

Western Wisdom Bible Study

To aid those interested in a deeper understanding of the scriptures, we offer a correspondence course of 28 lessons compiled from Max Heindel's writings. These lessons reveal the basic harmony of religion and science, and offer logical explanations for many misunderstood basic doctrines of the Church. This Western Wisdom Bible Course is available on a free-will offering basis.

The Trinity

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM, and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. — Ex. 3:14.

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Before Abraham was I AM. — John 8:58.

In the Greek and Hebrew of the Old Testament we have three classes of Deity referred to. The creative Deity, usually translated as God, is a form of the word *El* or *Elah*, meaning the Strong One, and is used about 2500 times. There are qualifying additions as *El Shaddai*, translated as Almighty God; *El Elyon* as Most High; and *El Olam* as everlasting God, as well as the *Elohim* mentioned in the first chapters of Genesis.

Then we have a second word for Deity, *Adon* or *Adoni*, which the King James version translates as Lord and which can refer to either man or god, carrying the connotation compounded with the third name of Deity, or Jehovah, and translated as Lord GOD.

The third for Deity, *Jehovah* or *Jhwh*, is translated and printed as LORD, and when compounded with *Elohim* as LORD God. Most of the King James versions are printed with these distinctions so that when the key is given there is no confusion as to which aspect of the Deity is meant. It is most clearly charted in the Scofield edition.

It is with the name Jehovah (literally "the self-existent One who reveals himself," implying a future as well as a past) that Christ is identifying himself with in His talk to the Pharisees in the eighth chapter of John. The Christ also identified Himself with the Father God or Elah so beautifully in many ways in all of the Gospels, but especially frequently in John.

At present we have the three Deities, heads of the three advanced life waves, aiding us in our slow spiral of progress. Let us always

remember that the angelic life wave is as far above us as we are above the animal life wave, and that the Archangels and the Lords of Mind are correspondingly higher still. We shall keep on reverencing these three high Initiates as the Trinity for the remainder of the Earth Epoch. So let us not feel that just because the Christ revealed to us that He is to increase in authority and Jehovah to decrease that we can forget our debt and dependence on Jehovah and His Angels. We shall need their ministering services for a long, long time yet.

This is the Trinity of which Max Heindel writes on pages 376 and 377 of the *Cosmo*. We have a graphic diagram and explanation showing that: The Father is the highest Initiate among the humanity of the Saturn Period, when we were in a state comparable to that of the present mineral kingdom. The ordinary humanity of that Period are now the Lords of Mind. The Son (Christ) is the highest Initiate of the Sun Period when we were in a state comparable to that of the present plant kingdom. The ordinary humanity of that Period are now Archangels. The Holy Spirit (Jehovah) is the highest Initiate of the Moon Period when we were in a state comparable to that of the present animal kingdom. The ordinary humanity of that Period are now the Angels.

In our present Earth Period there are seven hierarchies active, the Lords of Wisdom, the Lords of Individuality, the Lords of Form, the Lords of Mind, the Archangels, the Angels, and the Virgin Spirits who are the humanity of the present. □