

# **Humanity and God's Divinity**

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#### **Abstract**

This study belongs to Qualitative research using literature approach to find the problems of humanity regarding their degradation in faith and believing to God. The core of debate from the 1<sup>st</sup> century up to 5<sup>th</sup> was dealing with Jesus Christ introduction concisely about His personality as God, and the core of questions was; who is Jesus. As a matter of fact, some of them missed interpreted about Jesus as God, and even they lacked of belief about Jesus as God who can do every thing to human beings. By conducting literature/library study throughout Holy Bile and other main books concerning about Jesus, it was found that God owns *divinity* that the human cannot break through, except believe on Jesus Christ. To overcome such a problem that the human is encountering about, the result of the study showed that God's words and Thy kingdom and all the events to human is really happened based on God's willingness.

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#### Introduction

Some of the human resource the problem coring on obscurity on Jesus existence of which they tend to emphasize about Jesus as human instead of His divinity, whereas the others emphasizing on His divinity without well known about Jesus elements. For instance, Ebionit believe that Jesus is purely human, furthermore, Modalistic Monarchianis believes that Jesus is a model or God's manifest, see Thiesen (1992). Gnostic did not agree that Jesus reincarnated become human, reversely, anti- Gnostic reject about Christ is as Logos (God's words). Arianisme believed that Jesus subordinates God as Father, see Thiesen (1992). Truth is really unique, that Jesus Christ is one personality but of two elements namely 100 % is totality human and 100 % is totality God. Truth cannot be broken through, no one in the world is able to solve it, no analogy for such a case, no research about it since truth is transcendent and just like a metaphysics. Such a circumstance is alike with the trinity of God, for this is no analogy or no one is able to breakthrough the availability of the trinity of God, it is transcendent, and the human only can believe in. Nevertheless, truth is needed, it is very important for human being and it should be learned as far as what the Holy bible spread out to the word, since it is God's words and we should believe in and obey the content.

### **Discussion**

Conducting this research was rooting from the real problems at the field namely about degradation of human faith towards Jesus Christ as God. It seems that the more time goes on, the lesser human faith becomes, they need to lead from their pervert. Henceforth, To overcome such a problem the writer tried to find a solution for helping them to understand and own a truth concerning about God. To obtain the prime and second data, the writer used qualitative method by using literature study (library), and administering by descriptive quantitative as the data analysis. Technique of sampling was by random sampling technique from 200 population from 2 churches 20 % similar with 40 samples were chosen randomly as the research informants, and the writer was automatically as the key-informant. The instrumentation for obtaining the prime data was using questionnaire which contained 10 questions about the strength and weakness of their faith. And to find the solution for their problems, the secondary data was obtained by literature study from various books concerning about the truth of God, and Holy Bible is as the main key source book.



#### **View-points about Christ as human (Humanity)**

From all the heresy stated above, a father of church named Athanasius doing a favor to back up the church people's faith based on the Holy Bible (HB), as the result, it remained some conciliations of church fathers such as :

- 1. Conciliation of NICEA (325 anno domini (AD)) which emphasized that Jesus Christ as a total human and as a total God.
- 2. Conciliation of Constantinopel (381 AD) which is bolding the idea of Con. NICEA agreed that Jesus Christ is 100 % as human and 100 % as God.
- 3. Conciliation of Chalcedon (451 AD) describing about Jesus personality in combination between humanity and divinity of which the combination is not mixed, not changed, not divided, and not separated.

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## Some Findings on Jesus Personality

Jesus was born as naturally as human being, from a pregnancy of Mother Maria (Galatians 4; 4). This fact is supported by the procession of His born from a virgin lady (Mat. 1:18, 2:11, Luke 1;30 – 38;2:1 -20). It is reasonably to mention that Jesus is David's son, the son of Abraham (Mat. 1:1). Furthermore, it is said that He physically he was born from David's descendant (Rom. 1:3). For the same reason, Luke traced Jesus' background or ancestor up to Adam's descendant (Luke 3: 23-38). This event was happened as God's fulfilled His promise to Eva (Genesis 3:15) and to Ahas (Isayah 7:14). At any cases, Jesus was said as Joseph's son but for those who said so, we see that they were not Jesus' friends it means that they don't know about Jesus (Luke 4:24), John 1:45; 6:42; Mat 13:55). If there is any missed perception which was said that Jesus is really the son of Joseph, the writer emphasizes that it is wrong, let us see on Luke 23: 23 according to people perception that Jesus is the son of Joseph, it is bolding here that it is only people perception, they do not know the reality. Further more, in Rom. 9:5 it is said that Christ comes from Israel as human. Concerning to the facts, there was a question arouse from people, " if Jesus was born by a virgin lady, does He innate sins from His mother as human, too? Holy Bible (HB) clearly answer this question Jesus has no correlation with sins. It is found that Jesus does not know and out of sins, in (2 Chor. 5 : 21) that He is obedient, no mistakes, no false, separated from sinners. Moreover, in (Hebrew. 7: 26) said that in Him, there is no any sins, see also (1 John 3:5). While it is known that Maria would born God's son, Gabriel mentioned that Jesus is a Holy person (luke 1:35), devil has no power on Jesus (John 14:30), devil has no right on God's son who is not sinner. In fact, sins make devil have a power on human beings, but in Jesus there isn't any sins under Holy Spirit protection, and He was born without any sins.

