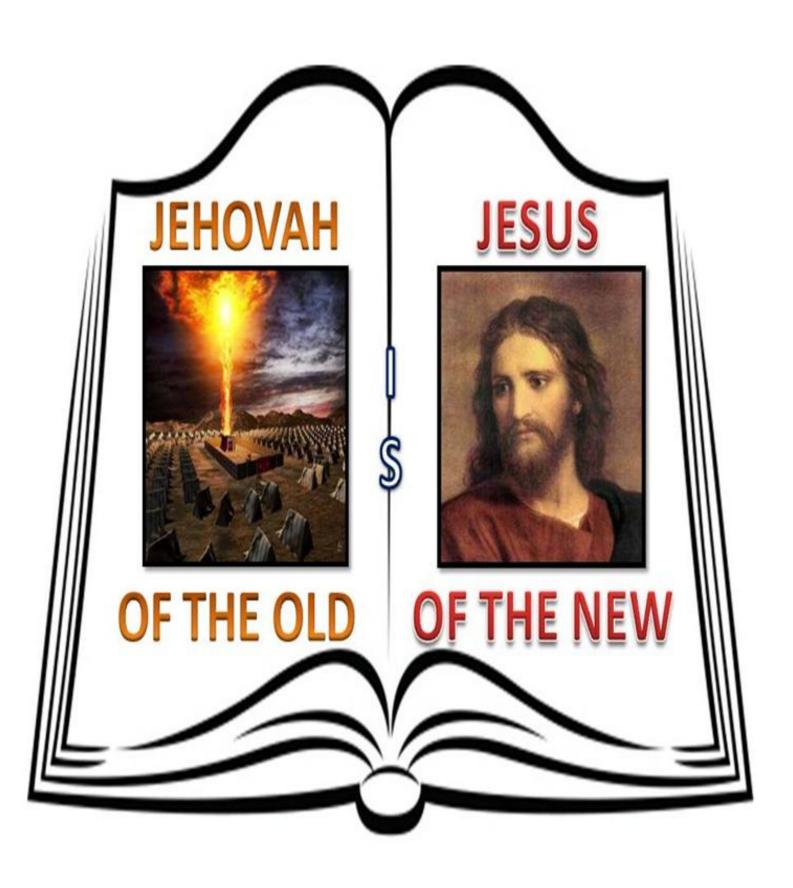
# UNDERSTANDING THE GODHEAD





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# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GODHEAD

#### COLOSSIANS 2:8 - 9

- 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
- 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

We have come to realise that the Godhead is a very important subject to a Message believer. While it is a vital topic, it is also one of the most misunderstood. We find many in our ranks seem to have the Oneness concept of the Godhead, while others take an Arian approach to this great subject. In the denominational world, the prevailing concept of the Godhead is the Trinity.

As we look into this great subject, I believe it would be wise to take heed to the warning of Saint Paul in the Scripture reading above. He is urging us not to allow any man to spoil us through philosophy and vain deceit. The word SPOIL, according to the Greek Lexicon, means:

4812 » sulagogeo {soo-lag-ogue-eh'-o} sulagwgevw from the base of 4813 and (the reduplicated form of) 71; TDNT -- omitted, omitted; vb

**AV** -- spoil (1)

1) to carry off booty: to carry one off as a captive (and slave); to lead away from the truth and subject to one's sway

Paul is admonishing us to ensure men don't carry us away as booty or as slaves, which are led away from truth and are subject to one's sway or influence. It is quite fascinating that the word spoil is applied in this context. Generally, when someone is trying to convince you of their teaching, they try to win you over with their influence or sway and then brag of how they have converted you as though you were booty and would refer to you as their possession.

This is why I am adamant; we do not need any "great personalities" among us. We do not need "great men" to rise up to lead the Bride forward. We have One Great Man and He is The Lord Jesus Christ. He should be the only Great One among us. He has chosen to send us the seventh angel of Revelation 10:7 to complete the Mystery of God and show us the way. This was God's provided way to make known His Word to the Bride.

A key point to note at this time is that there were only seven stars in His hand and no more. In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he will begin to sound the mystery of God would be finished. All the "one man scriptures" that pertain to these last days has been fulfilled. The Elijah of Malachi 4 has come with the Message that will turn our hearts back to the original faith. The angel to the Laodiceans has spoken. The angel of Revelation 10:7 has sounded. All of these scriptures were fulfilled in the prophet-messenger William Branham.

Now, it is a "Body Movement." As John (who is a type of the Bride) took the Book out of the hand of the Angel and ate It, so too has the Bride taken the Book out of the hand of the Mighty Angel and eaten the Book. Now she will prophecy again. She will take the same Message as given to her by God through His prophet and pack It to the coming of the Lord. Thus, under her messenger, she will be the final voice to this final age. She will not have a "new voice" but THE SPIRIT, THE PROPHET AND THE BRIDE WILL SAY THE SAME THING.

Whatever God needed the Bride to hear, He spoke It through His seventh angel. The five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4 has not been called to reveal or to interpret the Word. The true five-fold ministry will take the already revealed Word and feed the flock of God in this end time. There will be no "new revelations" or "greater revelations" as this would break the Scripture.

# THE MEANING OF THE WORD "GODHEAD"

At this point, let us establish how many times the word GODHEAD appears in the Bible and more importantly to derive the meaning thereof. Using the KJV Bible, we will quickly realise that the word GODHEAD is used THREE TIMES and they all appear in the New Testament.

# **ACTS 17:29**

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the <u>Godhead</u> is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

In this Scripture, the Greek Lexicon renders the meaning for Godhead as follows:

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2304 » theios {thi'-os} qei'oß from 2316; TDNT -- 3:65,322; adj
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**AV** -- divine (2)

- -- Godhead (1) [3]
- 1) a general name of deities or divinities
- 2) of Christ (John 1:1)
- 3) spoken of the only and true God

4) whatever can in any respect be likened to God, or resembles him in any way: Hebraistically God's representatives or vice regent, of magistrates and judges.

The Amplified version of the Bible reads as follows:

# ACTS 17:29 - AMPLIFIED

So then, being God's children, we should not think that the <u>Divine</u> <u>Nature (deity)</u> is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination or skill of man.

We can see that Godhead here refers to Deity of the Divine Nature of God. Paul is telling the audience that the Divine Nature of God is not like gold and silver that can be formed by the hand and the imagination of man. A point to note here is that Godhead in this passage of Scripture does not refer to a hierarchy within the Godhead but is expressing the Divine Nature of the only and true God.

The next portion that uses the word Godhead is as follows according to the KJV:

# **ROMANS 1:20 - 21**

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and <u>Godhead</u>; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

This would be how the Greek Lexicon renders the meaning in this verse:

2305 » theiotes {thi-ot'-ace} qeiovthß from 2304; TDNT -- 3:65,322; n f
AV -- Godhead (1)
1) divinity, divine nature

# ROMANS 1:20 - 21 - AMPLIFIED

20 For ever since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and <u>divine nature</u>, have been clearly seen, being understood through His workmanship [all His creation, the wonderful things that He has made], so that they [who fail to believe and trust in Him] are without excuse and without defense.

21 For even though they knew God [as the Creator], they did not honor Him as God or give thanks [for His wondrous creation]. On the contrary, they became worthless in their thinking [godless, with pointless reasonings, and silly speculations], and their foolish heart was darkened.

Here again the Godhead means the Divine nature of God. Again we would notice an absence of any form of hierarchy. This is why Paul said that Godhead is not likened unto something that man can create or come up with.

Let us re-visit our opening scripture as this is the third place this word Godhead is found in the Bible

# COLOSSIANS 2:8 - 9

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- 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

The Greek Lexicon renders the meaning of this word as follows:

2320 » theotes {theh-ot'-ace} qeovthß from 2316; TDNT -- 3:65,322; n f
AV -- Godhead (1)
1) deity i.e. the state of being God, Godhead

# **COLOSSIANS 2:8 – 9 - AMPLIFIED**

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception [pseudo-intellectual babble], according to the tradition [and musings] of mere men, following the elementary principles of this world, rather than following [the truth—the teachings of] Christ.

9 For in Him all the <u>fullness of Deity (the Godhead</u>) dwells in bodily form [completely expressing the divine essence of God].

Once more we would notice Godhead is used to reference Deity. Again, notice the complete absence of any hierarchy of differentiation between persons in the Godhead. It refers specifically to Deity – the Deity of God. It invokes His Divine Nature as the one and only true God. Paul is using this terminology not as a doctrine or a teaching but as a reference to God, the one and only true God.

This is how the Google Dictionary defines Godhead:

godhead 'gpdhɛd/ noun noun: Godhead; noun: the Godhead; noun: godhead; plural noun: godheads 1. God.

- divine nature.
- 2. informal
- a greatly admired or influential person.
  - "there on a skateboard was America's current godhead"

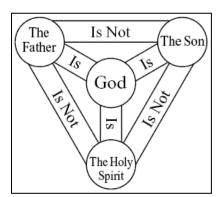
In a nutshell the word Godhead means God and is used to express His Divine Nature as the One True God. The concept of the Godhead became complicated when men desired to conform Christianity to paganism. Different versions of the Godhead sprang up through time; generally the latter doctrines were raised to combat the former.

# THE THREE MAIN CONCEPTS OF THE GODHEAD

Let us examine the three main concepts of the Godhead in the order in which they were formulated.

