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christians have always believed in the triune god but they haven t always understood or used the doctrine of the trinity consistently in order to form a coherent view of trinitarian theology it s important for christians to have a working knowledge of the two legitimate models for explaining this doctrine classical presenting a traditional view of the trinity represented by the baptist theologian stephen r holmes and the roman catholic theologian paul d molnar relational presenting the promise and potential hazards of a

relational doctrine represented by the evangelical theologian thomas h mccall and the baptist philosopher paul s fiddes in this volume of the counterpoints series leading contributors establish their models and approaches to the doctrine of the trinity or the relationship between the threeness and oneness of the divine life each expert highlights the strengths of his view in order to argue how it best reflects the orthodox perspective in order to facilitate a genuine debate and to make sure that the key issues are revealed each contributor addresses the same questions regarding their trinitarian methodology doctrine and its implications

among seventh day adventists the doctrine of the trinity is often taken for granted but increasingly it is opposed by a small minority who have retreated to the anti trinitarian position of the pioneers in response the authors each a specialist in his field trace the doctrine of the trinity through scripture church history and the writings of ellen g white the first section surveys the biblical foundations of the doctrine and addresses objections that have been raised other sections trace the development of the doctrine in christian history in adventist history and in the writings of ellen white the authors explain why the doctrine was resisted by many of the leading pioneers the final section asks so what it discusses the theological and practical implications of trinitarian belief worship and practice showing how it affects what we believe about salvation atonement the great controversy and other significant doctrines with glossaries bibliography and index this comprehensive primer on the trinity will shed new light on the central beliefs of christianity and show how god still leads his church into all truth introduction section one the biblical evidence for the full deity of christ the personality of the spirit and the unity and oneness of the godhead chapter 1 the strongest bible evidence for the trinity chapter 2 the full and eternal deity of christ part i the new testament epistles the old testament and the gospels chapter 3 the full and eternal deity of christ part ii the gospel of john chapter 4 the personality and deity of the spirit and the triune oneness of the godhead chapter 5 trinitarian evidences in the book of revelation chapter 6 biblical objections to the trinity chapter 7 logical objections to the trinity section two the history of the trinity doctrine from a d 100 to a d 1500 section three trinity and anti trinitarianism from the reformation to the advent movement section four the doctrine of the trinity and its implications for christian thought and practice index

the mystery of the trinity is the central christian belief that defines god s essence god s ongoing love for humanity and saving grace yet over the past few centuries especially in

the west christians have either ceased believing in the trinity or simply no longer recognize its relevance in their ecclesial or individual lives written in an ecumenical spirit that engages contemporary questions and theological viewpoints the trinity rediscovering the central christian mystery articulates the mystery of the trinity for people formed by modern historical consciousness science awareness of the equal dignity of men and women and respect for world religions by first identifying contemporary problems with the christian proclamation of the trinity in our culture and major differences among modern theologians john farrelly osb explores scripture the life and message of jesus christ the various stages of the development of trinitarian doctrine in christian history the relation of the trinity to creation and salvation the generation of the son from the father within the trinity and the procession of the holy spirit from father and son and the meaning of three persons in one god he concludes by reflecting on the implications this renewed theology of the trinity has for ecclesiology and christian spirituality in our twenty first century world especially in relation to other world religions

appropriately the premier volume in the guides to theology series the trinity provides readers with a basic knowledge of the central and most distinctive doctrine of the christian faith the triune nature of god concise nontechnical and up to date the book offers a detailed historical and theological description of the doctrine of the trinity tracing its development from the first days of christianity through the medieval and reformation eras and into the modern age special attention is given to early church controversies and to the church fathers who helped carve out the doctrine of the triune god as well as to the twentieth century renaissance of the doctrine the second part of the book contains a comprehensive annotated bibliography of classical and contemporary works on the doctrine of the trinity

this interdisciplinary study is the result of an international and ecumenical meeting of nineteen scholars held in new york at easter 1998 the trinity summit biblical experts examine the scriptural roots of trinitarian doctrine patristic scholars correct those who continue to misinterpret the trinitarian teaching of the cappadocians and augustine and five scholars examine systematic and foundational issues like the viability of social models for the trinity the volume ends with a study of the trinity in art and the challenge of preaching the trinity today the international reputation of the participants reflects and guarantees the high quality of this joint work