It is naturally that Jesus grows up as human is, in HB said that He grows up bigger, stronger, and more wisdom and God's blesses are on Him, see (Luke 2:40), then it is bolded again in Luke 2:52; that He is bigger, more blesses on Him and He is loved by human and God more than ever. His growth physically and psychically was not caused by His divinity, but his humanity, instead. Based on His character in his divinity, it is logically for Him for not to do humanity habit and even avoids doing things that belong to sinners, and such a work should be automatically impact His metal and physic. His mental growth was not achieved nor earned from schools at the time concerned, see (John 7:15) but from His family that educated Him so, His habitual to attend worships see (Luke 4:16), His visits to God's gospel see (Luke 2:41, 46), Holy Bible interpretations see (Luke 4:17), and also he always used scripture of HB in encountering challenges and problems, His merging spirit with the Father God, see (Mark 1:35, John 4:32-34).

Moreover, Jesus owns essential elements of humanity characters, for instance He has physic which is showed by scripture Mathew 26:12; "Pouring down the oil to My body" though this statement has deeper implicit meaning that refers to the places where He stays such as church, white hearted spots, human heart, and so forth, see (John 2;21). He became the same with them and got with the same existence (blood and physic) see, (Hebr. 2:14), then it is bolded again with, "But You have prepared my body for Me" see (Hebr. 10:5). Then it is also found at Hebr. 10:10 "we have been sanctified forever by Christ body that devoted to God as Father", and even after His resurrection He said: "touch Me and see, because ghost has no bone as it is in Me (Luke 24:39). Jesus Christ does not only have physic in His humanity but also smartness, and lovely donated, able to think logically. HB tells people around the world that He owns Soul/Spirit, see



(Mat. 26:38, Mark 8:12, John 12:27, 13:21, Mark 2:8, Luke 23:46. Jesus has humanity characters normally but He is out of sins.

His name belongs to human's name, Jesus means Savior, see (Mat 1:21) derived from Greek Joshua in old testament, see (Hebr. 4:8), He is called Abraham's son (Mat. 1:1) and as David's son and this is always seen in Mathew book (1:1, 9:27, 12:23, 15:22, 20:30, 31:21, 9:15), even term of Human son can be seen more than 80 in new testament. The name is always used for prophet Ezekiel (2:1, 3:1, 4:1, and so forth), and once for Daniel (8:17). This name was used when prophesying about Jesus Christ, see (Daniel 7:13) and compare to (Mat. 16:28). This name was used by Jewish for Messiah see, (John 12:34). The term Christ as human child equals to Christ as God's son, see (Luke 22:69, 70). The address-system for Jesus proved that He is really human and He represents the human (Hebrew 2:6-9).

Physically, Jesus was ever tired as human, see (John 4:6), hungry (Mat. 4:2, 21:18), thirsty (John 19:28), He ever slept (Mat 8:24), (Psalm. 121:4), He is tested (Hebrew 2:18, 4:15), compare to Jacob 1:13), He hopes strengthen from His Father in Heaven (Mark 1:35, John 6:15, Hebrew 5:37), He creates miracles (Mat. 12:28).

All such description above is the most hearted value that Christians possessing in life which makes them different from other religion followers, they have a Savior who guarantees their life and death, who can feels what human feel, and on the other side He is also heavenly God the creator of the universe. Therefore, mentioning his weaknesses as human does not mean weaknesses to sin. Jesus knows about His humanity (John 8:40, John 1:30, 1 Cor. 15:21, 47, Phil. 2:8), Jesus is really received as human, see (John 7:27, 9:29, 10:33) that is why He is known as Jewish (John 4:9), He is perceived older than He is, see (John 8:57), and even after resurrection he was seemed as human, see ( John 20:15, 21: 4, 5). Now, He is in heaven as human (1 Tim. 2:5) will come again (Mat. 16:27, 28; 25:31, 26:64, 65), and judge this world fairly, as human (Apostle 17:31).

