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The Trinity Follow Up

“Although different analogies from creation can help us a bit in understanding the Trinity, **ultimately all analogies fail in describing this mystery**, for they attempt to explain the being of God in terms of the creation. They are attempts to explain how God is like the creation. **But nothing in creation is exactly like God's being.** Attempts to simplify or fully explain this mystery all fail and often lead to beliefs that are contrary to the Bible's teachings.

In short, **the doctrine of the Trinity is something we will never fully understand, for parts of it are beyond our comprehension.** It is, in part, one of those “secret things” that “belong to the LORD our God” (Deut. 29:29). - Wayne Grudem

Biblically Accurate Angels

Ophan

/ōpān/, “wheels”; plural ophanim /‘ōpānnīm/

Ezekiel 1:16-18 - 16 As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl. 17 When they went, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went. 18 And their rims were tall and awesome, and the rims of all four were full of eyes all around.

Seraphim

Isaiah 6:2 - Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Rev 4:8 - And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”

Cherub

/ˈtʃerəb/;[1] plural cherubim; Hebrew: kərūḇ, pl. kərūḇīm

Ezekiel 1:4-14 - 4 As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal. 5 And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, 6 but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. 7 **Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot.** And they sparkled like burnished bronze. 8 Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: 9 their wings touched one another. Each one of them went straight forward, without turning as they went. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, **each had a human face. The four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle.** 11 Such were their faces. And their wings were spread out above. **Each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies.** 12 And each went straight forward. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches moving to and fro among the living creatures. And the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures darted to and fro, like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

Normal Men

Genesis 19:5 - And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.”

Genesis 19:13 - For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.

John 5:46-47 - 46 “For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

Exodus 3:2-6 - 2 And the **angel of the LORD appeared to him** in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” 4 When the **LORD** saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” 5 Then he said, “**Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.**” 6 And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” **And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.**

Strong's H4397 angel = mal-awk, noun masculine, to dispatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically of God; the theophanic angel

Water from the Rock at Horeb

Exodus 17:4-6 - So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” 5 And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 **Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb**, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Strong's H5975 - ‘āmaḏ = to arise, appear, come on the scene, stand forth, appear, rise up or against

The Call of Gideon

Judges 6:11-14 - 11 Now the **angel of the LORD came and sat** under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.” 13 And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” 14 **And the LORD turned to him** and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; **do not I send you?**”

Judges 6:20-23 - 20 And the **angel of God** said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them.” And he did so. 21 Then the **angel of the LORD** reached out the tip of **the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat** and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And **the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight.** 22 Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD. And Gideon said, “Alas, **O Lord GOD!** For now I have seen the angel of the **LORD face to face.**” 23 But the Lord said to him, “Peace be to you. **Do not fear; you shall not die.**”

Announcing The Birth of Samson Judges 13:1-25

Judges 13:14 - She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. **All that I commanded** her let her observe.”

Judges 13:17-18 - And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?” 18 And the angel of the LORD said to him, **“Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?”**

Judges 13:22 - And Manoah said to his wife, **“We shall surely die, for we have seen God.**

The Fiery Furnace - Daniel

Daniel 3:8-25 - 8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. 9 They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! 10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. 11 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? 15 Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good.³ But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. 20 And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. 22 **Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.** 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” 25 He answered and said, **“But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”** (ESV)

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and **the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.** KJV

דְּמָה dēmāh, dem-aw'; (Aramaic) corresponding to H1819; to resemble:—be like.

בֶּרֶךְ bar, bar; (Aramaic) corresponding to H1121; a son, grandson, etc.:—× old, son.

אֱלֹהִים 'ēlāhh, el-aw'; (Aramaic) corresponding to H433; God:—God, god.

Does it Really Matter if Jesus was physically present in the Old Testament?

Hebrews 10:4-17 - 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

**“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”**

8 When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. 10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 **“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”**

17 then he adds, **“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”** 18 **Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.**

Hosea 6:6 - For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

