

IS GOD A TRINITY?

Is the Doctrine of the Trinity, God existing as three separate but co-equal persons found in the Bible? The word Trinity is not found in Scripture, yet many hold to this doctrine with the assurance of its presence. Can this doctrine withstand the scrutiny of a thorough study of Scripture? Is this doctrine in fact merely a tradition of men following the origin of handed down religion, generation after generation now incorporated into one of the chief tenets of professed Christian doctrine?

Please give yourself the opportunity to see and hear what the Holy Scriptures reveal about Yah our God. For those that have eyes to see and ears to hear, let the word of God in the Bible become your discovery of doctrinal truth.

We are introduced to God in the very beginning of the Bible.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God (*Yah, Hebrew: 'Elohiym*) created the heavens and the earth.

What does this word "Yah (God) or 'Elohiym" really mean? The Hebrew word 'Elohiym, pronounced El-o-heem' is a uni-plural noun which simply means that it is one unit composed of more than one entity. We have words like this in the English language such as herd or flock or family. These are singular words, but indicate a plurality of members. Therefore, the God or 'Elohiym of Genesis 1:1 is not merely one individual.

Gen 1:26 And Yah (*God*) (*'Elohiym*) said, `Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, after **Our** likeness.

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become **as one of us**, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Yah (God) ('Elohiym) is more than a single entity, but these verses do not tell us how many individuals are involved, nor do they express the relationship between or among the family members. There is another book in the Bible that begins in the same manner as Genesis 1:1.

John 1:1~3 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with **God**, and the **Word was God**. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by Him**; and without Him was not anything made that was made.

*Here is evidence that at least one of the Beings, known as God, **the One who created all things**, was the **Word**. Let us further define the **Word**?*

Jn 1:14 And the **Word** was **made flesh** and **dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the **only begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth.

*Now we have two beings confirmed, one of which was the **Word** who became flesh and blood, called the **only begotten of the Father**. This would obviously be the One who became the Savior of the world, Yahshua. Remember that Christ stated that He came down from heaven, and that it was the Father who sent Him.*

Jn 5:22~24 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath **sent him**. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Jn 6:44~51 No man can come to me, **except the Father which hath sent me draw him:** and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. **Not that any man hath seen the Father,** save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. **I am that bread of life.** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread **which cometh down from heaven,** that a man may eat thereof, and not die. **I am the living bread which came down from heaven:** if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Thus we can be assured that two of the great Beings comprising the Godhead ('Elohiym) are Yah the Father and the Word who became a human being known as Jesus Christ (Yahshua ha Mashiach).

But what about the Holy Spirit? Is it also a member...a third person of a triune Godhead? Is it to be considered a co-equal with the Father and Son? Who or what is the Holy Spirit? Is it a separate entity with a mind and agenda of its own, or is it subservient to the Father?

*We know that the Holy Spirit was involved from the very beginning. It is mentioned in Genesis 1:2 as "moving upon the face of the waters." But note it is called "**the Spirit of God.**"*

Gen 1: 1~2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

*We know that in some fashion the Holy Spirit participated in the Creation. The Holy Spirit, however, did not actually create. The Scriptures are clear that the **Word**, the One who became the Messiah, was the Creator of all things.*

Col. 1:12~17 Giving thanks unto the Father, which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the **kingdom of His dear Son;** in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins; **who is the image of the invisible God,** the firstborn of every creature; for by Him (*Christ*) were **all things created** that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible or invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; **all things were created by Him and for Him** (*Christ*); and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.

Eph. 3:6~9 That the Gentiles should be...partakers of the promise in Christ by the gospel; whereof I was made a minister...that I should preach among the Gentiles...and make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ.**

Heb 1:1~7 Yah (God) (*The Father*), who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by his Son** (*Yahshua the Christ*), whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds;** Who being the brightness of his glory (*Yah the Father*), and the express image of his person (*The Father*), and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art **my Son**, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a **Father**, and he shall be to me a **Son**? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him (*Yahshua the son*). And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

Heb 1:8~14 But unto the **Son** he saith (*Yah the Father is speaking*), Thy throne, **O God**, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God (*the Father*), even thy God (*Yah*), hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord (*Yahshua*), **in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:** They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: **but thou art the same**, and thy years shall not fail. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

This is an Old Testament prophecy quote from Psalms 45 that the writer of Hebrews is repeating here in Chapter 1 verse 8.

