

God in Jesus, a Daimonion in Socrates and Their Respective Divine Communication

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Abstract : Jesus and Socrates shared a remarkable gift; a channel of inner spiritual communication, to afford them truthful guidance in their respective religious discourse. Jesus is part of the Trinity; he is the Son, the Son of God. In mortal life he is the son of a carpenter. He called on all peoples to repent of their sins but fell foul of the authorities and was crucified. Socrates was an ancient Greek philosopher and the son of an artisan. His mission is to drive the Athenians to investigate truth, but he too incurs the displeasure of fellow citizens, to the extent of execution. The accusations made against them centre around, in Jesus's case, proclaiming himself the Son of God, with the means to pardon, and in Socrates's, that a *daimonion*, an inner voice, speaks to him in his heart. Jesus talks with God directly through prayer, as the *pneuma* of God, i.e. the *pneuma hagion*, or Holy Spirit, is with him. Socrates seems to enter what we would now think of as a trance-like condition, wherein he communicates with his inner *daimonion*, who directs him to take courage on the righteous path.

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