

The 10th Annual

# one God Seminar

Discovering the True Nature of the Father and the Son

Saturday & Sunday, May 28–29, 2011 • Pasadena-Arcadia Area

**Y**ou are cordially invited to attend our 10th annual One God Seminar to explore the wondrous and phenomenal nature of God on the Memorial Day weekend, May 28–29.

This seminar series is dedicated to learning all that can be known about Yahweh, our Great God, and his glorious Son, Jesus Christ. We seek to know *Who God Is* and *What He Is Like*, with the purpose of moving Godward and becoming more like him in character, wisdom and love and in godly actions of kindness toward others.



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Why have another One God Seminar?

Can there be a more important topic to understand and contemplate? Should not we engage ourselves

to ponder the mystery of God? Can we not give our minds to attentively and thoughtfully meditate upon what the Being who made us is like and what he expects of us?

Jesus manifests what his Father is like in character, love and goodness and what the Father wants of us. Jesus has pioneered the path to life everlasting in the fellowship of our loving Heavenly Father.

Herein lies our motivation behind what we are doing: to seek the Truth about God and in so doing help people draw nearer to God and Jesus by knowing them better as Scripture presents them; and to have greater confidence that we can follow Jesus into fellowship with the Father.

The truth about God has been buried under centuries of tradition and stained glass. God has been presented as an impossible-to-comprehend three-headed or two-headed “Godhead.”

He has been presented as the pagan Greeks understood their deities, not as how Abraham or Moses or Jesus understood him: a personal being, a

Heavenly Father. But Scripture tells a story different from the orthodoxy of the creeds of Christendom that in the 4th and 5th centuries set these errors in stone. Jesus describes himself and his Father as different from anything we learned in Sunday School or seminary.

We believe that God is one and Jesus is a man (he is glorified, but still a man; see 1 Timothy 2:5).

I don't see this as a salvation issue; i.e., you must believe it or you won't be “saved.” That has never been my approach, and I've never stated that, because I don't believe that is what is at stake. Who is or is not saved is up to God, and I expect he is a whole lot more merciful than we are.

But the question isn't what are the minimal “requirements” for salvation, but: How do I come to know God and develop his good character? We should never stop seeking to know him better. I believe that the truth about who God is and what he is like—and likewise for Jesus—should form the structure and content of our Christian walk.

## A Return to the Faith of Israel and the Religion of Jesus

**T**hose who are dedicated to the restitution of the true knowledge of God are on a crusade to return to the faith of Israel, to the religion of Jesus and his apostles. They explore the leading edge of biblical research.

**Why a One God Seminar?** Nothing about the knowledge of God is unimportant. It is the zenith of learning: knowledge that isn't head-puffing stuff but information that can change the way we think and behave and determine our eternity.

If we don't know about telescopes, we won't know that Jupiter has moons. Men lived for millennia without telescopes and yet experienced no injury.

Not so about the knowledge of God, which is the light that illuminates our spirit and soul. If we can't see what God is like, how can we become like him in mind and character? The telescope to see God clearly is his revelation in Scripture, nature and firsthand experience of those who truly have known him.

I liken our job in our One God Seminars to providing a telescope for God's children to behold his wonder, pulling us into fellowship with

him. This is the heart of the Gospel, the Kingdom of God.

**The Speakers:** This year's all-new topics will be presented by Sir Anthony Buzzard, author and trailblazer leading a return to biblical monotheism; Sean Finnegan, whose websites and debating skills are challenging many on the Trinity; Kermit Zarley, author of *The Restitution of Jesus Christ*, Evangelical leader and professional athlete; Noel Rude, linguist and scholar; and Michel Danis, Owen Murphy,

Mark Bosserman, Gary Woodring and Bob Woodburn—all speakers guaranteed to make us think afresh.

A new speaker presenting this year will be Nehemia Gordon, a Torah teacher from Jerusalem. Of the Karaite Jewish tradition, he is fluent in Hebrew and has done extraordinary work in the field of our seminar focus.

Discussions and questions are always a big part of the program, along with lots of pleasant fellowship. Bring your challenges and questions. Let us

### A few words about why I'm involved

In the 1980s, when my ideas on the Godhead were challenged, I tended to think in terms of truth vs. heresy. On one occasion Sir Anthony Buzzard and I were on opposite sides of a public debate. The debate was the beginning of my mind opening to consider that my concept of God, at least in this respect, could be wrong. By the '90s I became convinced that Yahweh was truly *One* and there was no other God besides him. I came to realize that he is the Yahweh of Creation and the God of the Old Testament.

Coming to accept that Jesus was fully human (that he hadn't preexisted and, for all practical purposes, was just like any other son or daughter of Adam and Eve) was for me more difficult. But in time that too became crystal-clear from the Scriptures.

Now what? What should I do? Should I go public with my newfound truth? Would Christians regard me as a heretic as I once regarded those who believed that only the Father is God?

In time I received answers to all these questions and more. I have come to believe that the knowledge of God, in all its facets, is the most critical knowledge of all. It is the key to life itself, but it is largely hidden, deliberately obscured. The knowledge of God is clouded in metaphysical nonsense and pagan myths. —K.W.

reason together to learn all we can about God, who after all is the foundation of truth and faith.

If our God understanding is corrupted or skewed, so will be our worship and faith. We must get our God concept as pure and right as possible and as true to Scripture as possible. The two days of the One God Conference will be the most intellectually and spiritually stimulating days you will have experienced in years.

**Schedule and location:** May 28–29, Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Just for our group, a special in-hotel get-acquainted social hour with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will follow Saturday's sessions.

The seminar will take place in the El Monte/Baldwin meeting rooms at the **Embassy Suites Hotel, Arcadia-Pasadena, 211 East Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California 91006.**

For reservations call **800-362-2779** or visit a special website Embassy Suites has developed just for us: <http://tinyurl.com/onegod777>.

You are cordially invited to attend and join in honoring Yahweh and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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