



# DENYING THE SON OF GOD PUTS DARKNESS FOR LIGHT

(An Answer To Robert C. Hill)

*I saw and bare record that this is the Son of God. John 1:34*

*"Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby ye know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ IS COME IN THE FLESH is of God: And every spirit that confesseth NOT that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of anti-christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come." "And we have seen and do testify that the FATHER sent the SON to be the Savior of the world. Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the SON of God, God dwelleth in him." -- 1 John 4:1-3,14,15"*

About three-fourths of all the preachers are vehement enemies against the truth of God's Word on this subject. Because they cannot resist the force of the true Bible teachings, they misrepresent and vilify others who dare to speak out the truth. They classify them under a "cult" designation, warning others to stay away from such, that thus by clerical control, they may hinder good people from hearing and from reading what the Scriptures really have to say. By their fruits ye shall know them, said the Master, and evidently many clergymen must be seriously wrong of heart; else they would not bear these unscriptural fruit's -- unmanly fruits "works of the flesh and of the Devil." Gal. 5:19-21; 1 John 3:8

We would not slack our efforts to make known the true character of the God of the Bible, so in contrast with the Satanic god of the creeds. Many have come to know the truth and have been set free from this God dishonoring, third century, dark-age creedal teaching of Papacy fostered upon Christianity. Christians of all faiths, have thrilled to know who their Father and God really is. They have received new life and joy in the Lord through a more correct understanding of His Holy Word. We are encouraged to go on in the narrow way which the Master and the Apostles trod. We would not render personal abuse in retaliation. To do so would be contrary to the Word and Spirit of the Lord. But the creeds and false doctrines, we would continue to smash with all the power granted us, that thus hungering, thirsting souls might be delivered from error into the joyous liberty of the children of God.

## DENYING THE SON OF GOD

Walter Martin and some, of more recent times, have joined other evangelists and preachers in the slanderous misstatements, that Bible Students are in denial that Jesus is the Son of God. By such false statements, we declare, they seek to prevent people from coming to hear and from reading Bible expositions of truths. Yet how foolish it is for them to make such deliberate misstatements; for eventually their falsehoods will be found out! People who learn of the gross misrepresentation realize that only desperation, attempting to support a weak cause, could lead men professing to ministers of the Truth to thus do it violence. Really, it is true Bible students, who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, while the great majority of preachers and evangelists do not clearly so teach. They confuse their argument and bewilder their hearers by telling in one breath that Jesus is the Son of God, and in the next breath that He is His own Father.

According to them, He is Jehovah God, who sent His Son into the world to die, and He is the Son *who sent Himself* as God. When He prayed to the Father it was a *mockery*; for He was the Father "one in person." When he said, The Father is greater than I, He misrepresented the facts, according to these preachers, evangelists and creed-makers. He spoke of the Cup which the Father had poured for Him, and said He could do nothing of Himself, and that He would return to the Father. He prayed, My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me? and said to Mary, I have not yet ascended to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God. But these wiser-than-the-Bible teachers contradict Him, and feel like saying, Jesus must have been a Millennial Dawner! But we know better.

Such teachers make void the Word of God through their traditions. Luke 11:51; Mark 7:9,13; Col. 2:8. In claiming that Jesus is Jehovah God, they really deny that He is the Son of God; for common sense tells everybody that a son receives his life from the father. This is exactly what the Bible tells us respecting Jesus.

## TRUTHFUL CRITICISMS INVITED

We invite truthful criticisms of our teachings; but our opponents know that to treat us fairly, justly, would be to turn all thinking people to our side the Bible side -- the reasonable side. For more than a century, they ignored our presentations, lest people should find out; but as sermons, Studies in the Scriptures, Vol.1-6 (particularly Vol.5) and booklets, radio, television and Internet, now reach millions. They are alarmed for the safety of their musty creeds, and resort to rank falsehoods, misrepresentations and slanders -- the weapons of moral cowards, who realize their own weakness.

They would charge Bible students with disbelieving the doctrine of the Trinity that three ones are one, we would cheerfully admit it, and point them to the *fact* that the word Trinity is not found in the Bible. And, that the thought of a trinity is not there, except in one passage, which Billy Graham and all scholars of all denominations *admit is a forgery* of the Seventh Century 1 John 6:7, 8. See Revised Version

We believe in the Heavenly Father, Jehovah God. We believe in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who left the Heavenly nature, took the human nature, died for our sins, and was afterward highly exalted to the Divine nature. We believe in the holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Truth, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ. Our crime is that *we do not believe* that the Father, the Son, and the holy Spirit are *one in person, equal in power* and glory, *neither one existing before the others*, neither one together in any sense, the Son and neither together in any sense, the Father, really. *The Bible says* nothing of this kind; and we are glad that our heads are not so illogical as to lead us to *deny* the Bible

and common sense for the sake of being in harmony with creeds or *traditions made of men* in the Dark Ages. Jesus said, to Paul, "Is it hard for you to kick against the prickly briars?"

