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PRAYER MINISTRY

What are the 4 views of
God's process of creation?

TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

...And should science or
scripture hold the most weight?
TONIGHT at 6 pm



Knowing and
Defending the Faith

Knowing and Defending the Triune Nature of God (Part 1)

Distortions and Misconceptions of God's Triune Nature

Jehovah's Witnesses: Jehovah is the Almighty God, Jesus is the Mighty God, and the Holy Spirit is God's active force

A common caricature of the trinity: 3-headed God or 3 Gods

Islam's belief: Allah is the only God, and he has no son

Mormons believe in millions of Gods and that all were once men (those faithful & married in the temple can progress to Godhood)

Hindus believe in millions of Gods and they're often fine with including Jesus among them

Modalism: There is one God and at different moments He represents Himself in different personalities

*God's creation of space and time
proclaim His triune nature:*

*After understanding scriptural challenges,
then let's look at how God's word shows
the triune nature of God.*

The main passage used to challenge the idea of one God

John 10:33-36 (ESV) ³³ The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? ³⁵ If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— ³⁶ do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

Psalms 82:1 (NKJV) God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

Psalms 82:6-7 (NKJV) ⁶ I said, "You *are* gods, And all of you *are* children of the Most High. ⁷ But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."

There is only One supernatural being who is truly God

Isaiah 43:10 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ¹⁰ "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me."

Isaiah 44:8-9 (NKJV) ⁸ Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared *it*? You *are* My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed *there is* no other Rock; I know not *one*.' "

⁹ Those who make an image, all of them *are* useless, And their precious things shall not profit; They *are* their own witnesses; They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.

God is everywhere and is 3 times holy

2 Chronicles 2:6 (NIV₂₀₁₁) But who is able to build a temple for him, **since the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain him**? Who then am I to build a temple for him, except as a place to burn sacrifices before him?

Psalms 139:8 (NASB₁₉₉₅) If I ascend to **heaven**, **You are there**; If I make my bed in **Sheol**, behold, **You are there**.

Isaiah 6:3 (ESV) And one called to another and said: "**Holy, holy, holy** is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Revelation 4:8 (KJV) And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy**, Lord God Almighty, **which was, and is, and is to come**.

God's Creation: Made by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Isaiah 45:18a (NIV₂₀₁₁) ¹⁸ For this is what the LORD says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.”

Genesis 1:2b (NKJV) And the Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters.
Job 26:13 (NKJV) By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

Psalms 104:30 (NKJV) You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

Colossians 1:16 (ESV) For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Jesus is God, but one of the 3 personages

John 1:1 (KJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 (HCSB) The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Luke 3:22 (ESV) and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Jesus uses the same titles as Yahweh/ Jehovah

Isaiah 44:6 (ESV) Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Revelation 1:8 (NKJV) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:17-18 (HCSB) ¹⁷ When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. He laid His right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, ¹⁸ and the Living One. I was dead, but look—I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Revelation 22:13 (NASB₁₉₉₅) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Jesus takes the divine name upon himself

Exodus 3:14 (NLT2) God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you."

John 8:57-58 (NKJV) ⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

John 18:4-6 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ⁴ So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He *said to them, "I am *He*." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶ So when He said to them, "I am *He*," they drew back and fell to the ground.

Yahweh/ Jehovah/ Jesus: Our light and salvation

Psalms 27:1a (NKJV) The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

John 8:12 (ESV) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Isaiah 43:11 (HCSB) I, I am Yahweh, and there is no other Savior but Me.

Acts 4:12 (NASB₁₉₉₅) "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Though we are not God, we are created in His image, & our salvation is complete when our body & soul receive the Holy Spirit.