

ESSENTIALS OF [BIBLICAL] MONOTHEISM

KNOW 'HIS' EXISTENCE

Reality requires a 'Foundation.' All things existing depend upon the Absolute Independent Existence of the One Creator. 'His' existence is nothing like the existence of all other things - it is incomparable. 'His' Being can not be truly expressed in words. We must say 'He exists' so as not to say that 'He' does not exist. 'His' Existence and Unity are one and the same. We indicate this Truth with multiple words because the realm of creation is a realm of plurality; and there is no way to accurately speak of 'His' splended Unity in this realm of plurality. This is also true of all the following 'attributes' listed below. None of 'His' attributes represent divisions or distinctions within 'His' Being. They are all one and the same with (synonymous to) His Being or reflect how we perceive that 'He' exists according to the expression of His Will via 'His' works within creation. Those 'attributes' which are all one and the same with 'His' Being are expressed in plural words only because no Absolute Unity as 'He' can be expressed by one word nor exists within the physical realm in which we live. There is no other way to speak of this in human language other than with multiple words. This is because of the limitation and inadequacy of language and our existence as created beings.

KNOW 'HIS' UNITY

None of the following "ASPECTS" of His Unity represent parts or distinctions within His Oneness. Concerning the Reality of His Being all these "aspects" are one and the same without any distinction - His Existence / Being. Since everything within creation is in some way plural, consequently even when discussing His Absolute Unity we are forced to use a plurality of words. This is because of the limitations of human language and the human mind. This limitation itself testifies to the incomparability of His Unity, since words are created, but He is not.

'He' **TRANSCENDS** all created things. Neither time and space nor any other factors of creation apply to Him. He is not subject to anything except His own unchanging Self. Therefore we say 'He is:'

Eternal,

All-powerful (with absolute power),

All-knowing (with absolute knowledge),

Alive (Self-existent),

All-sufficient (needs aid from nothing),

Absolute Creator (the Master, Creator, and Sustainer of all forms of existence), **All-authoritative** (all truth, justice, and rights depend on 'His' Will)

Absolutely Independent (is not influenced and is without any accident)

Non-material (...not within time or space; without any form or body; 'He' is not male, female, any combination of the two, or any other gender),

Non-spatial (is not located anywhere in space, is not contained, does not fill anything, is not a 'force' in any physical thing),

Invisible (since 'He' is not physical he can and never will be seen. It is not even that 'He' is physical but 'clear' - like air.),

Immutable (does not change since change is dependent upon factors of physical reality - time, space, motion; He transcends all these. Any change regarding 'Him' would mean imperfection. He has no need for motion, to take up space, etc...)

Without partners (for plurality can only apply to existences subject to time, space, and other factors of creation. Additionally, a need of a partner[s] would mean 'He' would be lacking [incomplete/imperfect], thus negating 'His' being All-sufficient, All-powerful, Independent, as well as Incorporeity. Plural independent 'wills' equal in transcendence can not exist together. They would cancel each other's power, or else one would be more powerful than the other, in which case one of them would not truly be transcendent. 'He' knows our thoughts and needs without the use of a mediator or middle-man; and 'His' mercy, compassion, and grace are sufficient without the help of another.)

HE IS ONE: A person can know, due to the above, that no form or concept of a plurality, plural unity, or compound unity apply to 'Him' - for any concept of plurality can only apply to existences that are subject to time, space, and the other factors of physical existence, but 'He,' blessed is 'He,' transcends all these. Therefore we say 'He' is ONE - an Absolute Transcendent Unity - for there is no other way to indicate this in any language; yet 'He' is not a numerical one which could be pointed to or counted. If we said 'Zero' then it would be implied that 'He' does not exist; but 'His' existence is more absolute and true than any other; for all depend upon 'Him' for existence, but 'He' depends on nothing. Nothing comes from zero (nothing). One precedes Two or any other plurality. ONE precedes all else; and ONE should we serve.