

Trinity:

God Was Manifest In The Flesh

I Timothy 3:16 An Examination Of A Disputed Text

“...A UNITARIAN AMONG THE REVISERS OF 1881-1885: Unfortunately this “mutual toleration” was attempted by those responsible for the Revised Version, and Dr. G. Vance Smith, minister of St. Saviour’s Gate Unitarian Chapel, York, was invited to join in the revising body...”

“...CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA This principle may be illustrated from Cyril of Alexandria who wrote “God manifest...” in two places, while in another he wrote, “Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor indeed the great mystery of Godliness, that is Christ, who was manifested in the flesh”. Elsewhere he wrote, “I consider the mystery of godliness to be no other but the Word of God the Father, who Himself was manifested in the flesh”. These uses of “who” cannot be quoted against the presence of “God” in the manuscripts in Cyril’s hands...”

“...The critics have done their best to demolish the evidence of the 5th century Codex Alexandrinus, but Gregory of Nyssa frequently and powerfully testified for “God manifest in the flesh” at least a hundred years before this manuscript was written. Gregory died in AD 394 and his life spanned the period during which the 4th century Codex Sinaiticus was written. In those of his writings that have survived he has “God” in this text no less than twenty-two times...”

“...Obvious allusions to this text in the writings of Ignatius, Barnabas and Hippolytus make it clear that Christian readers in the 2nd century found in their Scriptures what we find in our Authorized Version— a declaration that “God was manifest in the flesh”...”

“OVERWHELMING PROOF: While it is of interest to record the opinions of scholars during the last century, it is infinitely more important that we should know what was written by the Apostle in the first, and the evidence is overwhelmingly in favor of the inclusion of the Name of God in this text. To quote Professor Charles Hodge (Systematic Theology), “For God we find the great body of the cursive Greek manuscripts and almost all the Greek Fathers... The internal evidence is decidedly in favor of the common text... The leading truths concerning the manifestation of Christ are concisely stated:

(1) He is God (2) He was manifested in the flesh

This text as we have it is an integral part of God’s inspired and holy Word. It would be presumptuous to add to it, perilous to reject it, wise and profitable to receive it and to remember the admonition to the prophet of old.” ~ “Diminish not a word” ~

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