

Views on the Diety of Christ

Gnostic Roots

View	God	Christ	Diety of Christ	Humanity of Christ	Modern Examples
Cerentian Gnosticism Ebionites	One God, one personality	Empowered by God at his Baptism via the Christ Spirit. The Christ Spirit left before Christ's death.	Not divine, just a super-spiritual man.	Fully human, only divine in the sense that he was empowered by God.	New Age Movement Unitarianism
Docetic Gnosticism	One God, one personality.	A purely spirit being who only appeared to be human.	A divine spirit, but distinct from God.	Denies the humanity of Christ. Christ, a divine spirit, would never allow himself to become flesh since all matter is evil.	Some offshoots of the New Age Movement.
Modalistic Monarchianism	Only one supreme God who was manifested as Jehovah in the OT, Christ in the NT, and the Holy Spirit in the current age.	The manifestation of the OT God as seen in the NT.	Fully divine and identical to Jehovah of the OT.	Human in form but divine in nature.	Some brands of Christianity, especially those who have trouble with Trinitarianism.
Dynamic Monarchianism	One God, one personality.	Empowered by God at his Baptism via the Christ Spirit. The Christ Spirit left before Christ's death.	Not divine.	Fully human, only divine in the sense that he was empowered by God.	New Age Movement
Mystical Gnosticism	One God.	Christ is an <i>aeon</i> , one of many spirit beings that stand between man and God.	Divine, but all are divine.	Human but indwelled by the Christ Spirit.	New Age Movement

Views Regarding the Deity/Humanity of Christ

Heretical Movement	God	Christ	Diety of Christ	Humanity of Christ	Modern Examples
Ebionites	One God, one personality	Empowered by God at his Baptism via the Christ Spirit. The Christ Spirit left before Christ's death.	Not divine, just a super-spiritual man.	Fully human, only divine in the sense that he was empowered by God.	New Age Movement Unitarianism
Arianism	One God, one personality. Only Jehovah is God.	A created being by God.	Divine only in the sense that he was the firstborn of God.	Fully human, indwelled by Christ, God's first creation.	Jehovah Witnesses The Way International
Docetism	One God, one personality.	A purely spirit being who only appeared to be human.	A divine spirit, but distinct from God.	Denies the humanity of Christ. Christ, a divine spirit, would never allow himself to become flesh since all matter is evil.	Some offshoots of the New Age Movement.
Apollinarianism	One God.	Divine.	Divine.	Christ was only partly human, not fully human. Taught that Mary was the mother of God.	
Nestorians	One God.	Divine.	Divine.	Mary was the mother of Christ's human nature, but not his divine nature. Christ had two parts to his being, one human, and one divine.	
Eutychianism	One God.	Divine.	Divine.	Christ had two natures prior to his incarnation, one human and one divine, but only one nature after his incarnation which was some melding of the two. He was not fully divine, nor fully human, but a composite being.	
Orthodox/Bibilcal View	There is one God who exists in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	Christ is fully divine and co-eternal with the Father.	Christ is fully divine.	Christ is fully human.	