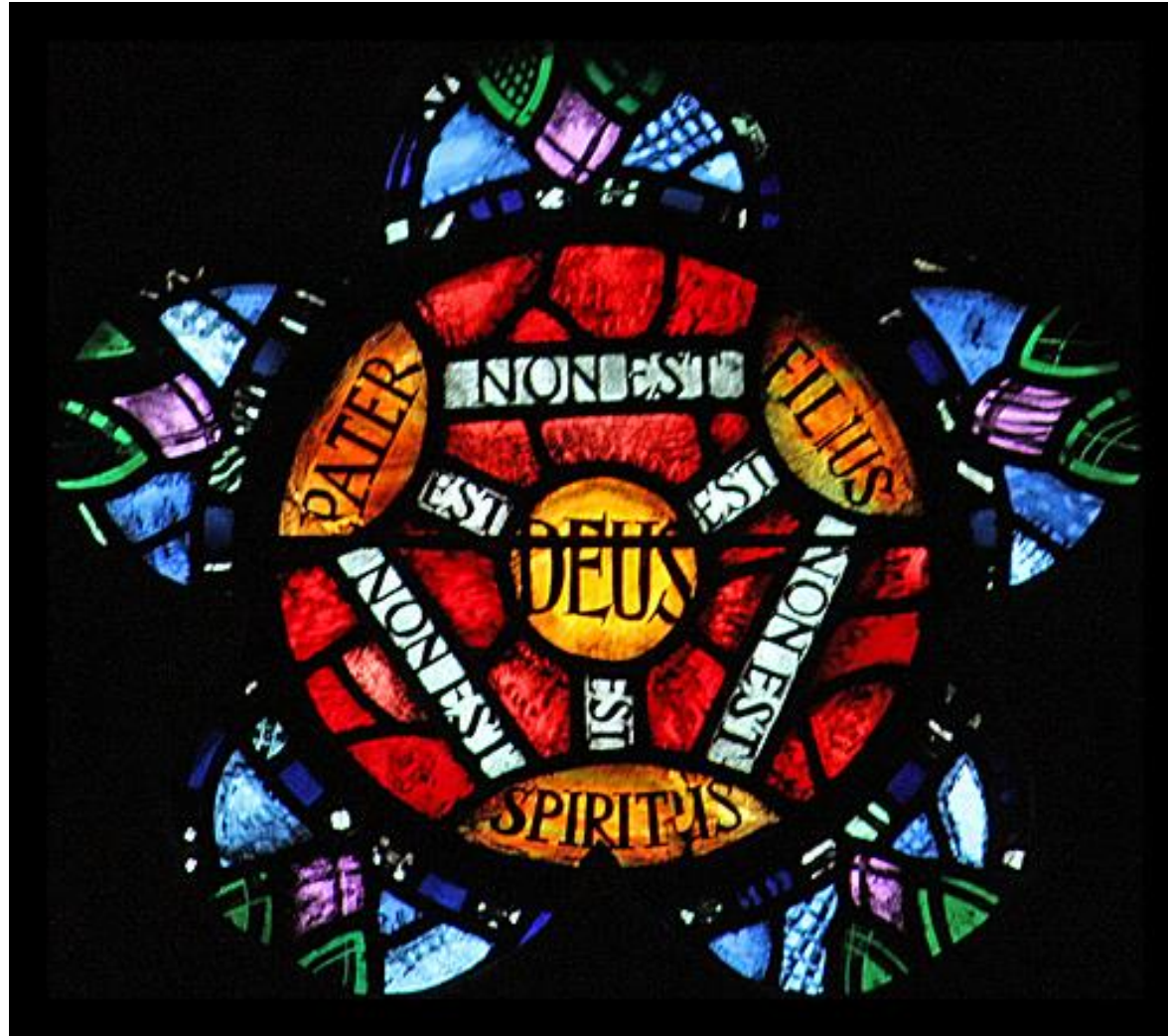
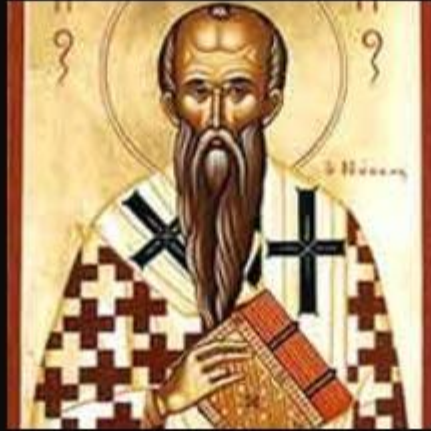


The Doctrine of the Trinity: What It Is & Why It Matters



Gregory of Nyssa



Concepts create idols; only wonder comprehends anything. People kill one another over idols. Wonder makes us fall to our knees.

