

Red Flags Waving



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IF you are familiar with the International Flag Code, the solid red flag would simply mean the second letter of the alphabet, “B.” But to the average person, the red flag signals “Danger.” Today, we use a “red flag” as a figure of speech, a metaphor, to tell us something is wrong or there is danger ahead. Within the past few years we have seen a red flag waving that is absolutely amazing.

Recently, while on a trip to the West Coast of the United States, a well-dressed, soft-spoken young man, who was obviously very sincere, asked me if I had ever looked at a certain subject. He gave me a short booklet and suggested I examine it. As Dee and I were driving home, I started to glance through it. It wasn't long before I was completely entranced! I read it twice and then read it again out loud to Dee. She was as stunned as I was. We both realized that this was something we were going to have to examine more closely.

This neatly printed pamphlet was a well-documented and highly investigated exposure of a fabulous teaching that has been accepted by probably more than 99% of all professed Christians. What was especially difficult for me was that I had believed it to be true years before when I was a pastor of my Sunday going church.

When you discover evidence that a so-called Christian doctrine is actually rooted in paganism, you see a red flag waving, don't you? We saw it waving so strongly that we came home and could not get it out of our minds. We started our own personal investigation of the claims and charges in that gripping publication. Never before in our entire lives have we ever searched God's Word and history books for the truth about any subject as we did this one.

Then, in four consecutive days, we experienced four strange conversations.

The first was between Dee and myself. When I saw where some of the history books and encyclopedias revealed that this ancient teaching just happens to be the most important doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, I told Dee, “That ought to raise a red flag immediately in people's minds.”

The very next day she and I drove 150 miles out of state to have lunch with our dear friends. We appreciated this dedicated couple's deep spirituality so much, we wanted to run this subject by them to see if they were aware of it. They were aware of it all right. Then what he said startled me. “When you realize that it is pagan and actually one of the Papacy's cardinal doctrines, it ought to raise a red flag right before you.”

Then, the day after that, I was talking with a layman in British Columbia. This godly man told me that he had become discouraged over the fact that practically all ministers are now preaching the

same things they were years ago, and maybe their concept of this vital Bible teaching is the very reason why the work of giving the gospel to the world is not going forward.

The next day, the fourth day in a row, I got a call from a sincere man in Colorado who really knows and studies God's Word. He told me that he had come to the conclusion that his church's acceptance of this falsehood is the very reason why he is not rejoicing in Heaven with the Lord any more. I got cramps in my stomach when he told me that it is absolutely impossible for a human being to develop into a perfect Christian when they are accepting a Satanic concept regarding one of the most important doctrines in God's Word. Then he added, "There is no denomination in existence today which has not accepted this demonic lie."

Let me tell you that when you have four conversations like those in four straight days, you have got to believe the Lord is trying to impress you with the seriousness and sacredness of it all. And, I'll admit, I was scared. A statement I had read came to my mind: "The voice of Satan is so disguised that it is accepted many times as the voice of God."

Within the past few years it has become very obvious that an alarming number of God-given, God-inspired doctrines and standards for mankind have been relaxed, revised and/or rejected by professed Christians and religious organizations the world over. So, when you come across something as startling as that little book, you just can't throw it away or ignore it as just another one of those way-out ideas. You just have to go check it out; and we have done just that! We have tried very prayerfully and carefully to learn exactly what God's inspired Word tells us about this essential truth.

Friedrich Nietzsche wrote something in 1878 that we should take a long hard look at because this philosophical gem is going to have quite an impact. He said, "Every tradition grows more venerable. The reverence due to it increases from generation to generation. The tradition finally becomes holy and inspires awe."

We were stunned when we realized that this doctrine is not in the least Scripture. It was almost impossible for us to believe we had accepted it as holy and sacred without even questioning it, nor ever checking it out for ourselves. We were just taking the word of others. We were sincere, but we were sincerely wrong.

In all probability, you are just as sincere as we were, maybe even more so, and in your sincerity and earnestness you have probably never ever questioned it either.

What hurts so much is the fact that there has been a deliberate, concerted propaganda effort to get every denomination in existence

and all its members to accept this substitute teaching along with all the other deceptive doctrines being taught today. Something as crucial as this sinister campaign to delude God's true people does not just happen by accident.

In order to come to an honest, full, and complete understanding of this entrenched tradition that is now "holy and revered," we must really examine all the facts. It will require something that is very, very difficult for us to face. In order for you to fully comprehend not only the facts about this diabolical counterfeit, but also the truth about this vitally important, truly Biblical doctrine, you will have to consider the difference between what you have been taught and told and think is correct, and what the Bible actually teaches. And even though it is extremely hard to do, it is possible to read Scripture with an open mind. You can examine truth without prejudice. Try it and you will discover a clear window into the Word of God.

It is rare to find a Christian who doesn't know John 14:1-3, you know, where Jesus told His disciples about all the mansions in Heaven He was going to prepare for them and all the others who will believe and accept Him as Lord and Saviour. This puzzled His twelve disciples, and finally, Philip asked the Lord to do something that every sincere Christian at one time or another has wished Jesus would do. Philip asked Jesus to show them what the Heavenly Father looked like. In that same 14th chapter of John and in verse 9 Jesus said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

For many, this is not quite enough. We would like to have more information about God. And what the Bible does tell us about God is going to blast this centuries old tradition to pieces.

The answers are in God's own revelation to us. What the Holy Scriptures tell us about God will sink deep into your conscience.

What does the Bible tell us about God? First, God has more than one sphere of existence. A number of times throughout history, humans have been given glimpses of the Supreme Being. On several occasions God has peeled back that mysterious curtain shielding Him from our view and let a few of His faithful children get valuable information about Him. In Daniel, chapter 7, we read about a very important vision that the prophet Daniel was given. In verse 9, Daniel describes what he saw:

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit," (and of course, this is God. Look at what else Daniel says about God) "Whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool..."

Daniel got a glimpse of God in some type of bodily form, didn't he? Ezekiel also had one of those high privilege encounters. Notice

carefully what he wrote about his God, yours and mine. In the very first chapter of his book, and in the very first verse, he saw “visions of God.” Then, in the 26th verse, he wrote this:

“And upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.”

Ezekiel was allowed to see a glimmer of God; just enough to know that He looked sort of like a human being.

How many times have you read or heard those familiar words of Isaiah’s vision of God? In the 6th chapter, Isaiah gives this report:

“In the year that King Ussiah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne.” Verse 1.

You realize, of course, that no man has seen God in His fullness and in all His glory. John 1:18; 6:46; 1Tim 6:16. But the Scriptures do tell us that they were allowed to see enough to recognize a form and a shape.

Didn’t John the Revelator also see God sitting on a throne in Heaven? And didn’t he see God holding a book that was sealed with seven seals?

What are these things revealing to us about the Father? They let us know that one of God’s spheres of operation is “anatomical.” In other words, one of God’s form of existence is on the visible, physical level. You can grasp that, can’t you? One phase of God’s operations allowed others to learn that He has some type of bodily form and shape.

In the 4th chapter of Revelation there is some unquestionable proof that God is on the throne in a visible, tangible way. Verses 10 and 11 reveal this:

“The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou hast created all things; and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.”

In the 8th verse you find the four beasts worshipping and thanking the One Who sat on the throne, too. Look at how they address the Person on the throne:

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.”

Did they see God as they thanked Him? Was He visible to them when they worshipped Him? Was God in some physical form when they declared Him holy? Yes, of course. God was in His anatomical sphere. He was visible. God has a Divine form that makes it possible, under certain circumstances, for some worshipers and some workers to see Him. And God’s physical features are beheld by those surrounding the throne.

Isn't this what Jesus was revealing to us when He said what He did in John 5:37?

“And the Father Himself, which hath sent Me, hath borne witness of Me. Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape.”

Now, the second sphere of God's existence is just the opposite. Sometime, God's existence is on a “spiritual” sphere. In other words, one of God's modes of operation is invisible. One phase of God's existence does not allow others to see Him. This is brought out very plainly by Jesus in the 4th chapter of John. You remember His words to the woman at the well in the 24th verse:

“God is a spirit...”

Our Heavenly Father is an Infinite Spirit Being. He is not subject to the same limitations that you and I are. We are finite beings. God does not always work on the visible level and we will see more of this overwhelming fact a little later. But let us firmly establish that God is the ever-present, all-powerful, all-knowing Spirit, and He reaches out far beyond the material form to which you and I are limited. So, we can establish one critical truth about our Heavenly Father, and that is, that God operates on two levels, the visible and the invisible.

With those two basic facts in mind, let us look at the deeper aspects of what God has revealed to us about Himself in His own inspired word.

