

275 REASONS WHY JESUS CHRIST IS A MAN

Imagine this scenario. A controversial legal case goes to court. Side A spends several days presenting 275 pieces of evidence in support of their opinion. Side B takes an hour to present 10 pieces of evidence supporting their views. Soon, you hear that Side B has won the case. Might you not ask "Well how in the world did they explain away the 275 pieces of evidence held by Side A?" That would be a reasonable question. My point is this: If taken to court, I believe the evidence about Jesus Christ's nature would overwhelmingly show him to be a man. I believe that any pieces of evidence indicating that he is God either in part or in whole would be few in number and could be shown to be based on flawed interpretations of the real facts. I will present just some of the reasons why I believe that Jesus Christ is a man.

I will use The King James Version of the Bible as the sole source of all evidence. Since I have so many reasons to list I will quote only portions of verses when possible. Any underlining you see was added in by me.

I believe that if we ask the question "What is Jesus," then the only correct answer is "He is a man," meaning that he is 100% human and 0% anything else. If we ask "Who is Jesus?" or "What is the identity of Jesus?" then we could correctly respond in different ways, either by an expression of a familial relationship or some other identifying aspect about him. Suppose your friend pointed at me and said "Who is that?" You could accurately respond by saying any of the following: He is Ted, He is the son of James, or He's the former Third Grade Spelling Bee Champ. Any or all of these responses would be truthful and accurate. Likewise, if we ask "Who is Jesus?" there are several accurate answers. Most notably the Bible's response would be either "He is the Son of God" or "He is the Son of man." These responses reveal family relationships. Other Biblical responses could include: He is the Savior, He is the mediator between God and men, or He is the future King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I believe that as the Bible clearly establishes a number of correct answers as to who Jesus is that it will also reveal the impossibility of him being God. The "Trinity" will appear nowhere, and many biblical concepts will contradict the possibility of its existence.

In case you are unfamiliar with the Doctrine of the Trinity, here is part of how the Catholic Encyclopedia describes it:

The Trinity is the term employed to signify the central doctrine of the Christian religion-- the truth that in the unity of the Godhead there are Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, these Three Persons being truly distinct one from another. Thus, in the words of the Athanasian Creed: "the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God." In this Trinity of Persons the Son is begotten of the Father by an eternal generation, and the Holy Spirit proceeds by an eternal procession from the Father and the Son. Yet, notwithstanding this difference as to origin, the Persons are co-eternal and co-equal: all alike are uncreated and omnipotent...

Do not be discouraged if you could not understand that description. Please read on.

Reason #1) Mark 15:39 ...the centurion...said, Truly this man was the Son of God. {This verse shows both what Jesus is, a man, and who he is, the Son of God.}

#2) John 8:40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God. (In one sentence here Jesus both defines himself as a man and delineates himself from God.)

#3) Acts 2:22 ...Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him...{This statement made by Peter calls Jesus a man. It also, by the laws of grammar, shows him to be separate and distinct from God. Suppose someone said "Joe Doe of Indianapolis, a man approved of the GE Corporation" no one would understand that to mean that Joe Doe is the GE Corporation. It is one entity approving of a different entity. Likewise the phrase "which the GE Corporation did by Joe Doe" indicates that Joe Doe took some kind of action as an agent for the GE Corporation. In the same manner, the "miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him" means that Jesus was acting on behalf of God, acting as an agent of God, when God did wonders and signs "by him." This concept of agency was well understood in Bible times just as it is today.}

#4) John 9:33 If this man (spoken of Jesus) were not of God, he could do nothing.

#5) John 19:5 Then came Jesus... And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

#6) Romans 5:15 the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ...

#7) Hebrews 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; {It should be considered that even after Jesus had fulfilled his mission on Earth and was raised to heaven into God's presence that his nature is not "God." He sat down on the right hand of God as a man!}

#8) Acts 17: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained... {Surely Jesus would be represented Biblically as "God" rather than "that man" when involved in this incredible act of judgment if that was his true nature.}

Reasons #9-51) In the interest of paper preservation the following are additional records of Jesus being called "the man" or "this man." Matthew 9:3, 11:27, 13:54,56, 26:72,74, 27:47, Mark 2:7, 6:2, 14:71, Luke 7:39, 15:2, 23:4,6,14 (twice,) 18,41,47, John 6:52, 7:15, 27, 31, 46, 9:16, 24, 10:41, 11:37,47,50, 15:24, 18:14,17,29,31,40, 19:12, Acts 5:28, 1 Corinthians 15:47, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 3:3, 7:24, 8:3.

