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QUESTION: "WHAT'S ANOTHER WAY WE CAN DESCRIBE JESUS CHRIST?"

ANSWER: "THE ATHANASIAN CREED"

The Athanasian Creed (named after Bishop Athanasius AD 300's) was compiled by the true Christian church fathers in the early centuries, and clearly and once and for all settled the fact, that Jesus Christ is God.

Furthermore, it is also a description of the Godhead, that is the three persons of one God

*For there are **three** that bear record in heaven, **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost**; and **these three are one**. [1 John 5:7](#)*

*For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily. [Colossians 2:9](#)*

*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse: [Romans 1:20](#)*

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

"We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity;

Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father: another of the Son: and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is: such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreated: the Son uncreated: and the Holy Ghost uncreated.

The Father **incomprehensible**: the Son **incomprehensible**: and the Holy Ghost **incomprehensible**.

The Father **eternal**: the Son **eternal**: and the Holy Ghost **eternal**. And yet they are not three eternal: but one eternal.

As also there are not three uncreated: nor three incomprehensibles, but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty: the Son Almighty: and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are **not three Almighty: but one Almighty**.

So the Father is God: the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are **not three Gods: but one God**.

So likewise the Father is Lord: the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords: but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity (truth): to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord: So we are forbidden to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none: **neither created, nor begotten**.

The Son is of the Father alone: not made, not created: but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten: but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers: one Son, not three Sons: one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after another: none is greater, or less than the another.

But the whole three Persons are **coeternal** and **coequal**. So that in all things as aforesaid: the unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that he also believe rightly the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God, of the Substance of the Father; begotten before the worlds: and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world.

Perfect God: and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead: and inferior to the Father as touching his Manhood.

Who although he be God and Man; yet he is not two, but one Christ.

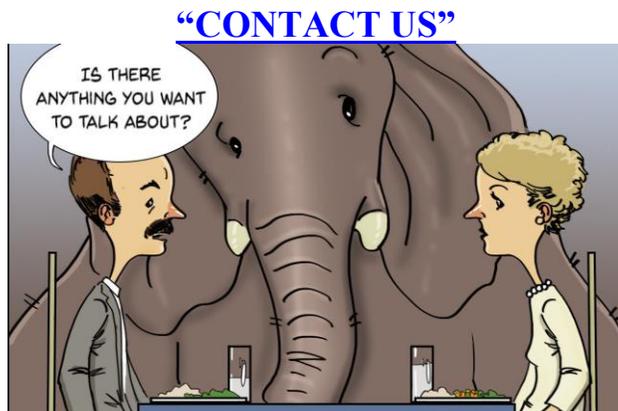
One; not by the conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking of the Manhood into God.

One altogether; not by confusion of Substance: but by unity of person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ."

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