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### Did Two Jehovah Persons Create All Things? 1 Corinthians 8:6



Oneness author David Bernard wrote, "...God predicated the entire work of creation upon the future manifestation of the Son. God foreknew that man would sin, but He also foreknew that through the Son man could be saved and could fulfil God's original purpose in creation. As John Miller stated, 'Though He did not pick up His humanity till the fullness of time, yet He used it, and acted upon it, from all eternity'" (*Essentials in Oneness Theology*, p. 21, by D. K. Bernard).

God the Father predicated all of His creation in Christ, through Christ, and for Christ within His own preconception and planning because Jesus Christ is God's reason and purpose for all of His creation. Hence, God first preconceived all that He was going to create through Jesus Christ because Jesus Christ is God's reason and purpose for the ages of all human history.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (BSB), "For He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in His presence. In love He predestined us for adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ..."

Scripture informs us that God chose Christ as His chosen servant (Isaiah 43:10; Micah 5:2) within His foreknown mind and plan, and then He chose His elect in Christ "before the foundation of the world." God did not literally create His elect in Christ "before the foundation of the world" because Ephesians 1:5 goes on to say that "He predestined us for adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ." To be predestined as sons through Jesus Christ is not the same thing as being literally created before the foundation of the world. Therefore we know that God first preconceived all things in His own mind and planning through Jesus Christ as the central purpose of the entire creation before the actual creation ever took place.

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On the radio program Dr Wallace commented on 1 Corinthians 8:6, "Paul says, 'Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we live, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live' ...What Paul does... I call it a primitive binitarian viewpoint. It's not even quite trinitarian... I should probably clarify this for the listeners. I think there's a progressive understanding in the New Testament about who Jesus is; and when Paul writes 1 Corinthians in the early 50s, I think he's very clearly binitarian. I don't know yet if he has understood the Trinity. My guess is he probably does not and those things get revealed a little bit later on." (Source: <http://lhm.org/blog/2013/01/26/response-to-daniel-wallace/>)

Notice that Paul emphatically states that "for us," the Christians, "there is but one God the Father ... and one Lord Jesus Christ." According to the inspired words of Paul, there is but one God the Father and but one Lord Jesus Christ. Why would Paul have left out the Holy Spirit as a third true God Person of a three person deity if Paul had believed in the later Trinitarian doctrine? That is why Dr Wallace believes that Paul was a "binitarian" rather than a Trinitarian and that the Trinitarian doctrine was "revealed a little bit later on."

The context of 1 Corinthians 8:4-6 is addressing Christians who know only one God the Father and only one Lord Jesus Christ, "... we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him ..."

If God was Tri-Personal then Paul should have written, "...yet for us there is One God the Father, One God the Son, and One God the Holy Spirit." But the text says "yet for us there is but One God the Father ... and one Lord Jesus Christ." If God was Tri-Personal, it seems very strange that a so called "God the Holy Spirit" would be excluded from such a vital text.

Peter said in Acts 2:36, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has MADE him [Greek verb ποιέó (poy-eh'-o) "Make, Manufacture, Construct, or Cause"] both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified."

God made Jesus "both Lord [kurios "Lord, master"] and Christ." Since God chose a Greek word which means to "make, manufacture, construct, or cause", Jesus could not have always been a distinct Lord and Christ beside Jehovah God the Father throughout eternity past!

Peter cited Psalm 110:1 in Acts 2:34 to show that a post incarnational Jesus would ascend into heaven as a human Lord. "For it was not David who ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, but he himself says: 'JEHOVAH SAID TO MY Lord (Adon), sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'"

If God meant that Jehovah said to another Jehovah Person, "sit at my right hand," then God would have said "Jehovah said to my Jehovah", or "Jehovah said to My Adonai" because Jehovah and Adonai are always used for God in the Hebrew Bible. But since "Adon" literally means a human lord, Psalm 110:1 could not be speaking about two coequally distinct God Persons. Wherefore, just as 1 Tim. 2:5 says that there is only "One God (the

Father) and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,” so Psalm 110:1 also says that there is only One Jehovah (the Father) and one human Lord (the son) who was “made both Lord and Christ (*Acts 2:36*)” by his Father.

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 in context says, “. . . we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords (*kurios*), 6yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord (*kurios*), Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him . . .”

Notice that the text reads, “and one Lord Jesus Christ (one Anointed One).” A coequal God the Son could not have created all things as a God the “anointed one.” For a pre-incarnate “anointed” Jesus could not be a coequal God Person because He who anoints is greater than he who is anointed.

Trinitarians overlook Paul’s contrast between the “many gods” and the “many lords” of the pagan world in 1 Cor. 8:5. Although there are “many gods” and “many lords” among non-Christians, to Christians, “for us” there is only One God and One Lord from each category. While the unbelieving world recognizes “many gods,” Christians only have One God the Father. While the unbelieving world recognizes “many lords,” Christians recognize only “one Lord Jesus Christ.”

Since Acts 2:36 says that “God has made him (Jesus) both Lord and Christ,” Jesus could not have always been a distinct “Lord” beside God the Father to create all things. Therefore we know that God created all things through Jesus Christ in His predetermined mind and planning just as the scriptures affirm in Ephesians 1:4-5, Romans 8:29, and Proverbs 8:22-30.

“He chose us in him (Christ) before the creation of the world . . . He predestined us for adoption to sonship through (dia) Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 1:4-5

God the Father clearly chose and predestined His elect in and through Jesus the Christ (the anointed one) by foreknowing His “predestined” elect “for adoption to sonship through Jesus CHRIST.” Since “Christ” means the “anointed one,” God as God cannot be anointed, but “God with us” as a man could be anointed by his God. Therefore God chose and predestined His elect for the adoption to sonship in and through Jesus Christ within God the Father’s own foreordained plan “before the creation of the world” ever took place.

Acts 10:38 informs us that the man Christ Jesus was anointed by his God, “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power . . .”

Hebrews 1:9 speaks of Jesus of Nazareth being anointed on the earth as a man, “You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.”

God clearly predestined His elect in and through His “foreknown (*1 Peter 1:20*)” “anointed” Son within His own prophetic plan before the creation of the world. God’s elect were clearly predestined in the anointed Christ child and through the anointed Christ child rather than through a coequal God Person as another alleged distinct Creator.

Proverbs 8:22-26, “22The Lord ACQUIRED (*qanah*) ME as THE FIRST OF HIS WORKS, before his deeds of old;23 I WAS INSTALLED (*nacak*) LONG AGO, AT THE VERY BEGINNING, when the world came to be. 24When there were no watery depths, I was given birth (*chuw*l),when there were no springs overflowing with water; 25before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I WAS GIVEN BIRTH (*chuw*l) 26before He made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth.”

Can God as God be acquired or installed at the very beginning? Can God as God be “given” a “birth” before He (the Father) made the world?” Here we can clearly see that Jesus was “the firstborn of all creation (*Col. 1:15*)” and “the beginning of the creation of God (*Rev. 3:14*)” in God’s prophetic mind and plan before all things were physically created later on in time. Therefore Jesus as a Son could not have literally created all things as the Father’s agent before his birth in Bethlehem.

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