# THE TRINITARIAN CONCEPT

The Trinity concept of the Godhead was discussed as early as the beginning of the second century. By the time of the Nicaea Council of 325AD, this was the accepted understanding of the Godhead. A brief explanation of the doctrine as it appears is WIKIPEDIA is as follows:



The <u>Christian doctrine</u> of the **Trinity** (from Latin trinitas "triad", from trinus "threefold")<sup>[1]</sup> defines <u>God</u> as three consubstantial <u>persons</u>, <sup>[2]</sup> expressions, or <u>hypostases</u>: <sup>[3]</sup> the <u>Father</u>, the <u>Son</u> (<u>Jesus Christ</u>), and the <u>Holy Spirit</u>; "one God in three persons". The three <u>persons</u> are

distinct, yet are one "substance, essence or nature". [4] In this context, a "nature" is what one is, while a "person" is who one is. [5][6][7]

According to this central <u>mystery</u> of some <u>Christian faiths</u>, [8] there is only one God in three persons: while distinct from one another in their relations of origin (as the <u>Fourth Lateran Council</u> declared, "it is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds") and in their relations with one another, they are stated to be one in all else, co-equal, co-eternal and <u>consubstantial</u>, and "each is God, whole and entire". [9] Accordingly, the whole work of creation and grace is seen as a single operation common to all three divine persons, in which each shows forth what is proper to him in the Trinity, so that all things are "from the Father", "through the Son" and "in the Holy Spirit". [10]

#### **SUMMARY:**

According to this concept, we have three distinct persons in one Godhead. Each person is distinct from the other. It is either the English language has lost its meaning or there is something wrong with this premise. HOW CAN THREE SEPARATE PERSONS BE ONE PERSON? Whichever way we try to look at this we are breaking the first of all the commandments as Jesus puts it in the following verse:

# **MARK 12:29**

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

I think this is rather clear. The Lord our God is one Lord and not three. Brother Branham says it like this:

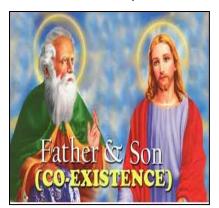
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174 Now, my precious brother, I know this is a tape also. Now, don't get excited. Let me say this with godly love, the hour has approached where I can't hold still on these things no more, too close to the Coming. See?

"Trinitarianism is of the Devil!" I say that THUS SAITH THE LORD!
Look where it come from. It come from the Nicene Council when the
Catholic church become in rulership. The word "trinity" is not even
mentioned in the entire Book of the Bible. And as far as three Gods,
that's from hell. There's one God. That's exactly right.

# THE ARIANISM CONCEPT (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE TWONESS TEACHING)

The Arianism concept made its appearance in the mid third century and is generally attributed to Arius, a Christian presbyter of Alexandria. In contrast to the Trinity, the Arianism concept maintains there is ONE GOD AND HIS SON. The Son is not divine but is subordinate to the Father. WIKIPEDIA expounds on this in the following manner:



Arianism is a <u>nontrinitarian</u> belief that asserts that <u>Jesus Christ</u> is the <u>Son of God</u>, created by <u>God the Father</u>, distinct from the Father and therefore subordinate to the Father. Arian teachings were first attributed to <u>Arius</u> (<u>c.</u> AD 250–336), a Christian <u>presbyter</u> in <u>Alexandria</u>, Egypt.

The teachings are opposed to mainstream Christian teachings on the nature of the <u>Trinity</u> and on the nature of Christ. The Arian <u>concept of Christ</u> is that the Son of God did not always exist, but was created by God the Father. This belief is based on an interpretation of a verse in the <u>Gospel of John (14:28)</u>: "You heard me say, 'I am going away, and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I."

<u>Jehovah's Witnesses</u> are often referred to as "modern-day Arians" or sometimes "<u>Semi-Arians</u>", usually by their opponents. While there are some significant similarities

in theology and doctrine, the Witnesses differ from Arians by saying that the Son can fully know the Father (something Arius himself denied), and by their denial of personality to the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. Arius considered the Holy Spirit to be a person or a high-ranking angel, which had a beginning as a creature, whereas the Witnesses consider the Holy Spirit to be God's "active force" or "energy", which had no beginning, and is not an actual person. The original Arians also generally prayed directly to Jesus, whereas the Witnesses pray to God, through Jesus as a mediator. [39]

#### Adherents

The teachings of the first two ecumenical councils - which entirely reject Arianism - are held by the <u>Catholic Church</u>, the <u>Eastern Orthodox Church</u>, the <u>Oriental Orthodox Churches</u>, the <u>Assyrian Church of the East</u> and all <u>Reformation</u>-founded <u>Protestant</u> churches (Lutheran, Reformed/Presbyterian, and Anglican). Also, nearly all Protestant groups (such as Methodist, Baptist, most Pentecostals) entirely reject the teachings associated with Arianism. Modern groups which currently appear as embracing some of the principles of Arianism include <u>Unitarians</u>, <u>Latter Day Saints</u> (Mormon), the <u>Jehovah's Witnesses</u> and <u>some sects within Branhamism</u>. Although the origins of their beliefs are not necessarily attributed to the teachings of Arius, many of the core beliefs are entirely similar. [40]

# **SUMMARY:**

The Arianism concept is one of "God and His Son." God is the Father or Jehovah of the Old Testament. This teaching denies the Deity of Jesus Christ and sets forth Jesus as a just a man. Seeing no Deity can be attributed to Jesus, He must not be worshipped as God. The Son is a creation of the Father and therefore is under subjection to the Father. A point to note is that the followers of this teaching will acknowledge there

is but One God but at the same time deny the Deity of Jesus Christ. Further, this teaching insists that the Father is a separate Person from the Son and the Father is Lord and not the Son.

Based on the above premise and knowing the Bible will not contradict Itself, how would we answer to the following Scriptures?

# **JOHN 10:30**

30 I and my Father are one.

# I CORINTHIANS 12:3

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

In John, Jesus is claiming that He and the Father are One. If we had to continue on that chapter, we would find that the Pharisees took up stones to stone Him for this saying. They rebuked Him saying "You being a man make yourself God." They were so adamant in proving that He was just a man that they were willing to kill Him. Not much has changed. Brother Branham tells us the people die but the spirits don't.

You would find in the WIKIPEDIA explanation of the Arianism Concept that some adherents to this teaching are a sect of Branhamism. That means there are a group of people who claim to follow the teachings of William Branham that embrace this concept of the Godhead. In meeting these people, they try so hard to prove that Jesus is not God that if He were here today in His Corporal Body, they would no doubt react in the same way the Pharisees did then.

We find Paul, in the Book of Corinthians is telling us that no man can call Jesus the Lord but by the Holy Ghost. I believe this is rather elementary. Without the Holy Ghost, we will deny the Deity of Jesus Christ. If He is not Lord then He would be the greatest deceiver the world has ever known.

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143 She said, "Oh, yes, you do." Said, "You make Him Divine." It was

a woman that didn't believe that Jesus was Divine. She was a

Christian Science. And said, "You make Him--you make Him Divine,

make Him God."

144 <u>I said, "He is either God, or the greatest deceiver the world ever knowed." I said, "He..."</u>

<u>People talk about Jesus being the Eternal Son of God. Now isn't that a contradiction? Whoever heard of a 'Son' being eternal?</u> Sons have beginnings, but that which is eternal never had a beginning. <u>He is the Eternal God (Jehovah) manifested in the flesh.</u>

While we are on this Arian Concept and seeing that there are some within the ranks of the Message of the Hour that hold to this teaching, let us examine some of their arguments in Light of the Message. Remember, this teaching denies the Deity of Jesus Christ yet one of the earliest recordings made of Brother Branham's sermons is titled "The Deity Of Jesus Christ."

# **JESUS IN JESUS**

For those not familiar with this, the following line is used from the sermon titled We Would See Jesus preached on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1958:

All right. And how many knows that that was Jesus in Jesus, that same Spirit?

Is Brother Branham telling us that there are two Jesus'? If we read this line in isolation that might appear so. Examining just this one line, I may put forth this question: "My soul is who I am and my body is the tabernacle. My name is Kaylen. Is it not therefore logical to say that Kaylen is in Kaylen? Does that make me two Kaylens?" On the contrary, it emphasises the triune being that I am. Now let us look at the full quote from which this line was taken:

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E-55 Look. When He was here on earth, how many knows that that was the Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel in the wilderness, that It was Christ, the Angel of the covenant? All right. And how many knows that that was Jesus in Jesus, that same Spirit? Look, when they questioned Him, Saint John 6, calling your...?... attention to it. They said, "You say you're greater than Abraham?" And said, that, "Why, you're only fifty years old, yet." He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." I AM was in the burning bush. Is that right? A Pillar of Fire... When He was here on earth, He said, "I came from God, and I go to God." Did He say it? And then, if He came from the Pillar of Fire, He returned back to it again. After His death, burial, and resurrection, Saint Paul was on his road down to Damascus and big bright Light struck in his face and blinded him. None of the rest of them saw It. Paul saw It. It blinded him; he fell on the ground. What is this Pillar of Fire, again? "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" "Who are You, Lord?" "I'm Jesus." Is that right?

Did you notice the prophet uses the same logic as the one I posed before the quote? If anything, this quote does not highlight two Jesus' but rather that Jesus and the Father are One. The same Pillar of Fire that was God of the Old Testament is the Same one that struck Paul on the road to Damascus. When Paul asked the vital question, "Who art Thou Lord?" Let us look at the response:

#### **ACTS 22:8**

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

This same Pillar of Fire now identifies Himself of Jesus of Nazareth. Why would God lower Himself in that manner? Why would He allow His Son to take His Glory? Remember the Bible tells us that God will share His Glory with no one. The answer is really simple – Jehovah of the Old is Jesus of the New.