a distinguished contribution hill brings a remarkable breadth of scholarship to his historical overview of classical trinitarian theology he reviews the biblical sources for the doctrine traces its gradual development among the latin and greek fathers and analyzes carefully the trinitarian theology of augustine and aquinas the journal of religion among the doctrines and symbols of christianity perhaps none has been as subject to theological neglect as that of the trinity recently however there have been stirrings in the theological world seeking to remedy this neglect the present volume a historical and systematic investigation of the doctrine of the trinity is intended as one contribution to this renewed theological discussion of the trinity of god in the first part the author examines the new testament matrix of an emerging trinitarianism the shaping of the tradition by the greek fathers and the systematization of the doctrinein augustine and medieval scholasticism the second part explores the post enlightenment understanding of the trinity in schleiermacher and hegel and the twentieth century interpretation of barth tillich rahner pannenberg moltmann muhlen whitehead and others the historical and critical parts lay the foundation for the third part of this study a contemporary reinterpretation of the trinity which complements aguinas s metaphysical concept of person with psychological and subjective dimensions brought out by contemporary thinkers the result of the rethinking of the trinity is an understanding of god not as self enclosed absolute but as self communicating personal deity william j hill o p is professor emeritus of theology at the catholic university of america he received his s t d degree from the university of st thomas angelicum rome and has taught at the dominican house of studies of washington d c he has written numerous articles on theology and religion and is author of knowing the unknown god

why be concerned with the trinity what does it mean to say i believe in the father the son and the holy spirit in this accessible work leonardo boff takes up the ancient doctrine of the trinity showing its meaning and relevance for christian faith today in a series of short chapters boff unpacks the mysteries of the trinity spelling out the difference it makes to believe that god is communion rather than solitude instead of an image of god as solitary ruler standing aloof above a static universe belief in the trinity means that at the root of everything there is movement there is an eternal process of life of outward movement and love while comprehensive in his treatment of the theological and anthropological dimensions of the trinity boff is especially interested in the social implications in the trinity we find a program of liberation to the infinite degree difference and distinction equality and perfect communion the holy trinity is among other things the image of the

perfect community at the same time in the trinity we find the best image of the church not a hierarchy of power but a community of diverse gifts and functions thus comprehension of the trinity in which god comes out to meet us in the full realization of our yearnings empowers our efforts for a better world and a more faithful church book jacket jacket

in the last thirty years books on the trinity have abounded there seems to be a fascination with this mysterious topic especially among systematic theologians the topic has been mined for many different interests from liberation theology to feminist interpretations of the christian heritage and from neo reformation theology to interreligious dialogue this book has no intention of adding to the plethora of treatises on the trinity the main question with which it is concerned is what is really scripturally tenable with regard to the trinity and what is unwarranted theological construction or even speculation through this question schwarz tries to discern whether the theological assertions made about the trinity are in line with the biblical base from which they are derived or whether they have veered off in a more or less questionable direction what takes shape here is a story how the doctrine of the trinity developed over the subsequent centuries from the traces in scripture to a centralized dogma at the heart of christian teaching we witness in this an evolution from proclamation to controversy to speculation what are we to make of this doctrine how do we articulate the biblical faith today

the trinity is the central mystery of the christian faith what can we say about the divine nature and what does it mean to say that god is father son holy spirit three persons who are one in being in this book best selling author thomas joseph white op examines the development of early christian reflection on the trinity arguing that essential contributions of patristic theology are preserved and expanded in the thought of thomas aquinas by focusing on aquinas theology of the divine nature as well as his treatment of divine personhood white explores in depth the mystery of trinitarian monotheism the trinity on the nature and mystery of the one god also engages with influential proposals of modern theologians on major topics such as trinitarian creation incarnation and crucifixion and presents creative engagements with these topics ultimately any theology of the cross is also a theology of the trinity and this book seeks to illustrate how the human life death and resurrection of jesus reveal the inner life of god as trinity

the ground breaking treatment of the doctrine of the trinity by one of the most important theologians of the century is here reprinted on the 30th anniversary of its original publication in this treatise karl rahner analyzes the place of the doctrine of the trinity within catholic theology and develops his own highly original and innovative reading of the doctrine including his now famous dictum copyright libri gmbh all rights reserved

how is the one god also three persons how is jesus fully god and fully human who in the world should we pray to and why does any of it matter steve dancause offers a succinct and profound investigation into how what we think about god as trinity matters in our faith our work and our love it matters because the walls of our churches are cracking around us we can keep patching things up but it is better to go to the foundation and do the hard digging with the right foundation the structure holds and it stands the test of eternity and it is only in jesus and the trinity he reveals to us that we build our lives on solid rock let s dig down together the jesus way small books of radical faith delve into big questions about god s work in the world these concise practical books are deeply rooted in anabaptist theology crafted by a diverse community of internationally renowned scholars pastors and practitioners the jesus way series helps readers deepen their faith in christ and enliven their witness accessible jesus centered theology from an anabaptist perspective designed for use by individual readers small groups and christian education classes glossary of terms and discussion and reflection questions in each volume

