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DIVINE REVELATION

&

THE HOLY TRINITY



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2

O God, you are my God—  
it is you I seek!

For you my body yearns;  
for you my soul thirsts,  
In a land parched, lifeless,  
and without water.

3

I look to you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and glory.

4

For your love is better than life;  
my lips shall ever praise you!



# WE CRAVE GOD



Our hearts are restless till they find rest in You.

- St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430),  
*Confessions*

***Saint Augustine***  
***by Philippe de Champaigne, c. 1645.***



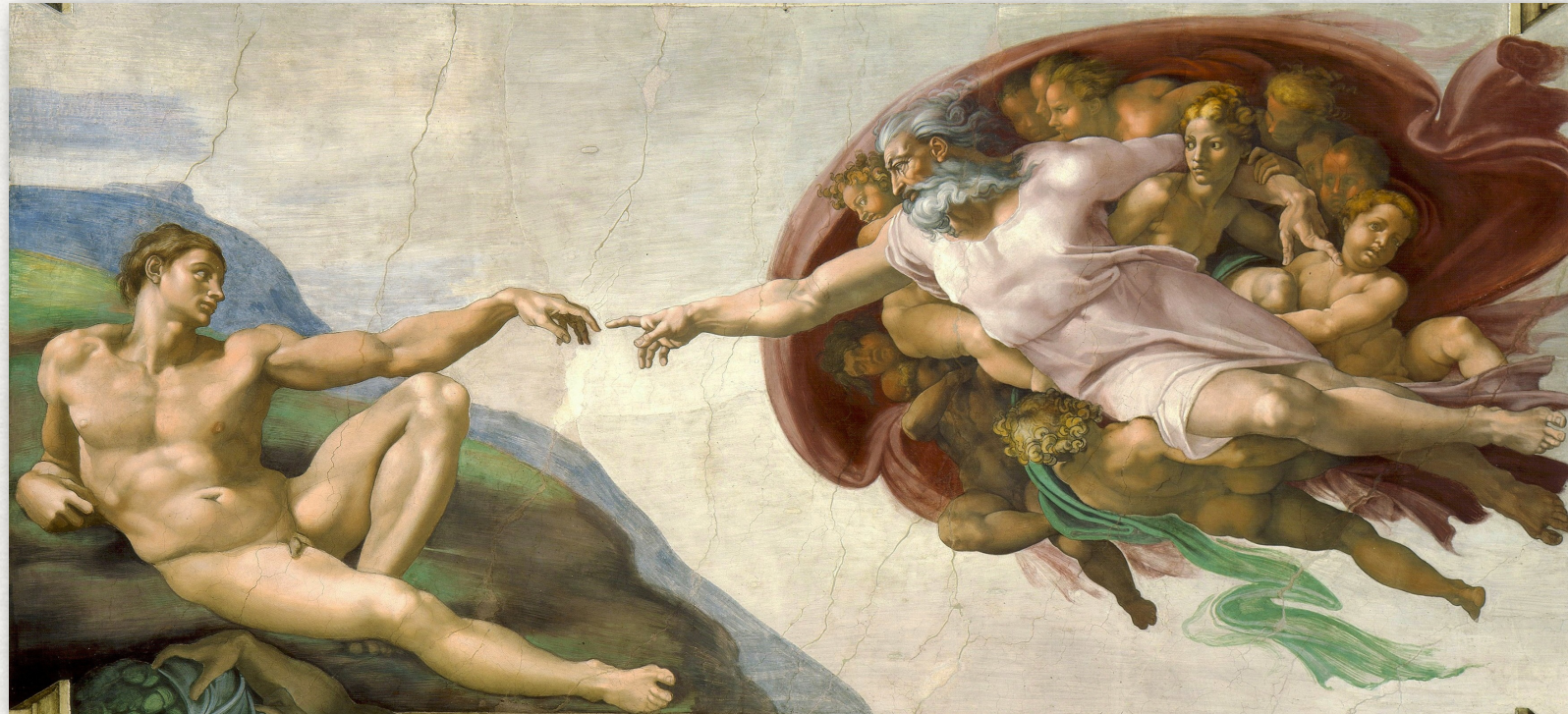
# DIVINE REVELATION

**CCC §50,** By natural reason man can know God with certainty, on the basis of his works. But there is another order of knowledge, which man cannot possibly arrive at by his own powers: the order of **divine Revelation**. Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. This he does by revealing the mystery, his plan of loving goodness, formed from all eternity in Christ, for the benefit of all men. God has fully revealed this plan by sending us his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.