I might have missed some places, but certainly you will agree that with 51 declarations the Bible has adequately established that Jesus is a man.

Reasons # 52-139) Jesus is called “Son of man” at least 88 times in the Bible. There is no room for doubt that Jesus was born from the womb of his human mother Mary. He has direct lineage from Adam as do all human beings.

Matthew 16:13 ...he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? {Jesus uses this title of himself very often.}

Matthew 13:37...He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

Mark 9:12 ...it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things...

Mark 10:33 ...the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests...

John 12:23 ... The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Luke 22:69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.

Acts 7:56...I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

John 1:51 And he saith ... Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Luke 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power...{The last five verses show that even when ascended into heaven next to God, or when coming in glory back to Earth the title “Son of man” still applies to Jesus. The title of “Son of man” emphasizes Christ’s humanity and in no way turns him into God.}

The other 78 occurrences of “Son of man” are in Matthew 8:20, 9:6, 10:23, 11:19, 12:8,32,40, 13:41, 16:28, 17:9,12,22, 18:11, 19:28, 20:18,28, 24:27,30 (twice,) 37,39,44, 25:13,31, 26:2,24 (twice,) 45,64, Mark 2:10,28, 8:31,38, 9:9,31, 10:45, 13:26,34, 14:21(twice,) 41,62, Luke 5:24, 6:5,22, 7:34, 9:22,26,44,56,58, 11:30, 12:8,10,40, 17:22,24,26,30, 18:8,31, 19:10, 21:36, 22:22,48, 24:7, John 3:13,14, 5:27, 6:27,53,62, 8:28, 12:34 (twice,) 13:31, Rev. 1:13, 14:14.

Reasons #140-185) I found 46 occurrences in the Bible of Jesus being called “Son of God.” The significant number of uses of this title makes it very clear that we may also accurately respond “He is the Son of God” if queried as to who he is. Before looking at these let me state that calling Jesus “the Son of God” does not imply that he IS God. He is the son of Mary. Does that make him Mary? I am the son of James. Does that make me James? In truth, to be someone’s son automatically disqualifies you from being that same someone. Scripture gives no hint that the Holy Spirit (as recorded in Matthew 1 and Luke 1) performed the miracle of making Mary

pregnant with “GOD.” She was made to be pregnant with a “child” or a “son” according to these records, terms indicating that she would give birth to a human boy.

Matthew 4:3...when the tempter (the devil)...said, If thou be the Son of God... {The devil knew who he was dealing with.}

Matthew 14:33...they (Jesus' disciples) that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. {Surely the disciples knew his identity.}

Matthew 26:63 the high priest answered...tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. {The controversial question for which the high priest demanded an answer was about Jesus' identity. At question: Was he the Christ, the Son of God, not was he God the Son?}

Matthew 27:43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. {Wouldn't these accusers have known if Jesus had actually been walking about claiming to be God?}

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; {Shouldn't Mark recognize Christ's position as God at this point, if it were true?}

Luke 1:35 And the angel ...said...that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. {Was this angel derelict in his duties for not revealing that this Son of God was also God the Son, one third of the Trinity? Or, was he just incapable of expressing himself accurately? Or, did he say exactly what he meant?}

Luke 4:41 And devils also came out of many... saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God... for they knew that he was Christ. {Even the devils knew who he was.}

John 1:34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. {This was John the Baptist speaking. Certainly the original Baptist could accurately define the identity of Jesus Christ!}

John 5:25 ...the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and...shall live. {In the future when Jesus brings people back to life he still will not be assigned the title of “God the Son.”}

John 9:35 Jesus...said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? {Many insist that the Trinity is the cornerstone of all Christianity. Why would Jesus have quizzed this man on a lesser issue? As a matter of fact, why is it that Jesus never quizzed anyone on that “most important” of all issues? Was Jesus ignorant of the foundation of Christianity?}

John 10:36...I said, I am the Son of God? {I challenge you to find one record in the Bible where Jesus says “I am God,” “I am God the Son,” or “I am the second part of the Trinity.”}

John 19:7 The Jews answered...he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

John 20:31 ... Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

I have been told I am not a Christian because I do not believe that Jesus is God the Son. If it is true, then those of you who truly understand how this truth about Jesus is taught throughout the Bible without ever once being specifically mentioned have an obligation to explain that to me with comprehensible words. Telling me that you just know it's true and that you believe it with every fiber of your being isn't going to cut it. Believe it or not, your fibers do not have the authority to declare what is truth any more than my fibers do. I would remind you of Proverbs 28:26: "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool..." I will never ask you to trust in my heart or my fibers. I realized long ago that they are no more authoritative than yours.