One of the scribes came to Jesus to ask Him which was the first or most important commandment of the ten. What did Jesus? In Mark 12:29 and 32, Jesus replied by quoting Deuteronomy 6:4. And as He gave His reply, He presented an overwhelming truth:

“And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord.”

When the Lord finished His answer, the scribe said:

“Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth; for there is one God, and there is none other but He.”

Jesus said His Heavenly Father was one, singular, and the scribe said He was absolutely correct.

When Jesus was praying that impressive prayer recorded in the 17th chapter of John, He made almost the same declaration. Notice, please, the message Jesus gave to us in the 3rd verse:

“And this is life eternal, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.”

Jesus called His Heavenly Father the **only** true God. And He made a distinction between Himself and the only true God, didn't He? When the rich young ruler came to Jesus to find out what he

could do to inherit eternal life, he didn't call Jesus by His early given name. In Matthew, chapter 19, we see how he addressed the Lord. In verses 16 and 17, this is his greeting and Christ's surprising reply:

“And, behold, one came and said unto Him, Good Master...” What did he call the Lord? That's right, “Good Master.” And what was the Lord's response? “He said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? There is none good but One, that is God.”

This may seem like a stupid question, but please answer it anyway. If a couple means two, how many does one mean? You are probably thinking, “Why ask such a question? One is one. What else can it be?”

Webster defines this three-letter word this way: “One—being a single unit or thing. Being one in particular.” One is definitely just one, isn't it?

This is what the opening salvo from Mount Sinai was like. The children of Israel had been right in the heart of pagan sun worship for 400 years in Egypt. When they stood before God that monumental day as free men and women, He wanted to deal with one of the most insidious falsehoods ever foisted on mankind. So, He said in loud and clear tones:

“Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.” Exodus 20:3. What was the very last word that He said? Yes, it is “Me” –singular. Look closely now and make sure He did not say, “Us” –plural. No, it's not there, is it? It says, “Me.”

It is a known historical fact that Satan used Nimrod and his wife, along with their son, Tammuz, to establish his counterfeit religion of sun worship. Satan eventually got those sun worshipers to revere Nimrod, Semiramis, his wife, and Tammuz, the son, as gods! And later, Satan inspired heathen humans to worship them as a “divine trio.” So, God had an important message to tell those Hebrews He had just freed from slavery in pagan Egypt. As they stood at the foot of Mount Sinai, He told them that they had **one** God and only one.

As you know, the Jews did not obey God and had to wander in the desert for 40 years. Before Moses died he gathered the people together and spoke to them like a father to his children. In the 6th chapter of Deuteronomy, Moses tells them that there is only one way that they can have a long, happy, and prosperous life:

“Hear O Isarel, the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” Verses 4 and 5. The Father has reconciled our hearts to Him because of His unspeakable Gift in giving up His Son for us; we also love our Saviour with all our heart for His great sacrifice.

Jesus stated this in no uncertain terms in John 17 verse 3:

“And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.”

Eternal life hangs on our concept of God and His Son. In other words, it is more than a life and death proposition. It is a matter of living eternally, or never existing, ever again. Never!

Jesus not only says that His Father is God, but He is the **only** true God. Moses tried and tried to get the chosen people of God to recognize this fact. When he was telling them that he was not going to go over into the promised land with them, he stressed the necessity of their grasping the truth about the Highest Being in the universe. And there is no way a sane and sensible human being can misunderstand what Moses said in Deuteronomy 4:33-35:

“Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? Or has God assayed to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations (trials or tests), by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? Unto you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord His is God; there in **none** else beside Him.” Then in verse 39, he drives it deep into their minds. “Know therefore this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord He is God in Heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.”

Apparently the apostle Paul understood what the Lord was trying to teach the people back in the wilderness. He tried to impress the believers in Corinth as well as us with this great truth. In 1st Corinthians chapter 8, Paul is very clear and right to the point in verse 6:

“But to us there is but **one God**, the Father, of whom are all things and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things and we by Him.”

About 11 years after Paul had written that to the Corinthian Christians, he wrote 2 letters to the young pastor, Timothy. In the very first chapter of his first letter, Paul opens his heart and shows his love his Heavenly Father. What he says is for a definite purpose as we will see later. In 1st Timothy, 1:17, Paul wrote:

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be glory and honor forever and ever, Amen.”

And just a few verses later, you see why Paul wanted to remind Timothy of what he had known for years. Look at what he told him in chapter 2 and verse 5:

“For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ.”

By the time Timothy was taking the gospel to the Greek world, they had been worshipping some really strange characters they called gods. Paul's reminder served to help Timothy to go and fight this mystical superstitious religion. Instead of a Greek Pantheon of gods, God's Word says there is only one God.

The Christians at Ephesus also faced the same false concept of many gods. So, Paul wrote them and stressed one word over and over. Look at verses 4-6 in Ephesians chapter 4. I'm sure you can spot this crucial word.

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Do you know why we've been looking at all these Bible verses? In order to grasp the tremendous significance of this widely-accepted and clever counterfeit, we must set a much needed fact in concrete, and this is: **OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS THE ONE SUPREME BEING IN ALL THE UNIVERSE. HE IS THE SOURCE FROM WHICH COMES ALL LIFE AND POWER.**

Our Heavenly Father is the “Most High God”, the “Majesty on high”, the Sovereign King of the entire universe. Please grasp this! It is more essential to your relationship with Him than anything else. As we continue this study you will see why.

Okay, what we are going to look at now is really difficult, because we've been programmed over and over without even knowing it. Notice I said, “we.” We must make absolutely, positively sure that all we believe is 100% Biblical, and that our understanding is completely flawless. Therefore we must prayerfully consider the facts found in Scripture to determine what our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God's position is in the government of God.

Strangely enough, God has already given us the answer to this question in Matthew chapter 3 and verses 16 and 17:

“And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him; and a voice from Heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

God plainly said Who Jesus is, didn't He? Yes, He said Jesus was His Son. This may seem elementary, but this is far more important than you might think. I have 6 children. Two of them are young men who are my very own. I can rightfully say they are my sons. They have exactly the same human nature that I have.

God's Word has a lot to say about Christ's true relationship to God. Probably the most familiar and oft quoted verse in the Bible is John 3:16. Look at it again and particularly one crucial word.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son”

You must understand something right here and now. In no way do we ever want to lower, in the least, the holy solemnity of such a subject as God and His Son. It is, however, the highest theme a human can explore, as you are about to see. It is sacred. We can only with our finite minds try to grasp the higher, more sublime terms.

In the 11th chapter of Hebrews you find a thought-provoking statement about one man of faith. In verse 17, it says:

“By faith, Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.”

Is there a similarity, even though it's minute, almost inconsequential; is there a similarity? Is there an actual semblance between Abraham and Isaac, and God and Jesus Christ? Both were fulfillment of a promise, weren't they? But did Christ only become God's Son, like Isaac became Abraham's? Before answering, look at what Jesus Himself said. It is found in John 5:26:

“For as the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself.”

How did Jesus have life in Himself? Sure, it was given to Him by His Heavenly Father. God's Word tells us that the Father gave life to His Son. The Father is the Giver, and Jesus the Recipient. God gave Jesus life. Jesus did not borrow it. He was made the source of life, just as the Father is the Source of life.

Jesus did not have to derive life; He could bestow it just like His Father could. “For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.” John 5:21. The very same life that the Father had Himself, was given by the Father to His Son. Isn't that amazing? It is indeed.

And it was His Son that God sent into the world. “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.” 1 John 4:9. It was His only begotten Son that was sent. The divine eternal Son of God came to this world to become the human mortal Son of man. “The only begotten of the Father” John 1:14 was “with God” John 1:1 “in the bosom of the Father” John 1:18.

In the 8th chapter of John, Jesus met some cruel critics head-on. They were blasphemous in their accusations, and I believe it deeply hurt our Lord and Saviour's heart. Wars have been started over things much less provocative. Look at verses 41 and 42. Jesus says:

“You do the deeds of your father (and He was speaking of Satan). Then they said to Him, We are not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me: for I proceeded forth and came from God.”

This term “proceeded forth” in its original Greek “to come out,” or “to have issued from.” So, Jesus is actually saying that He came out from God. And He said exactly this to the disciples in chapter 16 verses 27 and 28.

You “have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world”. And the words “I came forth from” is once again the exact same Greek word.

In the 14th chapter of John, our Lord says something about His departure from this world and His return back again. Verse 28 says:

“You have heard how I said to you, I go away, and come again to you. If you loved Me, you would rejoice, because I said I go to the Father: for My Father is greater than I.”

Now, add to that what He said in John 14:10.

“I speak not of Myself; but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works.”

Did you grasp those amazing statements of Jesus? He said that He spoke only the things His Heavenly Father told him to speak. And, most amazing of all, that His Father was dwelling in Him! God’s Spirit was in Him.

