

THE GODHEAD vs THE TRINITY quotes

1 Whatever we believe will shape our character into resembling that same image.

“But we all, with open face **beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image**”. 2 Corinthians 3:18.

2 The only way to understand what is truth is to obtain knowledge and wisdom. But can we cannot depend alone upon the knowledge and wisdom from earthly sources, or we would become the enemies of God (see James 4:4). Also we cannot depend alone upon the knowledge and wisdom from other men, or we would be cursed (see Jeremiah 17:5). And neither can we depend alone on our own wisdom, because that is foolishness (see 1 Corinthians 1:19-20, 3:19).

We must obtain the knowledge and wisdom with which to understand God from God Himself, and He mercifully promises to give all the knowledge and wisdom needed to understand His truth (see James 1:5; John 7:17, 14:26).

"To the law and to the testimony, **if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them**." Isaiah 8:20.

"**Study to show thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**." 2 Timothy 2:15.

Our only safety is to believe and teach what is revealed to us in God's inspired word, because it is only "the truth [that] shall make you free" in Jesus Christ (John 8:32), and with God's word dwelling in our heart, then we will not be led to commit sin against Him (Psalms 119:11). But knowingly continuing to believe error or lying falsehoods would bind us in bondage to Satan (John 8:44), and with Satan's error in our heart, then we will be led to sin against God.

3 There are only 3 verses in the entire Bible where the word "Godhead" is used.

#1 - "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, **we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.**" Acts 17:29.

The Greek word used for "Godhead" in this verse is "theios", and it translates and means "divinity, divine, godhead" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, word #2304).

#2 - "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even **his eternal power and Godhead**". Romans 1:20.

The Greek word used for "Godhead" in this verse is "theiotes", and it translates and means "divinity, godhead" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, word #2305).

#3 - "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of **the Godhead bodily.**" Colossians 2:9.

The Greek word used for "Godhead" in this verse is "theoses", and it translates and means "divinity, godhead" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, word #2320).

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of **God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things** that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue". 2 Peter 1:2-3.

The Greek word used for "divine" in this verse is "theios" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, word #2304) - the very same word translated as "Godhead" in Acts 17:29.

4 Only a God is divine and possesses divinity.

“For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: **I am the LORD; and there is none else**....Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else**....Remember this, and show yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. Remember the former things of old: for **I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me**”. Isaiah 45:18, 22, 46:8-9.

5 Almost all Christians believe that God is made up of 3 different beings, who are each divine, each possesses divinity and each has Godhead. As such, the word Godhead is used to collectively refer to all 3 of these divine beings. But the vast majority of these Christians believe that these 3 beings of Godhead do not make up 3 different Gods, but make up only One God - commonly referred to as the Trinity.

Both Websters and Funk and Wagnalls dictionaries define the Trinity as:

"The state or character of being three."

"Any union of three parts or elements in one..."

"A threefold consubstantial (sharing the same substance) personality existing in one Divine Being or substance."

"The union of one God of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three infinite persons."

6 Where did the Trinity belief originate?

The first civilization on the earth just after the flood, dwelt in the plains of Shinar where Babylon and its tower of Babel were built and established some 4000 years ago (see Genesis 10:6-10, 11:1-9). These ancient Babylonians believed that in the very beginning, before man, the earth, the planets, the stars, and anything else was created, there existed nothing else but a primordial celestial ocean or cosmic body of water of chaos and complete darkness from which all things were created. At some point in time a god manifested himself within this celestial body of water, then another god emerged and still another until this celestial body of water became comprised of three different gods named Apsu, Tiamat and Mummu.

Apsu made up all the fresh sweet water and was male in gender; Tiamat composed all the salty water and was female in gender; and Mummu was ungendered and composed “the deep” itself (Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia, under Mummu, at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mummu>, accessed 6-25-12), as well as “the waves” upon its surface (Babylonian Mythology, at <http://library.thinkquest.org/25535/Babylonian.htm>, accessed 6-25-12), and all the mist or watery vapor “rising from the two bodies of water and hovering over them” (The Babylonian Genesis: The Story of the Creation, p 3, by Alexander Heidel, 2nd edition, volume 133 of Phoenix Books under Archaeology, Publisher: University of Chicago Press, 1951).

Apsu was the oldest of these three deities. This means that Apsu was the first god to be manifested, and then out of himself he brought forth the female goddess Tiamat, and then together they “conceived” and brought forth their offspring god Mummu (Babylonian Mythology, at <http://library.thinkquest.org/25535/Babylonian.htm>, accessed 6-25-12; Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia, under Mummu, at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mummu>, accessed 6-25-12; also Ancient/Classical History - Babylonian Gods and Goddesses, by N.S. Gill, at <http://ancienthistory.about.com/cs/egypt/a/babygodsindex.htm>, accessed 6-25-12).