Acts 9:20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. {This was the first recorded preaching by Saul (later called Paul.) He failed to mention both the Trinity and Christ's status as God. Was he simply uninformed? If so, he must have remained in that state of ignorance because in the letters to the churches which he wrote many years later he retained a perfect track record of failure to mention the Trinity and Jesus' status as God the Son.}

Hebrews 4:14 ... a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God ...{Even in this lofty position the Bible retains the same title used of him while on Earth.}

1 John 3:8 ...the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. {If Almighty God destroyed the works of the devil, then He should be given the credit here. Are we that much smarter than God that we have to change His declarations here?}

1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him... {Exactly who do you confess that Jesus is? Do you think it doesn't matter?}

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? {Exactly who do you believe that Jesus is? Is this also unimportant?}

The rest of the 46 occurrences of "Son of God" can be found in Matthew 4:6, 8:29, 27:40,54, Mark 3:11, 15:39, Luke 4:3,9, 8:28, 22:70, John 1:49, 3:18, 11:4,27, Acts 8:37, 2 Corinthians 1:19, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 4:13, Hebrews 6:6, 1 John 5:10,12,13,20, Revelation 2:18.

Reasons #186-233) Then we have at least another 48 places where Jesus is referred to as his Son, my Beloved Son, the Son of the Highest, Son of the living God, or some similar term indicating his relationship to his Father, God. So we can confidently use this terminology to describe who Jesus is. Here are a dozen of those uses.

Matthew 3:17...a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. {As Jesus was baptized, the voice publicly declared his identity. The voice was "well-pleased," implying that Jesus must have possessed the freedom of will to have made

choices that would not have been well-pleasing, the kind of poor choices that men often make, but never God.}

Matthew 16:15-16...Peter answered...Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. {This blatantly contrasts God and His Son.}

John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; {Now why would the Father give life to the Son if the Son had been alive with Him from the very beginning, as Trinitarian explanations teach? The answer is obvious unless you desire not to see it.}

John 17:1 These words spake Jesus...Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: {Isn't it obvious that we are talking about two distinct entities here? One is the Father and the other is the Son. Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we endeavor to deceive. Those who brought the three-in-one gods idea from pagan religions into Christianity started a fantastic web of deceit that rivals all others.}

Romans 5:10...we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son... {By the way, how can "co-eternal" God die? 1 Timothy 1:17 and Romans 1:23 teach that God is uncorruptible and immortal. How can Jesus have died if he was immortal? Are you absolutely sure it's okay to ignore these inconsistencies?}

Romans 8:3...God sending his own Son ...{In what realm of language can someone's son also be the someone? Answer: Only in a realm attacked viciously by the devil to confuse people into swallowing senseless gobbledy-gook. Note that it was not "the first member of the Godhead sending the second member of the Godhead." A portion of God did not send a different portion of God. ALL that God is sent His Son. There is no need to make this difficult. The Bible speaks straightforwardly.}

1 Thessalonians 1:10...wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead...

1 John 2:22...He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. {Strong language! Why is there no warning about denying the Trinity?}

1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ... {The Bible never commands us to believe in that other "cornerstone of Christianity;" the one often expressed as being a marvelous mystery that we are to "accept by faith."}

1 John 5:11...God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. {Wouldn't it be quite odd if we were to read in this verse "...and this life is in the co-equal eternally begotten second

part of the blessed Triune Godhead?" You really need to believe that it is not God who is trying to muddle your brain. It is the devil.}

2 John 1:3...Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father...{Another verse like so many others that shows that God and Christ's identities are not intermingled.