AZ QUOTES

Ἡ ἐν ΝΙΚΑΙΑ ἉΓΙΑ ΠΡΩΤΗ

Ἡ ἁγία σοφία

Οἴκουμενικὴ Σύνοδος



Ο Ἰσχυρὸς

ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ

Ο ἀρετικὸς ἀρειὸς

Ἡ ἐν ΝΙΚΑΙΑ
τῆς ΒΙΘΥΝΙΑΣ
ἁγίας οὐνοῦ
καὶ γῆς
πρωτῆς οὐνοῦ
καὶ γῆς
ἐκκλησίας
τοῦ 325 μ.χ.

καὶ ἀποφασίσας
τὸν κύριον γενῆσαι
ἐκ τοῦ πατρὸς
ὡμοιωμένην ὅσον
αὐτῷ, ὅτι ἐκ αὐτοῦ
γενήθησαν οἱ υἱοὶ
ὁμοῦσι τῷ πατρί...

**IF THE FATHER BEGAT THE SON, HE THAT WAS
BEGOTTEN HAD A BEGINNING OF EXISTENCE:
AND FROM THIS IT IS EVIDENT, THAT THERE
WAS A TIME WHEN THE SON WAS NOT. IT
THEREFORE NECESSARILY FOLLOWS, THAT HE
HAD HIS SUBSTANCE FROM NOTHING.**

- ARIUS -

The Nicene Creed

- What the keywords or technical terms?
- What elements would Arius have embraced?
- What elements would he have rejected?

The Nicene Creed (325/381 AD)

We believe in one God, **the Father**, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in **one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God**, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being [*homoousion NOT homoiousion*] with the Father; through him all things were made.



O Come All
Ye Faithful

God of God, Light of Light
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten, not created



For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accord with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in **the Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son) [*filioque*], who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST:

H.A.N.D.S Acronym

Honors = Jesus shares the honors due to God.

Attributes = Jesus shares the attributes of God.

Names = Jesus shares the names of God.

Deeds = Jesus shares in the deeds that God does.

Seat = Jesus shares the seat of God's throne.

