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God Magnified:

God is an “**Us**”—three Individuals (Gen. 1:26, 3:22, 11:7; Isa. 6:8).

“God is **one**” (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29).

“God is *Agape*” (1John 4:8, 16).

“God is a **sun**” (Psalm 84:11).

“**Holy, Holy, Holy** is the Lord God, the Almighty” (Rev. 4:8; Isa. 6:8).

“God is **Light**” (1John 1:5).

“The eternal God is a **dwelling place**” (Deut. 33:27).

“God **in Christ**” (Col. 2:9; 2Cor. 5:19; Eph. 4:32).

“God is **Spirit**” (John 4:24).

“God is **true**” (John 3:33).

“The Lord is a God of **justice**” (Isa. 30:18).

“The Lord, whose name is **Jealous**, is a jealous God” (Ex. 34:14).

“God is a **consuming fire**” (Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29).

God is Three sacrificial **Self-sharers**.

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Introduction

In this *Plumblines* series on God Magnified, we have been discovering the “dwelling place,” which the Persons of the Trinity not only *share*, but which the three Eternals *are*. Before the heavens and the earth or any created being existed, the “eternal Father,” the “eternal Son,” and the “eternal Spirit” constituted “the eternal kingdom” (2Pet. 1:11). God is Three relational, Self-giving Persons who *mutually indwell* One Another. The Triune-God is profoundly inclusive and hospitable, and into this relational, inter-Personal ‘infrastructure’ known as **the kingdom of God** we have been invited. The Triune-God is calling us Home *into Themselves*, ‘fusing’ and acculturating us as adopted, re-generated children into “God in Christ.”

The “God is” statements of the Scriptures are like pillars of a covered porch built around the entire circumference of “**God is a dwelling place;**” each pillar serves as a lens to see and understand the next. *Progressive magnification* of these “God is” declarations leads to a three-dimensional experience of “the eternal kingdom,”

drawing us to enter and participate through the God-Man Jesus in the “eternal life” of the Trinity. As kingdom emigrants, we are pioneering forward together into this unfolding revelation of *the Fusion of the Trinity*.

In the first volume, *God Magnified: Discovering the “Us” in Oneness*, we learn to ‘worth-ship’ God by carefully examining the relationship of the Trinity--Father, Son, and Spirit--an “Us” in **Oneness** in *Agape* (sacrificial Self-giving Love). We also learn that the Triune-God intentionally left Their *spiritual* ‘fingerprint’ in the power-source of the *natural* universe—atomic nuclear **fusion**—“**God is a sun.**” Finally, we see that both Isaiah and John witnessed the dynamic Trinity of the “living God”—Three ‘alive’ to One Another in *Agape*—“**Holy, Holy, Holy** is the Lord God, the Almighty [*All-Three-Mighty*].” Each of the Three is Holy, sharing one ‘eros-free’ nature—entirely pure of self-love, individualism, and self-gratification. Since “power is perfected in weakness” (2Cor. 12:9), the inter-Personal Self-giving and relational vulnerability of the Triune-God yields omnipotent ‘fusion’ power.

In the second volume, *God Magnified: Exploring the Dwelling Place*, we ‘see through’ God’s design of *natural* light into the *spiritual* Reality of “**God is Light**”—a ‘spectrum’ of three individual ‘Primaries’ running together in one solitary ‘Beam.’ Understanding the mutual

indwelling of the Trinity yields “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God” (2Cor. 4:6). This is a *multi-dimensional* vision of the Triune-God that the early church defined as *perichoresis*: mutual indwelling and interpenetration without the loss of personal identity. From eternity, Father, Son, and Spirit are in fusion Oneness by perpetual Self-giving; the Three Eternals are at rest in the *eros*-free love of One Another—**an inter-Personal dwelling place of Light** with “no darkness [*individualism*] at all” (1John 1:5). The Triune-God created human beings to share in this “eternal life.” Jesus prayed, “that they all may be one, even as We are one...that they may be in Us...that they may be **perfected in unity**” (John 17:22-23).

In this third volume, *God Magnified: Revealing the Secret of the Mystery*, we will magnify “**God in Christ.**” As we further practice this multi-dimensional approach to the knowledge of the Triune-God (*Agape* rationale) revealed in the Scriptures, we discover “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God **in the face of Christ.**” The ‘*secret of the mystery*’ of our participation in the dynamic of the kingdom is “the combined and combining Person of our Lord Jesus Christ” (T. Austin Sparks)—the fusion of the Triune-God and re-gene-rated man in the **Nucleus** of the God-Man Jesus.

Pillar 8 “God in Christ”

(Col. 2:9; 2Cor. 5:19; Eph. 4:32).

Having been **knit together in love** [*fused in Agape*], and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding; resulting in a **true knowledge of God’s mystery**, that is, **Christ Himself** [*God-Man Nucleus*], **in whom** are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:2-3).

My wife Suzanne and I Steward Father’s House Uganda in which our international family of adopted children cohabit together. This stewardship serves as a spiritual **greenhouse** for me. While among my children there in 2011, I was cultivating *God Magnified* (this introductory primer to *The Fusion of the Trinity*) in preparation to carry that testimony further in itinerate proclamation and impart it more effectively as the Lord commissioned me to do for His people. During those months at home, the Lord was repeatedly waking me in the night to impress deeply into me the magnitude and significance of the unfolding revelation He is entrusting to us as a steward-sons and daughters.

The Spirit often speaks to me in the middle of the night because the ‘canvas’ of my mind and spirit is blank, impressionable, and ready to be written

on. On each of these occasions I was gripped by “the **zeal of the Lord**,” astounded at the fiery passion in the Triune-God to make Themselves known and aghast at the gross misconception of God that Satan has labored to ‘sell’ us, largely through misguided religion, that God is a solitary, aloof, stoic, indifferent Being. Father was simply not satisfied that I had adequately grasped and cherished the significance of this timely word of reformation; therefore, He kept sending His Spirit to wake me again. On one of these occasions, the Spirit roused me very dramatically, I sat straight up in my bed, and with force He spoke these exact words: “**The secret of the mystery both natural and spiritual.**”

Along with those words came an understanding that God was comparing the counter-intuitive revelation given to Albert Einstein of the mystery of the **natural** universe with the revelation of the mystery of the Triune-God who “is **Spirit**.” In 1905, Einstein correctly proposed that **atomic nuclear fusion** is the power-source of the *natural* universe. For nearly five years, no one even recognized what a profound insight he had received. In time, however, the scientific community and the world gradually caught on and Einstein became one of the most famous men in the world. Revealing this ‘secret mystery’ of the *natural* universe ushered in a whole new age—the atomic age. Of course, ‘the secret of the mystery’ of *spiritual* fusion is far more

significant since **the Triune-God in Christ is the prototype and architect** of *natural* fusion.

Over these past years, God has been revealing to me through the Scriptures that the fusion of the three eternal ‘Primarys’—Father, Son, and Spirit—is ‘the secret of the mystery’ of the Oneness of God: “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty [*All-Three-Mighty*]” (Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8). I have seen that **Agape** (sacrificial self-giving love) is the cause of **fusion**, and **eros** (self-love) is the cause of **fission** (splitting). Further, I have seen that Jesus Christ, the God-Man, is the ‘**Nucleus**’ of the Triune-Holy—“the Holy One of God” (John 6:69). When the Lord spoke to me that night, I recognized the terms “secret” and “mystery” from the Bible and began carefully surveying and magnifying these things in the Scriptures. Into this *Plumbline* I have woven some of these **discoveries**. I pray that these pages will serve the Holy Spirit as He zealously seeks to open the secret of the mystery to you.

“The **secret things** belong to the Lord our God, but the things **revealed** belong to us and to our sons forever” (Deut. 29:29). “The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2Cor. 4:6) does not come merely by intellectual assent, and there is certainly a learning curve involved, but I urge you to *persevere*, coming in humility and a childlike eagerness to *explore*: “Truly I say to you, whoever does not **receive the**

kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all” (Mark 10:15).

Three Eternals in Fusion Oneness

The God Who “is Agape” called certain men to pioneer before us into this **mystery of Tri-unity**: Martin Luther wrote, “Father, Son, and Spirit are three ingredients mixed and baked by *Agape* into One Cake.” Jürgen Moltmann taught, “God is the lover, the beloved, and the love itself.” Karl Barth added, “God is in **unobliterated unity** the revealer, the revelation, and the being-revealed.” This unity is “unobliterated” because the personal identity of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as Individuals is not destroyed or lost in this dynamic Oneness. Each of the Three wholly and perpetually invests Himself into the other Two; the other Two, in turn, cherish and reveal that One’s personal identity *for* Him. God is perpetually and simultaneously **Three and One**. This relational, inter-Personal dynamic is known as **perichoresis**.

In his *Revelation*, the Apostle John saw “around the throne...the four living creatures...full of eyes around and within [*qualified witnesses*]... and night and day they do not cease to say, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty [*All-Three-Mighty in perpetual fusion*]’” (Rev. 4:6-8). The prophet Isaiah, who also encountered “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Isa. 6:8), explains the implications of this Tri-unity:

Do you not know? Have you not heard [*the secret of the mystery*]? The Everlasting God [*Three Eternals in perpetual fusion*], the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth **does not become weary or tired** [*inexhaustible 'nuclear power' Source-fueled' by Self-giving into One Another*]. His understanding [*Agape rationale*] is inscrutable... (Isa. 40:28-31).

God led Einstein to discover the *secret* power-source of the natural universe *hidden* in the 'fusibility' of individual atoms. Atoms are so small they can only be seen in exponential magnification. All stars (including our sun), are fueled by individual atoms of hydrogen, each with its own autonomous nucleus, **fusing** together to form a solitary atom with one nucleus. This reaction precipitates on-going nuclear explosions (a self-generating furnace) yielding light-bearing energy, which effects photosynthesis and life. The **glory of God** is the Light and Power and Life *yielded* from the perpetual Self-giving of Father, Son, and Spirit *into* One Another. Glory is produced by the **perpetual fusion of Three consummate Self-givers and Self-sharers**.

Agape is what the Triune-God *is*; fusion is what sacrificial Self-giving Love *does*; the "Light of the glory of God" is what fusion *yields*. Both the *natural* fusion of individual atoms and the

spiritual fusion of individual persons into Oneness require a **Nucleus**.

Nucleus of the Fusion of the Trinity

The fusion of the Trinity is only *part* of ‘the secret of the mystery.’ Paul gives us the full revelation: “a true knowledge of **God’s mystery**, that is, **Christ Himself** [*God-Man Nucleus*], **in whom** are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:2-3). The Man Jesus Christ is the **Nucleus** of the Triune-Holy; both the demons and the disciples recognized Him as “the Holy **One** of God” (Luke 4:34, John 6:69). God is Three relational, Self-giving Persons Who reciprocate this Love to One Another; those three Persons, together as One, “God in Christ,” seek that *same* reciprocal, self-giving relationship with human beings.

For all the **fullness** of Deity [*Father, Son, Spirit*] was pleased to **dwell in Christ** [*Nucleus of the fusion and cohabitation of God*] and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself [*into that same Nucleus*]....For **in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form** [*human flesh, a God-Man Nucleus*], and **in Him** you [*human beings*] have been made **full** (Col. 1:19; 2:9-10).

“God is Spirit” and “God is Light;” out from this *spiritual* Light that the Trinity *is*, God ‘spoke’ light into existence in the *natural* creation. The *natural* dynamic of atomic nuclear fusion in the sun and other stars is *more* than mere metaphor or analogy of the *spiritual* fusion of the Triune-God in Christ:

For God [*Father, Son, Spirit in fusion*], who said, “**Light** shall shine out of darkness” [*in the natural creation, Gen 1:3*] is the **One** who has shone in our hearts [*spiritually*] to give the **Light** of the knowledge of the **glory of God in the face of Christ** [*the God-Man Nucleus*] (2Cor. 4:6).

The *sun’s* energy comes from fusion, and the *Son’s* energy comes from fusion: “**Jesus face** shone like the **sun**” (Mt. 17:2) “and **His face** was like the **sun** shining in its strength” (Rev. 1:16). The *spiritual* “fullness” of the Triune-God dwelling “in Him”—in a *natural* flesh and blood Man—yields a *divine* radiance: “the Light...of the glory of God in the face of Christ.” Jesus’ radiant Light is not the reflective ‘after-glow,’ which Moses bore on his face from exposure to the presence of God (Shekinah) in the Holy of holies in the tabernacle (Ex. 34:29-35), but the very energy Source, a nuclear fusion reactor core, the ‘uncaused Cause’ of all things resident in the Son as a *Man*. Jesus is “the Amen, the faithful and true Witness [*of the fusion Oneness*”

of the Trinity], the **Beginning** [*Origin, Source, Prototype*] **of the** [*natural*] **creation of God**" (Rev. 3:14). In the Man Jesus, the secret of the *spiritual* mystery was fully revealed in the *natural*.

In the beginning was the **Word** [*the Person of the Son*] and the Word was **with God** [*fused in Triune-Oneness*], and the **Word was God** [*One of the Three eternal Primaries*]. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him [*spiritual Prototype*], and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him [*the incarnated God-Man Jesus*] was **life** [*Nucleus of Triune-Agape*] and the life was the **Light of men**. The **Light** [*Trinity in fusion in Christ*] shines in the darkness [*mankind in eros, fission*], and the **darkness** [*de-generate 'individualists'*] did not comprehend it [*eclipsed by self-magnification*] (John 1:1-5).

From eternity the Person of the Son of God has been the **Nucleus** of the Trinity, even *before* becoming the Man Jesus Christ. The Son is "the Lamb in the **center** of the throne" (Rev. 7:17) *and* "the Lamb was slain *before* the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). Further, "God chose us **in Him** [*Son, Nucleus*] *before* the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless [*eros-*

free, fuse-able] before Him” (Eph. 1:4). At the right time, “Father rescued us from the domain of darkness [*eros individualism*] and transferred us to the **kingdom of the Son of His Agape** [*inter-Personal, relational ‘infrastructure’ located in the Nucleus of Jesus Christ*]” (Col. 1:12-13).

The sacrificial Self-giving nature (*Agape*), which each Person of the Trinity *is* and which They *share*, is summed up *in* the Person of the Son and expressed *through* the Son—the Lamb and Nucleus of God. This is why the Person of the Son was sent to us first, *before* the coming of the Person of the Spirit. The Nucleus of God first had to come into the natural world so that the Spirit could subsequently relocate us “into Christ,” fuse us “together in Him,” and keep us “in Him.”

God has spoken to us **in His Son** [*Word/ Nucleus of Agape: secret of the mystery revealed*], whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world [*spiritual Prototype of the natural creation*]. And **He** [*the incarnated Son, the Man Jesus*] **is the radiance of His glory** [*human Nucleus of the fusion of the Trinity*] **and the exact representation of His nature** [*fuse-able DNA–Agape*], and upholds all things by the word of **His power** [*fusion energy of Three in perpetual Oneness within Him*] (Heb. 1:2-3).

‘The secret of the mystery’ is hidden in plain sight in the Scriptures and can only be discovered by the illumination of the Spirit who authored them. The 66 books of the Bible are the *written* word of God conscientiously assembled, preserved, and provided to lead us to a revelation of the *Person* of “the Word”—the Son Jesus Christ and “the fullness” of the Trinity dwelling in Him.

We have the **prophetic word** made more sure [*Scriptures foretell the cohabitation of God and man in one shared Nucleus/kingdom*], to which you will do well to pay attention as to a **lamp** [*fusion of “God in Christ”*] **shining in a dark place** [*of fission in eros*], until the **day dawns** and the **morning star** arises in your hearts [*fusion power of God in the resurrected Man Jesus*] (2Pet. 1:19).

The authority of the objective, cohesive testimony of the Bible will help us gain understanding and confidence in the Reality of “God in Christ,” and therefore acculturate us as “children of light” into the fusion Oneness of the *spiritual* “dwelling place” that God is. Paul wrote, “Pray...that God will open up to us a door for **the word**, so that we may speak forth **the mystery of Christ**, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may **make it clear** [*magnify “God in Christ”*]

in the way I ought to speak” (Col. 4:2-3). Paul adds:

If indeed you have heard of the **stewardship** of God’s grace [*Agape*] which was given to me for you; that by **revelation** there was made known to me **the mystery**, as I wrote before in brief. By referring to this, when you **read** [*the Scriptures*] you can understand my **insight into the mystery of Christ** [*Nucleus of the fusion of God and man in the God-Man*], which in other generations was not made known to the [*de-gene-rate*] sons of men, as it has now been **revealed** to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit...to preach the **unfathomable riches of Christ**, and to **bring to light** what is the **administration of the mystery** [*lit. Greek: oikonomia—stewardship of one shared household*] which for ages has been **hidden in God** who created all things [*as natural illustrations of “God is a dwelling place”*]... (Eph. 3:3-9).

In nearly all of Paul’s letters, he makes it plain that he was commissioned to proclaim “the gospel,” which in his understanding was *revealing* the secret of the mystery of “God in Christ.” Those of us who have been believers for many years *thought* we understood what “the gospel” was, but perhaps it is *more* than we imagined:

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my **gospel** [*invitation to be fused by sacrificial self-giving into the kingdom of Oneness*] and the preaching of **Jesus Christ** [*Nucleus of the cohabitation of God and man*], according to the **revelation of the mystery** which has been kept **secret** for long ages past, but now is **manifested**, and **by the Scriptures** of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God [*“dwelling place”*], has been **made known** to all the nations, **leading to obedience of faith** [*“lose your life”—fuse into the Nucleus of Christ*]; to the only **wise** God [*Agape rationale*], through Jesus Christ [*the God-Man Nucleus*], be the **glory** [*man’s reciprocal self-giving to God, participation in perichoresis*] forever (Rom. 16:25-27).

T. Austin Sparks spent his life in the Scriptures. Surveying his extensive writings, it is obvious that “God in Christ” is the primary illumination that he received from the Lord. Though Sparks did not speak of the Trinity in terms of *fusion*, “God in Christ” is found woven throughout his messages. Clearly, God taught Sparks how to use this ‘master-key’ and opened ‘the secret of the mystery’ to him over his lifetime. “The sum of all Divine revelation is **vital union** [*fusion*] **with**

God in Christ" (Sparks, *His Great Love*, chap 4).

He adds:

It is **God in Christ**...“I am the **Bread** [*three Ingredients in One Cake*].” You know quite well that you will not find the bread of complete satisfaction [*relational fullness, rest*] in any system as a system. It is only **God in Christ**. It is a wonderful thing to think that it is not Christ only, but **God in Christ** [*the Trinity dwelling in fusion in a Man*]...God has come in the Person of His Son to be **into His own** [*fused with man*] **in a spiritual way** [*Trinity-like Oneness*]...This means Christ recognized, Christ known, **God in Christ**, and that on the ground of our **utter separation unto Him** [*fusion: “losing” our life into Christ to “find it”*]....Our need, whatever that need, is *not* to find fresh truth, fresh things in a spiritual way, it is **a new discovery of God in Christ** [*the secret of the mystery*].... God has chosen to be approached, to be touched, to be known in Jesus Christ. **God is not somewhere else, God is in Christ**...They are **one**....If you have Jesus Christ you have Infinite, Almighty, Eternal God...if you have Him, you have got God and there is no other (T. Austin Sparks, *Knowing God in Christ*, chap 2).

Immanuel's Star

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a **Son**, and they shall call His name ‘Immanuel’ which translated means ‘**God with us**’” (Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:23). Do not underestimate the reality of the Triune-God *with us* “in Christ.” Yes, it was One of the Three—the Person of the Son—sent down to us in human flesh, but the nature of the relational, inter-Personal Oneness of Father, Son, and Spirit is such that *all Three* were “pleased to dwell in Him,” revealing Themselves in “unobliterated unity” in the God-Man. Upon Jesus “the Spirit descended and **remained** on Him,” and Father spoke from heaven saying, “You are My beloved Son [*Son of My Agape*], **in You** [*the Nucleus*] I am well-pleased [*to dwell*” (John 1:21-32). Conscious of this Tri-unity dwelling within Him, the Man Jesus said, “I and the Father are **one**” (John 10:30), and “he who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9).