## THE MAN, CHRIST JESUS

The Bible makes no mystery of who Jesus is; and we would not have been in confusion had we relied solely upon the testimony of Jesus, the Apostles and the Prophets. Our misleading came during the twelve hundred years [in 325 AD especially] when the Bible was ignored, because it was believed that the living bishops were Apostolic and had the plenary powers of the original Apostles. This serious error Jesus emphatically warned against in advance. Rev. 2:2

The Bible tells of Jesus' present glorious station, far above angels, partaker of the Divine nature. Phil. 2:8,9; 2 Pet 1:4; 1 John 3:2. But many **ignore this**, and claim that Jesus *is a man in Heaven*, completely out of touch with His surroundings; for a man, according to the Bible, is a little **lower** than angels (Psa. 8:5), whereas the Apostle declares that Jesus, at His resurrection, *was exalted far above angels*. John 3:6. It tells of Christ "Who (as in the oldest Greek *Siniatic* MS text -- not "God" who) 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." 1 Tim. 3:16. This glorious One, although of a different nature, is the same One who, while on earth, was the Man Christ Jesus, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Isa. 53:3. St. Paul tells us how Jesus left the Heavenly glory, how He humbled Himself to take a bondman's form -- to take the same nature as humanity, which had come into bondage to sin. Phil 2:7,8. He was neither a God man, nor a man God. "That which is born of the flesh **IS** flesh."

The Bible explains how Jesus could be of our race, and yet be holy, harmless, undefiled, *separate from sinners*. Heb. 7:26. It tells us plainly that Jesus **had a human mother**, but that His life came not from a human father. Isa. 7:14; Luke 1:35. It is also "*blasphemy*" to call "*Mary, the Mother of God,*" Jehovah. Rev. 13:1 And, that therefore He was perfect, and able to be the Ransomer of the race, redeeming us from the penalty that was against Adam and consequently against all his posterity. This was accomplished by giving to God sacrificially *a full corresponding (1 Tim 2:5,6 Greek antlutron) price for Adam*, whose life was forfeited (John 6:51) [as that *substitutionary* sacrifice] because of sin. Rom. 5:12-14. Thus the Bible explains that Jesus death is sufficient for Adam's sin and the sins of the whole world (John 1:29; 1 John 2:2); for the world was not condemned *individually*, but merely partook of Adam's condemnation to death -- "all in Adam die." 1 Cor. 15:22; Rom. 5:12-14 See *Studies in the Scriptures, Vol.5, The Atonement Between God and Man*.

Whoever thinks of Jesus *as being the Father* and also the Holy Spirit all one in person must be confronted with nonsensical errors such as these: How did the Universe manage to progress during the period leading up to Jesus birth and on to manhood? How did the affairs of the Universe prosper during Jesus ministry, when He was fully engaged with earthly affairs to the extent of weariness? How did the Universe get along when Jesus died, and until He arose from death?

Some even go to this absurd length: to wit, that Jesus *raised Himself from death*; whereas the Apostle declares positively that *the Father raised Him from the dead* on the third day. Gal. 1:1. How refreshing it is to get out of the fog into the clear statements of God's Word, which declare (1)

To us ***there is one God***, the Father, (2) and ***one Lord, Jesus Christ!*** 1 Cor. 8:6. No matter how thin you slice it, one plus two or three in substance or any other form **DOES NOT EQUAL ONE.**

### BEGINNING OF GOD'S CREATION

It seems astounding if our opponents have never heard the plain Bible statement that our glorious Redeemer ***was the First-born*** (Greek - *prototokos*) ***of all creation*** (Gk. *ktiseos* -- ***a created being***) (Col. 1: 15), the beginning (Gk. *arche*) of the creation (Gk. *ktiseos*) of God. (Rev.3:14) If they have read these simple, plain Bible statements, why do they prefer confusing (*Athanasian*, Catholic) views of the Dark Ages respecting a Trinity of three persons, yet one person? Some say one God in three persons; others say three Gods in one person, or three essences in the one God. It is a matter of semantics. Both propositions are alike unscriptural and absurd and falsely, in defamation, attribute to Jehovah God, that which does not belong to him. Rev. 17:3; 13:1.

