

The Trinity

Three Biblical Suppositions

- There is only one God.
- Three persons are described as God.
- The three persons are distinct from each other.

What happens when
one is removed?

Highlighted in Red

Polytheism

- There is only one God.
- Three persons are described as God.
- The three persons are distinct from each other.
 - Example: Gods in India, Roman Gods

Polytheism Defined

- Belief in many gods
 - We have three Gods when the first supposition is removed.

Arianism

- There is only one God.
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Arianism Defined

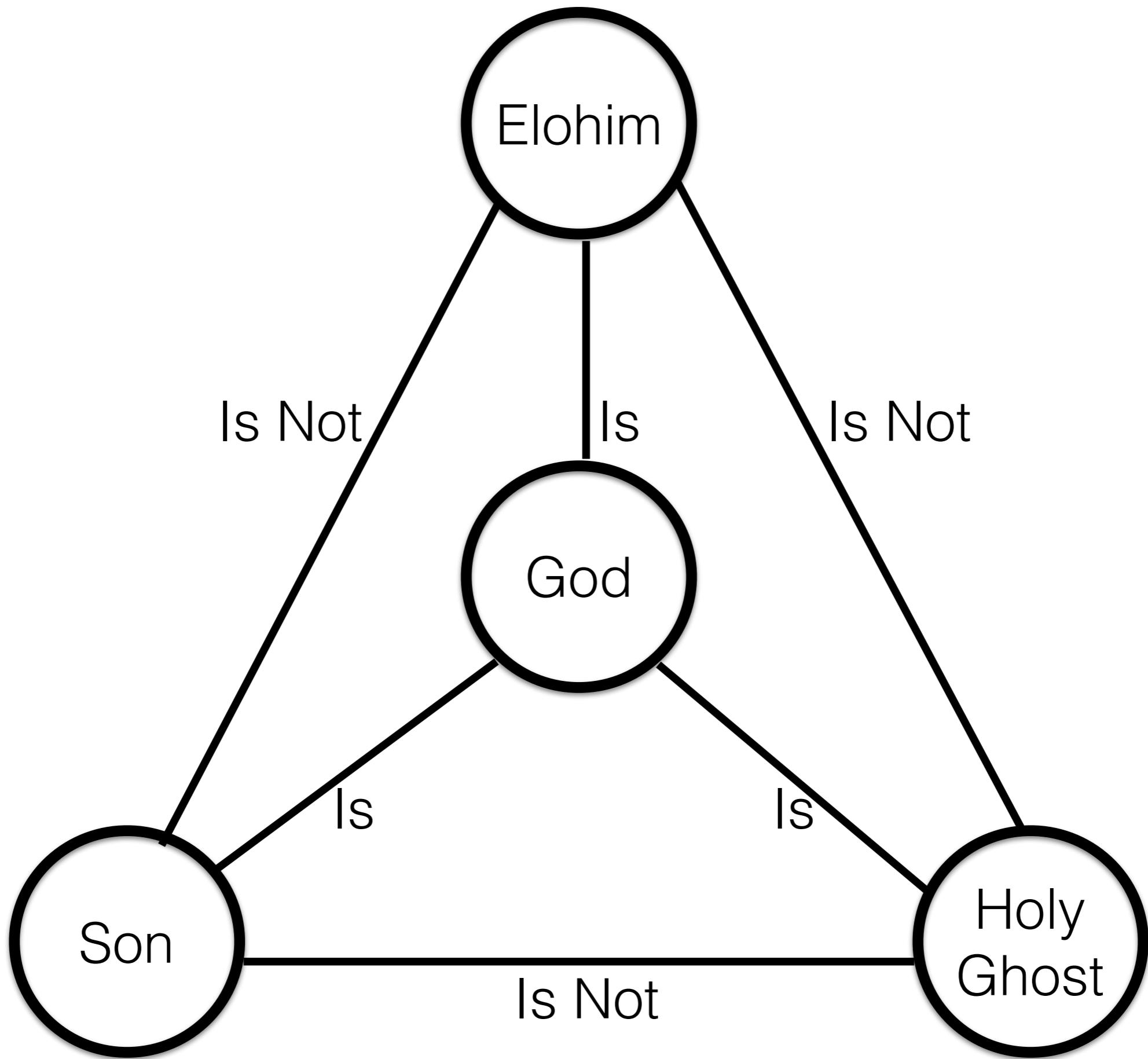
- Of the three, only one can be God.
 - Example: Unitarian

Modalism

- There is only one God.
- Three persons are described as God.
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 - Example-Oneness Pentecostal

Modalism Defined

- God acts in different “modes”
 - Example-One man acting as a husband, parent, employee, etc. One person in different scenarios.



One God Verses

- Deuteronomy 4:35
- Deuteronomy 6:4
- 1 Chronicles 17:20
- Isaiah 44:6
- Isaiah 45:14

Shared Attributes

| | FATHER | SON | HOLY SPIRIT |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Called God | Phil. 1:2 | John 1:1, 14; Colossians 2:9 | Acts 5:3-4 |
| Creator | Isaiah 64:8 | John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-17 | Job 33:4, 26:13 |
| Resurrects | 1 Thessalonians 1:10 | John 2:19, 10:17 | Romans 8:11 |
| Indwells | 2 Corinthians 6:16 | Colossians 1:27 | John 14:17 |
| Everywhere | 1 Kings 8:27 | Matthew 28:20 | Psalm 139:7-10 |
| All-knowing | 1 John 3:20 | John 16:30; 21:17 | 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 |
| Sanctifies | 1 Thessalonians 5:23 | Hebrews 2:11 | 1 Peter 1:2 |
| Life giver | Gen. 2:7; John 5:21 | John 1:3; 5:21 | 2 Corinthians 3:6, 8 |
| Fellowship | 1 John 1:3 | 1 Corinthians 1:9 | 2 Corinthians 13:14; Phil. 2:1 |
| Eternal | Psalm 90:2 | Micah 5:1-2 | Romans 8:11; Hebrews 9:14 |
| A Will | Luke 22:42 | Luke 22:42 | 1 Corinthians 12:11 |
| Speaks | Matthew 3:17; Luke 9:25 | Luke 5:20; 7:48 | Acts 8:29; 11:12; 13:2 |
| Love | John 3:16 | Ephesians 5:25 | Romans 15:30 |
| Searches the heart | Jeremiah 17:10 | Revelation 2:23 | 1 Corinthians 2:10 |
| We belong to | John 17:9 | John 17:6 | ... |
| Savior | 1 Timothy 1:1; 2:3; 4:10 | 2 Timothy 1:10; Titus 1:4; 3:6 | ... |
| We serve | Matthew 4:10 | Colossians 3:24 | ... |
| Believe in | John 14:1 | John 14:1 | ... |
| Gives joy | ... | John 15:11 | John 14:7 |
| Judges | John 8:50 | John 5:22, 30 | ... |