

Newsletter for...



The Holy Trinity by *Ken Vernon*

Based upon the religious teachings of today, many would assume that the words holy trinity, are written in the bible. As a youngster growing up in the Methodist church, I was taught that God was in three persons (the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit.)

Like so many others, I accepted those words from my teachers. It never occurred to me to question my teachers or go to the copy of the King James translation of the bible to see for myself. Why? That would be downright frowned upon not only by my teachers but my parents as well. I would have been in hot water for challenging my Elders.

I shared that with you because all of us in mainstream religious circles are subject to the same kind of behavior and conduct as a direct result of our upbringing and indoctrination. Most of us attend a particular church because our parents and or guardians did. They made those choices for us. We did not make them for ourselves, we were indoctrinated by the people who came before us and they in like manner, the people before them.

For centuries this has been standard procedure and still is today. We are then products of our environment. If we choose not to examine the things we are taught, we can never say, with any degree of certainty or accuracy that those things are true. Keep in mind this is about religion and religious teachings.

Some will say but this is what I believe, thinking that ones belief will make whatever they believe factual. Beliefs do not establish facts. If one desires to deal with what is factual as opposed to what one simply believes, then an honest and sincere effort is required by the believer to go beyond belief

In the gospel of John we find the following words written. **John chapter 8:31 KJV:** *then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; verse 32 and you shall know the TRUTH, and the truth shall make you free.*

From the scriptures above we can see that believing does not establish the truth nor provide us with the knowledge of the Truth. The Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, **chapter 1:14** gave those instructions to those who believed on him. God himself said so.

Indoctrination is the foundation of our beliefs and not knowledge acquired from the words of the Creator. We see then, that obedience to His commands is the way to the knowledge of the Truth. We must go beyond belief.

Going beyond belief frees us from the traditions of those who came before us. The Truth makes us free or as some would say, sets us free. In **Mark 7:5** we read the following. *Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, why walk not your disciples according to the tradition of the Elders.* He answers in **verse 6: he answered and said unto them, well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, this people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.**

In chapter 7 and verse 7: *he continued his response. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

Verse 8: *for laying aside the commandment of God you hold to the traditions of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many such like things you do.*

The point being made here is simply this. If we follow the traditions of our predecessors we run the risk of worshipping the Creator in vain. The religious leaders of his day were no different, he said so. In the first chapter of the gospel of John, here is what we read in **verse 1: In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the Word Was God.**

Note: No mention of a third member of the God head called the Holy Spirit. In **Genesis chapter 1:2** latter part: *and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the Waters.* In **verse 3** we read: *and God Said (God the Word) let there be light.* In **verse 6** we read again: *And God said let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters.* **Verse 9:** *and God said. He spoke and everything existed.* His Spirit is the force by which he performs all that he does. The scriptures do not tell us that God is a trinity. **Emphasis----- anywhere.**

In **Genesis 1:26** Once again we read: *And God said let us make man in our image, and after our likeness.* Now we have another passage that tells us that there is another being involved in the creating. **Clearly he says let us** make man in our image.

Question: How can anyone make a human being in the likeness of spirit?

In order to ascertain who is the second God being, creating man in his image, we must turn to the scriptures for the answer. Not to any man.

Here it is!

John 1:1: the Word was with God and the Word was God. And there you have it. We have identified the second member of the Godhead based upon the Word of God on which we are instructed to rely. Not Man!

In Jeremiah 17:5 we read: *Cursed be the man who puts his trust in man.* Now let us continue to look to the scriptures for solid support to show that the Holy Spirit is not another member of the Godhead. In the scriptures above when God said let us make man in our image and after our likeness, He did not make man in the image of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit acts upon his command.

The Holy Spirit can be poured out. Now you are probably saying this man has lost his marbles, the Holy Spirit can be poured out? Yes, the answer is a resounding yes and once again the answer can be found in the scriptures.

In Joel 2:28 KJV we find the following scriptures written: *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out of MY Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.*

A prophecy from Joel who wrote these words in 800 BC. Now to the place, in history when that prophecy of the pouring out of the Spirit was fulfilled.

Acts 2:17 KJV: *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 you Daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams.* Proof of a prophecy fulfilled, (of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit 800 hundred years later in 33AD,) after the Prophet Joel, evidence found in the book of acts.

One more proof from the book of acts. **Acts 2:1 KJV:** *and when the Day of Pentecost was fully come (fulfilled) they were with one accord in one place. Verse 2:* *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Verse 3:* *and there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. Now Catch this! Verse 4:* *and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Here again we have proof of the Holy Spirit at work, filling the place where they were gathered, appearing as cloven tongues of fire, and filling the people also. The Holy Spirit is not a God being. It is the power by which he performs his mighty deeds.

God is not a trinity.

Those words cannot be not found written anywhere in the scriptures/or the bible.

More proof from the scriptures. **John 16:7 KJV:** *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; 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. Verse 13:* *Howbeit when the spirit of truth is come, it will guide you into all truth. Now latter part of the same verse and he shall show you things to come.*

Note: The trinity doctrine is not of biblical origin.

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