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Does Oneness Apologist Steven Ritchie Advocate a form of Nestorianism? Response to Luis Reyes



Mr. Reyes himself proved that he built a false argument against me because every single quote he cited shows that Nestorius taught “two persons” within “the incarnate Christ” while every single audio clip that he played from me shows that I was speaking about one human person as the Messiah within the incarnation and the Father’s divine person outside of the incarnation.

Since Oneness Theology teaches that the One true God (our Heavenly Father) also became one true man (a human son) inside of the incarnation, we essentially hold the view that God’s One Divine Person also became a fully complete human person in the incarnation through the virgin. For the God who was “manifest in the flesh (1 Tim. [3:16](#))” and “partook of flesh and blood (Heb. [2:14](#))” was also “made like unto his brethren” (Heb. [2:17](#)) as a fully complete man (a human person).

At 0 - 21 seconds, Mr. Reyes admitted that Nestorius taught that “THE INCARNATE CHRIST WAS TWO PERSONS, a divine person and a human person existing IN THE INCARNATE CHRIST.” Nowhere have I ever said that “the incarnate Christ is two persons” as that would be Nestorianism.

At [0:21](#) - [0:45](#) Mr. Reyes cited H D McDonald in his New Dictionary of Theology, on page 457. Mr. McDonald said that Nestorius taught, “... the heresy of the two persons, a divine and a human existing in juxtaposition IN THE INCARNATE CHRIST.”

At [0:49](#) - [0:56](#) Lewis Schaefer, Systematic Theology – “The Nestorians acknowledge two persons IN OUR LORD.” Not one Divine Person outside of the incarnation and one human person inside of the incarnation. Thus, Mr. Reyes has again twisted my belief in order to deceive people into thinking that I hold Nestorian views.

At [1:22](#) - [01:35](#) Mr. Reyes cites Bill Mounce (ORG Biblical Training Collection), saying, “The Nestorian view holds that CHRIST IS actually not just two natures, the divine and human together, but actually TWO PERSONS.” Where did I ever say that “CHRIST IS TWO PERSONS?” nowhere!

At [1:51](#) - [2:05](#) Mr. Reyes cited the Encyclopaedia Britannica, “Nestorians stressed the independence of THE DIVINE AND HUMAN NATURES OF CHRIST and in effect suggested that they were two persons loosely united.”

At [2:12](#) - [2:28](#) Mr. Reyes cited John Gill saying, “The Nestorians asserted the human nature of Christ to be a person and so made TWO PERSONS IN CHRIST, ONE HUMAN AND ONE DIVINE.” Again, Mr. Reyes has no video clip of me ever stating that there were “two persons in Christ ... one human and one divine.” So Mr. Reyes hopes to deceive the hearts of the simple by pretending that I hold a Nestorian view of Christ. This is very shameful behaviour on the part of someone who claims to be a minister of Christ!

At [2:29](#) - [2:46](#) Mr. Reyes falsely alleged that I said that “the incarnate Christ was two persons.”

I challenge anyone to play a video clip of me ever stating that “the incarnate Christ was two persons.”

I never said that “Christ is two persons” and I never said that there are “two persons in the incarnate Christ.” That is adding to what I said and misrepresenting me. I said that the one true God person (who is the Father) also became one true man person as the son. John [5:26](#) says, “As the Father has LIFE IN HIMSELF, so also has he GRANTED THE SON LIFE IN HIMSELF.” Here we have the divine life of our Heavenly Father outside of the incarnation and the new human life of the son within the incarnation being granted by the Father. That is why Oneness author Dr. Daniel Segraves (UPCI) said, “Everything that Jesus did and said, he did and said as who he truly was, God manifest in genuine and full human existence.” For the One true God Person also became one true man person (a human son).

The human person (the man Christ Jesus) praying to the divine person (his Father) is NOT NESTORIANISM!

