

God is represented to us in His Triune Fullness. The Trinity is a Truth revealed of Scripture in that God is One in Three separate Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Signature of God in His Triune Head is fully revealed in the State of Nature. His creative genius is evidenced from the natural wonders we see about.

For in Six Days God created the Heavens and the Earth, and on the Seventh Day God rested from all His labors.

Seven Day Week

Seven shades of color are in the rainbow. White is the fullness of color, and black is the total absence thereof. Seven notes of music on the musical scale (the eighth is the beginning of the next scale).

Three dimensions of form in all of Nature...Width, Height, Depth.

As any geometry student will know, a measurement missing any one of these three dimensions is without substance. It would simply be a plane with infinite height and width, but no depth – therefore nothing at all.

In explanation of the Trinity, St. Patrick used the example of the clover plant....one plant with Three Leaves. Each leaf separate and and apart from the other, but each leaf sharing a common existence as a clover plant and each deriving nourishment from the common trunk.

God, through His beloved Son, Jesus, has revealed Truths to us that we could not understand without a material manifestation.

Jesus spoke with us in parables:

- He used vessels of gold, silver, and earth to describe different spiritual qualities of people.
- He used the ten virgins to describe those who are possessed of the Holy Spirit, and those who are not.
- He used the example of Stones Crying out, in the propagation of His Gospel.
- He spoke of Wells of Water and Springs of Life.
- The Day Star (2 Peter 1:19)
- The Bright and Morning Star (Rev 22:16)
- The Tree of Life
- Snow is used to describe the purity of God's Word.
 - o Job 38 <u>22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail</u>, Ps 51 7 ¶ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- He used the symbols of Bread and Wine to illustrate and be a memorial to His most Blessed Sacrifice of His own preciuous Body and Blood.
- Throughout the Bible, God compares His Pure and cleansing Word to Water.
 - o John 4:14 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst;but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
- Revelation 21:
 - 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
- Revelation 22:1
 - o 1¶ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: 16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

God has revealed His nature in the Things that He has made. His nature should be in us. He made us after His likeness and image.

Genesis 1:26

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

In so many places God has used Rivers to illustrate His Nature and Being:

- Ps 1 (Like a tree planted by the rivers of waters)
- Ps 24 ...leads me beside still (peaceful) waters.

- Prov 21:1 1 ¶ The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.
- Isaiah 41 18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

There are three worldly rivers that I would like to compare with the Nature of God:

- The Nile
- The Zayanderud
- The River of Spirit

The Nile River:

Longest in the world – 4,130 miles in length. Could cross from Washington DC to Los Angeles and Back Again. Landing at Nairobi Airport in Kenya, ones attention is drawn to a huge and magnificent mountain to the East and South called Kilamanjaro. This majestic mountain is the highest point on the great continent of Africa. It bears the appearance of the Lord's Table, covered with snow and flat across its huge peak. The snows there are Eternal – never melting completely away regardless of the heat of the summers. It feeds it's the waters of the melting snows into Lake Victorai which, in turn, feeds into the life-giving waters of the Mighty Nile.

This River cascades down the slopes of Africa, thousands of feet down. Across the deserts and plains of the mighty African Continent to its destination in Egypt. Here, its waters have become rich in minerals and nutrients that it has collected on its long voyage. It is so rich and bountiful that it overflows its banks in Egypt, depositing its treasures on the Fertile Crescent and making this region the richest in the world. During the greatest famines, the Nile is even more bountiful in supplying its wealth to Egypt.

This characteristic of the Nile River may be compared to the Nature of God. He has provided the White Manna of Life to us. He hails from on high. He is pure and White, and His riches are unsearchable.

So the Nile River is illustrative of the Father.

The second river is one in Persia called the **Zayanderud**.

This is a Persian Word meaning "Giver of Life". This river also originates in the snows of the Zagross Range of Mountains to the West of Esfahan, the central city of Iran. The waters are pure and cold as the flow down the mountain peaks and into the Valley. They flow through the City of Esfahan providing life and joy to its residence. On the Eastern Gate of the City, the waters emerge and continue the journey acrss the barren desert.

When flying above the desert terrain, one can know exactly where the course of the River flows, because there is a wide band of green vegetation for 5 or 10 miles either side of the rivers embankment. The River gives Life everywhere it goes, and healing to the people. That is exactly what Christ has done for us. The River continues for about one hunbdred miles from its source and dies in the desert salts and sands.

Though a very short River, its impact is immeasurable in its blessings to the people of Persia. Just like the Life of Christ – rich and bountiful for us. The deadly waters of the lake into which the rivers flows and dies is called Gav Khuni or Blood of an Ox. It has the blood re appearance of the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for us. This River, called Giver of Life, is exactly an illustration of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The third River of note has no name. Just as the Holy Spirit will not speak of Himself, so this river is not visible to the eye.

We have read in the Gospel of St John how the woman came at noon time to the well at Sychar. This is the same well that Jacob dug and the same city as ancient Shechem. Here is the tomb of Joseph. The Underground River of Shechem is the River that fed the waters of that well. The River runs silently and unseen during the lively hours of barter and commerce. But when the curtain of night falls, and all the voices of commerce are silenced, and the feet of men and beast are stilled, then one can listen and hear the gentle gurgling of the waters ofd the river far beneath the streets of the City.

How like the Holy Spirit is this Underground River at Schechem.

John 14:15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments.16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.18 ¶ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 15:26 \P But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

These Words are biblical science. They help you to discover Truth and Joy. They point to God and manifest to us His Nature. Keep them in your hearts now and forever.