

Matthew 16:18 "...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Orthodox Christianity traces its theology back to the Patristic Era and not to the Apostolic Era.

Grecian Philosophy merges with Christianity.

**Neo-Christianity
Patristic Era**

(Period of the Church Fathers)

The Apostolic Church Era

Pentecost

33 A.D.

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine ...Acts 2:42

100 A.D.

Death of John
A.D. 96

200 A.D.

Tertullian
Introduced the
term "Trinity"

Constantine

325 A.D.

Nicene Creed
The Trinity
Adopted

451 A.D.

Roman Catholicism

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Explains the trinitarian dilemma:

Yet there could only be one God according to the Hebrew Scriptures. “Hear O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is one.” ([Deuteronomy 6:4](#))

So they were forced into the untenable position of saying that God was both three and one, even though that statement was logically self-contradictory. The Father, Christ and the Spirit were all God, and they were also one God.

Christians had painted themselves into a theological corner.

After repeated attempts by theologians to resolve the problem (all declared heresy), they simply gave up and declared that the Trinity was true, even though it didn't make sense.

It is a mystery! A paradox!

Actually it was just a problem they could not solve.

Instead of abandoning the doctrine as untenable, they declared it to be true by fiat.

The Tetragramaton

The Tetragrammaton, is the word used to refer to the four-letter word, for God used in the Hebrew Bible.

The Tetragrammaton is the combination of four Hebrew letters to form the ancient Hebrew name of God, YHWH.

This name, the Yahweh meaning, demonstrates God's self-existence and self-sufficiency and is linked to how God described himself to Moses.

YAHWEH

YHWH

JHVH

JeHoVaH

JESUS

*John 5:43 ...'I am come **in my Father's name**, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.'*

*John 10:25 ...'Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do **in my Father's name**, they bear witness of me.'*

G-d

Genesis 1:26

And God said, **Let us** make man
in our image, after our likeness.

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And God <'elohiym> said,<'amar> **Let us make**
<`asah> man <'adam> in our image, <tselem>
after our likeness: