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## Traditional Despair

Three Gods, Ye Shall Not Surely Die, God is the gift from on high: Ruinous Teachings  
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I am not a fire and brimstone kind of teacher. The section of scripture I want to share with you may make you think I am, but I am not. I believe in a black and white rendering of the bible; I do not believe there is any gray in the bible at all. Often, teachings from well-meaning Christians are securely lodged in gray matter, with no indication of a black and white clarity. You can equate a gray rendering of the bible to private interpretation, to tradition, to publicly accepted heresy or to a lack of honesty. But you can NEVER equate it to well-documented scripture, the mighty scriptures addressed to Christians.

The sadness of this reality, which grips all of us, floods our minds, and overcomes the most well meaning, deserving Christians, is heart-rending. The older I become, the more disturbed I



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become of mainstream Christian doctrines including the trinity, Are the dead alive now and The holy spirit field. I am convinced that there are false teachers embedded in the great churches of our time, men and women who have been fathered by false teachers of the past, now encumbered with their carryover teachings. These people teach others in lower levels of church

hierarchy, who continue the false doctrines. We are warned of this in 2 Peter.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. - For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. - But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. - And many shall follow their pernicious [ruinous] ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be

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evil spoken of. - And through covetousness shall they with feigned [fictitious] words make merchandise of you [buy and sell you]: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. (2 Pet 1:20 – 2:3)

Are there false teachers today? That is something you will have to decide. I believe there are, and I want you to be warned.

False teachings are designed to affect your mind, then works in life, and very specifically in that order. Counteracting false teachings require you **to validate** each and every one with an honest study of God's Word and **to validate** your good works, making sure you are fulfilling God's Will in each and every one. False teachers will teach what God calls "damnable heresies," and will go so far as denying Jesus Christ. These teachings will confuse and ruin you. A judgment of swift destruction awaits their

promoters.

## The Ruinous Three God Teaching

I asked a wonderful Christian if she believed in the trinity – a doctrine that purports three Gods in the protestant religions and four in the Roman Catholic religion. She said she did. She

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also told me of her interests in biblical studies and plans to become ordained. Once I learned this, I felt compelled to further our trinity discussion along a biblical line. I asked her, as I have asked so many others before, for scriptural proof or backing of this doctrine. She, like all the others before her, had none. She felt it her duty to continue believing the three-god doctrine nonetheless. I told her, that unless I saw it written in the Word of God, line-by-line, and word-by-word, I could never teach it. I also told her that when

someone shows me those scriptures, I would believe it. I am a bible-believing man.

As we talked, it became clear that it is generally accepted in Christian circles and forums, that the trinity, the tree-god doctrine, is a traditional teaching and doctrine at best. She agreed. I cried inside. The trinity had its origins in the early 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries, and possibly even as far back as the first century. The city of Constantinople became a great genesis of its movement, one that has not stopped to this day. Here, world leaders decided upon trinitarian doctrine and also the fate of those who would not believe – DEATH! Many died. Had I lived then, I would have been in that number too! Why? I refuse to stake my life upon religious traditional beliefs. Even the devils knew Jesus was not God, but the Son of God.

And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the **Son of God**. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for

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they knew that he was  
Christ. Luke 4:41

Then they say, I believe he is the Son of God, but I also believe he is God. I say, "prove it," and they can't. I asked my friend a question: "Why, with so MANY thousands upon thousands upon thousands of new Christians added to the first century church, gentile people with little to no knowledge of the true God, was there NOT EVEN ONE teaching in the bible on the trinity?" "Did you know that there is absolutely no mention of the trinity in any verse of the bible?" Never does the phrase "God the son" appear. Of course, my questions were intended to provoke thought, but I saw it was going nowhere so I stopped only after I told her of a study done at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, in 1977 with 4000 biblical research students. This study documented that NOT ONE SINGLE verse stated the Jesus was God, but over 5000 verses along the lines of Jesus being a man and the Son of God were found! Jesus Christ was and is a man. He was and is the Son of God. He is my

brother.

