

THE GODHEAD

"...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Matthew 28:19

I. The doctrine of the Trinity (or, Godhead) is attacked by cults such as the Watchtower Society, or Jehovah's Witnesses so that they can also deny the deity of Jesus. The Trinity is one of the most fundamentals of Christianity.

A. The word Trinity is not used in the Bible

Although the word "trinity" is not in the Bible, the concept of the three-in-one, the triune God is. The term "Godhead," referring to the three-in-one, can be found in Acts 17:29 and Colossians 2:9. (Many other words or concepts "not in the Bible" are scriptural nonetheless: i.e., theology, Bible, etc.)

- Acts 17:29
- Colossians 2:9

B. The doctrine of the Godhead can be summed up in the literal Hebrew translation of one verse.

- Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel, Jehovah our Gods (plural) is Jehovah a unity."

II. The concept of the Godhead (Trinity) is evident in scripture as early as the first chapter of the book of Genesis.

A. The Hebrew word Elohim (translated "God" in Genesis 1:1) actually indicates more than one divine personality. This same plural form is used over 2,500 times in the Old Testament.

C. In the account of creation recorded in the book of Genesis God speaks plurally of His own Person.

- Genesis 1:26, 27 (See also Genesis 3:22; 11:7; Isaiah 6:3, 8.) "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ... So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him."

III. Even the Old Testament makes definite reference both to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- Proverbs 30:4
- Isaiah 11:2 "... the Spirit ... the Lord ... Him"
- Isaiah 42:1 "My Servant ... I ... My Spirit ... upon Him"
- Isaiah 48:16 "The Lord God ... His Spirit ... sent Me"
- Isaiah 61:1 "Spirit of the Lord God ... upon Me ... the Lord"
- Isaiah 63:9 "He ...the Angel of His Presence ... His Holy Spirit"
- Ezekiel 36:26, 27

IV. Close examination of the following New Testament scriptures will make obvious to any student of the Bible

that the doctrine of the Godhead is truth.

- Matthew 1:20, 21 "the Lord (the Father) ... the Holy Spirit ... Jesus"
- Matthew 3:16, 17 "Jesus ... the Spirit of God ... a Voice from heaven (the Father)"
- Matthew 12:18 "I ... My Spirit ... on Him"
- Matthew 22:42, 43 "Christ ... the Spirit ... Lord (the Father)"
- Mark 1:9-11 "Jesus ... the Spirit ... a Voice from heaven ... My beloved Son"
- Mark 12:35, 36 "Christ ... the Holy Spirit ... the Lord (the Father)"
- Luke 1:35 "the Holy Spirit ... the Highest ... the Son of God"
- Luke 2:26, 27 "the Holy Spirit ... Christ ... Jesus"
- Luke 3:21, 22 "Jesus ... the Holy Spirit ... a Voice from heaven ... My beloved Son"
- Luke 10:21 "Jesus ... the Spirit ... Father"
- Luke 12:9, 10 "God ... the Son ... the Holy Spirit"
- John 3:5 "Jesus ... the Spirit ... God"
- John 3:34, 35 "God ... the Spirit ... the Father ... the Son"
- John 4:24, 25 "God ... a Spirit ... Messiah ... Christ"
- John 14:16, 17, 26 "the Comforter ... the Father ... in My name"
- John 15:26 "the Comforter ... the Father ... of Me"
- John 20:21, 22 "Jesus ... Father ... the Holy Spirit"
- Acts 2:32, 33 "Jesus ... God ... the Father ... the Holy Spirit"

- Acts 2:38, 39 "Jesus Christ ... the Holy Spirit ... God"
- Acts 4:30, 31 "Jesus ... the Holy Spirit ... God"
- Acts 5:31, 32 "God ... a Prince and Savior ... the Holy Spirit"
- Acts 7:55 "the Holy Spirit ... Jesus ... God"
- Acts 8:14-16 "God ... the Holy Spirit ... Jesus"
- Acts 10:38 "God ... Jesus ... the Holy Spirit"
- Acts 10:46-48 "God ... the Holy Spirit ... the Lord"
- Acts 11:16, 17 "the Lord ... the Holy Spirit ... God ... the Lord Jesus Christ"
- Acts 20:21-23 "God ... Jesus ... the Holy Spirit"
- Romans 1:1, 3, 4 "God ... His Son, Jesus Christ ... the Spirit"
- Romans 5:5, 6 "God ... the Holy Spirit ... Christ"
- Romans 8:2, 3 "the Spirit ... Jesus ... God ... His own Son"
- Romans 8:8, 9 "God ... the Spirit ... the Spirit of Christ"
- Romans 8:16, 17 "the Spirit ... God ... Christ"
- Romans 14:17, 18 "the Holy Spirit ... Christ ... God"
- Romans 15:12, 13 "Root of Jesse (Jesus) ... God ... Holy Spirit"
- Romans 15:16 "Jesus ... God ... the Holy Spirit"
- Romans 15:30 "The Lord Jesus Christ ... the Spirit ... God"
- 1 Corinthians 6:10, 11 "God ... the Lord Jesus ... the Spirit"
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 "Spirit ... Lord ... God"
- 1 Corinthians 7:39, 40 "the Lord Jesus ... the Spirit ... God"
- 1 Corinthians 8:2 "the Lord Jesus ... the Spirit ... God"