The "Athanatian creed" declares, "The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God." Athanasius, at the Council at Nicea, in 325 AD, was a violent opponent of learned Arius, whose Scripture arguments that the Father was indeed ***only*** the Father and that the Son was indeed ***only*** the Created Son, ***neither*** coequal ***nor*** coexistent, were documented in the Library at Alexandria. He was murdered on his return from Constantinople (*Church History*, Phillip Schaff, 1910) and the Alexandria, Egypt library was burned in 416 AD -- so strong was the Satanic hatred in knowing ***the true Father*** and His Son, Jesus Christ. We see such hateful feelings increasing through the coming Church Union.

"This [*Trinitarian* view], the (Catholic) church teaches, is the revelation of God's nature"... "and which she proposes to man [*the Trinity*] as the ***FOUNDATION of her whole dogmatic system.***" -- *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. Protestants vociferously agree with this catholic dogma. It is, therefore, not surprising that in the end time, when the beast and (the image of the Beast) false prophet (Catholic and Protestant in church-union) gain their final power, that the required mark to buy or sell Bible Truth in the Christian realm would be under the restriction of having this ***TRIUNE "foundation" mark of "6 6 6."*** "It is the ***number*** of a man"-- the "Man of Sin," Papacy. It is "the number of his name." In the Latin, -- "*Vicarius Filii Dei.*" Rev. 13:16-18. See *Studies in the Scriptures*, Vol. 2, pps. 267-361. *This is the primary doctrine both Protestants and Catholics have mutual agreement with;* and in opposition to which *many were killed in the Dark Ages.*

Jesus Himself, in His last Message to His Church, declared, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last" (Rev. 1: 8, 11) as God, so here, says. Thus He clearly differentiates between Himself and the Father; for ***the Father had no beginning*** "From everlasting to everlasting Thou art God." Psalms 90:2.

Do our opponents claim that Jesus is God? We agree most heartily, provided the word God is understood in the sense in which the Bible uses it. Throughout the Old Testament the word for God is "***elohim***" -- ***mighty one***. It is applied to Jehovah, the Almighty One; it is ***also*** applied to *angels and to men* whom He sent as His messengers. Thomas exclaimed at his recognition of the risen Christ, "My Lord (*kyrios*) and the ***mighty one*** (*ho theos*) of me." According to this view, our Lord Jesus Christ is "***a***" ***God***. (Diaglott, Greek NT Interlinear, John 1:1). The Bible clearly indicates that He is above all other gods except Jehovah. "I am Jehovah your God...you shall have no other Gods (*elohim*) before me" (in my place). Exodus 20:1,3.

In harmony with this we read respecting Messiah and His Kingdom: Thy throne, "O God, is for ever and ever." Hebrews 1:8 This Scripture is based on Psalm 45:6. The declaration there is, "O God (and

simply means O *elohim*)." The Hebrew text does not say, "the" God; but "O God." The Hebrew word God, from which this text comes, is the word *elohim*. Its meaning is "**mighty one**."

We have found, according to *Biblical Archeology Review*, March, 1978, that there has been much tampering (condemned in Rev. 22:18, 19) with the Greek text. The Review states, "These examples are sufficient to suggest that the **removal** of the Tetragrammaton [JHVH - consonants for Jehovah] from the New Testament and its **replacement** with the surrogates *kyrios* [**kurios** -- Lord] and *theos*, (*qeos* -- God) **blurred the original distinction** between the Lord God and Jesus Christ, and in many passages **made it impossible** to tell what was meant." -- Professor of Religion and Hebrew, Geo. Howard, University of Georgia. His article continues, "Thus it may be that **the removal of the Tetragrammaton [JHVH, Jehovah] contributed significantly** to the later Christological and Trinitarian debates."

More than that. This **is a forced area** that has, through instigation, effected alterations of Scripture such as Matt. 28:19 which early first century Christians quote as "baptizing them **in my [Christ's] name**." We also quote from *Studies in the Scriptures*, Vol. 5, pg. 66 footnote: "**The Trinitarian translators probably preferred** to use the word Lord [LORD] **instead of Jehovah**, in order that Christians accustomed to use the word Lord **as a title for our Savior**, Jesus, might in reading the Old Testament, think that **he and not the Father, Jehovah is usually referred to**."

