE</u>"

In all things (John 10:30)

If they come knocking...



Revelation 5:11-14 (NWT)



Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

Revelation 5: 11-14 (NWT)

"And I saw, and I heard a voice Of many angels around the throne And the living creatures and the elders, And the number of them was Myriads of myriads and Thousands of thousands, And they were saying with a loud voice:"

"The Lamb

Who was slaughtered <u>IS WORTHY</u>

<u>To receive the power and riches</u>

And wisdom and strength

And honor and

glory and blessing..."

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

"And I heard

Every Creature

That is in heaven and on earth and Underneath the earth and on the sea, <u>And all the things in them</u>, <u>Saying:</u>

"To the one sitting on the throne <u>And To The Lamb</u>

Be the blessing and the honor and the glory

And the might forever and ever.'

And the four living creatures were saying: 'Amen!' and the elders

FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPPED."

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

Note!

EVERY CREATURE

Joined in this song of praise

Directed to the one sitting on the throne

And To The Lamb.

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EVERY CREATED THING.

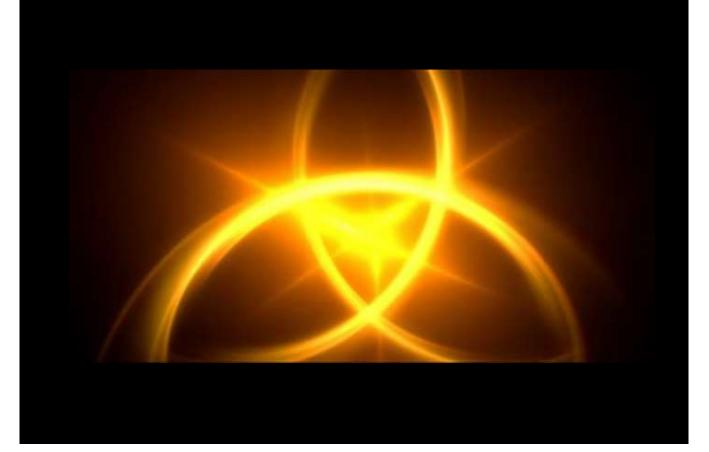
Note!

If Jesus is a mere creature, then <u>is He not</u> <u>likewise joining in this song of praise</u>?

Yet, the song is <u>Directed To Him</u> & <u>The Father</u> Those in heaven know that Jesus Is not a creature

Jehovah's Witnesses Have a Problem

Creation knows its Master. The (NWT) says: "The Lamb that was slaughtered <u>Is Worthy</u> to <u>Receive the power and riches and wisdom and</u> <u>Strength and honor and glory and blessing</u>... and The four living creatures were saying: "Amen!" And the elders <u>FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPPED</u>.



Does it matter?

Jesus said that the Father is seeking Worshipers who will worship in spirit and in truth

God is not honored by the worship of **False Gods**

We need to have knowledge of our God To worship Him correctly

If we have defective knowledge, or wrong information and have been deceived Our worship is either lessened (due to simple ignorance) Or it is completely invalid.

> Just as the worship of idols And false gods would be

The Trinity and Worship

This is not saying we need Perfect knowledge to worship God None Of Us Do !

However, our desire must be to grow In the grace and knowledge of God, Jesus taught eternal life was the Possession of those who <u>Know The One True God</u>

Knowledge Does Not Save That is the error of Gnosticism But true worship Does not exist without knowledge



The Trinity and Worship

Every single imbalance in worship is due To a corresponding imbalance in our View of God.

Some become so enamored with the Holy Spirit, that their experience of the Father & the Son is lost in a



HAZE OF EMOTIONS



Others are so focused upon the Father that they lose sight of the Love of the Son and the Joy & empowerment of the

Holy Spirit.



The Trinity and Worship

One thing the doctrine of the Trinity does Is to always call us back to the balanced center point. We are never allowed to elevate one person at the expense of the others, since the fullness of Deity dwells in each one completely. (Colossians 2:9)





SHARING THE GOSPEL





The Trinity and the Gospel

Look at the "gospel" message of every group that denies the doctrine of the Trinity: You will find error & perversion Why? Because the true Gospel must be based upon the work of the <u>one true & triune God</u>. Without that basis, the Gospel cannot stand.

