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## \_\_\_\_\_ Programs 2 & 3 \_\_\_\_\_

### There is ONE Person In The Universe

Our God is an awesome God, how can we know Him?

- **Isa.44:8;45:5-6;46:9** He is the One person in the universe, He is independent from all
- **Col.1:16; John 1:3; Heb. 12:9** He is the Creator
- **Gen.17:1;Jere.32:13;John19:10-11;Dan.4:30;34;37;Lu.1:37** He is All Powerful
- **Isa.46:10;I Cor.2:11** He is All Knowing
- **John1:17** He is full of Grace and Truth
- **Heb. 6:18 ;Titus1:2** It is impossible for God to lie, He cannot lie
- **Rev.4:8** He is Holy
- **ICor.2:16** He is the only Self-Sufficient Person in the whole universe
- **Isa.57:16** He inhabits Eternity
- **Acts17:28** All have their being in Him
- **Act17:28** All men are his off-spring
- **Psa.139:7-12; Eccl. 3:11** He invades time-His presence is everywhere at all times
- **Heb.1:3** He holds all things together by the power of His Word
- **Col.1:17** By Him all things consist
- **John4:24** God is Spirit
- **ITim1:17** Immortal, Invisible
- **IJohn4:8; John 3:16** God is Love
- **Rom.11:33;Pro.8:22-30;Col.2:2-3;ICor.1:24&30** God is all Wise
- **James1:17;Mal.3:6;Heb.13:8** He is Unchanging
- **Psa.139;Dan.4:35;Matt.20:15;Isa.45:9;I Chr. 29:11** He is All Sovereign
- **Rom.2:16;Acts17:31;ICor.4:1-5** God is Justice
- **Titus3:5;Lam.3:22-23** God is Mercy
- **Heb.1:2-3;II Cor.3:17;John17:21** God is: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet all three in perfect Oneness and Unity
- **Heb.1:2-3;John14:9;John14:20;John 17:23** God the Father expresses Himself exclusively as His Son, Jesus Christ, and then by a mystical union with redeemed humanity, He further re-expresses Himself.

### We see from the Scripture references listed Above:

Jesus said to the woman at the well, "God is Spirit," and "he that comes to God must worship Him in Spirit and Truth." **Who is He?** He is immortal, invisible, and uncreated. He is all together Holy and is the One God, unfolding Himself in three distinct persons: God, the Father, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. He is the Creator of all that exists, nothing that is made exists apart from Him. He is the only self-existent person in the universe. He is All powerful, All knowing, All present and totally autonomous. He is the only independent and self-sufficient person in the whole universe. He inhabits heaven and is present at all times.

He is Grace, Truth, Mercy, and Love. He is all Wise. There is no wisdom apart from Him. He is unchangeable. He can never change His mind concerning you. He is Justice, He must do what He says, but He is always looking for an intercessor to show forth His Mercy. He is full of Glory and Truth. It is impossible for Him to lie, for He cannot lie. He holds everything together by the Power of His Word, and by Him all things consist. All things have their being in Him, and all men are His off-spring. God, the Father expresses Himself exclusively as His Son, Jesus Christ, and by a mystical generic union with the His Sons. He re-expresses Himself through redeemed humanity. He is Sovereign over all created beings, including Satan. And finally, and foremost, **He is the One and Only person in the whole Universe; The All and All, the Great I AM.**

### **One Person, One Power**

There is only One Person in the whole universe, and it is God Almighty, Himself. "I am the Lord, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:6; 49:9-19). Pretty exclusive isn't it? That can only mean that there is only one independent "LIFE" source in the whole universe. No created being is self-contained, only God is self contained, and nothing exists outside of Him, that would be impossible because God is *the sum total of all things*. "For of Him. And through Him, and to Him, are all things; to whom be glory forever" (Romans 11:36).

Since Only God is self contained, all created beings are **dependent and derived** from the One Person in the universe. Man, creation, heavenly host, and animals all have their existence in that one person. As the scriptures says, "We all live and move and have our being in God" (Acts 17:28).