4 TRINITY HERESIES

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE



1 TRITHEISM
THREE GODS



2 PARTIALISM
EACH PART GOD



3 MODALISM
THREE ACTIVITIES



4 ARIANISM
JESUS CREATED

THE ORTHODOXY VIEW



**ONE GOD WHO ETERNALLY
EXISTS IN THREE PERSONS, ALL OF WHOM
ARE FULLY GOD, ALL OF WHOM ARE EQUAL**

False Doctrinal Views of the Trinity

UNITARIANISM



Father - the Creator



Son - a created being



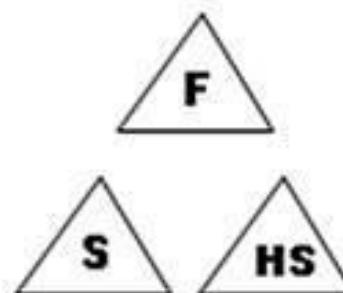
Spirit - impersonal

SABELLIANISM



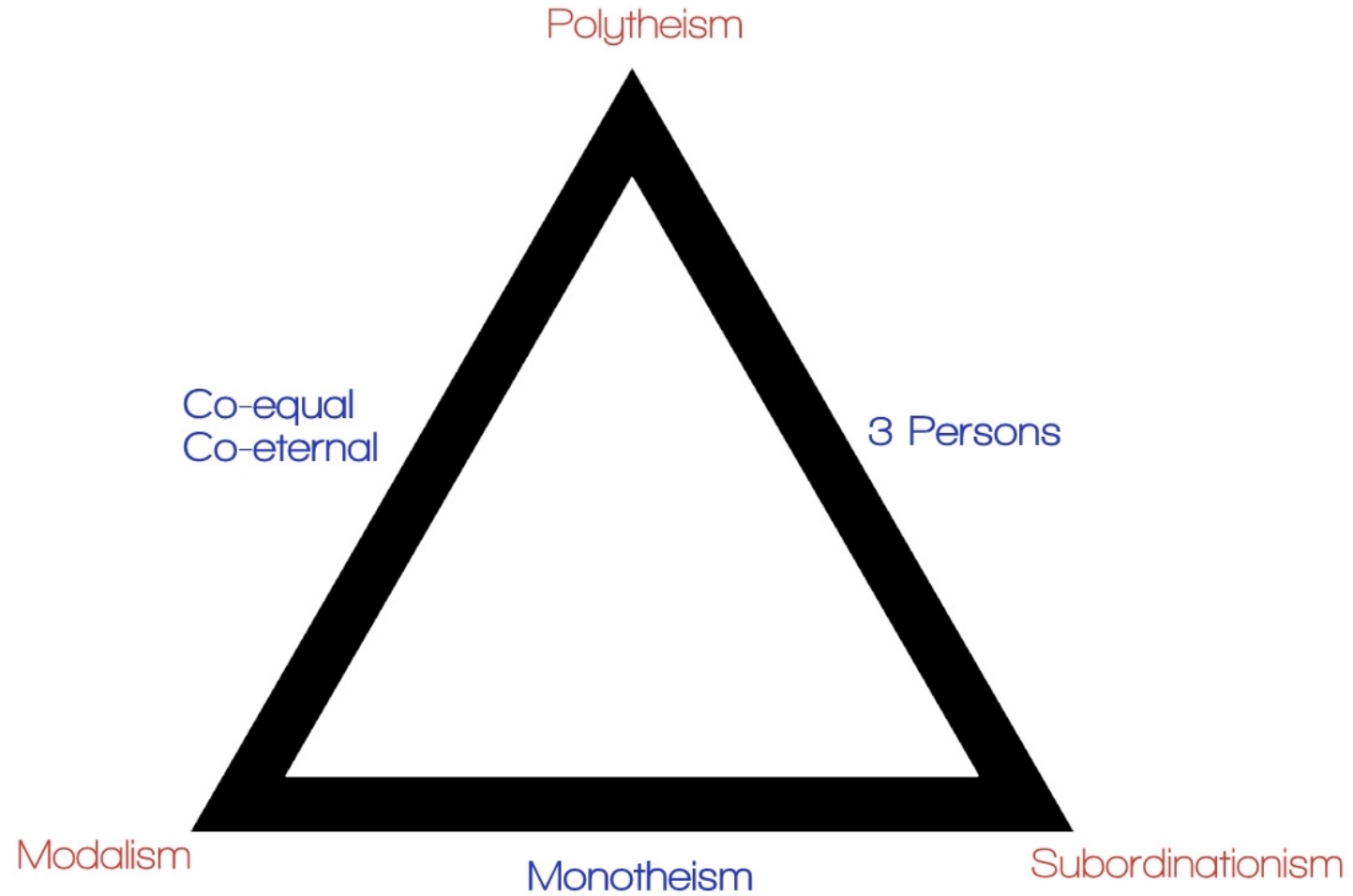
Modalistic— unorthodox belief that the one God existed in three modes at different times in history but never at the same time. Often they believe God's name is Jesus.

