# Lesson 07: The Two Natures of the Christ

## Related Issues

The struggles over the doctrine of the Trinity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## The Two Natures

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1. How do you feel about the doctrine of the Two Natures being a salvation issue?

2. How strong do you find the Scripture proof for the doctrine of the Two Natures?

3. How important is it for our salvation that the Christ was and is both true man and true God?

4. What would you say to a Jehovah’s Witness who tells Jesus: Jesus has been begotten, therefore He has a beginning?

## The Humanity Denied

The denial of Christ’s humanity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Thus these two Bible books:

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## The Humanity Denied: Docetism

Docetism will argue that the Son of God passed through the virgin Mary without taking on human properties from her. It’s much like water passing through a garden hose without becoming rubber.

Docetism was taught by some early Anabaptist leaders, like Menno Simons.

Mennonites originally come from the Low Lands. Hence the Belgic Confession specifically mentions this. Today’s Mennonites, however, hold a similar conviction to our own. (cf. Mennonite Confession art. 2)

## The Divinity Denied

The denial of the divinity of Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The counter-argument is: *(we’re doing apologetics here!)*

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## The Two Natures Together

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It concluded concerning the natures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Note that Chalcedon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Human attempts to make the co-existence of the two natures in one person rationally acceptable lead to

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, the two natures in the one person is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, like the Trinity.

## The 21st Century

Arianism is taught by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Arianism is also taught by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Thus, a very relevant issue!

## Space for extra notes

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