Our Father, our Messiah and our Family

Summary

Is Yahweh one, or three, or more? This short study takes the Trinity's own proof texts and works through what they actually say — arriving at a very different picture of the Father, the Spirit, and the family they're building.

- A case against the Trinity doctrine and any "multiple Gods" reading of Scripture, working through commonly-cited proof texts (Genesis 1:26; 3:22).
- The argument for Yahweh's singular oneness.
- Yahweh's Holy Spirit described as His "Will-Power" at work in believers, not a distinct being.
- The Spirit received at baptism as a "down payment" on eternal life (Ephesians 1:13-14).

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What about the Catholic idea of a "Trinity" of Gods being one God? Or what about other ideas of there being two or more Gods discussed in the Bible? Or what about the doctrine of "pure monotheism"?

There are quite literally hundreds of Scriptural examples clearly demonstrating the absolute "oneness" of the Almighty-Creator-**Yahweh**. We will not repeat all of them here. When asked "which is the first commandment of all, Yah'shua answered: Mark 12:29, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; Yahweh our God is one Lord:" And in 1 Timothy 2:5, we read: "For there is one God, and one mediator between Yahweh and men, the man Yah'shua the Messiah".

This should be simple to understand, but Satan-inspired, carnal-minded man has confused it for many. This confusion stems from a hidden purpose of Satan, which will become clear as we progress through this short study. Think of Satan's involvement as you would a magician on stage. Like the magician, Satan creates his myriad illusions for one simple reason, which is to distract you from the truth. Satan does not care what you believe so long as he can distract you from Yahweh's plain truth.

Confusion is often fostered by many Biblical verses which are taken out of context by Satan's armies of deceived [false] ministers. For example, these verses can easily be mis-construed: Genesis 1:26: "And Yahweh [Elohim] said, let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness..." This coincides with the same use of the Hebrew word "Elohim" in Gen. 1:1, when, "In the beginning Yahweh [Elohim] created the heaven and the earth". "Elohim", is a noun or name, plural in form, but normally singular in usage, such as the English words, family, group or couple.

We could conclude here that there was more than one personification of Yahweh being described, or that two "Gods" were present, yet we are told there is only one God! After Adam rebelled against Yahweh *(Elohim – in this instance this means the one and only Almighty Creator Yahweh),* notice what Elohim said: "And the Lord Yahweh said, 'Behold, the man is become AS ONE OF US, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'" *(Gen. 3:22)*. Here, the one and only Yahweh not only says "us", He says "as one of us"!

These verses are often erroneously understood to imply that there were two "Gods" around at the re-creation of life on earth. In reality, there was not. There only was one God - Yahweh. Yahweh was always the only Creator, who created all things by Himself! According to Job 38:4-7, "the sons of Elohim shouted for joy" when Yahweh created the earth. This doubtless refers to the angels who were also present at the creation of mankind.

A reasonable comparative example of conversational discussion might be when a father that is driving his family to a destination, says; "let us turn at this intersection", yet the father is the only driver, or " "let us stop here for the night". Or a mother who is creating dinner for her family, might say something like; "let us make bread for dinner", while she plans to make it all by herself.

In the Biblical example, it must be understood that angels had already been granted Yahweh's free moral agency to determine right from wrong, hence, when Yahweh said; "'Behold, the man is become AS ONE OF US, to know good and evil'", that is precisely what He meant - He meant, in His discussion with the angels that were present, that man had in direct contradiction to Yahweh's instructions, "taken" his own ability to determine right from wrong, which is something that the Yahweh and the angels already fully grasped. This is the aspect of "becoming as one of us" Yahweh is referring to, not the aspect of becoming a God or a Co-Creator.

"Christendom" today has degenerated to a belief in many gods. Generally speaking, Catholics believe in four gods; three good ones and one evil one, or in some cases, they believe in five gods, having added a "Mother of God" who is in their system of belief, purported to be the supreme deity. These are all bolstered by a host of demi-gods, one for every day of the year *(and more),* all of which mythical and man-invented deities are worshipped and prayed to, contrary to Biblical teaching.

