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The Rabbi's Corner  
The Limitations of  
God's Vocabulary

By Rabbi Oswald Garagorry

The title of this month's article may be difficult to accept, because most people who believe in God hold the view that God cannot experience limitation of any kind. Most people who believe in God also believe that he inspired the authors of the Bible to write the words that are contained in its pages. They will also affirm that every word in the Bible is truth, inspired by God himself. We completely agree to these stated beliefs, as they are our view too. Yet, we go a step further. We believe that our God knows ALL THE WORDS, OF ALL THE LANGUAGES IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

To us, his vocabulary is limitless, so where do we differ from our dear brothers and sisters in Christendom? We differ in the belief that God had a need for the assistance of an estimated 250-318 bishops who were assembled by the emperor Constantine I, for what is commonly known as the First Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D. They met in the City of Nicaea which is known today as Iznik, Turkey. The First Council lasted from May 20th to August 25th. During that time the Bishops adopted twenty canons (for the Universal Christian Church aka the Catholic Church) and by putting their minds to work together they were able to assist God with his vocabulary limitations by providing to him a word that here-to-for had never been part of his shared vocabulary. However, since the Nicæan Council it has become a major part of what we know as Christian Doctrine. The word that was provided to God by the bishops was "trinity". They not only provided the word to God, but also defined it for him: one God manifest in three persons.

When Jesus was instructing those who had chosen to follow Him he specifically stated to them that "GOD IS ONE". He not only affirmed that God is One, he said absolutely nothing about a trinity or God being manifest as three persons in one. Please go to your Bible and read *Mark 12:28-30*, and draw your own conclusion. Does a concept of three in one, mean the same thing as One? If not, why do you uphold the teaching of the three in one, as the same as One? Especially, since such a definition or teaching is nowhere to be found in the Bible. Do we have any instructions or freedom given to us by God himself to add a made-up word of human imagination or concept to the Bible and teach it, as if it were part of the Holy Word of God, especially, when the Lord Jesus Christ spoke contrary to it? Please consider what you are going to do with the man-made word trinity in light of the words of Jesus Christ that God is One. Would you argue that he is misinformed; because you have been taught a doctrine for many years that God is defined as three in one—a trinity?

Shalom to you.

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