

Introduction and Commentary by the Assembly of Yah

Today is an evil demonic time of great deception and illusion. There are all kinds of strange teachings flying about in the air that are not in the scriptures or verifiable. The popular expression today that seems to try to deal with this situation is to read it all and "pick out the bones." The problem is that most can not discern deep truth from a demonic study. Now we see many of the brethren believing things which are not in the authorized versions. This is dangerous. We are sanctified and set apart as kodesh brethren in the Messiah by the embracing of truth. Truth makes all the difference. No lie was ever of the truth.

Yahshua warned us about these days in Matthew, chapter 24. He said, in relation to the last days, "Take heed that no man deceive you." He said that many false prophets and deceivers would arise and say that He is the Messiah and deceive many! We need to take that warning more seriously now than ever. We must have a love for the truth and we need to prove all things!

Some untrue doctrines are the imaginations of men's minds. Their teachings do not touch the core issues of salvation. But, they always disregard what The Word teaches. And there are many tangents in the Bible and verses that by themselves seem to say one thing, but really mean another when they are collaborated with all the remaining text. But, there are some teachings that are serious and demonic, with an evil agenda out to destroy faith and take away Yahweh's heritage. Oneness teaching is one of those doctrines of the worst kind.

We must believe who Yahshua is, the separate personage and son of Yahweh; and we must believe what He said: Keep the commandments and do not fellowship with the Anti-Messiahs. You will know them by their fruit and by their beliefs. The Bible says that we are to try the spirits, to see if they are of Yahweh or not. Most of us do not do this. We need to ask and examine more carefully what so-called brethren believe. They should not be offended when you ask for an explanation of their doctrines; they should know that you are conforming and following the scripture to ask.

This booklet will make clear several things to the true believer. First, it will clearly show that Yahshua is a separate person and that one text or version of the Testament does not change that. Secondly, we will see the warning in 2 John that we are definitely not supposed to greet or fellowship

with the ones who bring a doctrine like this. Now we have to ask ourselves, "Do we believe all of what The Word says?" After all that you have done to obey and follow after righteousness, and cleanse yourself, do you want to be defiled or even be condemned with them?

Please read and pray about these things herein. We pray that this booklet will edify the body of Messiah and help protect them in this evil time.

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What About the Doctrine They Call Oneness?

You may have heard someone mention the Oneness Doctrine. They may have said something like "The Father and the Son are One." If you were to question them further, they might tell you that they believe that the Son was part of the Father and was sent to Earth to be sacrificed for our sins. Then He went back to the Father and became part of Him again, having no life of His own. Also, that He is expected to return to Earth briefly, in the flesh again, and then to become part of the Father forever more, after the Millennium.

Then, you might wonder, "How did they get those ideas?" You will find that the Oneness Doctrine has been around since about 300 A.D., and probably earlier, in various forms. Down through the years, writing on this subject has been called The Aryan Controversy, Monarcheism, Sabellianism, and the Trinitarian Controversy of the First Century. Originally, Oneness was taught to refute Trinitarianism. In this they were correct. The Holy (Set Apart) Spirit is not a separate entity. It emanates from the Father (John 14:26). In other parts of their belief they stray from what our modern Bibles say. And they claim that if you do not believe this way, you might have no salvation at all. They base their doctrine on the words of the *Aramaic Peshitta*, which is an English translation of the oldest manuscript of the New Testament that we have today. Getting a copy of that translation is hard to do, but one can get the Lamsa Edition of the Bible, translated from the *Aramaic of the Peshitta*. However, it differs greatly from the one from which Oneness believers try to prove their doctrine.

Basically, the Doctrine of Oneness is as follows:

There is only one Eloah, Yahweh the Father.

The Word, who created all things was what came out of the Father's mouth, made flesh.

The Father took part of His right side and sent it to Earth to redeem mankind, in the form of Yahshua, the Messiah.

Yahshua is literally the right arm of Yahweh.

The Son was fully Eloah and fully man.

When the Son was resurrected, He went back to the Father and took His place inside the Father.

Yahshua is not active around the throne now, and is not a literal mediator for us. He does not have His own throne.

The Son will be sent back to Earth in a fleshly body. After the Millennium, when He has subdued all things, He will turn it all over to the Father and will be returned into the Father, with no future of His own.

Yahshua did not preexist as a separate spirit, but He did preexist eternally as He was part of the Eternal One (the Father).

When He was flesh, He was the Son. When He was spirit, He was Yahweh, the Father, Himself.

To get into the spiritual realm, we must accept Yahshua's sacrifice and blood, but Yahshua was really part of the Father.

You cannot compare the relationship of the Father and Son to a human family.

Yahshua and Yahweh are the same person, as the Father is in the Son, and the Son is in the Father.

The One Who became the Messiah was not the Son in the Old Testament dispensation; He became the Son in the New.

Messiah is all. He is Father as to His divinity, Son as to His humanity, and the Kodesh Spirit in emanation.

A basic scripture for believers in the Oneness Doctrine is Deuteronomy 6:4. It says, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:" (King James Version). In the original, the words are, "The Yahweh our Elohyim is one Yahweh." (From the *Hebrew Interlinear*) "One" in the Hebrew is "echad." *Strong's Concordance* says "echad" means "...united, i.e. one; or (as an ordinal) *first*..." Elohyim, even though it is a plural word, is said here to be one Yahweh. This makes Yahweh plural also. Those in the family of Yahweh are united (in purpose, thought, action) and they are first among any other gods. However, Oneness believers say this scripture means there is only one El, or LORD, not a family which includes the Father and the Son. As a second witness, this is also the case in the scripture concerning the joining of man and woman in Genesis 2:24. "...and they shall become one (Echad) flesh."

There are many proofs in the Bible to refute their claim that there is only one El, in spite of John 10:30 which says, "I and *my* Father are one." (KJV) I Corinthians 8:6 does not prove there is only one El, as they say. What it says is that there is one Most High, the Father, and one Master, Yahshua Messiah. Yahshua said, "...for my Father is greater than I." (John 14:28) I John 1:3 says, "...and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Yahshua the Messiah."

The Bible says "The Word" is another name for the preexisting spirit who became Yahshua, the Son, not something that was made into flesh from the Father's speaking. John 1:1-3 says that Yahshua was called The Word and The Word was with Yahweh in the beginning. Micah 5:2 foretells Yahshua's birth. It says, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall He come forth unto Me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose origin has *been* from of old, even from the days of eternity." Surely Yahshua was with the Father in the beginning and has been with Him for eternity.

The idea that Yahshua came from the Father's right side seems to come from the fact that He is called the Father's right hand and holy arm in Psalm 98:1 and Isaiah 40:10 and other places. *Strong's* says of arm, H#2220, "fig. *force*: --arm, plus help, mighty, power, shoulder, strength." This is figurative and does not mean that Yahshua is inside Yahweh as His literal arm. Hebrews 12:2 says Yahshua is "...set down at the right hand of the throne of Yahweh." Yahshua is called "strong arm," "mighty arm," "holy arm," "ruling arm," "arm of Yahweh," and "the arm that brought salvation." He is revealed as the figurative right arm of Yahweh, not His literal arm.

As for the resurrected Son being in the Father now, we have many scriptures that tell us where He is and what He is doing. Hebrews 7:28 says, "For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, *maketh* the Son, Who is consecrated forevermore." Hebrews 8:1 says, "...We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;".

I Timothy 2:5 says, "For One is Yahweh, and One mediator between Him and men, the Man Yahshua the Messiah;". What could be more plain? This was written after the resurrection.

Yahshua is in the heavenly city, Mount Zion, where He is the mediator of the New Covenant, according to Hebrews 12:22-24.

