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Christianity has all of its roots in the Old Testament religion of the Jews. It is quite accurate to say that Christianity is actually Jewish.

To fully understand the Jewish religion and its God, YHWH, we must understand something of their background. The first real Jew was Abraham. The Bible informs us that Abraham's father was actually an idol worshipper (Joshua 24:2). All of civilization at this time worshipped a variety of different gods. There were sun-gods, rain-gods, gods of luck, gods of fate, and even unknown gods. In brief, anything that could not be explained by the human mind was attributed to a god. We will call this condition of many gods "pluristic society." By this we mean that there were many explanations for the universe, meaning and existence and a corresponding god for each answer. This is the environment that Abraham lived in.

Abraham was a regular sort of guy, there was nothing "special" or different about him other than the fact that God decided to "reveal" Himself to him (Gen. 1:21). The fact of the matter is that God "chose" to "reveal" Himself to Abraham for no reason at all except that He decided to. The calling of Abraham was a total act of grace, yet Abraham did choose to follow. When God did choose to reveal Himself, He did so as the ONE TRUE GOD, a personal God with a name and personality, thereby making all other "gods" false and the product of the unaided imagination man. He was YHWH, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

It is important to realize that we also live in a pluristic society and that God has chosen to "reveal" Himself to us as the ONE TRUE GOD. May this cause us to be grateful and thankful!

### (I) THE ONE TRUE GOD

- A. The Bible continually reinforces the idea of ONE TRUE GOD.
  - 1. "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord."  
(Deut. 6:4)
  - 2. "First...last...besides me there is no God."  
(Isa. 44:6-8)
  - 3. "There is none else, there is no God beside me."  
(Isa. 45:5)
  - 4. "There is one God."  
(I Tim. 2:5)
  - 5. There is no other God but one.  
(I Cor. 8:4)

### (II) ALTHOUGH GOD IS ONE, HE IS PLURAL IN NATURE

- A. "Let 'US' make man in 'OUR' image, after 'OUR' likeness."

- (Gen. 1:27-28)
- B. Elohim = God in the plural.
- C. Father speaking, Servant and Spirit mentioned.  
(Isa. 42:1; Mt. 12:18)
- D. All three members at the same time.  
(Isa. 48:16-17)
- E. Baptismal formula.  
(Matt. 28:19)

### **(III) CHRIST IS REFERRED TO AS GOD**

- A. "The Word of God...the Word was God."  
(Jn. 1:1, 18)
- B. God calls the Son God.  
(Heb. 1:8)
- C. YHWH attributed to the Son the New Testament.  
(Ps. 24:7; I Cor. 2:8)
- D. "Unto us a child is born...mighty God, everlasting Father."  
(Isa. 9:6)

### **(IV) SPIRIT IS REFERRED TO AS GOD**

- A. Never grieve God's Spirit.  
(Eph.4:30)
- B. Holy Spirit is called God.  
(Acts 5:3-4)
- C. The Lord is that Spirit.  
(II Cor. 3:17)

### **(V) WHY IS THIS SORT OF THING EVEN IMPORTANT?**

- A. If there isn't one true God than one god is as good as another.
- B. Wherever this concept is misunderstood, another plan of salvation follows.
  1. Jews, because of their misunderstanding of Deut. 6:4 crucified Jesus Christ.
  2. Cults always deny this doctrine.
  3. It answers theological questions; thereby, making the Bible a unity.
  4. We can know we are right and this is important.
  5. 1 X 1 X 1 = 1

