



Lord I Offer My Life To You

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Holy Trinity

How do you get to know someone?

- Someone tells you about the person.
- Reading out about the person. **Linked in f**
- The person can tell you about himself / herself.

How do you get to know God?

God Is Infinite, We Are Finite

- We cannot “reach up” to God. God has to “reach down” to us.
- Through reasoning, we come to know about the existence of God
- Reason alone cannot bridge from a finite imperfect being to an infinite supreme being.
- Only through revelation, we can come to know about the inner-life of God

Holy Trinity

- There is one God with one, divine nature, but there are 3 distinct divine persons (*hypostases*) :
Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- Not 3 Gods, for God is almighty and perfect
- A Mystery
- References to the Holy Trinity in the Bible ...



Matthew 3:16-17

And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'



Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

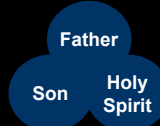
Question



- In which book of the Bible was the Holy Trinity first mentioned?
 - The "Trinity" was not explicitly mentioned in the Bible.
 - The Holy Spirit revealed the Trinity to us via the First Council of Nicaea (325 AD) and the First Council of Constantinople (381 AD)
 - The Persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit was first mentioned in Genesis 1:1-2

Holy Trinity – Analogous Imagery

- 3 overlapping circles, 3 circles but 1 shape.



- St Patrick's image of a shamrock



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Father

God The Father

- First Person of the Holy Trinity
- Work of Creation
- God created all things

The Creation Story (Gen 1:1-2:3)

- Day 1: Day and Night
- Day 2: Sea and Sky
- Day 3: Land, Sea and Vegetation
- Day 4: Sun and Moon
- Day 5: Fishes and Birds
- Day 6: Beasts and Human
- 2 sets of 3 days
- Day 7: Holy Day ("Sabbath")
- 3 days + 4 days



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How Great is Our God

The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty

Let all the Earth rejoice

All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

Trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

*Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end*

*The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb*

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

*Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God*

*You're the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God*

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*



Discussion

- God is a Trinity of loving relationship.
- Do my relationships with my loved ones reflect the relationship God shows me?
- Share your experience of loving and being loved.



Awesome God

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He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom and power
Our God is an awesome God*

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