TRITHEISM

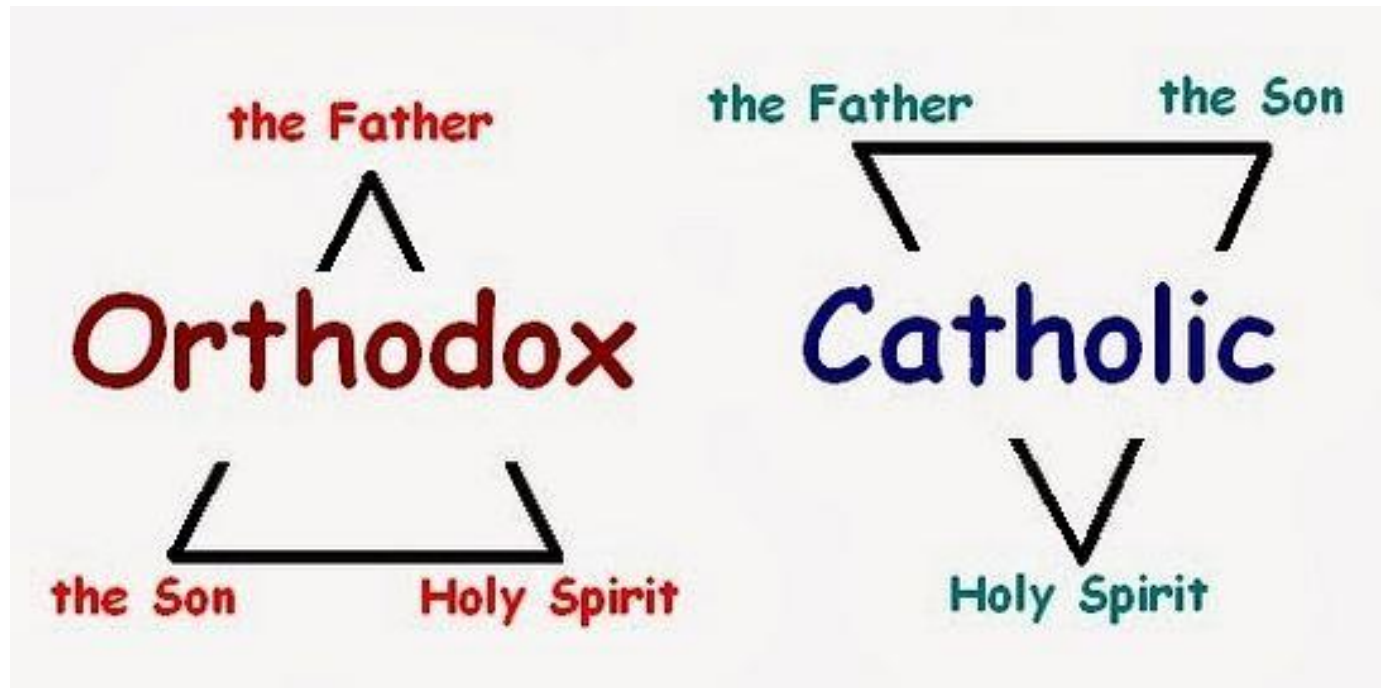


The Three Gods

The Trinity Error Triangle

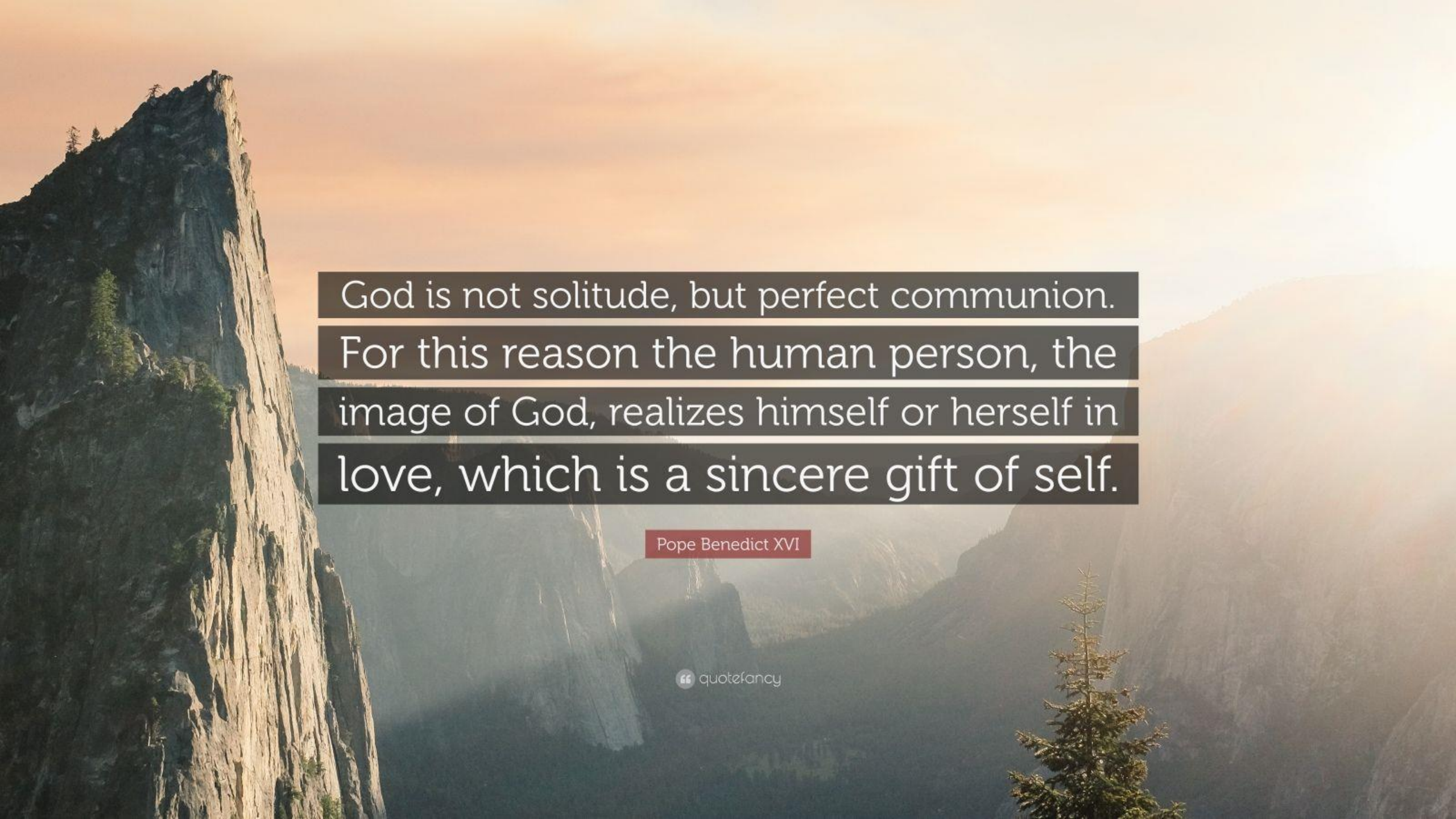


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The Doctrine of the Trinity: Why It Matters

- Ultimate Reality
- Salvation
- Revelation
- Spirituality
- Worship
- Ecumenism
- Inter-Faith Relations
- Social Ethics



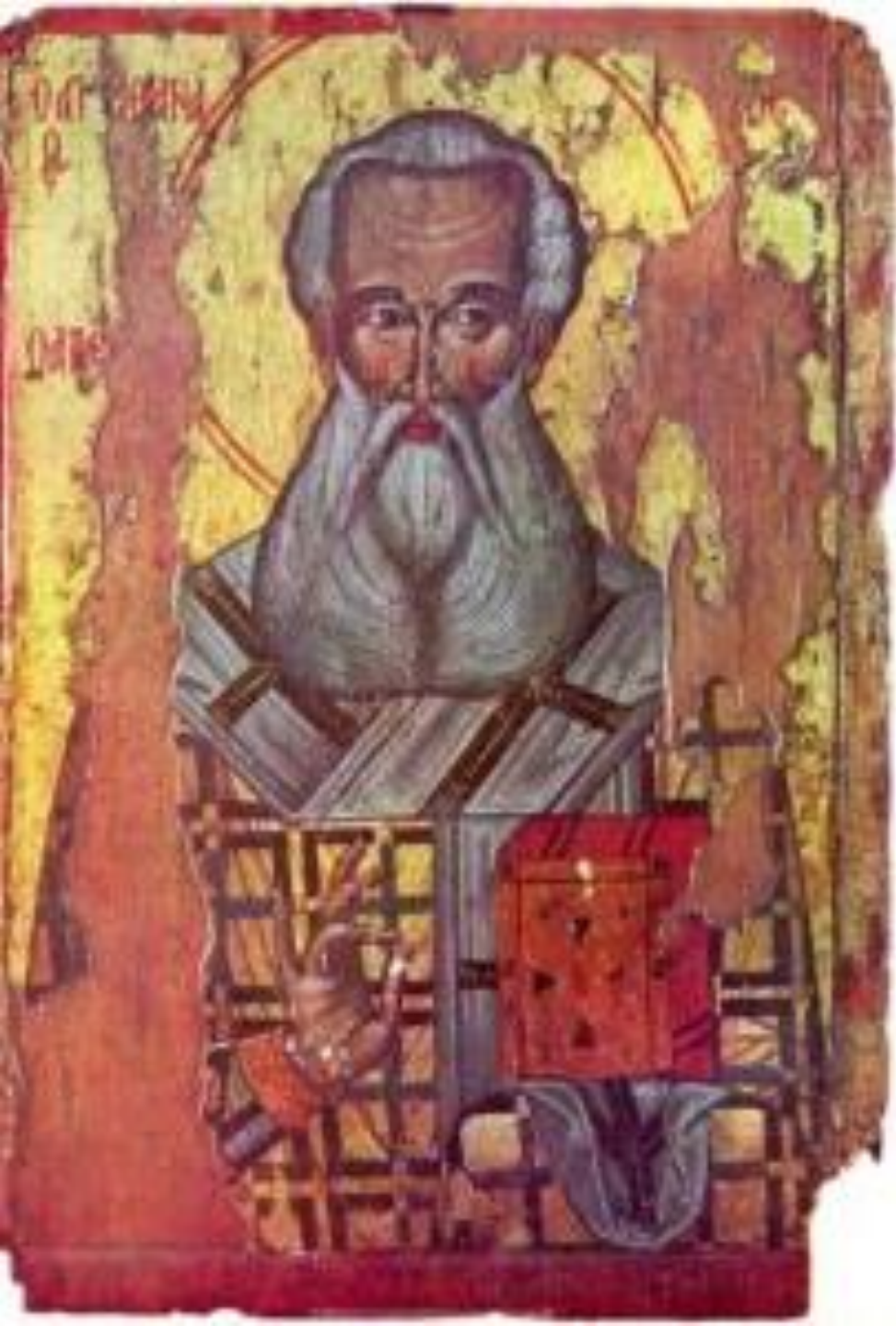
God is not solitude, but perfect communion.
For this reason the human person, the
image of God, realizes himself or herself in
love, which is a sincere gift of self.

Pope Benedict XVI



"An infinitely holy and sacred energy arises between the Father, Son, and Spirit in mutually loving and delighting in each other."

Jonathan Edwards



‘it was not for another to turn what was corruptible to incorruptibility except the Saviour himself, who in the beginning created the universe from nothing; and it was not for another to recreate us in the image of God, except the Image of the Father; and it was not for another to raise up the mortal to be immortal, except our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Life itself; and it is not for another to teach about the Father and destroy the worship of idols, except the Word who arranges all things and is alone the true only-begotten Son of the Father’.

Athanasius, On the Incarnation

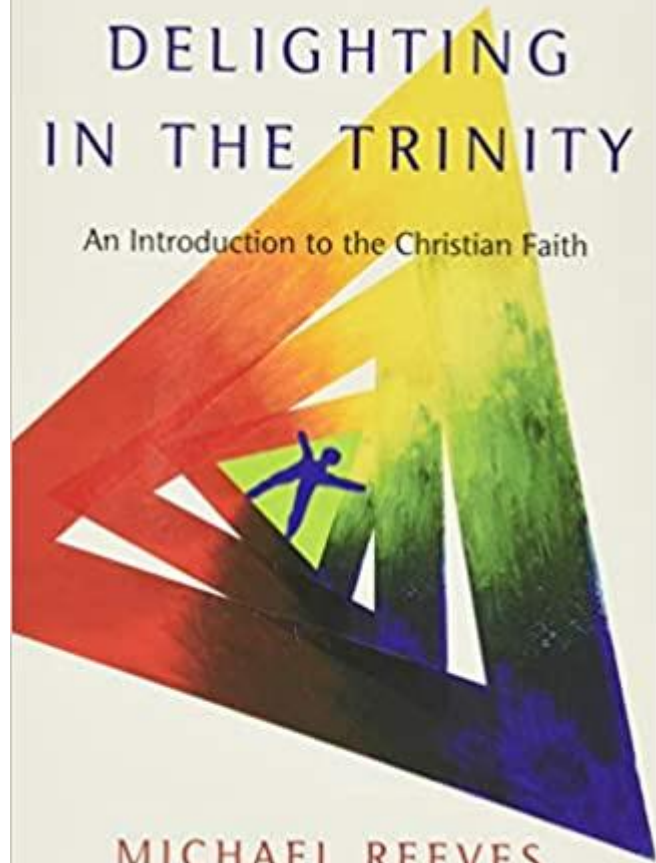
Neither a problem nor a technicality, the triune being of God is the vital oxygen of Christian life and joy.