For a Child will be born to us, **a Son will be given to us**; and the government [*kingdom of God*] will rest on His shoulders [*Nucleus of the cohabitation of God and man*]; and **His name** will be called Wonderful Counselor [**Holy Spirit**], Mighty **God** [*Three in Oneness*], Eternal **Father**, Prince of Peace [**Son**; *all Three dwelling in fusion in One incarnated God-Man*]. There will be

no end to the **increase** of His government [*individuals willingly fused into the Oneness of “God in Christ”*] or of **peace** [*relational rest, **perichoresis***]...the **zeal of the Lord** [*superabundant Agape of the Triune-God*] will accomplish this (Isa. 9:5-7).

As this promised Son came into the world as a Spirit-implanted **Seed** and even while He was emerging from the womb of a virgin, “magi from the east” had already recognized the **star**, the unmistakable sign that God sovereignly chose to indicate His birth; these men had already begun their long ‘emigrant’ journey *into* Him. This sign *perfectly* represented and revealed the true identity of this promised Child—the Nucleus of the fusion of the Triune-God. The magi testified, “We saw **His star** [*vortex of fusion*] in the east and have come to worship Him’...And the **star**, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the **Child** was” (Mt. 2:2, 9).

Magi were an eastern caste of wise men that specialized in **astronomy** and natural science. Remarkably, the magi came “to worship Him;” they *perceived* by the sign of a **star**—a fusion vortex of consuming fire which yields light and life the **Incarnate God** coming into creation. The star also signified a promise: that the Christ-Child would *grow* and *mature* into a **Man** in whom the

Triune-God would “dwell” in perfect, relational, inter-Personal Oneness—the fusion of the Trinity in a **God-Man Nucleus**: “the Child [*Jesus*] continued to grow and become strong [*human as God intended*], increasing in [*lit. becoming full of*] wisdom [*Agape rationale*], and the grace of God was upon Him” (Luke 2:40).

It has been observed that **stars are like holes poked through the floor of heaven**. A deeper truth than we realize lies here! The *relational* quality of life—the inter-Personal “eternal life”—that the Trinity share in fusion

Oneness has been *hidden* from us, **eclipsed** *not* by God but by *our own* self-worth-ship, individualism, and fission. “I, Jesus, am the root and the descendant of David, the **bright morning star**” (Rev. 22:16). In and through this God-Man, we see the “fullness” of the kingdom—the “dwelling place” that the Triune-God *is*.

‘The secret of the mystery’ was revealed to David centuries before the Son came in human flesh and before Paul was given “**insight** into the mystery of Christ” (Eph. 3:4). The ‘star of David’ represented his *faith* in, *hope* for, and *agape* into this Triune-Dwelling Place, which would come down to mankind in the “descendant” God promised to him—“Jesus, Son of David” (Mt. 1:1, 9:27). The ‘star of David’ *is* “Jesus...the bright morning star,” Whom David carried *within* his very core by the Spirit. Fourteen generations *after* David (see Mt.

1:17), ‘the secret of the mystery’ and the profound implications it has for human beings was further revealed to the prophet Daniel:

Those who have **insight** [*into the mystery of the fusion of the Trinity in the Nucleus of “the bright morning star”*] will **shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven** [*fused by faith into “God is a dwelling place”*], and those who lead the many to righteousness [*by the light/magnetism of sacrificial self-giving*], like the **stars** forever and ever [*inexhaustible fusion power manifested in and through human beings “in Christ”*]. But as for you, Daniel, **conceal** these words and **seal up** the book [*secret of the mystery*] until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase [*revelation of the kingdom/cohabitation in the Son must progressively unfold*] (Dan. 12:3-4).

The Combined and Combining Person

The Lord gave us a very important gift of illumination through T. Austin Sparks, who summed up ‘the secret of the mystery’ in this concise statement: “**the combined and combining Person of our Lord Jesus Christ**” (Sparks, *The Vessel of Testimony*, chap. 7). Jesus is the **combined** Person for two reasons: *first*, as “the Son of God,”

He is the Nucleus of the Trinity; *second*, as “the Son of Man,” He is the Nucleus of human beings fused into Him as “members of His body” (Eph. 5:30). Jesus is also the **combining** Person because the Triune-God and human beings fused into the God-Man now share one dwelling place, fused together in One Nucleus—God *and* man “in Him.” Paul describes this cohabitation as “an **administration** [*lit. Greek: oikonomia—stewardship of one household*] suitable to the **fullness** of the times, that is, the **summing up** [*combining*] **of all things in Christ**, things in the heavens and things on the earth” (Eph. 1:10). This “combined and combining” reality *is* the kingdom of God. Oswald Chambers agrees:

Jesus Christ became Man for one purpose, that He might put away sin [*eros, individualism, fission, con-fusion*] and bring the whole human race back into the **oneness** of identification [*self-giving fusion*]. Jesus Christ is not an individual iota of a man; **He is the whole of the human race centered before God in one Person: He is God and Man in one** [*Nucleus of the Trinity and man*]. Man is lifted up to God in Christ, and God is brought down to man in Christ [*fusion Oneness*] (Chambers, Complete Works, p 22).

From man's perspective, "God in Christ" is actually pillar #1. As we earth-bound creatures curiously approach the 'porch' of the Dwelling Place of the Triune-God, the very first pillar we encounter is "God in Christ"—God *with* us. "No one has seen God at any time [*God is Spirit*], the **only begotten God** [*God-Man Jesus, "fullness of deity" in human flesh*] who is **in the bosom** of the Father [*Nucleus of the Triune-Oneness*], **He has explained Him**" (John 1:18). Isaiah foretold the coming of the One who would "explain" the mystery of the Triune-God: "Who has believed our message [*the secret of the mystery*]? And to whom has **the arm of the Lord been revealed?**" (Isa. 53:1-12). The Son of God "made flesh" is "in the bosom of the Father," *and* He is "the arm of the Lord revealed" *because* He is a 'member' of the one, *spiritual* 'body' of the Triune-God, fused into the Oneness of God as an "exact" DNA-match. The Son, Jesus, is uniquely qualified to "explain" God because He *is* God, and He is the *Nucleus* of God. The prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of this God-Man:

Then the **glory** of the Lord [*Light of the fusion of the Trinity*] will be revealed, and all **flesh** will see it together [*the un-seeable God revealed in the Man Jesus*]. . . . Say to the cities of Judah, **'Here is your God!**

[*Immanuel*—“*God in Christ*”] Behold the Lord God will come with **might** [*fusion power of sacrificial Self-giving*], with **His own arm** [*Steward-Son*] **ruling for Him**.... Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, **in His arm** [*into the combined and combining God-Man*] He will gather the lambs and carry them **in His bosom** [*Nucleus of the Oneness of the Triune-God*]; He will gently lead the **nursing ewes** [*newborn believers progressively re-gene-rated, fused, and acculturated into “God is a dwelling place”*] (Isa. 40:5-11).

The eternal Son came to “explain” the secret of “the mystery of God” to self-focused, suspicious, natural-minded human beings. He revealed the Triune-Glory dwelling within Him not just in *words* but also through *acts* of Agape:

Jesus answered the Jews, “...do you say of Him [*the God-Man*], whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘**I AM the Son of God?**’ If I do not do the **works of My Father**, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, **believe the works** [*fusion power of Agape, gene-rosity*], so that you may know

and understand [*the secret of the mystery*] that the **Father is in Me** and **I in the Father** [*God and Man fused in Self-giving Oneness*]” (John 10:37-38).

The Triune-God is “I AM WHO I AM” (Ex. 3:14). In the illumination of *Agape*, which my Dad Bob Mumford received, he explained the inherent meaning in this name: I will be whatever I need to be in order to meet the needs of My people. Jesus is the “I AM.” The following account of Jesus uniquely summarizes the way “He has explained” God:

And a **leper** [*natural type of spiritual fission decay*] came to Jesus and bowed down before Him, and said, “**Lord** [*God in Christ*], **if You are willing**, You can make me clean.” Jesus stretched out His hand [*“Arm of the Lord revealed”*] and touched him, and said, “**I AM willing**; be cleansed” [*Trinity in ‘fusion agreement’ in Agape to heal*] And immediately his leprosy was **cleansed** [*re-gene-rative power released through the Man Jesus*] (Mt. 8:2-3).

Jesus is the Nucleus, Steward, and Arm of the Triune-God dwelling in fusion “in Him.” Jesus wielded this power to do good to unworthy men, setting eros-captives free, that the God of *Agape* might be *revealed* and *received*. “The Son

of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil [*eros, con-fusion, fission decay, death*]” (1John 3:8). “Holy, Holy, Holy” residing *within* Jesus in perpetual fusion was the **internal, omnipotent Source** from which He “commanded” the wind and waves; fed 5000 from one boy’s lunch; received multitudes in compassion; and “healed them all,” including the deaf, mute, blind, and lame. From this same Source, He cast out demonic ‘agents’ of fission, raised the dead, and yielded up His own will as a Man while “His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the [*cursed*] ground” (Luke 22:44). In the fusion power of Triune-Agape, Jesus accomplished our **redemption**—“**It is finished!**” (John 19:30).

“It was for **freedom** that Christ set us free” (Gal. 5:1). In hope that we might **freely reciprocate Agape** by “losing our life” into fusion in Their Nucleus, “God in Christ” *first* had to give us the **gift of freedom**—the opportunity to **willingly** “present your bodies a living and holy [*fuse-able*] sacrifice, acceptable to God [*Trinity-like self-giving*], which is your spiritual service of worship” (Ro. 12:1).

The secret of the mystery of the kingdom of God—the quality of inter-Personal, “eternal life” in *Agape* that Father, Son, and Spirit share—came to us in “**fullness**” in the God-Man Nucleus, “dwelling in bodily form” (Col. 2:9-10). Jesus,

“the combined and combining” Person who brings God down to us and lifts us up to God, is the **embodiment** of the kingdom of God: “From that time Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent [*of eros individualism*], for the kingdom of heaven [*Triune-Dwelling Place*] has come near to you [*in Me*]” (Mt. 4:17). We must *see* and *believe into* the “combined and combining” Man. We “inherit” the kingdom of God by self-sacrificial *fusion* into Jesus Christ: “We are children of God, and if children, heirs also, **heirs of God** [*Dwelling Place*] **and fellow heirs with Christ**, if indeed we **suffer** [*lose our autonomous life*] **with Him** so that we may also be **glorified** [*fused into God*] **with Him**” (Ro. 8:17). Fused into the “combining” Man, we *participate* in ‘the secret of the mystery’ of the kingdom of God—a **reciprocal inheritance**: we inherit God and God inherits us. Paul explained reciprocal inheritance this way, “all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God” (1Cor. 3:22). Paul described this “combined and combining Person:”

The Son of His Agape...**He** [*eternal Son incarnated as a natural Man*] **is the image of the invisible God** [*“God is Spirit”*], the **firstborn of all creation**. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on the earth, visible and invisible [*natural and spiritual*], whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all

things have been created **through Him** [*Prototype*] and **for Him** [*Heir*]. He is before all things, and **in Him** [*the God-Man Nucleus*] **all things hold together** (Col. 1:13-17).

The first creation recorded in Genesis, the redemption of mankind at the Cross, and “the new creation” inaugurated in Jesus’ resurrection were *all* acts of the fusion power of the Trinity in and through the Nucleus of the Son. This mysterious Reality is celebrated in the following Lutheran hymn entitled, *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*:

Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all
worlds begun

The **inter-weaving** of the Three, the Father,
Spirit, Son.

The universe of space and time did not arise
by chance,

But as the Three, in love and hope, made
room within their dance.

Come, see the **face** of Trinity, new born in
Bethlehem;

Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside
Jerusalem.

The dance of Trinity is meant for human
flesh and bone;

When fear confines the dance in death, God
rolls away the stone.

Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and
tongues of flame
Set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's
name.

We know the yoke of sin and death, our
necks have worn it smooth;
Go tell the world of weight and woe that we
are **free to move!**

Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds
begun,
We sing the praises of the Three, the Father,
Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and **inter-weave**, by love and
hope set free,
To shape in song this joy, this life: the dance
of Trinity.

The Combining Instrument—the Cross

The Lord gave Jürgen Moltmann profound insight into 'the secret of the mystery.' He wrote, "**The crucified Christ is our sole means of access to the knowledge of God**" (*The Trinity and the Kingdom*, p 40). The **Cross** is the key to the mystery of "the combined and combining" God-Man. Embracing the Cross was the *definitive* revelation of the *Agape* nature of the Trinity—the **superabundance** of Their eternal passion for Self-giving fusion with *One Another* opened to man, and Their "fullness" poured out Self-sacrificially

upon man. In the Nucleus of the God-Man Jesus, the Three *Self-sharers* desire to *share* Their Life of Oneness with us. This superabundant passion led “God in Christ” to embrace the Cross.

“Christ Himself is the propitiation for our sins [*eros nature and acts*]; and not for ours only but also for those of the **whole world**” (1John 2:2). The Man Jesus is “the whole of the human race centered before God in one Person” (Chambers, *Complete Works*, p 22). As “the **Son of Man**,” Jesus carried *all* mankind in Himself through the fission/fusion vortex of the Cross into the “fullness” of His own inheritance as “the **Son of God**” (One of the Three), which is “eternal life” in “God is a dwelling place:”

Father, the hour [*of betrayal, suffering, crucifixion*] has come; **glorify** Your Son, that the Son may **glorify** You [*reciprocal Agape: demonstrating Our eternal, sacrificial Self-giving Love to man*]....Now, Father, **glorify Me** [*as the Son of Man— Representative of mankind*] **together with Yourself** [*fusion*], with the **glory** [*mutual indwelling, Oneness in Agape*] which I had with You [*as the Son of God*] before the world was (John 17:1, 5).

Paul wrote, “In all wisdom and insight, **God made known to us the mystery of His**

will, according to His kind intention which He purposed **in Christ** [*God-Man Nucleus*]...” (Eph. 1:9). In Himself, the God-Man took *all* mankind into God. Now, all that is left for us to do is to *comprehend* God’s will and *do* it: to *believe into* the Nucleus, to willingly “lose” our autonomous life by sacrificial self-giving fusion into “God in Christ.” Those who are fused into the Nucleus are *already* in “God is a dwelling place” because “God raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus** [*God’s own Nucleus*]” (Eph. 2:6).

The Cross was God’s means of resolving a serious ‘**fuse-ability**’ **problem** with man. ‘Dead’ men can’t dance “the dance of Trinity;” paralyzed in self-love we are simply not “free to move!” The Triune-Holy is *eros-free*, but human beings are *unholy* “lovers of self” (2Tim. 3:2). Father, Son, and Spirit are *dead* to Self and *alive* to One Another, and together “in Christ” They are fully *alive* to us. De-gene-rate human beings are *alive* to self and *dead* to one another and to God—we are *the living dead*. “God is **Light**”—a ‘spectrum’ of three Individuals fused together in one Beam. Human beings, however, do not just *do* darkness; they *are* “**darkness** [*de-gene-rate individualists*]” (Eph. 5:8). God is *fuse-able*; human beings are *not fuse-able* because they are partakers of the eros nature of the false-father—in ‘con-fusion’ with Belial whose name literally means ‘Worthless.’

Human beings are “by **nature** children of wrath... dead in transgressions [*self-gratification*]...having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:3-12).

Yes, in *fission* from “God in Christ,” man’s de-gene-rate, rapidly decaying condition is far worse than anyone imagines. We are the living dead; we are zombies. Even the most ‘spiritual’ individuals among us grossly *underestimate* the extent of our damaged, eros condition because we are *all* accustomed to this ‘disaster area!’ Into this world of predatory zombies, “God in Christ” came in Self-giving compassion. Acting as One, Father, Son, and Spirit worked together for our salvation *in* and *through* the God-Man Jesus. Paul recognized this: “**God was in Christ** reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them” (2Cor. 5:19). “In Christ,” the Trinity embraced the Cross *together* for our salvation. All Three suffered “in Him” for our liberation, regeneration, and fusion into Their “eternal life” in Agape Oneness. Carefully magnify and recognize our Triune-Redeemer: “**God** [*Father, Son, Spirit*] **our Savior** and **Christ Jesus** [*the tested, perfected Man*] who is **our hope**” (1Tim. 1:1).

The Triune-God of Agape passionately desired to be fused to mankind in the Nucleus of the “combined and combining Person of our Lord Jesus Christ;” therefore, “God in Christ” embraced the combining instrument of the Cross together.

The Cross was the violent instrument necessary to “reconcile” de-gene-rate, unholy human beings (the living dead, zombies) to the Triune-Holy *alive* to One Another in “the Holy One of God.” The Trinity was “dancing the dance” of Agape *within* the Man Jesus so human beings could be set “free to move” and join Them!

Moltmann further opened this mystery of the combining instrument of the Cross: “God Himself [*Trinity fused in Oneness*] is involved in Christ’s passion. If this were not so, no redeeming activity could **radiate** from Christ’s death” (*The Trinity and the Kingdom*, p 21). Through the Cross, the **fusion power** of “God is Agape” was released upon mankind: “the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing [*in eros individualism, fission decay*], but to us who are being saved [*re-gene-rated, fused*] it is **the power of God**” (1Cor. 1:18). The power of God is *Agape*—sacrificial Self-giving **fusion**. *Eros* is self-love—self-gratifying, self-preserving individualism—the power of **fission**. *Agape* is ‘anti-eros.’ Moltmann defines *Agape* as “**an extreme Self-forsaking Love**.” At the Cross, this “extreme Self-forsaking Love,” which the Trinity demonstrate *to One Another*, was demonstrated by the Triune-God “in Christ” *to mankind*.

Oneness Torn Open

The redeeming power of the Cross is the superabundant *fusion* power of God—the “extreme

Self-forsaking Love” of Three-in-One. According to sovereign, intricate design, the Trinity in Christ embraced the Cross: “It was the **third** hour [*9 am*] when they crucified Him” (Mark 15:25).

Now from the sixth hour [*noonday*] **darkness** fell upon all the land until about the ninth hour [*3 pm*]. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “My God [*Father*], My God [*Spirit*], why have You **forsaken** Me [*the Son*]?” Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with **sour wine** [*man’s toxic, de-gene-rate bloodline, fission*]...and gave Him a drink....And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the **veil** of the temple [*dwelling place of Shekinah, Trinity in fusion*] was **torn in two** from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the **rocks were split** [*fission*] (Mt. 27:45-46, 51).

God is a Trinity dwelling in *fusion* in the *Nucleus* of the Man Jesus Christ; the Cross was *fission*—breaking, tearing, splitting, darkness. Understanding Jesus’ *forsakenness* in “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” opens wider for us the reality that “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself” (2Cor. 5:19). *Three* embraced the Cross *together*

“in Christ” for us. The Trinity absorbed into *Themselves*, “in Christ,” the fission power of death—the consequence of *man* forsaking God. Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world [*Triune-spectrum in Christ among men*]” (John 8:12). He is the **Nucleus of the Triune-Light**, and as the life of Jesus was gradually extinguished, “**darkness** fell upon all the land.” The fusion of the Trinity—“God is a sun” and “God is Light”—was intentionally interrupted by the sacrifice of Their Nucleus.

The Cross was the *ultimate* demonstration of “God is Agape.” As Individuals, Father, Son, and Spirit are sacrificial Self-givers; however, the Cross was an infinitely *deeper* sacrifice than *individual* Self-giving. None of the Three loves Himself; each cherishes the other Two and the Oneness They share. The Trinity embraced the Cross as **One**—“God in Christ.” The Cross was the **sacrifice** of the Triune-God’s most precious ‘possession’—**Their Oneness** “in Christ.”

Martin Luther also magnified this reality. He taught: “Father, Son, and Spirit are three Ingredients mixed and baked by *Agape* into **One Cake**.” The Triune-God gave *Themselves* to us as One *in Christ*: “For **in Christ** all the **fullness** of Deity [*Trinity*] dwells in **bodily form** [*human flesh*], and **in Him** you have been made **full**” (Col. 2:9-10). In sacrificial Self-giving to mankind, Father, Son, and Spirit “mixed and baked” *Themselves* into “One Cake” and offered *Themselves* to us

in **the flesh** of the God-Man Jesus. “Jesus took some **bread**, and after a blessing [*cherishing the Oneness*], **He broke it** and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is **My body**’” (Mt. 26:26). There was not just *one* “Ingredient” in the loaf that Jesus intentionally “broke” but *Three*. In sacrificial Self-giving, the Triune-God purposed to feed *Themselves* to us “in Christ.”