Since the Creator is the one independent person in the universe, then what is the purpose of creation? Man, the heavenly host, as well as all created things whether animal, vegetable, or mineral are only created forms expressing God's glory. Of course it is only man who is capable of containing the very personhood of God, not animals, vegetables or inanimate things. Things have their existence in God, but not his personhood, that He has reserved that privilege for His Son, Jesus and then His redeemed sons and daughters who are created in His image. So then, all creation was created to contain and express the glory and majesty of Almighty God, but it was not created to independently be that glory.

"Oh no," you say, "this is pantheism." "Are you saying that trees and rocks **are** God?" No, no, God forbid that I should say that. If that were true we would worship the created form and not the Creator, God. Creation only exist to express its Creator's glory, but cannot actually become the Creator. It is impossible for creation to be God, only God is God. What is a Pantheist anyway? A "pantheism" views the Universe and God as the same, all creation is God, and some say there is not a personal god only a force, or energy to tap into. The Creation is not the Creator nor is the Creator the created. Man, the creation can only personally receive the Creator through the Lord Jesus Christ

### **One Power, One Person**

Most think that there are two equal powers in the universe, one evil, and the other good. The key word in the above sentence is, "**equal**." Jesus did not see the devil's power equal with God's. Jesus saw just One almighty power, not two equal powers. When Jesus was arrested and brought before Pilate, Pilate started bragging about his supposed authority. He said, "**I have power** to crucify you, and **I have the power to release you**." Jesus spoke back to Pilate with authority, saying, "Thou could have **no power** at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (John 19:10-11).

What? Jesus, you mean that Pilate does not have the supreme **evil power** to crucify you? Of course, the answer is no. Just listen to what Peter says, "The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers

were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done" (Acts 4:26-28).

So, that means that all earthly power is ordained by God from above! I believe that means God is the one and only power that dictates and controls all good as well as all evil dominions, principalities and powers! WOW! If Pilate had no power over the crucifixion which was the most evil event in all of history, then all subsequent historical events have **no independent power** of their own either. I say again, WOW!

### What about Satan's Power?

Since all creaturely power is derived from God, Himself, and all power is derived from the One power, then what about Satan's "dark power", and how does it fit into the One Person and One power in the universe? Satan's evil power is only the misuse, the no, the not side of the One power in the universe and therefore a servant and a slave to God Almighty's sovereignty.

The thing that we have to understand is that Satan is a fallen angel. He, like all created beings are created from the Light side of the Cross, but in his fall, he fell backwards through the Cross the wrong way, and apostatized into darkness. He was not originally created Satan. His fall renamed him. His original name was Lucifer, son of the morning. He was a "Light bearer" beautiful in all his created form, "until iniquity was found in him" (Eze.28:15). He said in his heart, "I will be like the Most High God" (Isa.12:14). I will not contain His light and glory. I'll contain myself, and I'll be my own glory. He made a fatal choice by refusing God's glory and majesty, deciding to take it for himself. That fatal choice thrust him into darkness. He became the author of sin, and death, the prince and the power of darkness. However, he was a created being and like all creative beings, he must derive his existence from God.

Satan thinks that he is independent from God and able to do his own thing. What he does not know is he is not a separate god. That is why God declares in Isa.43:6, "I am the first, and I am the last; and besides me there is no God." And again in Isa.45:22, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." It is not possible that anything can be independently separate from God.

There is nothing outside of God. He is the sum total of everything. Universally, He is the whole house, yet the devil's misused darkness is everything that is **NOT** in the "LIFE" of God. It is everything that God chose NOT to be, and died to even the possibility of ever being.

Think of a coin, one side being light and the other side dark. Only one coin, yet two sides. God who is the **only all good, all light, and all life**, is forever **not** Satan. And Satan is **the all evil, all death, and all darkness but** is forever **not** God. God is forever fixed in His Godly other-love nature (Titus 1:3), and Satan is fixed in his "me-for-me self-centered satanic nature (John 8:44; Rev. 12:9-10 Since God is the whole coin as it were, for the devil's darkness is but the NO side of God. Then God, and God alone has total authority, total power, and dictates and controls everything that is, as well as controls everything that poses itself as something when it is not ("no gods").

