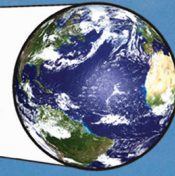


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Trinity in Scripture?

One of the most prevalent teachings in churches today is the Trinity, the concept that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three "Gods-in-One." They are, it is said, "Equal, Eternal and One, they are the 'Godhead.'" Such descriptions of 3-in-1 include examples such as the three forms of water: liquid(water), solid(ice), and water vapor. The flame of a candle may be cited as having light, heat and a flame. These and other analogies are given as an explanation of the mysterious Trinity concept. While these are fanciful ways of describing an idea, what we want to research is the inspired Scripture and what it teaches.

Scriptural Proof?

While there are ideas given from interesting examples, only two principal Scriptures are usually referenced in an attempt to show it has a biblical footprint. The two are as follows, taken from the The Holy Bible, also known as the Douay-Rheims Bible, translated from the Latin Vulgate:

Matthew 28:19, "*Going therefore, teach ye all nations: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy [Spirit].*"

1 John 5:7, "*And there are Three who give testimony in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy [Spirit]. And these three are one.*"

While these two Scriptures are directly from the Douay-Rheims Bible and were widely popular among the English Catholics at the end of the 16th Century, the same words can be found in your typical King James Version, which is even more popular with vast number of copies reprinted and distributed around the world.

While the above Scriptures appear to clearly back up the idea that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are indeed 3-in-1, as is so prominently taught, a closer look at the manuscripts themselves will reveal something very unsettling. These verses are not even in the earliest manuscripts, period. These "scriptures" only start to appear about 400 years af-



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ter New Testament times. The latter of the two verses cited, the section of Scripture which testifies of Yahshua, was added no earlier than 700 years ago. So, what happened?

Tradition of Men

While many versions have corrected the above to be more accurate to the older and more correct manuscripts of the Bible, there are thoughts or ideas of men as to what is true or not true. When it comes to biblical doctrines or teachings, many held within religious circles today are not based upon Scripture at all, but are man-made fabrications of what they "think" Scripture says.

Such falsely held traditions were prevalent in Yahshua's day with the religious leaders. After they tried to accuse His followers of not doing right according to "their traditions," He responded with a question of His own:

Why do you also transgress the commandment of Yahweh because of your tradition? For Yahweh commanded, saying, "Honor your father and your mother"; and, "He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death." But you say, "Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to Elohim"— then he need not honor his father or mother." Thus you have made the commandment of Yahweh of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy

about you, saying: "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men," Matthew 15:3-9 NKJV.

The teaching of the Master is that we are not to neglect His Father's commandments, but the tradition of men should be discarded.

Commandment Keeping

Notice which commandment is being addressed in the Scripture above. It is, in fact, the fifth commandment which is found in the Ten Commandments. Yet, just as in Yahshua's time, justifying a false teaching, many seemingly pious religious leaders will say you don't have to keep the Ten Commandments today. They will say something like, "You can't keep them" or "They're too hard to keep." It's the exact opposite of what Yahweh Himself said,

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or

beyond your reach, Deuteronomy 30:11 NIV.

Even when it is clear to some well educated and sensible scholars that words were added by scribes, who evidently had a motive for adding their own ideas to Scripture, they tend to just make a slight comment that it was a scribal note that crept in to the actual text and then they leave it as-is. In doing so, traditions of men, and the teachings thereof, have continued, rather than the commandments of Yahweh or proper teachings of the reality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, which will be addressed shortly. First, we want to take a look at some more foolishness and images depicting ideas of men.

Three-Headed Paintings

From the 4th century on, there have been images painted to help solidify the false concept of the so-called "Trinitarian Godhead" belief.

Beliefs and ideas of men that are diametrically opposite from

scriptural teachings are not to have a foothold in our thinking.

Their teachings are so distorted they have, in medieval times, made Yahshua look like a three headed monster. Other depictions, which fail to represent the Savior accurately, have Him besides Himself, literally. It's a distortion based on fiction which Scripture doesn't support.

What Scripture Teaches

Our focus needs to be on the undefiled Word of Yahweh. This means that we take away and unmask any falsehood, recognizing the plain teachings and truth that are revealed in the inspired Holy Script.

There are terms, such as, "Holy Ghost," which is an attempt to emphasize man's thoughts on who the Creator is, to such wording as "Christ," a Greek term which has more of a meaning of rubbing with oil than the title Messiah has. Messiah holds more of a meaning of Anointed One. The latter title gives



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a clearer distinction and meaning of Who the Son is. He is the Anointed One. He was anointed by His Father, Yahweh.

Who is Yahweh?

Throughout Scripture, we find that Yahweh is the Ancient of Days, the One who has existed from the beginning. It's fitting that we focus on Him, first and foremost, as He is the One to be worshipped, Isaiah 43-47. He is the Father of us all, Luke 3:38. It is clearly stated by the Son Himself, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except Yahweh alone," Mark 10:18.

In listing the headship, Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, states clearly that Yahweh is above the Messiah. He doesn't want the people to be confused about it:

I want you to understand that Messiah is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and Yahweh is the head of Messiah, 1 Corinthians 11:3 NASB.

Again, Yahshua tells us Who it is that is above Himself,

You heard that I said to you, "I go away, and I will come to you." If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I, John 14:28 NASB.

If we go to someone, say, our own father, that does not mean that we are the one that we are going to. However, one may be very much in tune with their own father's ways, so much so, others actually see the father in him or her.

In a sense, to know (understand) a son or daughter is to understand the father. This is related by Yahweh's Son, who didn't do anything but His Father's will, therefore taking on the very characteristics of the Father Himself.

Notice that this concept, though more intimate, is related in the conversation between the disciples and Yahshua,

Thomas said to Him, Master, we do not know where You are

going, and how can we know the way? Yahshua said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Master, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Yahshua said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the

works themselves," John 14:5-11 NKJV.

Is Yahshua here explaining that He is literally the Father in heaven? No. He is saying, if you understood Him, then you've understood the Father and have therefore "seen" the Father in action. Yahshua is also explaining the deeper sense of what it is like to be moved and in tune with the Holy Spirit which actually was within Himself.

The Holy Spirit

One of the misconceptions in the Trinity theory is that the Holy Spirit is a separate Elohim. While the Hebrew title can be plural, it can also be singular, depending on context. The word, itself, does not prove, nor say, there are 3-1.

However, if you read the entire 17th chapter of the book of John, you'll see an interesting concept brought forth of three being one, in the sense of unity. It is the desire of Yahshua the Son to have us be One with the Father and Himself.

Is the Messiah asking the Father for us all to be the Ancient of Days? Is He asking the Father to be One, as in One "Mighty One"? Or, is the request to be of the same Heart and Mind as They have?

Plainly stated, having the same Spirit is as having the Same Heart and Mind as the Father and the Son. We take on the same character as They have when we conform to Yahweh's Spirit. When we allow the Spirit to work within us, we take on the same perspective and desires as They have. We start to look through Their eyes being in the Spirit of Yahweh.

What is the Spirit? Let's take a look at what Yahweh's Word says about it. Speaking of "It," there is no neuter gender in the Hebrew language, so when a particular "thing" is described, it is done so by saying "he" or "she."

It should be mentioned, the evidence, and numerous scholars, point to the New Testament's ori-

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YAHWEH: KNOWN BY THE PATRIARCHS

Does Exodus 6:3 tell us that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never knew Yahweh's Name? Understand what this passage is really saying!

A PUZZLING BIBLE VERSE for many who are aware of the sacred Name Yahweh is found in Exodus 6:3, which reads:

"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of G-d Almighty [El Shaddai] but by my name [YAHWEH] was I not known to them"

Some Bible expositors contend that this passage shows that Yahweh had not revealed His Name to the patriarchs. That even Moses did not know that His Name was Yahweh, but knew Him only as Elohim or El Shaddai. This notion is false, as we see from the events three chapters prior to this verse.

The Memorial Name Yahweh

When conscripted by Yahweh to be the leader for His people Israel, Moses wondered what he should say when presenting himself before Israel. Moses asked, "The Elohim of your fathers has sent me unto you: and they shall say to me 'What is His Name?' what shall I say unto them?" Exodus 3:13. From His response it is clear Yahweh invoked His personal Name and revealed it to Moses:

"Elohim said unto Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM:' and He said, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me unto you.'

"And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, 'YAHWEH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of

gin as being Semitic. Basically, the New Testament is a Middle Eastern book (letters to be exact) copied into various languages around the world. Knowing this helps when examining the texts.

In the Hebrew, the Holy Spirit is called *ruach ha qodesh*, and simply means "The Set-apart Breath." It is not a proper noun, and it's not necessarily best to be transliterating it for everyone.

However, for the purpose of describing it here, the word *ruach* is translated in the Greek as *pneuma*, meaning "breath" or "wind." It is, in fact, Yahweh's Spirit which goes forth from Him to accomplish His will and purpose in an individual's life. It is, in essence, a part of Himself.

