

“The Persons of the Trinity communicated with each other before the creation of the world. This is not only an answer to the acute philosophic need of unity in diversity, but of personal unity and diversity. The unity and diversity cannot exist before God or behind God because whatever is farthest back is God... The unity and diversity are in God Himself – three persons, yet one God... this is not the best answer; it is the only answer. Nobody else, no philosophy, has ever given an answer for unity and diversity... Every philosophy has this problem, and no philosophy has an answer. Christianity does have an answer in the Trinity.” **Francis Schaeffer, He is There and He is Not Silent**

(I) OVERVIEW:

- (A) The complexity of the trinity need not be _____ (1).
- (B) There is complexity in _____ (2) [or unity in diversity] all around you.
- (1) For example:
- (a) The _____ (3) . . . is diverse and complex, but that is what makes it useful.
- (b) Your own body is made up of millions of cells.
_____ (4) are a unity in diversity.
- (c) The Earth. We live in a diverse and complex _____ (5), many parts but one system.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

II Corinthians 13:14, John 1:1, Matthew 28:18-20, I Corinthians 2:10-11, 1 Peter 1:2, Colossians 1:15-17

RECOMMENDED FURTHER READING:

Understanding the Trinity, *Alister E. McGrath*

“Trinity” in Concise Theology, *J.I. Packer*

God in Three Persons: A Contemporary Interpretation of the Trinity, *Millard J. Erickson*

Why You Should Believe in the Trinity: An Answer to Jehovah’s Witnesses, *Robert Bowman*

The Holy Trinity: In Scripture, History, Theology, and Worship, *Robert Letham*

1. confusing
2. diversity
3. computer
4. You
5. solar system