The Trinity and the Gospel

- Look at Mormonism: which denies the pillar of Monotheism:
- Their Gospel provides the means to Becoming a god.

The Trinity and the Gospel

 Look at the Jehovah's Witnesses: Their Gospel is a mere appendage, A message of how we can Live forever in a paradise earth.

The Trinity and the Gospel

This happens when the **Redeemer** becomes Michael the Archangel, & the Holy Spirit becomes an

Impersonal Active Force



The Trinity and the Gospel

Look at Oneness groups like the United Pentecostal Church: the Gospel becomes Legalism, replete with "Necessary" things one must "Experience" to be truly saved.



If they come knocking...



Who Does James Serve?

The (NWT) says in Luke 16:13 "No servant can be a slave to two masters"

Yet James 1:1 says "James, a slave of God And of the Lord Jesus Christ"

How can James serve <u>Both</u> the Father & the Son – Unless they share the same nature?!

How Many Saviors ?

The (NWT) says in Isaiah 43:11 "I - I am Jehovah, and <u>besides me</u> <u>There Is No Savior</u>."

"I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, <u>Thy Savior</u>" (Isaiah 43:3)

How Many Saviors ?

Yet 1 John 4:14 (NWT) says:

"We are bearing witness that the Father has <u>Sent his Son</u> as <u>Savior of the world</u>"

Yet Matthew 1:21 says "You shall call his name Jesus, for <u>He will save his people</u> from their



sins"

How Many Holy Ones?

Isaiah 43:3 (NWT)

"I am the Lord thy God,

<u>The Holy One</u> of Israel, thy Savior"

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(Habakkuk 1:12)

"O Jehovah? O my God, <u>My Holy One</u>,

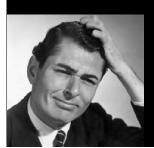
You do not die"

How Many Holy Ones ?

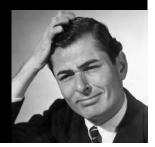
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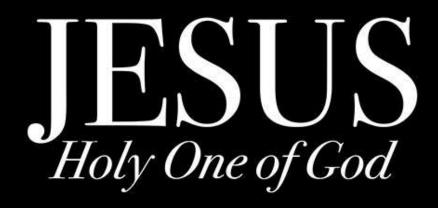
"And you have an anointing From <u>The Holy One</u> (Jesus)"



Acts 3:14 "You disowned that <u>Holy & Righteous One</u> (Jesus)"



Holiness Shared









John 1:14

"And the Word was made flesh, <u>and dwelt among us,</u> (and we <u>beheld his glory,</u> <u>the glory as of the</u> <u>only begotten of the Father,)</u> full of grace and truth."



"Dwelt among us" or "Made his dwelling among us," means, "to pitch one's tent" This looks back to the tabernacle of Israel's wilderness wanderings It was the dwelling place of God God was happy to live in a tent, And move



With his people





When the Word became flesh the glorious presence of God was fully embodied in him.

The same glory Moses beheld In the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-38) And the priests saw in the temple (1 Kings 8:10-11) Was revealed at the Transfiguration



Peter testified to this in 2 Peter 1:16-18 "We were eyewitnesses of his majesty For he received from God the Father Honor and glory, When there came such a voice from him From the excellent glory This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"

Glory

Christ's glory was veiled at the Incarnation So he could act as a man amongst mankind. The true temple of God was not the building But the body of Christ

John 2:19 Jesus said "*destroy* <u>THIS</u> *temple*" referring to himself.

