

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“Jesus said: When the Spirit of Truth comes he will guide you to all Truth.
Everything that the Father has is mine.”

John 16: 13, 14.

Had the reality of the Blessed trinity not been revealed to us there is no way that we would have been able to arrive at this deepest of truths on our own. Our intellects can function at a pretty high level on some days. But by and large most of us are lazy thinkers. We go after the low hanging fruit available in the intellectual life. But the Trinity is something else. Not only has God revealed that there are not a pantheon of gods like the Greeks and Romans and many other ancient religions propounded but God has revealed that there is only one God. Not only that this one God is One; not only that, this One God chooses to reveal something of the hidden Divine reality and Divine Heart. There is only one God but that God has three persons. Each person in the Godhead is unique. The Father is not the Son. The Son is not the Father and neither Son nor Father are the Holy Spirit. But there are these three persons and each is God, truly, fully, completely and totally but they are not identical to each other. And yet each is God. So they are not God in the same way or the same manner.

Each member of your family is part of your family—fully, completely, totally, really but not identically. The way you are a member of your family is not the same as the way your spouse is or your child is. All are one. All are familial but they are different and yet equally part of the one family. Yes, this is a mystery and we can know something about it and we can salute it from afar but we can never resolve this mystery. The best thing we can do is to enter into it. There is an inner dynamic to the living, Triune God. That is the triune dynamic of love. We can enter into that here and now and when we do we fulfill what the Lord has already begun in us, namely that we are made in the image and likeness of God and we are made in a way that the Holy spirit of the Living God had become united with our own innermost spirit for the overall good of our soul. Yes, all this is pretty heady stuff but at the same time, we can get some of it and when we do, it changes how we go about life. Think how many times you make the sign of the cross—and have in your lifetime. And always opening to the very inner Trinitarian life of God.