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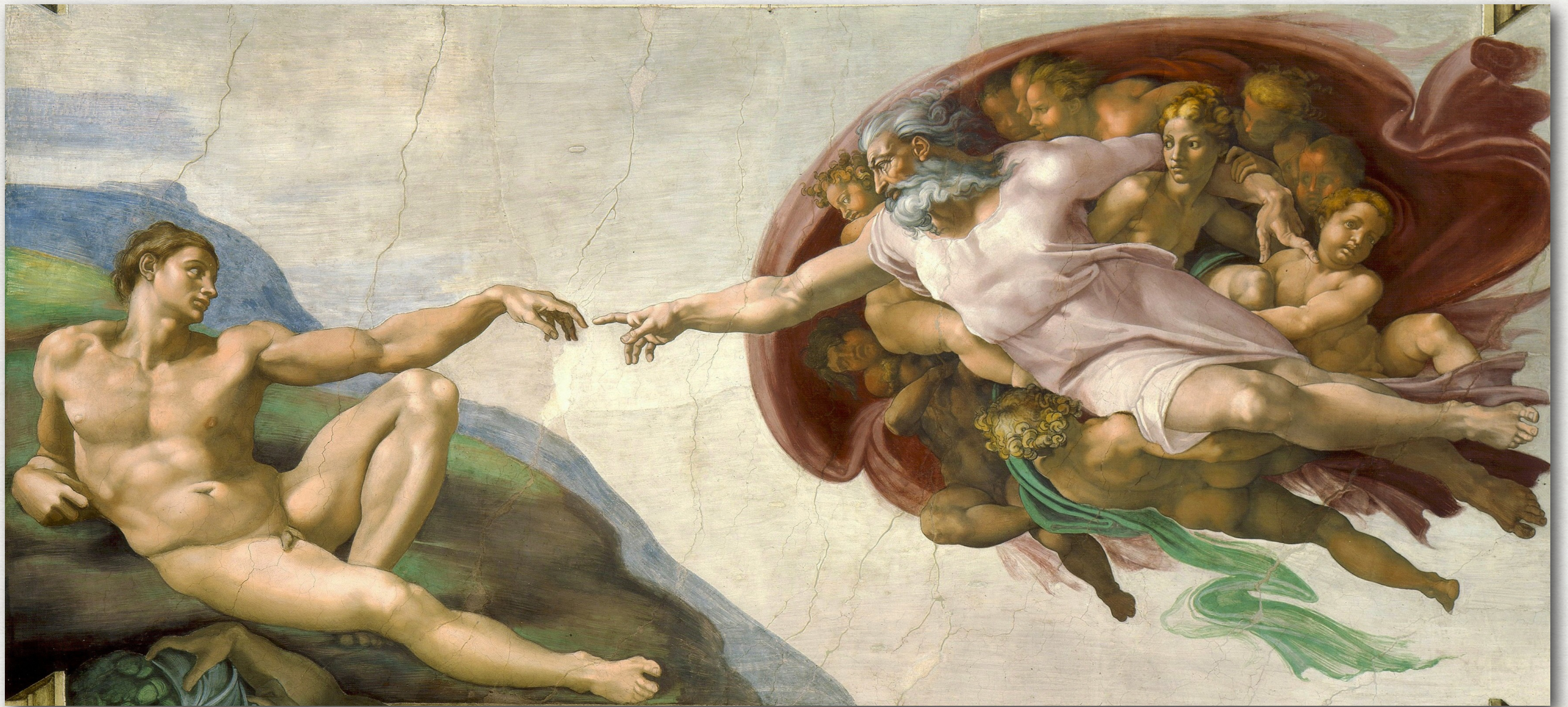
- §68, By love, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. He has thus provided the definitive, superabundant answer to the questions that man asks himself about the meaning and purpose of his life.