Satan's evil power is only the negative misuse of God's power. His misuse is everything that is not in the "LIFE of God". **It is God's positive power reversed into negative misuse.** That is how it is universally **in** God but **not** in the life of God at the same time. It is the no, that is, the "not side" of the One God.

Lies are the truth in reverse; they are twisted truth. Are we beginning to see how evil can be in God, but NOT God at the same time? Evil cannot be an expression of God's **life** for God cannot lie

(Titus 1:2), nor can He do evil (James 1:13) . Rather **evil is a twisted negative expression of what and who God is NOT!**

"Look again at this kingdom of (Independent) self. It is "the back parts" of God. It is the underlying forces which vitalize His love, joy and peace. It is the fire which begets the light. These same forces, this same fire has passed from the Father into His offspring, and formed their separate-and free selves; yet, though separate and distinct personalities, we are still, so far as our basic nature is concerned, in Him and part of Him: "In Him we live and move and have our being." Our selves still remain part of His one Self, and derive their natural life from Him. But in turning away from our natural destiny, we perform an unnatural act; we break the laws of eternal nature and we meet with the consequences of all broken law. Fire begets light. Infringe the laws of fire, plunge your hands into the blaze, the hot and fierce source of its blessings, and you receive not warmth and light, but burns and scars; blessings become cursing; gentleness, wrath.

Thus it is that the hidden kingdom of self-hood, the root and raw material of the kingdom of heaven, becomes the kingdom of darkness; all evil passions flourish in it, all discord and disease, all hatred, lust and cruelty. It is the kingdom of Lucifer and his fallen hosts. It is foreshadowing of that lake which burneth with fire forever and ever. These know God, not as "the meek and gentle light of heaven", but in His hidden fire-root into which they have unlawfully penetrated.<sup>1</sup>

### **This is Another Attempt to explain the Unexplainable**

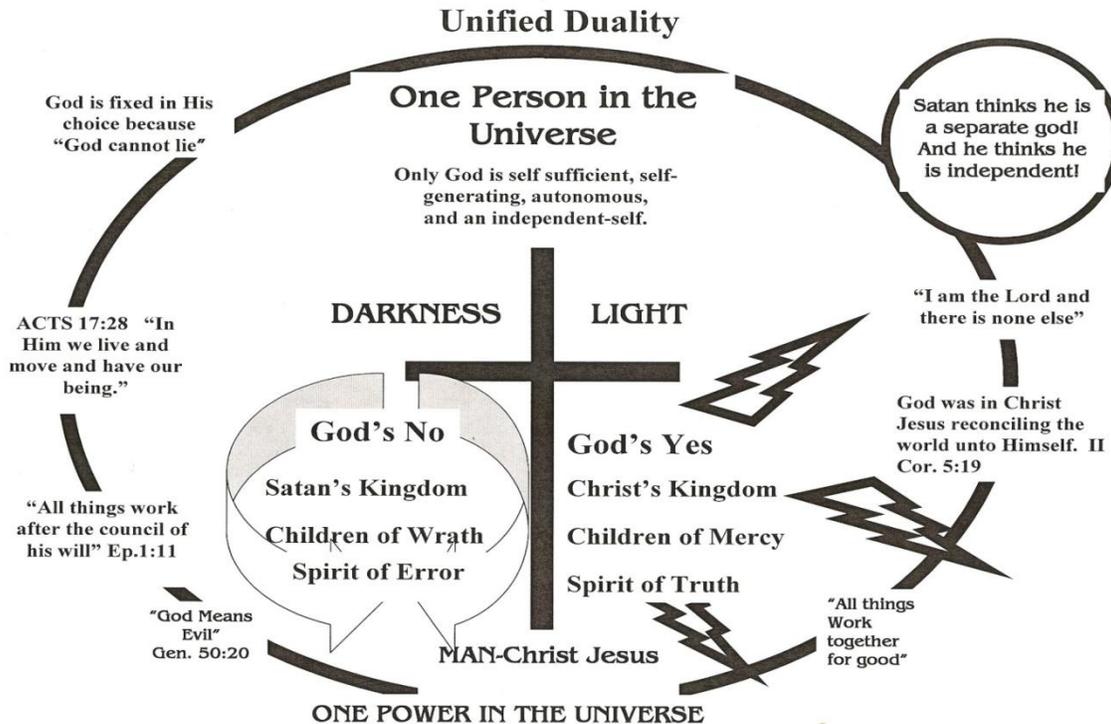
I like to draw a large circle showing how universally all is in God, yet in the middle of this circle is a huge **Cross**. The Cross represents everything that God is, and everything that He is not. On the left side of the Cross there is a raging wrathful consuming fire in which Satan resides. It is forever wrathful; an ever consuming fire of insatiable hunger always in want and never satisfied. On the right side of the Cross that same fire is transmuted from a raging inferno into Light and a love/fire and is the Kingdom of God's dear Son. The "door" or way into the Light Kingdom is always through the Cross. This is just like there is no way back into the "Garden of Eden" except by coming through the "Cherubim's Flaming Swords turning every way" (Gen. 3:24).