~ Michael Reeves

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DELIGHTING IN THE TRINITY

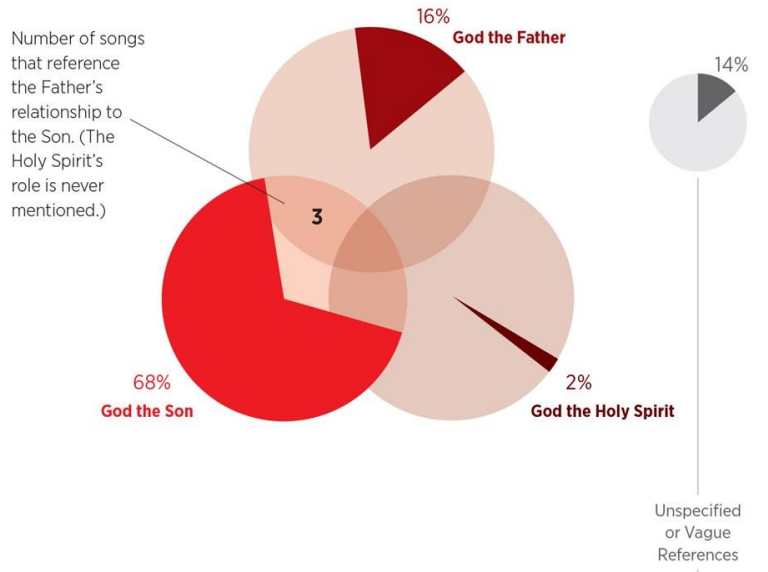
An Introduction to the Christian Faith



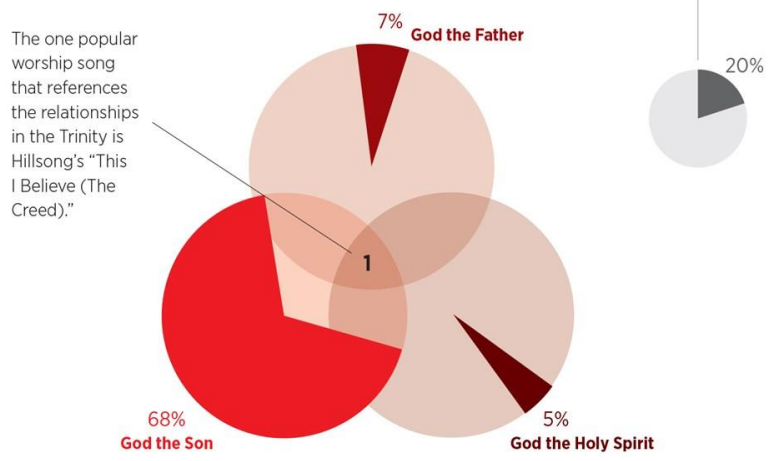
MICHAEL REEVES

PERSONS OF THE TRINITY MENTIONED IN CHURCH MUSIC

HYMNS



WORSHIP MUSIC





Some Jews and Muslims accuse Christians of being idolatrous for believing in the Trinity. My response to both groups is that they fundamentally misunderstand the Christian understanding of the Trinity.

— Miroslav Volf —

AZ QUOTES



TRINITY

"Isn't it wonderful that we have this Doctrine of the Trinity that speaks of God as a fellowship, a community. So, you have this wonderful image of the community that is God, the Trinity."