"Christ's rulership or throne as a "mighty one" is "**to the age**" (Heb. 1:8, Diaglott) or "*olam*" (to a completion) in Hebrew to the completion of **limited** rulership of earth and **not forever**. I Cor. 15:24. The Apostle applies these words distinctly to Jesus, but does not say this proves that Jesus **was His own Father**, nor does he ignore **the Almighty God, of whom are all things**. On the contrary, the context tells us explicitly that the Father, **who always was, above all**, as a reward **exalted** His Son to his (Jesus') glorious Kingship and Headship, declaring that even "the angels" of Heaven **should worship Him**. Heb. 1:5-8; Phil. 2:9

One very simple statement confuses some needlessly. It reads, "I and My Father are one." John 10:30. It **does not say** one person. By the context it can be easily seen, it refers to the *oneness of spirit*, or harmony, between the Father and the Son; and **this** oneness is explained by our Lord, assuring us that He came not to do His own will, but the will of the Father, since He accepted the Father's will in everything. He and the Father **were always one in purpose**. Jesus prayed for the Church, saying, I pray for them that Thou hast given Me, **that they all may be one** in Us, even as Thou, Father, and I are one. (John 17:9, 20-24) Surely no one would claim that Jesus expected His Church to become one person! And it is equally absurd to think that He and the Father are one person.

Concerning the statement of our Lord, "Before Abraham was, I am," (John 8:58), it should be noted that the Trinitarian's reference back to Exo. 4:14 where the expression I AM is used. It should be clearly noted that this is "a descriptive term" but is not mentioned by God as being His NAME. He clearly states, verse 15 "Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, **Jehovah God** of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is MY NAME forever**." It is **repeated** in verse 16. God's name is mentioned more than 700 times in the Old Testament and has almost been entirely obliterated there. When Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am," he clearly meant, and it was in simple plain statement, "I have **continued in existence from long, long before Abraham was ever born**." He was **not** saying he was Jehovah.

Because Jesus was thus the Father's **representative**, in the *only sense* that men could see **the invisible** Jehovah, He answered Philip on one occasion, He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father. John 14:9 Thus the President's secretary would say to a caller, **I represent** the President.

## "IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE LOGOS"

Matthew's and Luke's Gospels make very plain how the glorious Son of God was made flesh, yet not a partaker of human sin. So, St. John's Gospel provides us with information still further back, pointing out and explaining clearly the glorious prehuman nature of the Son of God. The translation, however, is slightly defective, and hides from the English reader the full import of the opening verses which, literally translated, reads:

"In the beginning was the Logos, and the Logos was with the God, *and the Logos was "a" god*. The same was in the beginning with "the" God." By Him were all things made, and without Him was not one thing made... And the Logos *was made flesh* and dwelt among us; and we behold His glory, the glory of an *Only Begotten* of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1: 1-3, 14

The beautiful simplicity of this account is wonderful. The beginning it mentions was not that of Jehovah's existence, which the Bible declares was "without beginning." The word refers to the beginning of creation, and immediately introduces us to the great Logos, *"the Beginning of the creation of God."* (Rev. 3:14) While the name Logos may be not improperly translated *Word*, it has a much fuller significance; namely, representative, messenger, mouthpiece.

Jehovah's entire Message has been, and will be, given to angels and to men through the great Logos. He was the Alpha, the first; *the Father created none before Him*. He is the Omega, the last; the Father has directly created none like Him. (Rev. 1:8 --*The Keys of Revelation*, p.11-13) This explains simply, satisfactorily, that all subsequent creations, while executed by Jehovah's Power, were *worked out* by His great *Son*, the Logos. By Him were all things made that were made. Jesus was *not* the Creator.

When the time came for the outworking of the great Divine Plan for human salvation, and, incidentally, the showing forth of God's Justice, Wisdom, Love and Power, the offer properly came first to the Logos. Heb. 1:5 The proposition to be man's Redeemer carried with it a great blessing, as St. Paul explains. (Heb. 12:2; Col. 1:18) *This exaltation to God's right hand*, far above all other creatures, was an advance step. Although originally higher than all the others, the Logos was not so far above them.

