

There Is A Plurality of gods

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Jesus Christ stated that although human beings are mortal, and will eventually die, Almighty God still considers them part of His family because they have the potential to live forever as spirit-beings, if they repent of sin. An individual can repent during their lifetime or in a second resurrection from the dead (see study: The Last Great Day),

Jesus answered them (Jewish religious leaders), 'Many good works I have shown you from my Father (Almighty God). For which of those works do you stone me?' ³³ The Jews answered him, saying, 'for a good work we do not stone you, but for blasphemy and because you, being a man, make yourself God. ³⁴ **Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your law, 'I (Almighty God) said, you (human beings) are gods?'** (Jn. 10:32-34; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Due to the sinful choice that Adam and Eve made, they became flesh and blood beings, subject to death (Gen. 2:16-17). As all their offspring were made in the same "flesh and blood image", they also are subject to death (see studies: Symbolism). However, being subject to death does not mean that human beings will never inherit everlasting life. The writer of Hebrews explained that mankind still has the potential to become like an angel, which is a spirit-being, and angels are referred to as sons of God (Job 1:6; 38:6-7),

For He (Almighty God) has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. ⁶ But one (King David) testified in a certain place, saying: 'What is man that You (Almighty God) are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? **You made him (sinful mankind) for a little while (due to sin) lower than the angels;** You (prior to Adam's sin) crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. ⁸ You have put all things in subjection under his feet.' For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. **But now (because man is still flesh and blood) we do not yet see all things put under him** ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was (also) made for a little while lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor (through a resurrection from the dead), that he (Christ), by the grace (forgiveness) of God, might taste death (as a substitute) for everyone (who has sinned) (Heb. 2:5-9; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Because Adam was originally made in the same image (likeness) as God, he would be referred to as a son of Almighty God and therefore a member of God's spiritual family. Following Adam's sin and rebellion against God's command, he became flesh and blood but was still considered a member of God's family, which Christ confirmed in John 10:34. Therefore, Adam and all his descendants are still viewed as gods, but in a flesh and blood form that will eventually die. The next scripture shows that angels regard

human beings as their brothers and sisters, even though humans are not composed of spirit,

Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things (visions).⁹ Then he (an angel) said to me, 'See that you do not do that (show reverence). **For I (an angel) am your fellow servant** (viewed as an equal, but in a different form), **and of your brethren** the prophets (as John was to do the work of a prophet), and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God (Almighty) (Rev. 22:8-9; cf. 19:10; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

To summarize so far, Christ confirmed that his heavenly Father regarded mankind as being physical members of His spiritual family, with the potential to live forever if they repent of sin and seek to live in accordance with His word (Mt. 4:4; cf. Rom. 6:4). Hence, Christ applied the descriptive name of "gods" to mankind. Angels regard human beings as their brothers and sisters, hence "fellow gods," but temporarily lower in position due to being in a flesh and blood form because of sin (Heb. 2:7). Finally, there are false gods that are referred to as demons, whose leader is the Devil, or Satan,

So the great dragon was cast out (of Almighty God's presence), that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels (now demons) were cast out with him (Rev. 12:9; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Satan is regarded as being "the god of this present evil age" mainly due to the choice that Adam and Eve made. They decided to trust Satan's word rather than Almighty God's (Gen. 3:1-5), and as a consequence made Satan their de facto leader,

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,⁴ whose minds **the god of this age (Satan) has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God (as Adam was prior to his sin), should shine on them (2Cor. 4:3-4; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

So there are many gods, or members of Almighty God's family. However, there is only One God that is to be worshipped, which is what the angel said to John (Rev. 19:10; 22:9). Jesus Christ confirmed that there is only One God that is to be worshipped, and it is not Christ. This truth and understanding is essential for anyone wishing to inherit everlasting life. Therefore, no one embracing doctrines such as the trinity can inherit everlasting life. Using 1John 5:7 to claim that Almighty God consists of three spirit-beings is a false pagan doctrine dating back to the Babylonian mystery religion. As stated in the margin of the New King James Version of the Bible, 1John 5:7 is not found in the modern eclectic, or "critical," text of the Greek New Testament, published in the twenty-sixth edition of the Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament (N) and in the third edition of the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament (U). Therefore, it can be concluded that it is a false doctrine inserted by translators that held this pagan belief,

And this (understanding) is (essential to inheriting) eternal life, that they (obedient servants of Almighty God) may know You (Almighty God), the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent (Jn. 17:3; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Christ reiterated that Almighty God is greater than the one sent as a sacrifice for the sins of the world (Jn. 1:29),

You have heard me (Christ) say to you (the disciples), 'I am going away (referring to his impending death) and coming back to you (following his resurrection from the dead).' If you loved me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' **for my Father is greater than I** (Jn. 14:28; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Only Almighty God is to be worshipped, which is the context of Deuteronomy 6:4,

Hear, O Israel (all nations today as they are grafted into Israel upon repentance of sin; cf. Gal. 3:28): The Lord our God, the Lord is one! ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might (Dt. 6:4-5; Ed. note in parenthesis).

So yes, there are many gods, but only One who is to be worshiped and He is the Creator of everything that exists in the heavens and on the earth. Without Him, nothing would exist (Isa. 66:2). The Apostle Paul described Almighty God to the pagans who assembled at Mars Hill as the Unknown God. The is the same God that most of Christianity claims to know but worships using many false doctrines, including the trinity,

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus (Mars Hill) and said, 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him (Almighty God) I proclaim to you: ²⁴ 'God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands (reference to idol worship and its associated practices), as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being (existence), as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God (sons of God), we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising (for the purpose of worship). ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked (in His abundant patience), but now commands all men everywhere to repent (of breaking His law and commandments; 1Jn. 3:4), ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man (Christ) whom He has ordained. He (Almighty God) has given assurance of this to all by raising him (Christ) from the dead.' ³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, 'We will hear you again on this matter.' (Ac. 17:22-32; Ed. notes in parentheses).

So there are no contradictions in the scriptures dealing with a plurality of gods versus the One True God, who alone is to be worshiped. Jesus Christ corrected Satan because of his deep-seated desire to be worshiped instead of Almighty God (cf. Isa. 14:12-14),

And he (Satan) said to him (Christ), 'All these things I will give you (Christ) if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you Satan! For it is written, '**You shall worship the Lord your God (Almighty God), and Him only you shall serve.**' (Mt. 4:9-10; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

In today's societies, there are many gods that are worshiped. This plurality of gods includes Hollywood stars, politicians, religious leaders, self-help gurus, demons through the assistance of séances, mediums, tarot cards, witches, etc. In much of Christianity, Jesus Christ is the focus of worship, instead of his heavenly Father. In all these cases,

the first commandment is being broken, which leads to everlasting death in the absence of repentance (Ex. 20:3).

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