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heard I declare we unto you, that
ye also may have fellowship with
us: and truly our fellowship is with
the Father, and with his Son Jesus
Christ. And these things write we un-
to you, that your joy may be full.

4 And these things write we unto you, ¹that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, and do not

...a verse by verse study

John's Reason for Writing

- John now writes to 4 distinct 'groups'
- In effect he is addressing 4 stages of Christian maturity
- 1# Little Children - 'Born ones' new converts
- 2# Fathers - Mature saints
- 3# Young Men - Young adults
- 4# Young Children - 'Teenage' Believers

12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins
are forgiven you for his name's sake **1 John 2:12**

- New converts need assurance

13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning.

1 John 2:13a

- Mature saints are capable of reproduction

13 I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 2:13b

- The zeal of spiritual youth – not afraid of spiritual combat
- *For this reason, many have sought to stay in spiritual childhood as long as possible. This is wrong. It is like being a draft-dodger or a vagrant. We expect children to not fight in wars and to be supported by others, but we don't expect it of adults.* – David Guzik

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THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL
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Vs 14-28

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THAT¹ which was from the beginning,² which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have touched with our hands,³ and our hands have felt,⁴ upon⁵ the Word of life;

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14 I have written unto you fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning.

I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 2:14

- *“And so I say to you fathers who know the eternal God, and to you young men who are strong with God’s Word in your hearts, and have won your struggle against Satan: 15 Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things you show that you do not really love God” – TLB*

- 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17

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- The 'World'? Matt 13:22 / Mark 8:36 / 1 Cor 1:20-21 / 1 Cor 2:6
 - *He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.* – Matt 13:22
 - *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?* – Mark 8:36

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- *Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

1 Cor 1:20-21

- *Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought*

1 Cor 2:6

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- But didn't John tell us that '*God so loved the world*'?
 - John 3:16 (also: Acts 17:24 "God that made the world & all therein")
- World: Gr. 'Cosmos'
 - 'to bring order out of chaos'
 - The same root as 'cosmetics'!
- Specifically: 'the ungodly systems of this world, manipulated by the Devil and opposed to God'
 - 2 Cor 4:4 Satan is the 'God of this World' (see Luke 4:6)

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- Gr. Agapao / Agape
 - ‘to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing’
 - ‘To be given over to’

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- Lit: If you are given over to the World and it's ways, you cannot be given over to God'
- *'the love for God is not found in him'*
- If you love the world (or the things therein) [or if you are content with them] it demonstrates that you do not really love God

Can God Hate?

- 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is **enmity** with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
- 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

James 4:4-5

- Gr. ἔχθρα échthra, ekh'-thrah; hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition:—enmity, hatred.

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Top Secret Briefing



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The Enemies battle plan revealed

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- This 'trinity' of deception wages war on our hearts and minds each day!
- We first see this back in Genesis ch3

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The Trinity of Deception

- The lust of the flesh

- *'In my flesh dwells no good thing'*

Rom 7:18

- *'The flesh lusts against the Spirit'*

Gal 5:17

- See Numbers 11 for an object lesson!

- Also 2 Samuel 13

The Trinity of Deception

- The lust of the eyes
 - *'The eye is not satisfied with seeing'* Ecc 1:8
 - *'But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness'* Matt 6:23
 - *'And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell'.* Matt 5:29
 - Object Lesson: 2 Samuel 11