Desmond Tutu

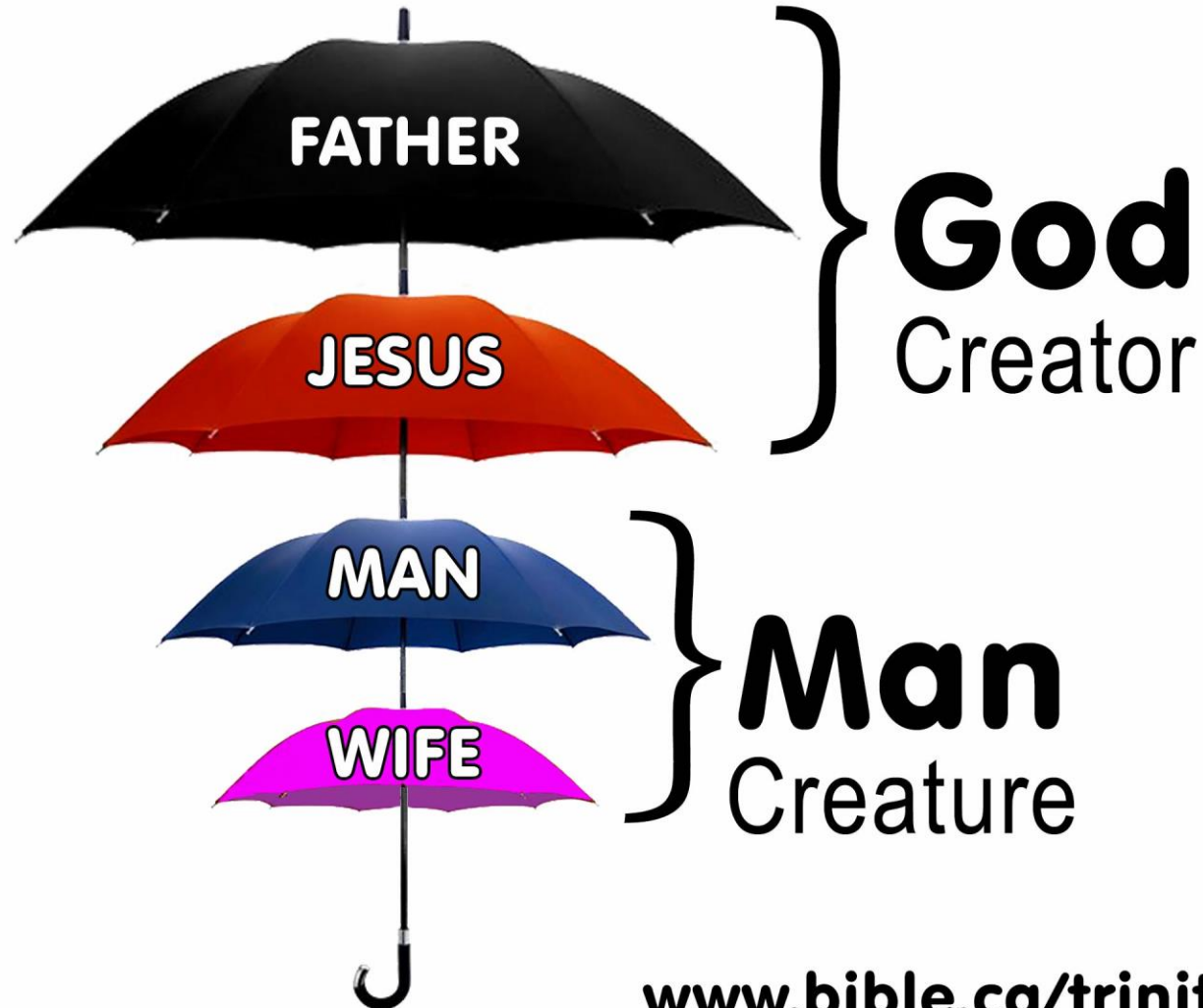
‘we find the earthly reflection of this divine sociality, not in the autocracy of a single ruler but in the democratic community of free people, not in the lordship of the man over the woman but in their equal mutuality, not in an ecclesiastical hierarchy but in a fellowship church.’



Submission of Jesus

1 Cor 11:3; 14:28

Submission doesn't make a wife less human than her husband.
Submission doesn't make Jesus less God than the Father.



TRINITARIANS

- Roman Catholics
- Eastern Orthodox
- Lutherans
- Reformed
- Anglicans
- Wesleyan Methodists
- Pentecostals

NON-TRINITARIANS

- Unitarians
- Jehovah Witnesses: quasi-Arian
- Oneness Pentecostals: modalist
- LDS: erode Creator/creature distinction

George Herbert, 'Trinitie Sunday'

*Lord, who hast form'd me out of mud,
And hast redeem'd me through thy bloud,
And sanctifi'd me to do good;*

*Purge all my sinnes done heretofore:
For I confesse my heavie score,
And I will strive to sinne no more.*

*Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me,
With faith, with hope, with charitie;
That I may runne, rise, rest with thee.*