

TOPIC NIGHT: MONOTHEISM

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. - Deuteronomy 6:4

THE OBJECTION

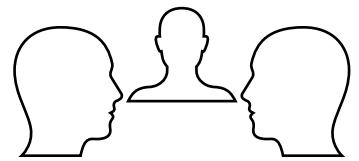
The idea of God as a 'duality' or 'trinity' is heretical because, according to Judaic beliefs, the Torah rules out a trinitarian God in Deuteronomy (6:4): "Hear O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one."

WAYS OF APPROACHING THIS

Approaching the Trinity as a problem



Approaching the Trinity as a set of propositions



Approaching the Trinity as a philosophical issue



Trying to find the Trinity in the Bible



THE BIBLE'S WAY OF APPROACHING THIS

- Exodus 20:3
- Exodus 32
- Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- Deuteronomy 13:1-5
- Deuteronomy 32:15-18

Deuteronomy 6

So why worship God alone?

- Exodus 20:2-3
- Deuteronomy 6:3-5
- Deuteronomy 13:5
- Deuteronomy 32:8-9, 17-18, 21, 31, 37-39

WHAT MAKES GOD 'GOD'?

- Genesis 1

- Exodus 7-10

- Genesis 1:1

- Deuteronomy 33:26-27

- Genesis 3

- Genesis 6-9

- Genesis 18:25

- Exodus 32

- Leviticus 26

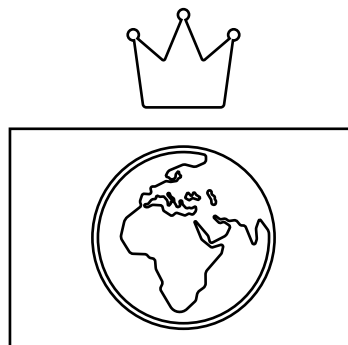
- Deuteronomy 28

- Deuteronomy 32

SO THE TRINITY AND THE PENTATEUCH?

Anyone the Bible assigns the divine identity to **is** the one true God!

CREATOR



JUDGE

Where everything is going

Genesis 12 and 17; Exodus 9:16; Numbers 14:21

The New Testament

- John 1:1-18

- John 5:16-30

- Ephesians 1

- Philippians 2:6-11

- Revelation 5:6-14

- Revelation 22:12-21

RESOURCES I HAVE FOUND USEFUL...

- **Who is God? Key moments of Biblical revelation (Richard Bauckham)**

A short book that looks at how the Bible reveals God through its storylines.

- **Jesus and the God of Israel (Richard Bauckham)**

A collection of essays on how Jesus shares the 'divine identity' of God.