

Illogical "Christian" Teachings

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In the beginning was Logic,
and Logic was with God,
and Logic was God.

Then, il-logic took over—but, Logic will prevail.

The seeds of il-logic were sown by Satan, the Devil, when he attempted to replace and become **The God** who created him. It was, and still is Satan's objective to degrade, confuse, contradict and replace the Living Word-- Jesus Christ, and the Written Word--the Holy Bible.

The objective of this paper is to identify illogical "Christian" teachings, for it is my firm belief that the teachings of God, and the Word of God, are logical within God's creation and within the human realm.

There is, of course, the crossover from the physical to the spiritual dimension, but I believe that God through His Word and His Holy Spirit make it clear that when God performs a miracle, that is contrary to human logic, He expects us to believe it through faith, not through human understanding.

The teachings listed as "illogical" are so identified based on my understanding of the Word of God, and are subject to correction and change based on evidence to the contrary.

Obviously, not every body will agree with what is identified as "illogical teachings". Each teaching is only a small piece of a very large puzzle. If a teaching is right, it will easily fit in its correct and logical place. If the teaching is wrong, it will sooner or later be found out to be illogical and will not fit anywhere. Therefore, do not worry! Trust in God, who, in His own time, will reveal to each and every one of us His complete picture with every teaching in its correct and logical place.

Any reader who is not familiar with these doctrinal issues, can find articles, booklets and books, pro and con, through search engines or on Church of God websites and links.

This is a dynamic list, so, feel free to comment or submit other illogical "Christian" teachings based on your understanding of the Word of God.

The TRINITY teaching!

"One God in three divine persons—Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Even those who accept the trinity admit that: "No man can fully explain the Trinity though in every age scholars have propounded theories and advanced hypotheses to explore this mysterious teaching. But despite the worthy efforts of these scholars, the Trinity is still largely incomprehensible to the mind of man." **Not only is this teaching mysterious and incomprehensible, it is illogical.**

The TWINITY teaching!

One God in two divine persons—God and His Spokesman. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote: "Long before anything else existed, there did exist two Supreme Beings, immortal, who ALWAYS existed." "So, here we find revealed originally two Personages. One is God. And with God in that prehistoric time was another Personage who also was God—one who later was begotten and born as Jesus Christ." But how can this be? How can one existing God become begotten and born of the other existing God and become His son? **The teaching that two existing, co-equal God's in the Old Testament, became Father and Son in the New Testament, is not a true father/son relationship, it is illogical.**

The ONE GOD teaching!

So called "Biblical Unitarianism" teaches that Jesus **was not, is not and never will be God** because, they claim, the word "God," as a title, can *only* be applied to God Almighty, ONE God being - the Father. However, the word "God" *also* identifies what kind of being is spoken of. Jesus, as the son of God, was begotten of the God kind (His spiritual nature), and born of the human kind (His physical nature). For 33 ½ years He was a born human being, begotten of God, and as such He was (a) God (being). After His resurrection He was born (again), no longer human, then fully (of the) God (kind). **To deny that Jesus was and is God (kind) would mean that He is Satan (kind), and that not only is very illogical, but a denial of God Himself.**

The JESUS IS SAVIOR, BUT NOT GOD teaching!

So-called "Biblical Unitarians" believe and proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Savior, etc., BUT NOT GOD! This raises the question: If Jesus is not God, what is HE? Every known "being" (the word "being" simply means "to be") is either a "human being," an "angelic being," or a "God being."

In order to maintain the (false) Unitarian ONE God doctrine, Jesus is seen (only) as a "glorified, human being." That's why to Unitarian's the difference between God and Jesus is that GOD is GOD and JESUS is NOT GOD (human). However, the true difference between God and Jesus is not that one is God and the other is not. The true difference between God and Jesus is that one is the FATHER and the other is the SON, clearly, both are "God Beings." **To claim a Savior, who is anything less than (a) God (being), is not only un-biblical, it is very illogical.**

The ONE GOD IN TWO OR THREE PERSONS teaching!

Most "Christian" denominations make the claim to believe in "ONE God," but then add "in two or in three persons." What does this mean? "One, in two or three" is an incomprehensible concept, and every explanation offered, falls short to make plain this mysterious teaching. The simple, biblical message is that there was ONE God in Old Testament time, who had a Son in New Testament time, so that there are now TWO God Beings. **To claim a belief in "ONE God" and at the same time make the claim "in TWO or THREE persons" is not only incomprehensible and mysterious, but illogical.**

The THIRD PERSON IN THE TRINITY teaching!

