

heaven, which will then be on earth. Now there is a certain amount of truth in this conception, but there may also be a certain amount of error in it if it emphasizes only spatial presences. If all of these focalized manifestations of the Trinity have the effect of limiting or confining the persons of the godhead to certain portions of space, then the scriptural teaching on omnipresence is in effect denied.

When Satan "prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8), does he require time to move through space, or can he get to distant places very quickly?

Is there some other way that finite spirits can move through space in a very small amount of time, rather than being bound by the space-time continuum?

f. The relationship of God's omnipresence to His localized manifestations.

When Christians pray, "Our Father who art in heaven" (Matthew 6:9), where do they think heaven is? Is it "up"? But if Christians at various locations on the surface of our earthly globe all point "up", then "up" is always away from earth but in all different directions in space!

And if God is localized in heaven, what implications does this have for God's omnipresence? After all, God said He fills the heavens and the earth. (Jeremiah 23:24)

What did Jesus mean when He said, "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst?" (Matthew 18:20) And what did He mean when He said Oust as He was leaving His disciples to go to heaven), "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

How can localized manifestations of God such as the various modes of special revelation and God's omnipresence be reconciled?

If space can be thought of in terms of realms or dimensions, so that the same space contains the realm of physical things, the realm of earthly human beings, the realm of angelic spirits, the realm of Satan and demonic spirits, the realm of God and heaven, and the realm of Hades; and if these realms are coextensive but in different dimensions, then it would not be difficult to see how at death a human spirit could move from the realm of earthly human beings to the realm of heaven by simply passing from one dimension into the other without having to move any distance in space. It would be possible to see how demonic spirits could pass from their realm into the realm of earthly human beings simply by passing from one dimension to the other. And so on.

If the realm of God and heaven can be thought of as being all around us, but veiled from our eyes by a great invisible curtain, and if God can be thought of as breaking through from the other side of