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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HIM

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This is the **eighth** in a series in regard to basic facts about the God of the Bible!

GOD IS A TRIUNITY

Question: Are there any unreasonable or illogical truths presented in the Bible? Absolutely NOT!

Question: Are there (to our minds) any beyond reasonable or above logic truths presented in the Bible? Absolutely Yes!

Certainly the most famous single truth along this line is that of the triunity. Try to understand it, and you'll lose your mind. Deny it, and you'll lose your soul.

Let it now be said up front that it is not always necessary to fully comprehend something in order to believe in it.

Two quick examples come to mind:

1. In regard to the universe. Note:

- There are as many stars in the known universe as there are grains of sand on all the seashores of planet earth! Yet, we are told by both David (Psa. 147:4) and Isaiah (Isa. 40:26) that God has picked out a name for each and every one!
- There are stars billions of times larger and heavier than our sun, which is one million times larger than the earth.
- One of the heaviest and most mysterious objects in the universe is known as a neutron star.
- A pinhead's worth of neutron star's stuff would weigh a million tons on earth—over ten times the weight of the mighty aircraft carrier *U.S.S. Nimitz*. Not only that, but it spins around itself 5,000 times per second!

2. In regard to the human body—

- The average human body has 100 trillion cells. Each cell has as many 200 trillion groups of atoms called protein molecules. The largest molecule is known as the DNA strand which carries the hereditary information, from the parent to the offspring in all living things. The length of the DNA strand in one cell is seven feet. If all the DNA strands in the body were bunched up, they could fit into a box the size of an ice cube. But, if

unwound and joined together, the string would stretch from the earth to the sun and back (a total journey of 186 million miles) more than 400 times.

- If the coded DNA instructions of a single human cell were put into English they would fill a 1000-volume encyclopedia! But consider the words of the late Carl Sagan, America's most well-known scientist and atheist:

“The total information content of the human brain, if written out in English would fill (are you ready for this?) some 20 million volumes!”

But back to this idea of exercising belief in the baffling—

Were you *really* able to wrap your mind around the above statistics? Or what about the ones below?

- Wondering just how a three-pound, pinkish-beige, soft, gelatin organ called the human brain could contain all the knowledge to be found in all the largest libraries in the entire world! Incomprehensible? Yes, but by faith we accept those as facts!
- According to the theory of relativity, the faster an object travels, the heavier it becomes and the slower time becomes. Thus, here is a brother who bade goodbye to his twin and was able to travel in a spacecraft for one year near the speed of light. Upon returning to earth imagine his surprise to discover that his brother had long since died hundreds of years ago! The following poem attempts to describe all the above—

There was a young man from Bray
Who left for a trip in a relatively way,
Well, he travelled so fast near the speed of light,
That he arrived back home on the previous night!

- One final example, which may be the greatest. Having now dealt with the power in creation, we now document the scriptural claims in regard to the Creator's unfathomable knowledge:

“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (Deut. 29:29, ESV).

“You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told” (Psa. 40:5).

“O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me... How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you” (Psa. 139:1-6, 17, 18).

“Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure” (Psa. 147:5).

- This says it all! God’s *power* and *knowledge* are indeed “beyond measure!” And so it is as we attempt to fathom the awful mysteries of the Trinity!

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa. 55:8, 9).

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” (Rom. 11:33, 34).

Hopefully, this extended introduction has set the stage in regard to a study of the Trinity.

Question: Does the Bible declare the full deity of each member in the Trinity? It does indeed!

- The Father is God! (John 1:18; 1 Cor. 8:6; Phil 2:11; 1 Peter 1:2)
- The Son is God! (Matt. 18:20; John 1:2; 20:28; 2 Cor. 12:9; Titus 2:13; Hab. 1:8; Rev. 3:7)
- The Holy Spirit is God! (Acts 1:8; 5:1-4; Rom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 2:11; 1 John 5:6).

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