In the divine government of God, there is an unmistakable chain of command. And unquestionably, God, our Heavenly Father, reigns supreme. Our Lord Jesus stands in a close second position of loving and willing cooperation, collaboration, and concurrence. This is how They are co-existing, living together. John explains their intimate relationship in 1 John 1:1-3.

“That which was from the beginning...the Word of life...that eternal life, which was with the Father...was manifested unto us”. John then states, “truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

It may be hard to understand all this until you have seen all that Inspiration has revealed to us. When the total picture is seen, it will all come together very clearly.

Speaking of pictures, the 1st chapter of Hebrews sure does give us a beautiful, yet fascinating picture of one of the most magnificent and majestic scenes that humans have ever been allowed to see.

“God, Who at sundry (many) times and divers (different) manners, spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has *appointed* heir of all things, by whom He also made the worlds;” (Now, watch this) “Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person...” Hebrews 1:1-3.

Down South, where I was raised, when a young boy looked a great deal like his dad, they would say, “He’s the spittin’ image of

his daddy.” Jesus was the “express image”, the perfect likeness of His Father. He looks just like Our Heavenly Father! There’s more.

“When He (Jesus) had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as He has by **inheritance** obtained a more excellent name than they.” God gave His Son an inheritance that is almost unbelievable. Watch and see what it is in verse 5:

“For unto which of the angels said He (God) at any time, Thou art My Son, **this day** have I **begotten** Thee?...”

Just think, there was a certain, specific day when God brought forth His Son...way, way back in the remote eternal past. It is impossible to think that far back. There are no measurements capable of even describing such a date far beyond our comprehension or even imagination. Christ Jesus issued forth, came out, from God the Father. Let’s read more of this fascinating story. In verse 6 the question to any of the angels continues:

“And, again, (to which of the angels did God ever say) I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son? And again, when He brings in the first begotten into the world, He said, And let all the angels of God worship Him.”

God the Father stood His Son, Christ Jesus, right beside Him and told all the angels that His Son was to be worshiped just like Himself. This is declaring Christ to be Deity, and worthy of praise and adoration. “For the Father...has committed all judgment unto the Son: that all should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.” John 5:22,23. Continuing in Hebrews 1, the 8th verse makes it clear:

“But unto His Son He (God) said, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever.” The Son’s throne will last forever!

It is amazing, isn’t it, how we can read the Bible time and time again, then all of a sudden have an old familiar passage jump right out at us. You’ve had that happen to you, haven’t you?

There is an astonishing Old Testament passage that is almost a perfect parallel to the account in Hebrews 1 that we just read, only it goes on to tell us exactly when all those things happened to Jesus. I don’t know how many times I have read this and yet, I never grasped the real meaning of it until just lately. It just jumped out at me for the first time and it’s amazing! Here it is, Proverbs 8:22,23. Listen to what Christ says:

“The Lord (God the Father) possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.” So, when did God the Father set His Son before the angels of Heaven and all the unfallen universe

and tell them that He was to be worshiped the same as Himself? Yes, **before** the earth was created. Reading on, it is very clear.

“When there were no depths (of the sea) I was brought forth; When there were no fountains (rivers and lakes) abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth”. That is quite clear, isn’t it?

In this same passage, we discover one of the strongest statements describing Christ as coming from His Heavenly Father.

“When He (God the Father) prepared the heavens (surrounding our planet), I was there: When He set a compass upon the face of the depth: When He established the clouds above: When He strengthened the fountains of the deep: When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment: When He appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by Him, (watch this) as One brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him;” Proverbs 8:26-30

Notice that when God “appointed the foundations of the earth,” the one who was “brought forth” was already “with Him.” This is almost the same words used later in Proverbs chapter 30 verse 4:

“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what [is] his name, and what is his son’s name, if thou canst tell?”

The One who established all the ends of the earth has a Son. And what was His Son’s name? As Son of the King of the universe, the divine Son of God was a Prince. We know Him as the Prince of peace. In the Old Testament His name was “Michael, the great Prince” Daniel 12:1. Hebrew Mi-Ka-El means “One who is like God.” He was “in the form of God” Philippians 2:6. And because God was His Father he was “equal with God” John 5:18.

The Lebanese poet, Kahil Gibran, who immigrated to the United States and wrote a lot about religion, said this about parents and their influence:

“You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent.”

Michael was so much like His Father when He was with Him in Heaven, that God could send Him as an arrow to the earth to become Christ with complete assurance that He would perfectly show the world what the Bow was really like. God brought up His Son to be exactly like His Father. Jesus could honestly say, “He that has seen me has seen the Father.”

The Bible uses the names Michael and Jesus (Yashua), depending if it’s talking about the time before or after He came to this earth

to represent His Father, show that God's Commandments can be perfectly kept by a human who depends wholly on God, and to die on the cross for our salvation.

Something else. You are now going to delve even deeper into the Word of God, and look at the very heart of this false concept so widely accepted by Catholicism and Protestantism. Make sure you are alert and wide awake before starting the next section. Okay?

God's Word establishes the fact that there is only One Supreme Being, One God over and above all. It also tells us that God brought forth a divine Son. That Son's name was Michael, the Word of God, "He who is of God" John 6:46; 8:47, the BRANCH of God, who would "bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His (the LORD's) throne, and shall be a priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." Zechariah 6:13

NOW COMES THE ACID TEST OF YOUR FAITH. What you are about to investigate is not any new discovery. It is nothing radical or fanatical. What you are going to study now, and we do mean study, is actually an intricate and vital part of the original doctrine given man by his Creator. Like a lot of eternally vital truths that have been cleverly counterfeited by the enemy of God and mankind. The counterfeit, the substitute has ironically been accepted, and the real rejected. To come to a full understanding of this tremendous truth that God is inspiring many to re-discover in these closing days of time, let's look, first, at a strange and puzzling revelation.

In Matthew chapter 25, Jesus talks about His second return and says in verse 31, "When the Son of man shall come in all His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory". But now read Revelation 3:21 and you will begin to see the dilemma that confronts our traditional understanding.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne."

Okay, so far we've seen that God has a throne and His Son has His throne. But just before the Bible ends, there are two last reminders of this fact. First, in the 21st chapter of Revelation John tells how beautiful Heaven is. Note what he saw and didn't see in verses 22 and 23:

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty (the Father) and the Lamb (Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God) are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

Did you catch what was missing? Besides no temple, no sun, and no moon? You would have seen it right off if you knew how this long-held tradition has affected our thinking.

In the 22nd chapter of Revelation, we have the beautiful picture of the new paradise on earth the Lord is going to give us, and in verses 1 and 3 John tells of something else he saw, and didn't see.

“And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb (the symbolic term for the Son of God who was slain as a lamb for you and me). And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it”.

This is strange to our thinking because nowhere in the entire Bible do we hear of anyone else in heaven sharing a throne together except God and His Son. Even on the new earth we do not find any other divine being than God and His Son having a throne together. There seems to be someone missing.

When you look at the highly successful sermon that was preached on the Day of Pentecost, you start to see why there are only two thrones in Heaven; and why only two Heavenly Officers are present with the angels and the redeemed on the earth made new. Are you able to do a little “brainstorming”?

When the followers of Jesus began to speak in other languages than their own that momentous day, some folks claimed they were drunk. But they were not D.U.I. They were P.U.I and W.U.I. They were preaching and witnessing under the influence! Peter stood up and began to speak in Acts 2:15:

“For these are not drunken as you suppose, seeing that it is but the third hour of the day (9 AM). But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel; ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days,’ saith God, ‘I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams’”.

Let me stop right here and ask you some important questions. What did God say He would pour out on all flesh?

Before you answer, look again at the first part of that 17th verse: “I will pour out **of** My Spirit.” If you held a 3 ounce bottle of very expensive perfumene, and emptied out only 1 ounce, would you have poured out your perfume, or would you have only poured out **of** your perfume? That's right, you would have given **of** your valuable possession, wouldn't you?

Another important question. What did God say He would pour out of? Look at the verse again: “And I will pour out of My Spirit.” The reason for these questions is very crucial and cannot be over-

stressed. God is said to have poured out **of** His Spirit. The Bible is very specific in this. The transforming power that came into the minds of those believers was the power of God's Spirit.

At first, this might sound like a rejection of sacred truth because we've always heard that it was The Holy Spirit, the third person in Heaven. Please don't throw this booklet away until you have studied this all the way to its logical and Biblical conclusion. You will be thrilled at what you discover.

The enemy of God has done everything he possibly can to tear down the Creator and His Son in the minds and hearts of human beings. He has produced many substitutes for every important truth God has revealed to mankind. Satan has switched error for truth, sin for righteousness, and pagan sun worship for Christianity. He has portrayed God as a harsh, cruel tyrant who looks down on our lives to see our mistakes and sins so He can one day burn us forever in some kind of gigantic furnace. The devil has slowly, yet successfully caused God's creatures to believe that His laws are hard, boring, and joyless. He has all but completely changed the truth about our loving, caring, and self-sacrificing Heavenly Father in the minds and hearts of the very ones for who God sacrificed His Son.

