

# BEFORE THE BEGINNING

## THERE WAS ONLY GOD

ALONE—WANTING NOTHING—ALL KNOWING—ALL POWERFUL

## SO WHO WAS THE FIRST CAUSE OF SIN?

*Why, before we even existed*, did the God of love-justice-mercy and forgiveness create us as we are, and then enter us into the cruelest gamble imaginable, where eternal suffering is our over-fifty percent probable destiny?

- **It cannot be** that He wanted to be worshiped for his mighty power and glory.
- **It cannot be** for His pleasure or amusement.
- **It cannot be** because He was interested in seeing how it would play out.

None of these can be so because God *needed nothing* and already *knew everything!*

### GOD

**Jesus was emphatic:** "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30) Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. (John 14:11).

**The Holy Bible says:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:1 and 14).

**The Doctrine of Holy Trinity says:** That God is Father-Jesus-Holy Spirit; One Person in Three and Three Persons in One; Father is God, Jesus is God and Holy Spirit is God—all in One, without beginning or end.

**This means that Jesus was in the Garden of Eden;** he guided his chosen people out of bondage in Egypt; gave the Ten Commandments to Moses and did everything reported in both the Old and New Testaments as the words and works of God.

### IT MEANS CHRISTIANS MUST BELIEVE GOD COMMANDED BOTH GOOD AND EVIL:

*Their infants shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes...*(Isaiah 13:16):

Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come to me: for the kingdom of heaven is for such. (Matthew 19:14).

*The Lord spoke to Moses, saying...Avenge the Israelites on the Midianites... [Moses said] Now, therefore: kill every male among the little ones; kill every woman who has known a man by sleeping with him...*(Numbers 31:17-18).

You have heard that it was said to them of old: Thou shalt not kill. And whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment. (Matthew 5:21-22).

*...but all the young girls...keep for yourselves...* (Numbers 31:17-18).

You have heard that it was said: You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that everyone who looks on a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:27-28).

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**Some want to believe that God changed; that Jesus introduced a new covenant.** They cannot believe the obscene commands above came from Jesus. He is not the one they know and love. He is not the Jesus depicted in art, magnificent buildings and beloved hymns such as *Amazing Grace*, *How Great Thou Art* and *Holy, Holy, Holy*. That Jesus cannot be imagined as commanding, "Their infants shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes..." or "Save the young girls for yourselves."

**But Jesus insisted,** "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

**The Trinity Doctrine says,** Father/Jesus/Holy Spirit is always and forever ONE.

**The Holy Bible says,** God is changeless. "Every best gift and every perfect give is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of alteration." (James 1:17). For God to change would mean that a new state was better or more perfect than His previous state; and that is quite impossible for a God who has always been and will always be perfect.

### YET IT CANNOT BE AND IT IS NOT— BECAUSE IT IS ALL THE WORK OF MEN

**The hand of man fully explains the absurdities, barbarities, contradictions, cruelties and impossibilities** with which the Christian religion is riddled. Men told the stories before writing. Men wrote the stories by hand and the very words ascribed to God. Men copied these, and made copies and copies of copies. They translated the stories into different languages; determined which stories would be in the Bible 300 years after Jesus was crucified. Men presume to know what God wants of us; and it is men who benefit from being thought of as knowing.

### EITHER:

**GOD DID MAN WRONG  
OR MAN DID GOD WRONG  
WHICH IS MORE LIKELY?**