

This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ~Jesus
John 17:3

Jesus the Angel of the Lord?

When one gets rid of all the "fluff" surrounded by pet texts of scripture to try and box them in to fit the "Trinitarian doctrine," it actually displays the loss of reasoning skills among its advocates because this doctrine so blinds people from the whole truth. I was one of them!

Let me give an example. Annika Bjork writes concerning the "The angel of the Lord," to try and prove this "angel" is really God; however, this angel who is supposed to be God is really the supposed "pre-incarnate" form of Jesus who she says IS God and "could explain" why no one died when they looked at God!

God said, "No man can see Me and live" (Ex. 33:20). No matter how we slice and dice this, IF Jesus IS GOD, how much of himself did he have to diminish so that whoever looked upon him would not die? Where did God give the exception to Ex. 33:20? Did He say, "Unless you see the angel of the Lord, which is really me or we?"

She says:

"We must determine from context whether the word refers to the office of the sent one or to the nature of angels. We must also check if it says "AN angel of the Lord or "THE angel of the Lord" to determine whether there is a particular angel spoken about. The angel of the Lord seems to be a pre-incarnate form of Jesus (who is God and part of the trinity), and that could explain why people have in fact seen God without dying.

Note the words "seems" and "could explain," which really means, "I don't know for sure."

If "The angel of the Lord" is the supposed "pre-incarnate" form of Jesus (who she says is God), then who is the angel of the Lord in the following verses?

Examples ...

(Mat 1:20-21) "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Is the angel of the Lord (who she says is Jesus and God) forming in the womb of Mary and talking with Joseph at the same time?

(Luke 2:9-11) "And, lo, The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

If Jesus is "The angel of the Lord," is this angel announcing his own birth? Is he really in two places at the same time – with the shepherds in the field - and in the city of David wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger?

(Mat 2:13) "And when they were departed, behold, The angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream and yet at the same time The angel of the Lord (Jesus) is a child? How can that be? Please explain.

(Mat 2:19-20) "But when Herod was dead, behold, AN angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life."

Is there really a difference here between AN angel of the Lord and THE angel of the Lord? Why? What determines the difference? What we still have is an "angel." period. Are we really to believe that Jesus was an "angel?"

(Mat 28:2-7) "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

... And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen ... And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you."

If "The angel of the Lord" is Jesus, how can this angel say "he is not here" when he is right there talking with the women at the grave? He is at the grave and at the same time heading to Galilee?

Where does it ever say, hint, imply or suggest that Jesus was "an angel" or even "The angel" of the Lord? It doesn't.