Yahshua said He would come back. "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." (Matt. 24:27) He will be "coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matt. 24:30) Yahshua told His accusers, "...Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." (Matt. 26:64)

Revelation 6:15-17 mentions the people wanting the mountains to fall on them because of the throne they see and the wrath of the Lamb. Two beings are spoken of here, in the original, where it says, "...the great day of the wrath of them."

Revelation 1:13 shows the Son of Man walking in the midst of the candlesticks, which represented the seven churches, before the throne, and after His resurrection. He said He lived, was dead, and is now alive for evermore (verse 18).

Yahshua has His own throne, contrary to Oneness beliefs. Matthew 19:28 says, "And Yahshua said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Again, in Matthew 25:31 it says, "When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory;" Hebrews 1:8 tells us, "But unto the Son *He saith*, 'Thy throne, O Elohim, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of Thy Kingdom'."

Speaking to His apostles, Yahshua said, "And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as My Father hath appointed unto Me. That ye may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Luke 22:29-30) Yes, He will have a kingdom and a throne of His own, as will they.

Why should Yahshua come back to Earth in a common fleshly body, as the Oneness Doctrine holds? How could He, if He comes on a white horse in the sky with an army on white horses? (Rev. 19:11-14) He is called "The Word of Yahweh" here.

The Bible shows that Yahshua preexisted as a separate spirit. He said in John 17:5, "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." It also says His spirit returned to heaven. When He died, He cried with a loud voice, "...Father, into Thy hands I

commend My Spirit..." (Luke 23:46). The Father and Yahshua are not the same person. As The Word, Yahshua was with the Father in the beginning. (John 1:1)

The Bible uses family relationships in the spiritual realm to teach us in the physical realm. It speaks of the Father, the Son, and heavenly Jerusalem, the mother of us all (Gal. 4:26). We find symbolic marriage, divorce or putting away, and adultery and fornication in the spiritual realm, as well as in the physical, so it seems you can compare spiritual relationships to human relationships, contrary to the doctrine of Oneness.

Oneness believers say Messiah is not the Son in the Old Testament. While this may be true, He was LORD there. LORD is translated from YHWH or Yahweh, the family name of the ruling Elohim. He was that spiritual Rock that followed the children of Israel in the wilderness. (I Cor. 10:4 and Deut. 32:4) He went with them as a separate spirit.

When Oneness people say that "Messiah is all," they are leaving out the Father. When they say Messiah is in the Father (one entity,) they leave out the Son. The Bible tells us we need both for a complete relationship in prayer, fellowship and calling. "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Yahshua is the Messiah? He is anti-Messiah, that denieth the Father and the Son." (I John 2:22)

I John 4:2-3 says, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of Yahweh: Every spirit that confesseth that Yahshua the Messiah is come in the flesh is of Yahweh: And every spirit that confesseth not that Yahshua the Messiah is come in the flesh is not of Yahweh: and this is that *spirit* of anti-Messiah, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." Even the devils believe Yahshua took on flesh and walked the earth. What they don't confess is that Yahshua, who is now a spirit comes and dwells in us. If we don't believe that, we are anti-Messiah. "Ye are of Yahweh, little children, and have overcome it: because greater is He that is in you than that which is in the world." (I John 4:4)

To believe in the Son, you must understand who He is. He said, "Ye call Me Master and Rabbi: and ye say well; For *so* I am." (John 13:13) He is Father Yahweh's only begotten Son. John 3:16 tells us, "For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." John, the Baptist, witnessed a voice saying, "...This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:17) Steven saw Yahshua at the right hand of Yahweh (two separate entities) in Acts 7:55-56. Paul was inspired to write in Ephesians 6:23, "Peace *be* to the brethren, and love with

faith, from Yahweh the Father and the Saviour Yahshua the Messiah." He knew they were two persons, and this was after the resurrection. To Timothy he said in I Timothy 1:2, "...Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from Yahweh our Father and Yahshua our Saviour." Again, two persons. This is how he greeted Philemon, also, in Philemon 3.

