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**HOLY** Spirit

# CONTROVERSIES

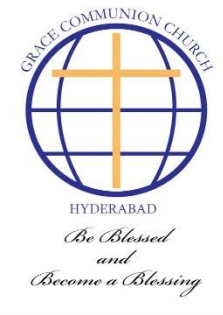
WAS TRINITY  
BORROWED  
FROM OTHER  
RELIGIONS?

PERSONHOOD  
OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT

# WHAT IS A PERSON?

- SECULAR UNDERSTANDING
  - Will
  - Reason
  - Act upon their choice
- CONSCIOUS OF INDIVIDUALITY AND COMMUNITY
  - Humans are persons

- BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING
  - Male and female made in the image of God
  - Ability to relate and live in relationships
  - Need will, reason and ability to respond.



# REFERENCES OF HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE

1 Cor 12: 1, 11 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed ...<sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines (wills).

1 Cor 2: 10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

# BIBLICAL CONFIRMATION OF PERSONHOOD

Holy Spirit leads people (Matt 4:1, John 16:13, Romans 8:14)

Holy Spirit speaks (Mark 13:11, Acts 4:25, Acts 8:29, Acts 11:12)

Holy Spirit testifies/bears witness/reveals truth to us (John 15:26, Acts 20:23, Romans 8:16)

Holy Spirit teaches (Exodus 31:2-4, Neh 9:20, Luke 12:12)

Holy Spirit can be grieved, blasphemed against, identity/distinction by name (Matt 28:19), comforts, encourages (parakletos), intercedes.