God is Holy and God is Spirit, therefore, God is the Holy Spirit.

God is a *family* – not a trinity! There is the *Father*, the eternal God. There is the *firstborn Son* of God – Jesus, the eternal Word (of God). There are the many additional, *begotten children* of God, that will be *born* of God at the first, the better resurrection. **The Roman Catholic/Protestant Church teaching that the Spirit of God is a third person (Being) in a trinity or in a triune godhead, is mythology, syncretism and very illogical.**

The GOD HAD A SON, BUT NO WIFE teaching!

Roman Catholicism, Protestantism and most Churches of God teach that God the Father and God the Son always existed. The problem with this (false) teaching is that it leaves God the Father without a wife. Yet, clearly, God presents Himself not only as the Originator of the family (Gen 1 & 2), but He presents Himself as the Family of God (Eph 3:14-15). God is not a dysfunctional family consisting of a *three in one* Trinity/godhead, or a *two in one* Twinity/godhead, or a *one in one* Unitarian/godhead. God is our example, and man was created in the image of God. **Therefore, the idea that God the Father had a son, but no wife, is contrary to Rom. 1:19-20, and very illogical, to say the least.**

The INCARNATION teaching!

According to Catholic theology, Jesus always existed as the Son of God and came to earth via an incarnation as a human being, by being born of Mary 2000 years ago. According to the Bible, God and His Word always existed. Then 2000 years ago, the Word (of God) became the first (so) begotten Son (of God) by being born of Mary. The idea of pre-existence and GOD and or the god's becoming MAN is as old as time, and is the basis of all Babylonish Mystery Religions, which include the (false) doctrines of reincarnation and the immortality of the soul. **New-existence and procreation is logical, and according to God's creation. Pre-existence and incarnation is illogical, and does not exist in God's creation.**

The TRANSUBSTANTIATION teaching!

One of the mystery doctrines of Roman Catholicism is the Holy Eucharist or Transubstantiation, where the Sacrament of the Altar contains Christ, the Son of God, under the outward appearance of bread and wine. A SYMBOL—bread and wine—is mysteriously, turned into REALITY—Jesus, the Son of God. **The transubstantiation of a symbol, whether BREAD and WINE turned into REALITY--JESUS CHRIST, or a ROCK in the wilderness (I Cor. 10:4) turned into REALITY--JESUS CHRIST, is illogical.**

The IMMORTAL SOUL teaching!

"Christianity" claims that man **HAS** an immortal soul, meaning that the soul/person continues to live, after the body has died. The Word of God says that man **IS** a mortal soul, and that the soul that sins shall die (not live), and that the only hope of the dead is a resurrection from the dead. **The teaching that death means life in heaven hell or purgatory is illogical.**

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION teaching!

Roman Catholic Mariology claims that Mary was exempt from the original sin nature all human beings are born with, since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. However, since Mary's parents were two sinful human beings, Mary was born with the same sinful nature as that of her parents. Mary is in need of a Savior, as much as

anybody else. **The claim that Mary was conceived and born without a sin nature, is not only contrary to nature, but is un-biblical and illogical.**

The EXISTING BEFORE BEING BORN teaching!

The idea and teaching that one exists before one is born, has its roots in mythology, in re-incarnation, and in the immortal soul belief. You can not, and you do not exist before you exist, and Jesus is no exception, for Jesus is our example. **The teaching of pre-existence, i.e., to exist before being born, either of the sons of men, or of the Son of God, is very illogical.**

The PRE-EXISTENCE OF JESUS teaching!

In the Old Testament there are four scriptures that are used to proof that Jesus pre-existed His birth, Gen 1:26; 3:22; 11:6-7 and Isaiah 6:8. These **four** verses contain the first-person plural pronoun "us", used as proof that there was more than ONE God. However, Gen 1:27 and **thousands** of other Old Testament scriptures use the first-person singular pronouns "I," "me," "my" and the singular "he" when referring to God. **The use of FOUR verses that contain the obscure plural pronoun "us", to proof the pre-existence of Jesus, while ignoring THOUSANDS of singular pronouns is not only bad hermeneutics, but is very illogical.**

The GOD BECAME MAN teaching!