- 2 Corinthians 3:3, 4 "the Spirit ... Christ ... God"
- 2 Corinthians 13:14 "Jesus ... God ... the Holy Spirit"
- 2 Corinthians 5:5, 6 "God ... the Spirit ... the Lord (Jesus)"
- Galatians 4:6, 7 "God ... the Spirit ... Son ... Father ... God ... Christ"
- Ephesians 2:18 "through Him (Jesus) ... Spirit ... the Father"
- Ephesians 2:21, 22 "the Lord ... God ... the Spirit"
- Ephesians 3:14, 16 "the Father ... Jesus Christ ... His Spirit"
- Ephesians 4:4-6 "Spirit ... Lord (Jesus) ... God and Father"
- Ephesians 5:18-20 "Spirit ... Lord (Jesus) ... God ... Father"
- Colossians 1:6-8 "God ... Christ ... Spirit"
- 1 Thessalonians 4:6-8 "Lord (Jesus) ... God ... Holy Spirit"
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 19 "God ... Father ... Christ ... Jesus ... Spirit"
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14 "God ... Lord ... God ... Spirit ... Lord Jesus Christ"
- Titus 3:4-6 "God ... Holy Spirit ... Jesus Christ"
- Hebrews 2:3, 4 "Lord (Jesus) ... God ... Holy Spirit"
- Hebrews 3:4, 6, 7 "God ... Christ ... Holy Spirit"
- Hebrews 6:4-6 "Holy Spirit ... God ... Son"
- Hebrews 9:14 "Christ ... Spirit ... God"
- Hebrews 10:29-31 "Son of God ... Spirit ... Lord ... God"
- 1 Peter 1:2 "God the Father ... Spirit ... Jesus Christ"
- 1 Peter 3:18 "Christ ... God ... Spirit"
- 1 Peter 4:14 "Christ ... Spirit ... God"

- 1 John 4:13, 14 "Spirit ... Father ... Son ... Savior"
- 1 John 5:7 "Father ... Word ... Holy Spirit"
- Jude 20, 21 "the Holy Spirit ... God ... Lord ... Jesus Christ"
- Revelation 1:9, 10 "Jesus Christ ... God ... Jesus Christ ... Spirit"
- Revelation 3:5-7 "Father ... Spirit ... He that hath the key of David (Jesus)"
- Revelation 14:12, 13 "God ... Jesus ... Lord ... Spirit"
- Revelation 21:9, 10 "Lamb ... Spirit ... God"
- Revelation 22:16-18 "the offspring of David (Jesus) ... Spirit ... God"

V. Even though there are three individual Persons in the Godhead, there is still only one God.

- Deuteronomy 6:4
- Isaiah 44:6
- 1 Corinthians 8:4
- 1 Timothy 2:5
- James 2:19

<p>Omnipotent all powerful</p>	<p>Genesis 18:14 Isaiah 43:13 Jeremiah 32:17, 27 Matthew 19:26</p>	<p>Daniel 7:13, 14 Matthew 28:18 1 Peter 3:22 John 3:31, 35; 17:2</p>	<p>Psalms 104:30</p>
<p>Omnipresent (everywhere)</p>	<p>1 Kings 8:27 Psalms 139:3, 7-10 Proverbs 15:3 Jeremiah 23:23, 24 Isaiah 57:15 Acts 17:24, 27, 28</p>	<p>Matthew 18:29 Matthew 28:19, 20 Ephesians 1:23</p>	<p>Psalms 139:7-10</p>
<p>Omniscient all-knowing</p>	<p>1 Chronicles 28:9 2 Chronicles 6:30 Job 34:21, 22 Psalms 139:1-6, 11-18; 147:5 Isaiah 48:5; 66:18 Acts 15:18 Romans 11:33-36 1 John 3:20</p>	<p>John 4:25, 26, 29; 6:64; 13:11; 19:28; 21:17 He knew their thoughts: Matthew 9:4; 12:25; 22:18 Mark 2:8; 12:15 Luke 5:22; 6:8; 9:47; 11:17 John 24,x25;x5:42; 6:6;x16:19,x30; Acts 1:24 He knew the future: Matthew 16:21; 20:18, 19 John 2:19, 21, 22; 12:23, 24, 32, 33</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:13 John 14:26 1 Cor. 2:10, 11</p>
<p>Immutable (unchanging)</p>	<p>Malachi 3:6</p>	<p>Hebrews 13:8</p>	<p>1Cor. 12:4</p>

Eternal	Genesis 21:33	Isaiah 44:6; 48:12	Hebrews 9:14
Everlasting	Exodus 3:14	1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16	
	Psalms 90:2; 102:27	Revelation 1:4, 5, 8, 11, 17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13	
	Isaiah 41:4	Hebrews 7:25	
	Romans 1:23; 16:27	pre-existent to creation: Genesis 1:26; 3:22; 11:7	
	1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16	("...us...our...our...") Proverbs 8:22-36	
	Revelation 4:8	Isaiah 48:12, 16 Micah 5:2 John 1:1-3, 10; 3:13; 6:62; 8:35, 58; 17:5, 24 Romans 11:36 1 Corinthians 8:6 Ephesians 3:9 Philippians 2:5 Colossians 1:15-19 Hebrews 1:2 Revelation 3:14	

