

The Trinity and Unity*

Dr. Mortimer Adler was the originator of the 54-volume series entitled Great Books of the Western World. He was also the creative force behind a later edition of The Encyclopedia Britannica.

One Sunday morning, surrounded by the great outdoor beauty of Aspen, Colorado, Dr. Adler was interviewed by television's Bill Moyers. At one point Moyers asked him point-blank, "Do you believe in God?" The 75-year-old Adler surprised a lot of viewers by saying yes. He went on to say, and I quote: "In the last two years I have become convinced that I had found reasonable grounds for affirming God's existence."

Moyers then asked him if reason could tell us about God. Adler answered: "Reason alone can't make the bridge from an infinite supreme being ... to a being that is merciful ... [and] caring." In other words, Dr. Adler is saying that reason can tell us that there is a God but it can't tell us very much about God. And what the Bible tells us about God is something that no human mind could have ever imagined. The Bible tells us that God is a mystery of unity and trinity. Put simply, the mystery of God is this: God is a single being, composed of a trinity of persons:

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Father is truly God. The Son is truly God.

The Holy Spirit is truly God.

But there are not three Gods; there is only one God.

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