You can find the rest of these uses in Matthew 2:15, 17:5, Mark 1:11, 5:7, 9:7, 13:32, Luke 1:32, 3:22, 9:35, 10:22, John 3:16-18, 6:40, 8:36, 14:13, Acts 3:13, Romans 1:9, 8:29,32, 1 John 5:9.}

I realize that you are probably accusing me of having gone through the New Testament finding only those scriptures that referred to Jesus as a man, the Son of man, Son of God, his Son, etc. I confess that that is what I have done, so to re-establish credibility I will now also list every verse which mentions Jesus as "God the Son" or mentions him in any way as being a part of the Trinity.

#1....

And that concludes the listing of verses mentioning Jesus as "God the Son" or as part of the Trinity. Yes, your spiritual leader has been ignorant, derelict in his duties, or both if he instructed you that the Bible speaks of "God the Son" or the "Trinity." If you find those words anywhere in your copy of the Bible you have a translation that has intentionally been altered to promote those doctrines. These expressions never appeared in the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts that were translated into English. The word "trinity," meaning tri-unity, or three things being one is 100% non-biblical, as well as is the phrase "God the Son." There is nothing to study from the Bible about either of these. It's very easy to say, "It's there, everywhere, all through the scriptures, can't you see it?" The real question is: Why are so many Christians "seeing" a topic that is never mentioned? Here are some more good reasons why I believe that Jesus is a man.

#234) 1 Corinthians 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. {To be "subject unto" means to be subordinated unto or submitted unto. If the Son is God then he isn't subject to anyone! Obviously we must apply a little spin to this verse, for it simply can't mean what it clearly says.}

#235) 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; {As I said, it is a tangled web of deceit that the devil has woven for nearly two millennia to try to conceal the simple truth about Jesus. There is only ONE God, and Jesus Christ is the sole mediator between that God and men. Jesus is defined here in the Bible as what; a God, a third of a God, the second person of the Triune Godhead, a God-man, a part of the Blessed Trinity? Absolutely not. It says "the man Christ Jesus." And again, this is the present tense. This is his position today, not prior to his crucifixion and resurrection. Today, seated at the right hand of God, in heaven, he serves as the only mediator between God and men. If it says he is the man Christ Jesus, why are so many insisting that he is God?}

I will answer that question. It is because most men follow the crowd. They watch where others are going and they go the same way. They hear what others are saying and they say the same things. Peer pressure exerts tremendous influence on man. Millions of German people were persuaded to adopt the wicked goals of Hitler because of peer pressure from their neighbors, fellow workers, and relatives. It is peer pressure in the churches that causes millions of Christians in the world today to profess a belief in the Trinity. Not only is there no mention of the word trinity in the Bible, but there is not one Bible passage that defines such a concept. No one can truthfully claim to have learned of these things through Biblical study. Yet, with an understandable lack of desire to "make waves," huge portions of the Christian population profess absolute belief in an incomprehensible theory. Yes, I know I am being very blunt. I am accusing you of having been taught by man rather than God if you are a believer in the Trinity. You never learned that information from the Bible. You have been taught to find verses that do not specifically dispute the Trinity and to profess that they are therefore teaching the Trinity, while overlooking dozens and dozens of scriptures that do specifically contradict the possibility of a Trinity. You have been duped.

#236) James 1:13...God cannot be tempted with evil...:

#237) Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest (referring to Jesus) which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. { #237 says that Jesus, the high priest, was tempted in all points, but #236 says God cannot be tempted. Surely you recall Jesus' temptations in Matthew 4 and Luke 4. The web of deceit has to keep growing. You may have heard the explanation "Oh, well, you see, it was Christ's human side that was tempted, not his God side." What? Check your Bible. The term "God side" is not there. "Oh, but that's okay, that's just how we express what we all know to be true, that Jesus is fully God and fully man. That's taught throughout the scriptures. Why, it's the foundation of all Christianity!" This non-biblical "truth" is used to relentlessly assault the simplicity of Christ's nature. }

#238) John 14: 28...If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. {If I, the author of this paper, said "My Father (referring to God) is greater than I" everyone would agree the meaning is simple, but if Jesus says it then simplicity goes out the door. Now it's time to bring in the spin artists. It's time for double talk, make that triple talk. Any illogical argument will suffice to prove that the Bible does not mean what the words would normally communicate. Millions, if not billions, of people have been discouraged from searching the Bible by these tactics of the devil to discredit its accuracy and precision. Oh, yes, I am saying that the devil is the originator of this lie about Jesus' nature, and it is the devil's influence that steers people into ignoring the words given by God in favor of those of men. }