Matthew 12:5-6 Jesus referred to himself as the one <u>GREATER</u> than the existing temple



The New Testament records a new marvel

Worship God without a temple (Acts 7: 48 & Acts 17:24 & Matt. 23:38)

The Church is now God's focus and we are the Temples of the Holy Spirit, and we are the Temples of God (1 Cor. 3:16 & 6:19)



Without <u>veiling his glory</u>, the disciples Could not have beheld Jesus

God dwells in unapproachable light, That only Jesus can approach





(1 Timothy 6:16) "Who <u>Only hath immortality</u>, Dwelling in the <u>Light Which No Man Can Approach Unto</u>; Whom <u>No Man Hath Seen, Nor Can See</u>: To whom be honor and power everlasting. <u>Amen</u>"



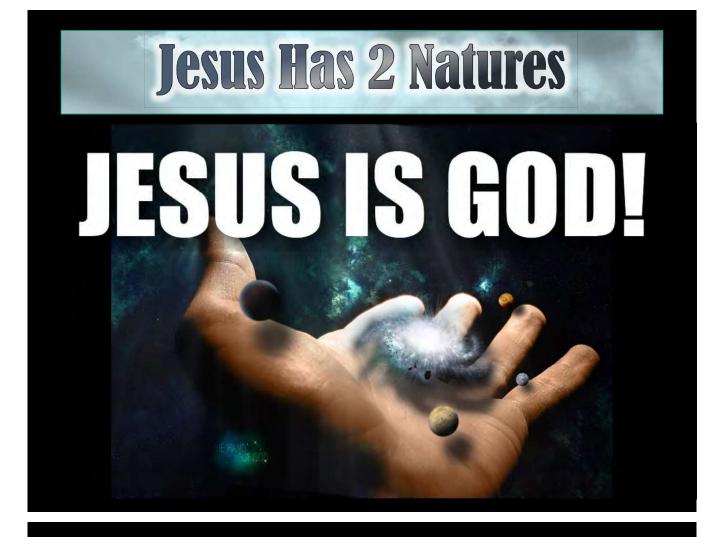
Isaiah 42:8 "I am Jehovah. That is my name; <u>I give my glory to NO ONE ELSE,</u> Nor my praise to graven images" (NWT)

Isaiah 48:11 "For <u>my own sake</u> I will act, For how could I let myself be profaned? <u>I give my glory to</u> <u>NO ONE ELSE</u>" (NWT)





John 17:5 "So now, Father, GLORIFY ME At your side with The Glory That I had alongside you Before the world was." (NWT)

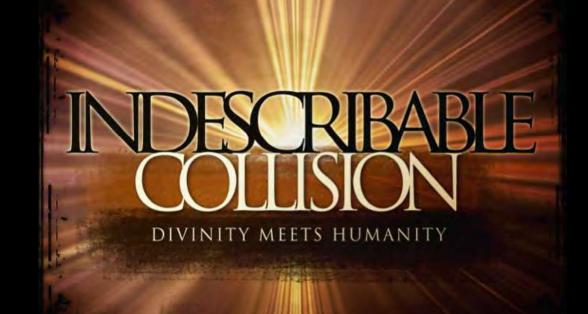


Jesus Has 2 Natures

FOR I HAVE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, NOT TO DO MY OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME.

JOHN 6:38





Jesus Has 2 Natures

THE INCARNATION OF JESUS GOD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Glory

- 1 Cor. 2:8 Shows Jesus as one person with two natures
- How so? Because of the phrase "<u>Crucified The Lord Of Glory</u>"
- The "Lord Of Glory" is reference to the <u>Divine Nature of Christ</u>, Yet Jesus was crucified <u>AS A MAN</u>



Glory

Crucifixion Is only meaningful with reference <u>To His Human Nature</u> (You Can't Crucify A Divine Nature)

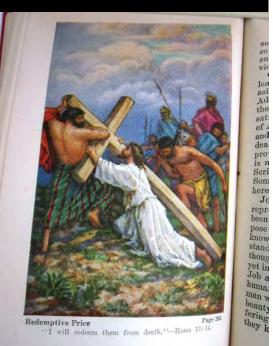


The crucifixion of the Lord Of Glory, Is speaking of Christ as One Person With Two Natures



Jesus Carrying His Cross

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1 Timothy 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; KJV

Glory

Question: How can Jesus, the man, be the mediator between God and men? Because he fully represents both parties He is fully God & man at the same time And has 2 natures of Deity & Flesh



The Christ Hymn



Phil. 2:5-11: KJV

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men"