Now that is the revelation: Jesus Christ is God. The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New. No matter how hard you try, you can't prove there are THREE Gods. But it also takes a revelation by the Holy Spirit to make you understand the truth that He is One. It takes a revelation to see that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New. Satan crept into the church and blinded the people to this truth. And when they were blinded to it, it wasn't long until the Church of Rome stopped baptizing in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Jehovah of the Old" is "Jesus of the New" is a statement that the prophet makes 19 times over the many years of his ministry. This is what he tells us is the revelation of God. It will take the Holy Spirit to make us understand that He is One. He goes on to tell us that the devil has crept into the church and blinded the people to this truth. This is why he tells us we should pray for revelation....

# **DUAL PERSONALITY - FATHER SPEAKS AND THE SON SPEAKS**

With the "Father and His Son" teaching there arises a concept of the DUAL PERSONALITIES. This basically means TWO PERSONS ARE USING ONE BODY AT THE SAME TIME. Let us examine the quote below as there appears to be an inference to the dual personality

#### 57-0922M JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.FOREVER

E-8 <u>Listen</u>, <u>Jesus</u>, <u>24th verse</u>, <u>34th verse</u>, <u>Jesus answered them</u>, <u>"Is it not written in your law</u>, <u>I...?" Now here</u>, <u>Hisself</u>, <u>being the Son of God</u>, <u>yet said</u>, <u>"I said</u>." <u>See the personal pronoun in it? "I said</u>, <u>Ye are gods. Ye yourself are gods. Is it written in your law</u>, <u>that I said</u>, <u>Ye are gods? If He..." Back to God again</u>. They couldn't understand: <u>one time it was God speaking</u>, <u>next time it was Jesus speaking</u>, <u>and He was a dual personality</u>, <u>as to say</u>. The disciples once said, after, in, I believe, Saint John the 17th chapter, Jesus explaining to them, they said, "Lo, now speakest thou plainly. Now, we know that You come from God, and no man don't have to teach You. You come from God, God does Your teaching, You don't need any education or seminary theologies, God teaches You, and no man tells You what to do: by this we believe that Thou comest from God." He said, "Do you now believe? After all this time, do you now believe?" Notice: Ye are gods.

This quote may stumble many people and has shaken the faith of others. While many run off with this as a definite that there was a dual personality, it would be imperative to note the terminology of the prophet. He does not say that Jesus had a dual personality but "He was a dual personality as to say." That is a figure of speech when using an example or trying to draw an analogy. There is another important aspect in the quote above I would like to expound on but first can we look at paragraph 6 and 7 of the same sermon, as it precedes the paragraph we have just read.

# 57-0922M JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.FOREVER\_

E-6 I like to comment on just a verse or two. The people of that day could not comprehend how Him, being a Man, could be God: how that an ordinary Man, without, not even a forceful preacher (the Bible said, "His--His Voice was not heard in the streets"); and--and, "There

was no beauty that we should desire of Him"; He could not present Himself, maybe, as a minister, as the educated and smart could; and just being an ordinary man; uneducated, we have no record that He ever attended one day of school, when, being uneducated to the world; but yet, how these things could be: and He said He was God, and He was God. And they didn't understand the Scriptures. If you notice as we read now, He said, "I and my Father are one"; not two, they are one. The Jews took up stones, and was going to kill Him, because that He had made Hisself God; a Man, being God. And I never noticed this until just a while ago, reading it: Jesus answered them, "Many good works have I shewed you from my Father, not that I did, but I just shewed them to you from my Father." God gave me the privilege of showing you this work. I didn't create it myself, but God has told me, and gave me this to show you, that you might believe. God gives His works through His servants to show His works. Now, that's just as real today as it was then, for, "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever."Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of these works do you stone me?

E-7 "For healing the sick? For preaching the Gospel? For making the blind to receive their sight? Or perceiving their thoughts in the audience? When the woman touched My garment and I could not tell who it was, and looked around, and the Father let Me know what her trouble was, and she was healed: do you stone Me for that? Do you stone Me for the visions that I saw, when I looked over the audience, and perceived their thoughts? Which one of those works do you stone Me for?" Now listen! And they answered him and said, "For not these good works, but because thou blasphemeth." Now, that's the reason we s-... "Being a man, you make yourself God." Now, watch! The principle is God in the people. How could God, being supernatural, being this man? They had never heard of that before. But Jesus was opening a gate, a door to the race of Adam; Him being the Son of God.

In the two paragraphs preceding the "dual personality" quote, the prophet is telling us that Jesus is God. He and the Father are One. The people could not understand how Him being a Man could be God. They never heard of that before. Just as it was then, so is today that many fail to realise that He was completely God and He was completely Man. As a Man, He got hungry and tired. As a Man He had desires.... At the same time He raised the dead and healed the sick and calmed the storm. This is not a dual personality but the people could not understand Him. Brother Branham tells us the reason they could not understand Him was because they were not one with Him.

Glancing back at paragraph 8, we would find many today trying to differentiate between the Father speaking and when the Son was speaking. Let us entertain that for a moment and use the formula as indicated by Brother Branham:

57-0922M JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.FOREVER
E-8 Listen, Jesus, 24th verse, 34th verse, Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, I...?" Now here, Hisself, being the Son of God, yet said, "I said." See the personal pronoun in it? "I said, Ye are gods. Ye yourself are gods. Is it written in your law, that I said, Ye are gods? If He..." Back to God again.

From the extract above, it is quite simple to follow the formula to determine Who is speaking and when. When Jesus spoke in the first person (using words like I, Me, My...) that was the Son speaking. When He spoke in the third person (using words like He, Him) then that would be the Father speaking. Let us start by looking at the Scripture the prophet is referring to:

# <u>JOHN 10:34 - 35</u>

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

# 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Using the formula above, it would mean that Jesus the Son spoke the Law and the Father called them gods unto whom the Word of God came. We all know that Jesus was not there when the Law was given to Moses, yet He is claiming to have spoken It.

Can we look at another example?

# **JOHN 8:58**

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

While those who claim to have the insight, on Who was speaking at which time, say that this was the Father speaking; this would contradict the formula set by the prophet. Notice, Jesus is speaking in the first person. That means it is the Son speaking. And He is claiming to be before Abraham and a few verses earlier He says Abraham rejoiced to see His day. How can this be so, when the Son was not even born at that time....They even reviled Him and said "You being a man not more than fifty years old and you claim to have seen Abraham."

This would bring us to an interesting point of discussion. That would be MELCHISEDEC....

# WHO IS MELCHISEDEC?

# 65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10

55 Notice now His attribute. Then the attribute was, first, God; the thought, the attribute itself, all in One, without being expressed. Then when He expressed, secondarily, He became then the Word. "And then the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

56 Saint John the 1st chapter and the 1st verse, notice, this is, "In the beginning." But, before, the Eternal! Notice, "In the beginning was the Word." When the time begin, it was Word. But before it was Word, it was attribute, a thought. Then it was expressed, "In the beginning was," the expression, "the Word."

Now we're getting where Melchisedec is. That's this mysterious Person. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "And then the Word became flesh and dwelled among us." Hold that there now, notice.

57 <u>His--His first being was Spirit, God, supernatural, all right, the great Eternal. Second, He begin to form Himself towards flesh, in a theophany, it's called "the Word; a body." This then is the state He was in when He met Abraham, was called Melchisedec. He was in the form of theophany. Now we'll get to that and prove it in a few minutes, the Lord willing. He was the Word.</u>

Melchisedec, in the Bible we are told, had no father or mother. He had no beginning of days or ending of life. Whoever He is, He is still alive. He is none other than God Himself. The great Eternal Spirit was moving to form Himself toward flesh. He was condescending from the great Eternal Spirit into the form of the Theophany and this is how God met Abraham as Melchisedec. Let us reiterate: when God met Abraham as Melchisedec, God was in Theophany form. This is the Theophany of God.

65-0822M CHRIST.IS.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 SUNDAY 139 He was alive in the Old Testament, manifested. I just want to let you see a little something here, if you can stand it. Watch, when Jesus was manifested in the Old Testament, as we believe it. Now, you preachers out there, you can argue with it, do whatever you want to, but I'm talking for my... what I think. See?

140 When Jesus was manifested in the Old Testament, in a theophany, in the person of Melchisedec; not a priesthood, but the Person, the Man. See? For, this Man had yet not been born, but He was in a theophany, so He had no father, no mother. He was God

Himself. He was manifested in the form of a Man, called, "King of Salem, which is King of Peace, and King of Righteousness." See? He was Melchisedec. "He had neither father nor mother, beginning of days or ending of life." See? It was Jesus in a theophany, in the form of a Man. Could you go that? All right.

It would appear Brother Branham's prophetic gift had already raised the alarm bells that there will be preachers who will want to argue what was just spoken. This is quite an amazing fact. Jesus was not yet born but He was alive in the Old Testament. Melchisedec that appeared to Abraham is the Theophany of Jesus... But didn't we read in an earlier quote that Melchisedec is the Theophany of God.

As some would argue the natural types the spiritual. I have a son and he is a separate person from me. Do we share the same Theophany? Will we go through eternity sharing one Theophany? If that be so, then in whose body will the Theophany live in – mine or his? On the contrary, we each have our own Theophanies. Then if my son and I; being two separate persons, don't share a Theophany – pray tell me how is God and His Son sharing the same Theophany? This once more highlights that Jehovah of the Old is Jesus of the New.

Another point of trying to separate when the Father is speaking as opposed to the Son occurs in the following verse:

# **MATTHEW 16:13 - 17**

- 13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
- 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
- 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
- 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

The question to be asked is Who is claiming to be the Son of Man? Is it the Father or is it the Son? Take careful note that Jesus is speaking in the first person and says, "Who do men say I the Son of man am?" The Son is claiming to be the Son of Man. To this direct question, Peter gives a direct answer and calls Him the Christ, the Son of the Living God. The same God that was now made flesh in Jesus Christ; is the One who appeared to Abraham as Elohim.