The simple truth as to who and what Yahweh is, does not need to be a mystery, in spite of the apparent inconsistencies depicted above. It is in fact, very clearly, and simply set forth in the pages of your Bible, if that Bible is read in context of its true intent and with proper respect for translation between the original languages and modern English. If we begin our focus by accepting the underlying purpose for Satan's deceptions, then the various "illusions" he has created fall apart. That underlying purpose is to destroy the Gospel of the Messiah - that of the Kingdom, or Family of Yahweh.

In John 1:1-4, we find verses that many Christians erroneously claim describe things prior to Genesis. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" *(KJV)*. Since Yah'shua is called "The Word of God" in Rev.19:13, the translators of the KJV incorrectly assumed the "Word" of Jn.1:1 was also Yah'shua and therefore, capitalized the word "word" and changed the pronoun "him" in reference to the "word." The Greek for "Word" is "logos." It appears in the text written with a small letter l. Logos means "the spoken word" or "something said *(including the thought)."* In that sense the word is an "it," not a being but a thing. The great English translator William Tyndale renders it that way in his 1525 version as does the Matthew's Bible of 1537, the Great Bible of 1539, the Geneva Bible of 1560, and the Bishop's Bible of 1568. Verse 3 should read, "All things were made through it; and without it was not anything made that was made." In other words,

Yahweh spoke creation into existence. This understanding agrees perfectly with passages such as Gen.1:3,6,9,11,14, 20, and 24 all of which begin, "And Elohim said." Yahweh spoke and it was done.

Ps.33:6,9 says, "By the word of Yahweh were the heavens made; and all the host by the breath of his mouth. . . For He spoke and it was; He commanded, and it stood fast." Not only did Yahweh speak creation into existence, but He also spoke His Son Yah'shua into existence; "And the word *(Yahweh's spoken word)* was *(what)* made flesh" *(Jn.1:14)*. Yah'shua did not become the "word of *[Yahweh]*" until his birth as a flesh and blood male child - then He would become Yahweh's "agent".

How then should we translate verse 1? "In the beginning was the spoken word, and the words were from Yahweh, and the words were Yahweh's. It was in the beginning from Yahweh. All things were made through Yahweh's word, and without it nothing was made that was made. In Yahweh's word was life, and the life was the light of men" is believed to be the most accurate suggestion. The Greek word translated "God" is "theos." The Greek does not have a different word to show possession. Therefore, theos can be translated "Yahweh" or "Yahweh's." The possessive form makes this verse so clear and in harmony with the phrase "the word was with Yahweh."

According to these verses, before the universe, before the angels, before the pre-human history of life and before man, something called "Yahweh" existed. This single personification of Yahweh is revealed and confirmed in this earliest account in the Bible. There is no mention of His Holy Spirit at this stage, nor any other God-Family members.

The Word in John 1 is translated from the Greek word "Logos" and loosely means "spokesman", or more correctly means "spoken word". Notice verse 14: "And the word [of Yahweh] did make Him flesh to dwell among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father". The word then, or "logos" was not a personification of some aspect of Yahweh that was made flesh, it was the power of Yahweh expressed in spoken word that by being spoken, MADE flesh. This word prior to being spoken, thus making flesh, was not the Son of Yahweh, it was simply Yahweh's un-spoken thoughts. The Son of Yahweh was MADE flesh when He was begotten by Yahweh's power of the virgin Mary, and later, this sinless man was resurrected as the FIRSTBORN SON OF Yahweh. This was the beginning of Yahweh's Family!

Matthew 19:26, states, that "with men this is impossible, but with Yahweh all things are possible". Here is where we need to appreciate Yahweh's revealed understanding of the "spirit in man". Notice 1 Cor. 2:11: "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of Yahweh knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Yahweh". The spirit of man - man's will, makes known the things of man. Likewise, the Spirit of Yahweh - Yahweh's Will, makes known the things of Yahweh.

We know that Yahweh is eternal and we know that Yahweh is "Spirit", hence "Spirit" is also eternal. We also know that the spirit in man is temporarily gifted to man from Yahweh's eternal Spirit; hence the spirit in man is also eternal. This does not mean automatic eternal life for man, it simply means that the spirit in man is an eternally existing spirit; hence man has been blessed with the possibility of eternal life through

this spirit. We also know from our Bibles that when a man dies in the flesh, that man's "spirit will return to Yahweh who gave it" Ecc. 12:7.

