

Trinity and
Equity,
Diversity,
Inclusion,
Belonging

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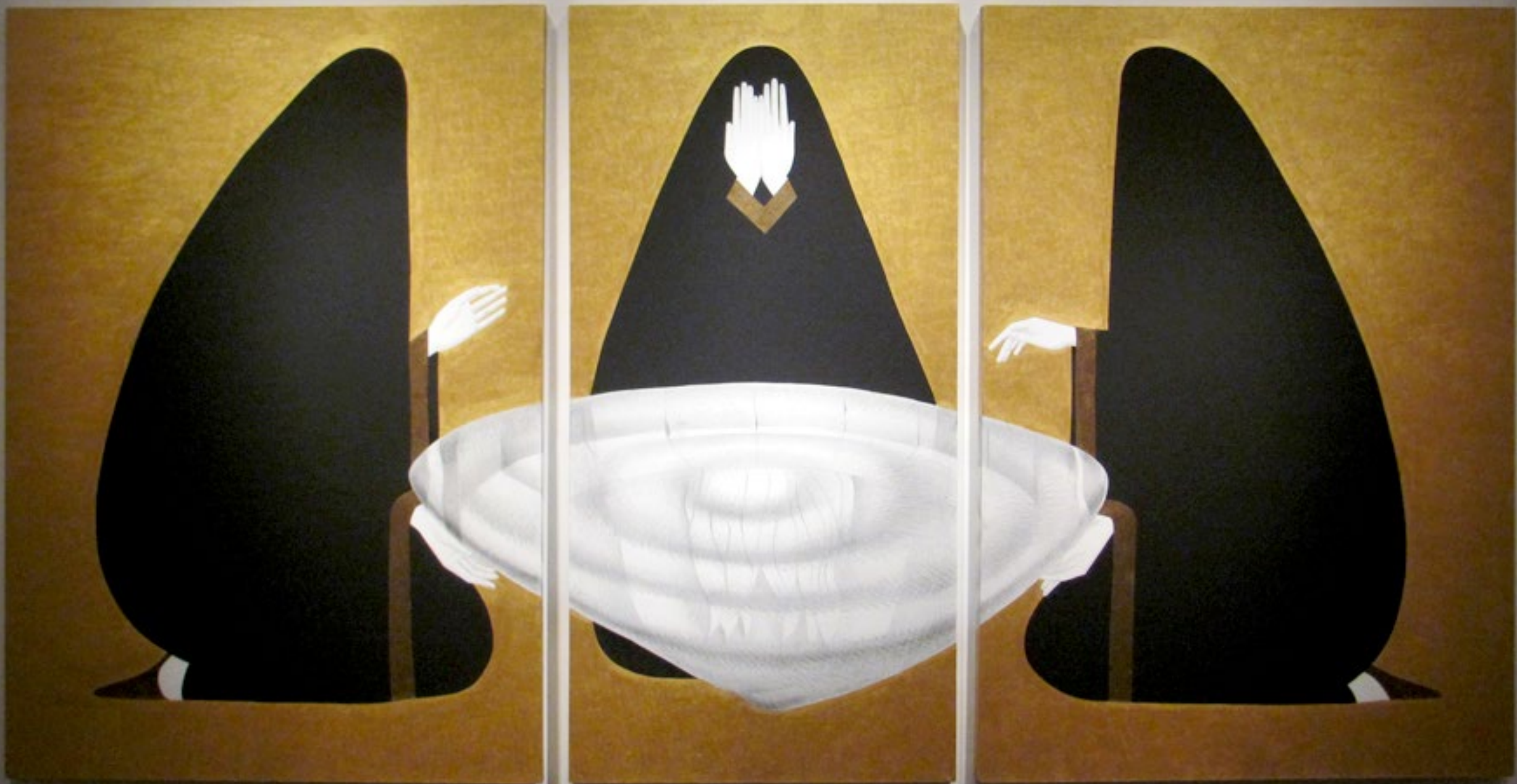
“The Trinity is Our Social Program”

Nicolas Federov

What Does the Triune God Have to Do
with Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and
Belonging?