As Jesus’ flesh was torn open at the Cross, the Oneness (One Cake) of the Trinity dwelling in Him was torn open. It was not just a Son who lost a Father but a Father who lost a Son, and the Spirit who had “remained on” Jesus was severed *in fission* from Him when “Christ redeemed us... having become **a curse for us**” (Gal. 3:13). Look at this from Jesus’ perspective: “My God [*Father*], My God [*Spirit*], why have You forsaken Me [*the Son*]?” (Mt. 27:45). ‘The secret of the mystery’ of the redeeming power of the Cross is **fusion power**. “God made Him [*the Nucleus of the Oneness of the Trinity*] who knew no sin to **be sin** [*eros, fission*] on our behalf, so that we might become the **righteousness** of God in Him [*re-gene-rated, fuse-able, Trinity-like self-givers in the Nucleus of God*]” (2Cor. 5:21). Moved by Their own *shared* nature of sacrificial Self-giving, the Trinity **in fusion** “in Christ” absorbed into Their very Nucleus the **fission power** of “sour wine,” representing man’s de-gene-rate ‘bloodline’ including our *eros* nature, behavior, and con-fusion with Satan in darkness.

Moved by *Agape*, “God in Christ” made a *blood-exchange* with man:

He who eats **My flesh** and drinks **My blood** has **eternal life** [*participation in the Oneness of the Triune-God*]....He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood **abides in Me** [*the Nucleus of the Trinity*], **and I in him** [*“Christ in you the hope of glory”*]. As the **living** Father sent Me [*God ‘alive’ to human beings in Son-giving Love*], and **I live** because of the Father [*Son of Man ‘alive’ to Father*], so he who eats Me [*Source of re-gene-ration into fuse-able DNA*], he also will **live** because of Me [*made ‘alive’ in self-giving, fused into the Oneness of God in Christ*] (John 6:54-58).

The “bread” of Jesus’ flesh was not all that was torn in fission at the Cross, but also “the **veil**, that is, **His flesh**” (Heb. 10:20). “Behold, the **veil** of the temple [*dwelling place of Shekinah upon the ark—the Trinity in fusion in Christ*] was **torn in two** [*fission*] from top to bottom...” (Mt. 27:51). The veil represents the partition required to protect the Triune-Holy God and unholy man *from one another*. When the veil was torn open, we de-gene-rates partook of the Life of the Triune-God, but **the Trinity also partook of our death**. “God in Christ” absorbed into Themselves the toxic, ‘fission radiation’ from man’s *eros* nature.

Scripture also states that “the rocks were split [*fission*]” (Mt. 27:51). This represents God who is called “**the Rock**” and “the rock of my salvation” throughout the Scriptures (see Deut. 32:4; Ps. 61:2, 95:1; Mt. 7:24). The imagery of a rock speaks of two things: the “unshakable” strength of the fusion Oneness of the Trinity in *Agape and* an unexpected Source of re-gene-rative Life. In the wilderness, God said to Moses, “Behold, I will stand before you there **on the rock** at Horeb; and you shall **strike the rock** [*foreshadow of the Cross*], and water will come out of it that the people may drink” (Ex. 17:6). Both Isaiah and Paul recognized the spiritual significance of this historical event. Isaiah stated, “He **split the rock** [*Nucleus of the Oneness of the Trinity torn in fission*] and the water [*re-gene-rative Triune-Life*] gushed forth” (Isa. 48:17-21). And Paul wrote, “and all drank the same **spiritual drink** [*the Life of God*], for they were drinking from a **spiritual rock** which followed them; and **the rock was Christ** [*Nucleus of the Trinity*]” (1Cor. 10:4).

After water gushed forth from the split rock, the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there **on the rock**; and it will come about, while **My glory** is passing by, that **I will put you in the cleft of the rock** and cover you with My hand until I have passed by” (Ex. 33:21-22). Those who are *fused* into Christ share in the fulfillment of Moses’ experience: “For

you have died [*forfeited your autonomous life*] and **your life is hidden in Christ in God** [*in the Rock/ Nucleus of the Triune-God*]” (Col. 3:3).

Acting together as One in “an extreme Self-forsaking Love,” these **Three sacrificed Their Oneness** “in Christ” *for* mankind. Together, the Triune-God intentionally absorbed into Themselves, “in Christ,” the power of man’s fission, allowing “**the Rock** [*Nucleus*]” of Their Oneness to be **split** that Their re-gene-rative Life would flood “the whole world.”

‘The secret of the mystery’ is this: during those six hours (9 am to 3 pm), when the Nucleus of the Trinity was crucified—breaking, tearing, splitting, darkness, Self-forsakenness in **fission**—the Trinity had never been more **One in fusion!** The Cross stands in the midst of the Trinity from eternity. *Together*, Father, Son, and Spirit were fulfilling Their *eternal* purpose: to demonstrate, reveal, and *share* with mankind the very **secret of Their Trinity**—the sacrificial Self-giving nature, which They *are* and *share*, “an extreme Self-forsaking Love.”

Eros is an insatiable *need* to acquire, possess, and control. In regard to *eros*, God does not *need* anything: “God is not served by human hands, as though He **needed anything**, since He Himself **gives** to all people life and breath and all things” (Acts 17:25). However, since “God *is Agape*,” God did *need* something—**the Trinity**

needed to sacrificially give Themselves as One “in Christ” to *be* Who They *are*. The Triune-God “compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness...forgiving” (Ex. 34:6) *needed* to pour out upon de-gene-rate men the *superabundance* of Their re-gene-rative Life.

“God in Christ” gave us both the fuse-able nature and “the door” to enter into Their Oneness. The Three sacrificial Self-givers/sharers purposed for Their Oneness to be **torn** in fission to **open** “a door” *for* mankind to enter into “God is a dwelling place.” Jesus said, “**I AM the door**; if anyone enters **through Me**, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9). This “door” is certainly the Person of Jesus Christ perfected in “the Way” of *Agape* as a whole Man, but magnify this mystery *further* with me. Just as stars are holes in the floor of heaven, “the door” is also the literal pierced holes in Jesus’ human flesh:

We have confidence to enter the holy place [*into the fusion Oneness of the Trinity*] by the blood of Jesus [*re-gene-ration into a fuse-able bloodline*], by a new and living way [*I AM the door*] which He inaugurated for us through the **veil**, that is, **His flesh** (Heb. 10:19-20).

After **three** days, Jesus was raised from the dead and the Oneness of the Trinity was renewed,

but something was fundamentally different. Now **a Man** was perfected into the Oneness of God—a “combined and combining” Man Who carries in Himself all those human beings who are willing to fuse into the Oneness of the Trinity dwelling within Him through “the door” of His own pierced flesh. On the third day, the resurrected **Man** Jesus said to Mary in the garden, “go to My **brothers** [*no longer “disciples,” but sharers of His DNA*] and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and **your Father**, and My God and **your God**’” (John 20:17).

After Jesus was resurrected, Thomas, the disciple, was separated in fission from Jesus’ other ten brothers by his **unbelief**. Thomas could not **see** the resurrected God-Man Nucleus, and therefore he could not enter through the door into the dwelling place of the Trinity:

But Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have **seen** the Lord [*God in Christ*]!” But he said to them, “Unless I **see** in His hands the imprint of the nails, and **put my finger into the place of the nails**, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them [*in body, but not in one faith*]. Jesus came...and **stood in their midst** [*as their Nucleus*] and said, “Peace

be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger and **see** My hands; and **reach here with your hand and put it into** [*fusion*] **in My side** [*door torn open into the Triune-Dwelling Place*]; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.” Thomas answered and said to Him, “**My Lord and my God!**” [*God in Christ*] Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed [*as heirs of God*] are they who **did not see, and yet believed**” (John 20:24-29).

The Triune-God Who is Spirit dwells in the **fleshly body** of the Man Jesus. We enter into God is a dwelling place—the kingdom of God—**through the literal holes in Jesus’ flesh**. The Spirit of God enables us to see these literal pierced openings in Jesus’ flesh, which our *natural* eyes have not seen. We are fused into God by entering as a little child through “the door” because we *know*, in childlike faith, the Triune-God eagerly awaits us there. The more the Spirit makes this mystery *real* in you, the more you are *in* the kingdom of God, the more self-love is *displaced*, and the more you are “made full” with “the fullness” (Col. 2:9-10).

The Lamb—Nucleus of the Trinity

When John the Baptist **saw** the Man Jesus coming, he said, “Behold, **the Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

However, “the Lamb” *predates* the coming of the Son in human flesh—“the Lamb was slain *before* the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8). When we magnify the secret of the mystery of “God in Christ,” we see the Trinity in fusion in the Nucleus of the God-Man Jesus. *Further magnification* of this Nucleus reveals the eternal “Lamb of God.” Truly, the *nuclear reactor core* of the Triune-God is “**the Lamb in the center [Nucleus] of the throne**” (Rev. 7:17).

Lambs are unique among other animals because they do not have a strong *self-preserving* instinct; they do not resist slaughter. When pigs are led to slaughter, they immediately sense death and violently squeal and wrestle in protest. Even when I wash our dog, he is constantly seeking a way to escape the tub! When lambs are led to death, they lay their head back without struggle, exposing their throat for the knife. The animals that athletic teams select as mascots and nations choose as symbols of their identity and the power of their ‘union’ are largely **predators**: lions, tigers, bears, eagles, hornets, sharks, alligators, bulls, etc. The secret of the mystery of the omnipotent power of God is “**the Lamb**” because “**power is perfected in weakness**” (2Cor. 12:9).

The Roman centurion who carried out the execution of the Man Jesus had certainly witnessed countless men crucified. Murderers, thieves, insurrectionists, and sexual predators nailed to

crosses would uniformly beg for their lives, insist they were framed, and finally resort to cursing him and others with a flood of the vilest profanity (see Mt. 27:44). However, when this experienced, calloused executioner **saw** that “the Lamb of God” did not curse or revile but **heard** Him say instead, “‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing,’...he began praising God, saying, ‘Certainly this man was **innocent** [e.g. *as a lamb*]’” (Luke 23:34, 47). When the Lamb was pierced, He ‘bled’ pure *Agape*. Mark adds, “When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, ‘**Truly this man was the Son of God!**’” (Mark 15:39). Isaiah foretold this: “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; **like a lamb that is led to slaughter**, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so **He did not open His mouth**” (Isa. 53:7).

The Lamb of God is the Person of the eternal Son incarnated as the Man Jesus Christ; however, the Lamb does not represent the Son *only* but the *Agape* nature of Father and Spirit as well. The Lamb represents the “extreme Self-forsaking Love” that Father, Son, and Spirit *are* as Individuals and that They *share* as One. The Lamb is the **eros-free nature** of “Holy [*and*] Holy [*and*] Holy.” The Lamb is *not* Jesus only, but “God in Christ,”—the Triune-Holy dwelling in fusion in “the Holy One of God.”

Since the **children** share in **flesh and blood**, He Himself [*God in Christ*] likewise also **partook of the same**, that through death [*embracing the Cross as the Lamb*] He might render powerless him who had the power of death [*eros, fission decay*], that is, the devil, and might free those [*de-gene-rate, eros captives*] who through **fear of death** [*instinct of self-preservation*] were subject to **slavery** all their lives” (Heb. 2:14-15).

The essential, *spiritual* nature of the Triune-God was adapted to human beings in the God-Man Jesus. This *spiritual* nature is now contained in His blood, a communicable DNA-bloodline. This prepared blood, with a nature corresponding to God’s own, is the basis of our redemption from the de-gene-rate, *eros* nature and our re-gene-ration into the image and likeness of “God is Agape.” In a sense, “God in Christ” made an exchange with us at the Cross—our blood for Theirs. Our transformation, or *transfusion*, of blood and spirit is certainly a mystery. John wrote:

This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with water only, but with the water [*baptism*] and with the blood [*DNA*]. It is the Spirit who testifies [*that we are gen-uinely born of God*] because the Spirit is truth [*Agape*]. For

there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement (1John 5:6-8).

“God is Spirit” (John 4:24), therefore God cannot shed blood. In order for the eternal Lamb to be “slain” and **transmit** this *spiritual* nature to us who are “flesh and blood,” God had to become a flesh and blood Man—“God in Christ.” Both the Cross and the Lamb Who would embrace that Cross stand in the midst of the Trinity from eternity, defining Who They are. The Lamb of “God in Christ” is the Trinity’s way of making flesh and blood human beings “**partakers of the divine nature**” (2Pet. 1:4) and thus naturalized “children of God”—**sharers in Their DNA through the bloodline of the God-Man Jesus.**

The Self-sacrificial *way* in which “God in Christ” gave Their nature to us (embracing the Cross) was essential for the *substance* of that *Agape* nature we receive in our new birth to be *gen-uine* (from Their genetic root). This sacrificial self-giving nature is manifested in the behavior of God’s re-gene-rated children, empowering us to “take up our cross daily” (Luke 9:23). In the Trinity’s own image and likeness, we embrace the “cross daily,” denying ourselves for God and for one another, just as “God in Christ” embraced the cross for us. This nature we share with the Lamb makes us *gen-uine* followers of our Elder Brother

Jesus: “Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm [*God-Man*] He will **gather the lambs** and carry them in His bosom [*Nucleus*]; He will gently lead the **nursing ewes**” (Isa. 40:11).

A ‘rehearsal’ of the Self-giving Love of “God in Christ” occurred among the Israelites enslaved in Egypt (Ex. 12). God instructed the people to select a **sweet, wooly lamb** “without blemish” and keep it in their home for a month, knowing that such a guileless creature would quickly become a beloved pet. Then, at the appointed time, they had to slaughter what had become an object of affection to them: “**divide the lamb** [*fission*]... take some of the **blood** and put it **on the two doorposts** and the lintel of the house...and eat it in this manner, with your loins girded...sandals on your feet...staff in your hand...eat it in haste.” This redemptive nourishment (representing Jesus’ flesh) was necessary to **relocate** *out* of Egypt (the world) *into* the land of promise (the Dwelling Place). “It is **the Lord’s Passover**” (Ex. 12:11). “God is Jealous” sent an angel of death to judge the oppressor of His people; when “the destroyer” saw the lamb’s blood around the doors of the dwellings of those who believed and obeyed God (marked by His nature, in His Nucleus), he would *pass over* that house.

“For **the Lamb** in the center of the throne will be their **shepherd**, and will guide them to springs of the water of **life** [*re-gene-ration in God’s*”

own fuse-able DNA]” (Rev. 7:17). The secret of the mystery is that “the Lamb” is the **nuclear reactor core** of the fusion power of the Trinity. The Lamb is “the **center** [*Nucleus*] of the throne,” and “out from the throne come **flashes of lightning** and sounds and peals of thunder” (Rev. 4:5). When Jesus the Nucleus/Lamb of the Triune-God was “transfigured” before Peter, James, John, “His face shone like the **sun**, and His garments became white as **light**” (Mt. 17:1-2). Luke adds “and His clothing became white and **gleaming** [*lit. Greek: flashing like lightning*]...and they saw His **glory** [*Trinity in fusion in Him*]” (Luke 9:29-32).

In the *natural* creation, lightning is a corresponding electrical charge between two fixed points, negative above and positive below. In the *spiritual*, lightning perpetually issues forth from the Nucleus of the Triune-Lamb of God; this Power reaches to **strike the “dead” to “life,”** transforming “lovers of self” into sacrificial self-givers in the *fuse-able* likeness of the Triune-God. This resurrection Power must originate from “the Lamb,” since dead men can only be re-generated in fuse-able DNA if the Triune-God sacrificially **debits** *Themselves* to **credit** *us*. When we forfeit *our own* autonomous nucleus and name and “call on the Name of the Lord,” the Triune-God has *already* answered us with lightning from “the Lamb,” fusing us into “the combined and combining Person of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Faith is required to be ‘struck’ by lightning. Our *eros* instinct of self-preservation moves us to run for cover! *Recognizing* that the “lightning” of the Triune-God does not come from a tyrannical Oppressor in man’s corruptible image but from the sacrificial Self-giving “Lamb” moves us to deny our instinct of self-preservation and stand up as a lightning rod, boldly calling on His Name! Repentance and faith are *gifts* from God; this faith in us is the resonant dynamic of the ‘electrical charge’ between two fixed points.

Do not mistake the *vulnerable weakness* of “the Lamb” as feebleness or impotence, far from it! “**Power is perfected in weakness**” (2Cor. 12:9). The Lamb is the nuclear reactor core of the All-Three-Mighty: an omnipotent, fusion power ‘yielded’ from the sacrificial Self-giving of Father, Son, and Spirit into One Another, and directed through the ‘conduit’ of Jesus Christ to us. “For the Lord your God is a **consuming fire**, a jealous God” (Deut. 4:24). This consuming fire of the Trinity’s *jealousy-for* One Another and *for* us who are fused in Him has *two* outcomes: “the **marriage** of the Lamb” (Rev 19:7) and “the **wrath** of the Lamb:”

And they [*men in fission from God in Christ*] said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne,

and from the **wrath of the Lamb**; for the great day of **Their wrath** has come, and who is able to stand?” (Rev 6:16-17).

Father, Son, and Spirit sacrificially gave *Themselves* to mankind in and through “the cross of Christ” (1Cor. 1:17). This consummately *gene-rous* act of Three-in-One *gene-rated* a superabundant **fusion yield**: resurrection power—the power to *re-gene-rate* “dead,” *de-gene-rate* human beings into Their own image and likeness, into Their holiness, into Their Oneness and eternal perichoresis. Three days later, this power was perfectly *contained in* and *released through* the resurrected Man when “the veil of the temple was **torn** in two, **rocks were split** [*fission*], **tombs were opened**, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were **raised**; and coming out of the tombs...” (Mt. 27:51-53).

The *physical* resurrection of a human body, such as Lazarus (see John 11:43), certainly requires the fusion power of God, yet resurrecting a man from his *de-gene-rate* nature, instincts, rationale, and behavior and making that “dead” man *spiritually* “alive”—*re-gene-rated* as “a new creation” in *Agape*—is a *transcendent* fusion power. Out from the Nucleus of the resurrected Man Jesus, this fusion power of *re-gene-ration* confronted Saul, a man “doubly dead” as a religious predator, and raised him to “life” *spiritually* and *relationally* as a

new, fuse-able creation named Paul (Acts 26:12-14). Jesus is the Nucleus of resurrection power; Paul testified, “If Christ is in you, though the **body is dead** [*decaying*] because of sin, yet the **spirit is alive** because of righteousness [*sacrificial self-giving*]” (Rom. 8:10). Paul adds:

And you were **dead** [*fruitless, unable to reciprocate Agape*] in your trespasses and sins [*eros individualism, self-gratification*]... and were children of **wrath** [*in confusion with ‘Worthless’*], even as the rest. But God [*Father, Son, Spirit*], being **rich** in mercy, because of His **great love** with which He loved us [*superabundant Self-giving of the Trinity to One Another overflowing upon us*], even when we were **dead** in our transgressions [*decaying in fission*], made us **alive together with Christ** [*fused into the perfected, resurrected God-Man*]...and raised us up with Him, and **seated us with Him** in heavenly places **in Christ Jesus** [*at rest in the Nucleus of the Oneness of God*], so that in the ages to come He might **show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus** [*eternal purpose: shared Life in reciprocal self-giving with man, fused in one Nucleus of cohabitation*] (Eph. 2:1-7).

When we *magnify* the resurrected Man Jesus, we see the ‘nuclear reactor core’ of the Triune-Lamb. The Son of God “made flesh” was tested, perfected, and proven in the “extreme Self-forsaking Love” of the Triune-God as *a Man*. Jesus said, “For this reason My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again [*reciprocal Agape*]. No one has taken My life from Me, but **I lay it down of My own initiative**” (John 10:17-18). The God-Man Jesus was **made fit** in the fission/fusion vortex of the Cross to be the “combined and combining” Nucleus of cohabitation for the Trinity and re-gene-rated man. Fusion overcomes the power of fission, as Paul testifies:

Who will **separate us** [*in fission*] from the **Agape of Christ**? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to **separate us** [*in fission*] **from the Agape of God** [*fusion Oneness of the Trinity*], which is **in Christ Jesus our Lord** [*the un-fissionable, unshakable Nucleus of God and man*] (Rom. 8:35-39).

