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# ***DE TRINITATE - CONCERNING THE TRINITY***

God Exists, Three in One: Love in Relationship, God Made Me and The Unified Action of the One God

# GOD EXISTS

## An Example of a Proof Concerning the Existence of God from Reason Alone:

From the point of view of science and philosophy, it can be reasonably posited that the expansion of the universe from a singularity first required action by an outside force, namely the unmoved mover, God. The value of the argument of the unmoved mover is that it supports a reasonable claim for the existence of God that can neither be proven nor denied by science. The position of Professor Stephen Hawking that gravity caused the Big Bang – the singularity to move from potency to act – confuses law with agency. How can a law, especially the law of gravity, which can only exist within the dimensions of the universe in which that law is defined, suddenly possess the independent capacity of agency and act? Thus, there is the need for an independent, free-, existence, capable of act that is separate and distinct from the singularity that initiates motion for the singularity – that is, the unmoved mover or God.



# THREE IN ONE - LOVE IN RELATIONSHIP

*Excerpt from Athanasian Creed*

...we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity. Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost is all One, the Glory Equal, the Majesty Co-Eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father Uncreated, the Son Uncreated, and the Holy Ghost Uncreated. The Father Incomprehensible, the Son Incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost Incomprehensible. The Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Ghost Eternal and yet they are not Three Eternals but One Eternal. As also there are not Three Uncreated, nor Three Incomprehensible, but One Uncreated, and One Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not Three Almighties but One Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not Three Gods, but One God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not Three Lords but One Lord. For, like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion to say, there be Three Gods or Three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is One Father, not Three Fathers; one Son, not Three Sons; One Holy Ghost, not Three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is afore or after Other, None is greater or less than Another, but the whole Three Persons are Co-eternal together, and Co-equal. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

# THE FATHER: CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

- God creates *ex nihilo* - out of nothing. There was no primordial matter. God creates all physical and spiritual realities, visible and invisible.
- The Big Bang Theory - developed by a catholic priest, Msgr. Georges Lemaitre. Greatly developed by Pope Pius XII, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. The Big Bang would have remained potency, that is no “bang”, without an external agent that was independently capable of making the “bang” - the unmoved mover.
- Creation is “Very Good (Gen. 1:31)”: Angels, Humans, the Heavens and Earth were all created “very good”, not evil.
- Original Sin: The Fall - Through pride, humanity falls from a communion of preternatural grace and sin enters the cosmos. Sin effects all humanity and creation. Thus, the whole universe experiences the effects of sin.

# GOD THE FATHER MADE ME

- We are the product of the active thought of God: “We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Homily* April 24, 2005)”
- My Purpose: To love, serve and worship God in this life in order to spend eternal life with God in heaven.
- Human Person: the union of body and soul.
- *Imago Dei*: I am made in the image of God - the image of the Triune God is stamped upon me. “The human person participates in the light and power of the divine Spirit. By his reason, he is capable of understanding the order of things established by the Creator. By free will, he is capable of directing himself toward his true good. He finds his perfection “in seeking and loving what is true and good. (CCC, 1704)”
- Original Sin: Each of us is conceived in sin, we inherit original sin through human generation. While Baptism washes away original sin, its effect: concupiscence, remains. Concupiscence is the tendency toward sin, what in psychology is called: “the human condition”.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE GIFT OF LOVE AND SPIRIT OF TRUTH - SOUL OF THE CHURCH

- The Holy Spirit is the gift of the love expressed between the Father and the Son. “To believe in the Holy Spirit means to worship him as God just like the Father and the Son. It means to believe that the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts so that we as children of God might know our Father in heaven. Moved by God’s Spirit, we can change the face of the earth. . . Jesus Christ himself speaks about the Counselor, Comforter, Teacher and Spirit of Truth. In the sacraments of the Church, the Holy Spirit is bestowed through the imposition of hands and anointing with oil. (YC, 113,115)”
- The Holy Spirit – Soul of Church: Gives the Church the Power to Purify, Illuminate and Perfect each of us in our minds, bodies and souls. It is through the Church, the Instrument and Sacrament of our Salvation, that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, affects Unity with us all and showers us with the fruits of His Paschal Mystery – the Forgiveness of Sins and a Share in His Eternal Life!

# THE UNIFIED ACTION OF THE ONE GOD

- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One.
- The Imminent Trinity - *ad intra*: The relationship of the Trinity *ad intra* speaks of distinctions, the diverse persons with diverse operations.
- The Economic Trinity - *ad extra*: The Trinity, when it reveals itself in the world, always acts as a unity. Thus, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do not operate alone in the world, but always as a unity of persons.