

Trinity. Wow~! Triune God. Wow~! Trinitarian God. Wow~!

In this 'wow', there can be various implications in it. It may be an exclamation about the ultimate existence. It may be an exaltation for the mysterious way of the divine being. Or it may be an expression of disappointment toward the three in one God that we cannot understand fully and explain exactly. Trinity....it is 'wow'.

English novelist, playwright, poet, and Christian humanist Dorothy Sayers published a small booklet, '*Strong Meat*' in 1939. It is based on the scripture Hebrew 5:13-14 about becoming mature to have not milk but solid food. Interestingly, she ends with a catechism Q&A about basic Christian theology. One of the questions is 'What is the doctrine of the Trinity?' And she answers that "The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the whole thing incomprehensible. Something put in by theologians to make it more difficult—nothing to do with daily life or ethics." How do you think about this response? Do you think the understanding of Trinity is useless and nothing to do with our life because it is too complicated?

Yes, there are many things that we cannot fully understand in our life. Even we cannot comprehend all the contents of the Bible. But What is incomprehensible is not always worthless or impractical. There are still useful and meaningful things in something that we don't know. There are still related to our lives even though we don't know how or why. For example, we don't fully understand how the whole creation happened. Only we know God created with the word and the brief order of creation. We don't know how the earth was formed in the beginning. We don't know why the sun was created. We don't know how the universe is still expanding. But the earth, the sun and the universe are crucial parts of our life and cannot be detached from our life. We don't know, but they are very important.

Trinity cannot be fully appreciated by our rationality yet. But Triune God is always around

us, with us, and in us. In our worship, in our liturgy, we call and praise three persons of God through hymn, doxology, prayer and reflection. The God, three in one, is where we are worshipping. Also, the eucharist is for us to participate explicitly in the triune life of God. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us. The trinitarian aspect of the eucharist discloses that God is not a generical or abstract God but actual activities attached to our life.

Baptism is another way of incorporation into the life of God. Through the celebration of baptism, people can enter into the divine life. People are led to the Father through the paschal death of the Son and the power of the Holy Spirit by communing in Christ. If you were baptised, do you remember how you were baptised? You were baptised in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Trinity was with you when you became a new creation.

No one can provide the rationale or the etiology of why God is. We are called to only a place to 'taste and see that the Lord is good.' Experience Triune God and know with your heart, and then the experience will guide us to know God and how to see God's world better. C.S. Lewis once said, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." Likewise, we need to believe in Trinity not only because we see it, but because by it we can see everything else. God can only be apprehended, not comprehended, in the union of love that surpasses all words and concepts. The Trinity doctrine is still applicable and practical through the liturgy, sacrament, and other faithful activities for our safe faith and healthy relationship with the Triune God. Wow! Trinity. That is our good reason to live out faith.