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Michelangelo, c. 1512





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# GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO EACH OF US

God reveals himself to us through

- ➡ the natural law,
- ➡ through his creation,
- ➡ through his Word,
- ➡ through Apostolic/Sacred Tradition
  - ➡ and other Church traditions,
- ➡ through the Holy Spirit,
- ➡ and through Jesus Christ, His Son



# DIVINE REVELATION

- **Natural Law**

- the innate ability to know of his existence,
- and to arrive at a basic sense of good and evil, of truth and falsehood,
- and of the duty to seek always that which is good and true.
- By human reason, we can develop this knowledge of God and of how he wishes us to live.
- Keeping the natural law is ultimately what fulfills us as human persons.





# DIVINE REVELATION

- **Creation**

- "For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them.
- Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse (Romans 1:19-20)

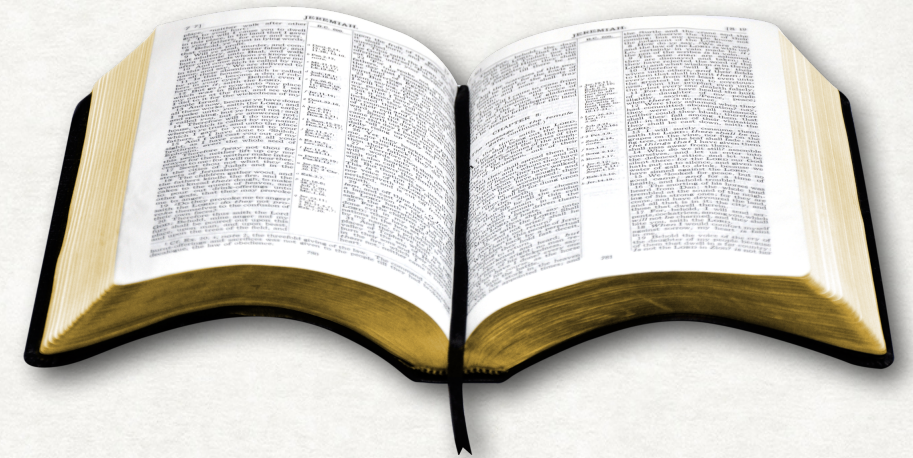




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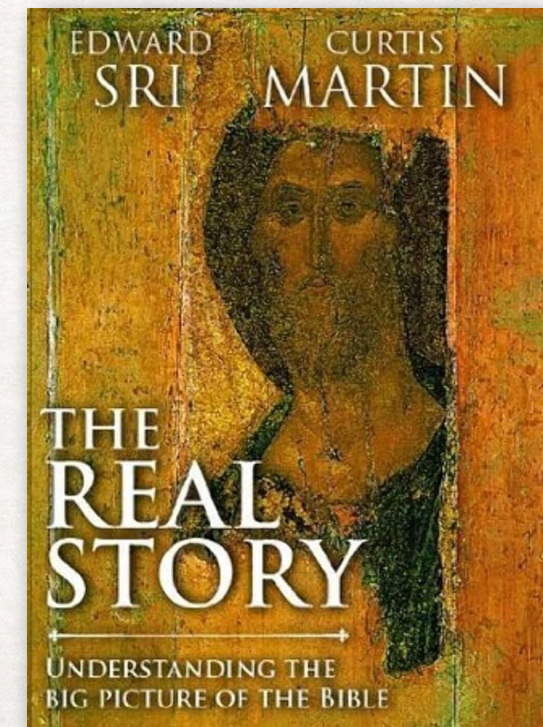
- **His Word = Scripture**

- "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. (Heb 1:1-2)



- **§69**, God has revealed himself to man by gradually communicating his own mystery in deeds and in words.

- §70, First man & woman
- §71, Noah
- §72, Abraham
- §72, Moses
- §72, Prophets





# DIVINE REVELATION

- **Apostolic Tradition/Sacred Tradition**
  - Apostles Teaching
  - Breaking of Bread (Eucharist)
  - Community
  - Prayer
- **VS.**
- traditions in the Church
  - Making the Sign of the Cross
  - The Rosary





# DIVINE REVELATION

- **The Holy Spirit**

- "Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to "teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26)
- The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit



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| 1. wisdom,        | 5. knowledge,        |
| 2. understanding, | 6. piety, and        |
| 3. counsel,       | 7. fear of the Lord. |
| 4. fortitude,     |                      |



# DIVINE REVELATION

- His Son, Jesus
- §73, God has revealed himself fully by sending his own Son, in whom he has established his covenant for ever. The Son is his Father's definitive Word; so there will be no further Revelation after him.
  - Matthew
  - Mark
  - Luke
  - John
  - Paul - "special revelation" about Jesus
    - Paul's letters



*Sermon on the Mount*  
by Carl Bloch (1877)



# WE CRAVE GOD

There is a God-shaped hole in the heart of every person that can only be filled by God as made known through Jesus Christ.