Describing Yahweh's Spirit

Yahweh's Holy Spirit is described in Scripture as a noun and verb rolled up into one. But, it is not a proper noun, as a name would be. For example, Yahweh's Spirit is described as providing power in Acts 1:8 (NASB),

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

A similar statement spoken of Luke 24:49, which says,

And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

In the basic and original meaning of the Holy Spirit, we find the following description very fitting:

The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit, John 3:8 NASB.

The Holy Spirit can also be described as being poured, as we see

from this quote in the New Testament, which was a quote (all capital letters, as the NASB presents it) from the Old Testament, the only Scripture they had,

"AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS," Yahweh says, "THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy," Acts 2:17-18 NASB.

The above Scripture is speaking of Yahweh's people and their immediate families, as seen in context of the Spirit being given at Pentecost. It was specifically this

initial pouring out of the symbolic rain which came upon the worshipers of Yahweh gathering in obedience according to the commandment on the day they were to meet, Leviticus 23:21. It's interesting to note this took place outside of the Temple, but afterwards they would have gone there, too.

There are times in which the Spirit does seem like a personage (Ephesians 4:30, also a "seal"), but how this is understood gets us more into the reality of what Scripture is telling us about the nature of Yahweh's Spirit.

Yahweh is Spirit

Scripture's depth is fascinating, once a person gets past the traditions of men. Early, during medieval times, Bibles were literally chained to lecterns in grand looking churches with Latin speaking teachers, who taught the people who didn't speak Latin, interestingly enough, what they as teachers wanted taught. Trinity is one of those teachings that was ratified in their own writings, but was not actually part of holy Script.

"The term 'Trinity' is not itself found in the Bible...Nowhere does the Bible explicitly teach this combination of assertions." – The New Bible Dictionary, Third Edition.

What Scripture does teach, is what we need to know and learn from.

Yahweh is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth, John 4:26.

Whose Spirit are we talking about here? Though the KJV presents "spirit" in lower case here, it's Yahweh's Spirit being spoken of.

Just as Yahshua had Yahweh's Spirit within Himself, we, through repentance, baptism, and the laying on of hands from the eldership who are living and teaching the truth of Yahweh's Word, and are anointed for this purpose, can receive a portion or down payment of Yahweh's Spirit.

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Must We Meet with Others for Worship

How important is gathering regularly on Sabbaths?

When Yahweh offered His Covenant with Israel in Exodus 24:1-7, He promised them certain blessings and protection. Israel readily agreed to this covenant. Exodus 25 onward reveals Israel's responsibilities. They were to offer some of their "spoils" taken from the Egyptians so that a sanctuary might be constructed for Yahweh to dwell in and be among the people. Yahweh asked only for a portion of that which He had given them.

Precise instructions were given for building both the Tabernacle and the furniture, along with the required instruments to be used in a specific way in His worship. Similarly, Yahweh has given us guidelines that reveal how He wants to be worshiped today.

The Book of Leviticus deals with specific instructions for mankind in our worship of Yahweh. Chapter 23 gives us the seven Annual Holy Days and the weekly Saturday Sabbath, which are to be observed forever, we find. All Israel was to gather in holy convocation at these special times.

We Do Not Worship at Jerusalem

With the destruction of the Temple and the razing of Jerusalem in the year 70 C.E., worship could no longer continue at Jerusalem. Yahshua had alluded to this with the woman at the well in

His Essence, a Portion of Himself, "The Fountain of Living Waters" (Jeremiah 2:13), flowing from the throne of Yahweh and the Lamb (Revelation 22:1), is what is being offered.

While we've seen that He is in unapproachable light, we see that we can approach Him through Yahweh's Messiah, Yahshua, our Mediator and High Priest. While He had the fullness of the Spirit, we are not given that fullness, but rather a down payment (portion). It is enough to get us overcoming the world. It's enough to allow us to perceive that something is different. Our outlook in life changes. We are to strive to walk on higher ground, looking up with great expectation of Yahshua's return.

We find less of a desire for physical things, but rather the spiritual. As the Spirit works within us, and we humbly submit, we become less and less interested in satisfying the flesh. We cannot sin, in the sense, because we no longer want to. The Spirit gives strength and helps us to focus on heavenly things.

Though the Spirit may be perceived in various ways, it is provided to help us overcome the world. It is the Comforter that was promised.

Who is the Comforter?

The promise of the Son was to provide a way to approach Yahweh through His blood sacrifice, providing an atonement for sins, 1 John 3:4. We are justified in Him.

We are provided a Comforter like no other in all of creation. It is only through Yahshua that we can approach Yahweh. Yahshua says,

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I

will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you. He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him, John 14:16–22.

It should be noted here that there is no disagreement with the Father and the Son, because the Son does the Father's will. It is the same with us. We are to do the Father's will. In doing so, the Son and the Father will abide with us in Unity, as One. It's a process and we may not always "feel" like we're doing all that well, but we are to overcome the world, ourselves, the evil one, and anything else that hinders growth.

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TRINITARIAN BAPTISM AND MATTHEW 28:19

Many have been baptized into a trinitarian formula, basing their actions on Matthew 28:19. Now learn the facts about this verse and the proper prescription for immersion.

A profound feeling of guilt swept over the Apostle Peter's audience. Those gathered learned that it was their breaking of Yahweh's law (their sin, 1 John 3:4) that caused the Savior's death! A feeling of despair overwhelmed them and they earnestly and urgently asked Peter, "What must we do?"

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

Baptism is the initial, compelling act one considers after learning of one's own sinful record. Baptism is a willing, voluntary step assumed by a contrite heart, seeking spiritual restoration and the grace and forgiveness freely promised us by the Heavenly Father through His Son.

Israelites were brought into the Covenant through involuntary circumcision at infancy. Today, the New Covenant is entered into of one's own volition.

Sadly, not everyone who is called to be grafted into the Abrahamic promise willingly responds. Some may turn their backs upon Yahweh's invitation and though called, are not chosen.

"So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many are called, but few chosen." (Matt. 20:16)

To the dutiful, seeking Bible student, the question is often raised, "Unto what are we to be baptized?" This very question was foremost among many of the

The Comforter will help us.

Who is the Comforter? If you haven't already guessed, it's Yahweh.

Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, the Father of mercies and Elohim of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by Yahweh. For just as the sufferings of Messiah are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Messiah. But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer, 2 Corinthians 1:3–6 NASB.

The root words here for "comfort" are the same as the root words in John 14 displaying the same wording. Ultimately, Yahweh is the One Who comforts; it's by His Spirit this is accomplished.

Yahshua is in the same Spirit and will manifest Himself to those who will worship Yahweh in Spirit and in the truth of His Word.

Lo, I have stood at the door, and I knock; if any one may hear My voice, and may open the door, I will come in unto him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. He who is overcoming—I will give to him to sit with Me in My throne, as I also did overcome and did sit down with My Father in His throne. He who is having an ear—let him hear what the Spirit saith to the assemblies, Revelation 3:20–22 YLT.

We all know that Yahweh's written word is provided to us by Yahweh's Spirit, Romans 7:14. It is the same Spirit by which a person is called to hear and understand as it reaches into a person's mind giving them comprehension to choose life over death, to choose Yahweh's ways over man's ways which lead to death.

We are grateful to be comfort-

ed by the Comforter who will lead His People into the promised land through Yahshua, His Anointed One, Who, even today, has Yahweh's Spirit giving Him eternal life. It's the same Spirit offered to those called out from the world today to live a life in His Spirit and to be One with Them, John 17.

But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me, John 15:26.

Questions To Ask!

While there is depth of Scripture and we often times see layers of understanding, we should ask some plain questions to think about and find the answer from Scripture, itself. One example is thinking about the Trinity concept:

► How can the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Son be Equal, Eternal, and the Same, but yet different judgment is given? For example, Yahshua's own statement to the effect:

Whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost (Spirit), it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come, Matthew 12:32–33.

This Spirit that proceeds from the Father is, again, His very Spirit. This is why a word can be spoken against the Son of Man and forgiven, but not against Yahweh's own Spirit. To say that it is something evil or filthy, especially when one has experienced the goodness of Yahweh's Spirit, will have no forgiveness according to Yahshua the Messiah.

► If the Holy Spirit conceived the Messiah, then the Holy Spirit is the Father. Right or wrong? This calls for a little thinking on our part. We understand that the Spirit of Yahweh is Yahweh's Spirit and it ac-

complishes His will, but the Holy Spirit is NOT a separate Deity. So, we understand that the Father is Yahweh and He accomplishes His will through His Spirit.

While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of Yahweh came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit," Matthew 1:20 NCV.

Again, we read in the KJV, Luke 1:35,

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost (Spirit) shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of Elohim.

(See also, Matthew 1:23, "El with us." Through the Spirit, even though He was a Son, Yahweh would be present).

► We can ask a final question: If Yahweh, the Holy Spirit, and Yahshua are "equal, eternal, and 3 in 1," then how is it only Yahweh knows the hour of Yahshua's return?

