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"Don't Do That....Worship God!"

The gods of our culture

The gods of our hearts

"The human heart is an idol factory."

Sheila Larson: "I believe in God. I'm not a religious fanatic. I can't remember the last time I went to church. My faith has carried me a long way. It's Sheilaism. Just my own little voice."

Idol Detectors

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The God of the Bible

Incomparable

"To whom then will you liken God?

Or what likeness will you compare with Him? (Isa. 40:18)

"For I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is not one like Me." (Isa. 46:9)

Incomprehensible

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,

Neither are your ways My ways,

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways,

And My thoughts higher than your thoughts." (Isa. 55:8,9)

"Can you discover the depths of God?

Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?

It is high as the heavens, what can you do?

Deeper than Sheol, what can you know?

Its measure is longer than the earth,

and broader than the sea." (Job 11:7-9)

"Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgements and unfathomable His ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?

Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again?

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be the glory forever. Amen. (Rom. 11:33-36)

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The God of the Bible: Revealed!

Impossible Mission Accomplished!

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The God of the Bible: His Name

OT: Yahweh

NT: Jesus: "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Mt. 28:19)

The Name of the Christian God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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The Doctrine of the Trinity: Identifying the one true God of the Bible

We don't understand because we don't understand that we aren't supposed to understand!

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The Biblical Data: 8 Facts of Scripture:

There is One God

The Father is God

The Father is a person

The Son is God

The Son is a person

The Holy Spirit is God

The Holy Spirit is a person

The three, Father, Son and Holy Spirit are set together in the New Testament

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THE TRINITY: ONE GOD EXISTS ETERNALLY AS THREE PERSONS, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

A Mystery but not a Contradiction

Each Being Equally God

Why no Trinity in the OT?: The Incarnation and Pentecost

Development: Jesus and His Ministry - The Early Worship of Jesus - The New Testament - Nicea (325) - Necean Creed (381)

Common Errors:

Tri-theism: 3 gods who are not 1

Unitarianism: 1 god who is not 3

Arianism: The Son and the Spirit are creatures and not divine

Modalism: The 3 persons describe only chronological or role phases of God and He is not really 3 persons

Adoptionism: Jesus was not the eternal Son, but was a human adopted by God

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The Social Trinity: the relationships of love among the 3 members of the Trinity

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"For through the Son we all have our access by one Spirit to the Father." (Eph. 2:18)

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WORSHIP THE TRINITY!

The One True God of the Bible: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

Slide 11 For Communion

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us....the one and only God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. (Jn.1:14,18)

Slide 12 As I walk out and do Benediction

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
(2 Cor. 13:14)