Yahshua taught us to pray: "...Our Father which art in heaven..." (Matt. 6:9). His Father is our Father. Others have the power to become sons of the Father. "But as many as received Him (Messiah), to them gave He power to become the children of Yahweh, *even* to them that believe on the Name of Him." (John 1:12) It is very simple. If we don't receive Yahshua, we won't become sons of the Father. Oneness Doctrine does not teach the Son is a separate person at all!

Oneness doctrine says that if we deny the Fatherhood of Jesus, we deny that He is an Elohim, for there is "One Eloah, and Father of all..." (Eph. 4:6). (*Aramaic Peshitta*) It seems clear that the one Eloah here is the Father and that Yahshua has the fullness of the Godhead because He is His Son, and therefore Elohim, also. Yahweh is a family name such as we use last names. They are Elohim (a uniplural word meaning more than one). In Genesis 1:26 someone said, "...Let us make man in our image..." There were at least two beings consulting on the creation. We know that Yahshua, The Word, did the creating of the world at the direction of His superior, the Father. (John 1:1-3)

Having lived before and after the creation, Yahshua was manifested in the flesh approximately two thousand years ago. The Bible tells us that was done to destroy the works of the adversary, the devil. (I John 3:8) Now that He has done that, He is our mediator and high priest in heaven. John tells us that "...our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Yahshua the Messiah." (I John 1:3) It is certain that he spoke of two beings. He goes on to say, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Yahshua is the Messiah? He is anti-Messiah that denieth the Father and the Son." (I John 2:22) What could be more plain? There is a heavenly Father and He has a Son.

The Bible tells us how important believing on the Son is, in I John 5:9-12. "...for this is the witness of Yahweh which He hath testified of His Son...And this is the record, that Yahweh hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of Yahweh hath not life." Speaking of a deceiver and anti-Messiah, John wrote, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Messiah, hath not Yahweh. He that abideth in the doctrine of Messiah, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any

unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him peace: For he that biddeth him peace is partaker of **his evil deeds**." (II John, verses 9-11) Strong words, these. They should make us think.

Yahshua said He was the Messiah who was to come (John 4:25-26). Yahweh sent Him that the world might be saved (John 3:17). He told us, "For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself;" (John 5:26) These are two separate beings. Yahshua said, "And He that sent Me is with Me: The Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please him." (John 8:29) Yahshua was a separate entity who had seen Abraham (John 8:58) and could have done his own will, but chose to do His Father's work. He said, "...If I be lifted up from the earth, (I) will draw all unto Me." (John 12:32) He went to prepare a place for us and will come again to receive us to Himself, so that where He is, we may be also (John 14:2-3). This does not sound like He will be going back into His Father, with no future of His own. He will come to take His bride and will be "one" with us just as He is "one" with His Father--"echad" meaning united in a close relationship. Yes, He is in His Father, and we are in Him and He in us. (John 14:20) We and they are "echad."

It is a sin if we do not believe in Yahshua the Messiah. (John 16:9) Yahshua said to the hypocrites whose hearts are far from Him, "But in vain they do worship, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men." (Matt. 15:9)

Oneness says we must accept the Fatherhood of Yahshua, for if we deny that He is a Father, we deny that He is Elohim. They cite Ephesians 4:6 where it says there is one Eloah, the Father of us all. Yes, there is one supreme authority who is the Father of us all. He is also Yahshua's Father. I Corinthians 8:6 says there is one Eloah, the Father and one Saviour, Yahshua the Messiah--two beings.

Oneness claims that Isaiah 9:6 proves Yahshua is a Father, and indeed the *King James* version says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." The truth is that part of that scripture is in question.

According to the *Septuagint*, it should read, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, the messenger of great counsel." A note on this verse says the rest came from the *Alexandrine Text*.