According to the Scriptures, Satan has always wanted to be the ruler of Heaven and the entire universe. Lucifer's evil ambitions are recorded in Isaiah 14:14. "I will be like the Most High." Satan has brought every falsehood into true Christianity he possibly could. He has, tragically and almost unbelievably, gotten man so close to accepting his ungodly concepts that he is at the threshold of overthrowing God's plans and purposes on this earth for you and me.

And one of the most insidious lies ever fostered on unsuspecting inhabitants of Earth is the one designed to place Satan in the very position where he will at last fulfill his obsession to be like God.

As we have seen, Satan worked masterfully with ignorant and superstitious men and women in the ancient world to revere a man named Nimrod. Nimrod was the grandson of Noah and was an excellent hunter. He protected his family from the wild beasts that roamed the earth after the flood in two ways. One, by personally killing as many of the dangerous animals he could. And second, by building a wall around his home which later he expanded to include other families as well. Soon the concept of a city was developed. Soon Nimrod acquired the admiration and appreciation of the people under his protection. And it was then that Satan seized this opportunity to launch his counterfeit religion.

One of the most amazing things happened to Nimrod. To be accepted is wonderful. To be appreciated is gratifying. To be

honored is thrilling. But to be worshiped is blasphemy. For a human being to be worshiped is a terrible sin. It is putting yourself before God. And that is exactly what Satan did through Nimrod.

Genesis tells us that Nimrod founded the first kingdom on earth, and its name was Babylon. In the Bible, Babylon (or Babel) represents the unseen kingdom of Satan.

Nimrod not only became revered by his people, his wife also became a god. They had a son, or rather, she had an illegitimate son after Nimrod's death. She claimed Nimrod had become the sun god and the people believed her! Satan also inspired her to claim that her pregnancy came from a special ray from her sun god husband. In other words, it was an "immaculate conception."

Those pagan people then accepted Nimrod as a god, his wife, Semiramis, as a god, and their son, Tammuz, as a god, too. Now watch this. Satan worked overtime to inspire the concept of three gods, father, mother, and son in what was called a "Trinity."

Each kingdom down through the ages adopted this concept.

The Egyptians had their trinity of gods: Isis, Osiris, and Horus..

The Babylonians had three gods: Anu, Enki, and Enlil.

The Hindus had a trio of gods: Brahma, Shiva, and Vishnu.

The Canaanites worshiped: Baal, Ashtoreth, and Tamuuz.

The Persians had a trinity as well: Ahura Mazda, Ahriman, Mithra.

The Greeks had their trinity: Zeus, Apollo, and Athena.

The Romans trinity consisted of: Jupiter, Venus, and Mars.

When the Roman Catholic Church made its compromises with the pagan Romans in order to get them to become Christians, they allowed sun worshipers to become members and still clinging to most of their old beliefs. Gradually, the church changed many of its own beliefs and modified them so the sun worshipers would be more comfortable and at home with their traditional practices.

One of the most drastic alterations of true Christianity was to accept the pagan three-god concept, some of which combined them into one god with three fused bodies. The Hindu and buddhist Trimurti is still worshiped today and is found commonly with three faces and multiple arms. Statues and carvings of the Greek goddess, Hecate, is shown with three heads. So, it was an easy step for the Roman Church to recognize three gods as well: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Through the same ingenious manipulation, Satan brought Protestantism to the place where it accepted the trinity concept, too. It has been Satan's determined compulsion to tirelessly press this lie into mainline Christianity to the point where today there is almost 99.44% accepted as totally Biblical.

Just recently, I read an article written by an otherwise sensible Bible scholar in which he tried to substantiate the trinity. He stated that there were three active persons in the creation of this earth, the trinity. It was amazing to see how he used three verses in Genesis and concluded, "Here we find unmistakably three beings." He tried to prove from those verses that God is three individuals in one. Here are those verses.

Genesis 1:26: "Let Us make man in Our image."

Genesis 3:22: "Behold, the man has become as one of Us."

Genesis 11:7: "Go to, let Us go down."

When the Bible says, "Us", is it proof that it refers to three? No, it could be two, four, five hundred, a thousand, or ten thousand times ten thousand. Here is what Genesis really records took place at the outset of creation week in Genesis 1:2:

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." (Please notice carefully) "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Be careful not to read more into this verse than what is there. It does not say the Holy Spirit. It says that it was God's Spirit that moved on the face of the waters. Now, look at these other passages in Genesis:

"And God called the light day, and the darkness HE called night"

"And God called the dry land earth, and the gathering together of the waters HE called seas."

"And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. HE made the stars also."

"So God created man in HIS own image, in the image of God created HE him; male and female created HE them."

"And God said I (singular) have given you every herb..."

"On the seventh day God ended HIS work which HE had made. And HE rested on the seventh day from all HIS work which HE had made." Genesis 1:5,10,16,27,29; 2:2.

No where in the Bible will you find it stated that there were three individuals involved in the creation of the world. John 1:3,10; 5:17; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2; 11:3 all make it very clear that there are two and only two, God the Father and Jesus Christ, His Son, who created all things. These two are the only two who have in Themselves eternal life and who give eternal life.

"...serve the living and true God; and wait for His Son from heaven" 1 Thessalonians 1:9,10.

"...there is one God the Father, of whom are all things... and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things" 1 Cor. 8:6

“...this is life eternal that they might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent” John 17:3

“...truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ” 1 John 1:3

“...the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.” John 8:17,18

“...God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” 1 John 5:11

“...Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.” Matthew 26:64

If you are wondering about the Comforter, then consider again what Jesus told us in John 14. Here He says something the vast majority of Christians have missed for centuries. Look at verse 16:

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.” Who does Jesus promise will live with us forever? Jesus gave the disciples the answer in verse 17:

“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, but ye know Him; for (because) He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” His next words clearly tell us who would be with them.

“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”

Jesus tried to tell His friends that HE is the Comforter. And in verse 20 He makes it crystal clear that the Comforter who would be “in” them would be Himself.

“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.”

One of the disciples understood that Jesus was speaking in the third person as He so often did. To the woman at the well He said, “If you knew who it was that was speaking to you, you would ask of HIM and HE would give you living water.” In verse 21 Jesus said that He would manifest Himself to them.

“...he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

The disciple asked, “Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?” He connected the dots. Back in verse 17 Jesus had said that the world could not receive the Spirit of truth because “it seeth him not”. This disciple understood that Jesus was the Spirit of truth because He is “the truth” (verse 6) and that He would not be manifested to the world because the world would not see Him.

Jesus didn't answer his question but said again, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Verse 23. "We will come", Jesus and His Father. "Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

To make absolutely sure this is correct, God inspired the apostle Paul to tell us again. In Acts 20:28, Paul wrote:

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood."

Who shed His blood for your sins? It was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died on that cross, wasn't it? So, why did Paul call Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit? The answer is so simple that I have prayed over and over again for God to forgive me for not seeing it sooner. I hate to think of all the folks I misled as a pastor because I misunderstood and misinterpreted this great truth about the Spirit of truth.

The reason why the Bible speaks of Jesus and the Holy Spirit as one and the same is because they *are* one and the same. Here's further proof. In Hebrews 3:7-11, the author talks about the Holy Spirit leading the children of Israel through the wilderness. Yet, we know from 1Cor 10:4 that "the spiritual Rock that followed them ...was Christ" and in Isaiah 63:9 He is called "the angel (or messenger) of His presence" that "redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old."

Paul wrote a letter to some faithful Christians and encouraged them to continue on in faith and trust in Jesus. This letter to the Romans, in chapter 8 and verse 9, contains a profound truth that you must see.

"But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man (any human) have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

God's Holy Word says that the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ dwell in us. This is just what Jesus said, "If a man love **Me**...My **Father** will love him, and **We** will come ...and make our abode with him." The Scriptures uses the terms Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ, Holy Spirit interchangeably. The reason for this is that both God and Christ are holy. "God is a Spirit" John 4:24 and "the second Adam (Christ) is made a quickening (life-giving) Spirit" 1Corinthians 15:45 and "that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit" John 3:6 and "He whom God has sent (His Son) speaks the words of God, for God gives not the Spirit by measure unto Him" John 3:34. In other words, the Father has given His Spirit to His Son

without measure, without any limits—He has given all of His divine attributes to His Son.

Remember John 20:22? Just before Jesus left earth to go back to Heaven we find Jesus doing something very special:

“And when He (Jesus) had said this, He breathed on them (the disciples), and said unto them, Receive the Holy Spirit.”