So if we believe the Messiah's own words, these verses will all easily reconcile themselves. The Great Yahweh-Almighty, created all things through His spoken word. Yahweh's Spirit impregnated Mary, hence a portion of Yahweh's eternal Spirit was with the unborn Christ – a portion of Yahweh's Spirit that was pure and undefiled by man's sinful nature.

Obviously, before Impregnating Mary with His Spirit; Yahweh and His angels were capable of carrying on conversation with one another. This does not mean that some Divine being divested Himself of His glory as a Divine Spirit being to be begotten as a human man. A portion of Yahweh's Spirit – impregnated Mary which resulted in the Messiah, who was thus made Yahweh's Son. The Messiah was begotten, or sired by the Power of Yahweh and then born of the virgin Mary as a "man", and upon His resurrection he was born in His Holy Spirit as the "firstborn Son of Yahweh". This is no great mystery - that the Creator of the entire universe could very easily use this same "creative" POWER – His Spiritual-creative-will-power to impregnate the virgin Mary!

For Him, "all things were made" *(v. 3)*. How did Yahweh create all things? Ephesians 3:9 says: "Yahweh who created all things <u>for</u> Yah'shua the Messiah". The power of Yahweh *(Elohim)* was such that His own spoken word was able to speak His very thoughts into the reality we see. So it is revealed that Yahweh is the Creator, and that He created all things through His spoken word, not His Spokesman, for His firstborn Son *(by the resurrection)* - Yah'shua the Messiah.

At the time of Genesis 1, the angels of Yahweh *(Elohim)* and Yahweh were not yet a family. We could say they were like a family, because at that time they were co-existing in the God Kingdom – they were/are, eternal. The angels and Yahweh worked in perfect harmony. In order for the government of Yahweh *(Elohim)* to function, one had to be in supreme authority. Yahweh the Father and Creator of all that is, including the angels, fulfilled that role.

The Messiah was not mistaken when He stated that there is one God! When we begin to understand what the Bible reveals about Yah'shua the Messiah being resurrected as the firstborn of many brethren, and more specifically, about our own ultimate potential, then the importance of the Bible teaching on the <u>Family of Yahweh</u> becomes quite clear. The word "son" is used in the New Covenant 422 times, about half of which refer to the Messiah - the Son of Yahweh the Father. The word "father" is used 352 times, over 250 of which refer to Yahweh the Father. Father and Son - the beginning of our eternal Family!

In Hebrews 7:3 we see that the Messiah was made the Son of Yahweh. Romans 1:4 elaborates as to when this happened: "And DECLARED to be the Son of Yahweh with power, according to His Spirit of holiness, BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD". After His death, the Messiah was resurrected as the firstborn Son of Yahweh *(Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:15)*. Prior to this, the Messiah, or that portion of Yahweh's

Holy Spirit that became the Messiah's, was simply “with Yahweh” along with all of the remaining portions of Yahweh’s Spirit, including all of us!

Recall this Biblical quote: ”Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you” Jeremiah 1:5. We must separate our carnal mind-set from the spiritual mind-set. Yahweh knew each and every one of us, including His Christ, before any of us were “born in the flesh”, because Yahweh has known our Spirit from eternity. When we die in the flesh, our Spirit returns to Yahweh who gave it, which means He had it first – forever – for eternity because Spirit is eternal. Hence He also knew the Messiah in His Spirit long before the Messiah was born in the flesh, but this does not mean the Messiah co-existed with Him eternally, any more than any of us.

In the flesh, the Messiah was also of Yahweh *(1 Tim. 3:16)*. While Yahweh's Spirit was in Him, He was also in the flesh *(mortal human - subject to death),* and He died for us. “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he *[the Messiah]* also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy [annul] him that had the power of death, that is the devil” *(Heb. 2:14).* This does not mean that the Messiah was not a man, it simply means that the Messiah had the Spirit of Yahweh dwelling in Him – hence he “was Yahweh” in His Spirit, while He “was man” in the flesh.