### **(VI) JESUS AS GOD REVEALED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**CREATOR**

Job 33:4----Heb. 1:8-12  
 Isa. 40:48---Col. 1:12-17  
 Gen 1:1-----Jn. 1:3

**FIRST AND LAST**

Isa. 48:12-----Rev. 1:17  
 Isa. 44:6-----Rev. 2:8  
 Isa. 43:10-----Rev. 22:13

**SAVIOR**

Ps. 106:21---Jn. 4:42  
 Ps. 45:21-23-Jn. 4:14  
 Is. 43:3-----Acts 20:28

**ROCK**

I Cor. 10:4- Deut. 32:4  
 II Sam. 22:32-I Pet. 2:6-8

**I AM (EGO EIMI)**

Exo. 3:13----Jn. 8:24  
 Isa. 42:10---Jn. 8:58  
 Deut. 32:39--Jn. 13:19, 18:5

**JUDGE**

Joel 3:12-----II Tim. 4:1  
 Gen. 18:25----II Cor. 5:10  
 Rom. 14:10

**KING**

Jer. 10:10---Matt. 2:1-6  
 Isa. 44:6----Lu. 23:3  
 Ps. 47:8-----Jn. 19:21

**SHEPHERD**

Isa. 40:11---Jn. 10:11  
 Ps. 100-----Heb. 13:20  
 Ps. 23-----I Pet. 5:4

**LIGHT**

Isa. 60:20---Jn. 1:9, 8:12  
 Ps. 27:1-----Lu. 2:32

Gen. 1:2 - The Spirit in creation.  
 Ps. 139:7-10 - The Spirit is present everywhere.  
 Heb. 9:14 - The Spirit is eternal.  
 Acts 5:4 - The Spirit is called God.  
 Jn. 20:28 - Thomas says "My Lord and my God", Jesus doesn't argue.  
 I Jn. 5:20 - His Son, Jesus Christ, this is the true God.  
 Jn. 1:1 - The Word was God.  
 Jn. 1:3 - All things were made through Him.  
 Matt. 18:20 - For where two or more are gathered...Jesus is everywhere.

**(VII) THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**

"Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee." (Job 22:21)  
 "Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty glory in his might, let not the rich glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth, and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord." (Jer. 9:23-24) A spiritual and saving knowledge of God is the greatest need of every human creature.

The foundation of all true knowledge of God must be a clear mental apprehension of His perfection as revealed in Holy Scripture. An unknown god can neither be trusted, served, nor worshipped. (Pink, The Attributes of God)

**(VIII) THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD ARE GENERALLY DEFINED AS MORAL AND NATURAL:**

**The Natural Attributes Are:**

1. Omniscience of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
2. Omnipotence of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
3. Omnipresence of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
  
4. Eternity/Immutability of God (\_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Moral Attributes Are:**

1. The Holiness of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
2. The Righteousness of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
3. The Faithfulness of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
4. The Sovereignty of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
5. The Mercy of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
6. The Loving-Kindness of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
7. The Love of God (\_\_\_\_\_)

**(IX) THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD: (God never changes!)**

By this we mean that in essence, attributes, consciousness, and will of God are unchangeable. All change must be for the better or the worse. But God cannot change to the better, since He is absolutely perfect; neither can He change for the worse for the same reason. He is exalted above all causes and even the possibility of change. He can never be wiser, more holy, more just, more merciful, more truthful, nor less so. Nor do His plans and purposes change. (Thiessen)

Some Scriptures:

James 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Malachi 3:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 33:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 102:26-27 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 1:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 4:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 46:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 11:29 \_\_\_\_\_

I Kings 8:56 (promises) \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 1:20 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 103:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 18:25 \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers 23:19 \_\_\_\_\_

I Samuel 15:29 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 110:4 \_\_\_\_\_

If God is immutable and never changes, how do we view His Sovereignty?

### **(X) WORSHIP OF JESUS**

The Bible demands that only God be worshipped, yet throughout the New Testament Jesus is worshipped and receives worship:

Matt. 2:2 "and asked, 'Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him'."

Matt. 9:18 "While He was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before Him and said, 'My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her and she will live!'"

Matt. 14:33 "Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God'."

Matt. 15:25 "The woman came and knelt before Him. 'Lord, help me!' she said."

Matt. 20:20 "Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of Him."

Matt. 28:9 "Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' He said. They came to Him, clasped

His feet and worshipped Him."

- Lu. 5:8 "When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!'"
- Lu. 24:52 "Then they worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."
- Jn. 5:23 "that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, Who sent Him."
- Jn. 9:38 "Then the man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshipped Him."
- I Cor. 1:2 "To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ - their Lord and ours."
- Phil. 2:10 "that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,"
- Heb. 1:6 "And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship Him'."

#### **(XI) WHEN DOES THE SCRIPTURE EVER SAY NOT TO WORSHIP JESUS?**

The Scripture says in Exodus 20:3, Duet. 5:7, 6:13; Matt. 4:10; Lu. 4:8; Acts 10:26, 14:15; Col. 2:18; Rev. 19:10, 22:8 that worship is to be directed to God alone. In these passages Jesus demands the same honor as the Father, the angels worship Him, He receives worship from the Apostles. And in heaven He is worshipped and God the Father does not stop it. Why?

Rev. 19:13 says one of the names of Jesus is "the Word of God." Jn. 1:1 says "the Word was God," and that the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (Jn. 1:14)

In Hebrews 1:8 unto Jesus God says: "But unto the Son, He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom."

Why does the Father call Jesus God?

Isaiah says of Jesus in prophecy: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6) Why does Isaiah call Jesus God and Father?