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only, Matthew 24:36.

Final Thoughts

These are all questions to ask, to consider and think about, in context of what Scripture is saying. The Bible is our guide and if the spiritual understanding we think we have doesn't match, then we are to grow and conform to it and be more in-line with Yahweh's Spirit.

By doing so, we conform to Yahshua Himself, Who was the living Word on earth and a perfect example of what it means to live a sinless life. He did His Father's will, and we are to follow in Yahshua's footsteps doing the same.

There are other thoughts that could and often do come up concerning not only the Trinity, but also the idea that somehow the Son is possibly the actual Father. For such an idea, one may review this article, but also glean insight and understanding from the in-depth study entitled, "*Did the Savior Pre-Exist?*" by Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua. It's online at yaiy.org for your convenience and it is based upon what Scripture says, not just what we think.

May Yahweh bless, as we continue to grow in a deeper and more meaningful way of His Word and truth by which we are to live.

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SABBATH KEEPERS: WHY NOT KEEP ALL THE COMMANDMENTS?

Many acknowledge the Bible as the Book of books, which contains the very words of our great Creator. But few fully pursue the deeper truth of His Word. Many are like the puzzling, would-be treasure hunter who was satisfied with just knowing which mountain contained the gold vein, but would not dig down to get the precious mineral it held.

Just as difficult to understand are those who are satisfied to stop short of digging out of Scripture the great treasure of salvation truths, believing that somehow these truths will all be given to them eventually, without any effort on their part. Yet the Bible tells us in Ephesians 4 that each of us is personally responsible to develop into a "perfect" (meaning complete and full-grown) individual in truth.

The Savior forewarned us in Luke 13:24: "*Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able*" (Luke 13:24).

Stopping short of less than a sincere, complete effort is unacceptable to our Heavenly Father. He tells the lukewarm person, "*I will spue you out of My mouth*" (Rev. 3:16).

When it comes to the Ten Commandments, many will acknowledge a complete obedience. Pressing the issue, we discover otherwise.

Accepting the Fourth Commandment and Saturday as the Bible's true seventh-day Sabbath brings us into deeper Bible truth. Beyond that, though, how many understand, let alone take to heart, the commands of the preceding Third Commandment? This Commandment deals with our Creator's personal, revealed Name:

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Yahweh your Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain" (Ex. 20:7).

The most common interpretation of the Third Commandment is that one must not curse using the Father's Name. That is part of what the commandment enjoins, but it's the lesser part. If we examine the Hebrew for the word "take" in this commandment, we find the word *nasa*, meaning to "lift" or "bring to."

Mystery of the Trinity

Three major monotheistic religions can be traced to the revelations given to Abraham. They are Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Ishmael, the father of the Arabs, separated from Abraham's monotheism when driven from Abraham's camp, but the religion of Islam didn't begin to assume its present form until after Mohammed appeared on the scene over a thousand years later.

Israel inherited Abraham's monotheism and entered into a covenant with Yahweh after the Exodus from Egypt. Israel and Judah parted company after the death of King Solomon.

Monotheism and the covenant remained with Judah, but the religion we know today as Judaism didn't begin to assume its present form until after the Babylonian captivity.

Mosaic revelations and teachings injected a problem into Judah's monotheism that was not in Abraham's. That problem is the messianic concept.

Jews Believe in Single Eloah

Jewish monotheism will allow nothing to detract from the Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4. The mistranslation of this verse in most English Bibles reads, "Hear, O Israel, the L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is One." Scholars know that "the Lord" and "God" are mistranslations of the Hebrew Tetragrammaton "YHWH" and the word "Elohenu."

The word "One" is a mistranslation of the Hebrew word "Echad" (Strong's No. 259), which means "united" or "union" and "one" only in the sense in which we speak of one congregation or one herd.

The idea of a coming Messiah is accepted by the Jews, but they look only for a man endowed with power from Yahweh. Yahshua of Nazareth was rejected as the Messiah not because He claimed to be the Messiah, but because He claimed to be Divine.

To Jewish religious leaders, this was blasphemy.



Baroque trinity column statue in Zwettl, Austria.

Probably, because if true, Yahshua would be a Mighty One in a union with Yahweh and Judaism would no longer be monotheistic. They had Yahshua executed and must have believed that they proved He was not Divine.

Jewish converts who accepted Yahshua as the Messiah must have been aware of His Divinity and must have realized that the word "Echad" and "Elohim," the plural of "Eloah," referred to a union of Mighty Ones. However, converts who had come out of polytheistic religions must have desired to retain Judaism's monotheism.

This required them to face the problem: "How could they maintain a claim to monotheism and still accept Yahshua as a Mighty One in a union with Yahweh?" The solution didn't come easy or overnight, and has never been accepted by all Christians.

The solution devised by early Christian religious leaders and theologians is the doctrine of the Trinity—defined in early creeds as three persons in one Divine Being.

Birth of 3-in-1

What can be said about the Trinity, either pro or con, that hasn't been said many times? Most believe nothing, since the doctrine has been debated and written about since it was first proposed.

Most of the first-century converts felt confronted by an expanded theism consisting of a Heavenly Father, a Divine Son, and an indwelling Holy Spirit that is believed to be the third person in the Divine Being.

It is thought that Paul alludes to this Triune Mighty

One by closing an epistle with,
May the grace of the Master Yahshua the Messiah, and the love of Yahweh, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, 2 Corinthians 13:14.

In the 5th verse of this chapter, Paul said, "*Yahshua is in you,*" and in 2 Timothy 1: 14 he told Timothy, "*The Holy Spirit dwells in us.*" John 8:41 says we have one Father, even Yahweh, and in John 10:30 Yahshua said, "*I and the Father are one.*"

In the Old Testament we read:

I am Yahweh, and there is no other; apart from Me there is no Elohim. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged Me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides Me. I am Yahweh, and there is no other, Isaiah 45:5-6 NIV.

Perhaps it was from associating Old and New Testament Scriptures like these that theologians concluded that Yahweh is a triune Deity and made the Doctrine of the Trinity seem like the perfect solution to the problem of accepting Yahshua the Messiah as a Divine Being without taking on the appearance of polytheism.

W o r d 'Trinity' Is Absent

The word "Trinity" is not in the Bible and was first introduced into theological language sometime between 168 and 183 C.E. The first formal use of the word occurred at a synod in Alexandria, Egypt

in 317 C.E.

It was not until the theological dispute over the nature of Yahshua arose between Athanasius of Alexandria and the Gnostic theologian Arius that the Roman Catholic Church was forced to proclaim the doctrine of the Trinity as official Church dogma. This proclamation was made at the Council of Nicaea in 325 C.E.

These dates are given only to make the point that even though the first converts were faced with an enigma, the idea of the Trinity didn't become official doctrine for centuries.

Trinitarians claim the New Testament reveals the triune nature of Yahweh. If this is true, why didn't apostles teach it openly rather than merely alluding to it by statements with which one must believe the doctrine before the allusions to it can be seen? If a Trinity is revealed by the Bible as claimed, why have so many theologians questioned its truth, not only in the past, but even today?

Unknowable Mystery?

The renowned author of *All the Doctrine of the Bible*, Dr. Herbert Lockyer, begins the chapter "The

Doctrine of the Trinity" with the statement: "A perfect understanding of this infinite and wonderful theme is not possible to man in his present finite state."

He also wrote, "This sacred doctrine is above reason, erudite philosophers who give themselves to an understanding of the causes of things cannot by the deepest search unravel the mystery of the Trinity... The Trinity is an object of faith, the plumb line of reason is far too short to fathom this mystery."

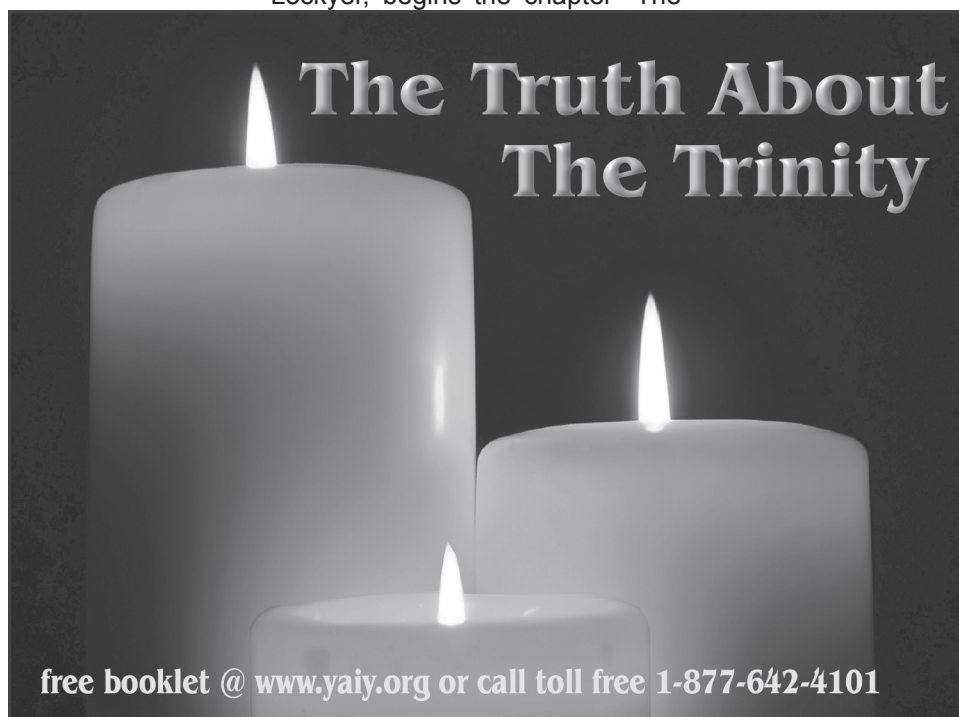
Dr. Lockyer, along with other writers, admits that the Trinity is not revealed in the Old Testament and the implication of many Old Testament Scriptures implying the triune nature of Yahweh would not be understood without its revelation in the New Testament.