John 1:14 is used to explain and justify the (false) idea that God became man through an incarnation. However, the fact is that John 1:14 DOES NOT say: And **God** became flesh and dwelled among us. It says: "*And the Word (of God) became flesh and dwelled among us.*" God DID NOT become a human being! God had a son who was born as a human being! First is the physical and then the spiritual according to 1 Cor. 15:46. **The claim that first there was a spirit being (a God) that became a physical being (a human) is not only unscriptural, but is very illogical.**

The YOU MUST BE ADAPTED teaching!

Catholicism, Protestantism and most Evangelical churches teach that after conversion you are adopted by the family (meaning trinity / godhead) of God. The (false) distinction is made that **God HAS a family** rather than **God IS a family**. This distinction is necessary because of their (false) doctrine that **God is a trinity** which is in hopeless contradiction to **God being a family**. The obvious problem is that if God would be a trinity, then God would forever be limited to three, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, which would keep you and me and everybody else from ever becoming a part of God, or become one with God, as Jesus prayed for in John 17. True son-ship can only come through PROCREATION and not through ADOPTION. Nowhere in Scripture does it say that you must be adopted. **Jesus command is clear when He said: "you must be BORN again, or you can not enter the Kingdom (the Family) of God."**

The "FULLY MAN" and "FULLY GOD" teaching!

Most of Christianity has bought into the incomprehensible and contradictory teaching that Jesus, during His 33 years on earth, was "fully man" and "fully God." But, how can this be? The glass can not be "fully empty" and "fully full" at the same time, not even God's glass. Mary was impregnated by God which made Jesus a BEGOTTEN God being, but *not yet* "fully God." Mary gave BIRTH to Jesus which made Him "fully man." Then, after His resurrection He became "fully God," no longer a man. **The idea that Jesus was fully human AND fully divine, at the same time, is simply not possible, and is extremely illogical.**

The JESUS "KNEW" and "DID NOT KNOW" teaching!

Trinitarian Christology (falsely) teaches that Jesus, while on this earth, was "fully God" and "fully man". This in turn necessitates the (false) claim that His "divine nature" knew the day and the hour of His (second) coming, but that His "human nature" did not. In other words the claim is that He knew and did not know at the same time and in the same body. **Not only is this an oxymoron, but impossible and illogical.** The Word of God has no such ambiguity, for Jesus pledges Himself when He said: "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*" What words? "*But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.*" **Believe it, or not!**

The BORN AGAIN teaching!

When Jesus Christ told Nicodemus, and by extension all of us, that "you must be born again" in order to see and enter the kingdom of God, He did not mean just a change of heart. Jesus plainly said: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh (human), and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit (God)." **Therefore, the teaching that one is "born again" in this life, while still flesh, is illogical.**

The DIS-EMBODIED SOUL teaching!

Traditional Christianity (falsely) teaches that, upon death, the soul separates from the body. The body returns to dust and the soul continues to live until the resurrection, when the soul receives a new body. In other words, the dead person is not really dead. The soul, now disembodied, continues to have consciousness and does whatever

disembodied souls do, at least according to mythology! But is that what the Bible teaches? Not at all! First of all, man does not *have* a soul, man *is* a soul. Secondly, the Bible says that the soul that sins shall die, and since all souls have sinned, all souls die, and death is the opposite of life. **The idea that death means that your disembodied soul continues to live in heaven hell or purgatory, is not only not biblical, but very illogical.**

The UNIVERSAL SALVATION teaching!

There are those Christian groups who believe and teach Universal Salvation, meaning that ultimately ALL who where ever born (conceived?) will be saved. This is based primarily on the premise that "God *is* love," and that true love would not condemn anyone to punishment in an eternally burning hell fire. To be sure, "God *is* love," but that is precisely the reason why there is no such Biblical teaching as "eternal punishment in hell fire." The Biblical teaching that God set before man (kind) is the choice between "life" and "death," and He strongly admonishes us to "choose life." There would be no need for God to admonish us to avoid the second death, if ALL would be saved, no matter what. **The doctrine of Universal Salvation is extremely illogical.**

The ETERNAL PUNISHING teaching!