They received His Spirit; it came directly from Jesus.

David asked the Lord something in that beautiful 139th Psalm, and then answered those questions. This Psalm gives us further proof that we have been mistaken about the Holy Spirit.

“Where shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Thy Presence?” Psalm 139:7. David said that the Lord’s Spirit is just like His own personal presence. “If I ascend up into heaven (the skies), You are there: If I make my bed in hell (the grave), behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Your hand lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.” Verses 8-10.

How could David talk about God’s Spirit and His presence like they were the same thing? Well, they *are* practically the same thing! When we read about the Spirit speaking to the apostles in the book of Acts, it was the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Jesus (Phil 1:17). The Spirit that told Philip to go catch up with the Ethiopian eunuch riding in his chariot was the Spirit of Christ. When the Spirit told Peter to go to the home of Cornelius to give the Gentiles the Gospel, it was Christ’s Spirit. Christ appeared unto Paul on the way to Damascus, and later appeared to him in a night vision, a dream, about the man in Macedonia, begging him to come over there and help them. Paul knew without a shadow of a doubt that it was the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of God’s Son, speaking to him, leading him throughout his journeys.

The reason Paul knew this is because Paul, himself, said that very thing in his letter to the Christians in Galatia.

“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the ***Spirit of His Son*** into your hearts, crying Abba, Father.” Galatians 4:4-6. And in verse 19, he adds: “My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until **Christ** be formed ***in*** you.” The Comforter, Jesus promised to send is none other than His own Spirit! He said to the disciples, (and to us, of course) that ***He*** would dwell ***in*** them. And all through the Bible you will find that this is exactly what He has done. Jesus sends His own Spirit into our hearts to be our Comforter and Guide.

You want to see something fantastic? The Greek word for “Comforter” is “Parakletos/Parakleton”. Remember that because in a moment you will be pleasantly surprised.

You remember in 1st John where John is encouraging us to develop a sinless character like God and His Son. In chapter 2 verse 1 you find these familiar words:

“My little children (that’s you and me), these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” Who does the Bible say is our advocate, our mediator, our intercessor, our lawyer? Of course, it is Christ Jesus. Notice that here John used the term “Advocate.” This word is translated from the Greek word “Parakletos”. This means that “Comforter” and “Advocate” are the very same word and the very same thing! Jesus is our “Advocate”, and He is our “Comforter”, the One He promised to send us, to come to us, to dwell with us, and be in us.

So, please make a note of this: The Holy Spirit is the presence, the influence, the power, the words, thought and mind of God and His Son. Nowhere in the Bible will you ever find the term “God the Holy Spirit”—but always “the Spirit of God” or “the Spirit of Christ.”

Jesus promised He would be with us even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). This is exactly what Paul experienced, believed and taught. Look how he said this to the Ephesian believers in chapter 3 of his letter to them.

“That He (God) would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by **His** Spirit in the inner man; that **Christ** may dwell in your hearts by faith...” Ephesians 3:16,17

Paul says that the Spirit dwelling in the inner man is Christ in the heart, in the mind. That is clear as a bell. Yet, many still cannot see it because of their past education and training. For example, a Bible lecturer recently wrote an article for a Christian magazine in which he defended the trinity. You can see how he has been programmed by what he wrote. He said, “There are three gods in the Godhead.” But then he uses a Bible verse that proves just the opposite. He said that in Ephesians 3:14 Paul mentions the Father and the Lord Jesus. Then, in verse 16, he uses the word “Spirit”. “Of course,” he said, “Paul means the Holy Spirit.”

Please examine these verses and see for yourself just what it says.

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (verse 14) “that He (the Father) would grant you, according to the riches of **His glory**, to be strengthened with might by **His Spirit** in the inner man.” (verses 15, 16)

His glory is His Spirit, His power. (Joel 2:28; Isaiah 40:5)

Paul was not talking about a third being. He was talking about the Spirit of Christ, “that **Christ** may dwell in your hearts by faith”.

For years we have been thinking that the Holy Spirit is a separate, additional, different being. But what we just cannot seem to grasp is that really it is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of His Son. As a matter of fact, Paul plainly tells us that it is Christ who dwells in our hearts and minds. God says that He can be right with us in a personal way and at the same time be in Heaven:

“Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.” Jeremiah 23:23,24

Please think this through: Does this mean that God’s body literally fills heaven and earth? Does this mean that Christ’s body actually covers the entire universe? Of course not. God can pour out of His Spirit to anyone anywhere in the entire universe. He guides, impresses, and convicts us just as strongly as if He were present, physically, and visibly.

Look at one of the most beautiful passages in the New Testament. It is found in the 1st chapter of Luke where Mary is told she is going to bear Jesus in her body. Before we read this, let me confess that this stunned Dee and me when we saw the full significance of it all. Maybe you might be seeing this for the first time. Look at verse 35:

“And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee.” Now, look at the next part of this sentence. “And the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that Holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God.” The power of the Highest, the Father, and the Holy Spirit are one and the very same thing. Therefore, the Holy Spirit that came on Mary is the same Spirit of the Father.

Jesus, nor Paul, nor any Bible writer ever alled the Holy Spirit “God”. Many claim that Peter did in Acts 5:3 and verse 4:

“Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...?” “You have not lied unto men, but unto God.” This is very similar to what Paul said in Ephesians 4:30, that we should “grieve not the Holy Spirit of God”. When you lie to God’s Spirit or grieve His Spirit, you are lying to God, you are grieving Him.

Some have a real problem with the fact that God could bring forth a Son in eternity past because apparently there was no mother involved. But God’s “ways are not your ways” Isaiah 55:8. Think it through: it was no greater miracle for God to bring forth a Son in Heaven than it was for Him to overshadow and bring forth Jesus through Mary.

It was for this very reason that the Son of God—by whom are all things, by whom God created the worlds, by whose voice the heavens made (Psalm 33:6)—created Adam and Eve in the image of God. “Adam was first formed, then Eve” 1Timothy 2:13. And “He (the Lord God) took one of his (Adam’s) ribs” and “made He a woman” Genesis 2:21,22. “And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Genesis 2:23.

Eve was taken out of Adam. Adam was the source from whom Eve was taken. She was made for him, because she was made after him. Adam is the only man who never had a mother; Eve is the only woman who came from a man!

Paul observed this very fact in 1Corinthians 11:3 where he said, “the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” He is using the word “head” as the “source” like the way we use the term “headwaters” for the source of a river. This is very clear as he continues in verse 8:

“For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.”

This verse can only be true for Adam and Eve. Every other man I know of **is** from a woman; every man (except Adam) has a mother. And only Eve was of or from a man; every other woman has always been born from a woman, her mother. Now look at verse 10:

“For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.” The original Greek literally reads, “Because of this ought the woman authority (*exousian*, not *dudamis* power) to have on the head on account of the angels.” What do angels have to do with how Eve was “made”? Because there was war in heaven and that old serpent the devil which deceiveth the whole world also deceived one third of the angels in heaven. Just as he approached Jesus in the wilderness asking, “If you are the Son of God”, so he raised doubt in the minds of angels as to the Son’s true sonship.

Eve was created with Adam as her head, her source in order to show the angels in a faint way the truth of the Father’s words. The Son of God *did* come forth from His Father, inheriting the fullness of the Father’s divinity, for “in him dwells all the fulness of the God-head bodily” Colossians 2:9. God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6; 2Cor 1:3; 11:31; Eph 1:3; 3:14; Col 1:3; 1Pet 1:3. He is the Head, the Source of His Son.

We have just seen that when the Bible speaks of the Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost, if you believe in ghosts) it’s speaking of God’s Spirit. This is crucial and you need to grasp it. If the Holy Spirit were a different, separate being than God Himself, then Jesus would not have been the Son of God, but the Son of the Holy Ghost.

There is another problem though. It can be explained by looking at two Bible passages. The first is Hebrews 1:14 describing angels:

“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”

Angels are assigned to help you and me on our way to eternal life through Jesus Christ. These invisible warriors are constantly waging battle in our behalf against Satan and his host of evil angels. It is a solid Biblical fact hardly anyone can deny. But add to this the fact that angels work for the salvation of believers what Jesus said in Matthew 18. He had children placed before him by their mothers and in this context he said in verse 10:

“Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven.”

What Jesus was actually telling us is that not only do the angels work for us who are striving to be overcomers, but everyone has his own personal Heavenly worker! You have one. Each of us has the special assistance of a personal angel, waiting to come to our aid. That’s really comforting, isn’t it!

So, here’s the problem. If the Holy Spirit is actually another divine person, as the pagans conceived, the Roman Catholics teach, and the Protestants agree, then wouldn’t we want to see him and talk with him about his interventions in our behalf? Yet, nowhere does the Bible even mention our meeting and talking with the Holy Spirit like that. Neither do we have any record of Jesus speaking or praying to the Holy Spirit, however, there are several times in which the Father spoke to His Son, and many times that Jesus prayed to His Father.