Man, they say, would never have become aware of the triune nature of Elohim without this New Testament revelation.

The certainty of this revelation, however, is questionable. Its uncertainty is indicated by the centuries of debate about the true nature of Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua.

There is one thing about which we can be certain, and that is, it is

not impossible for Yahweh to be a Triune Deity since nothing is impossible for Him, Luke 1:37. If the doctrine is true, it can be verified in Scriptures and not just by innuendos that only a believer in the Trinity can understand the implications of.



Also, if it can be verified, it must be believed for worship in Spirit and in Truth. Even if it is not true, most Trinitarians will not accept correction, but still insist it is true, rejecting all interpretations and understandings that differ from their own.

Yahweh Not Understood

The following Scriptures tell us Yahweh's nature is incomprehensible and beyond anything we can even imagine.

Great is Yahweh and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom, Psalm 145:3.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways... As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts, Isaiah 55:8-9.

Can you fathom the mysteries of Elohim? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens—what can you do? They are deeper than the depths of the grave—what can you know? (Job 11:7-8.)

Analyzing John 1:1

A Scripture often pointed to as proof of the Trinity is John 1:1. In the NIV the verse is mistranslated:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with G-d and the Word was G-d. He was with G-d in the beginning.

The translation is ambiguous to say the least and does not prove the Trinity even as translated. We know the Word is Yahshua the Messiah. Would the original author have written Yahshua was with Yahweh if He IS Yahweh?

The verse proves Yahshua's divinity, but does not prove the Trinity. Some scholars have said the correct translation of the most ancient manuscript should read:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahweh and the Word was an Elohim. He

was with Yahweh in the beginning.

This translation does not appear to support the Trinity and raises the question, is the verse a mistranslation? Mistranslations, misunderstandings and deliberate or inadvertent insertions can make Scripture appear to support false doctrines.

Duality vs. Trinity

Some Bible scholars now contend Scriptures do not imply three persons in one Divine Being. They claim Scriptures that appear to support this idea are really attempts by the authors to convey to finite minds three manifestations of one Sovereign Being.

Though more reasonable than the idea of three persons in one individual, the contention clings to monotheism and avoids facing the

possibility that, when taken together, the Old and New testaments reveal a duality of Mighty Ones.

First Commandment Problem

This is a problem for Christians. How can you worship a Mighty One separate from Yahweh and obey the First Commandment,

You shall have no other elohim before Me, Exodus 20:3?

Why fear to worship Him whom Yahweh commanded the angels to worship because He is worthy of worship? Hebrews 1:6 and Revelation 5:12.

The key to understanding is in the word "before." Revelation 9:20 indicates it is those who put devil worship before Him that angers Him. The solution to the problem is definitely not belief in a doctrine that blinds the eye and closes the ear to truth.

I and the Father are one, John 10:30.

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one, Matthew 19:5-6a.

Should these two statements by Yahshua be understood differently? We understand a man and woman united in marriage remain two separate individuals in one union. Why, then, can't it be understood Yahshua means He and Yahweh are two separate individuals united in one spiritual union?

Genesis 1:26 and 11:7 read:

Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness ... Come, let Us go down and confuse their language.

Was Yahweh talking to Himself?

Trinitarians must believe He was, because no other Elohim would have been present. If the doctrine is not true, then another Elohim, Yahshua, Who is in the image of Yahweh (2 Cor. 4:4), must have been with Yahweh. We just

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IS 'ELOHIM' A PAGAN TITLE?

The Hebrews referred to Yahweh as El. The Canaanites did the same to their mighty one. So who has rights to it—Yahweh or an idol?

It is no secret that the Sacred Name Yahweh has been disguised, supplanted, and removed from our English Bibles. This gross mistake lies with the translators who through ignorance or by design substituted Kyrios and Theos for Yahweh's Name in the Greek texts.

They also translated the Hebrew titles "El" and "Elohim" into English as "god" and "God." Some believe that one must not use the terms El and Elohim in reference to the Heavenly Majesty because they are considered pagan.

But is the Hebrew word "El" or its plural "Elohim" so evil and wrong that we are condemned for employing it as a title to refer to Yahweh? If so, then why does the first verse in the oldest Hebrew manuscripts available refer to our Creator as "Elohim"? "In the beginning G-d אלהים = Elohim created the heaven and the earth." (Gen. 1:1)

'Elohim' A Word Given by Yahweh

If Yahweh refers to Himself as Elohim in the very Book He inspired Moses to write, then is not Elohim a term sanctioned by Yahweh Himself? If the inspired texts—breathed from Yahweh's very own mouth—occasionally refer to Yahweh as "Elohim" (meaning "Mighty One"), how can it be wrong for us to refer to Yahweh as an Elohim?

How can one arrive, then, at such an absurd conclusion that it is wrong to use "Elohim"? One

read John 1:1, which tells us He was present with Yahweh at the beginning.

If Yahshua is one of three persons in a triune deity, He possesses all the attributes of the Heavenly Father among which are omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience. While in the flesh, Yahshua's divine nature would still have been one with Yahweh in heaven.

Was Yahshua, then, lying when He said He didn't know the day or hour of His return? Matthew 24:36. Nothing is hidden from Yahweh, therefore, He is aware of the evil in the world.

Because nothing is impossible for Him, why did He allow evil to enter the world? Why did He send only a part of Himself into the world to save only part of the people He permits to be born?

The Bible plainly tells us that only those who believe and obey will be saved, 1 Corinthians 1:21 and Hebrews 5:9.

Surprising as it may be to many, belief in a Trinity is not a belief required for salvation. Belief in Yahshua as the Son of Yahweh and obedience to Yahweh's laws is what Yahweh requires of His people.

The doctrine of the Trinity presents even more surprises than this, however.

Never FOUR in One!

Who is the source of evil? Satan is the elohim of this world, 2 Corinthians 4:4, a liar and the father of liars, John 8:44. He leads the whole world astray, Revelation 12:9. We naturally think Satan is the source of evil. Isaiah 45:7 indicates that Yahweh creates both good and evil (calamity, because of sin). Doesn't this make Satan the mediator for evil just as Yahshua is a mediator for good?

Why isn't Satan ever thought of as one with Yahweh in the same sense Trinitarians believe Yahshua is? Is the Adversary and Accuser a separate individual while the Inter-

cessor and Judge is an inseparable part of Yahweh's Divine nature? Would the idea of four persons in one incomprehensible majesty be more of a mystery—or any less likely to be true—than the idea of three in one?

The idea of Satan's being one with Yahweh is a repulsive thought! Is that the reason the idea of four in one has never been read into the Scriptures?

'Ben El' to 'Malak'

Many spiritual truths are disclosed in visions, allegories, and symbolic language that conceal truth from those seeking only to prove lies. Trinitarians claim Old Testament Scriptures imply a Trinity. So let's examine some Old Testament visions and pray that our minds will be opened to see the im-

plications, if they are really there.

One day the angels came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan also came with them, Job 1:6 (NIV).

On another day the angels came to present themselves before Yahweh and Satan also came with them to present himself before Him, Job 2:1 (NIV).

In both of these verses the word "angel" in the NIV is translated from the Hebrew words "ben El" (Strong's Nos. 1121 and 410). "Ben El" means "son of El" and is so translated in the KJV, RSV and the NASB.

The word "angel" in other Old Testament Scriptures is translated from "malak" (Strong's No. 4397), which means messenger.

Doesn't the vision imply that Satan is a son of El? Is that the reason NIV translators reduced "ben El" to "malak?" The word "angel" does not imply sonship. Could it be that belief in the doctrine of the Trinity made the idea that Satan is a son of El so repugnant the NIV translators deliberately mistranslated "ben El" as "angel?"

