

# A list of problem issues that come with the TWO God teaching.

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The teaching that there were TWO Gods from the beginning and throughout Old Testament time raises many issues that demand, as a minimum, consideration and review.

What if this teaching is wrong??

- 1) The teaching that there were **TWO co-eternal Gods**, God and His Spokesman, from the beginning and throughout Old Testament (O.T.) time is **polytheism!**
- 2) The word “Godhead,” is not used in many (most?) translations. **It is but a synonym for the word “Trinity,”** describing the Roman Catholic “one God in three persons” teaching. There is no such thing as a “Godhead,” just as there is no such thing as a “Trinity.”
- 3) Herbert W. Armstrong (HWA) rejected the trinity, but **continued to use the term “Godhead”** to describe a “one God in two persons” teaching!
- 4) Both teachings are a mystery in that **“one God in two”** is as incomprehensible as **“one God in three.”**
- 5) Nowhere does the O.T. tell us that there were TWO Gods from the beginning. The idea is supported only by inference of O.T. scriptures, and deduced from N.T. scriptures **after God fathered a son.**
- 6) **IT the Word of God** is no more a second person than **IT the Spirit of God** is not a third person. Not until **IT the Word of God BECAME HE the Son of God** in John 1:14 were there two God beings.
- 7) HWA taught correctly that there was no **father and no son in Gen. 1:1 and John 1:1.** He identified the two Gods as “God” and the “Spokesman.” But, that is not a family relationship! Therefore, “Elohim” cannot make reference to a “God Family,” except in a future context.
- 8) A true family does not begin with two males -- God and His Spokesman! **That would be a dysfunctional family.**
- 9) According to HWA teaching, **God had a son but no wife** which is contrary to the natural, created order and would describe a dysfunctional family!
- 10) Some believe that **God the Father and God the Son existed from all eternity**, as in the Roman Catholic mystery Trinity teaching, and some believe that **God the Son was begotten and born of God in some unknown, undetermined time in eternity.** But, where does it say that in scripture?
- 11) If Jesus would have already existed before He was born as Jesus, **He could not be our example** for you and I did not exist before we were born, except in our fathers mind.

12) From the beginning and throughout O.T. time, God and His word was ONE God, **an involuntary oneness** for the word can only speak that which comes from the mind of God (one center of thought). In N.T. time, God the Father and Jesus His Son are the ONE God Family consisting of TWO God beings, a **voluntary oneness** where the Father knew things that the Son knew not (two centers of thought).

13) There are two Jesus' in view. One who (I consider false) was first a spirit being, then became a physical being and then again became a spirit being. The other (that I consider correct) was first a physical being and then became a spirit being. "Thus it is written; the first man Adam became a living being (when he was created); the last Adam became a life-giving spirit (when he was born again at his resurrection). **But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual.**"

14) There can be no doubt that God Almighty, a Spirit Being, is the father of Jesus. There can also be no doubt that the Virgin Mary was the mother of Jesus. There can also be no doubt that it was this Spirit Being, God Almighty, who impregnated the Virgin Mary. There are only two possible conclusions we can draw from these facts: Either God committed fornication with a betrothed (as good as married) woman (not very likely), or **Mary, an Israelite woman, was the legitimate, legal, spiritual (surrogate) wife of God**, representing all of Israel.

15) HWA taught that Jesus married Israel at Mt Sinai, then divorced his O. T. wife, then died, so he could marry again his N. T. wife. Scripture teaches that **Jesus died to atone for the sins of the world**, and for no other reason.

16) God said: "For I hate divorce." Is it reasonable to teach that God's firstborn son – **Jesus -- was a divorcé?**

17) The idea of existence before birth is mythology. **Birth is always a beginning** just as death is always an end.

18) The common statement that Jesus was "fully God and fully man," while on earth, is not a biblical statement. Yes, Jesus was "fully man," but He could not have been "fully God" for **"fully God" cannot die**. Jesus was (only) the BEGOTTEN Son of God and as such was able to die.

19) The teaching that Jesus was brought into the world through **Incarnation (evil) AND Procreation (good) is syncretism**, the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good AND evil. Jesus was begotten and born *only* through procreation.

20) HWA rejected the trinity but retained from Roman Catholicism the **mystery incarnation** teaching. However, no God or god ever became a man! The ONE true God of O. T. time fathered a son who was born as a man in N. T. time.

21) The Bible, just as time, is divided into two parts. **Before Christ** (BC/O.T.), and **after Christ** (AD/N.T.). Man (kind) is truly without excuse.

22) If Jesus the Son would be the Creator of Gen. 1:1, God would ask: **"If I am a Father, where is my honor?"**

Here in four sentences is the solution to the above problems:

1) In the beginning God Almighty, the ONE God, created the heavens and the earth **through the power of His WORD**. God spoke and it was.

2) Then God decided to start a family and He chose the slave nation Israel and entered into **a marriage covenant with Israel at Mt. Sinai**.

3) In the fullness of time God chose the Virgin Mary, an Israelite woman representing all of Israel, and impregnated her with His WORD (seed/sperm) to give birth to His only (so) (spirit) **BEGOTTEN** and (physically) firstborn son whom He named Jesus. And **the WORD of God BECAME the SON of God**.

4) For 33 ½ years Jesus **was (only) the BEGOTTEN Son of God** and the **BORN Son of man** able to sin and to die (just like you and I if called and begotten of God). He lived, he suffered, he never sinned, he died and was resurrected – **BORN AGAIN**, never able to die again.

**Jesus was and is truly and literally the forerunner, our example in all things.**