



## “THE ATHANASIAN CREED”

### A comprehensive and forensic explanation that Jesus Christ, indeed the Holy Ghost, are God

**The Athanasian Creed** was compiled by the church fathers in the **early centuries**. It clearly, succinctly and forensically, once and for all, settles the fact, that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh ([1 Timothy 3:16](#); [John 1:1-2](#); [Colossians 1:15](#); [Hebrews 1:3](#)) and the Holy Ghost is God ([1John 5:7](#)). It read as follows:

“We worship one God in **Trinity** (Godhead [Acts 17:29](#); [Romans 1:20](#); [Colossian 2:9](#)), 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.

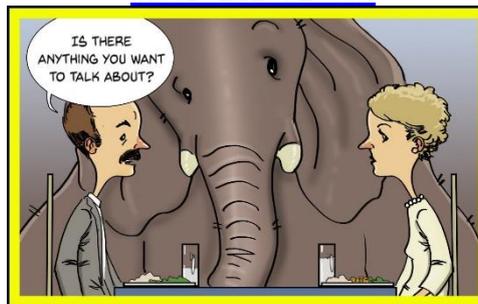
The Father is made of none: **neither created, nor begotten**. The Son is of the Father alone: not made, not created: but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten: but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers: one Son, not three Sons: 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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