When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him [Jesus], they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him*: for I find no fault in him. - The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our

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law he ought to die, because he made himself the **Son of God**. [If Jesus would have said that he was God, they would have laughed him to scorn and ignored him.]  
John 19:6-7

## **The Ruinous Ye Shall Not Surely Die Teaching**

Another false teaching, furiously supported in the known world, teaches that dead people are still

alive. This goes back to the devilish assault of the serpent against Eve in Genesis chapter 3.

And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die**: Gen 3:4

It teaches that when you die, you go to heaven, that you are there looking down on the world, and that you can talk to people on earth and people can talk to you in heaven. Hollywood, with countless television shows and movies further this false doctrine. Countless well-meaning (I think) preachers cough out these tainted words from their pulpits and at gravesites. We are inundated with phrases such as she just "passed away." He has "passed over to the other side." He has "passed on." She has "gone on to be with Jesus." He has finally "met his Maker." "He didn't really die; his body just changed states." "His body may be dead, but his soul lives on." And the list goes on and on and on. All of mainstream Christianity, plus the major pagan religions teach that when you die, you go to

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heaven – at that time. Some go so far as to teach that the same happens to animals too. They base this on the false teaching of the human soul – what it is and what happens to it when a person dies.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: - **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.** 1 Th 4:16-17

I have asked the following question countless time, and I asked it to my friend as we finished our discussion of the trinity. I asked her, point blank, “if Thessalonians teaches that one day Jesus Christ will return from heaven to gather together His saints, why does He need to do this if we are already in

heaven?” I only and always get blank stares on this one. Then they often get mad at me. I received the same response once again. No one can answer that question truthfully because there is no biblical answer for it. The bible clearly teaches that when you die, you go to the grave and stay there until you are raised out of the grave.

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Now, the devil would love to have you believe you don't die and that your dead family and friends are really floating up in heaven or limbo or somewhere on the other side. Sure he would, because if he can get you to believe that, he can seduce you through spiritualism – something that Christianity has played directly into. If you believe you don't really die, you believe in spiritualism and that is a major problem. Again, it becomes vital to realize that there is no gray in this matter. It is a black and

white issue. The bible sheds the light on this subject and it should be our ONLY source of truth for this and every other biblically related subject.

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**The Ruinous Holy Spirit Teachings**

**Holy Spirit and holy spirit**

As our conversation progressed, my friend was mildly interested, but really became interested when I began speaking on the holy spirit field. She said that her church avoids this subject since no one really understands it. I said that for her, this could come to a close because there are those who do understand much of the holy spirit field. One of the first things I told her was the difference between lower case letters and upper case letters. If

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you spell “cat” with a small “c” or a large “C,” does it make the cat any cattier? Absolutely not! We accept this with every English word except two: Holy and Spirit. And, rightly so because there is a difference between “Holy Spirit” and “holy spirit.” If you believe in the trinity, you won’t get this and you may want to run for cover. When these two words begin with a capital letter, they always refer to God. When they begin with a small letter, they refer to the gift Jesus Christ gave after he ascended on high. When the translators wanted the two words to mean God, they capitalized them. When they wanted to make them refer to the gift, they put them in lower cases. Since there are no punctuations, upper or lower cases in the Greek, all of these interpretations are private interpretation.

To get around the many troubles encountered, the Trinitarians started using the words “Holy Ghost” and said that this, the gift, was also God. Easy? Yes, but right? No. Dead wrong! There is as much difference

between Holy Spirit [God] and holy spirit [gift] as there is between me and a gift I give someone. It seems that people made up the rules as they went along, ignoring both biblical truths and common sense along the way.

## Gifts of the spirit

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Two major oversights cause most Christians, who know of this field of study, to say that speaking in tongues and the other items listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 are “gifts.” I ALWAYS cringe when I hear “gifts of the spirit” in reference to these nine items, because it means these often, well-meaning people, have never taken the time to work this section of scripture honestly. Starting with verse 7:

But the **manifestation** of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. [and then it lists

them] - For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit; - To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit; - To another the **working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another *divers kinds of tongues*; to another the **interpretation of tongues**: 1 Cor 12:7-10