Among the Father, Son, and Spirit “**Agape never fails**” (1Cor. 13:8). The Man Jesus was tested, perfected, and proven in *Agape* through the Cross because His sacrificial Self-giving both to God and to mankind did not fail. Therefore, within the Nucleus of the incorruptible, unfissionable, indestructible Person of the God-Man Jesus Christ, both the Triune-God and those human beings in Him “receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken” (Heb. 12:28). In this we discover the secret of “the mystery” of God’s will:

In all wisdom and insight [*Agape rationale*] God made known to us **the mystery of His will**, according to His kind intention [*sacrificial Self-giving redemption*] which He purposed **in Him** [*in the God-Man Nucleus*] with a view to an **administration** [*lit. Greek: oikonomia—stewardship of one shared household*] suitable to the **fullness** of the times [*the kingdom is increasing—mystery unfolding through the ages of mankind*], that is, **the summing up of all things in Christ**, things in the heavens and things on the earth [*the cohabitation of God and man in one Nucleus—the infinite, unfissionable God-Man*] (Eph. 1:8-10).

Vision of Combined & Combining God-Man

What does the **fusion** of God and mankind in the God-Man look like—“**the summing up**

of all things” in one infinite Nucleus, one all-encompassing Person? The prophet Ezekiel saw this God-Man:

On that which resembled a **throne**, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a **man** [*the combined and combining God-Man Jesus Christ*]. Then I noticed from the appearance of His loins and **upward** something like glowing metal that looked like **fire** all around within it [*Holy, Holy, Holy in fusion in the Holy One of God*]; and from the appearance of His loins and **downward** I saw something like **fire** [*re-gene-rated mankind fused into the God-Man as “members of His body”*]; and there was a **radiance** around Him [*one comprehensive Nucleus, kingdom of the fusion Oneness of the Trinity and mankind within Jesus Christ*]. As the appearance of the **rainbow** [*spectrum of individual colors in fusion*] which occurs in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding **radiance** [*Triune-Glory in fusion with “children of light”*]. Such was the appearance of the **likeness** of the **glory** of the **Lord** (Ezek. 1:26-28; also see Dan. 10:5-9 and Rev. 1:14-20; 4:2-3).

We are discovering that “the Son of Father’s Agape [*sacrificial Self-giving*]” (Col. 1:13) is

Himself the secret of the mystery *revealed*—the “combined and combining Person,” the Nucleus of the fusion of Trinity and man. The deeper we allow the Spirit to reveal this mystery *within* us, the more “the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2Cor. 4:6) **dawns** on us. Together, we must come to “a true knowledge of **God’s mystery—Christ Himself** [*God-Man Nucleus*], in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:2-3). Together, we must pioneer forward “until the **day dawns** and the **morning star arises** in our hearts” (1Pet. 1:19). The “Light of the knowledge” is not merely intellectual; the “Light” of *Agape* must permeate our “heart [*affections*], mind [*rational*], soul [*will*], and strength [*behavior*]” (Mark 12:30) by *practicing* ‘Trinity-likeness’ *together* in the Nucleus of Christ.

The Mystery: Christ in Us the Hope of Glory

The Self-giving, fuse-able nature of the Trinity—*Agape* DNA—was tested, perfected, and proven in the Man Jesus and therefore made *communicable* to human beings “that we may become partakers of the divine nature” (2Pet. 1:4). Sacrificial self-giving (*Agape*) is the means by which the Three Eternals are perpetually fused into One Another *and* the very same means by which we are fused into “God in Christ.”

By this the **Agape** [DNA] of God was manifested **in us** [*re-gene-ration in fuse-able DNA*], that God has sent His only begotten [*gen-uine*] **Son** into the world so that we [*together*] might **live** through Him [*dead to self-love, alive in reciprocal self-giving; made fit to participate in "God is a dwelling place"*]...And we know that the Son of God [*Nucleus of the Trinity*] has come, and has given us **understanding** [*of the secret of the mystery*] so that we may know Him who is true [*gen-uine*]; and **we are in Him who is true** [*in fusion Oneness*], **in His Son Jesus Christ** [*the God-Man Nucleus*] (1John 4:9; 5:20).

The fuse-able DNA of the Triune-God, which the Person of the Son made communicable to us as a Man, is planted *within* us by the Person of the Spirit as an "**incorruptible** [*un-fission-able*] **seed**" (1Pet. 1:23). The antidotal Seed of the perfected Man Jesus *re-gene-rates* you "through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Rom. 8:11). Paul adds, "that God would grant you, according to the riches of **His glory** [*superabundant 'yield' of Three in Agape*], to be strengthened with [*fusion*] **power through His Spirit in the inner man** [DNA]" (Eph. 3:16). This "power" enables us to act *against* our de-generate, *eros* nature and instincts of self-gratification and self-preservation and act *for* God by acting

for one another. The fusion power of the *gen-uine* Seed changes our behavior, moving us *from within* to act spontaneously in the sacrificial self-giving ways of the Lord, resulting in **Trinity-likeness**.

Our genetic transformation into “children of light” (Eph. 5:8) is the fulfillment of God’s ancient dream: “Then God [*Father, Son, Spirit*] said, ‘Let Us make man in our [*relational, inter-Personal*] image, according to Our [*fuse-able, Self-giving*] likeness” (Gen. 1:26). Paul wrote about this transformation:

I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God [*of one shared inheritance, kingdom, Life*] bestowed on me for your benefit [*Agape*], so that I might fully carry out the preaching of **the word of God** [*God-Man Nucleus*], that is, the **mystery** which has been **hidden** from past ages and generations, but has now been **manifested** to His saints [*lit. holy ones; re-gene-rating children*], to whom God willed to make it **known** what is the **riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you** [*antidotal Seed of fuse-able DNA*], **the hope of glory** [*Trinity-like fusion in God’s Nucleus*] (Col. 1:25-28).

Jesus prayed, “I praise You Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have **hidden**

these things from the **wise and intelligent** [*in eros rationale*] and have revealed them to **infants** [*newborns re-gene-rated in the fuse-able DNA of Agape*]. Yes, Father, for this was well-pleasing in Your sight” (Mt. 11:25-26).

The secret of the mystery is this: Christ is both the Nucleus of the Trinity and the Source of fuse-able DNA, which enables human beings to live in “God is a dwelling place.” In the God-Man Jesus Christ, we are *fused* into the *fusion* of the Trinity. “Christ in *you*” is *plural*; “Christ in us” individually and collectively is “the **hope**” of participating by sacrificial self-giving in the “glory” of the Oneness that Father, Son, and Spirit have shared from eternity.

Each and every “God is” Reality is contained in this One, infinite, “combined and combining Person.” God is an “Us” dwelling in Oneness in the God-Man Jesus. In sacrificial Self-giving, the Three are **alive** to One Another and to mankind “in Him;” therefore, Jesus is called “the **living One**” (Rev. 1:18). “Holy, Holy, Holy” dwell in “the Holy One of God” (John 6:69). The Triune-spectrum of “God is Light” is fused together in One Beam—“I AM the Light of the world” (John 8:12). Jesus *Himself* is the perfect, Three-Dimensional “Cornerstone” of the Triune-Dwelling Place laid among men. Jesus is the Nucleus of “eternal life.”

The Triune-God is “in Christ,” and all believers together are called to be “in Christ.” In the image and likeness of the “Us,” *we* are destined to be an ‘us’ in oneness in Agape, fused together in the Nucleus of the resurrected God-Man. “Consider yourselves to be dead to sin [*self-love, individualism*], but **alive to God in Christ Jesus**” (Rom. 6:11). The Triune-Holy made provision for *us* to be holy (eros-free) in “the Holy One of God” even as *They* are “in Him.” *We* are fused into the Nucleus of Christ by *Agape* in the very same way the Trinity is fused “in Him.”

The Trinity laid the Cornerstone of Their own “dwelling place” among us. Now, according to the blueprints of the Triune-God, *we* “as **living stones**, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices [*reciprocate Agape*] acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1Pet. 2:5). Fused into the Cornerstone, *we* are becoming a dwelling place for God!

Let us rejoice and be glad and **give the glory** [*reciprocate Agape*] **to Him**, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come [*fusion of the Triune-God and man in the God-Man*], and His **bride** has made herself ready [*to cohabit with “God in Christ”*]. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen [*fuse-able DNA*], bright and clean [*eros-free*]; for the fine linen is the righteous [*sacrificial*]

self-giving] acts of the saints....Blessed are those [*heirs of God*] who are invited to the **marriage supper of the Lamb**....These are true words of God [*an earnest marriage proposal*] (Rev. 19:7-9).

Marriage Proposal

Paul further *unveils* the secret of “God’s mystery, which is Christ Himself” by adding the phrase, “**the mystery of the gospel**” (Eph. 6:19). To understand this mystery we must recognize that “the gospel” is God’s marriage proposal to mankind. “God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to Himself [*seeking a responsive bride*], not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of **reconciliation**” (2Cor. 5:19). “God in Christ” is a Triune-Groom who has chosen for “His inheritance” a ‘many-membered bride.’ The Groom has commissioned us as couriers of His proposal to mankind to be *fused* in marriage.

“God whose name is **Jealous** is a jealous God” (Ex. 34:14). Mankind was created in the image and likeness of the “Us” (Gen. 1:26) to participate in a **courtship** with Triune-Jealous. Father, Son, and Spirit are jealous *for* One Another; further, “God jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us” (James 4:5). This **jealous-for Love** is the *cause* of fusion, but it also *yields* “a consuming fire”—the omnipotent force of *Agape*.

“For the Lord your God is a **consuming fire, a jealous God**” (Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29). Solomon understood this mystery: “**love** is as strong as death, **jealousy** is as severe as Sheol; its flashes [*lightning*] are flashes of **fire**, the very **flame of the Lord**” (Song 8:6). The *natural* heavens and earth were created as a ‘stage’ for this cosmic Love story:

The **heavens** [*fusion-powered stars*] are telling of the **glory of God** [*fusion of the Trinity*]; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech [“*God is a sun*”], and night to night reveals **knowledge** [*mystery of “Jesus, bright morning star”*]. There is no speech, nor are their words; their voice is not heard, [*not an oral message, “God has spoken in His Son”—Prototype of creation*]. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their utterance to the end of the world [*natural creation*]. In them He has placed a **tent for the sun** which is as a **bridegroom** coming out of his chamber [*Triune-God fused “in Christ” coming as a Groom to be fused in marital Oneness to mankind fused “in Christ”—a bride*]; it rejoices as a **strong man to run his course**. Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its **circuit** to the other end of them [*journey of the Son sent from heaven as a Man to take us back*

to heaven “in Him”]; and there is nothing hidden from its **heat** [“*God is a consuming fire*” of *Jealous-for Love*] (Ps. 19:1-6).

“The mystery of the gospel” is a marriage proposal ‘written’ into the natural creation—an invitation to be fused into the kingdom of “God in Christ” by *reciprocal* self-giving love. The star, which marked the birth of the God-Man Jesus, was an unmistakable proposal of ‘marital fusion.’ By “losing” one’s own autonomous life into the Nucleus of Christ, we “find it” (Mt 16:25). John makes the mystery of this love affair simple: “We love [*lit. agape*] because He first loved us” (1John 4:19). We are made capable of reciprocating God’s Self-giving Love because in Christ, God raised us from “the dead,” that is, from the barrenness and death of self-love.

Paul introduced himself as “a bond-servant of Christ Jesus...set apart for **the gospel of God**” (Rom. 1:1). Jesus essentially dispatched Paul as a **courier** of *God’s marriage proposal* to man: “Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and **stewards of the mysteries of God**” (1Cor. 3:23-4:1). The *unveiling* of ‘the secret of the mystery’ is “the gospel” we are all called to embrace and proclaim.

God is an “Us” fused as One in Christ—**the Triune-Groom**; together, we are destined to be an ‘us’ fused as one “in Christ”—the **many-**

membered bride. Re-gene-rated into God's own Self-giving nature, this bride is "made ready" to reciprocate the Groom's "extreme Self-forsaking Love" by "losing" her autonomous life and giving *all* of herself to the Groom. This bride and Groom are destined to share one name, the same name which the Trinity share. First we call *on* His name; then, we are called *by* His name. In marital fusion, we forfeit the name of our natural heredity and *receive* the name of our Husband. We forfeit the 'house' and culture into which we were born and *relocate* into our Husband. We cohabit together in "God is a dwelling place," in the one Nucleus of the God-Man.

The Bride in Christ

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our [*relational, inter-Personal*] image, according to Our [*Self-giving, fuse-able*] likeness, and let them rule [*as stewards of Our shared kingdom*]....God created man in His own image, in the image of God [*an "Us" in fusion Oneness*] he created him; **male and female** He created them (Gen. 1:26-27).

The design and creation of *natural* stars fueled by atomic nuclear fusion reveals the fusion of the Triune-God who is *Spirit*. In the same way, the design and creation of *natural* man, "both

male and female,” reveals the mystery of God’s *spiritual* purpose: a Triune-Groom *in Christ* fused in marital oneness with a many-membered bride *in Christ*. Men and women are both *human*; they are the same, yet individually they are *unique*—designed to be compatible, *fuse-able*. God did not design *natural* marriage as an end in itself but to reveal a far greater *spiritual* reality. The Sadducees tested Jesus on the question of *natural* marriage in heaven, and He answered, “You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God [*fusion*]. For in the resurrection they [*human beings*] neither marry nor are given in [*natural*] marriage, but are like angels [*spiritual beings*] in heaven” (Mt. 22:30). Marriage is an earth-bound covenant designed to reveal the *spiritual* nature of the fusion oneness of God and man in the God-Man—“the marriage of the Lamb” (Rev. 19:7).

The superabundant Self-giving Love that Father, Son, and Spirit share in fusion Oneness in eternity *moved* Them to seek a **bride** to whom They could sacrificially give Themselves to as **One Groom** “so that in the ages to come He [*Triune-Groom*] might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us [*the bride*] in Christ Jesus [*an “eternal life” cohabiting together*]” (Eph. 2:7). The Triune-God chose to dwell in the human flesh of the God-Man Jesus as a Groom *suitable* for human beings. Then, “God chose us [*individuals as one fused bride*] in Christ before the foundation

of the world, that we would be holy and blameless [*relationally and spiritually fuse-able*] before Him” (Eph. 1:4). The Triune-Groom chose a bride in Their own image and likeness, comprised of individual human beings fused together by *Agape* into the Nucleus of Christ.

Let’s see how this *fused* bride comes together: “When the **Son** comes into the world [*as a Man*], He says, ‘Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but **a body You have prepared for Me**’” (Heb. 10:5). This one “body” is comprised of many, unique individuals, each of whom willingly “loses his life” by sacrificial self-giving into *fusion* in the one Nucleus of Christ. Together, all of these individuals are re-gene-rated “members” of His “one body.” This many-membered “body” *is* the **bride** whom the Triune-Groom is jealous for. Paul explains the mystery of the bride:

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also **loved** the church and **gave Himself up for her** [*sacrificial Self-giving*], so that He might sanctify her [*of self-love, individualism*], having cleansed her by the washing of water by the word [*Light of the knowledge of the mystery*], that He might **present to Himself** [*Three giving to One Another*] **the church in all her glory** [*bride able to reciprocate Agape*], having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing;

but that she would be holy and blameless [*eros-free DNA-match, suitable partner to cohabit with God*]. So husbands ought also to love [*Agape*] their own wives as their own bodies...just as Christ does the church, because **we are members of His body** [*fused into Him*]. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be **joined** [*fused*] **to** his wife, and the **two shall become one flesh**. This **mystery is great**; but I am speaking with reference to **Christ and the church** [*fusion of individuals into the one "body" of the God-Man Jesus—one prepared bride*] (Eph. 5:25-32).

Now, for most individual believers who are **women**, it is easy to imagine themselves as a bride. At countless ladies conferences women have pondered *The Bride* for days on end as a means of becoming a 'lady-like' Christian. Some of these events are geared more toward 'women warriors.' Conference flyers depict a bride wearing a gown, veil, and tiara, but she also bears a sword. Women tend to see themselves *individually* as that bride. **Men**, of course, struggle to see how they could possibly fit into any image like this. However, our understanding of this mystery is grossly inadequate; the bride is *not* about forcing men to 'get in touch with their feminine side.' We

must ‘see through’ the feminine imagery of a bride to understand what God is really looking for in us. The *responsive* nature of the **Son**—the bold, confrontational **Man** Jesus—*is* the nature of the many-membered bride.

When the Man Jesus “made a scourge of cords and drove them [*money changers*] all out of the temple” (John 2:15), He was demonstrating the **responsive**, *jealous-for* nature of the bride *for* her Groom. When the man Daniel was “kneeling on his knees three times a day” (Dan. 6:10) to receive the strength and wisdom to administrate a world empire, he was illustrating the **dependent** nature of the bride. When the radical man, Paul, got up and returned into the city where he had just been stoned to death (see Acts 14:20) and when Stephen was willingly stoned to death *for* God in Christ (see Acts 7:55-60), they were demonstrating the **devoted**, self-sacrificial nature of the bride. The nature and intentional acts of these *manly* men (and others like Moses, David, Elijah, Peter, and Stephen) motivated by *jealousy-for* God are what the Triune-Groom is looking for, except now we are all to *be* this and *do* this *together* “as one new man” (Eph. 2:15)—one bride.

The individual man who humbly recognizes his All-Three-Mighty Creator as the Initiator *knows* he was born and reborn to be fused into God in a form of marriage “not of this world,” as the radical, responsive bride. The man Paul *knew*

this was his destiny:

But whatever things were **gain** to me [*the de-gene-rate individualist*], those things I have counted as **loss** for the sake of Christ [*my one and only Nucleus*]. More than that, I count **all things to be loss** [*a willing displacement*] in view of [*the secret of the mystery*] the surpassing value [*inheritance*] of **knowing** Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the **loss of all things** [*personal identity of name, race, nationality, tribe, achievements, etc.*], and count them but rubbish so that I may **gain Christ** [*the combined and combining God-Man*] (Phil. 3:7-8).

One Shared Life

In Agape and perichoresis (mutual indwelling), Father, Son, and Spirit *share all things*: one nature, one Nucleus, one mind, one purpose, one dwelling place, all glory, authority, power, etc. They even *share* one Name. As sacrificial Self-*sharers*, the Triune-Groom seeks a suitable counterpart to *share* “all things” with. “He who did not spare His own Son [*Nucleus of the Trinity’s Oneness*], but delivered Him over for us all [*bride-price*], how will He not also with Him **freely give us** [*His bride*] **all things?**” (Rom. 8:32).

In anticipation of this one shared Life with man, “the Son was appointed **heir of all things**”

(Heb 1:2). The Son Jesus was *perfected* in this life of sacrificial self-sharing with God *as a Man*. The “all things,” which the bride and Groom share, are entirely *contained* in Christ: “He is before all things and **in Him all things hold together**” (Col. 1:17). In marital fusion, we become “heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ” (Ro 8:17); therefore, “**all things** belong to you [*the bride*], and you belong to Christ [*Nucleus*], and Christ belongs to God [*in eternal Tri-unity*” (1Cor 3:22). The ‘joint estate’ that God and man share in marital fusion “in Christ” is called *the kingdom of God*.

The Triune-Groom is seeking a bride—“a people for **His name**” (Acts 15:14). When we are **baptized** into Christ, we *bury* our own autonomous life and name, and we are *raised* “in the [*one*] **name** of the **Father**, and the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit**” (Mt. 28:19). First we call *on* His name, and then we are called *by* His name. Those who are *fused* into the combined and combining God-Man *share* His one ‘married name.’ *Perichoresis* means mutual indwelling and interpenetration without loss of personal identity. The “new Name” we receive (see Rev. 3:12) is somewhat like a surname (family name) since we do not lose our personal identity in this marital union of perichoresis, yet our individuality is always recognized in the context of the one shared name.

The Apostle John, however, does not refer to himself by his own name at all in his gospel

narrative but only as “**the disciple whom Jesus loved**” (John 13:23, 20:2, 21:7, 20). John’s deep insight into ‘the secret of the mystery’ moved him to willingly and perpetually *forfeit* his own personal identity into “God in Christ” in unobliterated unity. In turn, God exalted the *man* John, his *name* John, and the *Gospel* of John; the Bible is the most widely read book in the world, and John’s Gospel is the most widely read book of the Bible. In like manner, Saul who became Paul was so comprehensively *assimilated* into Christ that he said, “**I am a nobody**” (2Cor. 12:11). For this very reason, Paul became well-known even in the *spiritual* realm: “the evil spirit answered and said to them, ‘I recognize Jesus, and **I know about Paul**, but who are you?’” (Acts 15:19).