#239) Matthew 28:18 And Jesus...spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. {Who gave him the power? "God the Father" you say? I agree, but Jesus is supposedly co-eternal and omnipotent. He would have always had all power if he was God. }

#240) 1 Corinthians 11:3 ...the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. {This verse plainly shows Christ's subordination to God, as well as their distinct identities. But again, we are Christians. We can ignore the plain meaning of words.}

#241) John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. {Jesus shows that his relationship to God and the Father is the same relationship that the brethren have. Oh, not to worry, we can write this verse off with 50-50 reasoning. This was the "man side" talking. Voila, problem solved.}

#242) John 5:30 I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. {Did Jesus actually have his own will? Wouldn't his will have been identical to the Father's will if they both were God?}

#243) Mark 14:35-36 And he...prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. {Jesus and the Father did have separate wills. Not surprisingly Jesus' will was not to endure the coming crucifixion and other ordeals. But, his final decision was to do things God's way. The explanation: "Well, you see, that was the human part of Jesus. You've got to understand, he was 50% human and 50% God." But I never read that in the Bible. "Oh, well, you see, we all know that Jesus was..."}

#244) Ephesians 1:17-20...the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, {God raised Christ from the dead and took him to heavenly places. One was dead. The other restored the dead one to life. God is immortal, meaning He cannot die. God did not die. Christ, the man, died.}

Why must we rely so much on words that aren't in the Bible and reject the plain meaning of so many that are? In the words of Susan Pouter "Stop the insanity!"

#245) Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. {Only the Father knows the exact date when this age will come to an end. 1 John 3:20 declares that God "knoweth all things." If Jesus is "fully God" why doesn't he know everything? There is a simple explanation. The other explanation is "Well, you see, Jesus' God side was being silent at this point. This was the man side of Jesus speaking and of course the man side wouldn't know that information." Would a good and loving God require us to make up these contortions of logic? Really?}

#246) Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent...{Yet Jesus is classified many times as a man and as the Son of man. "Oh, well, you see, this verse is talking about God the Father, not God the Son. The Son could be a man. We all know..." Yeah, we all know that when we see God face to face He will understand that it was perfectly acceptable of us to totally disregard what He had said because of what "we all

knew." Perhaps we'll be gracious enough to sit down and explain to God how He should have worded these things differently.}

The totally unsubstantiated claim of there being a God the Son who is simultaneously fully human and fully God (or half and half) is used over and over again to prove its own existence! This is called circular reasoning. But circular reasoning seems to be fully acceptable when sticking to popular teachings is more important than learning the truth.

#247-256) The "Oneness" of God.

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD...beside me there is no God.

Isaiah 44: 8...Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved... for I am God, and there is none else.

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?...

Mark 12:32-34 And the scribe said...for there is one God; and there is none other but he... And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

Romans 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify...

Ephesians 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all...

1 Timothy 2:5...there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well...

I don't know how many times the Bible repeats the theme that there is only one God, but it is a large number. I only selected ten. The singularity of God is simply cast aside in the Trinity by a declaration that three things are actually one. There, that was simple. It does not seem to matter that there is no scripture informing us that three can equal one, no scripture informing us that God exists in three different forms, and no scripture informing us that we can bypass first grade math when we read the Bible. 1 Timothy 2:5 above bluntly excludes the possibility of Jesus Christ being within a "three part" God. All of that is overlooked by applying a little Trinitarian mumbo-jumbo, or simply a "Well, we all know..."

#257) 1 Corinthians 8:6..to us there is but one God, the Father,... and one Lord Jesus Christ...{This verse also shows us there is only one God, and look how it specifically identifies

“the Father” as being that God. The Son is not included, in fact, he is specifically excluded! This is no isolated peculiar verse. This is the norm.}

#258) John 8:17-18 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. {Jesus did not ignore first grade math. When counting himself and the Father Jesus came to a total of two. Here is the formula: $1+1=2$. Most kindergarten children can calculate this. But on Sunday mornings many denominational Christians wave the magic wand and the rules of math and grammar vanish as they enter the fantasy world invented by Satan, the great deceiver. The end result – exactly as Satan had hoped, the Bible’s authority in many minds is reduced to that of a stack of Hallmark cards.}

