

THE TRINITY – an incomprehensible characteristic of the Great and Awesome ONE TRUE GOD

I cannot explain or rationalize the working of a computer or an i-pod but I can derive great benefit from using these things that I myself cannot comprehend and explain! I submit to the superior knowledge of those who conceived and manufactured these things and have given us a working knowledge of their advantages. Although I do not know HOW it is possible I know something of WHAT it can do for me!

Although we cannot explain or rationalize what is revealed to us of **God** we can still revel in the reality of such a God at work for us and in us and through us. One of the mysterious truths about God as revealed in the Bible and which is very puzzling and complicated and impossible for me to grasp or try to explain is the **TRINITY**- but I am certainly not going to dismiss God as a Trinity because I cannot fully explain Him!

Some people will only accept a god they can fully understand. If they can fully understand and grasp the knowledge of their god then such a god would be inferior to them, or at best their equal!

I acknowledge a God who is much bigger and greater than what I can understand or explain. (Psalm 121:2.) "My help comes from the Lord, **the Maker of heaven and earth.**" Maybe you will choose to reject the Almighty Creator God because you cannot understand how He could have created the universe, or because you don't understand how He could exist as a Three-In-One God! In the Holy Bible we have revealed to us a mysterious incomprehensible 3-in-1 God. Some people will not allow any amount of evidence or revelation to stir up faith in such a God because they cannot understand all about Him. (Romans 1:18-23.)

In the Bible we read of God having this to say to a man named Job who called into question the mind and will of God; "Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? Let him who accuses God answer Him!" Then Job answered the LORD: "I am unworthy—how can I reply to You? I put my hand over my mouth...." (Job 40:2-4.)

The Bible teaches us that we have been made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26.)

Here are a few of the ways that we see we are made to be like God.... (See Genesis 1:26 & 3:22.)

- We have spiritual abilities (an awareness of God who is spirit, and an attraction to reach beyond the physical level of the world around us, something that no other creatures seem to share!)
- God has "set **eternity** in the hearts of men." (Ecclesiastes 3:11.) We are obsessed with the afterlife!
- We have been entrusted with God-like rule and authority over creation. (Genesis 1:26.)
- We have God-like creativity. (Capable of producing mechanical, artistic, and musical creations etc!)
- We have God-like ability to appreciate beauty; music; art; etc. (Sadly some of what passes for "modern art" today does NOT reflect true God-like traits of creative beauty and design but seeks to glorify chaos and confusion and despair!)
- And God would have us to become more and more like Him - "be Holy as I am holy"! He is faithful, loving, gracious, just..... we should strive to be like Him *by letting Him live in and through us!*

Going back to the beginning and the creation of man we read that the first man Adam "became a living being" in a physical world. (1 Corinthians 15:45.) This was when the invisible **SOUL** of Adam came from God and was breathed into a physical **BODY** God had prepared for him. Adam "became a living being" who could relate physically to the physical world in which he was placed. (Genesis 2:7.) But mankind was clearly superior to all the other creatures God put to live on the earth. Only mankind had the ability to relate to another sphere of existence beyond the physical – mankind could relate on a non-physical level with his Maker and develop a meaningful relationship with Him "in Spirit and in truth". (See John 4:23-24.) This third aspect of his being is identified as his **SPIRIT**.

So the **SOUL** of man was not just given the **physical** abilities of having a **BODY**, he also received **spiritual** abilities by being given a **SPIRIT**. *He was created for communion with his God. Man was created as a 3-in-1 being!* It doesn't mean that each human is three humans! – the dictionary term is "TRICHOTOMY – Division into 3, esp. of human nature into body, soul and spirit." (If **man** is a complex 3-in-1 being, surely we should not think of ourselves as being superior to **God**! We should not consider it impossible that God our Creator is the 3-in-1 SUPREME Being He has revealed Himself as in the Bible.)

When man (Adam & Eve) rebelled against the Supreme and Holy One something catastrophic happened – he became *spiritually* DEAD!

