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Holy Trinity, Perfect Community



Synopsis

In a series of clear, short chapters, Leonardo Boff unpacks the mysteries of Trinitarian faith, showing why it makes a difference to believe that God is communion rather than solitude. Instead of God as solitary ruler standing above a static universe, Christian belief in the Trinity means that at the root of everything there is movement, an eternal process of life, outward movement, and love. Boff shows how the Holy Trinity is, among other things, the image of the perfect community and the image of the church in its ideal form: not a hierarchy of power, but a community of diverse gifts and functions. Ideal for study or personal reflection.

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Christians have -- with exceptions -- named God as Trinity. The traditional formula of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is in a state of flux, but nonetheless we continue to think of God as Trinity. Leonardo Boff, a leading Brazilian Liberation Theologian ("silenced" by the Vatican under JP II) has written an intriguing and understandable exploration of the Trinity. He keeps traditional language but goes deeper underneath to suggest alternative ways of bringing Feminist critique into the conversation. The book is brief and the chapters are short and spiritually oriented. It is one of best

brief treatments of the Trinity that I've encountered. Thus, I recommend it highly as a good starting place for an exploration of the ways in which we name God.

I have been on my own quest to show how life in the Trinity is the model for all communities. This author said it in a context of liberation theology that has been distorted by those who stop at just liberation. True liberation needs the right god and Boff has identified Him

A readable discussion on the Holy Trinity

This is an easy to read exciting discourse on the trinity from a perspective of community, participation and fellowship. The analogy is extended to community within the world and within human relationships. Boff also explores the feminine side of God. A great read.

Exquisitely written, this is the finest and most explicable treatment of the Trinity that I have seen. (I have only seen the compelling reviews for *Tripersonal God, The: Understanding and Interpreting the Trinity*; 2nd Edition, Revised, by the esteemed Jesuit Gerald O'Collins, either in the original '99 edition or in this 2013 edition.) The short, specific chapters are developed with clarity and concision. Boff starts with the working assumption that "the prevailing mindset in the church is more that of an 'a-trinitarian' or 'pre-trinitarian' monotheism than a true trinitarian consciousness of God." (p. xii) Since this is vintage Boff, he feels compelled to state: "Returning to a radically trinitarian understanding of God would help the church overcome the clericalism and authoritarianism that are still very much in evidence in ecclesiastical behavior." (This book essentially is a popularized version of Boff's *Trinity and Society*, which brought a liberationist perspective to academic Trinitarian theology.)

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