Another beautiful point of this Scripture is Peter calling Jesus the Christ. An even more amazing fact is that Jesus never rebuked him or tried to stop him. In actual fact Jesus rewarded him with the keys to the kingdom of Heaven because of the revelation he had. We all know that Christ means the Anointed One or the Messiah. The prophet explains Christ in this manner:

# 62-0204 COMMUNION\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-10 N-1 SUNDAY\_

67 See, Christ... <u>God is a Spirit. Christ means "the anointed one, a man anointed with God," which made Him the Christ</u>. Now, Christ said, "I am Food and Drink." Not a wafer, not a wafer that we take here. That isn't Christ. The wine that we drink at the altar, is not Christ. It represents Him, in a figurative way. Bu<u>t Christ is the Holy Spirit, the anointing that's upon the Church, that is the Meat and the Drink.</u>

Christ, which is the Anointed One, is the Holy Spirit. Now Peter is not just saying that this Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit but he called Jesus the Anointed One. He called Him the Christ. When did Jesus become the Christ?

# **LUKE 2:10 - 12**

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Do you think the Angel made a mistake as they heralded the birth of this special Baby in Bethlehem? The Angel called this Baby Christ... and not just Christ but called Him Christ the Lord. He was born the Christ the Lord...

20-4 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1 Luke 2:11 says, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord".

He was born the Christ, and eight days later when He was circumcised He was named Jesus, even as the angel had told them. I was born a Branham. When I was born they gave me the name of William. He was CHRIST but He was given a name down here among men. That outward tabernacle men could see was called Jesus. He was the Lord of Glory, the Almighty manifested in flesh. He is God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. He is all that.

Once more this highlights the teaching of William Branham that Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New Testament.

At this point, may I raise a question, "Do you believe that you will spend eternity with God?" I trust your answer is YES. We are going to live with God in the place that He has prepared for us. How beautiful that place will be as the Book of Revelation describes it. I trust you are looking forward to spending eternity with God and the place He has prepared for you.....

# **JOHN 14:1 - 3**

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

- 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Now we sure have some contradictions here. Here the Son is claiming He is preparing the place for us. He is also claiming that He will come back for us and receive us to Himself, that where He is we may be also. To view this through the Arian looking glass of the Message would create great confusion. The question then is "Who is coming back for us?" Jesus of Nazareth said He is and I believe Him....

To sum up this point on the "dual personality", I would like to reference another quote:

#### 55-0117 HOW.THE.ANGEL.CAME.TO.ME.AND.HIS.COMMISSION

303 Sir, it's nothing wrong with you. You're weak, have a little getting up at night, prostates and so forth, but that's not what's your trouble. Your trouble is concerning your boy. And your boy is in some kind of a state institution, and he has a dual personality. Is that right? Wave your hand if that's right. That's exactly right.

This is how the world reacts to a "dual personality." They house those suffering from dual personalities in a state institution. Our medical profession defines this "dual personality" as a Dissociative Identity Disorder of "D.I.D". Take careful note, that this is a mental disorder. Then according to this teaching, if Jesus was here in the flesh today, He would also be placed in a state institution....

# DO WE BAPTISE TO THE FATHER OR THE SON?

# ACTS 2:36 - 38

- 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
- 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Peter in his address after the upper room experience is admonishing the crowd for their role in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We all know that God is a Spirit and the Spirit cannot die. It is therefore obvious the Peter is referring to the Man Jesus Christ. As he is preaching about this Jesus who was crucified the people were pricked in their hearts and wanted to know what they could do. Peter responded, "Repent everyone of you and be baptised in the name of Jehovah Jesus because the one I have been preaching about is not the name we will baptise in?" NO, THAT IS NOT WHAT HE SAID. He responded, "Repent every one of you and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

# 59-0329M WATER.BAPTISM JEFFERSONVILLE.IN EM 15-40 SUNDAY

119 O Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth, and Author of Everlasting Life, and Giver of every good gift, send Thy blessings upon this young man who I baptize in the Name of Your Son. Grant it, Lord. Upon the confession of your sins, and your faith in the Son of God, I baptize thee, my beloved brother, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. [The brother is immersed--Ed.] Well, that little boy. God bless him.

Did both Peter and Brother Branham get this wrong? I doubt that. Thus it would be best to stick with the blue print of the Bible and what God has spoken by his prophet in this end time. Can we look at a few more points with regard to Arianism in the Message?

#### WHOSE BODY WAS IT AND BY WHOSE BLOOD ARE WE SAVED?

# **ACTS 20:28**

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

#### 65-1125 THE.INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.OF.CHRIST\_

41 <u>Like, the virgin was to bring forth the body of God, on the earth</u>. She was an elected woman. God chose Mary.

#### 62-0713 FROM.THAT.TIME\_ SPOKANE.WA FRIDAY\_

E-82 Now, a minute. Death come in contact with Him one time. Right. Now, we're closing. Death contacted Him. You know, the devil never did believe that was God. He always thought It was some just ordinary prophet. But he didn't realize what It was. He didn't know that was Emmanuel, that That was the flesh and body of God, that He was made flesh and dwelt among us.

34-4 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1
Would you like an Old Testament type? Let us go back to the Garden of Eden. When the first news came to glory that the son, Adam, had been lost, did God send an angel? Did He send a son? Did He send another one like unto us? No, He came HIMSELF to redeem that lost son. Hallelujah! God did not entrust His plan of salvation to another. He trusted only Himself. God was made flesh and dwelt among us and redeemed us unto Himself. We're saved by the "blood of God". The Eternal God in-dwelt a mortal body in order to take away sin. He became the Lamb in order to shed His blood and enter into the veil with it.

# IS IT WRONG TO WORSHIP JESUS?

#### **MATTHEW 2:11**

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

# **MATTHEW 8:2 - 3**

- 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
- 3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

# **JOHN 9:35 - 38**

- 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
- 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?
- 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.
- 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Jesus said that we should let every man's word be a lie and His be the truth. He accepted worship and God did not get angry. Why? Jehovah of the Old is Jesus of the New. Since the worship of Jesus is not forbidden by the Bible or the Message, we are at liberty to sing the old songs of Zion that glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have laboured on this Arianism concept at length but I trust it has cleared any misconceptions that may have arisen with regard to this doctrine in the Message. As we see, this doctrine has been around for almost 1800 years in various forms and ways. It is interesting to note that this concept of the Godhead is very similar to the Jehovah's Witness teaching. Within the ranks of the Message the terminology has changed

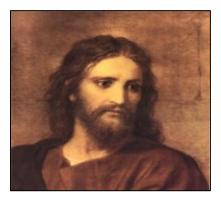
slightly and we hear of "Jehovah Jesus". Upon searching the Message, you will realise that this is not a term used by the prophet. It is terminology that has been added in to suit the teaching of Arianism. This is what Brother Branham tells us the Name of God is:

And I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the city of My God. And what is the Name of God? Well, He was God with us, or Emmanuel, but that was not His given name. "Thou shalt call His Name Jesus." Jesus said, "I came in My Father's Name, and you received Me not." Therefore the Name of God is JESUS, for that is the Name He came in. He is LORD JESUS CHRIST. And what name does a woman take when she marries the man? She takes his name. It will be His Name that is given unto the bride when He takes her to Himself.

As we close this portion of our study on Arianism in the Message, I trust we would return to the blueprint of the Bible and the revelation that God has given to us by the prophet of Malachi 4.

# THE ONENESS CONCEPT

This concept of the Godhead is generally referred to as the "Jesus Only" or "Oneness Pentecostalism" teaching. This concept has its roots in modalisitic monacrhianism from the fourth century. This teaching came forth to combat both the Trinitarian and Arian concepts of the Godhead. Sadly, there are many in the Message who follows this concept unknowingly. As per WIKIPEDIA, here is the definition of the Oneness Concept:



Oneness Pentecostalism derives its distinctive name from its teaching on the <u>Godhead</u>, which is popularly referred to as the Oneness doctrine. This doctrine states that there is one God, a singular divine Spirit, who manifests himself in

many ways, including as <u>Father</u>, Son, and <u>Holy Ghost</u> (a.k.a. Holy Spirit). This stands in sharp contrast to the doctrine of three distinct and eternal persons posited by <u>Trinitarian</u> theology. Oneness is similar to <u>Sabellianism</u> (also referred to as modalism, modalistic monarchianism, modal monarchism, or <u>Patripassianism</u>). Oneness believers baptize in the name of <u>Jesus Christ</u>, commonly referred to as <u>Jesus-name baptism</u>, rather than using the Trinitarian formula.

Advocating a non-traditional view of God, Oneness Pentecostals find in modalistic monarchianism of the fourth century a historical predecessor that affirmed the two central aspects of their own convictions:

- 1. there is one indivisible God with no distinction of persons in God's eternal essence, and
- 2. Jesus Christ is the manifestation, human personification, or incarnation of the one God. [5]

The Oneness doctrine differs from Sabellianism in that Oneness Pentecostals conceive of the "trimanifestation" of God as simultaneous instead of successive, as is the case with classical Modalism. They contend that, based on Colossians 2:9, the concept of God's personhood is reserved for the immanent and incarnate presence of Jesus only. Hence, Oneness Pentecostals generally argue that the Godhead is in Jesus, yet Jesus is not in the Godhead. [6]

# **SUMMARY:**

According to this concept the Spirit of God is reserved for and will only be manifested in the Body of Jesus Christ. This would mean that the Father in the old Testament could not work unless He was in the Body of Jesus Christ. This is impossible as the Body of Jesus was only formed in

the New Testament and came through the womb of the virgin Mary. Even the Name of Jesus is first mentioned only in the New Testament.

This concept further goes on to state that all three offices operate at the same time. There is no distinction between the different dispensations or manifestations of God. Whilst, they have the concept of a one True God with three Offices, their application is wrong.