The raging dark fire of God's wrath is transmuted into the gentle Life and Light of the Savior, by the Cross of Christ.<sup>2</sup> That is why Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man can come to the Father, except by ME (John 14:6).

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<sup>1</sup> The Law of Faith by Norman Grubb; From The Dialectic of Life and Its Origins; The appendix

<sup>2</sup> For more insight: "The Cross in The Heart of God" by Alan Parker; [www.theliberatingsecret.org](http://www.theliberatingsecret.org) bookstore.



First let us look at the big circle; it represents the All-ness of God. I know, the circle itself limits the unlimited One, but we need human symbols to help us understand. The unlimited One, Who inhabits all with His Omnipresence, is the universal One. He encircles all that exists. Many scriptures speak of His universal truths; you will see some of these scriptures placed around the big circle.

Now, as you can see, there is a big Cross in the middle of the circle. This represents, "the Cross in the heart of God". Wow, you say, a Cross in God? Yes, **He forever died to being for Himself** and chose to be a sacrificial Lamb slain, instead of being a self-taker and rob and steal his creation for Himself. He decided to give Himself **for** His creation, therefore fixing Himself in His forever decision to be a "Lamb Slain", "I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as if had been slain having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth" (Rev.5:6).

Why a Cross? **A Cross in the above chart represents what not to choose, and also what to choose. It represents choice. There is no faith without choice, and no choice without faith. Choice is faith.** Personal faith is our **Royal Capacity** as sons of God created in God's image. God personally chose to die, as it were, to being for Himself and birthed into being Other-Love. Jesus, personally made a faith choice to live by the self-giving life of His father, therefore He too had a Cross in His Heart, and eventually went to His outer Cross to save us all. The Holy Spirit offers a personal faith choice to believers to enter into the fullness of the indwelling Cross in us, by asking us to live by the Life of Christ instead of a self-willed life of our own. "Let this mind (**Life**) be in you that was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). So the Cross is the faith-choice of the God-head that firmly fixed them as Agape Love. And if we are to ever be all there is in the fullness of Christ, the Cross must be fixed in us as well.<sup>3</sup>

So you see that God forever died to being for himself, when he chose to be other-Love. While Satan said, I will be a opposite god, and be totally for myself, which authored the kingdom of wrath,

<sup>3</sup> More on this subject in Programs 5-6

darkness, death and Hell. He brought into being all that **God is NOT**. He is in the not side of God. However, because he is so self deceived, he believes that he is separate from God and able to have his own independent life. So, you see the little circle outside of God's big circle **is a lie!** What a fool! Satan thinks that he is independent, but he is not. Nothing is outside of God. Therefore God reigns over Satan, and has total sovereignty.