#259-261) John 17:3...that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

2 John 3...from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father...

2 John 2:9... that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. {I hated grammar when I was in the fourth grade but I do recall that when the word “and” is used it connects two things together. These three verses, like many others, bring that same first grade math problem to the forefront. Jesus is mentioned many times using the word “and” to connect him to “the Father” or to “God.” Grammatically then they are different “things.” However, once you have read pro -Trinitarian writings you will realize that Christian realities need not be restricted by linguistic or mathematical laws. Millions of Christians will tolerate and accept nonsense as being rock solid holy doctrine direct from the lips of God.}

#262) Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God...and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God...{This is Jesus speaking. Again, even when these future events occur the glorified Jesus Christ will still be referring to the One to Whom he is subjected as “my God.” The Son of God has a God. God the Father does not. Why is that?}

#263) Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... {Repeatedly the Bible establishes that “the Father” of Jesus and his “God” are the same entity. Jesus as “God the Son” should not have a God. He himself would be that God just as much as God the Father would be that God. The Bible is simple. The forced insertion of this confusion into it is an abhorrence.}

#264) Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit... {Why would God commend (to place, set, or entrust) His spirit with anybody else? Oh, never mind. I forgot, this was the human half of the God-man talking. By the way, when does his God half talk? And why didn’t he ever mention his split nature? Was it because he knew how plainly it would later be revealed between the lines in our Bibles?}

#265) I have heard it stated that there is no way a man could do what was needed to be done to redeem mankind; it had to be God. The Bible flatly disagrees with this premise.

Romans 5:12-19 ...by one man sin entered into the world...through the offence of one many be dead...the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many...by one man's offence death reigned by one...For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. {This passage emphasizes that one man (Adam) brought sin and death into the world, making many men sinners. Likewise, by one man the solution was provided. To declare that only God could come and fix the problems of the world is to declare that the Bible is wrong. One man made the mess. Another man cleaned it up.}

#266) 1 Corinthians 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. {The context reveals that the "first man" is Adam and the "second man" is Jesus. The first man held the power to wreak havoc on the universe by disobedience to God. The second man held the power to restore order to the universe by obedience to God. God's logic and sense of justice is perfect.}

#267) Colossians 1:13-15...his dear Son...Who is the image of the invisible God...

#268) 2 Corinthians 4:4... Christ, who is the image of God...{Jesus Christ is the image of God. The image of a couch is NOT the couch! It is a drawing, a painting, a sculpture, or some other type of representation that reveals, at least in part, characteristics of the couch. Folks, if we don't allow the words of the Bible to mean what they say then we have nothing when we hold a Bible in our hands. Christ is not God. He is the IMAGE of God. If you saw my son you might say he is the image of me since there is a strong family resemblance, but if you insist that he is me they will eventually haul you away to the funny farm.}

#269) John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. {Colossians 1:15 (see reason #267) said that God is invisible, and this verse says he is a Spirit. Do you really see no discrepancy between these descriptions of God and how Jesus is described in the Bible? If you honestly don't see any discrepancy then reading this paper is a waste of your time.}

#270) John 5:43-45 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not... How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father...{How utterly nonsensical the Bible becomes if we insist on inserting the Trinity doctrine into it! In its absence the passage makes perfect sense. With the doctrine thrown in we have to revise everything that Jesus said here. Now we have something like: "I, God the Son, am come in the name of God the Father, and ye receive me not...How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from all three essences of God contained in the Triune Godhead only? Do not think that I, the second part of the Triune Godhead, will accuse you to the first part of the Triune Godhead..." This revision work has to be performed countless hundreds of times.}

#271) Luke 10:22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. {Jesus clearly establishes that there is a father-son relationship between him and God. This type of relationship is very easily grasped by the human mind. Is God telling us that this relationship is very simple, yet privately wondering if we are going to be smart enough to figure out that in truth it is extraordinarily complicated?}

#272) John 5:19 Then answered Jesus...The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do... these also doeth the Son likewise. {Trinitarian explanations declare that Jesus is omnipotent (all powerful) like God the Father. If you reject that this statement classifies Jesus as something far less than omnipotent then you simply reject language.}

#273) In the Bible there are about 20,000 singular pronouns used in referencing God! I'll only count this as one reason, instead of 20,000. Wouldn't a loving God go ahead and clearly communicate to us that there are actually three forms of Him instead of consistently sticking with this "solo" representation of Himself?