Roman Catholic, Protestant and most Evangelical churches teach that failure to accept Jesus Christ as Savior, in this life, will result in eternal *punishing* in an ever-burning hell. This (false) doctrine is build upon another (false) doctrine which claims that man HAS an "immortal soul" that retains consciousness (life) after death, in heaven, hell or purgatory. However, man does not HAVE an immortal soul, man IS a *mortal* soul, for the soul that sins shall die, and since all souls have sinned, all souls die. To be sure, there is an eternal punishment which is the second death. The God given choice is between eternal life and eternal death, not between eternal life and eternal punishing in an ever-burning hell. **The idea of eternal punishing, torment and suffering in an everlasting hell-fire is mythology and is very illogical.**

The SUNDAY teaching!

The Word of God says: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God." **For a church organization (doctrinal committee) to change a command of God from "Sabbath the seventh day" to "Sunday the first day" is unscriptural and illogical.**

The EASTER teaching!

Easter, according to "Christianity", celebrates the resurrection of Christ. The problem is that the Word of God does not command or recommend such a celebration. The Word of God commands us to annually commemorate the death of Christ by keeping the Passover. **Easter is a very illogical "Christian" holiday.**

The CHRISTMAS teaching!

Christmas, according to "Christianity", celebrates the birth of Christ. The problem is that the Word of God does not command or recommend such a celebration. The Word of God commands us to keep seven annual feast days, and Christmas is not one of them. **Christmas is a very illogical "Christian" holiday.**

The WEEKLY SABBATH YES, BUT NOT THE ANNUAL SABBATHS teaching!

There are Christians who keep the weekly Sabbath, but reject the annual Sabbaths based on the fact that the weekly Sabbath is part of the Decalogue, whereas the annual Sabbaths are (mistakenly) considered to be part of the sacrificial system that was done away with the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. However, just as the weekly Sabbath-rest points prophetically to the millennial Sabbath-rest, so the annual Sabbaths point prophetically to God's plan of salvation, of which four of the seven annual Sabbaths are yet to come. **To reject the annual Sabbaths of God, is to reject a prophetic word from God, which is very illogical.**

The FRIDAY / SUNDAY CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION teaching!

The only sign Jesus gave that He was the true Messiah was the sign of Jonah. Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, as was Jesus three days and three nights in the grave. It is impossible to count three days and three nights from Friday to Sunday. **Therefore, the teaching that the death of Jesus Christ took place on a Friday and His resurrection on a Sunday is wrong and illogical.**

The 15th PASSOVER teaching!

The Word of God states, at least ten times, that the Passover of the Lord is on the 14th day of the first month. The 14th obviously begins at the end of the 13th and ends before the beginning of the 15th. A 24 hour period. The reason why this day is called the **PASSOVER** is because on this day, that is at midnight of the 14th, the death angel **PASSED OVER** those houses that had the blood of the lamb on their door posts. So, in order to have the blood there at midnight of the 14th, the lambs had to be killed at the beginning of the 14th. There is no other way. The **SYMBOLIC** Passover had to, and has to, be kept at the *beginning* of the 14th, so that the **REAL** Passover, the

death of Jesus Christ, could take place at the *end* of the 14th. **Therefore, keeping a 15th (symbolic) Passover, beginning at the end of the 14th is wrong and illogical.**

The HEBREW CALENDAR teaching!

The Hebrew calendar is exactly what it says it is – it is the calendar of the Hebrews. It is not the calendar of God. There is no calendar in the Word of God, the Holy Bible. However, what is in the Bible is the means to determine, on any calendar, the beginning of the year and the month, and the subsequent days and dates for all of God's feast days. **To elevate the Hebrew calendar to the level of scripture is not only illogical, but is a direct violation of God's admonition not to add to His Word, the Holy Bible (Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18).**

The CRESCENT MOON teaching!

The Word of God teaches that the monthly cycle is determined from "new moon to new moon." The crescent moon is never mentioned in relation to the month, or to any calendar. **To accept the calendar of the Hebrews which determines the beginning of a new month based on the crescent moon, is illogical.**

The ONLY DAY OF SALVATION teaching!

"Christianity" claims and teaches that "this is the only day of salvation" which means that unless you are "saved in this life", you will go to hell and burn forever. Too bad for the billions who have lived and died and have never even heard the name of Jesus Christ. **The il-logic of such a teaching should be self-evident to anybody who professes the God of the Bible, who claims to be The God of perfect justice and of perfect love.**

The LAW IS OLD TESTAMENT, LOVE IS NEW TESTAMENT teaching!