Here is another thing people don’t think all the way through. There will be no need for the Holy Spirit after the resurrection when all the redeemed will be physically united with the Father and His Son, both in Heaven and down here on the New Earth.

We read in Revelation 21 verse 4 that “God will wipe away all tears from their eyes (the saved of all ages).” We read over and over about the “Lamb of God,” Jesus Christ, and all He will do for us in Heaven and on the new earth. But there is absolutely no mention whatsoever of a third being in Heaven as the saints meet God face to face, nor on the new earth after the thousand years of being in Heaven are over.

Isaiah talks a great deal about the new earth for God’s redeemed to dwell in eternal peace, safety, and happiness. In the 63rd chapter, he portrays the extreme patience of the Lord in a beautiful way. And

as he does, he reveals in his own way the reason why there is no third god.

The angel (messenger) of His (God's) presence carried the children of Israel through the wilderness "all the days of old." This was the angel that spoke to Moses from the burning bush and said, Take the shoes from off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. Why was it holy? Because this was no ordinary angel; this was the Son of God, the Holy One of Israel. This was the soldier who met Joshua before taking the city of Jericho who told Joshua to take off his shoes, too! Now, read verse 10:

"But they rebelled and vexed His Holy Spirit: therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them." Who did Isaiah say they grieved? Yes, it was His Holy Spirit. The next verse is really revealing:

"Then He remembered the days of old, Moses, and His people, saying, Where is He that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He that put His Holy Spirit within him (Moses)?"

It was not only His Holy Spirit that the Israelites vexed, or grieved, but it was also His Holy Spirit that the Lord placed within Moses to make him the great leader he was. So then, pay particular attention to what Isaiah was inspired to write in verse 14 about Moses receiving strength to endure all he did:

"...the Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest"

God's Spirit is the Holy Spirit. The Lord's Spirit is the Holy Spirit. In fact, in 2 Corinthians 3:17 Paul stated, "The Lord is that Spirit." He was that "spiritual Rock" from which they drank. 1Cor 10:4. But they vexed His Holy Spirit; they tempted Him in their rebellion. In verse 10 Paul warns us: "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of the destroyer."

The angel that led them, that went before them, was the Son of God who was sent by His Father to deliver Israel from Egypt, and from the poisonous snakes, and from the Amalekites. When Moses went up to Mount Sinai the Lord told him, "I send an Angel before you, to keep you in the way, and bring you into the place I have prepared" Exodus 23:20. Then God continued, "Beware of him, and obey his voice...for My name is in him." Verse 21.

The Son naturally inherited His Father's name. Heb 1:4. For God has "given him a name that is above every name" Phil 2:9. And when "the LORD spoke unto Moses face to face as with a friend" Exodus 33:11, Moses said, "Let me know whom you will send with me" verse 12. And the Lord said to Moses, "My **Presence** will go with you." Verse 14.

It was the Son of God who worked so long and hard with those rebellious and weak Hebrew people. It was Christ Jesus who led them to the Promised Land. And Isaiah, under divine inspiration, said it was the Holy Spirit in one verse and the Spirit of the Lord in another.

Putting it all together, you are left with just one explanation. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Lord which He received without measure from God His Father. So, it has to be said again that the Holy Spirit is the thought, words, breath, wind, power, influence, and presence of our Heavenly Father and Christ Jesus, His Son.

This procedure for dealing directly with the creatures of His hand does not require a separate divine being. It is the outflowing of divinity. The Son of God, born of the Spirit is Spirit. He then was sent into the world by His Father to become the Son of man, and born of the flesh, is now flesh, “the man Christ Jesus” 1Tim 2:5. Michael-Yeshua is the only being in all the universe with two natures: one divine (His original “being in the form of God” Phil 2:6), and one human (when “the Word became flesh” John 1:14).

Right here we must share something important. We would not even attempt to do this except for the fact that it is so eternally important for you to understand. Many people get uncomfortable when they hear some minister start to quote Hebrew or Greek in a sermon. But what we want to show you now will not be difficult at all. So here goes.

There was a certain Methodist layman who taught theology at Drew Theological Seminary for many years. He worked 27 years to make a complete, exhaustive concordance of the Bible. You, no doubt, have heard of it: Strong’s Concordance. It contains within it a dictionary of Greek and Hebrew words in the Bible. He assigned every word a certain number. You find a word, look up its number, then look at that number to find the meaning of the word. You may already have a Strong’s Concordance and know this. For example, when you look up the word “god” in Genesis 1:1, you find that he has assigned the number 430 to it. When you look up the number 430 in the Hebrew section, you find this: “430. Elohiym, (El-o-heem).” Then you have this definition: “Plural of 433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used of the Supreme God.”

Well, if Elohiym is the plural of 433, then let’s see what 433 is. Looking this number up, we find this: “Elowahh (El-O-ah)” then the meaning: “A deity or the Deity—God.”

Strong died way back in 1894. Remember he was a trinitarian Methodist. Those who have accepted the three-in-one teaching of the trinity also accept his definition of Elohiym as a plural word.

Though you hardly ever hear or read otherwise, there are many, many other equally intelligent, equally informed scholars who have done extensive research and who disagree.

William Smith was one such researcher, and this scholar has a fine theological work in his excellent book called, “A Dictionary of the Bible.” Please look at what he says. “The fanciful idea that Elohiym refers to the trinity of persons in the Godhead hardly finds now a supporter among scholars. It is either what the grammarians call ‘the plural of Majesty’ or it denotes the fullness of divine strength, the sum of the powers displayed by God.” In other words, Elohiym describes the many functions of God and the many attributes He has, and not three separate individuals within Himself.

The American Journal of Semitic Language and Literature says this about Elohim: “It is almost invariably construed with a **singular** verbal predicate, and takes a **singular** adjectival attribute. To illustrate this, the title Elohim appears 35 times by itself in the account of creation. And every time the verb describing what God said and did is **singular**. Thus, Elohim must be rather explained as an intensive plural denoting Greatness and Majesty.”

So, Elohiym describes what God **is**, and not how **many** He may be. This is easy to see. There has been an overwhelming brain-washing campaign through the centuries to change our minds from reason, and has gotten us off into fables. There is no Biblical teaching of a trinity.

All through the Bible the Spirit is represented as the operating force of God and His Son. And the reason why you see the Bible speaking of the Holy Spirit as you would a person is because it is the personal presence of a person—Jesus. Jesus promised He would send the Comforter only after He had left earth. “It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.” John 16:7. If the Comforter was someone other than Christ, then it would not be necessary for Jesus to leave. What an advantage to have both the Saviour and the Comforter here at the same time! But Jesus is describing a mutually exclusive arrangement that didn’t allow that. The disciples could not realize the presence of His Spirit as long as Christ Himself was with them. But when He returned to the Father and was anointed as our High Priest, then He received “the promise of the Father” Acts 2:32 and poured it out on the day of Pentecost. Jesus could now be with one individual in one city and with another believer in another city in another country, all at the same time! Wherever God’s true people are, there is Christ’s Spirit.

When God sent His Son into the world, the Son of God chose to come and live the life that we must live. He surrendered His natural powers of Deity, His omnipotence and His omnipresence. But after His Father raised him from the dead, Jesus could once again say, “All power is given unto me in heaven and earth” Matthew 28:18. And when John saw Him standing before His Father’s throne in Revelation 5, He had “seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.” Verse 6. The Son now has His omnipresence restored back to Him. In Revelation 3:1 Jesus announces Himself to the church of Sardis as “He that has the seven Spirits of God.” Seven, total, complete. The Son of God has once again received all the Spirit of His Father without measure.

Christ Jesus is our personal Saviour. Wherever we may be, He will go with us. He is also the Comforter He promised would be sent to us from His Father. John 15:26. But Satan has sold to the world a counterfeit sanctuary service, a counterfeit salvation, a counterfeit holy day of rest and worship. Don’t let him sell you a counterfeit Comforter, a substitute intercessor, an alternate mediator. And don’t sell yourself out to him through the false teaching of a trinity.

By now, you have probably seen enough Bible facts to have a solid foundation of faith. Now you are ready to discover the truth about a widely used term, “The Godhead.”

In the Bible you will find this mentioned only three times. We believe you will appreciate taking the time to investigate these three passages. The first one is found in Acts 17:29:

“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.”

The second one is Romans 1:20 where Paul says:

“For the invisible things of Him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse”.