Yahweh’s plan is literally to reproduce Himself with the human Family. We are to become His Family and we will inherit “all things” - the universe, as joint heirs with Yahweh's firstborn Son, the Messiah. the Messiah is the firstborn of many “brethren”. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of Yahweh, they are the sons of Yahweh” *(Rom. 8:14).* Yahweh called Yah'shua His Son - and He calls us His sons - in other words, His Family! “And because YE ARE SONS, Yahweh hath sent forth His Spirit as of being his son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” *(Gal. 4:6).*

We can go to Yahweh our Father, just as the Messiah did. The Bible is replete with evidence of a Family relationship. The word Trinity, on the other hand, is nowhere in the Bible! In Ephesians 3:14,15, Paul is writing of some of the trials he has faced in proclaiming this message. He said: “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Yah'shua the Messiah…Of whom the WHOLE FAMILY in heaven and earth is named”. Yahweh is the single, unified head of a family! Not a Trinity!

John wrote: “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” *(8:32).* If what you hear is indeed the truth, you can be sure that you will be able to easily understand it. Yahweh’s truth is not delivered obscurely, while surrounded in some clouds of mystery like the false “Trinity” doctrines so common in churches today. Yet most of these same churches agree that the Trinity is the most difficult doctrine to explain.

This difficulty, stems largely from the mythology that His Holy Spirit is some type of personal deity, that together with Yah'shua and Yahweh the Father, form one “God”. We have already seen ample Bible proof that Yahweh the Father, and Yah'shua the Son, are two separate beings, with the Son being under the

authority of the one and only Yahweh, God-Almighty. Now we will see what the Bible teaches about His Holy Spirit.

His Holy Spirit simply put, is the power of Yahweh. It is the impersonal power, or force, or Will of Yahweh. We find very early in the New Covenant, revealed understanding of His Holy Spirit. "...for that which is conceived in her is of His Holy Spirit" *(Matt. 1:20)*. Right away we see that Yah'shua was begotten of the virgin Mary, by Yahweh's Holy Spirit - Yahweh's Will. When Mary was told that she would conceive and bare a son, she asked: "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" *(Luke 1:34)*. And the angel answered: "His Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the POWER of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of Yahweh" *(v. 35)*. Here we are told simply, that the power of Yahweh - His Will - called His Holy Spirit would impregnate Mary.

Just as we are begotten *(impregnated)* physically by our fathers through the sperm cell, so the Will of Yahweh - His Holy Spirit impregnated Mary and Yah'shua the Messiah was begotten. Truly converted Israelites are also begotten of His Holy Spirit, SPIRITUALLY *(James 1:18).* Our physical birth began when we were conceived in the womb. Our Spiritual birth began when we were baptized by His Holy Spirit – when our minds were fertilized with a small portion of Yahweh's Holy Spirit - His "Will" combined with ours.

Notice Ephesians 1:13,14: "...after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that [when] you believed, ye were *[then]* SEALED with that Holy Spirit of PROMISE...Which *[His Holy Spirit]* is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession". His Holy Spirit then, the very Will of Yahweh has been given us as an earnest, or good faith deposit immediately upon our belief in Yahweh's "Word of truth". It is the down payment for our inheritance! It is not a distinct being or entity - it is simply Yahweh's Will-Power.

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Our spirit within us is not a distinct being or entity - it is merely the power that enables us to think, reason and to accomplish things. The Spirit of Yahweh is the POWER that enables Yahweh to accomplish things. According to Yahweh's Will, His Spirit reveals the things of Yahweh to us; His plan of salvation, the potential of man, and yes, even the very nature of Yahweh! "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Yahweh: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED...But Yahweh hath revealed them unto us BY HIS SPIRIT: for His Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Yahweh" *(1 Cor. 2:10,14).*

So we see that man, without the help of His Holy Spirit, is lost - unable to discern these important Biblical truths. That is why the Bible and these basic Bible truths, seem like so much "foolishness" to so many

people and why they go to such great lengths to support their carnally-minded illusions of who and what Yahweh might be. Simply put, without the help of Yahweh's Spirit, our puny little minds do not have the power to comprehend what the Bible teaches.

The Catholic (and many other) churches concede that the Trinity doctrine is "beyond our finite understanding". That we should merely accept it as truth! I would rather hold on to what is provable, plain and simple, according to Yahweh's command to "prove all things" *(1 Thess. 5:21).* Further, the truth, if it is in fact the truth, MUST be revealed in the Bible on any and every subject, as in John 17:17 "Thy word *[the Bible]* is truth"!

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