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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."-Psalm 137, 4-5. ____

SELECTIONS.

EXTRACT FROM REV. J. COOK'S LECTURE ON TRINITY AND TRITHEISM.

"What is the definition of the Trinity ? 1. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one God.

2. Each has a peculiarity incommunicable to the others.

3. Neither is God without the others.

4. Each with the others is God.

Can the four propositions of the definition I have given be paralleled by an illustration?

1. Sunlight, the rainbow and the heat of sunlight are one solar radiance.

2. Each has a peculiarity incommunicable to the others.

3. Neither is full solar radiance without the others.

4. Each with the others is such solar radiance. Sunlight, rainbow, heat-one solar radiance.

1. As the rainbow shows what light is when unfolded, so Christ reveals the nature of God.

2. As all of the rainbow is sunlight, so all of Christ's divine soul is God.

3. As the rainbow was when the light was, or from eternity, so Christ was when the Father was, or from eternity.

4. As the bow may be on the earth, and the sun in the sky, and yet the solar radiance remain undivided, so God may remain in heaven and appear on earth as Christ, and his oneness not be divided.

5. As the perishable raindrop is used in the revelation of the rainbow, so was

Christ's body in the revelation to men of God in Christ.

6. As at the same instant the sunlight is itself and also the rainbow and heat. so at the same moment Christ is both himself and the Father, and both the Father and the Holy Ghost.

7. As solar heat has a property incommunicable to solar color and solar color a property incommunicable to solar light, and solar light a property incommunicable to either solar colc. or solar light, so each of the three the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, has a property incommunicable to either of the others.

8. But as solar light, heat, and color are one solar radiance, so the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one God.

9. As neither solar heat, light noi color is itself without the aid of the others so neither Father, Son, nor Holy Ghos is God without the others.

10. As solar heat, light, and color are each solar radiance, so the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are each God.

11. As the solar rainbow fades from sight and its light continues to exist, s Christ ceases to be manifest and yet i present.

12. As the rainbow issues from sun light and returns to the general radianc of the sky, so Christ comes from the Father, appears for a while and returnand yet is not absent from the earch.

13. As the influence of the heat is the of the light of the sun, so are the opera tions of the Holy Spirit Christ's continue life.

14. As is the relation of all vegetable growths to solar light and heat, so is the