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WE WANT TO STUDY WITH YOU

We're not wanting to argue with anyone

We don't have any desire to win arguments!

We want no wrangling over "foolish questions"

We're not interested in debating you

WE HAVE BUT ONE WISH

To Study the wonderful words of God with you. In these times of crisis after crisis, when the world teeters on the brink of destruction, when more and more crime and evil abound, when more and more evil is destroying our young people — ALL WE WANT TO DO WITH YOU IS STUDY what The Good Lord above says about how to overcome evil and go to heaven when we die.

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Q&A

Do you hold to the doctrine of the “Trinity” as taught by many religious groups? Do you believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three beings who compose the “one God?” Do you believe that each of these is divine and eternal? Do you believe that Jesus Christ was “born of God” before the Creation?

When “trinity” or “triune God” are used, the concept of God sometimes automatically turns out to be flavored with what Catholic Councils and other theologians have defined. The concept of God is, to me, the greatest challenge there is to human understanding

Acts 17:29 and Col. 2:9 translate a form of the term for God into a singular, “Godhead.” There is no basis for multiple Godheads. Col. 2 uses a slightly different form of THEOS and has a slightly different significance. Romans 1:20 uses yet another slightly different form of God that focuses on the quality of Deity. If you have A.T. Robertson's “Word Pictures of the New Testament,” he has a good entry on Col. 2:9.

The term in Acts 17:29 is also used by Peter to describe God. 2 Peter 1:3 reads, “According as his *divine power* . . .” The term focuses more on his Being, his power and nature. The NIV changes Col. 2:9 to “in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. . .” These are the New Testament words describing what theologians call “the Trinity.” Thus, I believe there is one Godhead, one divine power, one Deity that consists of three divine Beings, all with the same nature of Deity. Read the NASB on Hebrews 1:3.

“Do you believe that each of these is divine and eternal?”

Yes, I believe this is exactly what the Bible teaches.

“Do you believe that Jesus Christ was 'born of God' before the Creation?”

I take Moses' great expression of reverence that Jesus Christ, as God, had no beginning. “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God” (Psa. 90:2). I take this to include Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2).

Psalms 90:1 uses a term reserved exclusively for God, the reverent term *Adonai*. Verse 2 uses *EL* (“thou art God” - Psa. 100:3), a shortened form of *Elohim*, to express the fact that the Lord, He is God. Jesus, the Messiah, the eternal Word, has no beginning. His “goings forth are from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2). To sum up, I believe the Bible teaching that God is a term used in the entire

Bible to designate one eternal entity in which three divine persons are one (John 17:20-21). As there is one humanity in which there are unnumbered persons, there is one God in which there eternally are three and distinct Beings.

“And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness; He (God, KJV) who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the spirit, Seen of angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory” (1 Tim. 3:16).

Some mysteries in the Bible are revealed mysteries; some are not. The mystery of godliness may very well be one that will not be fully revealed to us while we are here in this life (Deut. 29:29; Job 9:10). Two things stand out quite clearly. (1) Jesus Christ is, and ever has been, God, who lived for a short time in a human body among men. (2) His existence and nature are without beginning and without end. He is the Alpha and Omega and is the same forever.

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE BIBLE TRIVIA?

What names were Daniel and his three companions given in Babylon?

What inspired book in the Bible doesn't mention God?

How many women are included in the genealogy of Jesus?

What verse in the Bible is called “The Golden Text” of the Bible?

Who is mentioned in the Bible as being without father and mother?

Where did Jesus perform his first miracle? His second?

(Answers below—get a magnifying glass)



Daniel—Belshazzar, Hananiah—Shadrach, Meshach, Mishael — Abed-nego, Dan. 1:7
Esther
Four—Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Rahab
John 3:15
Melchizedek, Heb. 7:3
Cana of Galilee, John 2:11; 4:54