The third occurrence is in Colossians 2:9 where Paul is speaking of Jesus being like God:

“For in Him (Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

Answer this question: Did any of these passages mention three persons or three gods in one and one god composed of three? Before we answer, notice this. Each of those verses we just looked at, where the word “Godhead” is found, comes from the Greek root word, *Theos* God, and indicates God’s nature. In the three verse above the word is *theion*, *theiotes*, and *theotes*. Wycliffe’s 1384 English

translation of the Bible rendered Col 2:9 as “In him dwelleth bodily all plenty of Godhood.” In Middle English the word was spelled “godhode” and in Old English “godhad”.

Godhood contrasted with manhood. Wycliffe in his book *Lantern* about 1415, “Look what it profiteth to have Christ in manhood without his godhood.” So, manhood was what today we would say “humanity” and godhood would be “divinity”, the two natures of Christ. In each of the three verses translated “Godhead” it is referring to God the Father. The divinity of the Father is not like material things; creation reveals the power and divinity of God the Father; and all the divinity of the Father dwells in His Son.

Jesus is a partaker of the Father’s Godhead, His Godhood, His divine nature. The fullness of the Father dwells in Christ. Jesus plainly stated this in John 14:10: “...the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me.” The Son of God has all of His Father’s powers and divine attributes. Jesus said, “All things are delivered unto me of my Father” Matthew 11:27. “The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hands” John 3:35. The Son of God has exactly the same divine nature as God the Father by inheritance.

Don’t you want the simple truth and not an amalgamated, conglomerate, mystical, incomprehensible doctrine whose origins are from superstitious paganism? I want the truth as it is in Jesus. Ephesians 4:21.

Then who do we pray to? Jesus said, “Pray after this manner, Our Father, which art in Heaven.” Jesus prayed to His Father in John 17. Stephen prayed to Jesus, asking Him to forgive those who were stoning him to death. Acts 7:59,60. But nowhere will you find in the Bible anyone praying to the Holy Spirit. We are only told to “Pray in the Spirit” Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20, “live in the Spirit” and “walk in the Spirit” Galatians 5:25.

Jesus tells us to not only pray directly to God the Father, but in John 15:26 and 16:23 He gives us additional instructions:

“...Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you.” We are to pray to God in the name of Jesus. In other words, through Jesus. Through the merits of Christ’s shed blood. Through His intercession for us in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

This is why Christ’s ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary is so vital for us here on earth. He is there making intercession for us down here, and making our prayers more effective. Praying to God our Heavenly Father through Jesus His Son carries a deep significance.

You can grasp this even more if we have another quick Greek lesson. The word “name” comes from the Greek word “onoma” and

it means two things: “authority” and “character.” In John 17, Jesus used this very same word, *onoma*. Look at verse 6 in that beautiful prayer to His Heavenly Father:

“I have manifested (made known) Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me...”, His disciples. Did Jesus spend three and a half years telling them how to pronounce God’s name and spell it correctly in Green, Hebrew, or Aramaic? No. Two more times in John 17 Jesus said that He manifested God’s name and declared His name. Every act of Jesus was a perfect picture of the pure and holy character of His Father. All His words, all His actions clearly revealed God’s true character. When Jesus healed a deaf man, that man heard the tender, compassionate voice of God. When Jesus healed a blind man, that man could see God the Father in the life and character of His Son. Jesus made known what God is really like, and destroyed the false misconceptions Satan had planted in the minds of men.

There is absolutely no one who will enter into Heaven who does not agree that God’s character is perfect, true, unselfish, generous, kind, merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness and truth—the epitome of complete love. No one will ever see Him face to face in Heaven who has not first seen Him in Jesus and God’s inspired Word as He really is and not what Satan has accused Him of being.

So, when we are told to pray in the name of Jesus, it does not simply mean to tack the word “Jesus” on to the end of our prayers. It means that in order for our prayers to become perfect and powerful, we must also develop a character, a name, like Jesus. And the Spirit of Jesus will help make that complete character development—“transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2.

Satan wants to be worshipped just like the Son of God. He has been almost 100% successful in achieving his goal by convincing nearly the entire world to worship a confused concept of God that he created. He has “deceived the whole world” Rev 12:9 into believing there are three who possess self-existent unbegotten co-eternal divinity merged into an indivisible, inseparable triune being instead of two separate, individual Beings: the “only true God and Jesus Christ” His Son. They are one because They both have the same divine Spirit within Them.

Many sources admit the lack of Biblical support for a trinity.

“The trinity of God is defined by the Church as the belief that in God are three persons who subsist in one nature. The belief as so defined was reached only in the 4th and 5th centuries AD and hence is **not explicitly and formally a biblical belief.**” *Dictionary of*

the Bible, by John L. McKenzie, S.J. 1965, Macmillan, New York, p.899. Do you see a red flag here?

“The doctrine of the **Trinity is not taught in the Old Testament**” (*New Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1967, Vol. XIV, p. 306).

“The **word Trinity is not found in the Bible**.... It did not find a place formally in the theology of the church until the fourth century” (*Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, Intervarsity Press, Tyndale House Publishers, 1980, part 3, p. 1). Another red flag waving.

“Theologians today are in agreement that **the Hebrew Bible does not contain a doctrine of the Trinity**” (*The Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. Mircea Eliade, Macmillan Publishing Company, 1987, Vol. 15, p. 54). The flag is getting redder!

“Because the Trinity is such an important part of later Christian doctrine, it is striking that **the term does not appear in the New Testament**. Likewise, the developed concept of three coequal partners in the Godhead found in later credal formulations cannot be clearly detected within the confines of the canon.” *The Oxford Companion to the Bible*, 1993. Art. Trinity, by D.N. Schowalter. p.782-3. Editors, Bruce M. Metzger, Michael D.Coogan. Looks like a red flag to me.

“Neither the word ‘trinity’, nor the explicit doctrine as such, appears in the New Testament; nor did Jesus and His followers intend to contradict the Shema in the Old Testament, ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.’ Deut. 6:4. The doctrine developed grandually over several centuries and through many contraversies.” *Encyclopedia Britannica* Vol. 2 p. 1467. They are waving a big red flag, aren’t they?

There is one leading denomination today who did far more than just help the trinity doctrine to “develop gradually over several centuries” so that by the end of the 4th century it had been accepted as a Biblical fact. That organization claims that “tradition” (teaching of the church) has precedence over the Bible. So then, they believed they could add or delete words and passages in the Bible to advance their teachings. And, as you have already guessed, it puts more emphasis on the trinity than practically all its other belliefs.

The Handbook For Today’s Catholics states this on page 12:

“The mystery of the trinity is the **central** doctrine of Catholic faith. Upon it are based all the other teachings of the church.” That ought to make every Christ-loving, Bible-believing Christian wake up and start thinking seriously about what the Bible really teaches.

But there is more! Despite the fact that the Catholic Church says that the teaching of the church supercedes the Word of God, they depend on two particular Bible verses to *prove* the trinity doctrine.

What is so amazing is that the first verse they know and admit was not in the original manuscripts. They are fully aware that it was added in only recent centuries. It is acknowledged by all Biblical scholars to be a copyist's supplied text not inspired by God.

If you look up any good encyclopedia, commentary, or any good Bible history book, you will find that this passage in the King James Version cannot be found in any Greek Manuscript earlier than the 15th or 16th centuries. It was placed there by Erasmus under severe pressure from Catholic authorities.

The good Baptist publisher, Zondervan, produced a book I have almost worn out. It is entitled simply, *The New Testament From 26 Translations*. At the bottom of the page where this particular verse is found appears this footnote: "now recognized as not adequately supported by original manuscripts." The verse is 1John 5:7:

"For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one." KJV

The New American Standard Bible translates it this way:

"For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement." A marginal note in this translation states: "A few late mss. Read *in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth, the Spirit...*"

The New English Bible, produced through the combined efforts of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and national churches of England, Scotland and Wales, omit the wording in the same manner as the NASB above.

On page 1186 of the Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture, this is how they word it so it will sound like it was some sort of slight mistake that no one really knows how it happened: "It is now generally held that this passage is a gloss (a farce) that crept into the text of the Old Latin Vulgate at an early date, but found its way into the Greek text only in the 15th and 16th centuries."

The second passage that is questioned by the more diligent Bible students, is found in Matthew 28:19. This is what is known as "The Great Commission" by Christ to all His believers and follow-ers. In the KJV, it reads: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Besides the fact that this is the only occurrence of this baptismal formula in all Scripture, and none of the other three gospels contain it (Luke doesn't mention baptism at all, and John omits the commission entirely), there is the compelling evidence contained in the

book of Acts. All of the recorded baptisms there were conducted “in the name of Jesus” or “in the name of the Lord.”

Even if this solitary verse in Matthew were the actual words of Jesus, they do not say anything about persons, beings, which one or all of them are God, whether they are one being or three, whether they are co-eternal, one in substance or one in purpose.