Psalms 45:6~7 But unto the Son He (*Yah the Father*) says, `Your throne, Oh God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

Isn't it evident that Yahshua the Christ was and is God, even as the Father is God? In fact, this particular prophecy recorded in the Book of Hebrews has the Father calling the Son, "GOD!" This establishes the fact that Christ or the Being who became Yahshua the Christ (Jesus) was a part of the Godhead from the very beginning of creation. It was He, in fact, that was responsible for the actual creation of all things. So the Father and Son have been together as a family beyond the context of time. Note what Christ stated, when praying that final prayer with His disciples:

17:5 And now, O Father, glorify You Me with Your own self, with the glory which I had with You **before the world was.**

Christ was not created, but was with the Father from the beginning. The question still remains, who or what is the Holy Spirit, and how should it fit into a proper understanding of the triune Godhead?

What is the Holy Spirit?

God is a family. At the present time, there is a Father and a firstborn Son. Into that family of Yah will eventually be born many sons and daughters...born of the Spirit!

Rom. 8:14~17 For as many as are led by the **Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **The Spirit** itself beareth witness with **our spirit**, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

The Bible consistently refers to Christians as children of God. As we proceed, note what part the Holy Spirit plays in that special relationship which will enlighten us as to what the Holy Spirit is. Just before Yahshua the Christ (Jesus) ascended to heaven, He gathered His disciples together and promised them something that would ultimately change their lives forever.

Lk 24:49 And behold, I send **the promise of My Father** upon you: but tarry you in the city of Jerusalem until you be endued with **Power From On High.**

*This is a direct reference to the **Holy Spirit** that would be poured out on the Feast of Weeks also called in Greek; the day of Pentecost. Notice that the Holy Spirit is not described as **a person**, but as **power**, power from on high, **power from Yah** the Father Himself! The Holy Spirit has to do with **power...spiritual power**. There are several passages of Scripture that complete the picture and demonstrate what the Holy Spirit really is.*

Acts 1:8 But you (*the disciples*) shall receive **Power** after that the **Holy Spirit** is come upon you.

Mic 3:8 But truly I am full of **Power** by the **Spirit of The Lord**, and of judgment and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

Num 11:25 Then **the LORD** came down in the cloud, and **spoke to him**, and **took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders**; and it happened, when the **Spirit rested upon them**, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.

*Notice how the **power** works! First, it originates from Yah...called the Spirit of the Lord or the Spirit of God and it was **placed upon** those present. We see evidence of its working when Gabriel spoke to Mary prior to the conception of Yahshua the Christ.*

Luke 1:32~35 He shall be great, and shall be called the **Son of the Highest**: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee**, and the **power of the Highest** shall overshadow thee: therefore also that **holy thing** (*Yahshua the Christ*) which shall be born of thee shall be called **the Son of God**.

*Here again the Holy Spirit is referred to as the **power** of God the Father. It was to **come upon** Mary, and we know from Matthew 1:18 that she was indeed conceived of child by the Holy Spirit.*

*Yet Christ always prayed to the Father. Who then was the Father of our Savior? Was it the Holy Spirit...the so-called third person of the Trinity, or was it Yah (God) the Father Himself? This may sound like a silly question, but the answer is very important. Yah the Father is the Supreme Being in the universe. Yah is the One who is the Father of Yahshua (Jesus the Christ), and also the spiritual Father of all true believers. **The Holy Spirit is therefore the power and essence of Yah the Father**. It was by this **invisible power** that He was able to achieve the remarkable miracle of the virgin birth. Mary became pregnant...not from any human sexual contact, but through the divine intervention of Almighty Yah by **His Holy Spirit coming upon her**. In fact, this is the precise source of all miracles, including the creation of the very universe itself!*

Ps 104:29~30 You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. You send forth **Your Spirit...They Are Created** and you renew the face of the earth.