Look at the lightning flashes, they represent the outgoing Life and Light of our God. Think of a child's sling shot. As you pull the rubber back, it creates negative tension, yet when released, the negative tension empowers the positive thrust of the rock. Hey, that exactly how Goliath got his! Therefore, negative/darkness and positive/light **work together as one power**. The devil and unbelieving mankind misuse the negative tension for their own self-centered evil ends. However the Lord uses the negative tension for good. What Satan misuses, God rightly uses to bring about greater glories. **In my past, Satan used me, but now I use him and reverse his evil intentions into further greater glories for our Lord. To me that is what it means to be "more than a conqueror" (Rom.8:37).** So the lightening symbolize the Glory of God exploding into greater glories all the time while God uses Satan as a convenient agent to bring His creation into a better good.<sup>4</sup>

Think of Ezekiel's vision of the glorious appearing of the "Throne Chariot", in chapter one. Ezekiel saw God's glory manifesting as a glowing incandescent light of fire folding and unfolding into itself. "I behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire unfolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire" (Ez.1:4). The unfolding of the Seven Spirits of God is forever powerfully moving by concealing Himself, and revealing Himself at the same time. The Bible says in other places that God is a consuming **Fire** (Heb.12:29) and **Light** (I John 1:5), and He is **Love** (I John 4:8). Fire, light and love are all simultaneously present in the personhood of God. God is a consuming fire, as well as a gentle light of love. He is a raging consuming fire to all who will not believe, but a gentle light of love to all who will simply put their trust in Him.

As we have seen, God can be nothing but LOVE, and it is impossible for Agape Love to lie for Love **cannot** lie (Heb.6:18; Titus1:2). God's Love fixation makes Him a safe God, and in whom His creation can wholly trust. This is why nothing in this life can be **against** us, it has to be **for** us and good for us at that. We can wrap all our sorrows and disappointments into one phrase. "Life's disappointments are disguised Love's appointments".<sup>5</sup> Because of God's love for us, all of life's circumstances are designed for us, and never against us, even though it might feel or seem the opposite (Rom.8:28). We can wholly trust a God of love. He cannot lie, nor disappoint us.

How can we know a universal Person? You can't without a particular form to identify with. Even universal truths cannot save you. Universal truths are too generic, and too nebulous. We need God to be personal. Jesus said, "No man can come to the Father but by **me**" (John 14:6). Actually, you can't know a universal without a particular form because you cannot know anything without its opposite. God took a particular form in the body of His Son, Jesus (Heb. 10:5) in order to redeem His creation. A choice of faith, in the person of Christ, particularizes God to us making Him real.

There is true oneness with Christ, and there is a New Age counterfeit oneness. New Age followers think they can have oneness and enlightenment from a universal force, or energy. However, the New Age movement is not anchored in a personal God who is a fixed lover, therefore it cannot give their followers any firm foundation of faith or grace. New Age philosophy ends up being a mental assent to universal truth, and not a firm foundation of truth based in the person of TRUTH, and personal faith in that person.

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<sup>5</sup> Streams in the Desert by Mrs. Cowman; Feb. 1

## If God is So Almighty, Then Why Do People go to Hell?

The question remains, "Is God all powerful if souls wind up in hell? C.S. Lewis says, "No, God is not all powerful in that sense. God became vulnerable to His creatures when free will provided possible defeat." Someone asks, "But, wouldn't you call that **defeat**," Lewis says, "I call it a **miracle**": "for to make things which are not itself, and thus to become, in a sense, capable of being resisted by its own handiwork, is the most astonishing unimaginable of all the feats we attribute to the Deity." Lewis thinks that, "the damned want to be damned". **He thinks the doors of hell are locked on the inside.**

I ran across this quote from Billy Graham in the, on line, Charisma magazine dated August 14, 2012. It was entitled: Has Our Culture Extinguished the Reality of Hell? Billy says: What does the Bible say? Billy responded often to questions about hell in his "My Answer" column over the years. "Is hell just an idea someone dreamed up or is it real? "Asked the reader, "The Bible's answer is clear," responded Dr. Graham, "Hell is real just as real as heaven." He goes on to say that surprisingly it was Jesus who talked more about hell than anyone else in the Bible.

