



# SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. — Deuteronomy 6:4*

## God is One

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This sixth chapter of the second book in the Old Testament, and what the Jews call the Torah, is about the beginnings of Israel. This is the theocratic nation that God Himself established. He did so after leading the Hebrews out of Egypt. He used Moses, the adopted son of Pharaoh, to do it. Moses led the way.

We take for granted the idea that God is one. Many people don't care about God at all. Those who do care may not think much about the distinction between one God and many gods. Christianity teaches that the many god's paradigm actually has nothing to do with the God of creation. Paganism is really a celebration of demons.

The God of the Bible is one God consisting of three persons — Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Father. This is one of the profound mysteries of the faith. It's personal. And that's a good thing. We are made in God's image. God is love. Love is personal.

Christians know and teach the personal triune all-powerful, all-knowing and all-present God of love. That's someone worth our worship.

I'm not so sure about the god in the West that seems to be emerging as the age of scientific and technological wonder winds down. For five hundred years the West has steadily grown to love and worship the material world. As our technology has evolved to enable us to peer further down below the microscopic, and further up into space, we've come to think of ourselves as gods. We don't need Jesus Christ. We've got Western philosophy, physics and science. We're all set.

Are we ... all set? Or ... is the first in history pagan sign wave inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome an ominous portent. This happened two days ago as the largest branch of Christianity in the world — the Roman Catholics — opened their Pan Amazon Synod in the Vatican. A pagan tree planting ceremony held the day before, that included the Pope, featured prayers to pagan demons.

Paul's admonition to the Corinthians is instructive here. He wrote, "I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons."

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God started things off with Moses saying that God is one. God's first commandment indicates we must not worship any other "gods." That's because there aren't any others. There are only fake gods. Demons use their limited powers to fool gullible humans. They make themselves appear to be God or gods.

It's fascinating to me that the scientific age started in Christian Europe. It didn't flower in the Amazon, Africa or the East. It blossomed in Western Europe. Europeans invented and innovated based on their scientific discoveries. Those discoveries and blessings continue to spread around the world. The urge to explore and understand the ordered world that God created was honored, structured and nurtured by Christianity. Humanistic philosophy got a leg up a few hundred years ago and the Germans using Nietzsche killed God. Much of the West agreed and God was dethroned. It seems that He has been forced to become just one of many gods ... or paths to heaven.

Is that the message of the Synod? Or is this a Machiavellian move on the part of Rome to absorb South American cultural distinctives. Both options are unethical.

Equally unethical is the claim America makes in her motto, "In God We Trust." Christians assume this refers to the God of Christianity. Politicians, pastors and priests know that the word "god" here refers to any deity or no deity. It is up to each individual citizen to decide. America has NO INTEREST in trusting the God of the Bible. The United States is instead dedicated to controlling the world THROUGH INTEREST (usury) ... on a debt-based-global-central-bank-controlled-fiat-currency-financial-system.

If we trusted in God we would not be forcing sodomy, pornography and fornication on the world. We wouldn't be teaching the developing world to love their sex instead of their children by handing out condoms.

If we did trust in God we'd be teaching the world to control their urges and pursue the good, the true and beautiful. We don't do that. We lead everyone toward evil by example. We pretend that the one thing that matters more than anything else is what God put between our legs. And now we've separated God and nature from even that fact. Every individual gets to choose their god, and their gender. The taxpayers must pay the bill to have a doctor disconnect DNA from God-given body parts. That isn't even possible. We think it is, however. Just ask your college attending son or granddaughter.

The person who disagrees is a racist fascist homophobe ... or something.

Jesus Christ is the answer to this chaos for us Americans. Either our religion muscles up and brings us to a place of repentance, humility, peace and love or we will continue our decline. Trump isn't going to save us. His rise to power may have bought the Church some time. We'll see.

In Maine, where I am right now writing this column, a Trump-like executive was followed by a Leftist witch. I suppose the same could happen at the national level. Maine is still here. The government here just approved the entire leftist social agenda in a couple months. Doctor assisted suicide, taxpayer funding for abortion etc. Christians groaned and moved on.

Politics continues to lead Maine away from the Christian faith. It will probably remain the same at the national level as long as the fake money and media system continues to distract us from the truth.

In the meantime you can find peace, love, truth, beauty and righteousness by turning to Jesus Christ. Give your life to Him. You won't regret it.

Amen.