



# The Essence of God and the Creation of Man

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**G**od is ONE, one “Infinite” essence without beginning or end. He is the origin of all being, an Infinite Being, Infinite Wisdom, and Eternal Life. It is impossible that there should be more than one Infinite Being; otherwise each of them would have finite limits. The Divine, Eternal, Infinite Being is different from man since man has a beginning (which he takes from God). And if he has eternity, he takes that too from God, because of the rational eternal spirit he gets from God at his creation. God said, *“Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth (Genesis 1:26,27).”*

Man thus consists of dust and the breath of life. *“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (Genesis 2:7).”* The dust of the ground became a body and the living spirit is a rational one, the Divine breath that bestows eternity to humans.

**All men have a beginning but no end!**

**All other creatures have both a beginning and an end!**

**God alone has no beginning and no end!** He is eternal and everlasting, the only infinite Being in the universe, in thought, and in existence!

**However, this One Essence has Three Persons:**

**The Father is the Origin.**

**The Son is born of Him.**

**The Spirit of God emanates from Him.**

This can be clarified if we consider the sun as a

concrete illustration. The orb of the sun is the origin; its light is born of this fiery orb, and the heat of the sun emanates from this fiery orb.

**One sun=an orb + light + heat**

1. Just as it is impossible for the orb to be separated from the light or heat, so is it impossible for the Father to be separate from the Son or the Holy Spirit.
2. And just as the orb, the light, and the heat of the sun are one, so God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, are one God.
3. Just as it is impossible for the orb to exist without light or heat, so it is impossible for the light to exist without the orb or the heat, and for the heat to exist without the orb or the light. Similarly, it is impossible for the Father to exist without the Son and the Holy Spirit, for the Son to exist without the Father and the Holy Spirit, or for the Holy Spirit to exist without the Father and the Son. He emanates from the Father and is sent to us by the Son, but the Three are One essence.



**Wallpainting representing Adam and Eve before and after thier fall from grace. To the right they are depicted innocent and unshamed, to the left fig leaves hide their shame.**