#274) The word "God" appears in the Bible over 3,800 times. I won't list them all. Even though the singularity of God is not specifically spelled out in all of them, the fact that NOT ONE of them ever mentions God consisting of three parts, three entities, three forms, or three persons is strong evidence that there was no intention by the author (God) for the readers (humans) to infer that concept. Likewise, never in the scriptures is there a mention of Jesus having a 50-50 nature, a God-side, or a fully God and fully man nature. The burden of proof lies on the shoulders of those who claim these concepts are replete in scripture.

In the interest of equal time I will include a fuller explanation of the Trinity from The Catholic Encyclopedia.

"The Trinity is the term employed to signify the central doctrine of the Christian religion-- the truth that in the unity of the Godhead there are Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, these Three Persons being truly distinct one from another. Thus, in the words of the Athanasian Creed: "the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God." In this Trinity of Persons the Son is begotten of the Father by an eternal generation, and the Holy Spirit proceeds by an eternal procession from the Father and the Son. Yet, notwithstanding this difference as to origin, the Persons are co-eternal and co-equal: all alike are uncreated and omnipotent. This, the Church teaches, is the revelation regarding God's nature which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came upon earth to deliver to the world: and which she proposes to man as the foundation of her whole dogmatic system. In Scripture there is as yet no single term by which the Three Divine Persons are denoted together. The word trias (of which the Latin trinitas is a translation) is first found in Theophilus of Antioch about A.D. 180. He speaks of "the Trinity of God [the Father], His Word and His Wisdom..."

Did that clear things up? Here are some terms they used that are not in the Bible, nor are they in our common vernacular, and some have no intelligible meaning: 1) Trinity. 2) unity of the Godhead. 3) eternal generation. 4) eternal procession. 5) co-eternal. 6) Three Divine Persons. The second paragraph proclaims that in scripture “there is as yet no single term by which the Three Divine Persons are denoted together.” Does that mean that one day we might open our Bibles and the word denoting the Trinity will be there? What kind of evil have Christians accused God of having done? This Trinity doctrine accuses God of having expected us to understand an intricate doctrine full of double talk that radically confuses the otherwise ultra clear communication of the scriptures as to the nature of God and His son, the man Jesus Christ. This vile attack on God’s character could only originate from one source. John 8:44 says “the devil...was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” It is the devil who authored this lie. You are the target. See John 10:10.}

Reason #275) In the continued interest of providing equal time let’s address a couple of verses often quoted as “proof” that Jesus is God or that there is a Trinity. I will count as only one “reason” the fact that most of these “proofs” can easily be shown to involve faulty interpretations of the scriptures, revealing the shallow studiousness of far too many Christians. For example:

John 10:30 I (Jesus) and my Father are one.

{This is one of the most popular “proofs.” I’m sure you will agree that the word “God” does not follow the word “one,” but that is what is supposedly being implied. But it requires little skill to flip seven chapters over and read :}

John 17:11... Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: {Jesus prayed that his followers would “be one” in the same fashion as he and his Father were one. The meaning is obvious. The oneness has to be a oneness of motivation, of purpose, or frame of mind. If Jesus meant “one God” in chapter 10, verse 30, then he was praying for his followers also to be “one God” in chapter 17. Should chapter 17 be ignored in order to maintain traditional beliefs?}

Another favorite “proof” is part of John 14:9.

John 14:9 ...he that hath seen me (Jesus) hath seen the Father...

{Reading only that part of the verse does sound as if Jesus was claiming to be God, but this is a perfect example of failure to rightly divide the word of truth as is called for in 2 Timothy 2:15. The context shows that Jesus was speaking of understanding God, not of seeing him with the two eyes. Let’s review the context.

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you.

Verse 3:... I will come again, and receive you unto myself...