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The **SOUL** of man was still alive in his **BODY** – neither his BODY nor his SOUL died immediately after man sinned – sinful man was still capable of loving, and of creativity, and interacting PHYSICALLY.

But God declared man SPIRITUALLY DEAD! -- “dead in .. transgressions and sins..” (Ephesians 2:1.) Because of his sinfulness mankind was now cut off from access and harmony and oneness with God.

But man does not want to think of himself as being lifeless to God and totally incapable of doing anything to develop his relationship with God, *so he stubbornly persists in trying to do the impossible* – to assume he can achieve acceptance with God!

Jesus said, *“With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”* (Mark 10:27.) Sinful man cannot get himself to God – *but God has chosen to reach out to him!* (Genesis 3:8-9.)

Let us see how the Almighty “3-in-1 God” provided a way of salvation for helpless hopeless sinners like you and me. *God Himself was ready and willing to pay our debt* - DEATH – that we had brought upon ourselves by our sin, but that we ourselves could never pay to be right with God!

How could the Holy and Just God do that? Only by becoming a man and living among us, *and by being willing to die for us!* In the eternal plan of **God**, the **Father** chose to reduce God to a human body by the power of His **Spirit** and live among us as Jesus Christ the **Son of God!** (Luke 1:28-35. John 10:30. 17:21.)

Romans 3:25-26 puts it this way; “God presented Him (Christ Jesus) as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood. He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the One who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” And who would deny that this **Father** and **Son** could keep their promise to exert their *spiritual* presence, power and influence with us! Their promised **Holy Spirit** comes to live within every one who will believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. (Acts 5:29-32.)

ONE TRUE GOD - able to display three distinct aspects of His Being – Father, Son & Holy Spirit!

Sinful man needs to realise that he cannot get himself to God! Do you want your broken spiritual relationship with God to be put right? If so, you must turn to God in repentance and total dependence upon His justice having been satisfied by Christ’s atoning sacrifice. “Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13.) Instead of trying to save yourself you need to call on God to save you! God the **Father** sent His very own Son Jesus to pay your debt by dying for you. (John 3:16-18.) God raised Christ from the dead *satisfied that the price holy God had justly demanded for your sin was paid in full!*

Have you come to that place of repentance and of having faith in the Salvation God has made freely available?

“You must be born again” (John 3:7.) God gives **SPIRITUAL LIFE (“Born again”)** to all who are willing to have faith in God’s wonderful Salvation plan through Jesus - *restoring peace and harmony with God.* (Luke 2:14.) God then comes to live within them by the Life-giving presence of the **Spirit of God.** (Romans 8:6-17.)

*Only **A TRIUNE GOD** could provide such a wonderful Salvation!* (Acts 13:37-39. 10:39-48. Jn 10:25-30.)

My attempt to portray some aspects of the Trinity is most inadequate to do justice to our Awesome Mysterious One True God. I hope it might cause you to strive to get to know God better by looking into His Word the Holy Bible in order to know more about Him for yourself. (Jeremiah 29:11-14.)

Here are a few examples of how **the Awesome three-in-one God** is revealed for us in the Bible?

- **Matthew 3:16-17.** As soon as Jesus was baptised, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he (John the Baptist) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on Him (Jesus). ... a voice from heaven (Father) said, “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”
- **Ephesians 2:18** For through Him (Jesus) we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
- **2 Corinthians 13:14** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (also see John 14:16-17. 1 Peter 1:2. 3:18. Acts 2:32-33. etc.)

Let us worship the **One True God** – *the Awesome Trinity who created us* and came to our rescue when we rebelled against Him. (Romans 3:21-26. 8:11.) This wonderful Salvation can be **yours right now!**

Thank God for His amazing love in sending His Son to be your Saviour! (1 John 4:14.) **Ask God for His forgiveness of your sins which He freely offers through faith in Jesus Christ, and begin a new Life in Him.**

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-10.)