

In God We have Our Being

Text: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (Series A, Trinity Sunday) Psalm 8

Matthew 28:16-20

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! *You have set your glory above the heavens. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?*

Let us pray:

What is it that drove the great explorers of this century to risk their lives to venture across rugged and inhospitable places? What made men like Columbus, David Livingstone, Charles Stuart, Ernest Shackleton, Alexander Mackenzie, Otto Sverdrup and many others leave what was safe and secure and set off into the unknown?

No doubt it was the idea that there was a large portion of this world that was a mystery and they were determined to solve this mystery by crisscrossing the globe at the risk of their own lives.

They wanted to answer questions like – is there a great sea in the centre of our land, what lies out there beyond what is known, is there good farming land with green pastures out there somewhere, perhaps there is gold or some other precious mineral waiting to be discovered?

We can say that it has always been the goal of people over the centuries to expand knowledge and find answers to everything that is unknown. But there are some mysteries that will always be a mystery.

The mystery of the Trinity is nothing if not confusing and controversial. One God / Three Persons ~ separate yet one, equal with different roles that are ultimately the same, belief in one is meant to be belief in all and the One that is the same but different. Got that?

Today, Trinity Sunday, we come against one of those mysteries - God. It's not very often that we think of God as a mystery. Who is God? Where is God? What is God?

The answer to this question I believe, is in the first sentence of the Bible, Dr. Kent Hovid explained it beautifully. In the beginning (*time*) God created the heaven (*space*) and the earth (*matter*). He goes on to say the God of the Bible is not affected by time, space, and matter, if it were, He is not God.

Time, space, and matter what he called continuum, all have to come together into existence at the same instant. Because if there was matter and no space *where* would you put it? If there were matter and space and no time *when* would put? You can not have time, space, and matter independently.

They have to come into existence spontaneously, and the Bible answers that in ten words: In the beginning (*time*) God created the heaven (*space*) and the earth (*matter*). Trinity of trinity: time, space and matter:

Time: Past, present and future.

Space: Height, width and depth

Matter: Solid, liquid, and gas.

Trinity of trinity created spontaneously, and the God who created them has to be outside of it, if God is limited by time, He is not God. The God who created this universe is outside the universe, He is above it, beyond it and He is not affected by it.

I can't imagine what God is like because I always end up using human pictures, giving him human qualities so that he makes sense to my small human mind. I can't think like God because if I could I would be able to understand why a young mother had to die, why thousands of people die in earthquakes, why a baby is severely disabled.

Others view God as a nameless being. As humans, creatures of God, we can't even begin to imagine what God is like. We are restricted to describing God with earthly terminology and doing so we are left guessing what we have missed.

This is the mystery of God, the great God, the only God who is three persons in one God, who refuses to be categorized, who is far bigger and greater than we could ever imagine, who existed before this world was made, who doesn't need us to exist.

In fact, the idea of the Trinity intensified the mystery and awesomeness of God. David, the psalmist can see that God is truly majestic when he says, "*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens*" (Ps 8:1).

He looks at the stars and the moon, and these days we could go further and add the galaxies and planets of the universe, and he can only conclude that these must be the work of a great God.

When you looked at the magnificent colours of a sunset, the intricate structure of a beautiful flower, the mountains, a star filled sky and you have said, "There, that's proof that there is a God.

Anyone who wants to see evidence of God's existence doesn't need to look any further." One of the greatest scientists of our time Dr. Albert Einstein on October 26, 1929 said "*the more I study science the more I believe in God.*"

Seeing God in the universe can only be seen **with the eyes of faith**. Those who already know God can see that the wonders of nature are signs of God's greatness. The psalmist talks about the greatness of God as a matter of *faith* calling God 'our Lord', "*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*"

St. Augustine was asked by one of his students: *Where do we come from?* Without any hesitation St. Augustine said.... "*We came from the mind of God*". In July 1979 I traveled across Canada, I started from Toronto to Vancouver then to down to Seattle, Washington and across the northern States with Greyhound bus.

In Chicago I had two hours lay over, so I decided to take a stroll into downtown Chicago. I have never in my life seen so many skyscrapers, but one that stood out was the Sears Tower, it is so tall that I couldn't see the top as it was in the clouds.

As I stood under it, in amazement and behold this massive and magnificent structure, it was then, only then I understood what St. August's meant.... *That we came from the mind of God*. The fact is, the Sears Tower did not just appear from no

where. This tower originated from the mind of the architect whose name is Bruce Graham.

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Marvellously my friends, you are I were in the mind of God even before creation, and the most important truth I can tell you about God this morning is that God loves each and every us, and He wants us to know Him and be His friend. How do I know this? I know it because God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to show us His love. His death was to bring us back into the fold.

In the up and down struggles of daily life we have a God who saves, a God who loves, a God who has gone to extreme lengths to ensure that you and I have a living relationship with him. Our God might be majestic and mighty but he is here and now and wants us to be with him in all eternity.

And right now, Jesus wants to come into your life and make you part of His family forever, just as we have witnessed a moment ago through the rite of baptism of Neveah and Milah. Ask God to come into your heart today—and He will trust me.

Let us make it our prayer:

O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world! When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places— what are human beings, that you think of them; mere mortals, that you care for them? Amen.

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