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Nature of God and Some Holy Trinity

The Bible

Revelation – God reveals himself

2 Fonts of revelation

1. Scripture
2. Tradition - The way we conduct Mass, Counsels of Bishops when questions arise

Acts of the Apostles the first council The Council of Jerusalem How people are not jews are supposed to enter the church. - Circumcision or not? St. Paul, St Peter admits does not need to be circumcised to become Christian.

Arias bishop – was influenced by Greek mythology said Jesus wasn't human. Called a council to determine that it was indeed Jesus in the flesh that died on the Cross.

Sacred Scripture

Hold fast to all these things that have been written for you and all that has been spoken to you.

Solas Scriptura – meaning by scripture alone.

Definition of God

12 apostles traveled extensively throughout the Roman empire. Most traveled west to what is now Europe. Taught Roman thinking/Greek philosophy mixed with Christianity - Greko-Roman Christianity.

St Catherine is Latin Rite Church. More of a westward approach to God and theology.

Heriquitus – intrigued with change in the world. Never walk into the same river as it is always changing. What is the nature of God?

All people are different with unique attributes but all are humans of the same nature. We talk of people as individuals but we don't talk about God as one – we speak of the trinity God, Son, Holy Spirit.

St Thomas Proofs of God

Cause and Effect – The first mover- follow cause and effect all the way back to the first cause. Something had to set the first cause in motion

1. the [argument from "first mover"](#);
2. the argument from [universal causation](#);
3. the [argument from contingency](#);
4. the [argument from degree](#);
5. the [argument from final cause or ends](#) ("[teleological](#) argument").

God says to Moses "I am Who am" I am everything, I am love. God is everywhere present.

God doesn't change but the teachings of God has changed through the eyes of the beholder through the years. Old testaments seem brutally harsh. New Testament almost seems like a different God as told by people that have further developed so the stories are different.

God is omniscient knows the past the present and the future - Stories in the New Testament Jesus knows your heart.

Nature of The Holy Trinity

The creation is always going to be less than the Creator. We can never fully understand our creator. We as creatures find it difficult to describe God.

God is love – love generates so he must be more than one person. There is some sort of communion in God.

Trinity described as ICE, Water, Mist – all the same thing but in different forms.

We can understand God through our own thoughts. We can use tradition and Scripture. To really know God, must read the Bible, Pray, go to Mass, and ask believers.

As RCIAers the work comes from you for you to encounter God.

Closing Prayer

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.