— Blaise Pascal

1623 - 1662 (↓39yo)

a French mathematician,  
physicist, inventor, philosopher,  
and Catholic writer.





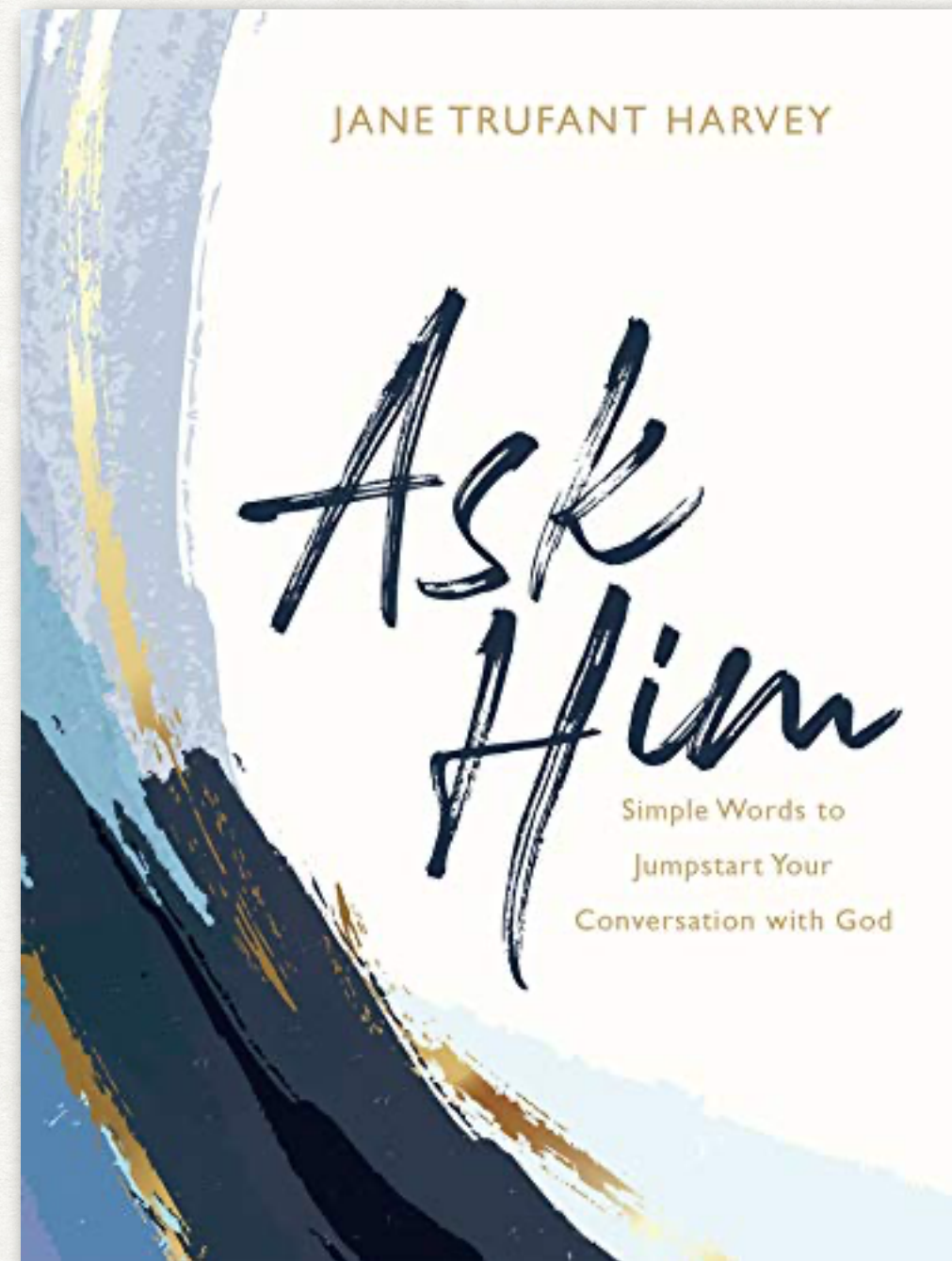
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- How has God revealed Himself to you?
- What are your stories? Why are you here— now?



