

## **Charisma Magazine Finally Prints The Truth Regarding The Doctrine of The Trinity**

*Charisma* magazine is published monthly by a large non-denominational religious organization in Florida that also publishes books by Christian authors. In 2006 when I finished writing my book *To God Be The Glory*, I contacted them thinking they might have some interest. I was directed to a kind gentleman with whom I discussed it, and in our conversation I assured him that it was totally biblical, containing over one thousand scriptural references to support my views. He told me to mail the manuscript to them for review, which I did. About three weeks later I received a “*turn down*” letter from him and was amazed when I sensed a note of fear in his response. He informed me bluntly that their organization is Trinitarian in belief, and since my book is strongly non-Trinitarian, he could have “*no further dialogue with me about it;*” not by mail, phone, or email! Finding no other publisher willing to take it, we formed a company and published it ourselves.

In the summer of 2013, upon the completion of my fifth book, *God and Jesus*, I approached them again, this time hoping to run an ad in the magazine. I was directed to a very sweet lady who is over that department. We discussed it and I assured her that the book, though non-Trinitarian in scope, is fully Bible based, containing over eight hundred and fifty printed verses of Scripture. She seemed favorable and asked me to email the ad to her so she could clear it with the publisher, Stephen Strang. After several delays she got back with me and said in no way would the magazine accept my ad. I was disappointed but not surprised since I have become accustomed to this kind of response from many of those who hold a Trinitarian view of God. I should say at this point that the doctrine of the Trinity, though believed by a majority of Christianity, is totally non-biblical, its origins are in pagan philosophy (mostly Plato), and it robs the one Most High God of the glory of who He **alone** is, and what he **alone** has done! In essence this teaching makes God our Creator a committee. Let the Bible speak!

*“Hear (Listen), O Israel: The Lord our **God** is **one** Lord” (Moses speaking)  
(Deut. 6:4).*

*“Thus saith the Lord, the Holy **one** of Israel, and his Maker...**I** have made the earth and created man upon it: **I** even **my** hands have stretched out the*

*heavens...*” (God our Father speaking) (*Isaiah 45:11-12*).

“*Hear, (Listen), O Israel; The Lord our **God is one Lord***” (Jesus speaking) (*Mark 12:29*). Note: Not “*two Lords,*” or “*three Lords,*” but “***God is one Lord.***” This absolutely excludes God being a Trinity!

“*But to us there is but **one** God, the Father...and one Lord Jesus Messiah*” (Paul speaking) (*I Cor. 8:6*).

“*For there is **one** God, and **one** mediator between God and men, the **man** Messiah Jesus*” (Paul speaking) (*I Tim. 2:5*).

With these verses and hundreds more in mind, I began to pray fervently for the *Charisma* organization, especially Stephen Strang and others that I knew by name, that God would somehow cause them to print the truth regarding the Trinity, i.e. its man-made origins and non-biblical nature.

You can imagine my surprise and joy when I opened the April, 2014 issue and began to read a large article by renowned evangelical theologian C. Peter Wagner titled, “*But That’s Not In The Word!*” Peter Wagner is the author of more than seventy books, and taught at Fuller Theological Seminary for thirty years. He holds graduate degrees in theology and religion from Fuller, Princeton, and the University of Southern California. In the article Wagner makes a good case for his belief that much of today’s Christian doctrine and practice are “*extrabiblical.*” I agree with his premiss, and I also agree that most of the examples he cites are completely harmless. Things such as “*Sunday school,*” primarily “*worshiping on Sunday,*” worshiping in “*church buildings,*” “*using “musical instruments in church,*” and “*taking weekly offerings in church meetings.*” However, most of his article is taken up with the violent origins and “*extrabiblical*” nature of the doctrine of the Trinity. These things can in no way be said to be harmless, since they concern the awesome truth as to who our **God** is!

Wagner, himself a Trinitarian, says regarding the violence that occurred in establishing the Trinitarian creeds, it “*produced no fewer than 25,000 deaths!*” He writes that it caused the

disruption of lives “*through arson, wounds and injuries, displacement, losses of property, rioting, disorders, and deep abiding splits in communities.*” He says the controversies concerning the Trinity “*precipitated no fewer than 15,000 official church councils*” from A.D. 325 to 553, “*in which participants gave authority to doctrinal choices by **majority vote.***” And the bishops who participated often were “*raucous, riotous, even violent in settling disputes,*” in a process “*that was **not always as godly** as we might assume it was.*” (Bolding mine throughout).

Concerning the doctrine of the Trinity being an “*extrabiblical*” doctrine, Wagner writes, “*I customarily refer to God as the Trinity, meaning that God has always existed as three Persons in one essence --- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, there is no appearance of the word Trinity in the Bible, nor is there any single passage that describes God as three Persons in one essence. That is why it took **hundreds of years** to arrive at our trinitarian doctrinal conclusion.*”

Wagner points out that many of the Councils were taken up with debate regarding two Greek words, *homousios* and *homoiousios*, then states, “*Interestingly enough, **neither of the words could be found in the Bible**, so it was definitely an **extrabiblical** debate.*” He says, “*In the end homousios won out. Why? Because it gained more votes in more councils than homoiousios. I know it is stretching, but this is the way some of our most important **extrabiblical** revelation was received by the church --- **revelation that most still hold dear today.***” He continues, “*Surprisingly, this is how we received **what some church leaders call ‘the faith once delivered to the saints.’** Flawed as it might appear, it **seemed** to work. We today **believe in the Trinity** not because of direct biblical revelation **but because of majority votes in certain councils** --- in other words, by **extrabiblical** revelation.”*

Brother Wagner uses the word “*extrabiblical*” six times in his article regarding the doctrine of the Trinity and the process through which it was established. According to *Webster’s* dictionary the word “*extra,*” when used as a prefix to an adjective such as “*biblical,*” means “***outside, outside the scope or region of, beyond, besides.***” In regard to the Bible, the doctrine of the Trinity is all of these things! In closing the article Wagner makes a distinction between the words “*extrabiblical*” (which to him *can* be accepted), and “*antibiblical*” (which to him *can never* be accepted).

I contend, using hundreds of clear verses from the Old and New Testaments, including many statements by Messiah Jesus and his chosen Apostles, that the doctrine of the Trinity falls under the category of “*antibiblical*,” and thus **can never be accepted!**

One thing is for sure, God our Creator would not have given us the revelation of who He Himself is, to quote Brother Wagner “*by majority vote,*” through “*a process that was **not always as godly as we might assume it was,***” using men who often were “*raucous, riotous, even violent in settling disputes,*” resulting in (I’m still quoting) “*arson, wounds and injuries, displacement, losses of property, rioting, disorders, and deep abiding splits in communities.*” It is just not His way!

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