*This is exactly why we see His Holy Spirit included in the opening verses of Gen 1:1~2: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the **Spirit of Yah (God) moved upon the face of the waters**." Indeed, it was by this special spiritual **power** of God the Father through His oneness of purpose with Yahshua that created the entire universe!*

1Co 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, **of whom are all things**, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom are all things**, and we by him.

***The Spirit of Yah belongs to Yah**. It is His to utilize as He sees fit. It is absolutely not a person. Some have become confused over the gender of the Spirit, because in the King James Version of the Bible there are certain passages where the pronoun **he** is used, thus giving the impression that the Holy Spirit is an actual being. In such instances it is merely a matter of grammatical agreement. The noun happened to be masculine; therefore the masculine pronoun is required. This should not, however, be allowed to confuse the issue.*

*The way the Holy Spirit is portrayed in the Scriptures makes it certain that a third member of a triune Godhead is not being described. On the Day of Pentecost in the year of Christ's ascension, a remarkable event occurred. It was the fulfillment of the promise we read in Luke 24:49 "And, behold, I send **the promise of my Father upon you**: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with **Power from on high**."*

Acts 2:1~4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a **sound from heaven** as of a **mighty rushing wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit**, and began to speak with other tongues (*languages*), as the Spirit gave them utterance.

*This description does not present the Holy Spirit as being a person but as a **great power** from God the Father. In this case, it miraculously enabled the disciples gathered there in Jerusalem to speak in the languages of all the various people present at Pentecost. **The Holy Spirit is power from the Father**, for on that very same day Peter declared in Acts 2:17:*

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will **Pour Out My Spirit** upon all flesh.

*You simply do not pour out a person! But God indeed pours out a supply of **His Spiritual Power**, showing once again that the Spirit is of the Father's essence, not a third entity, precisely what the Scriptures state. The Word indicates that the Holy Spirit is the very **power of Yah**...of His mind, His righteous character, His sinless nature. In fact Yah Himself is called a Spirit by Christ.*

Jn 4:21~26 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when **the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **GOD IS A SPIRIT**: and they that worship him must worship him in **spirit** and in **truth**. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

***Yah the Father is a Spirit**, invisible, unapproachable light and the Scriptures expressly state that He alone is Holy.*

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Mt 19:16~17 And, behold, one came and said unto him, **Good Master**, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, **Why callest thou me good (Holy)?** there is none good (*meaning Holy*) but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Rev. 15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? **for thou only art holy**: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

*Thus it stands to reason that when the Bible speaks of the **Holy Spirit** in the truest sense, it is a direct reference to Yah Himself... expressive of **His power**. It is this very part of the Father which is described as begetting or endowing Himself to His children on earth. In other words, Yah the Father actually imparts a measure of Himself into each of those human beings that He chooses and draws to convert. This is the very thing that gives a man or woman the power to know Yah, to believe Yah, to trust in Yah, to understand His Word, to obey Him and please Him. Without this special power of His Holy Spirit placed into the minds of human beings, we would merely remain carnal and proceed to go into our graves in the*

same manner as any animal. In other words, a person, without the indwelling power of **His Holy Spirit**, is utterly incapable of anything beyond the mere temporary, limited capacity of this physical life. Eternal life is not possible through anything that anyone can achieve.

His Holy Spirit is not a person, but the very **power of Yah** working effectively through His Son. When we are baptized and have hands laid upon us, Yah sends or grants the **power of His Holy Spirit**, and unites it with our own minds. This is required for Christ to **live in us**. Thus the ritual of saying; "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" is actually a corruption of scripture by the Trinity doctrine?

Gal 2:20: I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ Lives In Me**.

*What a marvelous truth! The Holy Spirit...Yah Himself is able to actually live His perfect life in and through truly converted believers, those who genuinely repent from sinning, who then receive the **power of His Holy Spirit!***

Col 1: 25~29 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even **the mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this **mystery** among the Gentiles; **which is...Christ In You, the hope of glory:** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

*The mystery that was hidden and is now revealed to us is that '**Elohiym** (God) through **His power** can and does impart **His Holy Spirit** in us. People in this condition are described by Paul as having the **Mind of Christ**. The Holy Spirit imparts the spiritual mind of the Father and Son to a human being.*

Phil. 2:1~5 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any **fellowship of the Spirit**, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**

1 Cor. 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But **we have the mind of Christ**.

2 Tim 1:6~7 Wherefore I put you in remembrance that you stir up the gift of God, which is in you by the putting on of my hands. For God has **not** given us the spirit of fear, but of **Power**, and of **Love**, and of a **Sound Mind**.

