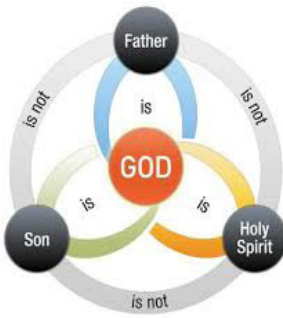


# Unity of the Trinity



God exists in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each of whom is distinct from each of the others.

The Father is not the Son nor the Holy Spirit.  
The Son is not the Father nor the Holy Spirit.  
The Holy Spirit is not the Father nor the Son.

Each of the Persons is God:

the Father is God,  
the Son is God,  
and the Holy Spirit is God.

Three distinct Persons share in one divine God,  
just as three distinct fingers share in a common hand;  
just as a solid, liquid and gas share states of water.

The three divine persons are the same in virtue of their essence.  
The three divine persons are different in virtue of their roles and appearances.

**Doug Norkum:** One early morning during a sleepy heightened awareness state, my awareness was attempting to travel without my body. This was being done with great effort and not with a great deal of efficiency when in the distance I viewed a single figure approaching my awareness at great speed. There were three, equal sized, very powerful male figures, side by side, with flowing hair, joined at the chest resting on what appeared to be a cloud. They stared at me rather sternly and then sped off as one figure to whence they had come. I was in holy awe of their powerful presence and the speed at which they could travel. I tried in vain to follow them but there was just no way for my awareness to keep up. I woke up very disappointed with my feeble accomplishments. Perhaps this was a sleepy, mind-produced viewing of the Beatific Vision, and deep humility was the natural outcome to be expected!

Our perfect happiness and final end can only be the direct union with God and not with any created image. This union comes about by becoming aware of the divine essence itself— a gift of grace given to the intellect when God infuses it directly to Himself without any intermediary. Having become aware of what and who God is, the child, made in the image of God, grasps in holy awe and profound humility— YHWY's omnipresent awareness. Praise God!