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- Ask Him to reveal himself to you in deeper, meaningful ways
- ...his plan for your life





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# The Trínity

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# The Trinity

## The Tri - Unity

- ♦ God the Father
- ♦ Jesus the Son
- ♦ Holy Spirit



God is a community and invites  
us into that loving community

Genesis 1:26



## Genesis 1:22 - 27

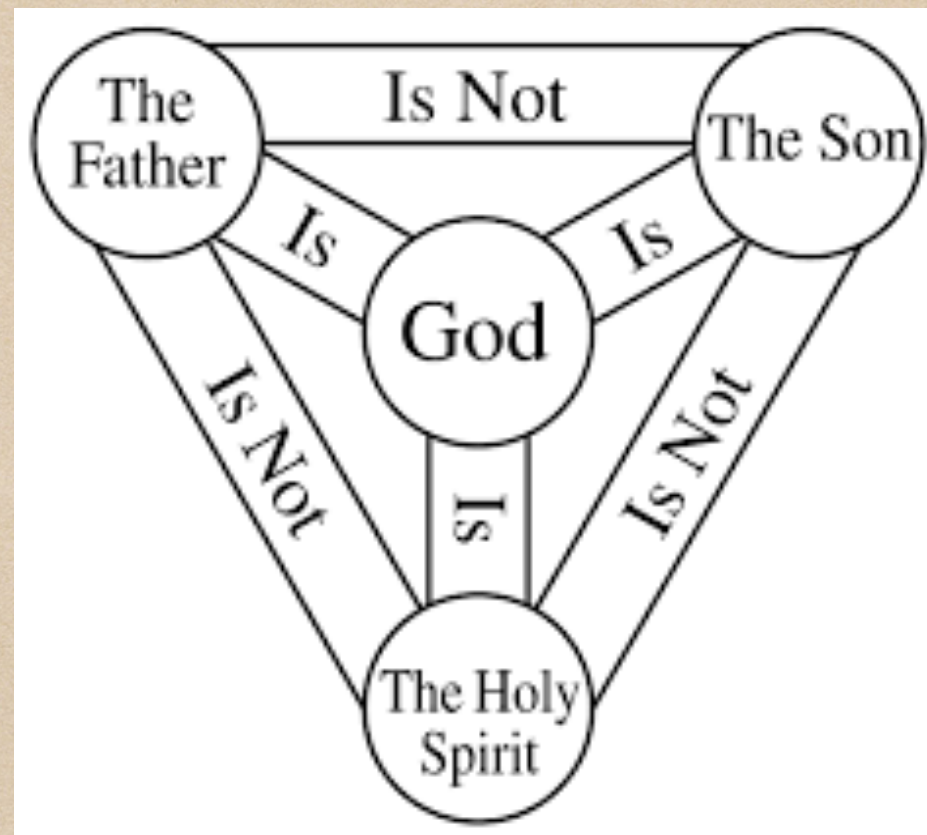
**24** Then God said: Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: tame animals, crawling things, and every kind of wild animal. And so it happened: **25** God made every kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, and every kind of thing that crawls on the ground. God saw that it was good. **26** Then God said: Let **us** make human beings in **our** image, after **our** likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. **27** God created mankind in **his** image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



# The Trinity







The Trinity is a mystery



# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in **God**,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,

and in **Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord**,  
who was conceived by **the Holy Spirit**,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in **the Holy Spirit**,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.



