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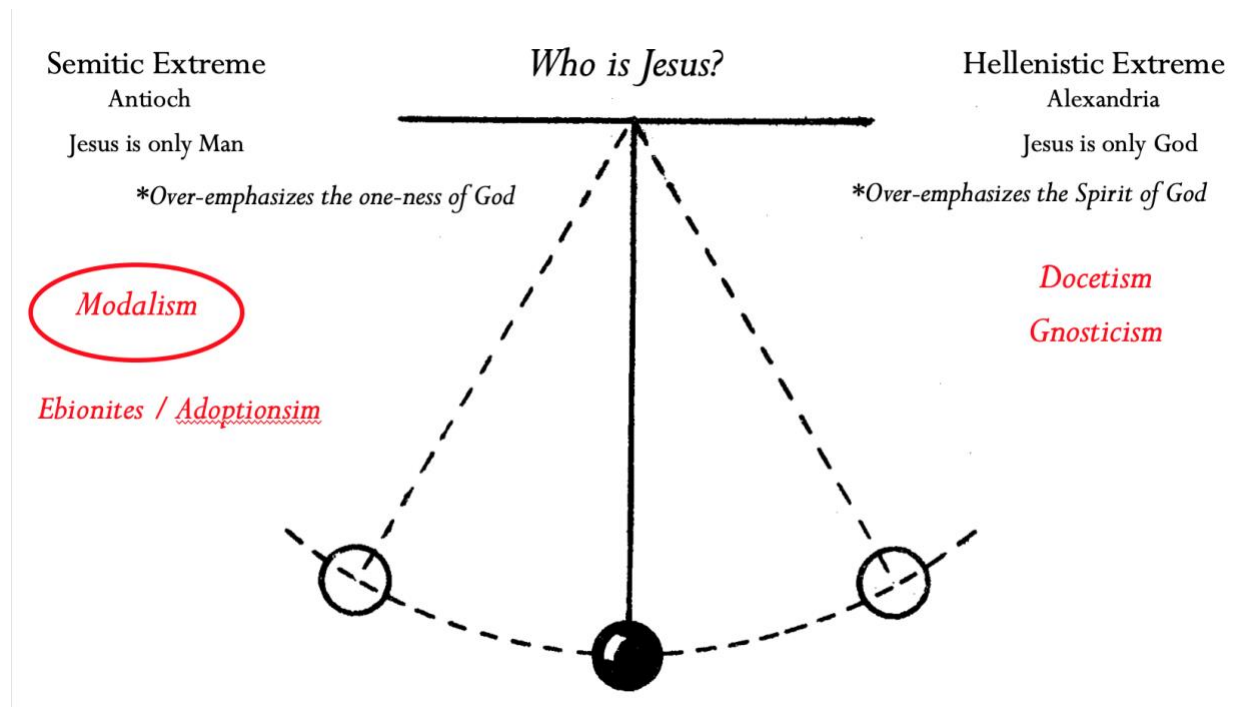
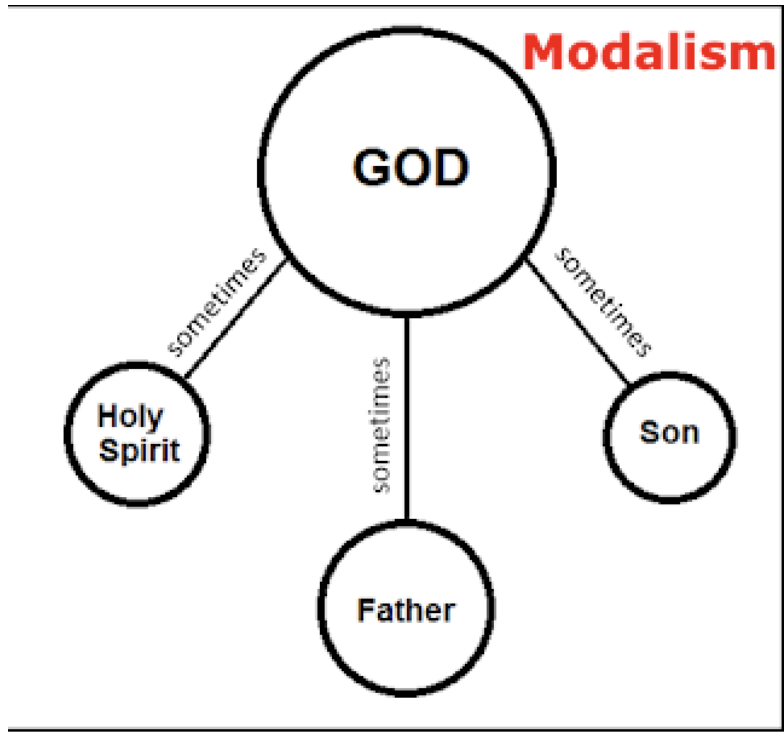


The Hexapala

On First Principles

Origen of Alexandria

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## Person / Hypostasis

- Derives from the Latin “persona” meaning an individual with specific legal rights
- Distinctly existing individual
- *Hypo* – under, *stasis* – standing (that which stands beneath)
- Unique, unrepeatable existence
- A hypostasis is understood through its relationships



## Nature / Ousia

- Ousia comes from the Greek word meaning “to be”
- Being / essence / true nature
- Ousia is that by virtue of which a thing is what it is
- E.g. human ousia vs divine ousia
- Divine nature is understood through divine will

*Hypostasis communicates ousia.*