# 63-0804E CALLING.JESUS.ON.THE.SCENE CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-8 SUNDAY

44 There is God, see, not three gods. Oh, how many of you trinitarian people got that mixed up. And how you Oneness people got it mixed up, too, of Him being one like your finger. Uh-huh. See? They, they both of them got it mixed up. See? That's right. He's the one God like your finger, one, how could He be His Own Father? See? See, He can't be His Own Father. And if He had another Father outside of the Holy Spirit, and if God is a man, a person, then He is a... the Holy Spirit was His Father, and God is His Father, Matthew 1, so then He was an illegitimate Child. See? So you can't make it either way, you, it's both wrong.

45 He was God manifested in a flesh of His creative Son. See? Now, that's, God created the Son.

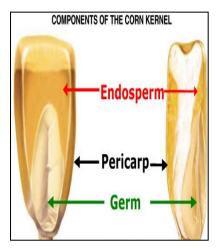
From our study thus far, we are able to determine by the Bible and the Message of the Hour that all tree concepts of the Godhead are wrong. As we looked at the history of these teachings, it is astounding to realise that these concepts cannot be traced back to Bible times or the Book of Acts. These teachings appear many years later. If any of the apostles or Jesus taught these concepts, we would be able to directly pinpoint that specific teaching in the Bible. This cannot be done.

How then do we understand God? How do we explain the Godhead? What is the correct understanding? Let us draw on the inspiration given to us by the ministry of the end time Elijah as we now seek to answer these questions.

# THE MAKE-UP OF GOD

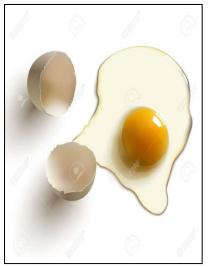
As we try to establish what the truth of the Godhead is, let us look at the Creator for a moment. Many times the best way to understand the nature of a person is to look at his workmanship. A man's character and nature is generally reflected in his work. I believe the same applies to God. If we had to examine His handiwork, we should be able to understand His Nature and Character. Can we look at a few simple examples for a moment:

# A KERNEL OF CORN



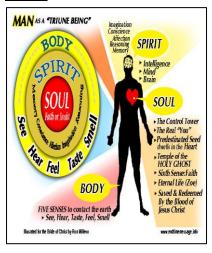
A quick glance at the image on the left, we will quickly realise that a kernel of corn is made up of three parts. Whilst when we look at a corn kernel we only see the yellow covering called the pericarp, there are two other parts that go into making the kernel. What we see on the outside becomes the representation of all that is within the kernel.

# **AN EGG**



Another very simple example is an egg. When you look at a whole egg, what do you see? You would only see the outer covering on the shell. Yet, inside the shell there are 2 more parts that go into making the whole egg. You see, the shell on its own does not make up the whole egg. Neither will the yolk or the albumen on its own make up the egg. It is going to take all three parts to make a complete egg.....

## **MAN**



The Bible tells us in the book of Genesis that man is made in the image of God. Students of the Message will immediately recognise the picture to the left. We know that man is a triune being. Man is made up of three parts, namely: BODY, SPIRIT and SOUL. Man is not complete with just one or even two parts. It takes all three coming together to make man.

Remember now, we are made in the image of God. If we are a triune being, then would be any surprise if God is the same. Now we can come to the true understanding of the Godhead

# **ONE GOD IN THREE OFFICES**

Whilst there are some elements of truth in the various concepts that we looked at, each concept veers into an extreme and doesn't stay in the middle of the road. The Trinity realised there were three aspects to God

but made these three separate persons thereby giving us three gods. The Arians acknowledged that there was only one God but deny the deity of Jesus Christ. They refuse to accept Him as the Immanuel. The Oneness on the other hand does acknowledge the Oneness of God but fail to see the dispensational changes between the various Offices or roles of the One True God.

Herein lays the truth of the Godhead. He is One God, Who manifests Himself in Three Different Offices or Roles....

#### 65-0815 AND.KNOWETH.IT.NOT\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-10 SUNDAY\_

102 Now let me draw you a little circle. If I had a blackboard... But I want you to watch here. [Brother Branham draws the following rings on something--Ed.] I'm going to make one ring like this, and I'm going to make another ring on the inside of that ring, that's two, then I'm going to make a ring on the inside of that ring. That's three rings, three circles. Now, that's you.

- 103 <u>That's God. God in a trinity is One, and without a trinity He's not God. He can't be manifested any other way.</u>
- And neither can you be manifested without being the trinity person that you are, that's: body, spirit, soul. Without either one of them, you're not complete. See? You didn't have a soul, you'd be nothing; you didn't have a spirit, you wouldn't be nothing; you didn't have a body, you just be a spirit, not a body.
- 105 So, God is complete in the tri-unity of a Being; not tri-unity of beings, but One Being in a tri-unity. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is one true manifested God. God!

This is the fullness of the Godhead. This is the complete picture of God. He is not a triune of beings. He is not just Jehovah of the Old Testament. He is certainly not Jesus only... God is the Father, the Son and the Holy

Ghost. He is all three. He is the One God fulfilling different roles as He had set out in His mind before the foundations of the world.

#### 59-0329M WATER.BAPTISM\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN EM 15-40 SUNDAY\_

70 Let us pray. Lord, this sometimes seems to be hard, for I know that I have precious friends here of the Catholic faith, and some of the Wesleyan Methodist, and no doubt many of the trinitarian extreme. We believe, Lord, that "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" is the same God, but three offices that the God of heaven served in: one time for the Jews in the Fatherhood; once in flesh as the Sonship; and now in the Holy Ghost in the Church. Not three gods, we do not believe, Father; for You cannot deny Your Own Word, when there's no other God except You. You said, "I'm the Lord thy God, thou shalt have no other gods." And we believe, Lord, that this one true God lived in three different dispensations: under the law; under the Christian dispensation when Christ was on earth in a body of flesh that was born of the virgin Mary, died, rose again, and has redeemed us, the Church; and now, in the form of the Holy Ghost, the Witness of the resurrection lives in our lives.

# 60-0518 ADOPTION.2 JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.2 WEDNESDAY

230 And I know that I'm talking in here even to trinitarian ministers. And my brethren, I do not say this; I do not say this to hurt. I'm a trinitarian too; I believe in the trinity, the--the three attributes of God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but not three Gods. See? I believe there to be three attributes, absolutely; I do that with all my heart: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but they are not three Gods. They're just three attribute. Or other, three offices of God. God lived once in the Fatherhood, Sonship, and now the Holy Ghost. It's the same God in three offices. And they have... And Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, is not no Name of God. God has one Name, and His

Name is Jesus. The Bible said the family in heaven is named Jesus, and the family in earth is named Jesus. That's right. So God had one Name, human Name. He was--had a name called Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Rapha, that was His titles of Deity. But He had one Name, Jesus. That's Him. And truly, my brethren, if you disagree with me, remember, I--I--I'll meet you over there, anyhow. See? I'll--I'll be there with you. And God bless you. And I love you.

The Spirit of God in John expresses thusly in order to set forth the Supreme Deity of Jesus Christ and to reveal the Godhead as ONE God. Today there is a gross error. It is that there are three Gods instead of one. This revelation as given to John by Jesus, Himself, corrects that error. It is not that there are three Gods, but one God with three offices. There is ONE God with three titles, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This mighty revelation is what the early church had, and it must be restored in this last day along with the correct formula of water baptism.

He is the One True God that manifests in three Offices. He was Jehovah to the Jews under the Fatherhood Office. He was Jesus Christ in the role of Sonship and now He is the Holy Spirit in the true Church of the Living God. This is the mighty revelation that the early church had. This is the concept the apostles had when they penned their epistles compiled in the New Testament. We thank God that this true understanding of God has been returned to the church together with the correct formula of water baptism.

I believe it would be beneficial to our study to drill down into how God fulfilled these Offices and how He moved from the One Office to the

Other. In order to understand this, we must now introduce you to the term CONDESCENDING.

# THE CONDESCENDING OF GOD: FROM FATHER - TO SON - TO HOLY SPIRIT

A NOTE: To try and mention all the Scriptures that pertain to our study going forward would be quite laborious. To simplify this, a diagram called "The Wheel of Prophecy" is attached at the end of this booklet. This diagram highlights all the Scriptures necessary to give you a Biblical perspective of William Branham's teaching on the Godhead.

## **I TIMOTHY 3:16**

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Paul is telling us that there can be no argument with the mystery of godliness. God was manifested in the flesh. The same God was justified in the Spirit. This is the same God that was seen of angels. This same God was preached unto the gentiles and believed on in the world. This same God was received up into glory. This Scripture sums up the mystery of God and His condescending. It was the same God all along. All He was doing was changing His mask.

## 65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10

43 God, en morphe, masked in the Pillar of Fire. God, en morphe, in a Man called Jesus. God, en morphe, in His Church. God above us, God with us, God in us; the condescending of God.

Up There, holy, no one could touch Him, He settled upon the mountain; and even if a animal touched the mountain, had to die. And then God come down and changed His tent, and come down and lived with us, become one of us. "And we held Him," the Bible said. **First Timothy** 

3:16, "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; for God was manifested in the flesh, handled with hands." God eat meat. God drank water. God slept. God cried. He was one of us. Beautiful, typed in the Bible! That was God above us; God with us; now it's God in us, the Holy Spirit. Not the third Person; the same Person!

Let us take a journey through time and even before time as we watch the great condescending of God. You see, before there was time, God was there. He existed as the All Sufficient One. He was not even called God at this time for God means an object of worship and He had no one to worship Him. He was just a Spirit and the Bible confirms that God is a Spirit.