Satan at the Council

The sons of El who assembled before Yahweh came as members of the heavenly council that assists Yahweh in the control and operation of His creation. He isn't mentioned, but the Angel of Yahweh, whom we know was Yahshua the Messiah before His birth, must have been in that assembly.

There can be no question that Satan was there and he must have been a member of the council for he proposed certain actions and received authority to act on them. Now consider these visions of the prophets Micaiah and Jeremiah in 1 Kings 22:19 and Jeremiah 23:18:

Therefore hear the word of Yahweh. I saw Yahweh sitting on His throne with all the host of heaven standing around Him on His right and on His left...But which of them

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Who are the Sons of Elohim?

The *Companion Bible* note on the first few verses of Genesis 6 seeks to inform us that the "sons of Elohim" are angels that sinned. In its appendices, at least three separate treatises attempt to prove that angels came down to this earth and cohabited with the "daughters of men;" this unholy union produced Nephilim, or giants. According to *Companion Bible* editor, Dr. Bullinger, these giants (the monsters of iniquity) had to be destroyed in the deluge.

Although the *Companion Bible* is a reliable and helpful study tool with its many notes and comments, there remain serious questions about the resourceful logic and reasoning of Dr. Bullinger in this instance. Not all Bible expositors agree with his explanation of Genesis 6:1-40. Others, however, have taken the same erroneous position as Dr. Bullinger in maintaining that the "sons of Elohim" are fallen angels.

Possibly the apocalyptic *Book of Enoch* gave birth to the theory that the "sons of Elohim" were sinning angels. Several books in one, the *Book of Enoch* was written shortly after 200 B. C.E. The pseudonymous author undoubtedly got his idea from pagan mythology in which the pagan deities came down to earth, indulging their sensual appetites. Roman and Greek literature is filled with such fantasies.

[lying false prophets] *has stood in the council of Yahweh to see and hear His word? Who has listened and heard His word?*

The answer, of course, is Satan, who, as the previous visions tell us, must have been in the council Jeremiah speaks of. Satan influences the false prophets to speak lies in Yahweh's Name.

The Angel of Yahweh must have been among those Micaiah saw standing on Yahweh's right because Yahshua returned to the glory He had with the Father before He was born into the flesh. The New Testament tells us the resurrected Messiah now stands to the right of Yahweh in heaven, Mark 16:19.

These visions may be attempts to convey to finite minds insights into how Yahweh's heavenly government functions by comparison with our earthly experiences with government, but they tell us Yahweh is not alone in heaven and that He wasn't talking to Himself when He said "Let us make man in Our image."

They also inform us that these heavenly spirit beings called bene El (sons of El) are distinct individuals separate from Him, who sit on the heavenly throne and act as His malakim (messengers, angels).

Abraham—A Type of Yahweh

Let's now consider the implications in the account of Abraham and his two sons, Ishmael and Isaac. The name Abraham means father of a multitude and he is the only man in the Bible who is a type of the Heavenly Father, Yahweh.

Many men were types of Yahshua the Messiah and one of the first was Abraham's son, Isaac. Isaac was not only the son of promise, but also the recipient of an everlasting covenant with Yahweh, Genesis 17:19 and 21.

Abraham's firstborn son, Ishmael, was born of Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian maidservant. Isaac was born of

Sarah, Abraham's wife. Paul says in Galatians 4:22-26 that these two women are types of two covenants: one of the flesh (worldly), the other of the spirit (heavenly):

For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Hagar and Ishmael, allegorically speaking, typify a worldly religion and a people who worship the elo-

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The New Covenant WHAT IS IT?

A covenant is often described as "An agreement between two or more parties outlining mutual rights and responsibilities." The Old Testament lists several covenants between individuals such as David and Jonathan; King David and Abner; King Solomon and Shemei, one of his subjects, but our interest is in the Covenant with Yahweh. The common word for covenant in Hebrew is berith; in Greek it is diatheke, meaning "last will and testament," both are understood as covenants.

It is Yahweh Who initiates His covenants; first with Noah, (Gen. 9:8-17), then Abram (Gen. 15 and 17), and later with Abraham's descendants, the Israelites of Exodus (19-24). It is this covenant which holds our interest, for it is the same covenant Yahweh made years ago with ancient Israel which the present-day Jews give lip-service, but do not fully keep. Yahweh emphasizes He will make a new Covenant with the house of Israel (10 tribes) and the house of Judah, (2 tribes). Note that in giving the house of Israel the law at Sinai, Yahweh considered Himself Israel's husband (Ezek. 16:8).

THE NEW COVENANT

The book of Hebrews has the most to say about the New Covenant:

"For if that first covenant had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith Yahweh." (Heb. 8:7-9 AV)

Comprehending Israel's failure at Mt. Sinai is the key to knowing what the New Covenant was to correct. History provides a record of Israel's failure in keeping the Old Covenant. Within 40 days Israel broke the Covenant they had

him of this world, who is Satan.

The similarity is not exact because in the heavenly realm Yahshua came before Satan, whereas in the earthly realm Ishmael was born before Isaac. This dissimilarity must be due to the fact that Satan came into the world long before Yahshua the Messiah was born.

Would anyone give credence to the idea that Abraham and his son Isaac are two separate individuals in one father figure? Such an idea is ludicrous. Isn't it? Isn't this account of Abraham and his sons telling us that the idea that Yahweh and His Son Yahshua are two separate and distinct individuals in one godhead ridiculous?

Missing: Idea of Three-some

The expression "father figure" in reference to Abraham is more meaningful than "godhead" to Yahweh. Why? The Greek words translated godhead in the KJV of Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20, and Colossians 2:9 mean "divinity," "divine nature," and "deity."

Not one of these three Greek words implies a triune nature.

The dictionary defines "godhead" as "the essential being, nature, or condition of G-d." This definition doesn't imply a triune nature of deity either, but the word "godhead" conveys that idea to most people.

Where does the idea come from except from belief in the doctrine of the Trinity? Is there any other reasonable understanding of this account of Abraham and his sons than that Yahweh and Yahshua are two separate, individual, majestic Spirit Beings?

Hagar and Ishmael symbolize a false religion and a worldly people, but Genesis 21:15-21 tells us Yahweh hears their cries and sooner or later will open the eyes of those who hear His voice and will turn to see spiritual truth symbolized by water in verse 19. These verses inform us that Yahweh will provide

for people who are symbolized by Ishmael.

Joshua as Yahshua

Turning now to Zechariah's vision of Joshua (Yahshua), the high priest and son of Jozadak (Yehozadak), we read:

Then He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, Satan standing at his right side to accuse him, Yahweh said to Satan, "Yahweh rebuke you, Satan! Yahweh, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then He said to Joshua, "See I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you." Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him while the angel of Yahweh stood by, Zechariah 3:1-5 NIV.

Take the silver and gold and make a crown and set it on the head of the high priest, Joshua son of Jeozadak. Tell him this is what Yahweh Almighty says: "Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and He will branch out from His place and build the temple of Yahweh. It is He who will build the temple of Yahweh, and He will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on His throne. And He will be a priest on His throne, And there will be harmony between the two," Zechariah 6:11-13.

The meanings of the names in this vision denote its prophetic significance. Yahshua, mistranslated Joshua, means Yahweh's Salvation. Yehozadak (Yahozadak) means Yahweh is righteous. The vision is a prophecy of what is going to happen to Yahshua

the Messiah, the Son of Righteous Yahweh.

There is not even a hint in this vision that Yahshua the High Priest and the angel of Yahweh are two individuals in one being. Nor is there any hint that the angel who speaks for Yahweh on His throne in heaven is one of two manifestations of One Divine Being.

Two Beings, Two Thrones

According to Isaiah 64:6, our righteousness is as filthy rags and while in the flesh, Yahshua the Messiah was, figuratively speaking, clothed in "unrighteousness." This filthy unrighteousness was removed from Him at the stake and at His resurrection He was given clean clothes, meaning the glory He had possessed with Yahweh before being born into the flesh, John 17:5:

And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began, NIV.

Joshua, the son of Yehozadak, came out of bondage in Babylon

to become high priest and ruler in Jerusalem. Yahshua, the Son of Yahweh, came out of bondage in the flesh to become High Priest and ruler in Yahweh's kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 25:31 tells us that Yahshua will sit on a throne when He returns and the saints who rise in the first resurrection will rule with Him on this earth for one thousand years, Revelation 20:4-6 and 5:10.

There will be an earthly throne as there is the heavenly one. A believer in the Trinity believes the same Divine Being sits on both thrones. Though such a thing is possible for Yahweh, it is not true just because many believe it is.