For the law was given by Moses, (but) grace and truth (and love) came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17). This verse has become the (mistaken) teaching and belief of millions, that the law of God has been done away with since the advent of Jesus, who brought us grace and love. Yes, the law was given by Moses, but Moses was not the author of the law. God the Father is the author of divine law. God spoke the law into existence, through and by His Word. Then, the Word of God, which is the same yesterday, and today, and forever, BECAME the Son of God who said: "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). **The idea that the LAW of God was done away with, or is in conflict with the LOVE of God, is not only un-biblical, but very illogical.**

The ABORTION teaching!

Abortion may not be a direct "Christian" teaching; however, abortion has been accepted and is practiced by Christians as by Gentiles. God put before mankind the choice of **life** versus **death**, and in His infinite love for His creation He makes the strong recommendation to "**choose life!**" However, men and woman, in their infinite foolishness "**choose death!**" Abortion is not only very ILLOGICAL, but is a direct violation of God's most fundamental objective for mankind to "**Be fruitful and multiply...**"

The EVOLUTION teaching!

For some strange and unexplainable reason, the basic and fundamental premise, that SOMETHING can not come from NOTHING, escapes (way to) many, even the highly educated thinkers of this world. The **theory** of evolution ignores the obvious, which is a perfect and reliable earth to live in, trees that provide so many benefits, they are too many to list, and a DNA code that is so complex that **to believe it all happened by random chance, without design and forethought by a Creator, is the height of foolishness and il-logic.**

The INFANT SPRINKLE teaching!

The tradition of sprinkling water on an infant as baptism, misses all of the symbolism of baptism which is the necessity to make a decision against Satan, and a decision for God, which includes the comprehension that Jesus, the Son of God, died in MY place for the remission of MY sins. **Since infants can not make such a decision, infant sprinkling is illogical.**

The ADULT SPRINKLE teaching!

The tradition of sprinkling water on an adult as baptism, misses all of the symbolism of baptism which is death by completely going under the water (grave), and resurrection by coming out of the water (grave). Only baptism by immersion teaches that we have to die in order to live. **Since sprinkling does not symbolize death and resurrection, sprinkling is un-scriptural and illogical.**

The ALL FOOD IS CLEAN teaching!

The Lord, in Leviticus 11, defines what living things may be eaten and what not. However, "Christianity", based on Acts 10, teaches that all food is now clean. The problem is that Leviticus speaks of *foods*, whereas, Acts speaks of *gentiles*. **To teach and believe that the camel, the hare, the rock badger, the swine, the skunk, the rat,**

the eagle, the falcon, the lobster, the eel, the clam, the oyster, etc. is now clean food, is not only very illogical, but dangerous to your health.

The BELIEVE AS WE DO teaching!

Every church organization publishes their own uniquely worded Statement of Beliefs, Doctrinal Statements, Creedal Statements, etc., to define their beliefs and to identify and differentiate themselves from other church organizations. The idea is to unify everybody in the same beliefs as determined by a single leader or a doctrinal committee. Members are expected to accept and support the teachings of the organization. This can become especially problematic for those who work for a given church organization who have to commit themselves, often in writing, to such creedal statements that are difficult, if not impossible to change. **However, the requirement to "believe as WE do" is often contrary to Scripture, and can hinder the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, and is therefore dangerous and illogical. The Biblical question is: "But who do YOU say that I am?"**

The UNIVERSAL FATHERHOOD OF GOD teaching!

In an attempt by various religious groups to pursue unity with other religions, the idea of a "Universal Fatherhood of God," meaning that all roads (all religions) lead to the same God, has been advanced, and has been accepted by many. Of course, there is a Universal Fatherhood of God in that He is The Maker of all by an act of CREATION. **However, true Fatherhood and true Son-ship can only come through PROCREATION, and is limited to those whom God the Father calls, and who accept the atoning work of Jesus Christ on their behalf.**

The UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAN teaching!

In an attempt by various religious groups to pursue unity with other religions, the idea of a "Universal Brotherhood of man," meaning that all man (from all religions) are brothers one to another of the same God, has been advanced and has been accepted by many. This (false) premise is based on the (false) premise of a Universal Fatherhood of God, but the atheist, the Jew or the believer in any other god than the God of Jesus Christ is not our true (spiritual) brother. **There is, however, a "Universal Neighborhood of ALL man," based on the Biblical command that, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**