

Hom Trinity 2018

The gravity of the sun holds the earth and Venus and Mars and all the planets of this solar system in check from swinging out into the universe. The earth swings round and round about the sun because of the sun's hold on the earth. Our solar system with the sun, a star, at its center, is only one of millions of solar systems in our galaxy. It is the gravity of a massive Black Hole at the center of our galaxy that holds the millions of stars in check from swinging out into the universe. Every one of the perhaps millions of galaxies in the universe have a black hole at its center. We can't even imagine the forces involved in every aspect of these Black Holes.

Looking out into deep space our modern telescopes have uncovered an incredible event. Once in a while these Black Holes explode a burst of energy much like the top of a pressure cooker might send out a pillar of steam. Streams of energy are discharged from the Black Hole millions of light years in two opposite directions. These streams of energy are called quasars and they are so powerful they vaporize planets, stars and even solar systems in their way. Can you imagine the astronomical force involved with a pulse of energy that can vaporize an entire solar system. This pulse of energy can turn the sun, the earth, Jupiter, Pluto and all the planets of our solar system into a cloud of dust in under a second. That pulse of energy is a quasar.

As I reflected on my sermon on the Trinity for this weekend I thought of quasars. A quasar is a real event which is so incredible that scientists have great difficulty even trying to comprehend it's nature. Even the theoretical science does not yet exist which could adequately explain it. If all our brilliant scientists can't wrap their minds around, understand, a real event in the created universe like a quasar how could we ever understand the God who made the universe and keeps it running.

God is the creator of Black Holes and galaxies and Quasars which means God is bigger than all of these things put together. How can any one even think for a second they could comprehend the nature of God.

At Mass this weekend we gather to celebrate not an event like Christmas where Jesus is born in Bethlehem or Good Friday when Jesus is hung on a cross or the Ascension when Jesus was lifted up and returned to his place in heaven. No, we are not celebrating an event, a happening today. We are celebrating a teaching, a doctrine about the nature of God. Christ has revealed to us that God is Father; that Jesus himself, Christ is God; and that the Holy Spirit is God. But ONLY One God. Three Persons.

I cannot explain the Trinity. No one can explain the Trinity.

St. Augustine one of the greatest thinkers in the history of the church tried to get his mind around this teaching of the Trinity and failed. Augustine had a "vision in which he saw a little boy filling a pail with water from the ocean, carrying it some distance, and then dumping it in a another place. 'What are you doing, little boy?' asked Augustine. 'I am moving the ocean from this place to that place,' said the boy. 'You foolish lad,' said Augustine, 'you cannot empty the ocean with your little pail.' 'You call me foolish,' replied the boy, 'but what about you? Do you think that with your human mind you will succeed in encompassing the mind of God and emptying the depths of the Trinity?'" sermons.com

Jesus revealed to us a triune God. Jesus told us about the Father in heaven and Jesus prayed to Him. Jesus told us about the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who is God and Jesus sent this Spirit to dwell within us. Jesus told us that he Himself was always with God and in God

and that He is the Father's equal. Trinity means three. God is Father, Son and Spirit. Three persons but one God.

How do we understand and explain the Trinity to our children and to the world? We don't! There is only one way to know the Trinity and that is through Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus will open your heart to the truth of God. Faith in Jesus will not give you information or arguments. It will give you an experience of the Truth. With the Trinity there is no certainty with KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION but there is certainty through EXPERIENCE.

Everything we know about God we know through not only the teaching of Jesus, but even moreso through the EXPERIENCE of Jesus. If you want to know anything about God go to Jesus. Jesus is the Way. Jesus will not offer you information. Information will not save you. Information will not connect you to the creator. Believing in Jesus, faith, will connect you to the Father in heaven and to the Holy Spirit. Faith in Jesus will settle every question you have about God. I don't lose any sleep because I don't **understand** the Trinity, but, I **know** the Trinity through Jesus. I know God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I know the truth of God. Faith in Jesus makes this so.

Let me summarize what I've been trying to get across today. I can't tell you I truly understand the nature of Black Holes or Quasars or the limits of the universe. I also cannot tell you that I understand how God is Father, God is Son and God is Spirit. Everyone who tries to explain the Trinity with words-- fails. But this does not mean you cannot "know" the Trinity. You CAN know the Trinity, but not through a book, but rather through an EXPERIENCE OF JESUS. Once Jesus lives in you and you in Him the truth will abide in you.

Jesus. Jesus. By no other name are we saved but through you.
Jesus can lead you to a place where no human can so GO TO HIM. JESUS.