Isaiah 53 is a prophecy about One Who, like a lamb, was afflicted and pierced for our transgressions. Verses 7 and 10 in the NIV read,

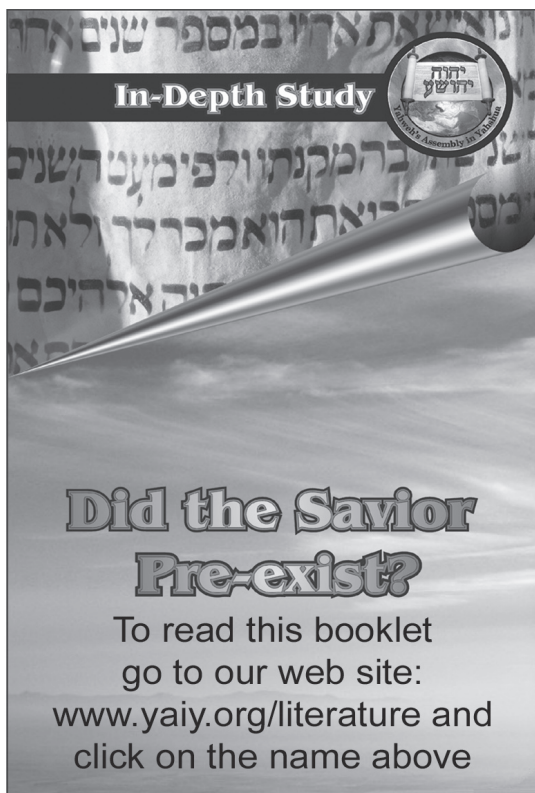
He was oppressed and afflicted yet He did not open His mouth ... He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. Yet it was Yahweh's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though Yahweh makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of Yahweh will prosper in His hand.

John the Baptist leaves no doubt that this refers to Yahshua the Messiah. John 1:29 NIV reads,

The next day John saw Yahshua coming toward him and said, Look, the Lamb of Yahweh, Who takes away the sin of the world!

We saw in Matthew 25:31 that Yahshua's throne will be on this earth. Psalm 11:4 tells us Yahweh is in His temple and sits on His throne in heaven, and in a vision Stephen saw Yahshua standing at the right hand of Yahweh in heaven, Acts 7:56 NIV:

"Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of Yahweh."



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Two Beings in the Heavens

From these Scriptures we can understand that there are two thrones, one on earth and one in heaven, and we can understand the revelation John tells us about in Revelation 5. Verses 1 and 2 say John saw a scroll in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne—Yahweh on His throne in heaven.

Then he heard an angel asking, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" In verses 6 and 7, John says he saw a Lamb (Yahshua the Messiah) come and take the scroll from Him Who sat on the throne (Yahweh).

In verse 13 John tells us he heard all the creatures of heaven, earth and on the sea singing,

To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!

Why would John be shown a vision of two heavenly beings if there really is only one Mighty One? Does Yahweh separate Himself even in heaven and take the scroll from His own hand?

Hebrews 6:18 says it is impossible for Yahweh to tell a lie. Showing John a vision of two heavenly beings when there is actually only one would be a deception and a lie.

A Doctrine of Assumptions

Dr. Lockyer, in his book, *All the Doctrine of the Bible*, says any doctrine latent (present but not visible) in the Old Testament is patent (present but open to observation) in

the New Testament. He also wrote, "We cannot study those groups of passages manifesting the operations of the Father, Son and Spirit without coming to the conclusion that the New Testament is Trinitarian to the core and all its teaching is built on the assumption of the Trinity; and its allusions to the Trinity are frequent, cursory, easy and confident."

Accenting and defining a few key words in Dr. Lockyer's comment about New Testament teaching indicates just how flimsy and frivolous Trinitarian conclusions and doctrinal proofs are.

"—all its teaching is built on the ASSUMPTION (taken for granted) of the Trinity; and its ALLUSIONS (casual references) to the Trinity are frequent, CURSORY (superficial), easy and CONFIDENT (having strong belief)."

Is it valid to conclude that the New Testament is Trinitarian to the core? To do so is to maintain that New Testament writers believed the doctrine. One must then also take for granted that all casual and even superficial mentioning of Father, Son and Spirit are references to a Trinity.

Let's look at a few of the many references to Father, Son, and

Spirit to see whether we can conclude that the New Testament is openly Trinitarian as claimed.

'Lying to the Holy Spirit'

Yahshua doesn't deny that Yahweh is a Mighty One. John 8:54 reads:

Yahshua replied, "If I glorify Myself, My glory means nothing. My Father, Whom you claim as your Mighty One, is the One Who glorifies Me."

We noted that John 1:1 proves that Yahshua is a Mighty One.

Trinitarians believe that Acts 5:34 proves that the Holy Spirit is a Mighty One and one with the Father, as they believe Yahshua is. Acts 5:34 reads:


Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to Yahweh."

Why didn't Peter say you have lied to me and end his remarks with, "You have not lied to men but to Yahweh"? This is a case of using the expression "the Holy Spirit" and the reference to Yahweh interchangeably.

The clue to understanding Acts 5:3-4 is in Paul's statement in Acts 5:32, which reads:

We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom Yahweh has given to those who obey Him.

Though Ananias was talking to Peter here on earth, he was really talking to Yahweh in heaven through the Holy



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Wrong Pronoun Used

Trinitarians believe the Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity because Scriptures often refer to the Holy Spirit with personal pronouns like "he" and "whom" as we just saw in Acts 5:32. They also offer as proof that the Scriptures say you can grieve the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 4:30, blaspheme against the Holy Spirit, Mark 3:29, and that the Holy Spirit can speak and teach, Mark 13:11, Acts 13:2 and 1 Corinthians 2:13.

In their minds, Scriptures would not say such a thing if the Holy Spirit weren't a person as is the Father and the Son.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance says the Greek word translated "whom" in Acts 5:32 is No. 3739, which is derived from No. 3588. Thayer's more comprehensive Greek-English Lexicon says that 3739, "hos," "he," "ho," and 3588 "ho," "he," "to," and "ho," is a demonstrative pronoun—gender determined by the gender of its antecedent, being neuter when the antecedent is regarded as a thing.

In speech, the gender must have been indicated by the inflection of the voice. What else do these various spellings of the word indicate? Since the translators regarded the Holy Spirit as a person, they translated the Greek pronoun "whom" when it should have been translated "that."

The trouble translators have with translating pronouns is indicated by the difference in the KJV translation of Matthew 26:52 and modern translations like the NIV.

The KJV reads,

Then said [Yahshua] unto him, "Put up again your sword into (his) place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

The NIV reads,

Put the sword back in (its) place, [Yahshua] said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the

sword."

We know the sword is a thing. Therefore, we can be sure the NIV translation of the Greek pronoun as "its" must be the correct translation.

'Person' Doesn't Jibe

If it can be verified in Scriptures that the Holy Spirit is not a person, we can then be certain that the pronoun translated "whom" in Acts 5:32 should have been translated "that." We'll also see the doctrine of the Trinity stand out as the Satanic deception it was called at the beginning of the Reformation.

In John 4:24, we are told that Yahshua said that Yahweh is spirit. If Yahweh is spirit, then He is THE Spirit. Yahweh is also holy, 1 Peter 1:16. Hence, Yahweh is Himself THE Holy Spirit.

There isn't a thing in these Scrip-

tures to suggest that the Holy Spirit is a separate person in a Triune Deity. In fact, Scriptures often use the expression, "the Holy Spirit" and the Name "Yahweh" interchangeably!

Good examples are 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19. We read in 1 Corinthians 3:16,

Don't you know that you yourselves are Yahweh's temple?

1 Corinthians 6:19 reads,

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (who) is in you?

[This is another verse in which translators, because of belief in the Trinity, chose the wrong Greek pronoun. The translation should have been "that."]

What does Yahweh mean in Acts 2:17 when He says: "*In the last days I will pour out My Spirit on all people*"? We should obtain some understanding of what Yahweh means by Paul's statements in Romans 15:18-19 and 2 Corinthians 3:3.

In Romans 15, Paul tells us he proclaimed the Good News by word and deed through the power of the Spirit. In 2 Corinthians 3 he wrote,

You show that you are a letter from Messiah, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living Elohim, not on tables of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

How can anyone believe Paul means the converts he spoke to were letters written by the third person of a Trinity? It can only mean written by the influence of Yahweh's Spiritual power in their hearts.

Another Wrong Pronoun

Another passage of Scripture Trinitarians frequently use as proof that Yahweh's Holy Spirit is a person is John 14:16-17, which reads,

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you for ever—the Spirit

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The Spirit Realm

What is spirit? The Bible speaks often about the "Holy Spirit", and says Yahweh IS spirit. Is it true that spirit really means energy? Is a spirit being such as an angel like a ghost? A deeper understanding of spirit as energy will help clarify our understanding of the Bible. The first resurrection is to the spirit realm. Should we know more about what's in store for us as we strive to be among the firstfruits?

According to the ancient Greeks the earth is composed of four things; earth, air, fire and water. Since then science's advances now catalogue the earth's 90 some elements according to their atomic weight. All matter, substance, everything is made up entirely of atoms which are the building blocks of matter. Whether something is solid, liquid or gas depends merely on how closely the atoms are packed.

