

2 Are Too Many Gods



THE CHRISTOLOGICAL PROBLEM

The trinity doctrine teaches that $3=1$, and $1=3$, and that three separate entities somehow combine to make up a "godhead", which they call "God".

Many who have rejected this notion that the "Holy Spirit" is a third and separate entity in a "godhead", have not yet reconciled a New Testament "Father" and "Son" duality, with original Hebrew monotheism. There are five basic schools of thought, as follows:

- (A) The "Father" is Yahweh, and the "Son" is a second and separate deity or semideity.
- (B) The "Son" is Yahweh, and the "Father" is a second and separate deity.
- (C) There are two Yahwehs. The "Father" and the "Son" are each a separate Yahweh.
- (D) The "Father" is Yahweh, and the "Son" is a separate human messiah, but not a deity.
- (E) Yahweh presented Himself in a physical body. The "Father" and "Son" are the same being.

In this tract we approach the problem by eliminating the above **A, B, & C**. We promote *monotheism*; and show the New Testament "Father" to be none other than the one and only Yahweh of the entire Hebrew scriptures.

YAHWEH IS THE CREATOR

The following verses clearly say that it is Yahweh who is the creator of all things:

Ex 20:11: "For in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,...."

2 Ki 19:15: "O Yahweh, god of Israel,..... you have made heaven and earth."

2 Chron 2:12: "...Blessed be Yahweh, god of Israel, that made heaven and earth."

Neh 9:6: "....You are Yahweh, even you alone, you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are on it, the seas and all that is in them,...."

Ps 121:2: "My help comes from Yahweh who made heaven and earth."

The above are just a sample of the many verses which say that Yahweh is the creator.

When we consider that Yahweh designed and created this awesome universe, then what need is there; in fact what room is there for the existence of another god? How could there possibly be a second or a separate deity who is greater, or even equal, to Yahweh?

YAHWEH IS ONE

Below are verses showing that Yahweh is numerically one; and that He is a lone and single entity:

Deut 4:35: "....that you might know that Yahweh is god; there is no other besides Him."

Deut 6:4: "Hear O Israel, Yahweh our god is one Yahweh."

Isa 43:10-11: "....before Me there was no god formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am Yahweh; and beside Me there is no saviour."

Isa 45:5-6: "I am Yahweh, and there is none else. There is no god besides Me.That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides Me. I am Yahweh and there is none else."

The above is about as clear as language can make it, but because the Hebrew word "elohim" can be used as either singular, or plural, some insist that Yahweh is a plurality.

"ELOHIM" CAN BE SINGULAR

The following examples clearly show that the Hebrew word "elohim" (Strong's # 430) is sometimes used with the singular meaning:

Ex 7:1: "See I have made thee (Moses) an elohim to Pharoah."

Judg 6:31: "....if he (Baal) be an elohim let him plead for himself."

Judg 8:33: "...and made Baal-berith their elohim."

Judg 16:23: "....to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their elohim."

1 Ki 11:5: "For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the elohim of the Zidonians..."

1 Ki 11:33: "Because they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the elohim of the Zidonians, Chemosh the elohim of the Moabites, and Milcom the elohim of the children of Amon..."

Deut 4:35: "To you it was showed, that you might know that Yahweh is elohim; there is no other besides him."

If the word elohim is always plural as some

claim, then the first commandment in **Ex 20:2-3**, would have to read as follows: "We are Yahweh your elohim; you shall have no elohim besides us." That of course, is not what it says. The scriptures do not say that Yahweh is a plurality. **Zech 14:9** says: ".....and in that day Yahweh will prove to be one and with one name."

YAHWEH IS THE FATHER

In the Hebrew scriptures, Yahweh is Father:

Deut 32:6: "...is not He thy father that hath bought thee?"

2 Sam 7:14 & 1 Chron 17:13: "I will be his father, and he shall be My son."

Ps 68:5: "A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows..."

Ps 89:26: "He (David) shall cry unto Me, thou (Yahweh) art my father..."

Isa 63:16: "...thou O Yahweh art our father..."

Isa 64:8: "But now, O Yahweh, Thou art our father, we are the clay..."

Jer 3:4: "Wilt thou not from this time cry unto Me, my father..."

Jer 3:19: ".... and I said, Thou shalt call Me my father, and shalt not turn away from Me."

Mal 1:6: "....if then I be a father, where is Mine honour?"

Mal 2:10: "Have we not all one father? Hath not one god created us?"

Certainly the Jews considered Yahweh to be their god. The Messiah said in **John 8:54**: "...it is my Father that honoureth Me, of whom ye say that He is your god." By this he verified that the N.T. "Father" is none other than Yahweh.

WHAT IS THE FATHER'S NAME?

If the Father is a second deity, separate from Yahweh, as some teach, then what is the Father's name? The prayer in **Mat 6:9**, referring to the Father, is: "Hallowed be thy name." If there is a hallowed name besides Yahweh, we should know what it is, because in **John 17:6 & 26** the Messiah said, "I have declared unto them thy name, and I will declare it."

If he declared the name of some deity other than Yahweh, then what is that other name? The simple truth is that Yahweh is the Father, and the Messiah did declare the name of Yahweh, and it cost him his life because the Jews

considered it blasphemy to even pronounce that name! On page 392 of the Mishnah by Danby; Sanhedrin 7:5, it tells how the judges would tear their garments the very moment one was found guilty of speaking the name! It appears that this is what occurred in Mat 26:64-65.

KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS

In Mat 19:17 the Messiah said: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

The first commandment clearly says to have no other gods besides Yahweh, but some teach that the Son is Yahweh, and the Father is another god. Others teach that the Father is Yahweh, and the Son is another god. Either way, violates the first commandment. He also said in Mat 5:19: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven."

If there were two gods at Mount Sinai, then what do you suppose the second one thought, when the first one said, "You shall have no other gods besides Me?"

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

In Mark 12:29-32, we read: "And Yahshua answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear O Israel, Yahweh our god is one Yahweh. And thou shalt love Yahweh your god with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." This commandment does not allow your mind to hold the concept of two gods!

Verse **32** says: "And the scribe said unto Him, Well Rabbi, thou hast said the truth; for there is one god, and there is none other but He. Did he correct the scribe, and explain to him that two members of deity now exist? No he did not! Verse **34** says: And when Yahshua saw that he had answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of Yahweh.