# Profession of faith

## The Nicene Creed (325AD)

### Council of Nicea

- Heresies
- Arius
  - Jesus is the son of God, BUT he is not divine
  - Jesus is not co-eternal with God
    - “There was a time when Jesus was not”
  - Jesus is not the same essence
  - Jesus was subordinate to God



## The Nicene Creed

I believe in **one God**,  
the **Father** almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

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the Only Begotten **Son** of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
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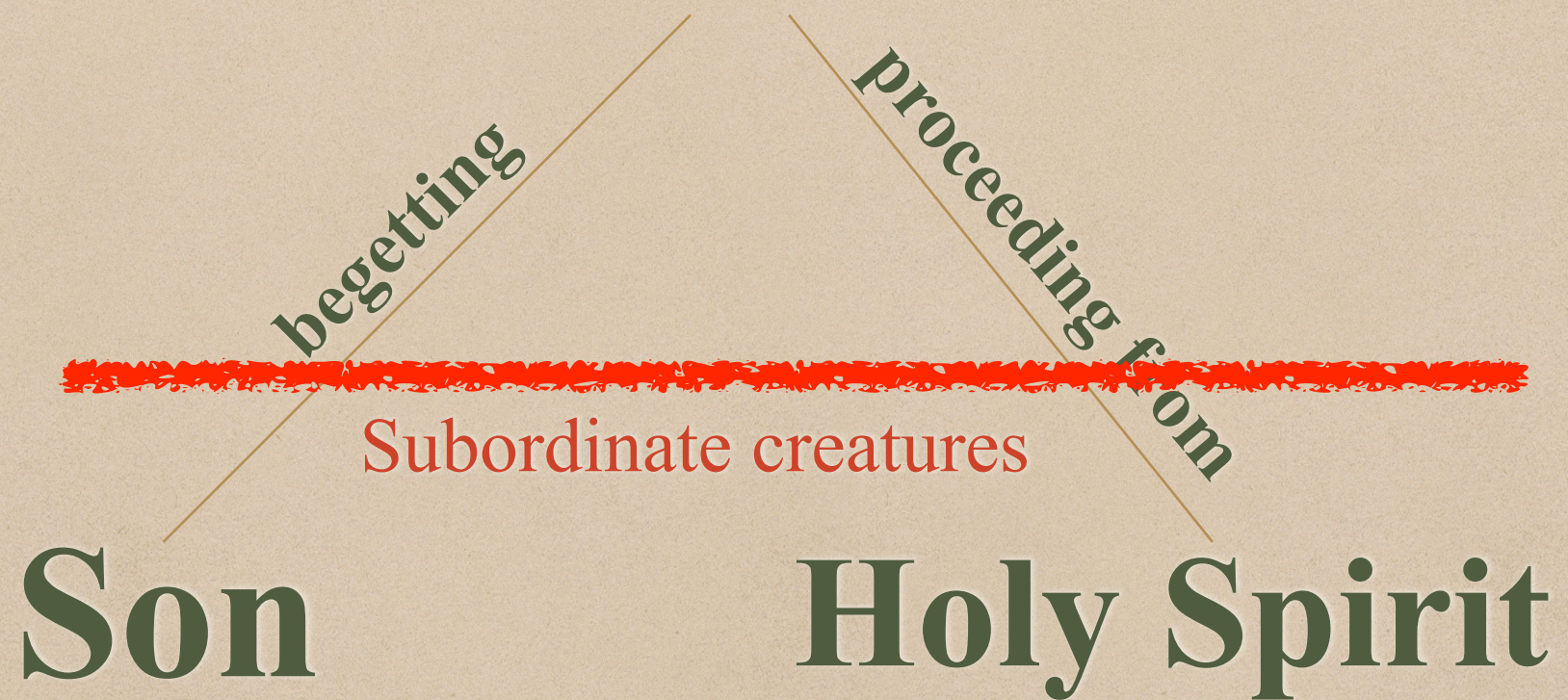
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life,  
who proceeds from the Father **[OMIT]**,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Arian Interpretation of  
The Original Nicene Creed  
**Father**





# Nícene creed

- ♦ 589, Council in Toledo, Spain **adds** the Filioque to Nicene Creed (locally)



Third Council in Toledo, 589



# Filioque clause, 589

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filio - que

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'and the'

- ♦ **Original Creed:** “proceeds from the Father”
- ♦ **Toledo revision:** Double procession of the Spirit —  
“proceeds from the Father AND the Son”



# REVISED nicene creed

*'filioque'*

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son



# The Sign of the Cross





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxgM90OVL2U>

The Sign of the Cross | Fr. Brice Higginbotham



# **CLOSING PRAYER**

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