The atom is not a solid, indivisible substance, but consists mainly of space. The center or nucleus of the atom is the main mass. The center consists of protons and neutrons. Circulating around the nucleus are smaller particles called electrons. An atom is only a few hundred millionths of a centimeter across. A proton is so light that it would take 160 million million million million (4) of them to weigh one gram. An electron is 1800 times lighter than this, (Illustrated Fact Book of Science, Arco Publishing, Inc. New York.)

THE GRAND DESIGN

Whether we look at the universe through the telescope or view specks of matter through a microscope, the grand pattern of a Great Designer emerges. The planets circling the sun, the moons rotating around the planets are a macrocosm of what would be seen through an atomic microscope. Rotating around the nucleus of the atom are the

of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.

Again, it is the gender that translators have given to a Greek word used as a pronoun that makes these verses appear to indicate that the Holy Spirit is a person. The Greek work translated "he," "him," and "it" is *autos* (Strong's No. 846), which means he, she, him, her, it, that, depending upon whether its antecedent is masculine, feminine or neuter.

The antecedent of "it" in verse 17 is "world." So "*autos*" is translated "it," but because the translators considered the Holy Spirit to be masculine, "*autos*" is translated "he" and "him" in reference to the Holy Spirit.

Who the Counselors Are

Trinitarians may point to the fact that Yahshua called the Holy Spirit another Counselor and since Yahshua was a Counselor, He must be referring to another person. Giving the pronoun a masculine gender when its antecedent is the Holy Spirit must be the correct translation, they probably reasoned.

The fallacy in this thinking is that Yahweh is Himself the other Counselor. The expression Holy Spirit and the Name Yahweh, as just pointed out, are often used interchangeably and use of the term "Holy Spirit" doesn't imply a separate individual.

Essence of 'Spirit'

Many readers have, no doubt, seen or heard it said many times that in the Bible "Spirit" is translated from the Hebrew word *ruwach* (Strong's No.7307), which means "wind," "breath," and by resemblance "spirit," and from the Greek word *pneuma* (Strong's No. 4151), which means "a current of air," "breath" and figuratively "spirit."

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon

says *pneuma*, besides meaning breeze and breath, means spirit, i.e., the vital principle by which the body is animated and the power by which a human being feels, thinks, wills and decides.

Isaiah 7:2 reads,

Now the house of David was told, "Aram has allied itself with Ephraim"; so the hearts of Agaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind."

Here, the word "wind" is translated from *ruwach* (Strong's No. 7307). Genesis 6:17 reads,

I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it.

In this verse, "breath" is also translated from *ruwach*. The point is that *ruwach* means a thing and not a person in these verses.

Now ponder these Scriptures which show that *ruwach* also means a thing even when translated "spirit," because it is referring to the principle or power by which both Yahweh or a human being feels, thinks or wills.

Judges 14:6 says,

The Spirit [ruwach, 7307] of Yahweh came upon him in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands.

Judges 15:14 says,

As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit [ruwach] of Yahweh came upon him in power.

1 Samuel 16:13-14 says,

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers and from that day the Spirit of Yahweh came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah. Now the Spirit of Yahweh had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Yahweh tormented him.

(The word "spirit" in all three appearances is translated from *ruwach*.)

2 Kings 2:15 says,

The company of the prophets from Jericho who were watching said, "The spirit [No. 7307] of Elijah is resting on Elisha." And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

1 Chronicles 5:26 says,

So the Elohim of Israel stirred up the spirit [ruwach, 7307] of Pul king of Assyria [that is, Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria], who took the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh into exile.

Can the evil spirit of Yahweh, the spirit of Eliyah, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser in any way be construed to be a person separate from yet one with Yahweh or the person mentioned? NO!

Then, why is the word "Spirit" in "Spirit of Yahweh" translated from the same word *ruwach* (7307) in the other Scriptures? Can the expression "Spirit of Yahweh" imply anything other than the power of Yahweh's Spiritual influence in a person's life?

Because Yahweh is Almighty and everywhere present, it is unnecessary to read "Trinity" into Scriptures. In fact, it is not only unnecessary, it is deceptive because belief in the doctrine blinds the eye and closes the ear to the hidden wisdom in the Bible.

Hebrew, Greek Words Same

It may be argued that these Scriptures are from the Old Testament and the Trinity is not revealed in the Old Testament. In answer to this compare Psalm 51:11 with Acts 2:17-18:

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me, Ps. 51:11.

In the last days, Yahweh says I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on My servants both

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The Kingdom of Yahweh

Editor's Note: keeping in line with the author's spirit of thought, the phrase "Kingdom of Yahweh" is retained, even though the Scriptures quoted from the King James Version reads "Kingdom of Heaven."

Daily I read the publications from various Sacred Name groups and seldom do I read full articles on "The Kingdom of Yahweh" topic. I'm guessing the reason why is because the topic is rather easy to learn. But, how many people can actually say what it takes to gain entrance into that coming Kingdom? One may say, "Keep the commandments." Another may say, "Believe in Yahshua." Still another will say, "Faith in Yahshua accompanied with keeping the commandments." I do agree with the third statement. But, is that all? I am going to take you on a journey into the teachings of Yahshua the Messiah and the apostles to show you that the above is just the surface, because entrance into the Kingdom of Yahweh is so much deeper than you may think or have been taught. I must warn you, once you read this article, there are no more excuses.

In Matthew 24:14, Yahshua said,

And this message of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

I am going to do my absolute best to explain the Kingdom of Yahweh. In return I ask that you take this message to the world. We have been given a commission by Yahweh to take what He teaches us and to teach others *"to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world,"* Matt 28:20.

The Treasure

Again, the Kingdom of Yahweh is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field, Matthew 13:44.

The above parable teaches: 1) the treasure is the Kingdom of Yahweh, and 2) what it takes to obtain that Kingdom. This treasure, the Kingdom of Yahweh, is hid in the field. Matthew 13:38 teaches us the field is the world:

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one.

The treasure, Kingdom of Yahweh doctrine, is hidden in the world. Then we are told that this man had found this treasure and he was so joyful of this great find, he went and sold all he owned and bought that field.

What are you willing to do to obtain the King-

dom of Yahweh? Are you willing to surrender all you have and all you are to obtain the Kingdom of Yahweh? What are you holding on to? John the Baptist and Yahshua both said, *"Repent: for the Kingdom of Yahweh is at hand,"* Matt. 4:17. What does repentance mean to you? Without truly repenting, the Kingdom of Yahweh will never be a reality. The man in Matthew 13:44 sold all he had. He gave it all up. There was nothing worth holding on to which would've kept him out of the Kingdom of Yahweh. He did it joyfully. No reservations. NO hesitations. Are you willing to give up everything for that treasure? The choice is yours.

Matthew 13:45-46 says,

Again, the Kingdom of Yahweh is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Again we see a comparison. The Kingdom of Yahweh is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls. The merchant man is a true believer who is honestly seeking the Kingdom of Yahweh, represented by the goodly pearls. As soon as this merchant man found one pearl of great price he went and sold all he had and bought it. Notice he was seeking goodly pearls (plural). What are you seeking? Is it the Kingdom of Yahweh? Also notice that when the merchant man found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all he had and bought it. I want you to know that there is no treasure or pearl of greater value than the Kingdom of Yahweh. By the end of this study, you will have found that treasure/pearl of great price. Are you willing to do all it takes to possess the treasure/pearl of great price, the Kingdom of Yahweh?

The Sower

The same day went Yahshua out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto Him, so that He went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And He spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up. Some fell on stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: and when the sun was

up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But others fell on good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold, who has ears to hear, let him hear, Matthew 13:1-9.

The explanation of this Scripture is found in Matthew 13:18-23:

Here ye therefore the parable of the sower. When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside. But he that receiveth the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and with joy receiveth it; yet he hath not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Verse 19 teaches us that the seed sown is the word of the Kingdom. The word of the Kingdom is sown on four different types of ground (hearts): 1) the wayside, 2) stony places, 3) among thorns, and 4) good ground. Read this parable again. Does 1-3 apply to you? Are you really preparing for the Kingdom of Yahweh, or are you just telling yourself that you believe in the Sacred Names and the commandments of Yahweh? Have you totally given up the world? Have you left all to follow Yahshua? Read Luke 5: 1-11, 27-28 and Matt. 4:18-22; 9:9. If you read those passages you will see that when Yahshua

called the disciples they "left all" and followed Him. Now let us look at Mark 1: 16-20:

Now as He walked by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Yahshua said unto them, Come ye after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed Him. And when He had gone a little further thence, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway He called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after Him.

Are you beginning to see what it takes to follow Yahshua?

Following Yahshua

Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed Thee. And He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the Kingdom of Yahweh's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting, Luke 18:28-30.

Do you now see what it takes to follow Yahshua? I hope you do. But, if not, we'll go deeper into Scripture to gain more understanding.

And, behold, one came and said unto Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And He said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? There is none good but one, Yahweh: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto Him, which? Yahshua said, thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honour thy father and thy mother; and, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. The young man saith unto Him, All these

things I have kept from my youth up, what lack I yet? Yahshua said unto him, if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow Me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had many possessions, Matthew 19:16-22.