It was God's purpose to have a *New Creation*; and the Logos, through the redemptive Plan, was to be *the first and chiefest on that highest plane the Divine nature*. During this Gospel Age, God has been calling and accepting *the honest seekers, lovers of righteousness*, haters of iniquity to be associates with Jesus in the Kingdom and participants with Him in the highest nature of all, the Divine. So, St. Peter declares, God hath given unto us, (the truly consecrated, the Church) exceeding great and precious promises, that by these *we might become* partakers of the Divine nature. 2Pet. 1:4; Heb. 2:10

## CULT ACCUSATIONS SATAN, ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN

"The Accuser *of the brethren* is cast down which *accused them before our God day and night*." Rev. 12:10 Satan's binding is completely future, when he shall be cast into the pit for the greater portion of the kingdom age, yet this Scripture declares that the personality of Satan can be found in those who name the name of Christ -- well meaning, but deluded *brethren* --persecutors of the Saints. Many have been put to death by those, his instruments, having the belief that "whosoever killeth you *will think that he doeth God a service*," as was done in support of of the "Trinity creed",

during the "dark ages," -- from the time of days of Arius forward. The days of persecution are not yet past. John 16:1

" 'The Devil' " comes from the Greek *diablos*, signifying one who *misrepresents*, hence a slanderer, and *accuser (of the brethren* -- Rev. 12:10. 'Satan,' as a title, means one who is an open and unabashed *opposing* spirit; that is an *adversary*, an opponent, a resister (Zech. 3:1)." *I The Keys of Revelation*, 1993, by Frank Shallieu

Is it right, is it Christian, is it true, is it manly, to charge our teachings with *denying* that Jesus is the Son of God? What object could there be in so doing except to *keep the Lord's hungry sheep away from the green pastures of Divine Truth?* Well do our traducers know that they have nothing Biblical, sane or sensible to give instead. The very bitterness manifested by ministers against us is being used of the Lord to arouse investigation amongst those who are truly His people. If our reputation must be thus assassinated in order that the true sheep may hear the Master's voice, we shall acquiesce as joyfully as possible, remembering that it will be difficult for them to say bitterer or untruer things of us than they said of our Master.

The crime is the same that incited the Pharisees against Jesus and the Apostles. They were *angry* that they taught the people. Luke 19:47; Psa.2:1 Preachers who do not believe in eternal torment any more than we do are angry that we are informing the people; for they fear that the people will justly think that their ministers deal dishonestly, *receiving wages for keeping them in darkness*. The time has come when all who are for the right, the Truth, for light, should manifest themselves. We have letters from ministers, fearful to come out boldly. I am sorry for these. The Lord exhorts, Be thou very courageous. He "that hath a dream (an imagination), let them tell the dream (if he has nothing better to tell); but he that hath My Word, let him speak my Word (fearlessly) faithfully." Jer. 23:28

### A SOMBER WARNING

*A somber warning* about "Church Union," (the foundation of which is the Trinity). Such "union" was manifest by the "Justification Document" in signing between Pope John Paul II of the Catholic and of Lutheran churches on October 31, 1999. It was 482 years *exactly to the day*, when Luther's "Reformation" began (1517) and, *now, Rome agrees purposefully to "lay the ax to"* that starting time *to begin to end that Reformation*, sweeping aside all Rome's past muderous acts. Rev.18:24

We conclude with these remarks from our *Parochiaid Vs. Freedom -- Church and State* (1999): "So popular will Federated ["United"] Christianity become, that *to even criticize it will be a "crime" worthy of crucifixion in some form* -- socially, financially, *if not [literally to kill, Rev. 13:15] physically*. Politicians will quickly realize that their bread is buttered [supported] on that side, *and be ready to enact legislation of any kind desired by the Federation [Church Union]*. Mammon-worship *will take on new forms temporarily*, but *power* will soon debauch the unregenerate mass and *drive out* the regenerate faithful who may *temporarily be misled by the great "Union" movement* "in the name of Christ," but *without* his Spirit and authority." [Anarchy would soon follow]. ZWT Journal, January 1, 1906, Reprint p. 3697, Charles T. Russell, Editor.

As our knowledge of God and of His glorious Son, and our true understanding of the Holy Spirit, becomes clearer, *we can the better worship God*. Because, the eyes of our understanding are opening wider and wider, we shall comprehend with all saints the lengths and breadths, the heights and depths, and know the love of God -- whom to know aright implies *fitness for life everlasting*. Eph. 3:17-19.

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### THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE

For a very much detailed, Scripture-filled study of this subject, we recommend the booklets and book (2) listed below. It is the most enlightening, sane, sound study we know of which makes very clear the *proper distinction* between, the Father, Jehovah God, His Son Jesus Christ and as to what the Holy Spirit really is -- *non persona*. ***The Keys of Revelation***. Most marvelous key. 735

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