

# THE TRINITY

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# TRINITARIAN HERESIES

- **MONARCHIANISM (UNITARIANISM)**
  - **MODAL MONARCHIANISM (MODALISM)**
    - **SABELLIANISM**
    - **PATRIPASSIANISM**
  - **DYNAMIC MONARCHIANISM**
    - **ARIANISM**
    - **JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**
- **TRITHEISM**

# TRINITY SCALE



- **3 beings/gods**
- **3 persons**

- **1 being/God**
- **3 persons**

- **1 being/god**
- **1 person**

# MONARCHIANISM

- **MONARCHIANISM (*MONO-* (ONE) *ARCHE-* (RULE))**
- **TEACHING THAT THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE PERSON**
- **SYNONYMOUS WITH UNITARIANISM**

# MODALISM

- **ONE GOD AND PERSON EXISTING IN DIFFERENT MODES**
- **MOST COMMON HERESY**
- **ALSO KNOWN AS MODAL MONARCHIANISM**

# SABELLIANISM

- **FORM OF MODALISM**
- **NAMED AFTER SABELLIUS, A THIRD-CENTURY PRIEST AND THEOLOGIAN WHO MOST LIKELY TAUGHT IN ROME**
- **DISPENSATIONAL MODALISM**
- **EASTERN CHURCH**
- **ONENESS PENTECOSTALS**

# PATRIPASSIANISM

- **WESTERN CHURCH**
- **FROM LATIN *PATRI-* (FATHER) AND *PASSIO* - (SUFFERING)**
- **FORM OF MODALISM**
- **ONENESS PENTECOSTALS**

# **DYNAMIC MONARCHIANISM**

- **TEACHES THAT GOD IS THE FATHER AND THAT JESUS IS A DIFFERENT BEING (NOT GOD)**
- **ARIANISM**
- **JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**
- **ADOPTIONISM**



# TRITHEISM

- **THREE SEPARATE GODS**
- **MORMONISM IS POLYTHEISTIC WITH A TRITHEISTIC EMPHASIS**
- **CHRISTIANS ARE OFTEN ACCUSED OF BEING TRITHEISTS FROM THOSE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY**