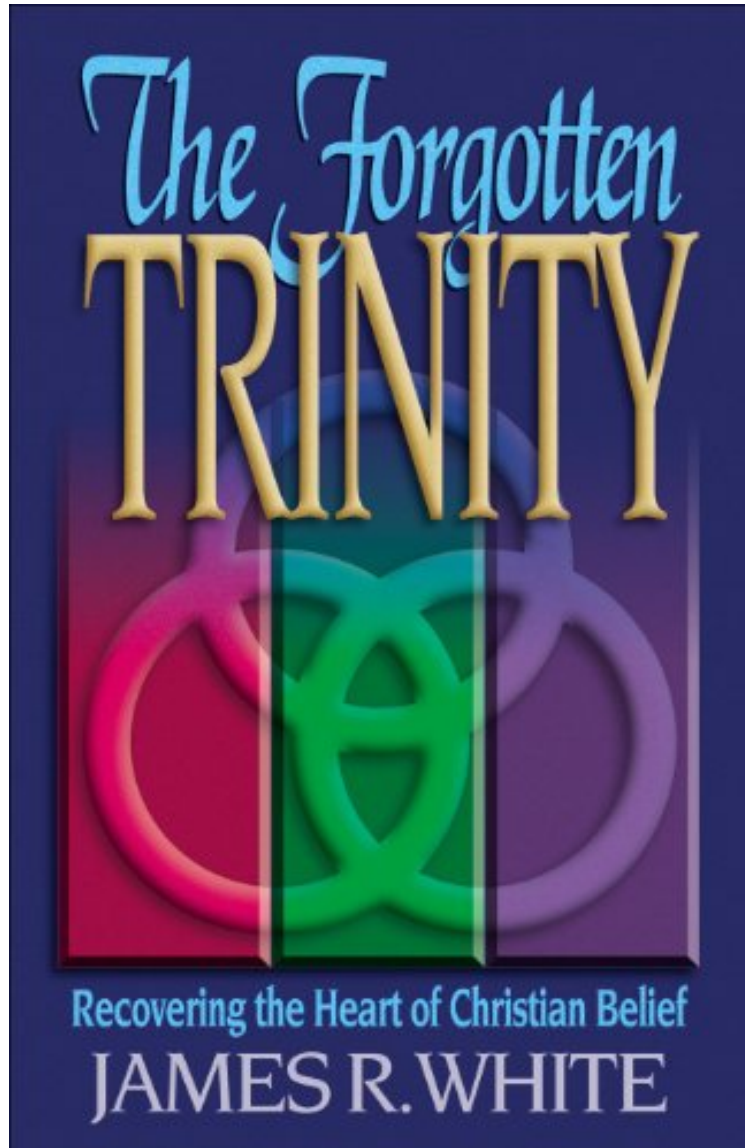


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Von James R. White : The Forgotten Trinity before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Forgotten Trinity:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A book in search of an audience.Von Ein KundeFirst of all I would like to say I like the cover artwork.I am not sure, though who the book is intended to reach. As Kerry Gilliard (another reviewer) wrote it is not an apologetic's book. Being one of Jehovah's witnesses, this could explain why I was a bit dissappointed.James trys to defend Trinitarianism in a