The context of this verse is important. Jesus begins in verse 18 by announcing, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” His Father has “given all things into his hands” John 3:35. He then instructs His disciples to “teach all nations”. This thought is picked up again in verse 20: “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” Sandwiched between this coherent subject of teaching is the command, “baptizing them.” Mark’s version simply says, “He that believes and is baptized shall be saved” Mark 16:16. But Mark’s account has much to say about the name of Jesus. “In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents...” verses 17,18.

Jesus received all power and authority from His **Father**.

In the name of **Jesus** the disciples were to do all things. Col 3:17

As the **Spirit** of truth, Jesus would be in them, and with them “even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28:20

The Christian world today, except for a small handful of faithful Bible believers who have searched their Bibles and their souls for truth, believe that God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are co-equal and co-eternal. The consequence of this is that Jesus is not really God’s eternal divine Son; he is only God’s human Son made flesh. Though this is denied strongly, it is nevertheless a fact. They will say that the second person of the Godhead “became” the Son of God through the incarnation; he was only filling the “role” of a Son in his pre-existence in Heaven before his birth in Bethlehem.

This pagan-turned-Catholic-turned-Protestant doctrine states that Jesus was another god acting out His role as a Saviour and as another co-eternal god He did not actually die because eternal, self-existing, immortal beings can’t die. But if only a human being died on the cross of Calvary, you and I can never have our sins forgiven and experience complete salvation. Only a divine sacrifice can do that.

The apostles fought this pagan concept all their lives. Right from the very beginning of the book of Acts, you read that these men who had been with Jesus tried to get their hearers to recognize its totally pagan and anti-Christian nature. On the Day of Pentecost, when Peter stood up to proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ, he made

this clear. In Acts 2, Peter let them know that it was the Son of God they had killed just a few days before. Look at verse 32:

“This Jesus has God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.” They were there when he was dying. They saw Him when He was alive again. They never thought He was acting. He really died.

Notice how Peter emphasized this fact when he and John had gone to the temple at the hour of prayer and healed the crippled beggar in Acts chapter 3. The people were amazed and wondered, but Peter made it very clear it was Jesus who healed him.

“But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the Prince of Life, whom God had raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong”.

About 10 other times in the book of Acts the fact that God raised His Son from the dead is made, and over a dozen times in the rest of the New Testament. If Jesus was co-eternal, God would not have had to resurrect Him from the grave. He could have done it Himself.

The Apostle Paul reminded the Christians at Corinth three separate times that it was Jesus Himself who died for their sins.

“And God has both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power.” 1 Corinthians 6:14

One of the greatest truths you can possibly comprehend is the Biblical fact that it was God’s Son who actually died for your sins and not some god who could not die, but merely went through the motions—the pretense of dying. Let this sink in: it was God’s own Son who died for you!

In Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonian Christians, he praised them for their faith in God. In the 1st chapter and verses 9-10, he said that their conversion and present lifestyle was a thrilling testimony to other struggling Christians.

“How you turned to God from idols to serve the True and Living God, and to wait for His Son from Heaven, Whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come.”

Please establish this firmly in your mind: The Father raised His Son from the dead after His Son died for our sins.

It is of utmost importance that you believe Jesus did not raise Himself from the dead. If Jesus did not really die, where is the sacrifice for our sins? Think it through. If the Father did not risk losing His Son; if Christ’s own personal life was not in jeopardy when He lived as man in man’s mortal flesh; if Christ did not have to battle and overcome sin like we do—then Satan would be clearly right in his charges that God doesn’t really care or have any concern for His created human beings.

But Satan is totally wrong because God sacrificed more than we have ever realized. If the real Jesus did not come as a real man to battle real sins and be truly victorious, there is no real hope for you and me to overcome sin and receive eternal life.

So, let us make sure we realize that when God's Word says that God so loved the world, you and me, that He gave His only begotten Son, it **was** His **Son** and He really **did** die. Let me assure you, God loves you with such supreme, unmatched love that He was willing to hazard the life of His own dear Son. He was willing to expose His Son to death, to never, ever see Him again. He placed Him in the precarious position of Satan tripping Him up and causing Him to sin and the entire plan of salvation fail, only because of His care and deep concern for you.

There never has been in the history of mankind any risk that could come even close to the paramount, the preponderous, the maximum risk when God allowed His Son to come in our flesh and wage war against His enemies and the enemy of all enemies. Any way you try to express it, it is inadequate. Words cannot be conceived to describe the ultimate consequences that were at stake. But God took that risk all for you and me!

That is why we are commanded to "Fear God and give glory to Him." Rev. 14:7. He deserves far more praise and thanksgiving from all His creatures, through all ages, than they all, combined, could ever give.

There is another reason why God should have our total thanksgiving and praise. You have already learned that God brought forth a Divine Son in the distant annals of God's eternity; that He was raised to be exactly like His Father; and that God sent His Divine Son into this fallen, rebellious planet, knowing full well that He could never, ever have Him back again as He once was; that the Son would no longer be only a Divine Son, but forever a Divine-human Son! With the magnanimous, perfect love relationship between the Father and His Son, God must have loved us so supremely that He would let His Son come and live as our example and die as our substitute. No one has ever humbled himself or herself that much.

It is a travesty of the highest order, a slap in the face of God to lower that kind of self-sacrificing, loving, caring Heavenly Father down into the blasphemous realm of a god who took no risk, who merely put on a show, because he had nothing to lose.

Everyone was getting excited. The 4th of July fireworks were going to be really spectacular this year. The TV news was giving the time for program to begin and it said, "After dark." You may have

used these same words yourself. We just accept the expression without thinking it through. We add the missing words in order to make sense of it all: “After it becomes dark.” But “After dark”, if you think about it should be when it is no longer dark, when daylight begins, wouldn’t it?

The trinity concept slips by most people without their ever giving it a second thought. After all, the pastors use the term all the time and they went to seminary, they read the Bible a lot, they must know the truth.

There is one aspect of the trinity teaching that has sailed right over 99.44% of all the people in the pews, and it is totally unbelievable. We touched on this a couple of times already, but with all the information that you now have, you can see how incredible it is.

Trinitarians actually teach that the terms “Father” and “Son” as revealed in Scripture do not really mean father and son, but rather are simply roles they accept in carrying out the plan of salvation. The denomination that Dee and I served in produced a book in which all of the doctrines of the church were explained in detail. On page 20 of this book, *Seventh-day Adventist Believe*, you find this amazing statement: “In the New Testament, Jesus used ‘Father’ to bring us into a close and personal relationship with God.”

One more statement from one of its official magazines, *Signs of the Times*, July, 1985. These 35 words were put in print: “It may be inferred from the Scriptures that when the Godhead laid out the plan of salvation at some point in eternity past, They took certain positions or roles to carry out the provisions of the plan.”

We came across an elaboration of that last quote, where the writer tried to describe a scene that was supposed to have taken place in Heaven. “Any of the three could have played the role of the other. The Father could have been the Son, or the Son could have been the Father, or the Holy Spirit could have been either of the two. One said, ‘I’ll be called the Son and become incarnated and die for the World.’ Another said, ‘No, no, I love you too much to do that. I’ll be called the Son and die for mankind.’ Still another said, ‘Wait, both of you need to stay here in Heaven. I’ll be called the Son and die for the world.’”

As astonishing as it is, trinitarianism fosters such imaginative tales suggesting that gods have been performing an Academy Award cosmic act playing parts in a script that has run nearly 2000 years. They teach that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have been, and are now, just playing roles! Heaven, according to them, is in the show business! This is what I call “theatrics theology.”

Charles Spurgeon, an English pastor known as the “Prince of Preachers” in the 19th century, one day saw a barn with a weather vane on its roof and a sign below it engraved in bold letters the words, “God is Love.”

Spurgeon found the farmer-owner and asked him, “My good friend, are you trying to say that God’s love is as changeable and fickle as a weather vane?”

The farmer’s face quickly showed his disappointment in hearing Spurgeon’s appraisal of his sign. “Oh, you don’t understand at all,” he said. “What I means is, no matter which way the wind blows, and no matter if it’s calm or stormy, God is still love.”

According to the Bible, “The winds of strife” are soon going to start blowing fiercely across this planet. The prophecied time of trouble can’t possibly be far off. This sinful world’s probation is fast coming to an end.

Aren’t you thankful, as a child of God, that regardless of how bad things get, God and His Son’s love, concern, and protection for you are unchangeable?

May God help you to see the red flags and remain obedient, faithful, and trusting so that you can be among those who rise up through real clouds, passing through real outer space, to a real Heaven with real gates swung wide open to welcome you to eternal life with your real Heavenly Father and His real Son, Jesus Christ, your Savior.

Red Flags Waving

**False information,
Misinformation,
Incorrect data.
Do you see the signs?
Red flags are out there.**