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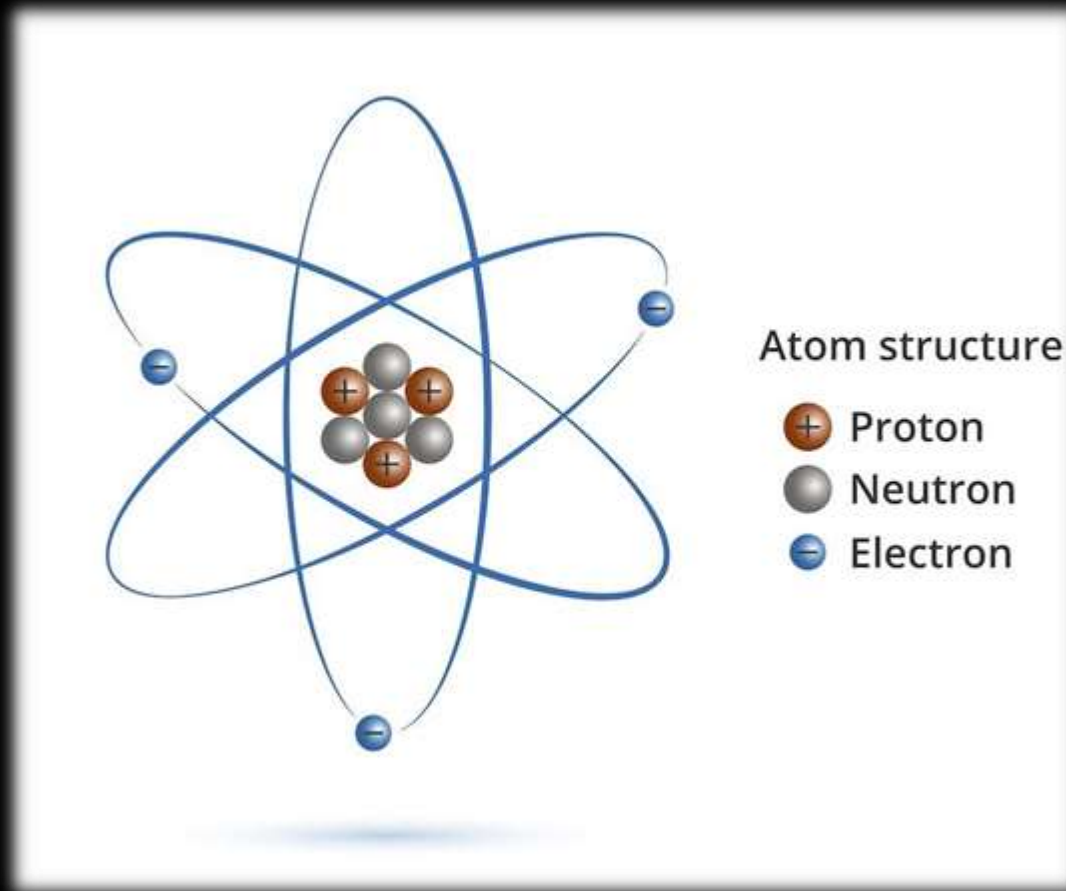
- *‘A man's pride shall bring him low’* Prov 29:23
- *‘Pride goes before destruction’* Prov 16:18
- *‘Only by pride cometh contention’* Prov 13:10
- *‘For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.’* Luke 14:11
- *‘...lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil’* 1 Tim 3:6
 - Object Lesson: Esther 3: - 6:

Design in 3's

- There is evidence of design in the constant use of 3's (trinities) throughout scripture & nature:
- The opening statement of the Bible is a 'trinity of trinities'!
- *"In the beginning God created the heaven and earth"* – Gen 1:1
 - Beginning (Time) : Past, Present, Future
 - Heaven (Space) : Length, Width, Height
 - Earth (Matter) : Solid, Liquid, Gas
- We see this in our design also...
 - Body, Soul & Spirit

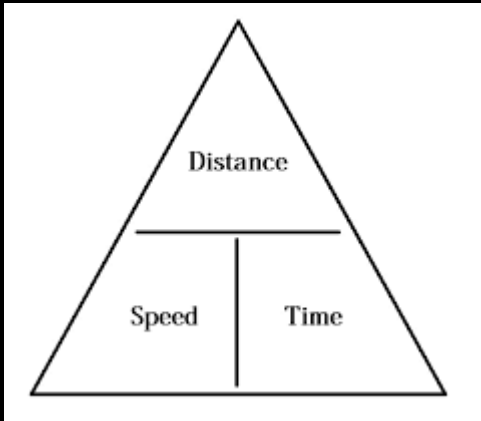
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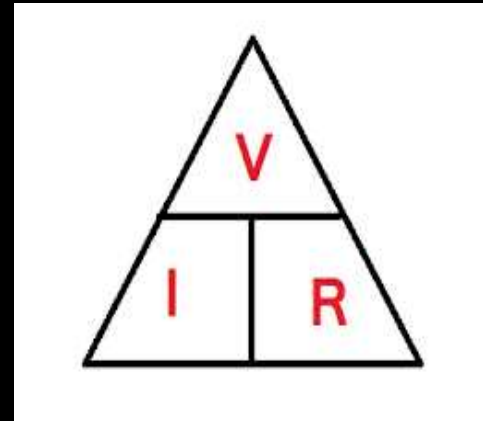


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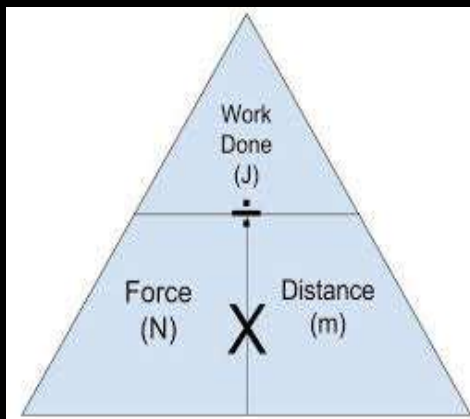
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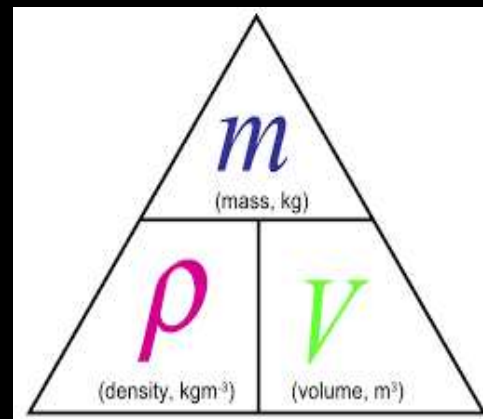
Distance
Speed
Time