Peter testified, “There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other **name** under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved [*fused*]” (Acts 4:12). John saw this ‘marital surname’ written on the many-membered bride: “they will see His face [*glory of the Triune-Groom*], and **His name** will be on their **foreheads**” (Rev 22:4). The shared name on our foreheads is not literal but signifies living and thinking as One with our Husband; as Paul said, “we have the mind of Christ” (1Cor. 2:16). See this relational dynamic in our master-key passage:

I have manifested **Your name** [*God's shared name/Family heredity*] to the men whom You gave me out of the world; they were Yours [*chosen bride*] and You gave them to Me [*fused into My fleshly body*]....For they are Yours; and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine [*one shared inheritance*]; and I have been glorified [*assimilated, re-gene-rated*] in them.... Holy Father, **keep them in Your name**, the name which You have given Me [*as a Man*], that **they may be one even as We are**...that they may all be one [*Trinity-like bride*]; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, **that they also may be in Us** [*fused into Our Oneness*], so that the world may believe that You sent Me [*Agape extraversion: to receive other individuals into the many-membered bride*]. The **glory** [*fuse-able DNA of Agape*] which You have given Me [*as a Man*] I have given [*fed as One Cake*] to them, **that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me** [*God-Man Nucleus*], **that they may be perfected in unity** [*fused in marriage to the Triune-Groom*]...that the **Agape** [*fuse-able DNA*] with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I [*the Nucleus*] in them (John 17:6-26).

The Bride-Price

Eros is a de-gene-rative, ‘me now’ virus that causes dementia, psychosis, and **relational paralysis**. *Each* and *all* of us are infected, contagious ‘carriers.’ Self-worth-ship makes us very reluctant to “lose” ourselves into the Groom. Considering we are barren, dead, and decaying in fission, it is remarkable how we esteem our autonomous lives as so precious that we continually hold the Groom in **suspicion** as if He might somehow short-change us in the deal (see Rev. 3:15-22). In reality, however, the advantage of this marriage is entirely on *our* side. The Groom says, “A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a rock garden locked [*hardened to Me in self-love*], a spring sealed up” (Song 4:12). We, the bride, have been a grievous liability to the Groom, even an “adulteress” (Ezek. 16:32; James 4:4). The suffering of God did not start at the Cross. From the very beginning, in Eden, God’s love affair with man has been exceedingly turbulent and agonizing:

I have forsaken My house, I have abandoned My inheritance; I have given **the beloved of My soul** into the hands of her enemies [*into exile*]. My inheritance has become to Me like a **lion** in the forest [*eros predator*]; **she has roared against Me**; therefore I have come to **hate her** (Jer. 12:8).

What the Triune-Groom *hates* in His chosen bride is the de-gene-rate, *eros nature* and predatory *likeness* of the false-father Satan (Worthless). Jesus referred to mankind, whom the Groom was seeking as His beloved, as “an evil and **adulterous generation**” (Mt. 12:39). What the Triune-Groom *loves* in His bride is “Christ formed in you” (Gal. 4:19). The one-dimensional, *eros* rationale of individualism prevents us from seeing that our Groom is *Three*, *eros-free* Persons in perfect, Self-giving Love to One Another, and that this superabundant “extreme Self-forsaking Love” is now *jealously fixed* upon *us* in Christ and tested and proven *gen-uine* toward us in the Man Jesus. We do not recognize and esteem the *worth* of our Groom. As an “adulterous” bride, we see the Groom in our own fruitless, ‘worthless’ likeness; therefore, we hold Him in suspicion: “Master, I knew you to be **a hard man**, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed” (Mt. 25:24).

We expect the Triune-Groom will exploit us in the same manner we exploit others; therefore, our love to the Groom is deceptive, *eros* love: *Agape* with hypocrisy (see Rom. 12:9). Restlessly calculating our own advantage, we *pretend* self-giving to the Groom so we can procure all of His extravagant gifts and spend them in self-gratification. We expect that He will forsake us, and in preparation, we hoard up His provisions in an exit strategy to

forsake Him. Further, we exploit the gifts of the Groom to allure other lovers, ingratiate ourselves to them, and ‘con-fuse’ to them (see Ezek. 16). Due to her own *eros* nature and behavior, the bride is estranged in **exile** from the shared life of “God is a dwelling place.” Nevertheless, she is still the Groom’s beloved!

Then those of you who escape [*a remnant-bride*] will **remember Me** [*the Groom*] among the nations [*other lovers*] to which they will be carried captive, how I have been **hurt by their adulterous hearts** which turned away from Me [*in fission*], and by their eyes which played the **harlot** after their idols; and they will **loathe themselves** in their own sight [*forsake self-worth-ship*] for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations (Ezek. 6:9).

“God in Christ,” our Groom, has never once abandoned His “extreme Self-forsaking love” for us. “Agape never fails” (1Cor. 13:8). Our Groom has been perfectly faithful both as God *and* as the tested, proven *Man* Jesus. Even God’s severe dealings with us always have a *redemptive* purpose. Our Groom “is called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness [*sacrificial Self-giving*] He judges and wages war [*jealous-for us, His bride*]” (Rev.

19:11). At the Cross, the Trinity gave *Themselves* “in Christ”—the Nucleus of Their Oneness—as the **bride-price** for our redemption from the darkness of self-love.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **a people for God’s own possession**, so that you may [*reciprocate:*] proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you **out of darkness** [*individualism, the place of our natural, de-gene-rate birth*] **into His marvelous light** [*fused into “God is Light”—the Dwelling Place of the Triune-spectrum in fusion Oneness*] (1Pet. 2:9).

The Triune-God of Agape does not measure **wealth** materially, but *relationally*. Father, Son, and Spirit consider Themselves **rich** *with* and *in* One Another. The treasure of God is the *Oneness* of God. However, the Trinity already shared that eternal, superabundant treasure *before* creation. The **inheritance** “the eternal God desired was a Trinity-like bride He could sacrificially *give* Himself to, *fuse* into His Oneness, and *share* a life of reciprocal gene-rosity with. Paul reveals the mystery of the inheritance God desires:

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [*to the secret of the mystery*], so that you will know what is the hope of His calling [*Groom’s proposal*], and what are

the **riches** of the **glory** of **His inheritance** **in the saints** [*a fused and fuse-able bride*], and what is the surpassing greatness of His **power** toward us who believe [*re-generative power to fuse the bride into “God is a dwelling place”*] (Eph. 1:18-19).

Moses understood God’s desire: “For the **Lord’s portion is His people**; Jacob is the allotment of **His inheritance**” (Deut. 32:9). David also understood this reciprocal inheritance: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the **people** whom He has chosen for **His own inheritance**” (Ps. 33:12). The inheritance that the Triune-God seeks is re-gene-rated human beings fused into one, Trinity-like bride. The Trinity’s chosen inheritance is *sharing* what They *share* with a many-membered bride. God doesn’t want *things*; He wants *us*. Paul’s mind, value system, and behavior were radically transformed by God’s sacrificial Self-giving **rationale** (Rom. 12:2). He wrote to the Corinthians: “Here for this third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for **I do not seek what is yours, but you...**I will most gladly spend and be **expended** for your souls [*extreme self-forsaking love*]” (2Cor. 12:14-15). The ‘currency’ of the kingdom is *reciprocal* self-giving.

You will bring them [*re-gene-rated children*]
and plant them in the mountain of **Your**

inheritance [*as one bride*], the place, O Lord [*Triune-Groom*], which You have made for **Your dwelling** [*cohabitation*], the sanctuary [*of “living stones”*], O Lord, which **Your hands** have established [*in the Nucleus of the God-Man*] (Ex. 15:17).

What would it cost the Groom to secure this bride? “God was in Christ reconciling the world [*an adulterous bride*] to Himself, not counting their trespasses [*infidelity, betrayals*] against them” (2Cor. 5:19). Only in *Agape* rationale can we understand ‘the secret of the mystery’—why the Triune-Groom would want to make such a wretched, ‘worthless’ group of individualists into one fuse-able bride at the expense of Their most cherished possession. Acting together as One Groom in “an extreme Self-forsaking Love,” Father, Son, and Spirit sacrificed Their Oneness “in Christ” as the bride-price *for* mankind.

You were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your **futile way of life** [*eros individualism, fission*] inherited from your [*de-gene-rate*] forefathers, but with **precious blood**, as of a **lamb** unblemished and spotless [*eros-free*], the blood [*fuse-able DNA*] of Christ (1Pet. 1:18-19).

The exodus of our “forefathers” out of Egypt after 430 years of slavery was a ‘rehearsal’ of the redemption of “the bride” that would take place through Christ: “Your people, even Your **inheritance**, whom You have brought out by Your great power and Your outstretched **arm** [*Son, God-Man*]” (Deut. 9:29). In slave-minded **suspicion**, the Israelites *resisted* God even as He plagued Egypt in *jealousy-for* them. Later, the people thought God would allow Pharaoh’s army to annihilate them when they were trapped on the wrong side of the Red Sea, and even after He delivered them, they said, “Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians. For it would have been better for us to **serve the Egyptians** than to die in the wilderness” (Ex. 14:12). “The people spoke against God and Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food’” (Num. 21:5).

It was one thing to get His bride *out of* Egypt but quite another thing to get ‘Egypt’ *out of* His bride. It is not enough for the Triune-Groom to simply rescue His bride *out* the world; He desires “Christ formed *in* us” (Gal. 4:19) because “Christ *in* us [*is*] the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27). Paul made this mystery plain for his spiritual son Timothy: “There is one God [*Triune-Groom*] and one Mediator between God and men [*Nucleus of*

marital fusion], the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself [*the Lamb of God*] as a ransom [*bride-price*] for all” (1Tim. 2:5). The Oneness of the Triune-God “in Christ” was the bride-price for man and the hope of marital fusion.

Though it is “God in Christ” redeeming us, let’s look at the bride-price from the *Son’s* perspective: “Though He was **rich**, yet for your sake He became **poor**, so that you through **His poverty** might become **rich**” (2Cor. 8:9). The currency of the kingdom is reciprocal self-giving. The eternal Son was fused in perfect Oneness with Father and Spirit—*Himself* the Nucleus of God and “heir of all things” (Heb. 1:2). Yet, in sacrificial Self-giving, He “emptied Himself” (Phil. 2:7) and laid aside the privileges of Deity. Leaving heaven behind, the Son willingly *forfeited* something of the quality of life in “God is a dwelling place” to *share* in man’s condition of **estrangement** in darkness and fission decay—coming to us “in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin” (Rom. 8:3).

The many, incomprehensible acts of “extreme Self-forsaking Love” that the Son accomplished throughout this entire redemptive endeavor give Solomon’s insight into Agape a *whole new meaning*: “For love is as strong as death...the very flame of the Lord. Many waters cannot quench love, nor will rivers overflow it; if a man were to **give all the riches of his house for love**, it would be utterly

despised” (Song 8:6-7). As the Oneness of the Trinity was torn in fission on the Cross, Jesus cried out, “My God [*Father*], My God [*Spirit*], why have you **forsaken** Me [*the Son*]?” Though the Son was “**rich**” in the Oneness of the Trinity, “yet for your sake” He became *forsaken*, so that through His forsakenness we might become the bride—heirs of “God is a dwelling place.” According to *eros* rationale, the bride-price is **sheer madness**, but in “the mind of Christ” it is *gen-uine Agape*; it is **true Love!**

The Son of God came into the earth as a Man to perfect in His own fleshly body a fuse-able bride: “Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and **the third day I reach My goal**” (Luke 13:32). Through death and resurrection, the God-Man reached His “goal”—to prepare for the Triune-Groom a many-membered bride fused together in His own body. De-gene-rate human beings were not capable of unity, much less being one faithful, responsive, fuse-able bride. What we could not do, “God did” (Rom. 8:3). **God had to be both the Groom and the bride.** The Triune-God fused into Christ is the Groom, and human beings fused into Christ are the bride—“the summing up of all things in Him” (Eph. 1:10). The prophet Isaiah *saw* the Triune-Groom—“God in Christ”—coming to redeem His bride:

Who is this who comes with **garments of glowing colors** [*spectrum of three 'Primaries' in One Beam of Light; Joseph's "varicolored tunic" is a prophetic type, Gen 37:3*] this **One** [*Nucleus*] who is **majestic** in His apparel [*Man Jesus clothed with DNA of fusion Glory*], marching in the greatness of **His strength** [*coming in fusion power to fight in jealousy-for His bride*]? It is I who speak in **righteousness** [*sacrificial Self-giving without hypocrisy*], **mighty to save** [*omnipotent Triune-Agape*].

Why is Your **apparel** [*DNA*] **red** and Your garments like one who treads in the **wine press**? I have **trodden the wine trough alone** [*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?; Oneness torn in fission, absorbing man's toxic, de-gene-rate bloodline (cup) into Themselves*] and from the peoples there was **no man with Me**. I also trod them in My anger and trampled them in My wrath [*Triune-God exhausted Their wrath against darkness on Themselves in Christ*]; and their lifeblood [*toxic eros DNA*] is sprinkled on My garments, and I stained [*lit. defiled*] all My raiment [*"God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" 2Cor. 5:21*].

For the day of **vengeance** was in My heart [*Triune-God jealous-for One Another and Their children held captive*], and **My year of redemption** [*ransoming the faithless dead by Our own sacrificial Self-giving*] has come. I looked, and there was **no one to help**, and I [*Triune-God*] was astonished and there was no one to uphold [*every human being is a de-gene-rate lover of self*]; so **My own arm** [*Son, God-Man Jesus*] **brought salvation to Me** [*a bride alive in fusion in Me*], and **My wrath** [*Three jealous-for One Another*] **upheld Me** [*what no other man could do, God did as a Man*] (Isa. 63:1-6).

Face to Face Love Affair

As we intensify our *magnification* of “God’s mystery, that is, **Christ Himself**” (Col. 2:2), we see the **consummation** of the marriage of God and man in the God-Man:

But we all [*believers fused as one bride in Christ*], with unveiled **face**, beholding as in a **mirror** the glory of the Lord [*Triune-Groom in Christ*], are being **transformed into the same image** from glory to glory [*progressive re-gene-ration*], just as from the Lord, the Spirit (2Cor. 3:18).

“The marriage of the Lamb” (Rev 19:7) is a **face-to-face Love affair**. Christ is the **face** of the Triune-Groom: “the glory of God in the **face** of Christ” (2Cor. 4:6), *and* Christ is also the **face** of the bride: “Christ is also **head** of the body, the church [*many-membered bride*]” (Col. 1:18). “The secret of the mystery’ of this marital union of God and man is that the “combined and combining Person of our Lord Jesus Christ” will see a **perfect reflection of Himself** in the “mirror!”! The bride “in Christ” is destined to be a *mirror image* of “God in Christ:” human beings as an *us* in oneness in the God-Man will bear a fuse-able “likeness” to the Triune “Us” in Oneness in the God-Man. This does not mean we become gods but that we, corporately, are “partakers of the divine nature” (2Pet. 1:4) and function together as a *Trinity-like* companion suitable to God, “made ready as a bride adorned for her husband” (Rev. 21:2). Paul explains:

We [*together*] eagerly wait for a Savior, [*the second coming of*] the Lord Jesus Christ, who will **transform the body of our humble estate** [*the imperfect, many-membered bride now re-gene-rating in Him*] **into conformity** [*a perfect DNA-match*] **with the body of His glory** [*a perfected, Trinity-like bride made ready for marital fusion*], by the exertion of the [*fusion*]

power that He [*the resurrected God-Man*] has even to subject **all things** to Himself [*wed the bride and the Groom as One in Himself*] (Phil. 3:21).

The fusion power of God, *perfected* in the Nucleus of the resurrected God-Man, is more than sufficient to “transform” us, as individual believers, into a suitable, fuse-able bride for the Triune-Groom.

Just as we have borne the **image** of the **earthly** [*de-gene-rate, fissionable DNA*], we will also bear the **image** of the **heavenly** [*fuse-able, Trinity-like DNA*]. Now I say this brothers, that flesh and blood cannot **inherit** the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable [*corruptible, fissionable*] **inherit** the imperishable [*lit. put on incorruption; fuse-able*]. Behold, I tell you a **mystery**; we will not all sleep [*in self-conscious death*], but **we will all be changed** [*comprehensively re-gene-rated as one fuse-able bride*], in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...the dead will be **raised imperishable**, and we will all be **changed** [*fused in marriage to the Triune-Groom*] (1Cor. 15:49-51).

A Rock Garden Locked

John makes simple ‘the secret of the mystery’ of the transformation of the bride: “We love [*lit.*

agape] because He first loved us” (1John 4:19). The Song of Solomon brilliantly illustrates *how* this transformation occurs. The immature, self-focused bride is progressively made “alive” to the bridegroom in *reciprocal* self-giving by sustained exposure to His *jealous-for* love for her. The bridegroom *sees* his bride in the prophetic-perfect, and He loves her *perfectly* even *knowing* the self-focused girl she presently is: “A garden locked is my sister, my bride, **a rock garden locked**, a spring sealed up” (Song 4:12). The bride is unable to reciprocate the *Agape* of her bridegroom because she is *incapacitated* by a hard heart, *paralyzed* in self-love. During the protracted season of their courtship, the (Triune) bridegroom says **three times**, “do not arouse or awaken my love until **she pleases**” (Song 2:7, 3:5, 8:4). “Agape is patient” (1Cor. 13:4); the bridegroom does not want to ‘conquer’ the bride by coercion, manipulation, or baiting; he desires her self-giving love *freely* and *willingly* reciprocated.

One particular scene uniquely illustrates the bride’s relational paralysis in *eros*:

I was **asleep** [*in self-consciousness*] but my heart was **awake** [*Seed of Agape germinating*]. A voice! My beloved was knocking [*“I stand at the door and knock” Rev 3:20*]: **Open to me** my sister, my darling, my dove, my **perfect one!** For my

head is drenched with dew, my locks with the damp of night.’ [*Bride’s eros response:*] ‘I have taken off my dress, how can I put it on again? I have washed my feet, how can I dirty them again?’ [*self is disturbed, inconvenienced, threatened*] My beloved **extended** his hand through the opening, and my feelings were **aroused for him** [*Agape magnetism*]. I arose to open to my beloved; and my hands dripped with **myrrh** [*costly burial ointment—fragrance of gen-uine sacrificial Self-giving*], and my fingers with liquid **myrrh** on the handles of the **bolt** [*of my impenetrable fortress of self-preservation*]. I opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned away and gone! [*the bride is not yet ready*] My heart went out to him as he spoke [*called out of her eros prison*]. I searched for him but I did not find him. I called him but he did not answer me (Song 5:2-6).

See how the bride is *transformed* “from glory to glory:” early in the courtship, the bride says, “My beloved is **mine** and I am his” (2:16). Though she loves the bridegroom, both her ‘*self*’ and what she gets out of the relationship are *first*. Mid-way through their courtship she says, “I am **my beloved’s** and my beloved is mine” (6:3). Exposure to the bridegroom’s *Agape* is re-

gene-rating the bride, moving her to put the bridegroom *first*. Though her love has matured, it is *not yet* the same *extreme self-forsaking love* with which the bridegroom loves her. In time, however, the bride says, “I am my beloved’s and **his desire** is for me” (7:10). Both her ‘*self*’ and her own personal interests are wholly subtracted from the equation; her *entire* focus is now her bridegroom, *his* desire and will, and sacrificial self-giving *to him*. The bridegroom *knows* his bride is “made ready;” *perceiving* this, the bride says, “I became in his eyes as one who finds **peace** [*fusion oneness, relational rest*]....My very own vineyard is at my disposal [*I am free to freely give*]; the thousand shekels [*all the fruit/profit*] are **for you** [*bridegroom*]” (8:10-12).

The Triune-God gave Himself to us as a **Groom** in and through the God-Man Jesus; we reciprocate self-giving Love to God as a **bride** in and through that same God-Man. The Triune-Groom embraced the Cross in *jealous Love for* us; as a bride “made ready,” we embrace the “cross daily” in *jealous love for* Him.