## **JOHN 4:24**

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

57-0828 HEBREWS.CHAPTER.TWO.3 JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB WEDNESDAY
276 Now, so, God was in the beginning. Before there was any light,
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there was any visible thing, God filled all space. And in That was
nothing but purity: pure love, pure holiness, pure righteous. It was
Spirit. He covered the whole space all from Eternity, where we can't
fathom It. It goes beyond anything that we could imagine.

In this state He lived alone. Yet it was not God's desire to be alone. He wanted to have a family. He wanted to have a creation that reflected him. Driven by His eternal thoughts, He begins to move or condescend from this Great Spirit Being. The prophet tells us that He begins to

condescend because of His Love for man. Let us follow His condescension....

## FATHERHOOD - GOD ABOVE US

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277 Like through that glass, we could see a--a hundred and something million years of light space. Think of it. A hundred million years of light space. And light--light travels about eight thousand miles per second. And a hundred and million years of light space... Just think how many million miles that would be. You couldn't even numerate it. You can just take a row of nines and run it around Jeffersonville, and still you wouldn't have it broke down in miles of miles. Think of it. And beyond that is still stars and planets. And God, before one of them was, He was. See?

And now the Logos that went out of God, which was the-the Logos, all this begin to form into a--a body shape. And this body shape was called, in the scholar's teaching, Logos, the Logos that went out of God. In other words, a--a better word for it, was what we call a theophany. (Theophany is a human body that's glorified.) Not exactly with flesh and blood like it will be in its glorified stage, but it is of a form of a human body that doesn't eat, neither does it drink, but it's--it's a body, a body that's waiting for us as soon as we leave this one. Now, in there, we enter into that body. And that's the kind of body that God

## was, for He said, "Let us make man in our own image and in our likeness."

The song writer penned these words many years ago "Oh what condescension bringing us redemption...." We are now starting to see this beautiful picture unfold. God who once filled all space and covered the whole space all from Eternity was now going to en-morphe. He is going to put on His first Mask. That Great Spirit was now moving from filling all space into a Body. This Body was called the Logos or the theophany. A key point to note is that the Logos or the theophany is a Body that the Eternal God was now tabernacled in. Using this Body, God will bring forth His creation as we depicted in Genesis 1 even until He made man in His own image...

65-0429B THE.SEED.SHALL.NOT.BE.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK\_LOS.ANGELES.CA
79 He was God, the Logos, the Word that went out of God. When,
He begin to brood upon the earth, and brought forth marine life.
When the Spirit of God, the Logos, the Word, which God said, "Let
there be," and there went the Logos, which is the Word. And the
Word begin to... 'cause all this was in the Logos; the whole Word of
God, the whole Bible, for every age. And as the Logos begin to
breathe upon the earth, there come marine life; and building up, the
bird life, on up to animal life. And finally there come something in
the representation, or looked like the thing that was brewing it,
brooding over it, God, a man in the very image of God.

The Logos would brood of the Earth and bring forth His great work of creation. The Word was now in action for the Word is creative. Whatever God had in His Mind as thoughts would now be expressed by the Logos. Jehovah God was now bringing forth life. So much so until He brought forth something in His own image and He called it man. We know that

this was a spirit man. Now if man was made in the image of God, then we must realise that Jehovah God had a Body just like man did. Finally something came up that looked just like the One that was brooding over it..... That Logos or theophany of God was in the form of Man....

#### 57-0908M HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FIVE.AND.SIX.1 JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

Now, how many remembers the teaching about the Godhead, how we went back and found God like the great rainbow with all the different Spirit, how It was? And then the Logos went out of God, which become the theophany, and that was in the form of a man. And Moses seen It pass by, in the cleft of the rock. And then that theophany was made absolutely human flesh, Christ. And how we find out that we, through His grace, have Eternal Life. Now, the word forever is "for a distance; for a space of time." It said, in the Bible, "Forever and forever," a conjunction. But forever only means "a time." But Eternal means forever. And only everything that had a beginning has an end, but things which had no beginning has no end. So God had no beginning and He has no end.

This is Who Moses saw in the cleft of the Rock. He saw God in theophany form. This same theophany is the Pillar of Fire that appeared to Moses in the burning bush and led the children of Israel. This Logos is none other the Jehovah Himself veiled. This is the Word that John speaks of in the Gospel of John chapter 1. This is the same One who met Abraham as Melchisedec. This is the great "I AM".

65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY 98 When the theophany, Moses seen Him, Exodus 33:2, He was a theophany. Moses wanted to see God. He had heard His voice, heard Him talk to him, seen Him in a bush there, as a big Pillar of Fire. And he said, "Who are You? I want to know Who You are." Moses

## said. "I'll put..." "If You'll let me see You, I would like to see Your face."

99 He said, "No man can see My face." He said, "I'll put My hand over your eyes, and I'll pass by. And you can see My back, but not My face." See? And when He did, it was the back of a Man; it was a theophany. Then the Word that come to Moses, "I AM," that was the Word. The Word came to Moses in the form of a Pillar of Fire in a burning bush, the "I AM."

65-0427 DOES.GOD.CHANGE.HIS.MIND\_ LOS.ANGELES.CA V-18 N-4 TUESDAY 86 And Moses was leading the children of Israel, just as God would tell them where to go, led by a Pillar of Fire, and a supernatural Being that was leading the way. And Moses was getting his information through the--the Logos, of course, that went out of God, that Pillar of Fire; which was the Angel of the Covenant, which was Christ, the Anointed One. And he was getting his message through There, and giving it to the children of Israel, on the road to a promised land.

We have now seen how that Great Spirit that filled everything had now veiled Himself in the Logos or the theophany. Jehovah God was moving from the invisible to the visible. Though He would now appear and disappear, there was still a huge chasm between Him and His fallen creation. Rejection of the Word in the Garden of Eden had separated Jehovah from His family. As the Pillar of Fire, He could not have that relationship He was longing for with His people. God was not satisfied....

He was going to now move from God above us to being Immanuel, God with us. Throughout the Old Testament, the role of Fatherhood was fully manifested. As Father, He gave us a law.... The law of redemption. A worthy kinsfolk was needed to restore the inheritance of those who lost everything.

As Father, Jehovah gave the law but in that form He could not fulfil the law. Seeing that it was man who had fallen, it would take a Man who was worthy to pay the price, to bring redemption.... Once more, God will enmorphe. He will change His mask once more. Melchisedec will become Jesus Christ.....

## THE ROLE OF THE SON – GOD WITH US

65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY
68 Now, the different between Him and you, as a son. See, He was, at the beginning, the Word, an en morphe body. He came in and lived in that, in the Person of Melchisedec. Then, later, we never heard no more of Melchisedec, because He became Jesus Christ.

Melchisedec was the Priest, but He became Jesus Christ. Now, you by-passed that. Because, in that form, He knowed all things, and you have never been able to know that yet.

## 64-1205 THE.IDENTIFIED.MASTERPIECE.OF.GOD\_ YUMA.AZ SATURDAY\_

116 He came to reflect the Father, and the Father was the Word. Amen. Now I feel real religious. He came to reflect the Father's Word. God said He would be there, and there He was, the perfect masterpiece of God's great handiwork. Oh, my! He was the perfect reflection of Him. He reflected everything that--that God had spoke of. He reflected what Adam said about Him. He reflected about all the prophets said, about all the patriarchs said. Everything that He said, He was the fulfillment of the Word. All types was fulfilled in Him. Yeah. He became Jehovah of the New Testament. He was the Old Testament Jehovah. "The Word then," which was in the Pillar of Fire, "was made manifest and dwelt

# among us." Jehovah of the Old Testament became Jesus of the New Testament. He was a perfect reflection of God.

The great Pillar of Fire was now moving to fulfil the role of the Kinsman. The mighty Jehovah of the Old testament became Jesus Christ of the New Testament. Jehovah would now become Immanuel. Just as God was in the Pillar of Fire leading the children of Israel, God would now be in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. The same Jehovah Who spoke on Mount Sinai will now speak His sermon on the mount. The Mighty God who was veiled in the Pillar of Fire will now be veiled in flesh.... Just how did this come about?

65-0429B THE.SEED.SHALL.NOT.BE.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK LOS.ANGELES.CA 100 Now, now some of them says then, the Protestant more or less believes that it was the Mary produced the egg. If that be so, look what you make Jehovah God doing. The egg cannot be produced without a sensation.

101 So, you see, God made both egg and germ, He created both in the womb of Mary. And that Man was not nothing but God Himself made flesh and dwelt among us, Emmanuel, not just a fine man, a prophet; He was fine Man and Prophet; not a teacher, a theologian. Oh, He might--He might have been all of that; He was all in all. But above all that, He was God Himself. The Bible said, "We are saved by the Blood of God." God Himself, not a third person or a second person. The Person, God Himself, great Jehovah, overshadowed Mary; and the Creator, and created both the blood cell, the life, and also the egg.

God Himself, created in the womb of Mary both the egg and the germ. Mary was just an incubator of this precious Child called the Son of God. By this Son, Jehovah will satisfy His own law. By this Son, the great

Creator will now become our Saviour. Manifested now in a body of flesh, Jehovah will be able to pay the price of redemption. That Great Spirit was now in a Man. The fullness of the Godhead bodily was in Christ. This Man was none other than Immanuel..

## **MATTHEW 1:21 - 23**

- 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
- 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
- 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Emmanuel is interpreted "GOD WITH US". This Man is God with us. This Man is Jesus Christ. Notice the revelation given to us in this portion of Scripture – HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. How can these people be His when Jesus was not even born yet? More astounding is that throughout the Old Testament, Jehovah called the children of Israel, His people and now these people are Jesus' people. This is why Brother Branham could tell us that He was not just a man or just a prophet but He was God Himself in human form. God created the Body for Himself to fulfil the role of redemption and that is why we are saved by the Blood of God. When Jesus died on Calvary and that Blood cell was broken, the very life of God was released because it was the created Blood of God that paid the price. How could this be? How could God die? God having Blood – that sounds ridiculous but Jesus Christ was 100% God and He was 100% man......