Luke 12:34 points out that "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Remember the parables in Matthew 13: 44-46? The men sold all they owned to buy that field which contained that treasure and to buy that one pearl of great price. They did this without hesitation, without reservation, with joy. The young man in Matthew 19:16-22 went away sorrowful. Why? Because he had many possessions. He wanted to follow Yahshua and have eternal life all the while holding on to the world.

Yahshua purposely mentioned only the fifth through the ninth commandments. Why did He do this? He never mentioned the first four commandments nor the tenth commandment. Why? Let's allow the Apostle Paul to answer this: Colossians 3:5 says, "Covetousness is idolatry." The tenth commandment says,

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

In actuality, not only did this man violate the tenth commandment with his many possessions, but covetousness is idolatry and this means by his love for his possessions, he was violating the first four commandments. Remember Luke 12:34?

Yahshua said, "If thou wilt be perfect..."

This young man was not willing to surrender his whole life to Yahshua. He chose his earthly treasure (temporal) over treasure

in heaven (eternal).

Are you holding on to anything keeping you out of the Kingdom of Yahweh? What do you watch on TV? Let me ask you this: Is Yahshua sitting there with you while you are watching all that violence, sex, murder, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, etc. on television, ? No, He is not. He is not there watching it with you. What are you listening to on the radio or CD player? Today's music promotes murder, hate, sex, adultery, theft, racism, lies, rape, rebellion towards authority, etc. Is Yahshua listening to all that music with you? No, He is not. If Yahshua will not participate in that behavior, why do you? There are no free rides into the Kingdom of Yahweh. There is a price to pay. There is a major sacrifice.

What Is the Price to Receive the Priceless?

Then said Yahshua unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He shall reward every man according to his works, Matthew 16: 24-27.

Again, the Kingdom of Yahweh is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered every kind: which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the age: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth, Matthew 13: 47-50.

Listen, when Yahshua returns only the just will be caught up with Him to enter the Kingdom of Yahweh. We've already learned that the just will be those who wholly surrender their lives to Him. Are you still holding on to the world?

Love not the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Yahweh abideth for ever, I John 2: 15-17.

Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Master, Master shall enter into the Kingdom of Yahweh; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (What is the will of Yahweh? Read again 1 John 2:15-17) Many will say to me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity, Matthew 7:21-23.

If you pay close attention to the above statement, these people standing before Yahshua knew His Name and have performed many wonderful works in His Name, but they lived in sin. They did not do the will of Yahweh in heaven. 1 John 3:4 teaches us that sin is the transgression of the law. Romans 6:23 teaches the reward we earn for transgression of Yahweh's law is death.

There is more to Yahweh's will than keeping the commandments. In 1 John 2: 15-17 we are told that we have to give up the world and follow Yahshua.

By now you should know what it takes to follow Yahshua completely and to enter into the Kingdom of Yahweh. There is nothing to stop you, but you, yourself. If we hold on to the world, if we do not forsake

all, then we cannot be Yahshua's disciples.

If any come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his stake, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple, Luke 14: 26-33.

Time to Surrender All

By now you should see what it takes to be a disciple of Yahshua and to enter into the Kingdom of Yahweh. It takes absolute surrender of everything. We cannot allow anyone or anything else to keep us from total surrender. Have you counted the cost? It's a huge sacrifice and well worth it.

And He said to them all, If any will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake daily and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His glory, and in His Father's,

and of the holy angels, Luke 9:23-26.

Have you fully denied yourself? Who and what is first in your life? We can all say "Yahweh Elohim is first in my life," but our actions prove who and what is first in our lives.

And Yahshua said unto him, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of Yahweh," Luke 9:62.

1 Timothy 6:1-21 is a must read, but I will quote verse 10,

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

And one of the company said unto Him, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide his inheritance with me." And He said unto him, "Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?" And He said unto them, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." And He spake a parable unto them, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But Elohim said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward Yahweh," Luke 12:13-21.

We've already covered Luke 12:34, but I'll quote it again:

For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.

Where is your treasure? What

is your treasure? Is it riches? Or is it the Kingdom of Yahweh? Your choice is yours alone to make. No one will make it for you.

Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality, 1 Corinthians 15:51-53.

When that final trumpet is blown, what will you be doing? I don't know how quick "in the twinkling of an eye" is, but I assume it is very quick. When the final trumpet blows, if you are not doing the will of Yahweh you will be separated from the just and eventually cast away into the lake of fire. Do we know when the final trumpet will be blown? No! Do we know the day and hour of Yahshua's second coming? No! Do we know when we will breathe our final breath of air? No! Do we know when our heart will beat its final heartbeat? No! That being said, we must be doing the will of Yahweh in complete, absolute, and total surrender.

In conclusion, I give Yahweh thanks through Yahshua the Messiah for every brother and every sister doing the will of Yahweh. I give Yahweh thanks for everyone who is seeking the Kingdom of Yahweh and teaching others to follow their example. Someday you will hear these beautiful words: "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,'" Matthew 25: 34. May Yahweh Elohim bless you.

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men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy, Acts 2:17-18.

Yahweh doesn't say the Spirit He will pour out is holy, but who would claim It isn't?

In Psalm 51 the word "Spirit" is from *ruwach* (Strong's Hebrew 7307) and in Acts 2 the word "Spirit" is from *pneuma* (Strong's Greek 4151) - two words in two languages having exactly the same meaning, power. What more needs to be said?

The implication of the Trinity is not in Old Testament Scriptures as claimed, and this last comparison indicates the so-called revelation of a Trinity is not in the New Testament, as claimed, either.

Yahshua warned His disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, Mark 8:15. In less symbolic language, this is a warning for us to be very cautious and careful about false doctrines from religious leaders.

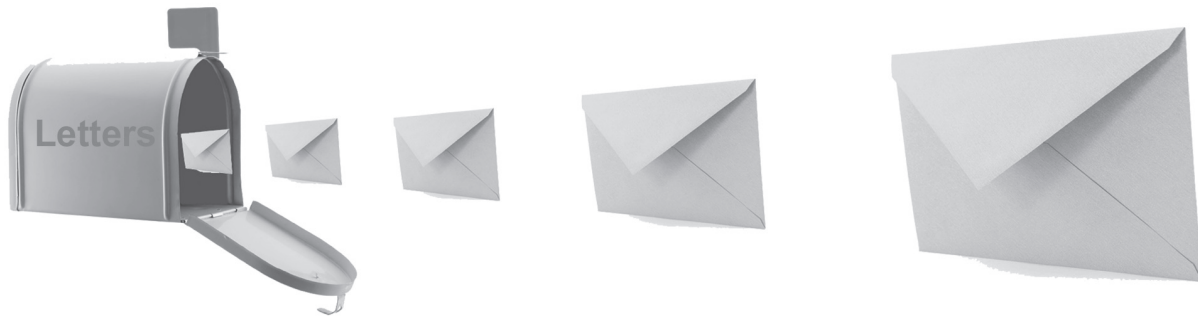
We are warned in 1 John 4:1 not to believe every spirit (Strong's 4151 - *pneuma*), but to test the spirits (4151) that speak to us to see whether they are from Yahweh, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Satan's evil spirits appear as angels of light, 2 Corinthians 11:13-14. Isaiah 8:20 warns us that if teachers do not speak according to the law and testimony in Yahweh's Word, there is no light (truth) in them.

Pray, therefore, that Yahweh's Holy Spirit will open your eyes to see and your ears to hear what the Spirit says to you from His Word. Don't believe a doctrine because it has been traditionally believed by the crowd for generations.

Remember, Satan deceives the whole world, Revelation 12:9, and if you want to follow the crowd, he will make the wide gate and the broad way that leads to destruction seem as right to you as it does to the crowd.

Elder Ralph Henrie



Thank you every one for your tremendous and immeasurable good resource of Bible truth. May Almighty Yahweh Elohim use and bless greatly the hands/individuals who are performing in the work of the BEACON magazine. It's a very soul-enriching tool for me and others as well. (e-mail)

— **TL, Myanmar**

Thank you very much for all the CD's, literature and newsletters - magazine also. May Yahweh our ABBA bless you and keep you all. I thank Yahweh for all of you and what you do.

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Grace, peace and mercy to you all from our Father Yahweh and His most Holy Son [Yahshua] our Savior. My prayers are always with you in the wonderful work you do for His name sake. Truly those who preach the keeping of the commandments and faith in [Yahshua] for the coming kingdom are preaching the very Good News which our Heavenly Father Yahweh has sent to be preached. Thank you for doing so.

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I am writing to say thank you for the article, "The Trinity Controversy." Thanks again for the great magazine. Thanks for your hard work and the research on the trinity. Yahweh bless you all with the truth that you all work hard to send to us out in this messed up world.

— **WN, Nigeria**

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— **CM, AZ**

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