Ro 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the **Power Of The Holy Spirit**.

*The **Holy Spirit** is also the **Power** by which Yah (God) works miracles through human beings.*

Ro 15:18~19 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient by word and deed, through **mighty signs** and **wonders** by the **Power Of The Spirit Of God**.

*The many miracles recorded in Scripture were accomplished by the **Power of His Holy Spirit**. Yah was responsible for them, through the action of **His Holy Spirit** working within an individual. Healings,*

prophetic revelations (Acts 21:11), casting out demons (Matt. 12:28), and many other miracles were performed by human beings through the indwelling **Power of His Holy Spirit**. It is therefore the **Power of Yah**, not some third member of a trinity working apart from Yah the Father!

The Bible describes the Spirit in very unique and interesting terms as found in John 7. In this instance Christ had gone up to the Feast of Tabernacles, and on the last great day of the festival, He spoke these words:

John 7:38~39 He that believes on Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow **rivers of living waters** (but this spoke He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive; for as yet the Holy Spirit was not given, because Jesus was not yet glorified).

*Yahshua speaks of the Spirit as a **river of living water**... very descriptive language? Yes indeed! Obviously the Holy Spirit described is the **power of Yah** able to fill a human mind and actually flow outward from that person like a river or a fountain overflowing in Godly works. In fact, Paul himself is described as being filled with the Holy Spirit in Acts 9:17, as is John the Baptist in Luke 1:15, and the disciples in Jerusalem, Acts 2:4, 4:31, in Samaria Acts 8:17, among many other examples. Anything that is poured out is certainly capable of filling up! So the analogies hold true throughout Scripture that **power** is poured out and flows to and from people.*

*Paul states that it is possible to quench the Spirit. If the Spirit were a person, such a description would be totally inappropriate. Why? Because relegating the Spirit into that of a person's capacity to be quenched, connoting vulnerability to being extinguished would be consigning one's own power over it, making it subservient to you. Highly unlikely!!! The possibility of being able to quench the Spirit accurately describes the waxing waning properties of **spiritual power**.*

1Thess 5:16~22 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. **Quench not the Spirit**. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Examples: 1 Pe 1:11, Matthew 3:16, Romans 1:7-8, Romans 8:11, Ephesians 1:13, Philippians 1:19.

*It is also interesting to note that if indeed the Holy Spirit is a person, one of the three co-equal members of a triune Godhead, then the apostle Paul was **surely neglectful** because although he was always careful to address the **Father and Son** in the introductions of his many letters...**he Never once acknowledged the Holy Spirit with such respect**. Please take the time and read the opening lines to any of Paul's writings and prove it to yourself...**none acknowledge the Holy Spirit**.*

*Yah's (God's) Spirit is called the **Spirit of truth**, being the **power** to lead a human being into the understanding of spiritual things that would otherwise be impossible to discern by merely physical means. It is also called the **Comforter**, and what better descriptive name could be given, for it is truly through the indwelling of the **His Holy Spirit** that God is able to comfort and encourage His children.*

Jn 14:15~17 If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter** (meaning beside Himself ...Christ), that he may abide with you for ever; Even the **Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be **in you**.

Jn 14:25~26 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the **Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

When speaking of “called children,” how is it that Yah (God) is called the Father when, in fact, the Scriptures inform us that we are begotten and ultimately will be born of the Spirit? Christ explicitly told Nicodemus, “that which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit” Jn 3:6. Yahshua said He was begotten of the **Holy Spirit**, and yet never refers to the Spirit as a third entity as He does to His Father! Obviously a conflict here exists which the traditional Trinity concept simply does not address or logically resolve.