Trinity as model for
patterning human
relations based on
“equality, mutuality
and
interdependence”

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Values

Religious/Theological

Secular/Public

Why Start With Trinity?

Christology

Ecclesiology

Anthropology

Politics

Education

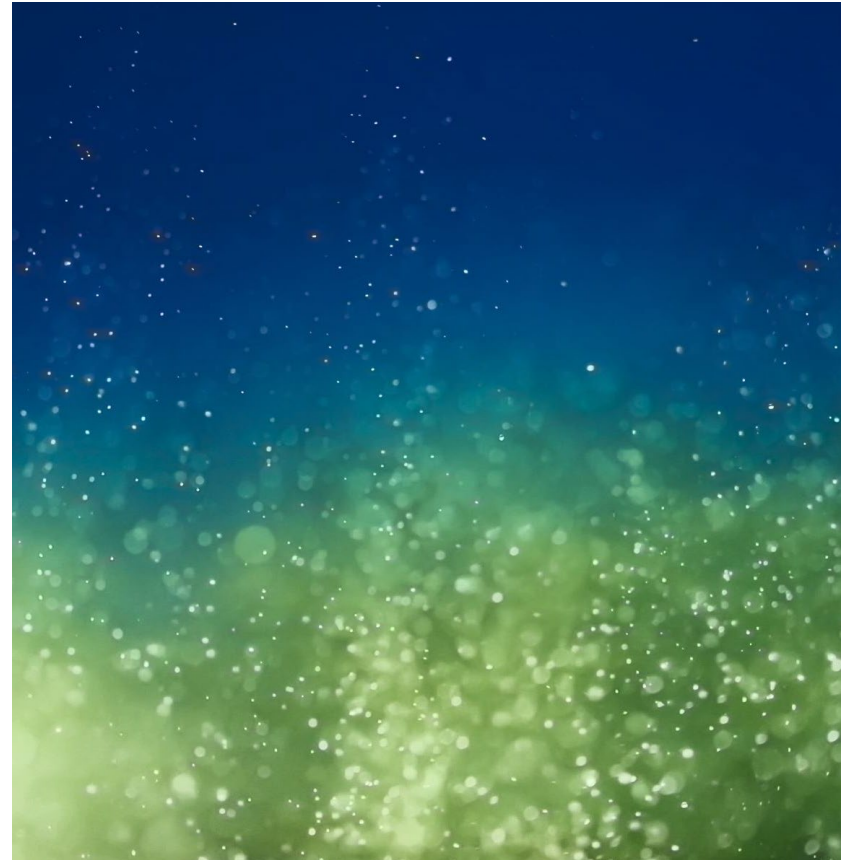
Healthcare

Trinitarian Doctrine: What the church believes and teaches about who God is

God is One

God is three
“persons”:
Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit

Radical
Monotheism
expressed in
triunity



Council of
Nicaea 325
Convoked by
Constantine



Council of
Constantinople
381 convoked
by Theodosius I



First “person”: Father

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

Second “person”: Son

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,

Light from light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of the same substance as the Father;
through whom all things on earth came into existence,

Who because of us human beings and because of our salvation
came down from the heavens,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became man,
and was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures and
ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father,
and will come again with glory to judge living and dead,

Of whose kingdom there will be no end.

Third “person”: Holy Spirit

And in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is together worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke through the prophets.
in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We confess one baptism for the remission of sins.
we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Affirms oneness
and threeness of
God

Affirms the
relations of Father,
Son and Holy Spirit

Affirms the
equality of the
divine three

Affirms the
generosity and
gratuity of God's
love for humankind

Affirms the
community of faith
alive in the Triune
God

Implications for Social Values

Hierarchical

Equality

Monarchical

Shared Power

Self-sufficiency

Community

Sameness

Diversity



Trinitarian reflection today

Recognizes the fulness of human dignity-
recognize the variety of human experiences

Resources a panoply of images, metaphors
and models from across cultures, languages,
gender, etc.

Creative re-reading of sources that take
diverse experiences as a starting-point

Values different images of God, even those
that are dissonant and contradictory