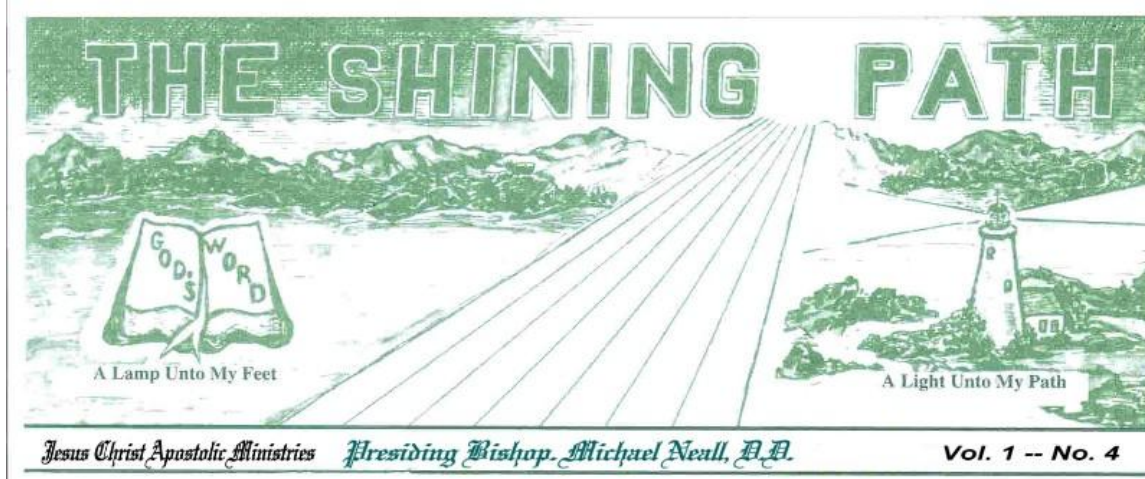


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"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:" (Deut. 6:4 and Mark 12:29). "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3) "...Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any." (Isaiah 44:8) "...hath not one God created us?" (Malachi

2:10). "Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one." (Galatians 3:20) "Thou believeth that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." (James 2:19)

To the question as to whether there is One God, the Bible affirmatively answers YES! Paul affirmed that a mediator was not a mediator of one, but God is one. That is while a mediator

stands in the middle between two or more contending parties, yet God was One, not two or more. Paul again said, "For there is One God and One Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). All who believe the Bible must believe in One God, for God is One. (Gal. 3:20).

GOD and gods

IS GOD ONE OR THREE? This is perhaps the most basic question in or out of the universe. Ditheists say there are two Gods and Tritheists say there are three Gods. Trinitarians say there is One God in three separate and distinct persons. Monotheists, other than Christian Monotheists say there is One God. Christian Monotheists say there is One God Who has revealed Himself in three basic ways, but is not divided into Persons after the analogy of the human specie.

WHAT IS, THE TRITHEISTIC VIEW?

Tritheism is a belief in Three Gods with separate and distinct existences.

WHAT IS THE TRINITARIAN CONCEPT?

The doctrine of the Trinity is that God is One God subsisting in three separate and distinct persons. They confess that this is a mystery above reason but not contrary to reason. They do not all say that these three persons have a body, but they have all the attributes that

define a person to be a person, which they say does not always mean that a body is involved. WHAT IS DITHEISM? Ditheism is a belief in two Gods. Some of this belief partakes of the nature of God in an uncreated sense, creating the Son of God in the beginning, who in turn by delegated authority created all things that are made. This is believed to be the origin

of the Son of God in the Son ship relationship. This means to the so-called Ditheist that this is the origin of the Created Son, but not His origin as God, in the uncreated sense. The impression one gets is of a Senior and Junior God.

WHAT IS MONOTHEISM?