### 57-0120E GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY\_

The lieve that Jesus is the Son of God. I believe that in His body He was a man. He was borned of a woman just like I was. But His Blood was not of a woman; It was of God. And Jehovah God, the Logos, Who brood over the earth (in my message this morning), and brood the first man out of the dust of the earth, overshadowed Mary, and brood over her to fulfill His Word, and created the Blood cell that brought forth the Son of the living God. I believe in a body He was man. I believe in His soul He was God. He was God's manifestation here on earth. God was in Christ, reconciling Him--the world to Himself. I believe that He was not just a mere man, neither was He a prophet; He was God Emmanuel. I believe with all my heart, that being truth. I can't prove that truth, because the... If I could then it wouldn't be of faith. But I know the trees come and go, I know the flowers come and go. I know all nature revolves, the world sets in its orbit by some great supreme power."

We may not be able to explain It but God became Man so that man may become like Him. Jesus Christ was all man and yet He was all God. This is why He was not just a man or a prophet but He was God Emmanuel. He was God with us. This is where many miss Him completely. They fail to realise Emmanuel was on the scene veiled in a body of flesh and now His title or office has changed from Father to Son....

Now then, here we are coming to a conclusion. As the eternal Logos (God) was manifest in the Son, and in Jesus dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and that Eternal One was the Father manifest in flesh, and thereby gained the title of Son, even so we, eternal in His thoughts in our turn became the many membered Spoken Word Seed, manifest in flesh, and those eternal thoughts now manifest in flesh

are the sons of God, even as we are so called. WE DID NOT BECOME SEED BY THE REBIRTH, WE WERE SEED AND THEREFORE WERE REBORN FOR ONLY THE ELECT CAN BE REBORN. Because we WERE SEED is the reason we could be quickened. In NON-SEED there is nothing to quicken.

God was now changing dispensations as He was changing His mask. He was also changing His Office from Fatherhood to the Son. The Eternal Logos was now manifested in flesh. The Eternal One who was the Father was now manifested in flesh and thereby gained the title of Son. This Jesus was not just a man but He was God made flesh and dwelt among us, thus taking on the title of the Son... This is why He could express human characteristics for in the flesh, He was man but in His soul, He was God and in Him dwelt the fullness of the Godhead bodily. The quote below, though lengthy is a wonderful illustration of this exact point we are speaking of:

## 63-1116E PERSEVERANCE\_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-12 SATURDAY\_

188 I was talking to a woman not long ago, and she said to me, she said, "I--I--I like to hear you speak, Brother Branham, but," said, "there is just one fault you have."

I said, "Thank you," just one fault. I said, "What's that?"

She said, "You brag too much about Jesus, of being Divine." I said, "I hope that's the only one He can find in me," I said.

189 "You brag too much about Jesus being Divine." **Said, "He wasn't Divine**."

## I said, "Oh, yes, He was Divine."

She said, "Well, you make Him God."

190 I said, "He was either God or the greatest deceiver the world ever had." See? And I said, "He was God."

She said, "He was just a Man. He couldn't have been God."

## I said, "He was. He was God and man, together."

And she said, "You said you believe the Bible."

I said, "Yes, ma'am, I do."

- 191 And she said, "If I prove to you, by your own Bible, that He was not Divine, would you accept it?"
- 192 I said, "Certainly, if the Bible said He wasn't. But," I said, "I don't believe it's in the Bible."
- She said, "In Saint John, the 11th chapter, the Bible said, "When Jesus went down to the grave of Lazarus," the Bible said, "He wept."" And said, "If He wept, He could not be Divine, and weeping."

  194 I said, "Well, lady, that won't stand up." I said, "I want to tell you." I said, "That's thinner than the broth made out of a shadow of a chicken that starved to death," I said, "because that won't hold up to the Bible." I said, "Look, He goes down to the tomb, see, and He stood before the tomb, and He said, straightened His little body up and said, 'Lazarus, come forth!"
- He might have been a Man, crying; but when He called that man out of the grave, that had been dead four days, and his soul a four-days journey somewhere! I don't know where it was at, neither do you. So, anyhow, He called him back. Corruption knew its Master. The soul knew its Creator. And a man, had been dead, stood on his feet and lived again, after being dead four days. That was more than a man. That was God!

Reading all of the above, we can now understand why Jesus could say "I come from God and I go back to God." He was the same God that was manifested in the Old Testament as Jehovah. He was that same Pillar of Fire made flesh. He was the same Word that was in the beginning tabernacled in a human tabernacle to pay the ultimate price for our redemption. After His death, burial, resurrection and ascension, Jesus confirmed this when He met Saul on the road to Damascus.

#### 64-0214 THE.VOICE.OF.THE.SIGN\_ TULARE.CA V-22 N-12 FRIDAY\_

129 Paul, he had a sign. Let's watch him. Do you believe Paul was a prophet? He certainly was. Now notice. Paul came on the scene, and saw a sign. What kind of a sign did he see? A Pillar of Fire, on his road to Damascus, being a Jew. Jesus had been died, crucified, rose, ascended into Heaven, and Paul was on his road down to Damascus when a great Light struck him down. And he cried, "Lord, Who are You?"

- 130 <u>He said, "I am Jesus." And he was told that he was called to</u> be a chosen vessel, a chosen vessel.
- Now notice, what did Paul have, the rest of them didn't have? He had the abundance of the revelation of the Word of God, 'cause it was Paul who recognized that Jesus of the New Testament was Jehovah of the Old. Hallelujah! I could say something here. He had the revelation of It. He wrote It and revealed It, because God permitted It to be added to the Bible. And the Word comes only by the Bible, by the prophet. And so then God revealed to Paul, and he wrote the letters, inspired, and God put them in the Bible. Oh, my! Revealed that He is Christ of the Old Testament, because he met Him.

Paul, with his abundance of revelation had something that many others were missing. With his experience with the Pillar of Fire, he recognised that Jesus of the New Testament is Jehovah of the Old. And this great revelation God permitted to be added to the Bible. This great revelation is what inspired Paul to write all the other epistles. This is really beautiful. Basically, the prophet is telling us that when we read all of Paul's writings, we must remember that this is the revelation that Paul had of the Godhead. Thus, if we try to make Paul's writings or the Bible say anything other than this great revelation of JEHOVAH OF THE OLD IS

JESUS OF THE NEW then we are preaching another Jesus, we are listening to another gospel and we are being led by another spirit.

If I may drop this in at this point, can you recall Brother Branham's experience beyond the Curtain of Time? He said this Place was beyond perfect and we should never miss it for anything. When he was speaking, he asked if Paul would be judged and his group. The Voice answered, "Yes." To this Brother Branham replied, "I only preached what Paul preached," and the multitudes cried out, "WE ARE RESTING ON THAT." He only preached what Paul preached. Paul preached Jehovah of the Old is Jesus of the New.... This is what William Branham preached. I trust you will be resting on that and not another Jesus or another gospel or another spirit....

## THE HOLY SPIRIT - GOD IN US

For many, when we think of the condescending of God, we stop at Jesus Christ. We do not go pass that. When we do this, we leave God in history. He is not a God of history. He is Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever. It is time to lift Him up out of history and recognise that the same God who was Jehovah of the Old Testament and Jesus Christ of the New Testament, is the same God Who is the Holy Spirit now in the church. God has en-morphe once more....

65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY

43 God, en morphe, masked in the Pillar of Fire. God, en morphe,
in a Man called Jesus. God, en morphe, in His Church. God above
us, God with us, God in us; the condescending of God. Up There,
holy, no one could touch Him, He settled upon the mountain; and even if
a animal touched the mountain, had to die. And then God come down
and changed His tent, and come down and lived with us, become one of

us. "And we held Him," the Bible said. First Timothy 3:16, "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; for God was manifested in the flesh, handled with hands." God eat meat. God drank water. God slept. God cried. He was one of us. Beautiful, typed in the Bible! <u>That was God above us; God with us; now it's God in us, the Holy Spirit.</u> Not the third Person; the same Person!

This is the plan of redemption coming into full view. God above us (JEHOVAH) gave the Word. God with us (JESUS) was the fulfilment of the Word so that God could now be in us (HOLY SPIRIT). Thus we now see the third Office or title of God coming into effect with the dispensational change brought about by Calvary. By the shedding of His Blood, God has washed us white as snow. We are now justified; we did not do it in the first place. Now God can live in His people in the form of the Holy Spirit. This is the mystery of God revealed. He revealed Himself in Christ, that He may have the pre-eminence in the church that He can take her back to Eden again. God is now veiled in His Bride...

## 65-1125 THE.INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.OF.CHRIST SHREVEPORT.LA

221 But, you remember, when it went down; and the grain begin to ripen, that you find, before that grain can ripen, everything in that stalk has to be dead. Hallelujah! Can't you see where we're standing? Life is in the grain again. What is it? Just exactly like the same grain that went in the ground, the same Jesus in the Bride form, same power, same Church, same thing, same Word. The same Word sucked up through these and come out here, and come to a head here. And all that Life that come through here, picked up its people. Now it's forming up into a head, for the Rapture. Speaking on that tomorrow night, or next night, one, the Lord willing.

The same Jesus that was on the earth 2000 years ago is now in the Bride. He is now here in BRIDE FORM. The same power, the same Word and all that He was has been poured into the Church. By the pure Word we have returned to the Power of Pentecost to welcome back Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit now in the Church, She is the final voice to the final age.