technical way, using Hebrew and Greek but I was left wanting more of an explanation. An example: The "I am" sayings of Jesus: James starts out by admitting that Trinitarians cannot directly make the claim that the usual text used to connect Jesus with a divine title, Exodus 3:14 and John 8:58 cannot be supported and is "tenuous" without other lines of reasoning. So far so good. That is enough to rankle many Trinitarians right there, because the simplicity of the comparison of Exodus 3:14 (I am) and John 8:58 (I am) [KJV] is one of the mainstays of Trinitarian apologetics. However, as James rightfully observes, the Septuagint (LXX) at Exodus 3:14 has God saying "ego eimi ho wn", or "I am the existing one" (or I am THE BEING - Brenton Septuagint). Since Jesus did not call himself "ho wn" at John 8:58 and God did not call himself the "I am" at Exodus 3:14 in the Septuagint, this presents Trinitarians with a real dilemma. How does James resolve this? He attempts to connect the Hebrew "ani hu" statements of Isaiah (ani hu means "I [am] he" in Hebrew) which are translated as "ego eimi" in the Greek Septuagint to the "I am" sayings of the gospel of John. I will not get into the technical details as to why this falls short. I don't want this review to be as long as his chapter. However, James never really gets around to explaining that the words "ani hu" are NOT found in the Hebrew of Exodus 3:14. So he never actually proves his point, but leads the reader to believe that he has. Sorry to say, most do not have the ability in Hebrew or Greek to understand that this is the case, and they will probably feel that he has succeeded. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Still, the fact that a Trinitarian apologist recognizes that the Trinity is in trouble, a doctrine in desperate need of shoring up, so to speak, is a very positive sign. He recognizes that most church-goers do not understand or even like to discuss the Trinity. As James states in his introduction, he "loves" the Trinity. It is apparent that James does love the Trinity. I just wish that he spent more time in his book really getting into the nitty gritty on problem passages like the supposed connection of Exodus 3:14 and John 8:58.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The best book of 1999 Von Michael F. Nevarr White masterfully, and cogently explains the doctrine of the Trinity. This book is edifying for any Christian who loves the Lord, and seeks to worship Him in Spirit and truth. It is rather unfortunate that cultists who do not know the true God, would comment on a book that unfolds the biblical revelation of the true God. Do not be put off by their review. One would not expect an individual who denies the Trinity to praise a book about the Trinity. White's audio debate tapes with Oneness Pentecostal, Robert Sabin (who also denies the Trinity) is an excellent compliment to this book. Highly recommended. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. My favorite Christian book so far this year. Von Ein Kunde Unlike the self-proclaimed anti-trinitarian reviewer "rstamp," I read the book. Apparently, he read chapter 6's title and modified a "canned" WT response. He pretended White admitted a weak link between the One God, Jehovah (YHWH), and the same One God, Jesus, the "I AM," of the Gospel of John. In reality, the chapter is an exciting addition to Christological research. It unfolds like a detective story and nails shut the anti-trinitarians' canned red herrings. It is all the more exciting for apologists because White traces the "Jehovah"--ani hu--ego eimi link through Isaiah 43:25 and 51:12 and then ends up at Isaiah 43:10. Let me explain why that is filled with ironic drama! 43:10 is the verse that JW's claim their name comes from. And everyone familiar with the context knows the threat of Isaiah 43:11 (the following verse) if the JW is wrong about Jesus not being Savior. Also, see the treatment of 1 Jn 2:23 at White p. 154, "Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father..." Now let's get down to the heart of the book review: If you missed the drama of scholarly sleuthing in your first reading, it's because the point of this book is not to bash anti-trinitarians. I daresay Dr. White's book cares less about "proving God" and more about worshiping the One Triadic God. The title, "Forgotten..." is meaningless to anti-trinitarians like rstamp: one cannot forget what one never knew. Pity. But all the more pitiful to Trinitarian disciples, students and pastors who would merely worship One of Three instead of Three in One. The Forgotten Trinity also re-tells the stories of those earliest Christians proclaiming monotheism in three equal, divine persons. Many bore torture scars because they would not recant or forget the Ultimate Being of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The poignancy of the stories of Melito of Sardis (180 AD), Ignatius (d. 108) and Athanasius remind modern Christians that truth has a cost, and we are the beneficiaries of their insistence on a precise formulation for understanding Who God is. Let no man ever say that "trinity" was unknown before the fourth century! As to style, The Forgotten Trinity matches accessibility with masterful coverage. The first two hundred pages read almost like a novel, but don't pass up the endnotes; they are full of exciting gems and delightful teaching points. White's handling of the important Bible passages is the most understandable you will ever find—especially considering that cults and modalists have been abusing them for years; White simply gets back to what they really said. To love God includes loving the hard parts—to resist dumbing-down what scripture has to say about God's self-revelation. To recover the heart of Christian belief encompasses fidelity to the reality of Jesus' deity as well as the Holy Spirit's. Trinity, then, fulfills monotheism's highest relational revelation, and it embraces the earliest Christians' witness of the unique Divine Triad. That is what White really presents. My favorite book of 1999 so far.

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