

The dogma of the Holy Trinity has baffled me since I was very young and it still does. When I think of mystery I think of something bigger than me eg. God and hence Trinity. I think of lack of understanding or something that doesn't make sense; that is all certainly true.

I have several large oak trees in my yard and this time of year baby oak trees proliferate. When I am able to pull them out by their root there is an acorn. How does that happen? I suspect science has a good answer but I don't. A five year old little one was present at her baby brother's birth at home recently and told me quite emphatically that "he dropped out." No question at the moment about how all that happened but witness to mystery.

Mystery and the things of the earth that are not understood have always been explained through story and myth. Whether we are looking at the creation story in the Hebrew Scriptures, the myths the Greeks and Romans told or the stories that any indigenous peoples passed down generation to generation humankind has attempted to make sense of that which cannot be easily understood.

And so we come to the mystery of creation as told in Genesis of the Hebrew Scriptures. We hear of a creative God and the sense of spirit permeates the stories and prayers throughout. In Isaiah 42:1 we read "I have put my spirit upon him/her; he/she will bring forth justice to the nation." The Jewish people believed that a Messiah would come but that that person would come in might; Jesus

came quietly and walked and taught with authority and many believed; but many couldn't and walked away. Then he acknowledged the spirit especially after the resurrection when he said to the disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20:22,23

His last comment before he was no longer in the flesh was, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.....and remember I am with you always to the end of the age." Mt 28:19,20.

The promises of a creator God, a human Son and a Spirit that continues to reveal themselves to us is all about faith. I may not understand but I can accept this gift in faith.

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