As each of these three gods were just a different manifestation of this cosmic water, and all three combined together made up this celestial body itself, then this indicates that this celestial water was itself a single supreme and universal divine being or god, which then decided to manifest and divide itself in succession into a “trinity” of gods (Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia, under Mummu, at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mummu>, accessed 6-25-12).

After the events at the tower of Babel, this Babylonian doctrine of the Trinity - of a single supreme god manifested in three different divine persons or beings - was spread into all portions of the world, including into Egypt, India, Arabia, etc., and was taught in all languages, thus becoming the common foundational belief of all who chose to apostatize from following the God of heaven.

7 This paganistic Trinity doctrine gradually began to creep into the beliefs of Christianity about 180 years after the birth of Christ during the time when the Roman Catholic Church was being formed and established (Proof: "In like manner also the three days which were before the luminaries, are types of the Trinity, of God, and His Word, and His wisdom." Theophilus of Antioch, To Autolycus, Book II, Chapter 15, written about 181 A.D., Ante-Nicene Fathers 2:100-101, at <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/02042.htm>, accessed 1-24-13).

About 30 years later, the theologian Tertullian wrote the following:

"We, however, as we indeed always have done...believe that there is one only God...that this one only God has also a Son, His Word, who proceeded from Himself, by whom all things were made, and without whom nothing was made....[There is] one only God...in that All are of One, by unity (that is) of substance; while the mystery of the dispensation is still guarded, which distributes the Unity into a Trinity, placing in their order the three Persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: three...yet of one substance, and of one condition, and of one power, inasmuch as He is one God, from whom these degrees and forms and aspects are reckoned, under the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Against Praxaes, Chapter II – The Catholic Doctrine of the Trinity and Unity, Sometimes Called the Divine Economy, or Dispensation of the Personal Relations of the Godhead, written about 213 A.D., at <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/anf03.v.ix.ii.html>, accessed 1-24-13.

Then during the First Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. (see Wikipedia online Encyclopedia, under First Council of Nicaea, at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Council_of_Nicaea, accessed 1-24-13), as well as in Council of Constantinople in 360 A.D., the doctrine of the Trinity became established as the one true belief for all Christians.

"We believe in one God the Father Almighty, of whom are all things. And in the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of God before all ages, and before every beginning; through whom all things visible and invisible were made: **who is the only-begotten born of the Father, the only of the only, God of God, like to the Father who begat him**, according to the Scriptures, and whose generation no one knows but the Father only that begat him....**[We believe] also in the Holy Spirit**...Let therefore all heresies which have been already condemned, or may have arisen of late, which are opposed to this exploitation of the faith, be anathema." Wikipedia, online Encyclopedia, under Council of Constantinople, at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Constantinople_\(360\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Constantinople_(360)), accessed 1-24-13.

8 “**The [Catholic] Church took the pagan philosophy and made it the buckler of faith against the heathen.**” Paschale Gaudium article, by William L. Gildea, published in The Catholic World (a Roman Catholic weekly magazine), vol 58, March, 1894, p 809.

One of the major pagan doctrines the Catholic Church adopted and mixed with the Christian faith was this Babylonian foundational belief of the Trinity:

“Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for **there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity**....

“**The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the ‘consubstantial Trinity’.**” Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, Part One, Section Two, Chapter One, Article One, #233 and #253, at <http://www.scboromeo.org/cc/p1s2c1p2.htm>, accessed 1-24-13.

In fact, the Catholic Church believes that:

“...the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore **the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the ‘hierarchy of the truths of faith’.**” Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, Part One, Section Two, Chapter One, Article One, #234, at <http://www.scboromeo.org/cc/p1s2c1p2.htm>, accessed 1-24-13.

“The mystery of the Trinity is **the central doctrine of Catholic faith. Upon it are based all the other teachings of the Church.**” Handbook For Today's Catholics, p 11

9 In February of 380 AD, the Roman emperor Theodosius the Great “issued a decree...in favor of the faith of St. Peter and Pope Damasus of Rome...to be the true catholic faith” (Encyclopaedia Britannica, vol 23, p 259, under Theodosius, editor Thoman Spencer Baynes, C. Scribner's sons publishers, 1888). The Pope of Rome then became the guardian of the one true faith, and all rivals had to capitulate to his authority. And after coming to full power over the nations of Western Europe in 538 A.D., the Catholic faith was the only state approved religious belief throughout all of Christendom for nearly the next 1200 years. And this papal-pagan-Babylonian doctrine of the Trinity is still accepted as truth by the vast majority of Christianity today.

The World Council of Churches believes:

“The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfill together **their common calling to the glory of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**”
So much in Common, p 33.

(NOTE: This book was written by the World Council of Churches and the Seventh-day Adventist church, and no church can be admitted into the WCC without first embracing the Trinity doctrine!)

10 Since the SDA Church has co-authored this book “So Much In Common”, then what does the SDA Church believe about the Trinity?

“2. The Trinity.

“**There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons.**” 1986 SDA Church Manual, Chapter 2, p 23 (see also Seventh-day Adventists Believe...27 Fundamental Beliefs, p 16, 22).