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THE ALL HOLY TRINITY.

Man was formed, GOD tells us, in the image of GOD, after Their Likeness, the Likeness of the All Holy Trinity. Every power and faculty of the soul bore some trace of its likeness to its Maker. They were shadowy representations of some aspect of the Infinite Mind. In GOD all is one, His Attributes are, even in thought, inseparable from Himself. His Power, His Will, His Goodness, His Greatness, His Wisdom, His Blessedness, are Himself. For He is One Simple Essence. The very Persons of the All Holy Trinity, in that mode of Existence which belongs to GOD, co-exist in One Another in perfect Oneness. In this image and likeness of the All-perfect GOD, man was made, his various powers shadowing Attributes of GOD, which though inseparable from GOD, we, as finite, can only conceive of, (as far as we can conceive of them) when set before us apart. But lo! the immortality of man is a faint shadow of the Eternity of GOD; man's forethought, of the Divine Providence; man's intuition, of the Divine Intelligence; Man's memory, of the Divine Knowledge; man's imagination of GOD's conception of all things possible, though they are not. More plainly yet, man's will, power, desire to communicate himself, love, complacency, tenderness, justice, truth, are imparted copies of GOD's Infinite Perfections. Nay, those three especially, memory, reason, will, have, both in earlier and later times of the Gospel, been thought to be a shadow of the All Holy Trinity in Itself. "That Holy and Eternal Trinity," says S. Bernard, in a passage of most condensed thought, "That Holy and Eternal Trinity; Father Son, and Holy Ghost, one GOD; Supreme Power, Supreme Wisdom, Supreme Goodness, created a certain Trinity after Their Image and Likeness, to wit, the reasonable soul: which therein showeth forth some trace of that Supreme Trinity, in that it consisteth of memory, reason, and will. Moreover, He created it such, that abiding in Him, it might be happy in the participation of Him; if turned away from Him, whithersoever it should betake itself, it should remain miserable. But this created trinity chose rather, through the motion of its own will, to fall, than by