

The Triune God

This text, in the context of the totality of Scripture, gives to us an understanding of God as a plurality in unity, as it speaks to us of God creating and the Spirit being present. We must specifically, when speaking of the God of the Bible, speak of God as a Tri-unity, or Trinity. The one God is three persons in perfect unity of being, essence, and agreement. We see this by considering the fact that the Son is as much Creator-God as the Father (See [John 1:1-4,14](#) and [Hebrews 1:1-3](#)), and by understanding that the Spirit of God is equally Divine ([Job 33:4](#), [Acts 5:1-5](#) and [Romans 8:9-10](#)). These three persons, Father, Son, and Spirit, are the One God.

Why Is The Triune God Necessary?

Why would we say that the Triune God of Scripture is necessary to knowledge?

First of all, truth is expected to be an unity. We expect that which is true in one field of study to agree with what is true in any other field of study in whatever fashion those fields of truth intersect. For example, we would expect that mathematical truth would be the same whether it were applied to governments or to a building contractor's business. We would not expect the realities of mathematics to change simply because of the field in which math was applied changed. We expect truth to be true wherever truth appears.

What this means is that we expect there to be unity in plurality. While there are many fields of knowledge, we expect the truth to be united across the plurality of fields. There is one body of truth, though many fields of knowledge; and the truths found in every field of knowledge agree, as truth is an unity.

The problem is that we must then find a source and standard for truth and knowledge that can provide unity in plurality.

Pantheism cannot provide this unity in plurality. If all is god, then there is actually more of a monad than a plurality. Not only so, but all is subsumed into god leaving us with obscurity. There would be no true revelation, because all is god and there would be nothing distinct from the god to receive knowledge. In fact, we would be unable to even know what to call this god. This would cause everyone and everything to be a standard of truth in and of itself/ourselves. This would leave us with relativism, because we would be unable to point anywhere to a united standard of truth that addresses the problem of plurality in unity.

If God were totally one in the sense that Allah, the god of the Muslims, is one, then we would again have an unknowable standard. The god would then be so utterly other than the world and humanity that the god would be unapproachable and unknowable. There would be no way to have a divine revelation that would give us truth and knowledge. Neither would we have a standard by which to know truth. We would be left in the dark.^[1]

What, then, is the answer to our dilemma? The Triune God of Scripture is the answer. He alone meets our need for a single, sovereign, intelligent Creator God who is the source of all knowledge and truth. Apart from the Trinity there can be neither truth nor knowledge.

The Bible, as the source of our knowledge of this Triune God, is our only ground of rational thought. It is in the Christian Scriptures that we find that God is:

1. Our Creator ([Genesis 1:1-3](#); [Jeremiah 32:17](#); [Hebrews 1:1-3](#); [11:3](#)).
2. The God of knowledge and truth who judges us ([Deuteronomy 32:4](#); [1 Samuel 2:3](#)).
3. The God who is one God, yet three persons ([Genesis 1:1-3,26-28](#); [Psalm 110:1-7](#); [John 1:1-4,14](#); [3:16-17](#); [5:17-21](#); [Hebrews 1:1-3](#)).
4. The God who makes Himself known to His creatures ([Genesis 1:1-31](#); [2:1-25](#); [Psalm 19:1-11](#); [Isaiah 40:1-8](#); [John 1:18](#); [Hebrews 1:1-3](#); [Revelation 1:1-8](#); [22:1-6,16-21](#)).

With this in mind, we need to approach our Bibles as God's revelation of Himself; and, if God reveals Himself to us in the Scriptures, we must acknowledge that the Scriptures are true.

^[1] Thus, *ipso facto*, the Koran is no revelation of God, nor is it true.