

## Trinity

I am incredibly amazed when I hear that someone rejects God's word because of their perceived "contradiction" of the Trinity. One problem with trying to understand or articulate the meaning of the word "Trinity" is that man's understanding is limited to a "domain" that God created for man. Man does not live in God's domain and God is not confined by man's domain.

So what do I mean by the word "domain?" The word "domain" is used in history to describe the feudal system and in mathematics to solve various problems.

In the feudal system, we use the word "domain" to describe a particular king's territory of control. The domain of one king would be distinctly different from that of another king. Quite often in feudal times a person living in one domain would have absolutely no idea what it was like to live in a different king's domain. Nor would he be able to ever know if he was "confined" to his domain of birth throughout his entire life. Furthermore, if the language of one king's domain was English, and the language of another king's domain was French, it would be impossible for one person in one domain to articulate the conditions, rules, and lifestyle to a person in the other domain unless he was educated in both languages. For our discussion of the Trinity, this is not merely an "articulation" problem. Understanding the "Trinity" goes beyond "articulation" and is truly an "understanding" problem as well.

In mathematics the word "domain" is used to describe a particular mathematical system. For example a mathematician may convert a problem from a "time domain" into a "frequency domain." However, these domains are distinctly different. Although a "calculus integral" and a "Laplace transform" are similar in appearance, they cannot be used in the wrong domain. Both systems were, of course, designed by God. It is God's "design" that permits man to "convert" a mathematical system from one domain to the other.

God is infinite. Man is finite. That being the case, when God created and designed man's domain it was imperative to design it with "constraints." Let's look at those constraints. Let's look at the beginning; the very beginning:

Gen 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (2)And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (3)And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (4)And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. (5)And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Looking at the underlined words, you will see that God created space, mass, energy, and time all on the very first day.

Heaven:	Space	Verse 1
Earth:	Mass	Verse 1
Light:	Energy	Verse 3
Day:	Time	Verse 5

That's it folks. That's all there is. Everything in the universe is comprised of space, mass, energy, and time. That's it. There is nothing else. God created it all on the very first day.

In man's current domain, these four aspects of the universe are mathematically bound together by His design and cannot be separated. To see how these "constraints" are interconnected we need to look no further than a few fundamental physics equations of "special relativity."

$$E = mc^2 \quad M' = \frac{M}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad D' = D\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \quad T' = \frac{T}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

What do the "variables" represent in the equations above?

**E** = Energy => "Light" in verse 3

**M** = mass => "Earth" in verse 1

**D** = Distance => "Heavens" in verse 1

**T** = Time => "Day" in verse 5

**C** = the speed of light which is distance divided by time

**V** = the speed of an object which is also distance divided by time

The exact meaning of these equations is completely irrelevant to this topic of discussion. The point is, space, matter, energy, and time are mathematically tied together. It is impossible to alter any one of these entities without completely redefining the fundamental physics of *this* domain, in which case it would no longer be *this* domain. It would be a *different* domain.

These were all created by God on the very first day. He is the Creator and Designer. That being the case, none of these "self-exist." Also, since He designed them, He is not bound by any of them. These four items represent a domain that God created for man. As an engineer, the equipment I design has absolutely no control over me. To imply that what I have designed has any control over me is, of course, silly. Man is confined by these restraints; not God.

For example:

- 1) God is "omnipresent." He is not confined by "space." He is everywhere.
- 2) God is "spirit." He is not confined by "mass." Jesus walked through the closed door.
- 3) God is "omnipotent." He is not confined by "energy." He is all powerful.
- 4) God is "omniscient." He is not confined by "time." He knows everything, past, present, and future.

God's domain and man's domain are distinctly different. Man's domain is "confined" by space, mass, energy, and time. God is not confined by domain. For example, walking through a door,

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in man's domain, is impossible. Yet Jesus did it! How did He do that? He is God. He "transformed" Himself from man's domain, to Spirit domain, and back to man's domain.

This begs the question, "Wasn't there "time" before Genesis 1:1 and won't there be time in eternity?" Nobody knows. If so, this domain was (or will be) of a different design as our current domain and is still of God's design. "Time" does not self-exist. God is not subject to anything, including "time." "Time" is subject to God. As the Designer, God can arrange space, mass, energy, and time in any way He desires. He could even eliminate one of these parameters or create new ones which we would have no means to even imagine.

So what does all of this have to do with understanding the "Trinity?" All too often, man attempts to describe or articulate what is meant by the word "Trinity" by using language and illustrations that are confined by man's domain. Man constantly gets tripped up by his inadequate and seemingly contradictory explanations. Of course they seem contradictory! These attempts contradict themselves in "man's domain" but that is no reason to believe that they contradict themselves in God's domain. It is impossible for man to understand God's domain. We may have a "better" understanding once we are in heaven, but even then our understanding will be limited and the domain for man in heaven will clearly be designed differently with a whole different set of confines from the domain where we currently reside.

Why should we even expect to be able to understand the concepts of God's domain? Isa 55:9 *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.* God tells us that we cannot fully understand Him. "Finite man" can never fully understand our "infinite God." Let there be no mistake about it. As "Bereans," God expects us to always do our best to understand His word! And He also expects us to fully recognize that we will never be able to comprehend His "higher ways."

In conclusion,

1Pe 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

1Jn 5:7 *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

Is God asking too much for us to simply accept this truth as true?

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