Prepare for His coming

Together, as individual believers we are the bride *right now*; we are **betrothed**, but I think you would agree that we are not quite “made ready as a bride adorned for her husband” (Rev. 21:2). The mystery of this present age is that we “eagerly wait *for Christ*” (Phil. 3:20) even though we are “now

in Christ” (Eph 2:13). We are *engaged*, but not yet married; we are the *bride*, but not yet “the **wife** of the Lamb” (Rev 21:9). John recognized this now-but-not-yet reality:

Beloved, now we are children of God [*legally adopted*], and it has not appeared as yet what we will be [*complete re-generation*]. We know that when He [*God in Christ*] appears, **we will be like Him** [*one Trinity-like bride*], because we will see Him [*the Triune-Groom*] just as He is [*face to face*] (1John 3:2).

“God is *one*”—Father, Son, and Spirit in Oneness in *Agape*. This *one* Triune-Groom wants *one* bride in His own image and likeness—a bride comprised of *all* His unique, individual sons and daughters who have matured by the Seed of His own *Agape* nature in them. We **grow** into this Trinity-like Oneness by a dynamic of spiritual ‘photosynthesis’—sustained exposure to “the Light of the glory” of the Triune-Groom shining on us “in the face of Christ.” Paul says, “in *Agape*, we are to **grow up** in all aspects into Him who is the head [*of the bride*], even Christ” (Eph. 4:15).

Therefore **be imitators of God** [*Trinity-like*] **as beloved children** [*individuals in fusion oneness in Christ as Father, Son,*

Spirit are in Christ]; and **walk in Agape** [*sacrificial self-giving*], just as Christ [*prototype Man, our Forerunner*] also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma [*willing, responsive, fuse-able spirit*]. But immorality or any impurity or greed [*eros individualism, self-gratification*] must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints [*lit. holy ones; bride*]; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are **not fitting** [*as a bridal gown*], but rather **giving** of thanks [*reciprocal generosity*]. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral [*self-gratifier*] or impure person [*eros individualist*] or covetous man [*predator*], who is an idolater [*self-worth-shipper*], has an **inheritance** in the kingdom of Christ [*many-membered bride*] and God [*Triune-Groom*]. Let no one deceive you with empty words [*counterfeit spirituality of individualism, 'eros Christianity*], for because of these things the wrath of God [*Jealous-for*] comes upon the **sons of disobedience** [*"lovers of self" 2Tim 3:2*]. Therefore, do not be partakers with them; for you were **formerly darkness** [*individualists*], but now you are **light in the Lord** [*a spectrum of individuals in one*

beam of Light]; **walk as children of Light** [*practice Trinity-likeness*], for the **fruit** of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth [*relational self-giving*], **trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord** [*becoming one suitable, responsive bride*]....For this reason it says, “**Awake sleeper** [*from self-consciousness*], and **arise from the dead** [*eros*], and Christ will shine on you [*photosynthesis*].” Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as **wise** [*Agape rationale*], making the most of your **time** [*preparation in the bridal chamber*], for the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but **understand what the will of the Lord is** [*the secret of the mystery*] (Eph. 5:1-17).

As *gen-uine* children, we are now maturing individually and corporately by *practicing* Trinity-likeness with one another in the Holy Spirit in order to be a suitable counterpart to our Groom. When Christ returns, He will perfect *us* in the relational, inter-Personal image and likeness of the “Us” (Gen 1:26) as *one* bride “made ready” to be fused in marriage to the Triune-Groom. As a Father, God yearns to dwell in a kingdom family with a bunch of **unique, individual children**: “in My Father’s house are many dwelling places” (John 14:2). However, God wants *more* than that;

the Triune-Groom wants to dwell with *mature children* “**perfected in unity**” who are “one even as We are one” (John 17:23)—**one “wife,” one counterpart.**

We must not wait *passively*; we must *actively* get ready as a bride—*sanctified* of individualism, *clothed* in Agape, and *fused* in oneness in preparation to be presented to the Groom for the consummation of the marriage. We are His beloved, His intended, but we are not yet fuse-able to the Groom. *Relationally*, we are not yet “without spot or wrinkle” (Eph. 5:27). “**Abiding in Christ**” *together* is the preliminary ‘**bridal chamber**’ where we are actively getting dressed in readiness: “It was given to her to **clothe** herself in fine linen [*fuse-able DNA*], bright and clean [*eros-free*]; for the fine linen is the **righteous** [*sacrificial self-giving*] **acts** of the saints” (Rev. 19:8). “For all of you [*individualists*] who were baptized [*fused*] into Christ have **clothed** yourselves with Christ [*as one bride*]” (Gal. 3:27). John teaches how to abide together in Christ:

As for you, let that **abide** in you which you heard from the beginning [*gospel-marriage proposal*]. If what you heard from the beginning [*Seed of the Triune-God in Christ*] **abides** in you, you also will **abide** in the Son and in the Father [*if the Oneness of “God in Christ” is assimilated in us, we*

will be assimilated into Their Oneness]. This is the promise which He Himself made to us: **eternal life** [*marital fusion into “the eternal God is a dwelling place”*]. . . . Now, **little children** [*born again with a Seed of fuse-able DNA*], **abide in Him** [*mature in the Nucleus by perpetual self-giving fusion*], so that when He [*the Triune-Groom in Christ*] appears, we may have confidence and not **shrink away** from Him in shame [*an unprepared bride in fission*] at His coming (1John 2:24-25, 28).

As “children of God,” we are *already* “giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the **inheritance** of the saints in Light” (Col. 1:12). Yet, the light of “Christ in you” is not yet perfected among us as His bride. The evidence that the Groom’s *gen-uine* DNA of Agape has matured in the bride is revealed in her **generous behavior**—*joining* our intended Groom in sacrificial self-giving and self-sharing “to the least of My brothers:”

Then the King [*Groom*] will say to those on His right [*His gen-uine bride*], “Come, you who are blessed of My Father, **inherit** the kingdom [*in marital fusion*] prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and **you gave Me** something to eat; I was thirsty, and **you**

gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and **you invited Me in**; naked, and **you clothed Me**; I was sick, and **you visited Me**; I was in prison, and **you came to Me**” (Mt. 25:34-36).

Because Jesus is the tested, perfected, resurrected God-Man—human as God intended—Jesus is a suitable Nucleus of eternal cohabitation for the bride and Groom. The Triune-Groom and the many-membered bride not only share one name, but also one “dwelling place”—the kingdom of God.

That Christ [*in Whom Father, Son, Spirit already dwell*] may **dwel**l in your hearts through **faith** [*seeing the Triune-Groom*]; and that you, being rooted and grounded in *Agape* [*Groom’s sacrificial Self-giving nature and behavior*], may be able to comprehend [*the secret of the mystery*] **with all the saints** [*as one bride*] what is the **breadth** and **length** and **height** and **depth** [*four-dimensional cohabitation: Father, Son, Spirit, and bride*], and to know the **Agape** of Christ [*Source of our marital fusion*] which surpasses knowledge, that you may be **filled** up to all the **fullness** of God [*fully inherit the Triune-Groom*] (Eph. 3:17-19).

The Triune-Groom and the many-membered bride are *both* powerfully *magnetized* into “the Agape of Christ”—into one God-Man Nucleus—and eagerly *anticipate* marital fusion:

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches [*reveal ‘the secret of the mystery’ of the marriage proposal*]. I am the root and the descendent of David [*the God-Man*], the **bright morning star** [*Nucleus of the marital fusion of God and man*].” The **Spirit** [*of the Triune-Groom*] and the **bride** say, “**Come!**” (Rev. 22:16).

Fullness in the Son

Yes, in this age, both the bride and the Groom eagerly wait for the consummation of the marriage yet to come, but what is our relationship *right now*? The Triune-Groom has *already* given the “fullness” of Himself to us in Christ, but we as His bride are not yet in a state to *fully* receive Him. The key to understanding ‘the secret of the mystery’ of this marital fusion is the word **fullness**. Sparks explains:

“God in all His **fullness** was pleased to live in Christ.” (Col. 1:19). Do not take these as just words. Do understand that in every fragment there is this truth: In the dispensation in which you and I are now living God has come to us in all His

fullness. There is no more to be added. **In His Son** we have the **absolute fullness of God**, and it is out of that **fullness** that He speaks to us **in His Son...** (T. Austin Sparks, *The On-High Calling*, chap. 10).

The “eternal kingdom” of the Triune-God is an inter-Personal ‘infrastructure’—a *relational fullness*. Human beings were created to participate in this **fullness**. The Three sacrificial Self-sharers desire to share Their “eternal life” with us, that is, to make us **full** with Their inter-Personal **fullness** by fusing us into Themselves as members of the Son’s own body. “Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this [*natural*] temple, and in **three** days I will raise it up.’...He was speaking of the temple of **His body** [*Triune-Dwelling Place opened as a cohabitation for man*]” (John 2:19-21). Through the Cross, mankind was *built* into “God in Christ,” *fused* into the fusion of the Trinity. Jesus Christ is the **embodiment** of the **fullness** of this shared kingdom: “God put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him [*the God-Man*] as head of all things to the church [*the bride*], which is **His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all**” (Eph. 1:22-23).

Jesus, “the combined and combining” God-Man, will consummate the marriage of the bride and Groom *in Himself*. The Triune-Groom is already dwelling in perfect *Three-Dimensional fullness* (Oneness, perichoresis) in the Nucleus

of Christ; now He waits for His many-membered bride to be perfected as one in that *same* Nucleus. The relational “fullness” of the Groom *and* the bride is a *four-dimensional* cohabitation in the Person of Christ (Eph. 3:17-19). Only a many-membered bride perfected in fusion oneness in the Nucleus of Christ can enter and participate in the **fullness** of “God is a dwelling place.”

The attendants of the **bridegroom** cannot mourn as long as he is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then **they will fast** [*empty themselves in expectation of being filled with His fullness*]. But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth [*new bridal gown*] on an old garment [*degenerate, self-conscious, self-satiated bride*]; for the patch pulls away from the garment [*unable to fuse*], and a worse tear [*fission*] results. Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins... (Mt. 9:14-17).

The marital fusion of God and man *in* the combined and combining God-Man is a **reciprocal inheritance**. The Groom inherits us as His bride in direct measure to our capacity to inherit Him. Our *capacity* for the “fullness” of our Groom increases by the *displacement* of self-love within us and the Seed of His fuse-able DNA (*Agape*—“Christ in you”) growing in its place. As we make room for

the **fullness** of the Trinity's shared Life in us by **reciprocating** His sacrificial Self-giving, the bride and Groom cohabit together in that fullness. In a very real sense, it is not the bride waiting for the Groom, but the Groom patiently waits for a *fused* and *fuse-able* bride. As the bride is "transformed from glory to glory" (2Cor. 3:18), she gives herself to the Groom with *fuller* abandon, and the Groom *incrementally* inherits her as a relational dwelling place. "The Spirit [*the Re-gene-rator*] is given as a pledge of **our inheritance** [*marital fusion to the Triune-Groom*], with a view to [*working toward*] the redemption of **God's own possession** [*fuse-able bride*]" (Eph. 1:14).

The 'currency' of the kingdom is reciprocal self-giving (*Agape*). Together, we must **buy-in** to our Groom by **selling** (losing, forfeiting) our own autonomous lives. Jesus labors to teach us the 'economy' of the kingdom:

You say, "I am rich, and have become **wealthy** [*as an individualist*], and have need of nothing [*self-sufficient*]," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked [*decaying in fission*]. I advise you to **buy from Me gold refined by fire** [*tested, proven Agape-fuse-able DNA*] so that you may become **rich** [*in reciprocal gene-rosity*] (Rev. 3:17-18).

As a Groom, the Triune-God already gave the “fullness” of Themselves (“God is a dwelling place”) to us; They paid *Themselves* as the bride-price *in full* up front—“it is finished!” (John 19:30). God is *already* our inheritance: Jesus said, “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 16:19). However, we continue to withhold our relational ‘dwelling place’ from Him—“a garden locked is my sister, my bride [*closed to Me*], a rock garden locked [*hardened in self-love*], a spring sealed up” (Song 4:12). We cannot enter into the *full* inheritance of our Groom until we *fully* let Him in; He, in turn, cannot *fully* inherit us for the same reason. The sense that we are **homeless** persists even though the Dwelling Place is already ours! The more we as individuals are fused together into Christ, the more the Groom *fully* inherits us as His bride and we are **Home**: “For you have **died** [*to self-love, individualism*] and your **life** is hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3).

The many, individual members of the bride do not yet realize that they are *already* “dead” since Christ *already* took all of us individualists in Himself through death and resurrection—“consider yourselves to be **dead** to sin [*self-love*], but **alive to God in Christ Jesus**” (Rom. 6:11). How will the Groom get the members of His bride to “consider,” recognize, and live together in this relational, inter-personal reality of sacrificial self-giving? “For of His fullness we have all

received, and grace upon grace” (John 1:14); the inheritance of the “fullness” is already ours, but we can’t see past the eclipse of our individualism to enter the “dwelling place” already purchased for us. How does our Triune-Groom plan to **fuse** all of us *religious individualists* into Christ, into Their own Nucleus, as one bride? How can the Groom actually assimilate the “fullness” of Himself into the Chernobyl-like **fission** catastrophe that we, the church, presently are? O, we must not fret, our thoughtful and humble Groom has already anticipated us with a marvelous answer!

“Father, Son, and Spirit are three Ingredients mixed and baked by *Agape* into **One Cake**” (Martin Luther). In superabundant *Agape*, the Trinity chose to create mankind, and give the “fullness” of Themselves to us, *fused* in this *One Cake*: “For **in Christ** all the **fullness** of Deity dwells in **bodily form** [*human flesh*], and **in Him** you have been made **full**” (Col. 2:9-10). In the *One Cake* of Jesus’ flesh, the Triune-Groom has already made provision for us to **eat** Him that we may “be **filled up to all the fullness of God**” (Eph. 3:19). The Groom has purposed to transform His bride by **feeding** His *fullness* to her.

“Jesus took some **bread** [*One Cake*], and after blessing it, he **broke it** [*fission, bride-price*] and gave it to the disciples [*hopeless individualists*], and said, “Take, eat; this is My body [*Source of fuse-able DNA*]” (Mt 26:26). Mixed and baked into the

flesh and blood of the God-Man Jesus is **Agape**, the very ‘ingredient’ that perpetually fuses “Holy, Holy, Holy” as One.

And the testimony [*secret of the mystery*] is this, that God [*Father, Son, Spirit*] has given us **eternal life** [*Oneness in Agape that the Three share*], and **this life is in His Son** [*One Cake in Jesus’ flesh*]. He who has the Son has **the life** [*fuse-able DNA of Agape*]; he who does not have the Son of God does not have **the life** [*de-gene-rate in fission*] (1John 5:12).

In order for “the divine [*fuse-able*] nature” of the Trinity to be assimilated into the individual members of the bride and for the bride to be assimilated into the Oneness of the Triune-Groom, Jesus embraced the necessary *fission* in His flesh. The *One Cake* was *broken* so it could be **fed** to the many-membered bride *individually* and *corporately*. God does not just *have* this fuse-able ingredient, God *is* the fuse-able ingredient. The Triune-God fused *Themselves* into the human flesh of Christ so that we individualists might **eat** the Man Jesus and become fused into God in Christ as “partakers of the divine nature” (2Pet. 1:4).

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless you eat** [*lit. Greek: munch*]

or chew] **the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves** [*dead in eros, unable to reciprocate the Groom's Agape*]. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has **eternal life** [*fuse-able DNA, relational Oneness Father, Son, Spirit have shared from eternity*], and I will raise him up on the last day [*in the bride into marital fusion*]. For My flesh is **true food**, and My blood is **true drink** [*not the counterfeit fruit of the tree of self-knowledge*]. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood **abides** in Me, and I in him [*fusion Oneness, the Life of God dwelling in Me assimilated into you*]" (John 6:53-56).

In the combined and combining Man Jesus, the fuse-able nature of *Agape* was *adapted* to human beings and made communicable to us that we might become a *fused* bride in the image and likeness of the Triune-Groom. This "divine nature" of *Agape* was created and tested in the flesh and blood of the Man Jesus as a *re-gene-rative* **antidote**—the proven cure for eros individualism. The antidote contains three 'active ingredients'—the essential Life of God—in one Man. The flesh and blood of the God-Man Jesus Christ is the 'fusion fuel' necessary "that they may be **one** [*bride*] even as We are **one** [*Groom*]...that

they may be **perfected in unity** [*made ready for marital fusion*]...that the **Agape** [*fuse-able DNA*] with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I [*the Nucleus of cohabitation*] in them” (John 17:6-26). The essential, preparatory activity we must now do *together* in the ‘bridal chamber’ is **eating Jesus**, and in the fusion power of that shared Life we must practice Trinity-likeness. T. Austin Sparks explains:

We are very often inclined to think that **the Life** of the Lord in us needs in some way to be improved, to be added to, when really what is required is that we should **discover what we have** [*fuse-able DNA*], and, discovering it **by experience** [*practicing Trinity-likeness*], **live according to it** [*mature as one bride*]. This Life is not something apart from the Lord Jesus, and we can never think of His standing in need of some improvement, nor of the possibility of something being added to Him to make Him more complete.... **This Life is one with Himself** [*Triune-God in Christ in fullness*]. As the Apostle says, it is Christ who is our Life, and our need is to **discover what Christ is in us**, and to **live accordingly**. So in a very real sense it is a matter of **the Life getting more of us**, rather than of our getting more of the

Life [*reciprocal inheritance*]. That, at any rate, is the way of its working.

This, in the ordering of God, has to be done in a world where death [*fission decay*] still rules and works; for in this world the destruction of death has not yet been made manifest. **Death**, like the devil, goes on, although Calvary still remains full victory. We are left in this world, and it is in this world where death reigns and works as a **great** [*fission*] **energy** that we, by this sovereign ordering of God, have to come to **prove the values of the Life** [*of fusion Oneness*] which has been deposited in us, and to **discover its potentialities** [*pioneering—maturing in Light by overcoming darkness together*]. This is an **experimental discovery** [*practicing Trinity-likeness*]. It therefore resolves itself into battle between that which is in this world [*individualism, fission*] and the Life [*fuse-able DNA*] which is in the believer. It is the battle for Life...the **triumphant expression** and the **full manifestation of the power of that Life** (T. Austin Sparks, *The Battle for Life*, chap. 5).

Fullness in the Spirit

“The **kingdom of God** [*cohabitation of God and man*] is...righteousness and peace and joy

[*relational “fullness”*] **in the Holy Spirit**” (Rom. 14:17). Just as Jesus is “the Son of Father’s Agape” (Col. 1:13), the Person of the Holy Spirit is “the Spirit of the Father” (Mt. 10:20) and “the Spirit of His Son” (Gal. 4:6). The Spirit is fused into Father and Son in “unobliterated unity.” The *fullness* of the Triune-God is “in the Holy Spirit,” in the same way the *fullness* is “in the Son;” therefore, “God is a dwelling place” has come down to us in the Person of the Spirit. Jesus promised, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may be with you forever” (John 14:16). Though the Spirit has not come to us in *human flesh*, in a very true sense He is *Another* “Immanuel,” a *spiritual* “God with us”—God in the Spirit.

Paul makes this clear: “You are not in the flesh [*de-gene-rate*] but **in the Spirit** [*re-gene-rating*], if indeed the **Spirit of God** dwells in you. But if anyone does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him [*in His one body, in the bride*]” (Rom. 8:9). Through the prophet Isaiah, the eternal Son said, “Come near to Me, listen to this: from the first I have not spoken in **secret**, from the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord God has sent **Me**, and His **Spirit**” (Isa. 48:16). The Spirit of Christ has come down to us bearing *in Himself* “the Seed” of the fuse-able DNA of Agape, which the Son adapted to human beings and perfected *in Himself* as a Man. The

Spirit was sent to *feed* and *assimilate* that “divine nature” into us individually and corporately.

“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood **abides** in Me, and I in him....**It is the Spirit who gives life** [*fuse-able DNA perfected in the God-Man*]; the flesh [*de-gene-rate heredity*] profits nothing; the words I have spoken to you are **spirit** [*spiritual food*] and are **life** [*source of fuse-able DNA*]....” As a result of this many of His **disciples withdrew** and were not walking with Him anymore [*unwilling to be assimilated into the bride, therefore in fission from the Groom*] (John 6:56-66).