There was also a posted letter from Billy Graham dated Aug. 13, 2012 on the, on line, "Elijah List". In his letter to the Saints, Billy mentioned that he is writing a new book that addresses, "some dangerous illusions about eternal salvation that are becoming increasingly accepted in many places. I wanted to point the world to what the Bible says."

I love Billy and Franklin's ministry. They see the different heresies, and when needed, address them, but primarily remain true to their calling, which is preaching Jesus, the Savior of the world.

## Is Hell Real?

"How often has the question disturbed thinking Christians. **How can there be a hell? How can a God of love condemn men to a lake of fire?** How reconcile wrath and mercy in the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? The answer is here given. The avenging fires of hell are a part of God, an inevitable part of His nature, for they are the very same fires which flame up in love in the heavenly kingdom. Never would they have been known or felt as fierce and hellish fires, had not Lucifer and his hosts, and then man through Lucifer's deception, turned back from God's light kingdom to His fire-kingdom. Natures that were made to live in union with the Father of lights in the beauties and blessings of the heavenlies had now chosen of their own free will to extinguish the light and plunge unlawfully into the dark fiery energies of the independent self-hood, only to find themselves in the resistless grip of their tormenting pride and wrath and passion, consumed of their own lusts yet never satisfied, in the unsatisfied burnings of the whirling wheel of conflicting desire. Yet these very tumults and ragings are still the movings of God in them, not God in mercy but God in wrath.

All nature, whether of angels, devils (fallen angels), or men, is but a flame from the central fire and remains eternally fed from its burning source; but, to the merciful, He shows Himself merciful in the gentle fire of love; by the forward He is found to be forward, a consuming fire of wrath that burns in the pride and malice and rage of that distorted self-hood. Such is hell. As much a part of the inevitable nature of things as heaven; for hell and heaven are really the two sides of the one eternal element, the consuming life-fire which is God's nature, burning in love or burning in wrath, just according to which we immerse ourselves in.

God does not make hell. God only made heaven and all things to have the nature of heaven. Lucifer and his rebel followers, by breaking themselves off from the heavenly meekness and love, discovered for themselves the hidden and unknown fire-source of heaven's light, the burning wheel of the elemental self-nature of God. This now became their kingdom, their hell-fire, both in themselves and in their sphere of activity, the earth which they corrupted. A God of wrath and judgment, rage and fury, is all that they can know, a God of vengeance, of tempest, of destruction.

**Hell has become now, not first a place, but a condition.** Wherever the rebel-self dominates, there is hell; there are the burnings of God's wrath. Within, where the fires of anger, hate, malice, lust, rage in the soul, there is hell; without, where war, rapine, disease and death stalk abroad, there also is hell. All is still God's kingdom, all are still God's children; but it is the kingdom of God's anger, the children of God's wrath.

With the wrath, on our earth, is mingled mercy, for this is still the day of probation and salvation. Two kingdoms strive within us and around, the realms of darkness and light. All things are compounded of mingled good and evil: if there are thorns, there are also flowers; if there is night, there is also day; if there are poisons, there are also health-giving foods. But the night cometh, the everlasting darkness in which the apostate angels already dwell, where no tokens of mercy mingle with the fruits of wrath, as on this earth; no sun, no flowers and fruits, no friendly and beautiful creatures: only the anguishing wheel of apostate, insatiable self-hood, the rage, the selfishness, the unassuaged passions of men and angels whose characters have become fixed as devils.

Such is **hell in its final form**; the eternal home carved out in the outer darkness by the free will of free beings, who preferred the kingdom of self to the kingdom of God, and persisted in their choice. It is God's hell? Yes, for all is God's. Is such a hell God's plan and will and making? A thousand times **NO**. It is the rebel will of His creatures that brought hell into existence. It is the unlawful penetration into the realm of forces in God and His creatures which only exist for universal blessing, and the perversion of these forces to selfish ends: the consequence being harmony transformed into disharmony; peace into war; love into hate; joy into pain; the very ingredients of the hellish state."<sup>6</sup>

See programs 29 and 30: The Single Eye of Faith

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<sup>6</sup> The Law of Faith by Norman Grubb; From The Dialectic of Life and Its Origins; Its Appendix