when you consider the aspects of christianity that differentiate it from other religions one of its most distinguishing characteristics is certainly the notion of a triune god this concept has been the bedrock of christian orthodoxy for almost two millennia and even today remains the standard by which everything claiming to be christian is measured indeed in many respects the trinity has actually become christianity s defining doctrine in addition to its singular importance though the trinity is also one of the most enigmatic doctrines of the christian faith for even though most believers are aware of the trinity they would probably be hard pressed to explain it without slipping into heresy themselves they know it has something to do with father son and holy spirit and that the three are somehow one but that s about the extent of it that being said perhaps the most perplexing thing about this doctrine is that neither the word trinity nor its central premise of one god in three persons can be found in scripture this comes as a shock to most christians who tacitly assume that something as essential as the trinity must be on

virtually every page of the bible in reality though the trinity gradually took shape during the 300 years after the close of the new testament a synthesis of christian doctrine and concepts borrowed from greek philosophical and religious systems if you ve ever had to wrestle with the ideas of plato and aristotle you can start to appreciate why the trinity is so hard to grasp so in light of all this why are we still talking about this doctrine after almost 2 000 years it s not in the bible most christians can t comprehend it and yet it is deemed to be the litmus test of orthodoxy granted the trinity has been used many times over the years to vanguish some of the most serious threats that the church has faced still when you look at the history of this doctrine it sure feels like the early church fell into the very trap that paul had warned them about in his letter to the colossians he admonished the church to steer clear of empty philosophies and high sounding nonsense yet here we are fortunately there is a better answer to the riddle of father son and holy spirit we simply need to allow scripture to speak for itself rather than listening to it through its would be interpreter the trinity this is not an easy task to be sure since we have been so indoctrinated with the trinity that it is hard to see anything else when we open the pages of the bible nevertheless when we set god s tri partite designation in the context of the kingdom of god and the bible s overarching story of redemption the truth of this phrase starts to emerge the trick of course is doing that without also slipping into heresy which is exactly what testing the trinity strives to accomplish

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unravel the mystery of the most unique part of christianity the doctrine of the trinity follow the evidence from a recognition that the divine hand is always at work to monotheism to the revelation of the three persons of the trinity go beyond merely understanding the doctrine to considering how our understanding of god s nature not only influences our relationship to him but how it influences all areas of life ranging from our individual conduct to church life even to worldview government justice and our concepts of communication

the trinity is one of the most basic doctrines in christianity and one of the key doctrines that separates christianity from other religions this glossy full color pamphlet on the trinity explains the trinity in clear easy to understand terms and illustrations the trinity gives dozens of scriptures and background documentation that supports the belief that the father son and holy spirit are all god not three names for the same person this bestseller also answers misunderstandings that cults and other religions may have size 8×5 unfolds to 33 long fits inside most bible covers

in this volume a noted theologian brings together an ecumenical roster of leading scholars to explore trinitarian faith as it is concretely experienced in the life of the church drawing upon and fostering renewed interest in trinitarian theology the contributors including brian e daley john behr and kathleen movey clarify the centrality of trinitarian doctrine in salvation worship and life this is the third volume in holy cross studies in patristic theology and history a partnership between baker academic and the pappas patristic institute of holy cross greek orthodox school of theology the series is a deliberate outreach by the orthodox community to protestant and catholic seminarians pastors and theologians

unique for its breadth in studying theologians not only from europe and north america but also from latin america asia and africa this landmark volume introduces the doctrine of the trinity examining the work and thought of contemporary theologians throughout the world veli matti karkkainen provides an overview of the biblical roots of the doctrine discussing both the idea of plurality in god in the old testament and the rise of trinitarian understandings in the new testament he details the historical growth of trinitarian traditions and delves into specific theologies both western and non western also including both an introductory consideration of the doctrine s significance and a concluding assessment and agenda for future thought karkkainen sthe trinityis the broadest and most comprehensive contemporary study on the trinity available

although the doctrine of the trinity is a core christian belief it remains contested in terms of how it is conceptualized and expressed this essential guide expounds different conceptual models and the technical language used to express these models providing a complete overview as well as new insights into the area the trinity a guide for the perplexed is an essential read for students of christian theology

this book brings together leading scholars from diverse theological perspectives to reflect on various theological and practical aspects of the core christian doctrine of the trinity throughout the contributors highlight the trinitarian shape of spiritual formation the esteemed lineup of contributors includes alister mcgrath ellen t charry avery cardinal

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stephen holmes offers the reader a clear and thorough examination of the doctrine of testament to the present day taking the late twentieth century revival of the doctrine of the trinity as a context doctrine from the biblical text to the present day the book traces the exegetical and philosophical debates that led to the settling of the ecumenical doctrine of the trinity in the fourth century and then explores how this doctrine was developed questioned and received throughout history

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