Understanding the Trinity...With Math!

$$1 + 1 + 1 = 1???$$

Some people seem to have trouble understanding the trinity. Some like to point out that the Bible never uses the word "trinity", and this is true. Worse still, some cults take the perhaps difficult understanding of the trinity to lead people to the idea that Jesus was just a man and not God at all....!

1John 5:7 is a Bible verse that states the concept of the trinity very succinctly...

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

The argument that I have heard goes like this:

How can 1 + 1 + 1 = 1???

This idea seems to be logical--after all it uses math. Perhaps this is the way you are trying to understand the concept of the trinity. Sometimes I have heard the trinity placed into the position of one of God's "mysteries", something that has to be accepted by faith. Because we can't seem to understand how 3 can be 1.

It doesn't seem mathematically logical....

…......but wait!

I have a solution.

Why not use algebra?

When we think about the idea of 1+1+1=1 we are using whole numbers, but there are other types of mathematics. Using whole numbers is just one choice to represent things.

Why not use algebra?

Why not represent the trinity this way...

A + B + C = 1

I think this algebraic equation represents what the Bible is saying much more accurately. The Bible uses 3 different words.."the Father, the Word (Jesus) and the Holy Ghost".....

"the Father, (A) + Jesus (B) + and the Holy Ghost (C)"....

A + B + C = 1

And now we can solve the equation! (Remember algebra from school? Just substitute numbers for the letters!)

Here are some solutions.....

6 + -3 + -2 = 1....

-20 + 11 + 10 = 1....

1/3 + 1/3 + 1/3 = 1....

In fact there are infinite solutions to this equation!

There are an infinite number of combinations of 3 terms that always equal 1!

Don't let anybody tell you that the trinity makes no sense.....their math is wrong!!"

Jesus is God, and faith in Him brings salvation!

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