



COMPARISON CHART

The True Trinity vs. The Counterfeit (Unholy) Trinity

TRUE (HOLY) TRINITY	COUNTERFEIT (UNHOLY) TRINITY	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES
God the Father: Source of authority and life; initiator of truth and salvation.	The Dragon (Satan): False 'father'; source of deception and power for the counterfeit trinity.	<i>Revelation 12:9; 13:2:</i> Dragon gives the beast 'his power and authority.'
Jesus Christ (the Son): Image of the Father; receives authority from Him (Matt. 28:18).	Sea Beast (from the Sea): Imitates the Son; looks like the Dragon ('two of a kind').	<i>Revelation 13:1–2:</i> Parody of the Father–Son relationship.
Christ's Death and Resurrection: 'The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.'	Sea Beast's Fatal Wound and Healing: Counterfeit death and resurrection.	<i>Revelation 13:3, 8:</i> Mimics the cross and resurrection.
Christ's Ministry: Lasts 3½ years; marked by truth, humility, and redemption.	Sea Beast's Ministry: Lasts 42 months (3½ years); marked by blasphemy and deception.	<i>Revelation 13:5:</i> Counterfeit duration of Christ's ministry.
Holy Spirit: 'Another Comforter' (John 14:16); points to Christ; brings fire of truth (Acts 2).	Land Beast/False Prophet (from the Earth): 'Like a lamb' but speaks like a dragon; performs false miracles.	<i>Revelation 13:11–14:</i> Counterfeit of the Holy Spirit's work and Pentecost.
Holy Spirit gives life ('breath'): Brings genuine spiritual vitality to believers.	Land Beast gives 'breath' to the image: Gives false life that demands coerced worship.	<i>Revelation 13:15:</i> Uses same Greek word *pneuma* ('spirit').
God's Method: Persuasion through truth, love, and freedom.	Satan's Method: Persuasion through deception, counterfeit miracles, and force.	<i>Revelation 13:14–17:</i> Deception and coercion (forehead and hand).

TRUE (HOLY) TRINITY	COUNTERFEIT (UNHOLY) TRINITY	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES
True Pentecost: Fire from heaven empowers truth and unity.	Counterfeit Pentecost: Fire from heaven deceives through false revival.	Acts 2; Revelation 13:13–14: Counterfeit spiritual outpouring.
True Worship: Based on Scripture, faith, and discernment.	False Worship: Based on sensory experience, emotion, and false miracles.	Revelation 13:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:9–10: Deception appeals to the senses.
The True God: Revealed in humility, sacrifice, and love.	The Counterfeit Godhead: Exalts self, uses spectacle, and demands allegiance.	Revelation 12–13; 16:13–14: ‘Unclean spirits like frogs’ symbolize global deception.

SUMMARY

- The True Trinity works through truth, humility, love, and freedom.
- The Unholy Trinity operates through deception, coercion, counterfeit miracles, and false worship.
- In the end, the issue will be “Trinity versus trinity” - worship of the Creator versus allegiance to the counterfeit.

“Our daily and hourly work is set forth in the words of the apostle: “Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith...The manifestation of God’s love, His mercy and His goodness, and the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart to enlighten and renew it, place us, through faith, in so close connection with Christ that, having a clear conception of His character, we are able to discern the masterly deceptions of Satan.”

-Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5
(Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1855), 744.