Voltage
Current
Resistance



Work Done
Force
Distance



Mass
Density
Volume

Design in 3's

- There is another 'trinity' revealed in Scripture:
- It is the antithesis of the Divine Trinity
 - God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit
- We are familiar with The Devil (Satan)
 - the Father of lies
- John will now tell us there is one coming...
 - who will set himself up 'in the place of Christ' – Antichrist
- Revelation 13 records a 3rd member of this 'satanic trinity'
 - The False prophet who will point people to the false Christ

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 John 2:18

- Antichrist: 33 titles in the OT & 8 in the NT
- Jesus warns of his coming
 - See Matthew 24:15
- Paul also warns, and gives us the timing...

The Wicked One

- 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
- 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2 Thessalonians 2:6

Names of the Beast

- Old Testament: 33 Titles

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| • Adversary | Psa 74:8-10 |
| • Assyrian King | Isa 10:5,12 |
| • Belial | Nahum 1:15 |
| • Bloody and Deceitful Man | Psa 5:6 |
| • Branch of the Terrible Ones | Isa 25:5 |
| • Chief Prince | Ezek 38:2 |
| • Crooked Serpent | Job 26:13 |

Names of the Beast

- Cruel One Jer 30:14,23
- Destroyer of the Nations Jer 4:7
- Enemy Psa 55:3
- Evil Man Psa 140:1
- Head Over Many Countries Psa 110:6
- Head of Northern Army Joel 2:20
- Idol Shepherd Zech 11:16-17

Names of the Beast

- King of Princes Hos 8:10
- King of Babylon Isa 14:11-20
- Little Horn
26;8:9-12,23-25 Dan 7:8-11,21-
- Man of the Earth Psa 10:18
- Cunning Canaanite Hos 12:7
- Mighty Man Psa 52:1
- The Peg Isa 22:25

Names of the Beast

- Prince That Shall Come Dan 9:26
- Prince of Tyre Ezek 28:2-10
- Profane Prince of Israel Ezek 21:25-27
- Proud Man Hab 2:5
- Rod of God's Anger Isa 10:5
- Seed of the Serpent Gen 3:15

Names of the Beast

- Son of the Morning Isa 14:12
- Spoiler, Destroyer Isa 16:4,5
- Vile Person Dan 11:21
- Violent Man Psa 140:1,10,11
- Wicked, Wicked One Psa 9:17;
10:2,4; Isa 11:4;
- Willful King Dan 11:36

Names of the Beast

- New Testament: 8 Titles
- Antichrist, (Pseudo-Christ) 1 John 2:18
- Beast Rev 13
- Lawless One 2 Thess 2:8
- Man of Sin 2 Thess 2:3

Names of the Beast

- One Come in His Own Name John 5:43
- Son of Perdition 2 Thess 2:3
- Unclean Spirit Matt 12:43
- Vine of the earth Rev 14:18

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 John 2:18

- John says 'many antichrists' have come...
- Many 'in the place of Christ'...
- Many who purport to offer salvation but only offer death
- John was convinced time is short!

¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

1 John 2:19

- Don't assume 'antichrist's' will have horns and a pitchfork!
- Many have been in (and maybe are still in) the Church
- They will look just the same as you and I...
- ...until the time of the Harvest (Matt 13:30)
- How can we know them?
- Because they went out (left off fellowshiping with us)

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1 John 2:20-23

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

1 John 2:24-25

- God keeps His promises!
- 'Eternal life' – it cannot be lost or forfeited
 - If it could, His promise wouldn't stand

26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 John 2:26-27

- Our 'safety net' [to not being deceived] is abiding in Him
- Then we will be sensitive to the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit – cf. John 16:13

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

1 John 2:28-29

- The Judgment Seat of Christ is at hand! - 2 Cor 5:10
- John was expecting his imminent return
- Because of this, he 'did righteousness'
- If we abide in Christ His life will overflow in ours
- The test that we are born again is His life in us!



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5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1 John 2:5

- Gr. 'Logos':
- This is the title John gives to Jesus in John 1
- Paraphrase: *'Whose has respect to and guards his relationship with Jesus...'*
- *"But those who do what Christ tells them to will learn to love God more and more. That is the way to know whether or not you are a Christian."*

- The Living Bible