

Godhead (study)

I say to you, be a Berean. What's a Berean?

Acts 17:10-11 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto **Berea**: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, **in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.**

Bereans would not take Paul at his word, but would search the scriptures to see if what he had spoken was true.

Two things I'm wrestling with "leave some scriptures for the rest of us j" different angle

Word Study of “Godhead”

This word is only used 3x’s in the KJV translation.

The three Greek words used for that one English translated word “Godhead” are:

1. Theios – pronounced *thi'-os*
 2. Theiotēs – pronounced *thi-ot'-ace*
 3. Theotēs – pronounced *theh-ot'-ace*
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1. Act 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the **Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

“Divine”

A. Adjective. (describes a person, place or thing)

Theios (G2304) - pronounced *thi'-os*; comes from theos “God” pronounced *theh'-os*,

2. 2Pe 1:3,4 According as his **divine** power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the **divine** nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
 - is used of the power of God, 2Pe 1:3,
 - and of His nature, 2Pe 1:4

In each place, as that which proceeds from Himself (His power, nature, attributes etc).

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:

“Divinity”

Theiotes (G2305), - pronounced *thi-ot'-ace*; comes from theios “divine” pronounced *thi'-os*.)

Wise beyond measure, creative beyond comprehension...

3. Must be distinguished from the 3rd Greek word: Theotēs used in Col 2:9.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.

“Deity”

Theotēs (G2320), - pronounced *theh-ot'-ace*; comes from theos “deity” pronounced *thi'-os*.)

The state of being God.

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| “divine” or “divinity” | “Deity” |
| Theios | Theotēs |
| Theiotēs | His essence; |
| Refers to His attributes, characteristics, power, and nature | the state of being God |
| Acts 17:29; 2 Peter 1:3,4 | Col 2:9 |

Monotheism vs Polytheism

Let me state several historical facts concerning the Trinity and you can do your own research and verify the validity of these “trinity of gods”:

Marie Sinclair, Countess of Caithness, in her 1876 book *Old Truths in a New Light*, states: "It is generally, although erroneously, supposed that the doctrine of the Trinity is of Christian origin. *Nearly every nation of antiquity possessed a similar doctrine.* [The early Catholic theologian] St. Jerome testifies unequivocally, '*All the ancient nations believed in the Trinity*'" (p. 382).

Before the birth of Christ, there were already established in pagan cultures the polytheistic idea and worship of a trinity of gods.

- Egyptian – Horus, Isis, Osiris
- Sumarian – Anu, Enil, Ea
- Assyrian – Shamash, Ishtar, Sin
- Babylonian – Nimrod, Semiramis, Tammuz
- Phoenician – Ulomus, Ulosuros, Eliun
- Canaanite – El, Ashtoreth, Baal
- Greeks – Zeus, Hera, Hercules (Zeus, Poseiden, Adonis)
- Kaballah – Kether, Binah, Chokmah
- Romans – Jupiter, Diana, Apollo (Jupiter, Neptune, and Pluto)
- Hindu – Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva

After the birth of Christ:

- Roman Catholic – Father, Holy Spirit, Son
- Freemasons – Jao, Bel, On
- Wicca – the Maiden, the Mother, the Crone
- Satanic – Anti-Christ, False Prophet, Beast

Polytheism is the belief and worship of many gods (more than one god). The “trinity” idea focuses that worship on three of those gods, either solely with no others, or as pre-eminent gods amongst many other gods. The idea of a “trinity” existed long before Christ and continued after Christ. The idea of the “trinity” has so permeated our “religious thought” that most all “Christianity” and many religions have come to accept its validity. The list above demonstrates that this thought has permeated many nations and cultures worldwide throughout man’s history and demonstrates the old adage that something repeated often enough and long enough becomes tomorrow’s prevailing truth.

I state all of this because many of us are just ignorant of these facts (and I don’t mean that negatively, rather just a statement of “not knowing”). All of these past ideologies, philosophies and traditions of men have influenced the prevailing thought of the day and have helped us proudly and unabashedly accept it as truth today.

But “truth”, even though disseminated from sincere and genuine individuals over hundreds, even thousands of years, can still be wrong.

Jack Deere once said,

"All 'Christians' are at once beneficiaries and victims of traditions... What we must do, rather, is acknowledge that we are full of tradition. Good or bad, to a much greater extent than we realize and must learn to ask by the light of scripture, critical questions about what we have, thus far, taken for granted."

Allow me the rest of this time to address “the trinity” biblically... unfortunately I can’t. Thus far, if you haven’t noticed other than mentioning before Christ and after Christ, I haven’t stated anything involving the scriptures.

Egyptologist Arthur Weigall, while himself a Trinitarian, summed up the influence of ancient beliefs on the adoption of the Trinity doctrine by the Catholic Church in the following excerpt from his previously cited book:

"It must not be forgotten that Jesus Christ never mentioned such a phenomenon [the Trinity], and nowhere in the New Testament does the word 'Trinity' appear. The idea was only adopted by the Church three hundred years after the death of our Lord; *and the origin of the conception is entirely pagan . . .*

The word Trinity is not found anywhere in the scriptures canonized 66 books of the bible. Nor do I believe it is even found in the Apocrypha (for those that consider those Catholically accepted books to be inspired by God). Truth be told, I honestly haven’t looked for it there, but historically speaking, the trinity is found in the religions and cultures of pagan nations all around the world. You can even find articles arguing how “Christianity” has adopted myths of differing nations.

If you review what the Catholic Church has done over the centuries since the 4th century you can get a plethora of good examples of how religious traditions, ideas and philosophies of nations and cultures have been passed on over the years and amalgamated into what is known today as “Christianity”. However, let me state for the record, in my opinion, that word “Christianity” is not precise. It should actually be Catholicism, which birthed protestants and other “Christian” denominations and organizations.

Council of Nicea (Nicene Council) 325 AD – 4th century

- Arianism – followed in Arius' beliefs denying the trinity (late 3rd century)
- Patripassian – “the Father Himself suffered”, denied Rome's trinity doctrine
- Sabellianism – followed in Sabellius' beliefs, propagated one God beliefs of Deut 6:4; they denounced Rome's trinity doctrine
- Samosatensis – Paul of Samosata credited with Samosatensis; also called Paulianists, and Sabellian-Monarchian
- Modalistic Monarchianism (modalism) – one God, existing in modes (manifestations)

All condemned as heresy by the Roman Catholic church and for many centuries they stamped out all other beliefs and other believers by execution/death – this practice pre-dated the inquisition (inquisitors) by 1000 years started by Pope Gregory IX and continued till the 19th century. Through emperor Constantine, the neo-Roman Catholic empire of religion ruled with cruelty and force by decree or military means.

History of excommunication – Galileo, trial for heresy, doctrine of heliocentrism

Martin Luther excommunicated

Think of the protestant reformation and the Protestants vs the Catholics.

Rev 17:4-6 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. (5) And on her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (6) I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

This ecumenical council officially, publicly separated / divorced themselves from the Jewish, prophetic, apostolic perspective and mindset of God.