

Omni-synergy

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"The concept of what I have termed *Omni-synergy* is based upon a threefold *trilateral*

synergy. At the apex of all reality is a perfect synergy that exists within the Triune Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). In his infamous work *De Trinitate*, Augustine (1991) recorded for the ages his synthesis of this primary relationship:

'according to the Scriptures Father and Son and Holy Spirit in the inseparable equality of one substance present a divine unity; and therefore there are not three gods but one God; although indeed the Father has begotten the Son, and therefore he who is the Father is not the Son; and the Son is begotten by the Father, and therefore he who is the Son is not the Father; and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son, but only the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, himself coequal to the Father and the Son, and belonging to the threefold unity (69).' ~Augustine, *De Trinitate*. New York: New City Press, 1991.

As such, God is both one and many. He is distinct in personhood as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and yet he exists in an impeccable synergy within his being. Secondly, when God created Adam and Eve, as beings made in his image, he created them to live in perfect relationship with himself. That is, every human being has been created by God to experience and delight in personal synergy with the Triune Godhead. Before the biblical fall, both Adam and Eve experienced this synergy in perfection. Thirdly, by participating in fellowship with himself, God extended to humanity the capacity for experiencing synergy with one another.

By means of illustration [see published article for graphic], this Omni-synergy can be represented by a stratified isosceles triangle-- a triangle within a triangle. In geometrical form, in the original creation heaven and earth were united in Omni-synergy.

From a Christian worldview perspective, this synergy was shattered by Adam and Eve's sinful rebellion (Gen 3). After Genesis chapter 3, the human relationship with God was severed, and immediately the effects of interpersonal sin permeated humanity's experience.

Jesus Christ is the central figure of human history because of his work in destroying the curse of sin on the cross as



reforged the synergy that was once lost. Indeed the Christian faith's central element is one of restoring unity between God and humanity and between individual human beings among themselves (John 17:21-24). In Ephesians 1:7-10 the apostle Paul writes,

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and on earth.”

This concept resonates with so many individuals because people not only realize their need for grace and love from the God who created them, but they long for this Omni-synergistic world which will ultimately no longer be impeded by death and suffering--the central message of Christian formation and discipleship.”