When you look at the *Aramaic Peshitta*, translated by Lamsa, Isaiah 9:16 says, "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder: and his name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty One, the everlasting God, the Prince of Peace." Neither of these translations lists the Son as a Father, but this is not the *Aramaic Peshitta* translation that is used by believers in the Oneness Doctrine.

Hebrews 2:13 does not make Yahshua a Father. It says the children, referring to verse 10 where He brought many sons to glory. Not His sons, for in verse 11 it says He is not ashamed to call them brethren (brothers). They are Yahweh's sons. Isaiah 53:10 says Yahshua will "see his seed." At this time we are "the brethren," not His children.

Yahweh says in Revelation 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his Eloah, and he shall be My son." At that time we will be sons, just as Yahshua is.

I Corinthians 12:3 is another scripture used by Oneness believers to prove their doctrine. In the *King James* it reads in part, "...and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." The *A.B. Traina Bible* says, "...and *that* no man can say that Yahshua is the Saviour, but by the Holy Spirit." The Lamsa translation of that verse has, "...and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Spirit." The other translation of the *Aramaic Peshitta*, which Oneness believers use, reads, "...no man can say Yahshua is Yahweh Himself, but by the Holy Spirit." Note that "Himself" is not in the Lamsa *Aramaic Peshitta*, nor is it in the *Greek Interlinear*. One word can make a lot of difference in the message.

Those of the Oneness belief say that a proper understanding of this subject is important, because it could affect one's salvation. I couldn't agree with that statement more, but not for their reasons. It is most important that we see the Son as a separate Spirit being, who existed from the beginning, but chose to empty Himself and become a sacrifice for us. He is our Saviour, Mediator, way, truth, and life. Without Him, and a proper understanding of Who He is and what He said and did, we have no salvation. Do not be deceived by an anti-Messiah doctrine, no matter how innocently it is introduced to you, and pray for those who are persuaded by it, that they may repent and receive salvation.

The Father has always been Almighty, in charge of everything, superior, to be worshipped and praised. Yahshua, the Son, has always been willing to do the

Father's will, not His own. If Oneness believers could see this fact, they would not have to make the two into one entity. They would realize that "echad" means one in purpose, unity, and that they are first, or number one, in the universe--not that they are one being.

Yahshua prayed for believers, "That they all may be one; as Thou Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." (John 17:21) This is the kind of united oneness the Bible teaches. If Oneness Doctrine believers would accept this, they would not be indicted by I John 2:22: **"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Yahshua is the Messiah? He is anti-Messiah, that denieth the Father and the Son."**

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ADDENDUM
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An addendum to this booklet that provides the knowledge to try the spirits so that you may understand how to protect yourself from this blasphemy. I John 4:1 says to try the spirits to see if they are of Yahweh, for many deceivers are entered into the world. We know that many of these kind have entered into the Assemblies. Many of these deceivers believe that they have the real Evangel. But, it is difficult to uncover what oneness people really believe. If we ask someone if they believe in Yahshua, they will say, yes they do, but they do not. They believe that it was really the Father that came down in another form, and not the Son, Yahshua. So here is how you use the Bible and natural discernment to find out what your brother believes. You must ask them the proper questions to clarify their beliefs. So you try the spirits this way:

1. Do you believe that Yahshua is the only begotten Son of Yahweh?
2. Do you believe that Yahshua pre-existed before the world was made?
3. Do you believe that He was born of a virgin?
- *4. Do you believe Yahshua, the Son, is come in the flesh?
- *5. Do you believe Yahshua is a separate person from Yahweh? (Gen. 1:26)

*6. Do you believe that Yahshua has a separate spirit from Yahweh? (John 14:23: Rev. 3:20)

*7. Do you believe Yahshua has a separate will that is submissive to Yahweh?

These questions have only one answer...yes. These questions are concrete and must be answered in the affirmative. There is no middle ground. We pray this will help protect you and the Assembly.

ADDITIONAL BOOKLETS:

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