THE GODHEAD: Three ***Distinct*** Personalities

.I. The Father is a distinct personality apart from the Spirit:

- Matthew 3:16, 17
- Isaiah 48:16

II. The Spirit is a distinct personality apart from the Son:

- Matthew 123:31, 32 (Luke 12:10)
- John 16:7, 13, 14
- 1 John 5:6-8

III. The Son is a distinct personality apart from the Father:

- Matthew 10:32; 11:25-27

- Mark 13:32
- Luke 17:5
- John 5:19, 20, 30; 6:37-39; 14:12, 28, 31; 16:5, 16; 32:17
- Ephesians 1:17, 20
- 1 Corinthians 3:23; 11:3
- Colossians 3:1
- Hebrews 1:1-3

IV. Yet "the Lord our Gods (plural, Heb.) is one Lord."

This is a mystery.

- Deuteronomy 6:4
- Genesis 1:26, 27 ("...us...our...our")

1. Each of the three persons is creator, although it is stated there is only but one creator

- Job 33:4 and Isa. 44:24

2. Each is called Jehovah

- Duet 6:4
- Jer. 23:6
- Ezek.8:1,3

3. Each is called Lord

- Romans 10:12
- Luke 2;11

4. Each is called the God of Israel

- Matthew 15:31
- Luke 1;16,17
- 2 Sam 23;2,3

5. Each is called the LawGiver

- Romans 7:25
- Gal. 6:2
- Romans 8:2

6. Each is called the source of life

- Duet 30:20
- Col 3:4
- Rom 8:10

7. Each made mankind

- Psalms 100:3
- John 1:3
- Job 33:4

8. Each quickens the dead

- John 5:21; 6:33

9. Each raised Christ from the dead

- 1 Corinthians 6:14
- John 2:19
- 1 Peter 3:18

10. Each commissions the ministry

- 2 Corinthians 3:5
- 1 Timothy 1:12
- Acts 20:28

11. Each Sanctifies God's people

- Jude 1
- Hebrews 2:11
- Romans 15:16

12. Each performs all spiritual operations

- 1 Corinthians 12:6
- Col. 3:11
- 1 Cor 12:11

VI. The Doctrine of the Trinity is illustrated:

A. In Nature

1. Water

- Water is one yet it is known in three forms, each separate and unique: water, ice, and steam

- In a motor it works as motion, light and heat

3. The sun

- It is one yet it manifests light, heat and fire

4. Light beam

- Every beam of light has three rays: the actinic, which is invisible, the luminiferous, which is visible, and the calorific, Which gives heat and is felt but not seen. Where these three are there is light; where there is light, we have these three. John the Apostle said, "God is light." God the father is invisible: He became visible in His Son; and He is operative in the world through the Holy Spirit, who is invisible yet effective.

5. Three candles in one room will give but one light

- 6. A triangle has three sides and three angles; take away any one side and it is no longer a triangle. Where there are three angles there is one triangle**

B. In Human Personality

- 1. God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our Likeness."**

- Man is one, yet three-part, consisting of spirit, soul and body

- 2. Human consciousness point to divisions in personality**

- We reason within our selves and of ourselves listen to the conversation. I talk to myself and I listen to myself talking to myself.

C. Relationship

1. God is love.

- He was eternally a Lover. But love requires an object of love; and being eternal, He must have had an eternal object of love, namely His Son Jesus. The eternal lover and the beloved. The eternal bond and out flowing of that love is the Holy Spirit.

2. Our Government

- Our government is one, yet it has three branches: legislative, judicial, and executive.

VII Additional Comments

- 1. Jn 14;16** - "And I will pray **the Father**, and he shall give you **another Comforter**." The word advocate is a better translation, and puts us on track of the right interpretation. Jesus Christ is an Advocate. He is going TO the father (1 Jn 2:1), and the Holy Spirit, another ADVOCATE, will come FROM the father. In the Greek the word translated Advocate in Jn 2:1 and comforter in Jn 14;16, 26: 15:26 and 16:7 is *paraclete*, someone called to the side of one in need of help to aid them

and strengthen us.

- 2 **John 5:7,8** - "For there **are three** that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
- 3 **1 Tim 2:5** - " **For there is one God, and one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.
 - A mediator must be a separate person from the two persons he is to mediate between
- 4 **Phil. 2:5-11** - Before Jesus became a man he was "in the form of God"..He thought it not robbery to be equal to God, but humbled Himself and took human form.
- 5 **Matthew 3:16-17** - At the baptism of Jesus we see Jesus, God the father speaking, and the Holy Spirit descending in the form of a dove.
- 6 **Zech 12:10** - refers to **three** persons.
- 7 **Isa. 59:19-21** - We see the Holy Spirit raising up a standard against the enemy, The Messiah , and the Father