

## THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION



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### Holy Rood

On the 8th January, 2023, we attended a meeting at Holy Rood C of E Church, in order consider ways of including the LGBT community and Same Sex marriages, in the Church. Towards the end of the meeting questions were raised relating to the subject and one was noted to be a great question.

This was the question.

**I thought that as Jesus was male, God was male due to the trinity. Can you explain what you mean please.**

Here is the question and after I will answer the question

### OF THE BEING OF GOD

In short there is no gender relationships in God, no male and female in God. Gender relates to properties within created beings who propagate their species, by the way they do. No so in the divine nature of God.

There is but one God. One who by nature is eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient the creator of all things. Such is the nature of God.

There are three Persons in the one divine nature. These are defined by the Apostles as, The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

God is an eternal uncreated immaterial spirit.

The Anthropomorphite thinks God had a body like man. But that is not

so. When scripture refers the right hand of God it is a term used to instruct us humans, who may be left and right handed, a method of speaking to man to instruct us in a way for us to understand.

God is a simple uncreated spirit, God does not have hands or feet or any bodily parts but uses such terms as a means of communication to us, in a way for us to understand. Like at the ascension the Lord Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father.

God is not a created being, has no created material bodily parts but is a simple eternal spiritual being. God is the omnipresent that is present everywhere.

At the beginning, before man was created God, created angels who are finite spirits, they are not male or female, and have no material parts or bodies, and as such do not propagate, or reproduce their beings, nor are they given in marriage like men for the propagation of the human race.

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The term father, when speaking of God has two senses and firstly identifies the relationship between the creature and their creator. In this sense God is the father of the human race and Adam was the first created natural son of God, a created son. That is God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are the Father of all creation. God is also the father of the created angels.

How ever the three persons in God are related by certain properties. The first person is the Father, who begat His Son and is named to distinguish Him from Son who is begotten. The Son is eternally begotten or generated by the Father. God the Father begat His Son and who is referred to in scripture as the Word of God.

One scripture says that there are three that bare record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost and these three are one (1 John 5: 7). We learn from the New Testament that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. He did not become the Son of God by his incarnation as he always was the only begotten Son of God from all eternity. In John's gospel we are informed In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God, and later and the same became flesh and dwelt among us. The only begotten Son of God the Father became man at the incarnation, a truly human being a male, not a woman, he was born to Mary the virgin and is now seated in Heaven at the right hand of the Father.

Jesus, the Son of God, as the Son of God, was a divine person, a distinct person from the Father and Holy Ghost. He was truly man, taking to himself

our human nature. The incarnate Son of God has two natures a divine nature and our human nature. He is one person having two natures , that of God and man. It was God the Son who died was buried and rose again.

### Man Created In The Image of God

Man was created in the image and likeness of God, as it is written that the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul<sup>1</sup>, as it also is written<sup>2</sup> man was made in the image and likeness<sup>3</sup> of God for them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowls of the air and over the cattle and over all the earth and every creeping thing that creepeth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him. Male and female created he them. Gen 1:28 And God blessed them and said , be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdew it ; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth on the earth.

We learn that Adam was created upright and holy set apart for God, in that he was innocent and knew no evil. As it is written God said all that was made was very good.<sup>4</sup> How ever Adam had no partner.<sup>5</sup> And God said it was not good that man should be alone.

We learn in the second chapter of Genesis that of all the animals<sup>6</sup> that there was not found a suitable help meet for Adam . Gen. 2:20, As it is written, And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: <sup>7</sup>and they shall be one flesh.

From what is written we learn the Adam and Eve were made in the

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1 Gen. 2:7.

2 Gen. 1: 28.

3 Gen.

4 Gen.1:31

5 Gen 2:18

6 Gen. 2.20.

7 Mt 19:5 Mark 10:7 1 Cor 6:16 Eph 5:31

image and likeness of God having power over all the animals and were told to subdue the earth. This image being not a physical image but rather an upright, moral image, having authority to rule the earth and also to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. God did not make Adam another man to be his companion but rather a woman, a complement and so she became the mother of all living. They were commanded to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.

They were upright, innocent they were one flesh, they were the parents of the human race, they were intelligent and they were commanded to be fruitful and multiply, that is to have children and propagate the human race. They had an understanding of themselves and could worship, with a full understanding of their function and relationship to each other, and to God.

#### The Fall of Adam and Eve

We learn from the scripture that within the garden, where God had placed the man and his wife was the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil and Adam was instructed not to eat of it for if they did they would surely die. They could eat the fruit of all the other trees of the garden, even the tree of life but of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat.

Something drastic took place once Adam and his wife ate the forbidden fruit, which we will look into later. However the summary so far is that Gender, and sexual identity relates to mankind and the animal creation. Male and female refers to the reproduction mechanism and propagation of the species, in the animal and human kingdom. There is no gender or sex among the angels as they do not reproduce themselves, they were created by God in the beginning and have no gender.

#### Fallen Angels and Noah's Flood

It is also not true, as some people say, that in the days of Noah<sup>8</sup> fallen angels mated with women, to produce giants. That is not true and is a distraction from what the Bible teaches. The sons of God referred to in Genesis 6 are those who had kept up the worship of God having learned the way from Adam who was the first created human son of God, but had turned away from following the Lord and took to them wives of those who did not follow the way of the Lord.

#### Marriage Appointed by God

Marriage was appointed by God from the beginning as Jesus said Matthew 19 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his

wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

God did not make another male to be Adam's partner but a woman to be his partner in a marriage relationship, to bear Children the mother of all living.

#### The Fall Of Man

It was the fall of man, into sin, that changed things. The nature of Adam and Eve were corrupted, and as a result all of their offspring were subject to all manor of sin and corruption. After the fall of Adam and Eve they were both fallen sinful creatures no longer in the holy sinless image of God. It was due to this sinful state that all of the human race commit sin. It is original sin and spoken of in Christian terms the total depravity of Man. It is the result of the fall of humanity in Adam that all manor of sinful practice appears. Cain murdered his brother, the sinful ways of man brought upon the world the flood of Noah. Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed for the sin sodomy.

#### Christian Teaching

The Christian teaching on same sex marriage and such relationship is that it is wrong and provocative to God and such who engage in this practice will be judge for their sins along with all other sins.

It is not love to sanction or encourage such relationships but rather warn people of the imminent danger and standing before God.

Those who teach otherwise are false teachers and are to be rejected.

All men are commanded to repent of their sins, that is to turn from sin to the living God. Those who do will be forgiven and made right with God through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