The third word in verse seven is “**manifestation**.” No matter what text you use, it is and always will be “**manifestation**.” It is never “gift.” Is this important? You bet it is. Verses 8-10 follow verse seven, and list the nine manifestations of the spirit. To call them gifts is traditional at best, which makes it the worst kind of teaching there is. Those high up in Christian circles have told me that it doesn’t make any difference. They say that I am

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getting too detailed in my studying. They smiled outwardly. I cried inside. I hate traditional teachings because they make the teacher look so bad and they put a bad name on and a bad taste to Christianity. Christians, who are willing to admit that much of what they believe is steeped in tradition, nod their heads at false teachers in disguised efforts to not rock the boat. While there are spiritual gifts in the bible, these nine manifestations are not gifts. If you accept that they are gifts, you run the risk of not using, not operating all of them. And that is the devilish design of such a teaching. Maybe you are not good enough to receive all of them, so God will only give you one or two. Hogwash! Pure hogwash. He's made all of them available to every Christian unconditionally! They all come with the gift of holy spirit, that which you received when you became born again.

No sooner do I finish with verse seven than I take them to 1 Corinthians 12:1:

Now concerning spiritual ***gifts***, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 1 Cor 12:1

They say, "See, I told you they were gifts."

I am appalled at how many people STILL don't know that words in italics are words that have no textual support

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whatsoever. They are words that were added by translators to promote their theology and individual beliefs. I use the King James Version primarily for that reason. It contains italicized words. Other versions also have falsely added words, but you cannot know which ones they are. Well, I show them the word "***gifts***," and ask them if they notice the italics. I usually get a blank stare because they usually

know what is coming next. If the word "***gifts***" is not in the text, what is? A word that means, "things of a spiritual nature," or, "spiritual matters." God tells us in verse one that He does not want us to be ignorant of spiritual matters. Yet how ignorant most people are. Then in verse seven, He tells us of the manifestations of the gift Jesus Christ shed abroad on the day of Pentecost.

"Gifts of the spirit" is a phrase that NEVER occurs in the bible. "Spiritual *gifts*" occurs three times in the bible, and in each instance, "*gifts*" is in italics meaning it was added. You never find "gift of speaking in tongues, gift of miracles, gift of discerning of spirits, etc., unless it is a forgery. Tradition teaches "gifts of the spirit," promoting the non-biblical concept that you may not be good enough to have them all. 1 Corinthians 12:7 teaches "manifestation of the spirit" and that they all come in a bundle much like a clump of grapes. All you have to do is start manifesting them. The bible teaches the real thing.

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What despair these false teachings bring upon seeking souls. How many people do you know who want clear-cut answers to biblical truths: Who really is Jesus Christ?, What really happens when I die?, and Why can't I manifest all of God's promised power? I know too many; many who are afraid to walk away from tradition because of what others will think. It's time for that to change and it begins with the ones who are teaching the traditions. They must stop these teachings and start teaching what the bible really says.

That's as deep as I want to go with this discussion. I have given you quite a bit of food for thought. It is up to you to try to ingest and digest it. I can't do that for you. I can tell you that you will never find a black and white biblical doctrinal reference on the trinity because it is not in the bible. Aside from the man Jesus Christ, I can tell you that you will never find a black and white biblical record of another

man or woman in heaven because it is not in the bible. And I can tell you that you will never find the nine different items listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 called gifts – gray matter or black and white because they are not in the bible.

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honestly to make sure you aren't teaching falsely? I would highly recommend it. Why? Because both types of teachers, true ones and false one will give account of their words and works before God. I am asking you now, "Why are you teaching traditional teachings, if there is absolutely no biblical support except a twisting of remote gray matter, to endeavor to make your point? God's going to ask you the same thing. Folks, the bible

is black and white. Either it's in there or it isn't. If it isn't we don't have the right to spew forth highly disregarded words from the past in the name of Jesus Christ. If it is in there, we owe it to ourselves to work the Word honestly, becoming far removed from anything that isn't black and white. To do anything less than this will surely bring traditional despair upon the souls of well-meaning people.

If you would like to learn more about these and other subjects, please inquire about our classes. You are guaranteed to walk away with, not only God's Word, but an honest understanding of it as well.

God bless you,

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