Philippians 2:5-11

Phil. 2:5-11: KJV

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name;

Phil. 2:5-11: KJV

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER"

Philippians 2:5-11

- Note: Jesus <u>emptied himself</u>; it doesn't say He was emptied by an outside force or power
- He freely laid aside his rights & privileges
- The emptying is followed by the act of <u>taking on the form of a bondservant</u>

Making himself of no reputation means:

Veiling His preincarnate glory with flesh
Non-Use of His divine attributes
Taking On the likeness of man
Leaving Heaven to live amongst sinners

Philippians 2:5-11

"So that in the <u>NAME OF JESUS</u> <u>Every Knee Should Bend</u> Of those in heaven And those on the earth And those under the ground

"And Every Tongue Should Openly Acknowledge (Confess) That Jesus Christ is Lord TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER" (NWT)

Philippians 2:5-11

God the Father receives <u>Glory</u> When we confess openly (worship) Jesus, as Lord



Yet, This worship is for JEHOVAH ALONE

Isa. 45:22-23 "Turn to me and be saved, All the ends of the earth, For I am God and THERE IS NO ONE ELSE



BY MYSELF I Have Sworn;

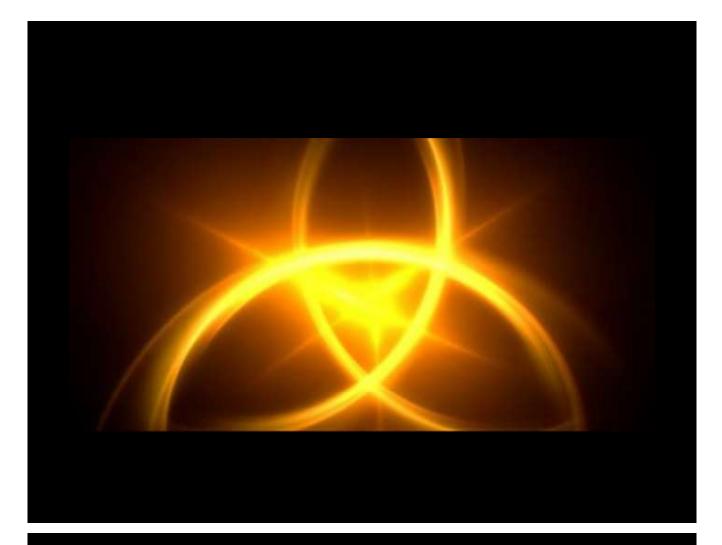
The word has gone out of my own mouth In righteousness, And it will not return:

TO ME

<u>Every Knee Will Bend</u>,

Every Tongue Will Swear Loyalty"

(NWT)



Hebrews 1:3

"<u>He</u> (<u>Jesus</u>) <u>is the Reflection of God's Glory</u>

And the

Exact Representation

Of His Very Being"

(NWT)

Hebrews 1:3

"<u>He Is</u> The <u>Radiance</u> <u>Of</u> <u>His Glory</u>

"Who being" = Absolute, Timeless Existence

<u>There was never a time</u> <u>when he was not</u> <u>The Radiance Of The Glory Of God</u>

Glory Shared

It Does Not Say

"He became" the radiance of God's glory

It does not say "it was bestowed upon him"

Or that he "achieved or earned it."

