

C. Unity

Is Unity compatible with Christianity? Consider what the Bible teaches and what Unity teaches on the following major doctrinal points.

Trinity:

The Bible teaches God is a Personal being, manifested in three expressions of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, not simply a principle, power or force.

Unity teaches: "God is not a being or person having life, intelligence, love, power. God is that invisible, intangible, but very much real, something we call life. God is perfect love and infinite power," (Lessons in Truth, H.E. Cady, p. 5). "The Father is Principle, the Son is that Principle revealed in creative plan, the Holy Spirit is the executive power of both Father and Son carrying out the creative plan," (Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, p. 629).

God the Father:

The Bible teaches the first person of the God-head is "The Father." He exists separate from His creation.

Unity teaches: "It matters not what we call this power. A name cannot change it. Jesus called it God and 'the Father,'" (The Prayer Way to Health, Wealth, and Happiness, L. Fillmore, p. 124). "When Jesus went up into the mount to pray He was transfigured before His apostles Peter, James and John ... Jesus recognized Mind in everything and called it 'Father.' It is not we alone; it is when we realize that we can connect ourselves with the Father-Mind" (Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, C. Fillmore, pp. 40 & 71).

Son:

The Bible teaches the Son is the second person of the God-head and Jesus was the Son incarnate. Jesus did not "become" God by process or revelation. He was innately God and Man.

Unity teaches: "In pure metaphysics there is but one word, the Word of God. This is the original creative Word, or thought, of Being ... It is referred to in the first chapter of John as the logos ... In Divine Mind the idea is referred to as the Word," (Christian Healing, C. Fillmore, p. 61). "And yet the Nazarene was the fullest, most complete manifestation of the one Mind that ever lived; that is to say, more of the wisdom which is God came forth through Him into visibility than through anyone else who has ever lived," (Lessons in Truth, H.E. Cady, p. 65).

Holy Spirit:

The Bible teaches the Holy Spirit is the third person of the God-head. He is also a person. He exists outside and separate from the creation. He becomes resident in the heart of the believer when he accepts Christ as Lord and Savior. He does not arise from “within” man’s mind or consciousness.

Unity teaches: “The Holy Spirit is the activity of God-Mind in the consciousness of men,” (Myrtle Fillmore: Mother of Unity, T.E. Witherspoon, p. 277). “It must be a descent of the Holy (whole, entire, complete) Spirit at the center of your being into your conscious mind,” (Lessons In Truth, H.E. Cady, p. 105). “Those who look to the Holy Spirit for guidance find that its instruction is given to all who believe in Christ, and they are often drawn together by direction of the inner voice, or by a dream, or by a vision,” (The Twelve Powers of Man, C. Fillmore, p. 75).

Man:

The Bible teaches there is only one Christ, and it is not us. It is Jesus.

Unity teaches: “The only begotten Son of God must come forth in you as it did in Jesus,” (The Twelve Powers of Man, C. Fillmore, p. 119). “Your Lord is not my Lord, nor is my Lord your Lord. Your Lord is the Christ within your own being. My Lord is the Christ within my soul” (Lessons in Truth, H.E. Cady, p. 117).

Salvation:

The Bible teaches man is separated from God because of sin. Sin is the reason for evil, death, pain, sickness, poverty, old age. All of these events are real.

Unity teaches: “What we need is to realize our oneness with the Father at all times.” This is done by denying the following: “First: There is no evil ... Second: There is no absence of life ... Third: Pain, sickness, poverty, old age, death, cannot master me, for they are not real,” (Lessons in Truth, H.E. Cady, pp. 36-37). “I believe that the ... heathen ..., he who worships the golden calf ..., worships God,” (Ibid, p. 136).

Scripture:

The Bible teaches there is only one sacred text, the Bible. And it was not written by human inspiration, but by the Spirit of God.

Unity teaches: “It is not necessary that you despise the scriptures ... of any people, but you are to take them for what they are — the records of men as to what their experiences have been in communing with the omnipresent God ... From all sacred writings you can get ... hints as to the work of God in the minds of men”(Powers, C. Fillmore, p. 115-116).