Monotheism is the ancient doctrine that **God is One**, not many. It is succinctly summarized by the verse: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is ONE LORD." (Deut. 6:4) This is the extreme opposite of a Plurality of Beings whether called Tritheism or even Tritheism in its modified form termed Trinity. It is this fundamental belief that is the root and branch of

Jewish rejection of the Trinitarianism and Tritheism of the so-called Christian world, for they feel that their Messiah will be the One God of the Old Testament coming in the form of man.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN MONOTHEISM? It is the same as Jewish Monotheism with the exception that the Son of God is the Messiah, and that this One God has sent His Spirit in and upon the people as the Holy Ghost. There is One God Who lives in and out of the Universe as the Source of all things, yet Who also assumed the human nature of man through Mary, within which His Divine Nature was fused and called the Son of God in relation to Divine Origin and Present dwelling in the flesh; and also-called the Son of Man in relation to His Human Origin and dwelling in the flesh; with the added manifestation of Himself under the appellation of the Holy Ghost or Spirit dwelling and being imparted in and to the lives of believers in Jesus Christ.

IS IT ACCURATE TO SAY THAT CHRISTIAN MONOTHEISTS ARE JESUS ONLY?

NO! Christian Monotheists believe that Jesus Christ is God made visible through incarnation, but that God is basically an Omnipresent Spirit Substance, Whose Absolute Being transcends even the Universe as an Unlimited Existence. Although Jesus Christ is the One God of the Old Testament, He is not all there is to God as to quantity, speaking from the standpoint of the size of the body.

The idea may be conveyed in a rough analogy by the use of water and ice: Ice is of water, and may be in water, but is water in a solid form. Jesus is God in human form, but God is an omnipresent Spirit, too. As Jesus said concerning His connection with God in this Spirit sense, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" Ice is in the water

and the water is in the ice. "I and my Father are ONE." The Holy Ghost is sometimes called the Spirit of my Father and the Spirit of God's Son. This analogy is imperfect, since God assumed the flesh and life of man in order to live and move among men; and is not spirit converted to flesh.

IS IT ACCURATE TO SAY THAT CHRISTIAN MONOTHEISTS, DENY THE FATHER?

This has been told and retold but is highly inaccurate and misleading. The Christian Monotheist simply denies that God should be characterized under the appellation of Three

Separate and Distinct Persons, whether under the extreme Tritheistic concept or the modified Tritheistic concept commonly called Trinity. Christian Monotheists believe that when God is

referred to as Father, He is being addressed as the source from whence all things originated. When the One God of the Bible assumed a mode of Being in the flesh, this distinct manifestation of Him- self originated from God in sense of Spirit. The Spirit Substance, which is eternal and Omnipresent, is the source or Father of the fusion of God and' man in one body and called the Son of God. This Fatherhood of the Spirit has carried over and been applied to Jesus when His Deity or Divine" Nature or Substance is being identified, and/ or emphasized more in particular, in contradistinction to His humanity.

Thus, when His Substance, which is the same as the Spirit, is preeminently in mind. Jesus Christ is also described as the Father or Source. In His Deity Jesus, in the body, is One or the same as the Deity outside of the body. When viewed as being the product of a fusion of the divine and the human, the appellation of Son of God and Son of Man are used. Unlike Tritheism or Trinitarianism, Christian Monotheism includes the whole Deity in an Undivided Substance, rather than to project a Troika (three) of separated individuals or council of persons like to the unity that perhaps three people may form -a unity though plural.

Christian Monotheism includes both the God of Infinity in His Unlimited Omnipresence as a Spirit Substance, and also this Substance expressed in human form; thus fusing, as it were,

the Divine Nature and the human nature. God is, therefore, to be understood from two senses: God apart from the flesh and God manifested in the flesh. Again the analogy of water and ice: The water is in the ice and the ice is in the water (ice in the lake and the lake in the ice). Monotheism (belief in One God) is a Oneity not a Trinitarian Unity. The Trinitarian Unity is United Council of Three Persons in sociological agreement. The Monotheistic Oneity is One Being made known in various ways, degrees and quantities etc. {}