It is difficult for *sinners* to “enter through the narrow gate” (Mt. 7:13) to receive Jesus (God in Christ), but I am fascinated how it is even more difficult for *believers* to receive and abide in the Holy Spirit (God in the Spirit). This is due to our natural-mindedness: “a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are **spiritually appraised**” (1Cor. 2:14). The twelve disciples had left everything and followed Jesus for three full years, yet they were still in **fission**. On the way up to Jerusalem, just before Jesus’ arrest and crucifixion, “there arose a dispute among them as to which

one of them was regarded to be the greatest” (Luke 22:24). After Jesus’ resurrection, however, “He **breathed** on them [*hopeless individualists*] and said to them, ‘**Receive the Holy Spirit**’” (John 20:22). When *Father* and *Son* poured forth the *Spirit* at Pentecost, these men were no longer *individualists*; they were free individuals who shared one re-gene-rated nature and **one fused life**, made evident to all Jerusalem by their daily behavior (see Acts 2).

As “little children” in Christ (1John 2:28), we are not capable of feeding ourselves; therefore, *Father* sent the *Spirit* to **feed** us the flesh and blood of the *Son*. The Spirit of God has come to bring to maturity the Seed of fuse-able DNA in each of us. The Spirit does two things: He sets individuals free from eros individualism *and* He actualizes these free individuals into one fused and fuse-able bride. “The Spirit [*the Re-gene-rator*] is given as a pledge of **our inheritance** [*marital fusion to the Triune-Groom*], with a view to [*working toward*] the redemption of **God’s own possession** [*fuse-able bride*]” (Eph. 1:14). Jesus said:

If anyone loves Me [*reciprocates My sacrificial Self-giving*], he will keep My word [*lose your life into Me; receive My Spirit*]; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him** [*in the Person of the Spirit*] **and make Our abode with**

him [*“kingdom of God...in the Holy Spirit” Rom. 14:17*]....These things I have spoken to you while I was abiding with you [*in the flesh*]. But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name [*exact DNA-match*], He will **teach you all things** [*acculturate you into heavenly, Trinity-like life*], and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you [*prepare you as one fused and fuse-able bride*] (John 14:23-28).

The Triune-Groom sent “the Helper” into the ‘bridal chamber’ to get His many-membered bride ready. We are immature, self-referential believers; as hard-core individualists, we will *never* become one bride until we receive the Person of the Spirit, recognize the “fullness” of God dwelling in the Spirit, allow the Helper to feed us the fuse-able DNA of the Son, and cooperate as He seeks to assimilate His sacrificial self-giving Life into us corporately. The Spirit is finishing the work in us that the Son made possible: “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who **began** a good work in you will **perfect** it until the day of Christ Jesus [*marriage of the Lamb*]” (Phil. 1:6). Considering that we, as a many-membered bride, are the Groom’s intended dwelling place “built of living stones,” our transformation is a form of **renovation**. In Latin *renovatio* means **rebirth**. In

order for us to become an inhabitable house, not only is individual (personal) salvation required but also “our common salvation” (Jude 3). According to the blueprints of the Triune-Dwelling Place, *we together* need serious work! Jesus added:

But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, “Where are You going?” [*still earth-bound, not yet awakened to “seek the things above” Col. 3:1*]....But I tell you the truth, **it is to your advantage that I go away**; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you; but if I go I will send Him [*the Re-gene-rator*] to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin [*eros individualism*] and righteousness [*Agape*] and judgment [*consuming fire*]....When He, the **Spirit of truth** comes, He will **guide you into all the truth** [*secret of the mystery—how to be God’s many-membered bride*]; for he will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears He will speak [*Representative of the Triune-Groom*], and He will **disclose** to you what is to come [*marital fusion of bride and Groom*]. He will glorify Me [*the Nucleus*], for He will take of Mine and will **disclose** it to you [*Christ in you the hope of glory*]. All things that the Father has are Mine [*inheritance*

of the dwelling place]; therefore I said that **the Spirit** takes of Mine and will disclose it to you [*make it your inheritance*] (John 16:5-14).

Since we *grow* together in Agape Oneness by *photosynthesis*, one of the most effective ways *the Helper* prepares the bride is continually exposing us to “the Light of the glory” of the Triune-Groom. Presently, the cohabitation of God and man (the kingdom) is “in the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 14:17). The bride is made ready by participating in the relational, inter-personal dynamic of the Trinity in and through the Spirit: “Because you are sons, God has sent forth the **Spirit** of His **Son** into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! **Father!**’” (Gal. 4:6). Peter explains how the Spirit prepares us to enter God’s *fullness*:

Those who are **chosen** according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father** by the **sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit**, to **obey Jesus Christ** [*our Forerunner*] and be sprinkled with His **blood**: May grace and **peace** be yours [*lit. multiplied for you*] in the **fullest measure** [*exponential Life in the Oneness of the Trinity*]. . . . God has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises [*re-gene-ration in Jesus by the Holy Spirit*], so that by them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**

[*the fuse-able DNA of Agape—sacrificial self-giving*]....For in this way the **entrance into the eternal kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ [*God-Man Nucleus of the Trinity*] will be **abundantly supplied** [*“fullness”*] to you (1Pet. 1:1-11).

The Agape of Father and Son has come down *into us* because the Spirit dwells *in us*; further, the Spirit *carries us* through **open windows** to Father and Son “in the heavenly places.” Crudely stated, the Helper arranges all the ‘**pre-wedding dates**’ of the bride and Groom. As we “pray at all times in the Spirit” (Eph. 6:18), we are invited into the on-going conversation of Father, Son, and Spirit, and the bride *herself* communicates with the Triune-Groom. “For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God...in his spirit he speaks **mysteries**” (1Cor. 14:2). Participating *together* in these frequent interactions with our Groom greatly expedites our preparation as one bride—fusing us *together* “in Him.”

They will **go up with acceptance on My altar** [*volitional self-giving in the fuse-able DNA of the Son, “a living sacrifice acceptable to God” Rom. 12:1*], and I shall **glorify My glorious house** [*one Trinity-like bride*]. Who are these that **fly like a cloud** [*born of the Spirit*] and **like doves to their**

lattices [*lit. windows; i.e. traversing the open windows of heaven*]? (Isa. 60:7-8).

To understand this further, read Lifechangers *Plumblines* entitled *Open Windows*. It is the Person of the Spirit Who now guides us into “all the fullness.” Sparks opens this *now* reality:

Christ, the **fullness** of spiritual blessing *now*, the Sphere of our experience, our exploring, our enjoyment, our satisfaction. That is **heavenly union** [*fusion*] with the Lord Jesus. Anybody who is in that is **in heaven**. You have not to define and explain to such people what it means to be in the heavenlies in Christ. They know of what you are speaking. **Spiritual geography** is understood by those who walk up and down in Him [*by His Spirit*] and enjoy His **fullness** (T. Austin Sparks, *The Essential Newness of the New Creation*, Chap. 4).

In the next *Plumblines*, *God Magnified*, volume four, we will look in detail at “God is Spirit” (John 4:24) and “God is true” (John 3:33); this will help us to discover *how* the Reality of fusion Oneness in Agape was **lost** to human beings and *how* the kingdom of the Triune-God was **eclipsed** into ‘secret mystery.’ This *transcendent* Reality, out from which human beings *fell*, Jesus called “the **mysteries** of the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 13:11).

For more understanding of how this occurred, you may also read Lifechangers *Plumbline* entitled *Discerning the Counterfeit*.

Forerunner into Fullness

“Therefore, holy brothers [*of our Elder Brother Jesus*], partakers of a **heavenly calling** [*destined for marital fusion to the Triune-God*], **consider Jesus** [*our Forerunner*]” (Heb. 3:1). The God-Man Jesus is *Himself* “the Way” into the Triune-Dwelling Place: “This hope we have as an **anchor** of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which **enters within the veil** [*into Holy, Holy, Holy*], where Jesus [*the tested proven Man*] has entered as a **forerunner** for us” (Heb. 6:19-20).

Do not underestimate God’s gift of a Forerunner. “Our God is a consuming fire” (Heb. 12:29) Who “dwells in **unapproachable light**” (1Tim. 6:16). Who would be the *first* human being to enter there? Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Peter, John, Paul, and others perceived and longed for God’s “fullness,” yet as they barely glimpsed this unapproachable “dwelling place” of Light, they seriously freaked out! Isaiah cried, “Woe is me, for **I am ruined** [*decaying in fission*]! Because I am a man of unclean lips” (Isa. 6:5). Exposed to Triune-Glory, these men were uniformly *paralyzed* by their own de-gene-rate darkness: Ezekiel kept **falling on his face**, but “the Spirit entered [him] and set [him] on [his] feet” (Ezek. 2:2). Peter “fell

down at Jesus' feet, saying, 'Go away from me Lord, for **I am a sinful man!**'" (Luke 5:8). John said, "And His face was like the sun shining in its strength. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a **dead man**" (Rev. 1:17). Clearly a **Forerunner** was required; the prophet Jeremiah *saw* Him:

"Their leader shall be one of them [*a God-Man*] and their ruler shall come forth from their midst [*incarnated; born of a virgin*]; and I will **bring Him near** and **He shall approach Me** [*a Man entering into fusion with God*]; **for who would dare to risk his life to approach Me**" [*lit. Greek: who is he that gives his life in pledge to approach Me*], declares the Lord. "You shall be My people, and I will be your God [*fusion of the Triune-God and mankind in the God-Man*]" (Jer. 30:21-22).

God had to come *Himself* as a Man—"God in Christ"—to lead us into Himself. When this Human "leader" finally arrived He said, "Truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it..." (Mt. 13:17). Even the Old Testament prophets who "saw the Lord" were only enabled to do so because, in the Spirit, they *believed forward* to the coming Forerunner—the Messiah—"the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8).

Entrance into the “dwelling place” of *God is Agape* requires losing “all” of one’s life in individualism that he might “take it up again” in relational, inter-personal oneness. This was altogether impossible even for the ‘noblest and best’ of us de-gene-rates because we are slaves of *eros*. Ruled by an instinct of self-preservation, we run for cover from God’s “lightning” (Rev. 4:5) and cleverly evade His fusion chamber! What not one single human being could do in the “weakness” of de-gene-rate flesh, “**God did:** sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin [*eros*] in the flesh” (Rom. 8:3). God in Christ made it possible for individualists to be free, fuse-able individuals.

Because of the tender mercy of our God [*superabundant ‘yield’ of Three in Agape*], with which the **Sunrise** from on high will visit us [*Trinity in fusion in Jesus Christ; “God is a sun” Ps. 84:11*], to **shine** upon those who sit in **darkness** [*eros individualism*] and the shadow of **death** [*fission decay*], to **guide** our feet [*emigrants*] into **the way of peace** [*human Forerunner into fusion Oneness in Agape, perichoresis*] (Luke 1:78-79).

The mystery of the combined and combining Person—God in Christ—is that the Man Jesus is

both the Nucleus of the Triune-Dwelling Place and “**the Way**” in. The Scriptures also make plain that the Son Jesus, our Forerunner, had to **pioneer** this “Way” for us as a Man over the course of His 33 years on the earth. God promised, “I will bring Him near and He shall approach Me.” This approach and entrance was *not* instantaneous upon the Son’s arrival in human flesh. The “star” of baby Jesus was the *promise* of fusion Oneness, which had to be actualized, perfected, and fulfilled by *gen-uine maturity*—“**a Son made perfect forever**” (Heb. 7:28). The Man Jesus began where Adam and Even began—innocent but not yet *tested* and *proven* righteous. Yes, He was “an exact representation of God’s nature” (Heb. 1:3), but that sacrificial Self-giving DNA had to grow and mature in Him as a Man just as it must grow in you and me: “Although He was a Son, **He learned obedience** [*to act against Himself*] from the things which He suffered” (Heb. 5:8).

Carefully magnify this mystery with me: the Son Jesus “learned” to participate in the sacrificial Self-giving Life of the Triune-God as a Man, and therefore He entered into **fusion Oneness** with God as a Man. Jesus progressively discovered, practiced, and perfected reciprocal gene-rosity and perichoresis (mutual indwelling), and He entered into the **relational “fullness”** of God as a Man—the *same* Oneness and fullness in *Agape* that He had known as the Son of God—“the

glory which I had with You before the world was” (John 17:5). Our Forerunner was sent to *become* the **embodiment** of the “fullness” of the kingdom as a Man—the Home sent to lead us Home—but *first* He had to be progressively “filled up to all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:19) *Himself* as a Man. As our **Forerunner**, Jesus became “**the Way**” for us to enter and participate in the relational, inter-Personal *fullness* of the Trinity’s “eternal Life.”

O **send out** Your light and Your truth [*perfected in our Forerunner—Nucleus of Triune-Agape*], and let them **lead me** [*in “the Way”*]; let them **bring me** to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling places [*into the fusion Oneness of the Trinity*]. **Then I will go** [*as a willing, living sacrifice*] to the altar [*fusion chamber*] of God; to God my exceeding joy (Ps. 43:3-4).

Paul further revealed the secret of “God’s mystery, that is, Christ Himself” (Col. 2:2) by recounting *how* our Forerunner perfected “godliness” (*Trinity-likeness*) as a Man:

By common confession [*our one shared faith*], **great is the mystery of godliness: He** [*our Forerunner*] who was revealed in the flesh [*God-Man*], was vindicated in the Spirit [*tested and proven as a genuine, Trinity-like Man*], seen by angels,

proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory [*our resurrected Forerunner, "firstborn" of a new creation*] (1Tim. 3:16).

"The Way" in which the Man Jesus entered into God's relational "fullness" and received "the fullness" into Himself as a Man is *itself* the mystery. "The mystery of godliness" is the Trinity-like, fuse-able DNA and sacrificial self-giving behavior perfected in the Man Jesus and made communicable to us that we might "follow" Jesus. In order for us to "follow" our Forerunner, we must understand *how* He was perfected in Trinity-likeness as a Man.

"I AM the **Light** of the world [*Triune-Spectrum in One Beam*]; he who follows Me [*"the Way" of sacrificial Self-giving*] will not walk in **darkness** [*fission, individualism*], but will have the **Light of life** [*photosynthesis, fusion oneness in reciprocal Agape*]." So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for **I know where I came from** [*eternal Son of the Triune-God*] **and where I am going** [*back into the fusion of the Trinity as a Man*]. . . . I go away, and you will seek Me, and you will

die in your sin [*fission*]; where I am going [*into the kingdom of the fusion Oneness of God*], you [*the eros individualist*] cannot come....”

“You are from below, **I AM** from above; you are of this world, **I AM** not of this world...for unless you believe that **I AM** [*Triune-God in fullness in Christ*], you will die in your sins [*fission*]....When you lift up [*crucify*] the Son of Man, then you will know that **I AM** [*the gen-uine Son of Father’s Agape–Lamb and Nucleus of God*] and **I do nothing on My own initiative** [*autonomously*], but I speak these things as My Father **taught** Me [*“learned” as a Man*]. And He who sent Me is with Me [*God and Man in fusion Oneness, “perfected in unity”*]; He has not left Me alone [*in fission*], for **I always do the things which are pleasing to Him** [*perpetually yield heart, mind, will, and strength into Him*]” (John 8:12-29).

The Son Jesus *ached* to return to Father in the Spirit. The Son came as a Forerunner to carry back *in Himself*, into the fusion Oneness of God, all those willing to follow Him, that is, those willing to follow “the Way” of reciprocal self-giving perfected *in Him* as a Man. “But as many as **received Him** [*the Way*], to them He gave the

right to become [*gen-uine*] children of God” (John 1:12). The sacrificial Self-giving “Way” by which the Man Jesus could return into God, with all of us “in Him,” led directly through the Cross.

Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God [*Three in fusion Oneness*], believe also in Me [*the God-Man Nucleus of the Three*]. **In My Father’s house** there are **many dwelling places** [*place for each individual believer in God’s Oneness*], if it were not so, I would have told you [*Agape without hypocrisy*]; for **I go** [*as a Forerunner through the vortex of fission/ fusion: death and resurrection*] **to prepare a place for you** [*in the Nucleus of My own body*], I will come again and **receive you into Myself** [*into marital fusion to the Triune-Groom*], **that where I AM** [*in the Father, in the Spirit*], **there you may be also**. And you know **the way** where I am going [*sacrificial self-giving Way of Life: reciprocal gene-rosity*]....**I AM the way**, and the **truth**, and the **life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me [*fused into the Nucleus of the God-Man*] (John 14:1-6).

What exactly does Jesus mean by **My Father’s house**? Paul wrote, “Father rescued us from the domain of darkness [*eros individualism, fission*],

and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son of His Agape” (Col. 1:13). God the Father chose to establish His permanent, relational, interpersonal “dwelling place” in the Nucleus of Jesus’ own human body. Father’s *own* house, which He seeks to *share* with us, is *in* the Person of Jesus—“You are My beloved Son [*the Son of My Agape*], in You I am well-pleased [*to dwell*]” (Luke 3:22). To understand how the Son, our Forerunner, got us in the house where Father waits to cohabit with us, we must understand the secret of the mystery of “the third heaven.”

The kingdom of God is also called “the **third heaven**” because it is the relational, inter-Personal *infrastructure* of Father, Son, and Spirit in perfect Three-Dimensional Oneness—perichoresis. After the Man Jesus, our Forerunner, was resurrected, ascended, and returned the right hand of God, Paul *followed* this Forerunner and was himself “caught up to the **third heaven**...caught up into Paradise” (2Cor. 12:2-4). Paul clearly ‘maps out’ this journey, which *all* of us are called to make: “for through the **Son** [*Forerunner, the Way*] we have our access in one **Spirit** to the **Father**” (Eph. 2:18). Jesus’ way of describing the culmination of the relational *fullness* of the Trinity is “My Father’s house”—the very inter-Personal *fullness* into which He, as “a Son made perfect forever” (Heb. 7:28), is leading us in **three steps**—*through* Himself, *in* His Spirit, *to* His Father.

Through His death and resurrection, our Forerunner Man took us *through Himself* into **the third heaven**. Let's see *how*: "Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things...and be **killed**, and be **raised up on the third day**" (Mt. 16:21), and He added, "the **third day I reach My goal** [*lit. Greek: I am perfected*]" (Luke 13:32). In His resurrection on the third day, the Son was perfected as a Man: "the firstborn of the dead" (Rev. 1:5), "the firstborn of all creation" (Col. 1:15), "a new creation" (Gal. 6:15). Resurrection on "**the third day**" indicates that the Man Jesus, our Forerunner, was a **human being** brought into **full** participation in the **fullness** of the Oneness of the Triune-God. Not only was the Man Jesus resurrected into perfect fusion Oneness in the Triune-God, but He was also perfected as the eternal, "unshakable" Nucleus in which God and human beings could cohabit together—"the summing up of all things in Christ" (Eph. 1:10).

The Son Jesus is "the firstborn" because He is the *first* of His kind: a Man in fusion Oneness with the Triune-God. T. Austin Sparks explains it this way: "God's new beginning [*new creation*] is with His Son as **Man in union** [*fusion Oneness*] **with Himself**" (Sparks, *God's Full Thought for Man*, chap. 5). In His *death*, the Son sacrificially fused Himself to *de-gene-rate* mankind. In His *resurrection*, the Son *re-gene-rated* us. In His *ascension*, the tested, perfected Man, Jesus, was

received into the “**third heaven**” with all of us
“in Him:”

But God, being **rich** in mercy, because of the **great Agape** with which He loved us [*superabundance of the Trinity's fullness*], even when we were **dead** in our transgressions [*eros individualism*], made us **alive** together with Christ [*Son made perfect as a Man*], and **raised us up with Him**, and seated us with Him **in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His kindness toward us **in Christ Jesus** [*Nucleus of cohabitation—My Father's House*] (Eph. 2:4-7).