## **View-points about Christ as God (Divinity)**

Jesus Christ also acts in His divinity which is only possessed by God as Father such as: 1) eternity God: He confesses that He has been exist since and for eternity, see (John 8:58, 17:5), 2) available God: He confesses that He is available wherever, see (Mat. 18:20, 28:20), and 3) Omniscient God: He show to all His creations that He as God, the only one who knows every thing on His creations, He is the only controller, see (Mat 16:21. 4) Almighty God: He claims His almighty on all His creations in one personality, see (Mat. 28:20, Mark 5:11-15, John 11:38-44).

Regarding His divinity, it is uttered by other personalities, for instance: never change by (Hebrew 13:5), He acts as His father does such as forgiving see (Mark 2:1-12); He gives spiritual life, see (John 5:21); resurrection for the faith death people, see (John 11:43): He also gives judge for all the people see (John 5:22, 27), all the statement above are His own confession.

Jesus Christ was given Godly terms such as: 1) Son of God, see (John 10:36) and He confesses its truth when others used it as address-system for Him, see (Mat. 26:63-64). Even though the phrase of "the son of" it defines that He is a descendant of, or from a folk of. Henceforth, in old testament if it is said sons of prophet means that they derived from the folk of prophet, see (1 Kings 20:35), and son of singers means comes from the folk of singers, see (Neh. 12:28). It is reasonably to say that Son of God as the term for Jesus Christ is totally true that He comes from the folk of God, it is a strong claim that He possesses divinity. For Jewish, term of "son of" does not mean underestimating, but similarity or personal character for instance; entertainer, (Psalm 4:36) means he is really an entertainer, son of clown means that he likes to create funny things, see (Mark 3:17). Son of human in Daniel 7:13 basically means a representative man, therefore, when Jesus says "I am the son of God (John 10:36) people interpreted it as His introduction as God, equals to Father, that the people thought it was not fair for Him to say so, at that time.

In new testament, Jesus is named YHVH that shows His total divinity, see (Luke 1:76, Mal. 3:1, Ams. 10:13), He is also called as God (John 1:1, 20:28, Hebrew 1:8), He is Lord (Mathew 22:43-45), He is King of kings, Lord of chiefs (Rev.19:16).

Jesus says that I and My Father is one (John 10:30), it does not mean that He and Father is one in body, but they are one in character and task, this is the true fact, He with His divinity in Father.

Christ divinity is based on the unity of the Trinity, see (Mat. 28:19) in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in Jewish the phrase "baptizontes autous eis to onoma tou patros kai tou uiou kai tou agiou



pneumatos" which means go and baptize them in the name if Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The words "eis to onomo" means in the name of, is singular noun, not plural, because the plural form of 'onomo' (name) is 'onomata'. Henceforth, this scripture does not only tell that those 3 personal are equals but also to show that those 3 are 1. The word singular that used in Deuteronomy 6:4 in Greek is "Ekhad" refers to a unity but consists of pluralism, and not pure single. The similarity word to of singular, single or pure one, in Greek is 'yakhid'.

## **Conclusions**

The combination of Jesus' divinity and humanity is a deep secrete that ever, it is hard to understand but Holy Bible (HB) suggests us to believe, it is Christ, see (Colosse 2:2,3). Jesus himself says that to know about Himself is only by divinity proof, see (Mathew 11:27). Learning about Christ is difficult because He is unique, there is no one like him, so that people cannot argue The combination of those two elements in Christ is not alike with marriage though two person bonding become one in marital people, but in Christ it is bi-single which means two in one, or in numeric it is symbolized with 100% + 100% = 100% (human unlogical thinking). Jesus Christ is 100% divinity and 100% humanity but it does not mean that He is (200%), in fact He is 100%.

It is not fair to say that Christ is divinity who possesses humanity, or the vice versa, Christ is humanity who possesses divinity, it is wrong to have such a perspective on His bi-single character. At the first statement, means that His humanity character has no space and role in, since the second element from His trinity (the Son) confesses human beings with all their characteristics. Henceforth, Christ stays in His divinity since Father and Son do not blended in a human but in humanity characters. It is a perfect blended person that Jesus possesses in Him, at the same moment the two characters, humanity and divinity are working out: He can be weak but He is Almighty, His knowledge can be improved but He is omniscient, He is limited but He can breakthrough.

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