

## NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RC TRINITY AND SDA TRINITY

### CATHOLIC and METHODIST TRINITY

What is meant by the Holy Trinity?" (H. Maldwyn Hughes, M. A., D. D. Christian foundations, An introduction to Christian doctrine, page 137, 'The Holy Trinity' fourth edition, July 1933)

"We learn from the New Testament that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, three Persons are one God. That is a statement of the materials out of which the doctrine of the Trinity has been fashioned." (Ibid)

"There is but one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Supreme, incorporeal, uncreated Being, who exists of Himself, and is infinite in all His attributes and perfections, such as Holiness, Power, Wisdom, justice, Mercy and Truth." (Rev. Joseph Faa Di Bruno, DD, Catholic Belief, page 1, 'A short and simple exposition of Catholic doctrine', thirtieth edition, 1884)

"This is a profound mystery, revealed to us by God" (Ibid)

"The Catholic Church teaches that in one God there are three persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; really distinct one from the other, and equal in eternity, power, immensity, and all other perfections; because all the three Persons have one and the same divine nature or essence." (Ibid)

"It would be a contradiction to assert that there are three Gods and one God, or that there are three Persons and one Person; but it is no contradiction to affirm that God is one in essence and three in personality." (Ibid, pages 1 and 2)

"We are not able to understand how each of the three Persons can be God, and yet that there is but One God" (Ibid)

"This doctrine is not the outcome of mere speculation. It is an effort to do justice to the facts recorded in the New Testament, namely, that God has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." (H. Maldwyn Hughes, M. A., D. D. Christian foundations, An introduction to Christian doctrine, page 137, fourth edition, July 1933)

"Once these facts were accepted, the Church was bound either to develop a doctrine of the Trinity God, or to accept Tritheism (i.e. the belief in three gods). But Christianity is monotheistic; consequently the Church developed the doctrine of the Trinity in order to safeguard its monotheism." (Ibid)

## ADVENTIST TRINITY

“There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons (Seventh-day Adventists Believe ... A Biblical Exposition of 27 Fundamental Doctrines, page 16).

“God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. He is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation” (Ibid)

“There is only one God (Deut. 6:4), however, Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all called God (Matthew 27:46, John 20:28: Acts 5:3-4). Consequently, we do not worship three Gods, but one God who reveals Himself in and consists of three “persons”. The three persons share one indivisible nature.”(Ekkehardt Mueller, Biblical Research Institute, Reflections newsletter, July 2008, Page 9, ‘Scripture Applied, - A Bible Study’)

“Each person of the Godhead is by nature and essence God, and the fullness of the deity dwells in each of them. On the other hand, each person of the Godhead is inseparably connected to the other two.” (Ibid)

“We do not believe in three Gods but one God in three persons. These three personalities participate in one substance. In the divine unity there are three coeternal and coequal persons, who, though distinct, are the one undivided God.” (Ibid)

“By saying God has one essence and three persons it is meant that he has one “What” and three “Whos.” The three Whos (persons) each share the same What (essence). So God is a unity of essence with a plurality of persons. Each person is different, yet they share a common nature. God is one in his substance.” (Dr. Norman Geisler, The Trinity - Part Two, ‘A Philosophical Defense of the Trinity’.)

“The unity is in his essence (what God is), and the plurality is in God’s persons (how he relates within himself).” (Ibid)

“The Trinity is not like a chain with three links. For these are three separate and separable parts. But God is neither separated nor separable. Neither is God like the same actor playing three different parts in a play. For God is simultaneously three persons, not one person playing three successive roles. Nor is God like the three states of water: solid, liquid, and gaseous. For normally water is not in all three of these states at the same time, but God is always three persons at the same time.” (Ibid)