I said that the Father’s divine person outside of the incarnation also became a human person within the incarnation. I was not speaking solely about the Person of Christ within the incarnation as I was speaking about the ontological distinctions between the Father (outside of the incarnation) and the Son (inside of the incarnation).

I have posted many videos in which I have explained that Jesus Christ is one human person with his divine and human natures united together as one human person and that “Splitting Christ in Two is a Nestorian error which dismantles Christ’s true identity as God who became a true man in the incarnation.”

Here is exactly what I said in my YouTube Video entitled, “God Became One Man, The Error of Nestorianism.”

Jesus Christ of Nazareth did not sometimes speak as the Father and at other times speak as the Son; as that would be a Messiah as two persons with a divine and a human consciousness. For one person as one person cannot speak with more than one consciousness. Hence, Jesus Christ as God with us as a true man clearly spoke with only one human consciousness because he had a divine awareness of his true identity as “God with us” as a man which came by revelation from his Father.

I am 100% in agreement with Oneness theologian Jason Dulle who wrote that "Splitting Christ in Two" is a Nestorian error which dismantles Christ's true identity as God who became a true man in the incarnation.

Jason Dulle further wrote in his article, "The Archiles Heel of Trinitarianism ... Nestorianism,"

"It would be impossible for some of Christ's actions to be those of a man and some to be those of God, for such a notion posits two persons in Christ: one who is God and one who is man. This is impossible in light of a true incarnation of God. Jesus is God Himself existing as man, not God and a man existing together in one geographical locale; not a divine person and a human person coexisting side-by-side. Because Jesus is God's human mode of existence, there must of necessity be only one personal subject in Christ—not two—and that one personal subject is God."

Oneness theologian Jason Dulle went on to write, "In contrast to Jesus who is God existing as man, we are man existing as man. Just as we are the subject of all our actions, likewise God is the subject of all Christ's actions. God is the one who experienced sleep, hunger, thirst, and pain. Christ's humanity is God's humanity by virtue of the incarnational act wherein He Himself became man, and thus all of Christ's acts are those of God Himself in genuine human existence. Jesus, therefore, is not God acting and knowing as God and man acting and knowing as man side-by-side one another, but God acting and knowing as man through His human mode of existence (*Jason Dulle, "The Archiles Heel of Trinitarianism ... Nestorianism", onenesspentecostal.com*)."

The man Christ Jesus could not have sometimes spoke as God and at other times spoke as a Son because the One true God also became one true man in the incarnation through the virgin. This explains why Mark 13:32 informs us that the man Christ Jesus did not know the day and the hour of his own second coming, "but the Father alone." Jesus is God's mode of existence as a fully complete man who could pray and be tempted as a man inside the incarnation who did not know all things. In contradistinction, the omnipresent Heavenly Father who could not pray or be tempted as the All-Knowing God outside of the incarnation was also able to simultaneously exist in the incarnation as a true man, Jesus our Messiah.

The Nestorian view undermines the scriptural understanding that Jesus is "Immanuel," "God with us" as a true man in the incarnation through the virgin. For the Messiah could not have been two persons living side by side as one divine and one human person coexisting in one physical body. True Oneness Theology rejects the idea that Jesus had a divine side and a human side as two personalities within his being. For just as no true man can exist as two persons within one body, so the only true God also became a true man via virgin conception and birth.

Hebrews 2:14 (NIV) says, "Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil."

Hebrews 2:14-17 proves that the God who partook of flesh and blood in order to share in our humanity was also made like all men, "fully human in every way."

"For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way ..." Heb. 2:17 NIV

Oneness Theology rejects any idea that Jesus Christ is anything other than God who became a true man in the incarnation with a fully complete human spirit, a fully complete human will, and a fully complete human body. Therefore God as man in the incarnation has only one human will while God as God outside of the incarnation has only one divine will as our Heavenly Father.

Nowhere have I ever stated that Jesus is two persons living side by side within the incarnation which would be Nestorianism. Since I have clearly taught the opposite, Mr Luis Reyes has grossly misrepresented me as a Nestorian which is lying about my theological position.

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