

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

Hear, O Israel; The Name, our God is one Name and you love the Name, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your vehemence.

IN JERUSALEM, as I was entering my pension, a companion noticed a small, metallic tube, fastened to the door frame, containing some Hebrew printing. He inquired what it was. So I directed his attention to Deuteronomy 6:4-5, which is quoted above. The Jews do not pronounce the incommunicable name (*Ieue* in Hebrew). They used to say *Adonai*. Now, I was told by a Rabbi, they say *shem* which means *Name*. The Jews must repeat these words and fasten them on their hand and on their eyes and "write them on the door jambs of your house, and in your gate."

It is this custom which has ingrained into the Jewish mind the great truth of the one God. And it is this which keeps many of them from accepting Christianity, for they cannot help thinking that it is radically different, for it insists on three gods, disguised as a trinity.

Strange as it may seem, neither the word *trinity*, nor even the idea, is found in the so-called "New Testament." Only one passage, acknowledged by all to be false, and omitted from all later translations, gives any color to the thought. On the contrary, we have the strong assertion that "to us there is one God, the Father, out of Whom all is" (1 Cor. 8:6). We are told that there is "one God, the Father of all, Who is over all, and through all, and in all" (Eph. 4:6). "God is One" (Gal 3:20).

Never is the Messiah set forth as the Deity. He is God's Image, His Word, the Mediator between God and mankind. He does not set *Himself* before our eyes, but *His God*. He does not speak His own words, but His Father's. He is the Way to God, not the end of the path. Nothing comes *out* of Him. God is the only Source, and all flows *through* the Messiah of the "Christian" scriptures. God always does His own will. He carries out His intention. But Christ never did His own will. "Not My will, but Thine" was His motto. This fact alone shows that He is not Deity absolute, nor a member of a mythical "Trinity."

The Messiah of the so-called "New Testament" came in perfect accord with the predictions concerning Him in the prophets. So far He has only fulfilled that part which concerns His humiliation and suffering. Just as Moses was rejected at first by his brethren, yet afterwards returned and redeemed them, so Messiah is now waiting to come back and lead them out of bondage into the promised kingdom. Just as David was first rejected and dwelt at Adullam, though he had been anointed king, so now Messiah is hidden, waiting for the time when He will reveal Himself to His people and sit upon the throne of Israel. Which of the prophets did not Jacob reject? So now, by their own desire, the blood of Messiah is upon their heads.

The sufferings of Israel have a cause. No other nation, so small, so scattered, is so hated and persecuted. God pity those who do it! Yet it is most fitting that they should be bereft of blessing when they have refused the great Blessor Who is

appointed for their King by their God. Their plight will grow worse in spite of all their efforts, and will culminate in the great affliction spoken of by Daniel, the prophet, at the time of the end. In their utmost extremity Messiah will come and redeem His people and restore the kingdom, and make Israel the head of all the nations. Then will Jerusalem arise from her ashes, and become the glory of the whole earth.

But why is it that the Christian people and the Christian religion is so different from the Scriptures which are supposed to be the basis of their faith? Just as the Jewish doctors have supplemented and altered the law by means of the Talmud, etc., so the Christian Rabbis have evolved a creed which they seek to fasten on their sacred writings. They insist that it is more important that you believe their teachings than the sacred text. Though the "Trinity" is nowhere mentioned or taught, and is often denied, yet they have succeeded in convincing most men that it is hidden in the Bible, and, though it cannot be explained, it must be accepted. Otherwise you will become an outcast from respectable religious organizations. But if you read the Scriptures yourself you will find them in perfect agreement with the great truth that *Adonai, our God, is one Adonai*. The Messiah will rule for God and bring men to God. He is the *Mediator* between men and God. The "Holy Ghost" is God's spirit.

Judaism is, or ought to be, a bloody religion. It teaches that blood alone can cover sin. The blood of bulls and goats can never do away with sins. Who is able to accomplish this? If Messiah should come in glory to save His people Israel (as He will), how can He deliver them from their sins? This He has done in His rejection. The tragic truth is that the priests of God have already slain the true Lamb of God. His blood, instead of removing the sins of Israel, is upon their heads. In the day when He exterminates all the nations which come against Jerusalem, and pours out on the house of David and on the dwellers of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplications, they will look on Him Whom they pierced, and bemoan Him, and His blood will be taken from their heads and applied to their hearts. So, today, some receive Him as their Saviour.

Israel has nourished the false notion that God's blessing was alone for them. Instead, they were chosen to be a channel of blessing to the other nations. Until they are blessed, they will be slighted and a curse to all nations. The apostle Paul's letters are concerned with this period of Israel's apostasy and blindness. While Israel is temporarily set aside, God's love breaks through all barriers, and blesses believers in all nations (including Jews) for a place of blessing among the celestials.

But every word, yea, every "jot and tittle" of the Hebrew Scriptures is going to be fulfilled. Later revelation does not falsify a letter of it. Our God is one God. He blesses the universe through His Chosen, the Messiah. He blesses the heavens through those He chooses in this era. He will bless the earth through His chosen nation, Israel.

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