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Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Royal We and Majestic Plural

There are four verses in the Bible where God refers to Himself using the Majestic Plural: Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:22, Genesis 11:7, and Isaiah 6:8.

Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:"

Genesis 3:22 "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:"

Genesis 11:7 "Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

What is the Royal We or Majestic Plural?

Trinitarians will point to these verses as proof that there is more than one person in the Godhead. They claim that since God said "Us" instead of "Me" or "I" it was proof that there was more than one person in the Godhead.

In Genesis 1:26, the word "said" comes from the Hebrew word "Amar" (aw mar) and it means to say with a great force, boast, challenge, command, or desire. In other words, when God said it, he was declaring it with all the power of His words.

The word "make" comes from the Hebrew word "Awah" (aw saw) and it means to bring forth.

There is no Hebrew translation for the words "let us" because they are not root words. So where did the words "let us" come from? And what exactly do they mean? Was God talking to another person, his angels, or something else?

The King James Bible was written in the 16th century and the practice of using the Royal We or Majestic Plural was still being used.

The Royal We or Majestic Plural (*pluralis majestatis*,) was used in the western world from the 12th century to the 17th century, although it has been used in other cultures throughout time. When a King or Queen wanted to speak, not only in their personal capacity, but also in an official capacity as a ruler or leader, he or she would refer to themselves as "We" or "Us". When the Royal We was used, it was an indication that the ruler was speaking in all his or her power and greatness.

Queen Victoria was famous for saying, "We are not amused," when she heard a joke that was offensive.

In the Quran, when Allah referred to himself as "we", the Muslims say that he was referring to his power and majesty.

In Hindustani, the majestic plural is used when an elder speaks to someone who is younger than he is.

When God used the Royal We, he was referring to his divine greatness and transcendence.

Today, we don't follow the practice which is why many assume that God was talking to another person in the Godhead.