Remember, John in the Book of Revelation is a type of the Bride. As we read Revelation 10, we identify the Mighty Angel (CHRIST) as well as the seventh angel (WILLIAM BRANHAM) but did you notice it is John (BRIDE) who brings that chapter to a close. As God's final voice we must prophecy again to all nations, peoples, kindred and tongues.

With the Holy Spirit in the Bride and having the pre-eminence in Her, once more the fullness of the Godhead will be expressed on earth for She is now the veil or the body through which God is working through...

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

- 160 God, expressed in Jesus Christ, Who was both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, "the fullness of the Godhead bodily."
- 161 Now "the complete fullness of the Godhead bodily" dwells in His Church, the preeminences. All that God was, He poured into Christ; and all Christ was, was poured into the Church, the believers.

## **THE GODHEAD - FROM A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE**

As we bring this study to a close, let us explore one more thought for a few moments. As we think of God and the Godhead, we must acknowledge that God in the Old Testament had made many promises

with regard to His Coming. The Jews themselves were always and still are in expectation of their Messiah. It would be expedient for us to understand Who they were looking for and who they consider Messiah to be. A very important point to note is that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah:

## JOHN 4:25 - 26

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

From a Jewish perspective, who do they expect Messiah to be:

30-1 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1 Not too long ago I was talking to a Jewish Rabbi. He said to me, "You Gentiles can't cut God in three pieces and give Him to a Jew. We know better than that."

I said to him, "That's just it Rabbi, we don't cut God in three pieces. You believe the prophets, don't you?"

He said, "Certainly I do."

"Do you believe Isaiah 9:6?"

"Yes."

"Who was the prophet speaking of?"

"Messiah."

I said, "What relation will Messiah be to God?"

He said, "He will be God."

I said, "That's right." Amen.

30-2 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1
You can't put God into three persons or three parts. You can't tell a
Jew that there is a Father, and a Son, and a Holy Ghost. He will tell

you right quick where that idea came from. The Jews know this creed was established at the Nicene Council. No wonder they scorn us as heathen.

30-3 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1 We talk about a God that does not change. The Jews believe that too. But the church changed its unchanging God from ONE to THREE. But the light is returning at eventide. How striking it is that this truth has come at the time when the Jews are returning to Palestine. God and Christ are ONE. This Jesus is BOTH LORD AND CHRIST.

## **A CLOSING THOUGHT**

I sincerely trust this study on the Godhead has been a blessing to you. It is my prayer that this little booklet will draw you closer to the One True Living God. The prophet Daniel under inspiration made this remarkable statement:

## **DANIEL 11:32**

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

This may seem a simple verse and whilst many may only wish to focus on the "exploits" – take careful note of who it is that Daniel says will do these exploits. It is those who know their God shall be strong and do exploits. It is those who have a true revelation of Who their God is. They do not see Him as "three in one" or a "dual personality." They know Him as the Lord Jesus Christ. To them it is revealed that Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New Testament.

### 16-2 THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK

As I have already said, this Book (Revelation) is the consummation of the Scriptures. It is even placed exactly right in the canon of Scripture; at the end. Now you can know why it says that anyone who reads or even hears it is blessed. It is the revelation of God that will give you authority over the devil. And you can see why they who would add or take from it would be cursed. It would have to be so, for who can add or take away from the perfect revelation of God and overcome the enemy? It is that simple. There is nothing of such prevailing power as the revelation of the Word. See, in verse three a blessing is pronounced on those who give special attention to this Book. I think this refers to the Old Testament custom of the priests reading the Word to the congregation in the morning. You see, many could not read so the priest had to read to them. As long as it was the Word, the blessing was there. It didn't matter if it was read or heard.

It is the people who know their God and have the revelation of God that will have authority over the devil. There is nothing of such prevailing power as the revelation of the Word. With the true revelation of God in our lives, even the gates of hell will not be able to prevail. It is by this TRUE REVELATION OF GOD we will do exploits....

## 63-1229M THERE.IS.A.MAN.HERE.THAT.CAN.TURN.ON.THE.LIGHT

269 There is a Man here that can turn on the Lights, all right. What does He do? By vindicating His Word for this day. Jesus, the Son of God, Who promised the Word for this day, is right here with us. **Don't get scared.**Don't pay any attention to what they're doing; you do, you'll walk in darkness. Be wise. "They that do wise," Daniel said, "in these last days, will do exploits for their God." See? See? They'll walk in the Light, as He is in the Light.

To climax this study I would like to share some quotes pertaining to the Godhead that has really been a blessing to me:

65-0725M THE.ANOINTED.ONES.AT.THE.END.TIME JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5
55 I said, "Then you have to refuse Jesus Christ, for He is the revelation of God, God revealed in human flesh." Unless you see it, you're lost. Jesus said, "Except you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." He is the revelation of God, the Spirit of God revealed in human form. If you can't believe that, you're lost. You put Him a third person, second person, or any other person besides God, you're lost. "Except you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." A revelation!

332-3 † LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.9

I want you to watch this carefully now and see something really sweet and beautiful. I said this is His end-time revelation of Himself. When the day of grace closes, then the millennium comes very shortly thereafter, doesn't it? Well, read with me Isaiah 65:16-19.

"That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from Mine eyes.

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind.

But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying."

This is about New Jerusalem. This is the millennium. But as we go into the millennium, hear what He says about being a certain kind of God, Verse 16, "That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth."

Yes, that is true, but the real translation is not "God of truth". It is "God of the AMEN". So we read it. "shall bless himself in the God of the AMEN. and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of the AMEN; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from My eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create, for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her; nor the voice of crying," Hallelujah. Here is Jehovah of the Old Testament, "the God of the Amen". Here is Jesus of the New Testament, "the God of the Amen". Hear, Oh Israel, the Lord thy God is ONE God. There it is again, the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New. "Hear, Oh, Israel the Lord thy God is ONE God." The New Testament does not reveal ANOTHER God, it is a further revelation of the ONE AND SAME GOD. Christ did not come down to make Himself known. He did not come to reveal the Son. He came to reveal and make known the Father. He never talked about two Gods; He talked about ONE God. And now in this last age, we have come back to the capstone revelation, the most important revelation of Godhead in the whole Bible, that is, JESUS IS GOD, HE AND THE FATHER ARE ONE: THERE IS ONE GOD, AND HIS NAME IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

29-1 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1 Yes, if there were three Gods, you might very well baptize for a Father, and a Son, and a Holy Ghost. But the REVELATION GIVEN TO JOHN was that there is ONE GOD and His Name is LORD JESUS CHRIST, and you baptize for ONE God and only one. That is why Peter

baptized the way he did at Pentecost. He had to be true to the revelation which was, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that SAME JESUS, Whom ye have crucified, BOTH LORD AND CHRIST." There He is, "The LORD JESUS CHRIST."

- 29-2 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

  If Jesus is 'BOTH' Lord and Christ, then He (Jesus) is, and cannot
  be else but "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" in ONE Person
  manifested in the flesh. It is NOT "God in three persons, blessed
  trinity," but ONE GOD, ONE PERSON with three major titles, with
  three offices manifesting those titles. Hear it once more. This same
  Jesus is "BOTH Lord and Christ." Lord (Father) and Christ (Holy
  Spirit) are Jesus, for He (Jesus) is BOTH of them (Lord and Christ).
- 29-3 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1 If that doesn't show us the true revelation of the Godhead, nothing will. Lord is NOT another one; Christ is NOT another one. This Jesus is the Lord Jesus Christ--ONE GOD.
- 138-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

  Oh, how striking it is. Jehovah, born crying over a manure pile.

  Jehovah born in a manger of straw. There is your everlasting sign to the proud and puffed up, pseudo-intellectuals that have evolved their own theology and denied the truth of God. Jehovah God, a crying baby in a stinking barn. Then we think we have a right to be proud, holding up our noses, criticizing and acting as though we were somebody. Here's your real sign. This is the right one. Jehovah, playing as a boy. Jehovah working in a carpenter's shop. Jehovah washing the feet of fishermen.

## 138-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

"I will give you a sign," said God. "Not the sign of a white collared priesthood. Not the sign of wealth and power. There's nothing in this sign that you will want, or think suitable. But it is an everlasting sign. It is the greatest sign of all." Jehovah standing in the courtyard bruised and bleeding with thorns on His brow and spit on His face, mocked and set at naught. Jehovah, despised and rejected, hanging naked upon the cross, while the hypocrites jeered and dared Him to come down off the cross. Jehovah dying. Jehovah praying and nothing happening. Then Jehovah died. That is the sign for all men now. There isn't another like it. It is the great one.

## 138-3 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Then darkness came upon the earth. They put Him in a tomb. There He lay those three days and nights until an earthquake shattered the gloom of night and He came forth. Jehovah came forth. Jehovah ascended on high. Then Jehovah returned to in-dwell His church. Jehovah came back with a mighty rushing wind and flames of fire. Jehovah came back to walk in the midst of His church and empower His people. Once more Jehovah came, and this time to stay in His people. And again Jehovah heals the sick, raises the dead and manifests Himself by the Spirit. Jehovah came back, speaking in tongues, and giving the answer back in interpretation.

19-4 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1 I Timothy 3:16 says, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into Glory". This is what the Bible says. It doesn't say a thing about a first or second or third person here. It says God was manifest in flesh. One God. That ONE GOD was manifested in flesh. That ought

to settle it. God came in a human form. That didn't make Him ANOTHER GOD. HE WAS GOD, THE SAME GOD. It was a revelation then, and it is a revelation now. One God.

Don't lose your vision of Jesus
Keep your eyes ever on Him
Many a friend and loved ones
Have lost their way
They have lost their vision of Him

MAY HIS COMING REJOICE YOUR HEARTS......

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