

The Trinity in Scripture and Creation

Scripture

The Bible teaches there is one living and true God (Deuteronomy 4:39; 6:4; Isaiah 45:5; Malachi 2:10; Mark 12:29; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6) eternally existing in three Persons. This is the Godhead, (Acts 17:29; Romans 1:20; Colossians 2:9) consisting of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:4-6; Revelation 1:4-6; see also Isaiah 48:16). This triune God created all (Genesis 1:1; John 1; Romans 11:36), upholds all (Isaiah 40:25,26; Hebrews 1:3), and governs all (Daniel 4:25,26,32,35; Psalm 115:3; Ephesians 1:11; Acts 15:18). God's Word teaches the distinctions within the Godhead (Matthew 3:16-17), but that these three are One. (Note the word "Us" in Genesis 1:26, 3:22, 11:7; Isaiah 6:8; see especially 1 John 5:7 KJV).

The Father is God (Malachi 2:10; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; etc.)

Jesus is God (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 1:23; 4:10; John 1:1, 14; John 8:24; 10:33; Romans 9:5; 2 Corinthians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 25; etc.)

The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Hebrews 3:7-11; James 4:5-6; 1 Peter 1:11; etc.)

God's triune nature is taught throughout Scripture (Isaiah 48:16; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 7:55; 20:28; Romans 8:11; 8:27; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 4:6; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 9:14; 1 Peter 1:2; 3:18; etc.)

Creation

The Bible also teaches that God's attributes and character are revealed by the things that He has made (Psalm 19:1-2; Isaiah 40:22-26; Romans 1:20). This includes not only His power, wisdom, beauty and care, but also His triune nature!

Genesis chapter one describes the original creation before sin and the curse entered, and it provides much evidence of our Creator's triune nature.

"In the beginning (time) God created the heavens (space) and the earth (matter)" (Genesis 1:1).

Time is a trinity: Past, present, and future! Though time is one continuum, it is also triune. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). "'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,' says the Lord, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty'" (Revelation 1:8).

Space is a trinity: Length, width, and height! Though the universe is one, it consists of three spatial dimensions (X, Y, Z) – remove any one and there is no universe. "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1).

Matter is a trinity: Solid, liquid, or gas! Matter is in one of three states. “In Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

Creation is a trinity: Time, space, matter! As Genesis 1:1 reveals, the creation has a triune nature. “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

Light

In Genesis 1:3, “God said, ‘Let there be light.’” The Bible also explains that “God is light” (1 John 1:5). It is quite exceptional for Scripture to substitute a noun for God. Besides “God is light”, two other examples are “God is holy” (Psalm 99:9) and “God is love” (1 John 4:8).

Light is a trinity: Source, illumination and energy. Picture the Father as the source – God dwells in “unapproachable light” (1 Timothy 6:16); Jesus as the visible light that we see – “The Light of the world” (John 8:12); and the Holy Spirit as the invisible energy (Acts 2:3-4).

Pure white light also consists of three primary colors – red, green, blue – from which we derive many colors, shades, and hues. God is light and He is the source of all blessing, illumination, and power.

Mankind

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness’” (Genesis 1:26).

Man is a trinity: Body, soul and spirit. “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Water, Atom, Fire: There are many other examples of trinities found in creation. The water molecule consists of three atoms – two hydrogen and one oxygen. Water can also be in one of three states – liquid, solid (ice), or gas (vapor) (see: John 7:38-39). Atoms consist of three basic elements – neutrons, protons, and electrons. Fire must have three things to exist: fuel, oxygen, and heat. They are each distinct, but if any ingredient is absent the fire ceases to be (see: Exodus 24:17; Deuteronomy 4:24; Hebrews 12:29).

Summary

Of course, all of these “trinity” examples fall short of representing the glory and nature of God. Even so, the Lord has given us many examples in nature that declare a sliver of His attributes. Though creation reflects a glimmer of the Creator’s character, it is God’s Word, Spirit and Jesus Christ which provide us with perfect illumination. Not surprisingly, only the Bible provides an absolute cosmology (origin). No other source (ancient paganism, pantheism, philosophy, etc.) even attempts a special creation account. All others assume that the universe already existed (eternal) and thus disagree with the observable evidence. Praise God He has revealed Himself to all through creation, conscience – and especially His Word! Do you know Him? Click here to read how: www.eternal-productions.org/gospel.html