Father, Son, and Spirit are “**the living God**” (Rom. 9:26) because They are **alive** in *Agape* to One Another and to mankind. The Son, perfected as a resurrected Man, is “**the living One**; and I was dead, and behold, I am **alive** [*to God and mankind*] forevermore” (Rev. 1:17-18). The Triune-God and re-gene-rated human beings are now **alive** to one another, in reciprocal generosity, in “the living One.” Through the prophet Isaiah, the Son of God foretold the fulfillment of this “combined and combining Person” He would *become* as our **Forerunner**, accomplishing what no other human being could:

And now says the Lord, who **formed Me from the womb to be His Servant** [*Son of God incarnated as a Man*], **to bring Jacob back to Him** [*the Way to “the third heaven”*], so that Israel might be **gathered to Him** [*marital fusion to the Triune-Groom*]. For I am honored in the sight of My Lord [*“well-pleasing” Son; human as God intended*]; and **My God is My strength** [*fusion power of Agape perfected in a Man*] (Isa. 49:5).

We believe in “God is Agape” due to the witness of the Man Jesus Christ—“the living One.” *Seeing* the dynamic Oneness of the Three in perpetual fusion **lived out daily** in and through the combined and combining God-Man Jesus moves *us* to Trinity-likeness: “be **imitators of God** [*Trinity-like*], as beloved **children** [*individuals who received the same gen-uine Seed*], and walk in **Agape** [*practice sacrificial self-giving oneness with one another*], **just as Christ** [*the Forerunner*] also loved you and gave Himself up for us” (Eph. 5:1-2). Practicing, cultivating, and maturing in this Trinity-like oneness with one another, as members of Jesus’ one body in His one Spirit, progressively opens our eyes to see and our hearts to participate corporately in the Oneness of God through Him. Together, in Christ, we are beginning to discover the unsearchable *fullness* of “the third heaven.”

And even if our **gospel in veiled** [*in secret mystery*], it is veiled to those who are perishing [*in eros, individualism, self-will, fission, con-fusion*], in whose case the god of this world [*false-father—‘Worthless’*] has **blinded the minds** of the unbelieving so that they might not see the **light** of the **gospel of the glory of Christ** [*perfected Forerunner*], who is the image of God [*Trinity-like Man*]....For God, who said, “**Light** shall shine out of darkness” [*fusion in the natural creation*], is the **One** [*Trinity in fusion*] who has shone in our hearts to give the **Light** of the **knowledge** of the **glory of God** [*“fullness” in Agape*] **in the face of Jesus Christ** [*God-Man Nucleus*] (2Cor. 4:3-6).

How to Fuse into the God-Man Nucleus

As beloved children, we become *gen-uine* “imitators of God” by following our Elder Brother Jesus (our Forerunner) into Trinity-likeness (see Eph. 5:1). We *mature* in the Triune-God’s own fuse-able DNA by “walking in *Agape*,” that is, “walking in the same manner as Jesus walked” (1John 2:6). Jesus told us exactly *how* to do this:

The Lord our God is **one Lord** [*Three in perpetual fusion Oneness by sacrificial Self-giving*]; and **you** shall **agape** the Lord

your God [*just as Father, Son, and Spirit agape One Another*] with **all** your heart, and with **all** your soul [*will*], and with **all** your mind, and with **all** your strength.... **You shall agape** your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:29-31).

When an individual sacrificially gives *all* of himself—*all* his affections, will, thought-life, and energies—that individual is *effectively* fused into oneness even as the Father, Son, and Spirit are fused into Oneness—“that they may be one even as We are one...**perfected in unity**” (John 17:23). In order for de-gene-rate individualists like us to *willingly give* this “all” to God and one another, **brokenness** is required: a **breaking** of the ‘rock’ of our own autonomous ‘nucleus’ of individualism—a **breaking** of self-love, self-consciousness, self-will, and self-gratification. The “fullness” of God is “in Christ;” *Each* individual Person of the Trinity sacrificially gave **all** of Himself *into* the Nucleus/Cornerstone of the Man Jesus Christ and *Each* was **broken** “in Him” for our sakes. Now, for the sake of fusion oneness in *reciprocal* Agape, They ask *us* as individuals to do the very same:

And Jesus was saying, “If anyone wishes to **come after Me** [*Forerunner into the kingdom of the fusion Oneness of the Triune-God*], **he must deny himself** [*forfeit his*

autonomous nucleus—“all” individualism] and **take up his cross daily** [*instrument of breaking, fusion*] and **follow Me** [*“the Way” of sacrificial self-giving*]. For whoever wishes to **save his life** [*eros self-preservation*] will **lose** it [*“dead” in eros, fission*], but whoever **loses his life for My sake** [*willingly sacrifices “all” of himself into the God-Man Nucleus*], he is the one who will **save** it [*“alive” as a free individual perpetually fused by Agape into the Oneness of God in Christ*]” (Luke 9:23-24).

Through the Cross, the Triune-God was sacrificially *broken* and *fused* to mankind in the Nucleus of the God-Man. In *reciprocal* Agape, we must *fuse* into God in Christ by that same Cross. We must willingly embrace the “daily” **breaking** of our autonomous ‘nucleus’ of individualism. The tested, perfected, resurrected God-Man Jesus is the unshakable, indestructible, un-fissionable Nucleus of the Oneness of the Triune-God *and* those fuse-able human beings who are “**found in Him**” (Phil. 3:9). Absolutely everything and everyone *outside* of that Nucleus is separated in **fission** from the Life of “God in Christ” and destined for destruction (Rom. 9:22). Jesus warned: “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah” (Mt. 24:37).

As the One indestructible *Nucleus*, the God-

Man Jesus is the “**choice Cornerstone**” (1Pet. 2:6) for the eternal cohabitation of the Triune-God and man. God has certainly afforded mankind **free will**, since true, relational fusion can only be achieved if an individual *freely* and *gen-uinely* **chooses** to reciprocate God’s Agape; however, in free will, God has also made a sovereign **choice**. God has **chosen** “the summing up of all things” in *this* One Man Jesus—the One Nucleus, *the* One Cornerstone. God’s sovereign **choice** has left us human beings with only **two choices**: *broken* or *scattered*:

And he [*the de-gene-rate individual*] who **falls on this stone** [*willingly loses his life (“all”) into Jesus*] will be **broken** to pieces [*fused into the Oneness of the Trinity*]; but on whomever it falls, [*the self-preserving individualist*] it will **scatter** him like dust [*eternal fission*] (Mt. 21:44).

He who is not with Me [*God in Christ*] is against Me [*in willful fission*]; and he who does not **gather** with Me [*willingly fused into Jesus*] **scatters** [*in eternal fission decay*] (Luke 11:23).

In the Scriptures, there are many accounts of human beings who were “broken” and *willingly forfeited all* into God in Christ: Abraham offered

up Isaac; Jacob's hip was dislocated when he "wrestled with God" (Gen. 32:24); Peter "went out and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:62); Saul was knocked off his donkey when "a light from heaven flashed around him" (Acts 9:3), etc. However, the following gospel account is perhaps the clearest, real-life illustration of *how* to lose "all" of ones' affections, thought-life, will, and strength into the Nucleus:

And there was a woman in the city who was a **sinner** [*sexually immoral; de-generate individualist*]; and when she learned that **Jesus** [*the Nucleus*] was reclining in the **Pharisees'** house [*she forfeited **her pride**:*], she brought an alabaster vial of perfume [***her strength**—vocational 'tool' of allurements—**broken** upon Him, Mark 14:3*], and standing behind Him [*the Nucleus*] at His feet, weeping [*yielding **her will***], she began to **wet His feet with her tears**, and kept wiping them with the **hair of her head** [***her glory***], and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume [*losing "all" her formerly misplaced **affections** into Him*]....

Now when the [*self-righteous*] **Pharisee** who had invited **Jesus** [*the Nucleus*] saw this, he **said to himself** [*self-counsel—eros*

rationale], “If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner.”...Turning toward the woman [*Agape magnetism*], Jesus said to Simon [*self-righteous Pharisee*], “Do you **see** this woman? [*she is fusing into Me, but you are self-satiated*]...I [*the Nucleus*] entered your house; **you gave Me no** water for My feet, [*dead in eros, unable to reciprocate Agape or fuse into Me*] but she has wet My feet with her tears [*her will*] and wiped them with her hair [*her glory*]. You gave Me no kiss [*no heart affection*]; but she, since the time she came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil [*no thought of Me*], but she anointed My feet with perfume [*fragrance of a broken and fused spirit*]...For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for **she loved much** [*reciprocated My Agape by losing all self into Me-fusion*]; but he who is forgiven little **loves little**” (Luke 7:37-47).

This account is valuable since it shows us both what to do and what *not* to do. Both the lawless woman and the self-righteous Pharisee were *equal* in their need for forgiveness, emancipation

from the tyranny of self, and *rest* in the Nucleus. However, under the delusional influence of self-magnification, the Pharisee could not recognize his desperate need but rather justified himself in *eros* 'be-right.' One was "poor in spirit" and therefore capable of extravagant reciprocal Agape—fuse-able; the other was "rich" in himself and therefore relationally paralyzed—unable to fuse.

I AM the resurrection [*from "death" in eros*] **and the life** [*Nucleus of Three "alive" to One Another in Agape*]; he who believes into Me [*God in Christ*] will **live** [*in the Oneness of God*] even if he **dies** [*willingly forfeits his autonomous nucleus*]. And everyone who **lives** and believes into Me [*sacrificially gives himself into the Nucleus*] will **never die** [*fused into "the eternal kingdom"*] (John 11:25-26).

The woman exemplified a *broken and fuse-able* spirit, "the simplicity and purity of **devotion** to Christ" (2Cor. 11:3). The *fullness* of her devotion brings to mind Jesus' words: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will **hate** the one [*God in Christ*] and **love** the other [*self-love*], or he will be **devoted** to one [*lose "all" into Jesus*] and **despise** the other [*"hate his own life in this world" John 12:25*]" (Mt. 6:26). The woman *saw past herself* into Who the Man Jesus *actually* is and worth-

shipped “God in Christ” by extravagant sacrificial self-giving. Though the Pharisee had mastered the Scriptures, he could not *see past* the eclipse of his own self-worth-ship to recognize that the eternal Nucleus of God was sitting in his own house! In fact, the man was so **relationally incapacitated in self-focus** he could not even treat Jesus with the respect appropriate to an esteemed teacher.

Jesus answered, “I AM the **door**; if anyone **enters through Me** [*fusion into God in Christ*], he will be saved [*from eros individualism, fission decay*], and will go in and out and find **pasture** [*in the ‘nest of rest’ of the Oneness of God*]. . . . I came that they may have **life** [*photosynthesis, Agape Oneness, perichoresis*] and have it **abundantly** [*“fullness” of the One Cake*]” (John 10:9-10).

“Entering His rest” (Heb. 4:1) means entering the relational Oneness of the God of Agape. The **daily cross** serves to *remove* one’s *self*, which simply cannot fit through “**the door**” into the fusion chamber of “God in Christ.” **Emancipated** from her-*self*, the “woman who was a sinner” came to **rest** in Jesus. **Striving** in him-*self* to maintain the illusion of self-righteousness, the Pharisee was damned to carry on chasing the *mirage* of self-salvation to utter **exhaustion**.

Come to Me, all who are **weary** [*lit. Greek: work to exhaustion*] and **heavy laden** [*with self-conscious striving*] and I will give you **rest** [*from your self-gratifying addiction*]. Take My yoke [*Agape*] upon you and **learn from Me** [*how I freely yield all My affections, thought-life, will, and energies into Father and Spirit*], for I am gentle and humble in heart [*a gen-uine Giver*], and you will find **rest** [*peace, perichoresis*] for your souls. For My yoke is easy [*eros-free*] and My burden is light [*freedom from the tyranny of self-love*] (Mt. 11:27-30).

Jesus' commandments are simple: "Come to Me;" "believe into Me;" "eat My flesh and drink My blood;" "lose your life for My sake" (Mt. 16:25); "Abide in Me" (John 15:4). Jesus does not ask these things to gain personal advantage or 'lord it over' us; He asks these things because He is the *Nucleus* of the kingdom. He knows that "losing our life" into Him is the one and only way we can be truly emancipated from the *tyranny of self* and enter into "God is a dwelling place" as our *shared* inheritance. "Jesus said to them, '**I am the bread of life** [*Three Ingredients in One Cake*]; he who **comes to Me** will not hunger, and he who **believes into Me** will never thirst'" (John 6:35).

Curiously, mankind's whole dilemma is **appetitive**: either we "hunger and thirst for

righteousness” (Mt. 5:6), eating Jesus, *or* we are self-satiated—“they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices” (Pro. 1:31). Jesus explained man’s appetitive dilemma: “And no one after **drinking old wine** wishes for **new**; for he says, “The **old** is good enough” (Luke 5:38). *Old wine* represents our natural *bloodline* heredity—the old, eros-infected, de-gene-rate ‘**I am**’ that came into existence in our *first* birth. *New wine* represents the fuse-able DNA contained in Jesus’ flesh and blood—re-gene-ration as “a new creation” (Gal. 6:15) in the image and likeness of the Triune “**I AM**.”

“Drinking old wine” makes us “**slaves**, not of our Lord Jesus Christ, but of our own appetites” (Rom. 16:18). This is a two-fold addiction: first, we **crave self**, self-actualization, and what it *feels* like to be ‘me.’ Second, we **crave “the world”**—the secular or religious **environment** where ‘I am’ thrives as an ‘individualist’ in its original, **natural habitat**. Before the “woman who was a sinner” relocated into Jesus, her *habitat* was among **lawless** “lovers of pleasure” (2Tim. 3:4). John declares, “If anyone loves the world, the love [*lit. agape; DNA*] of the Father is **not in him**” (1John 2:15). Before Saul relocated into Jesus and became Paul, his *habitat* was among self-righteous Pharisees. Jesus exposed these **legalistic** hypocrites: “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from

the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is **no truth** [*agape*] **in him...**" (John 8:44).

"Old wine" is potent, addictive, and toxic; it powerfully compels us to walk according to that de-gene-rate 'default mode' of self-preservation and self-gratification further into the barren wasteland of 'Worthless' world to our death. Sadly, all of us believers continue to drink *old wine* in some measure. Habitually "drinking" *self* effectively **quenches** "hunger and thirst for righteousness." *Old wine displaces* our appetite for Jesus' flesh and blood—the essential **fusion fuel** that compels us to zealously pioneer forward as 'emigrants' into the *new creation*, the very means by which we are *re-gene-rated*, naturalized, and acculturated into the kingdom of the Triune-God.

Behold I [*God in Christ*] stand at the door and knock; if anyone **hears** My voice and **opens** the door [*their impregnable fortress of individualism, self-will, self-preservation*], **I will come in to him** [*as the re-generative Antidote*] and **dine** with him, and he with Me [*reciprocal self-giving/sharing*]. He who **overcomes** [*eros individualism by eating Jesus*], I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne [*at rest in fusion Oneness*], as I [*the Forerunner Man*] also **overcame** [*the darkness of eros*] and sat

down with My Father on His throne [*at rest in fusion Oneness*] (Rev. 3:20-21).

As our Forerunner, the Son comprehensively *overcame* self-love (sin) as a Man for our sake, so He could freely feed us His own fuse-able DNA. Eating Jesus' flesh and drinking His blood is the *only* hope we human beings have of *overcoming* the tyranny of self. This raises a question: as our Forerunner, what did the *Man* Jesus 'eat' to overcome the seductive power of this darkness? "Jesus said to them, '**I have food to eat** that you [*self-gratifying individualists*] do not know about...**My food is to do the will of Him** who sent Me and to accomplish His work'" (John 4:32-34). Jesus learned to *crave* righteousness and His appetitive *capacity* for Father's will *grew*. The "Son made perfect" (Heb. 7:28) could only be truly *satisfied* by the "fullness" of "seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Mt. 6:33).

I do nothing on My own initiative [*autonomously*], but I speak these things as My Father taught Me. And He who sent Me is with Me [*in fusion Oneness*]; He has not left Me alone [*in fission*], for **I always do** the things which are pleasing to Him [*I perpetually surrender My affections, thoughts, will, and strength to Father in the Spirit*] (John 8:27-29).

In day-to-day life as *a Man*, the Son *perfected* this relational, inter-Personal, Self-giving Oneness with Father and Spirit over 33 years; therefore, Jesus was *made ready* for the cross:

The hour has come for the **Son of Man** to be **glorified** [*demonstrate the superabundant, sacrificial, Self-giving Love of the Trinity for man*]. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a **grain of wheat** [*individual Nucleus of food*] falls into the ground and **dies**, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears **much fruit** [*re-gene-rated offspring*]. He who **loves his life** [*alive to self*] loses it, and he who **hates his life in this world** [*dead to self*] will keep it to **life eternal** [*alive in the fusion Oneness of God*]....

Now **judgment** [*Vortex of 'Jealous-for'*] is upon this world; now the **ruler of this world** [*Belial, author of fission, con-fusion, counterfeit nucleus*] **will be cast out**. And I [*the Nucleus*], if I be lifted up from the earth [*willingly crucified*], will **draw all men to Myself** [*magnetize them by Agape into the fusion Oneness of God in Christ*].... He who believes into Me does not believe into Me but into Him who sent Me [*Father—"third heaven"*]. He who sees Me [*the Man perfected in Agape*] sees the **One**

[*Triune-God*] who sent Me. I have come as **Light** [*glory of the fusion of Three*], so that everyone who **believes into Me** [*fusion*] will not remain in **darkness** [*eros individualism, fission*] (John 12:23-46).

‘The secret of the mystery’ is essentially four interconnected things. First, Father, Son, and Spirit are three, eternal Primaries fused as One by Agape—one God. Second, “**God’s mystery is Christ Himself**” (Col. 2:2). In the Nucleus of the God-Man Jesus Christ “the fullness” of the Triune-God “dwells in bodily form”—*God in Christ*. Third, the Triune-God and those human beings who “lose their life” into *Christ Himself* are fused together in that One Nucleus. The Three Self-sharers desire to *share* Their “eternal kingdom,” the “third heaven,” with re-gene-rated “children of God.” Fused into the **Son** by the **Spirit**, “the **righteous** [*re-gene-rated children*] will shine forth as the **sun** in the kingdom of their **Father**” (Mt. 13:43). Fourth, the Triune-God has purposed all of us “little children” to *mature* in Their own relational image and inter-Personal likeness—*Trinity-likeness*. As “imitators of God,” we children are fused together as one in Christ—“one even as We are one...perfected in unity” (John 17:23). In a face-to-face Love affair, the Triune-Groom “in Christ” has chosen all these unique, individual children as one, many-membered bride, one “wife”

with whom He can share “all things” in reciprocal generosity. “God [*Triune-Groom*] willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this **mystery**...which is **Christ in you** [*the bride*], the hope of **glory** [*marital fusion*]” (Col. 1:27).

In conclusion, T. Austin Sparks best summarizes this unfolding mystery:

Everything which has to do with the realization of God’s purpose in creating man, and this world, and its universe, is a matter of **knowing God in Christ**, which, of course, means knowing Christ. Every aspect and detail of God’s will and God’s way and God’s end is a matter of knowing the Lord Jesus. All progress, as all life, rests upon that--knowing Him. The Christian life here is meant to be one of **continuous growth and development and progress**, but that only takes place as we come to know more, and still more, of the meaning of the Lord Jesus [*the combined and combining Person*]. This progress will not stop when we leave this world, and when time gives place to eternity: “Of the increase of his kingdom there will be no end.” **Stagnation is no mark of life**, and life there will be ever manifesting itself in new and more wonderful **fullnesses** and forms. Therefore, the knowledge of

Christ which will, in time and eternity, be the **secret** [*of the mystery*] **of growth and progress**, will continue in heaven, and it will take eternity to exhaust it....

Seeing Christ is so vast, so immense, so many-sided [*“the summing up of all things”*], we can only see Him from one standpoint at a time; we have to **move round** [*e.g. the ‘porch pillars’ of the Dwelling Place*] **to see Him from every angle** [*magnifying “God in Christ”*]. And at this time we are just looking at the Lord Jesus from one of the many angles, or points of view, which is this particular aspect of His significance: He Himself, in His wonderful, complex Person, is the very **embodiment** of all the principles and laws of a **great heavenly order** [*relational, inter-personal kingdom*]. When everything is conformed to Christ and takes its character from Him, it will be **one glorious, harmonious whole, perfected into one, just one glorious unity** [*bride and Groom in marital fusion*]....I have only opened a window to you through which you can see a **universe** (Sparks, *Divine Order in Christ*, chap 3).