Verse 4: And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Verse 5: Thomas saith... we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Verse 6: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

{Jesus' identity again revealed as different from the Father's.}

Verse 7: If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. {The word "known" used 3 times here is translated from the Greek word ginosko which means to perceive or gain an insight into something, not just a shallow "knowing." I "know" my mailman in the sense that I would recognize him at the grocery store, but that's about it. I don't know his name, his educational background, where he grew up, what his favorite activities are, etc., etc. To know him in the sense of the word ginosko I would have to spend some quality time with him and pay attention. Then I could perceive what he is actually all about. In this verse Jesus is reproving Thomas for not having figured out what he, Jesus, was all about. He says that Thomas would have gained an understanding of what God is all about if he had just gained that understanding about himself. Why would Jesus make that claim? Very simply, because it was totally true. According to John 4:34 and 6:38 Jesus' purpose was to always do the will of the One that sent him. Anyone watching and listening to Jesus closely would have been provided with the perfect explanation as to all that God is.}

Verse 8: Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

{Obviously Philip was asking Jesus to explain to them the Father. The Greek word deiknuo, translated as "shew" in this verse can mean to lift the finger and point at something to show, or it can mean to explain with words to show. Certainly Philip was not requesting that Jesus point at a visible "Father" hiding behind a tree or standing in a crowd. He was asking Jesus to verbally explain the Father unto them.}

Verse 9: Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?...

{The word "known" is once again translated from ginosko. First it was Thomas getting reproved. Now it's Philip's turn. Then Jesus continues.}

...he that hath seen (orao) me hath seen (orao) the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

{The Greek word orao, translated twice as "seen" can mean either to see with the two eyes or to "see" in the mind, to perceive. Therefore this statement can have ONLY ONE MEANING. With the entire context revolving around the idea of learning all about God by paying attention to Jesus, he has to be saying "...he that hath perceived me hath perceived the Father." Do you see what I mean? When I ask "Do you see what I mean?" I am using the English word "see" in the same way as this Greek word orao is sometimes used. If you insist that Jesus did in fact intend to communicate seeing with the eyes in verse 9 then you are forced to conclude that Jesus is actually God the Father. Please read verse 9 again. It does not say "...he that hath

seen me hath seen God..." It says "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..." Jesus would have to be his own Father! This is utter nonsense. Simply reading verses in their context, as this case illustrates, often reveal the fallacy behind many of the supposed "proofs" of Jesus being God. Oh, what a web this lie started!}

There are other passages that are frequently quoted to support the doctrine of the Trinity. I am not going to address any more. I wrote this paper with the desire to prod you into "searching the scriptures" as the Bereans did in Acts 17:11 to see if they were being taught accurately. If you are willing to look more closely at what the Bible says about this subject there are excellent books that will help you work through this subject without compromising on logic, math, linguistics, or common sense. Here are a few of them:

Who is Jesus by Anthony Buzzard. Call Atlanta Bible College at 1-800-347-4261

One God and One Lord by Graeser, Lynn, and Schoenheit. Call 1-317-255-6189

The Doctrine of The Trinity – Christianity's Self Inflicted Wound by Buzzard and Hunting. (This is a more scholarly work.) Call 1-800-347-4261

Jesus Was Not A Trinitarian by Anthony Buzzard. Call 1-800-347-4261

I remind you that if you met my son and me you would probably notice some strong similarities. However, similar things are NOT identical things. Jesus is similar to God in many ways but he is also different in a number of ways. As noted above Jesus has a God. God the Father does not. Jesus is subject to God the Father. God the Father is subject to no one. God knows everything. Jesus does not. God cannot be tempted. Jesus was tempted in every point. God is spirit and is invisible. Jesus was seen by throngs. God is all-powerful. Jesus could do nothing of himself. Etc., etc...

I have presented 275 reasons why I believe that Jesus was, is, and always will be 100% man. As a man he is, because of the miraculous conception in Mary's womb, the Son of God. He is also the Son of Man, the Messiah, the mediator, and other things. In no part is he classified as God. The Bible contradicts the mere possibility of Jesus being God in many ways. The body of evidence is overwhelming. There are excellent books that provide "defenses" against the supposedly Biblical arguments for Jesus being God and for the Trinity. I highly recommend that you avail yourself of them.

Jesus is as the Bible portrays him. He is the man who was miraculously brought into this world with no sin, remained sinless, accepted the sins of the whole world into himself, and experienced death as the consequence of those sins. There will never be another man so wonderful as the Lord Jesus Christ. He deserves all the honor that the Bible says he will one day receive. He is the one and only perfect hero in mankind's history. He will one day be The Lord of Lords and The King of Kings. He will rule Earth forever, while all of his brethren enjoy unending life in which to appreciate him.

But, Jesus is not God. To call him that is to add to the Bible. We should not take this lightly. God has forbidden adding to His words.

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

I want to see you stand before God one day as an honest man or woman, not a liar. God bless you.

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