Throughout the New Testament, Christians are referred to as the children of God. Christ Himself is called the firstborn of many brethren. Many other children will indeed be born into the family of God at the return of Yahshua. The only plausible explanation to rectify these statements as being true is to conclude that the **Holy Spirit is a power** rather than a person. It is not possible for the Holy Spirit as a separate entity to literally beget children who then become the offspring of another entity...the Father. Such thinking results in a confusing, convoluted way of looking at this situation. Rather it is far more logical and **scripturally correct** to relate God the Father utilizing **the power of His Holy Spirit** in the process of begetting, calling (the birth of) His children. In this manner, believers can rightly claim to be **born of the Spirit, His Holy Spirit**, as children of Yah the Father.

Jn 4:24 **God is a Spirit**, and they that worship Him must worship Him in **spirit** and in **truth**.

Scriptures refer to both Yah (God) the Father and Yahshua, Jesus Christ, as being Holy. From these facts we can conclude that the ultimate Holy Spirit in all of creation is Yah Himself! When we understand that the Holy Spirit is the very essence of the Father...His mind, His power and His character, we can grasp the truth of **His Holy Spirit**. The Holy Spirit is the eternal, unlimited, operant **power** invisibly emanating from Yah the Father to effect physical and/or spiritual change He deems throughout creation and beyond.

Error has also entered the Scriptures by those that scribed the various versions. Examples of such writings are the word “Pascha” in Greek, which is the word Passover substituted in the 16th century for the word Easter by the Catholic Church. Also is the error found in the Book of 1 John, Chapter 5 where verses 7 and 8 were added.

1 Jn 5: 7~8 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

No place are these words found in any Scripture before the 16th century. This was the time that the church through King James was originating the mass printing of the Bible. What an opportune time for deception to interject their doctrine to the masses.

Origin of the Trinity

The Scriptures do not reveal any sort of triune Godhead. Rather, God is shown to be a family with a Father and a firstborn Son, but with the potential and promise of many children to come. The question, therefore, remains: How did this concept of God in three persons originate? Where did it come from, and precisely how did it get into professing Christianity?

The obvious place to begin is outside the Bible itself. It is really a simple process to take the Trinitarian concept back to the 4th century AD. Virtually any good encyclopedia or Bible handbook will provide this information. But notice carefully what the New Catholic Encyclopedia has to offer on this subject.

New Catholic Encyclopedia:

“It is difficult, in the second half of the 20th century, to offer a clear, objective, and straightforward account of the revelation, doctrinal evolution, and theological elaboration of the mystery of the Trinity.

*Trinitarian discussion, Roman Catholic as well as others, presents a somewhat unsteady silhouette...One should not speak of Trinitarianism in the New Testament without serious qualification...When one does speak of an unqualified Trinitarianism, one has moved from the period of Christian origins to, say, the **last quadrant of the fourth century**. It was only then that what might be called the definitive Trinitarian dogma-One God in Three Persons-became thoroughly assimilated into Christian life and thought...It was the product of three centuries of doctrinal development. But current preoccupation and current emphasis is far less with the subsequent articulations of Christian dogma than with the primitive sources, chiefly the Biblical. It is this contemporary return to these sources that is primarily responsible for the unsteady silhouette."*

*I wonder if we really grasp what this authoritative Roman Catholic source is admitting. First of all, there is the frank confession that the early Church did not believe in or teach any such concept as the Trinity. That concept was the result of nearly 300 years of so-called doctrinal development! It did not become an accepted part of professing Christianity until the last quarter of the 4th century AD. But notice also the latter portion of the quotation. Here the New Catholic Encyclopedia states that when one goes back to the primitive sources or to the Bible the theory becomes **unsteady!** I should say so! We have already demonstrated the reality of that understatement, for nowhere does Scripture advocate a triune Godhead. The Roman Catholic Church permitted the Doctrine of the Trinity to be introduced into nominal Christianity by advocating its admission at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. Although revised at later councils, it was accepted at Nicea as a part of professing Christian doctrine and was subsequently adopted by the Protestant churches as well.*

It is a most interesting and informative fact of history that the Roman Catholic Church has been solely responsible for most of the basic doctrines which today are accepted by Protestant churches. It is unfortunate that many of those sacred teachings are in direct opposition to the Scriptures!