It Says that he <u>ALWAYS EXISTED</u> as the



RADIANCE

<u>OF GOD'S GLORY</u>



James 2:1

"My brethren, have not the faith

Of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

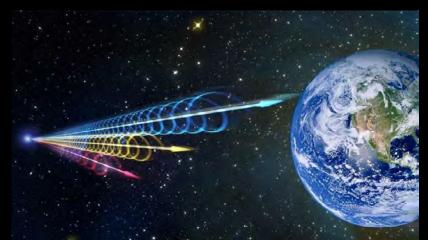
<u>Lord Of Glory</u>,

With respect of persons" KJV



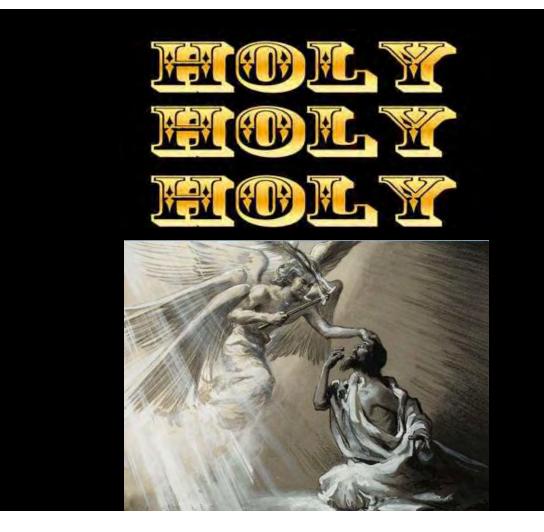
Glory Shared

The Watchtower Says The Holy Spirit is not a person But just <u>GOD'S ACTIVE FORCE</u>



John 16:14

"That one (The Holy Spirit) will glorify me, because <u>HE</u> will receive from what is mine and will declare it to you."
How can an active force glorify anyone, **unless <u>he</u> is a <u>person</u> sharing the same nature?
Why is an "<u>IT</u>" referred to as "<u>HE</u>" by Jesus?**



Isaiah 6:1-5: In the year that king Uzziah died, ISAW IEHOVAH Sitting on a lofty and elevated throne, And the skirts of his robe Filled the temple (NWT)

Glory Shared

Isaiah 6:1-5:

And one called to the other:

Holy, holy, holy is Jehovah of armies,

The whole earth is filled

With his glory."

Isaiah 6:1-5:

Then I said: Woe to me! I am as good as dead, For I am a man of unclean lips, And I live Among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, JEHOVAH OF ARMIES HIMSELF! (NWT)

The Apostle John



John 12: 37-41: "Although HE had performed So many signs before them, They were not putting <u>Faith IN HIM</u>, So that the word of Isaiah the prophet <u>Might be fulfilled</u> (NWT)

Glory Shared

John 12: 37-41 "He has blinded their eyes And has made their hearts hard, So that they would not see with their eyes And understand with their hearts And turn around and I heal them."

Isaiah said these things because <u>He Saw His Glory</u>, & <u>He Spoke About Him</u>. (NWT)

LIGHT



LIGHT of the Father

1 John 1:5 "God is light

And there is no darkness at all in him" (NWT)

Psalms 104:1-2

"O Jehovah my God, With majesty and splendor you are clothed. You are wrapped in light as with a garment" (NWT)

LIGHT of the Son

John 8:12 "<u>I am the light of the world.</u>" Whoever follows me will by no means Walk in darkness, but will possess the light of life."



LIGHT of the Son

John 1:9

"The <u>true light</u> that gives light to every sort of man was about to <u>come into the world</u>"

1 Tim. 6:16

"The one <u>alone</u> having immortality <u>who dwells</u> <u>in unapproachable light</u>, whom no man has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal might" (NWT)

LIGHT

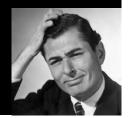
Question: In John 1:9 Jesus is the "True Light" LUCIFER is the "Angel Of Light"

> How can Jesus dwell in Unapproachable light

> > **Unless He shares**

God's nature?

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LIGHT of the Holy Spirit

John 14:16

"And I will ask the Father and he will give you <u>ANOTHER HELPER</u> to be with you forever. <u>The Spirit Of The Truth</u>,

Which the world cannot receive, because it neither sees IT nor knows IT. You know IT, because IT remains with you And is in you." (NWT)

Is the Holy Spirit an "IT" or "<u>HE</u>"?

LIGHT of the Holy Spirit

John 16:13-14

"However, when that <u>one</u> comes, the spirit of the truth, <u>he</u> will guide you into all the truth, for <u>he</u> will not speak of <u>his own</u> <u>initiative</u>, but what <u>he</u> hears <u>he</u> will

speak...

That one <u>will glorify me</u>, because <u>he</u> will receive from what is mine and will declare it to you" (NWT)

LIGHT of the Holy Spirit

A Person Or Just God's Active Force ?





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