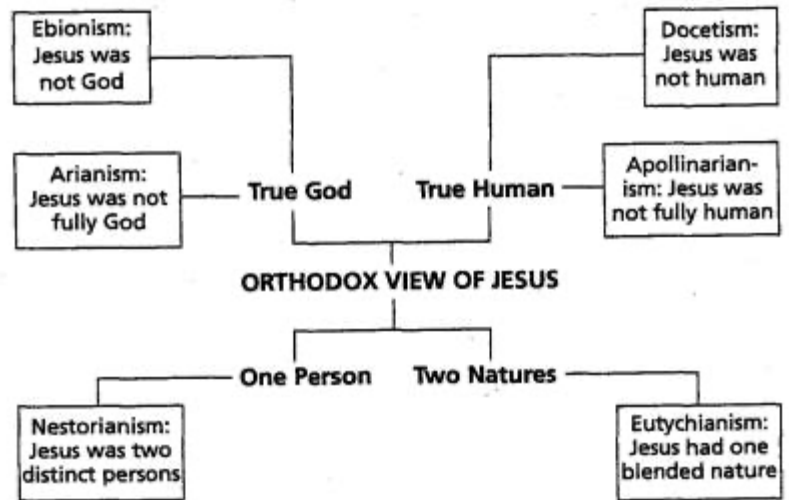






Christological heresies: Balancing many pictures¹

Introducing the basic Christological heresies.²

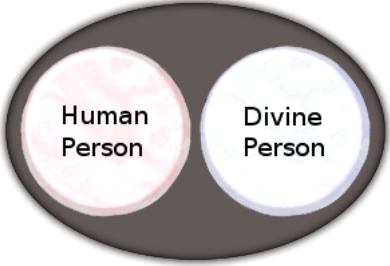
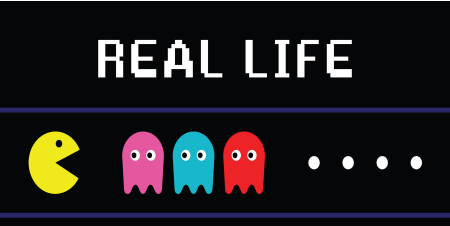


Name/ History	Teaching	What it gave back
Apollinarianism (Apollinaris of Laodicea) 	Normal human body, but divine mind.	Apollinarius taught that the human mind was in essence given to sin, and the only way to save Christ from Sin was to 'remove' the humanity.
Docetism (illusionists). ³ 	Docetic teaching was that Jesus was not human, in some versions that Jesus did not have a material Body. In other versions that the humanity of Jesus was an appearance, perhaps a cloak that was put on, but could then be discarded.	This view was popular amongst the Gnostics who saw the material world as fundamentally flawed.
Adoptionism/ Ebionism	That Jesus was a supremely good person who was adopted as the 'Son of God', probably at his baptism.	In part this view was adopted to protect the oneness of God.

¹ Photo by [Nathan Dumlao](#) on [Unsplash](#)

² <https://greatestoccultist21century.weebly.com/aatd-christian-heresies.html>

³ <https://www.illusionsindex.org/i/rubin-s-vase>

<p>Arianism: LDS and Jehovas Witnesses teach similar ideas. (Non-trinitarian)</p>	<p>Denial of the true divinity of Jesus Christ taking various specific forms, but all agreed that Jesus Christ was created by the Father, that he had a beginning in time, and that the title "Son of God" was a courtesy one.</p>	<p>Takes seriously the Scriptural depiction of separation between Father and Son, and is the highest non fully divine picture of Jesus.</p>
<p>Nestorianism (Trinitarian)</p> 	<p>Jesus Christ, who is not identical with the Son but personally united with the Son, who lives in him, is one underlying nature and one nature: human.⁴ Theotokos/ Christokos</p>	<p>This protects the second person of the Trinity from the taint of humanity.</p>
<p>Eutychianism/ monophysitism</p> <p>The exact opposite of Nestorianism</p> 	<p>Christ's divinity completely overwhelms the humanity of Jesus.</p>	<p>This protects the second person of the Trinity from the taint of humanity.</p>

Why it matters

Not Human:

- God is faking humanity
- No true death

Not Divine

- C.S. Lewis – Mad, Bad or God
- No incarnation – Salvation

No Trinity (Within the nature of God)

- Jesus portraying distinction in the person of God
- The problem of the experience of God in three persons

⁴ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nestorianism>