Such theories as the immortality of the soul, the wrong concepts of heaven and hell, celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day and Halloween, Sunday worship, and many, many others, including the Trinity itself have erroneously been adopted from rank paganism and introduced into the mainstream of so-called Christian thought and dogma.

*The history of the Trinity pre-dates the era of Christianity by hundreds and perhaps thousands of years. Virtually every ancient pagan culture worshiped a triune god, including the Babylonians, Indians, Assyrians, Japanese and Siberians. This practice was especially prevalent among the Egyptians where numerous cities had their respective triad deities. For instance, at Thebes; Amurn, Mut and Khons were revered; at Memphis; Ptah, Sekhmet and Nefertem formed the trinity; at Elephantine; Khnum, Anukis and Satie comprised the godhead; and at Edfu; Horns, Hator and Harsomtus were worshiped. By far the most popular of all the Egyptian trinities was the trio of Osiris, Isis and Horus. Major shrines were built in honor of these characters in every part of the empire (from the book; *The Gods and Symbols of Ancient Egypt*, p.124).*

In fact the concept of the trinity was universal. Studies have been conducted into the religious cultures of almost every ancient civilization only to discover the same form of worship repeated.

Father/mother/child Trinitarian concepts abound in the literature of ancient pagan religious practices. Although it cannot be established with absolute authority, it is quite likely that this notion even pre-dates the Time of the Flood. We can surely trace its origins back as far as Nimrod, his mother/wife Semiramis, and their son Tammuz. Numerous monuments in ancient Babylon attest to the veneration of this triune deity. Nimrod was, of course, a great-grandson of Noah through Cush. He was the founder of Babylon and was the builder of the infamous tower of Babel (Genesis 9-10). Nimrod and his wife were the progenitors of pagan religion in the post-flood world. Once the people were scattered by God, they carried the worship of the divine trinity with them. This explains why almost every ancient culture has a

similar deity in its pantheon.

The mother/child motif runs the gamut from Isis and Horns in Egypt, to Isi and Iswara in India, to Devaki and Crishna in the eastern religions.

*Ralph Woodrow, writing in his book; *Babylon Mystery Religion*, states: "In Asia, the mother was known as Cybele and the child as Deoius. But regardless of her name...she was the wife of Baal, the virgin queen of heaven, who bore fruit although she never conceived" (p. 8).*

The worship of the triune god found its highest expression in Rome with the veneration of Jupiter, Diana and their child. This form was spread throughout the Empire. It was during this period that Christ was born and the New Testament Church founded. After the early formative period of Christianity, unconverted pagans were welcomed into the organized church, particularly at Rome, and in many cases permitted to retain their false religious customs.

Once again, under the article; Christmas, the New Catholic Encyclopedia admits the following: "Most scholars today accept the hypothesis that...the birth of Christ was assigned the date of the winter solstice (December 25 in the Julian calendar, January 6 in the Egyptian), because on this day, as the sun began its return to northern skies, the pagan devotees of Mithra celebrated dies natalis Soils Invicti (birthday of the Invincible Sun)."

Furthermore, the notion of the Trinity is not just pagan in nature, it is Satanic! Yah (God) 'Elohiym is an open family, not a closed triangle! Remember, Satan the devil once known as Lucifer, (Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28), was at one time a great cherub until the day he became great in his own eyes. The Scriptures demonstrate that he actually rebelled and attempted to forcefully take the throne of Yah in heaven. Though he failed, this has been his obsession ever since.

In certain respects, it may be possible that Satan has successfully palmed himself off as this spirit in order to be perceived as part of the recognized Godhead. He always wanted to be the Most High (Isa. 14:13-14) and rule his followers. He is also described as being the light bringer. It is very interesting that the Holy Spirit is the true light bringer, designed to lead us into all truth (John 16:13). Satan just may have disguised himself as this spirit in a totally unscriptural manner, by claiming to be a part of a closed godhead, indeed the third of the three co-equal members. Perhaps this is why there is so much confusion and misunderstanding concerning the nature of the Yah's Holy Spirit.

*There will be mistakes in divinity while men preach
And errors in government while men govern
But the word of God is always true.*

*Excerpts taken from Jim Rector:
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