

LIVING WITH CHRIST THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 16:	Ascension of the Lord (C) - white
Monday 17:	Ferial - white
Tuesday 18:	Ferial - white
Wednesday 19:	Ferial - white
Thursday 20:	Ferial - white
Friday 21:	Ferial - white
Saturday 22 :	Ferial - white
Sunday 23:	Pentecost Sunday (C) - red



The Experience and Mystery of the Blessed Trinity

2. Indications in our own Lives

In a previous article, we saw how the Old Testament prepared us for the revelation of *God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*. Since we have been created in God's image (Gen 1:26-27), is there anything in our own life experiences that could be used to *explain* the Blessed Trinity? I believe so and will illustrate this using a childhood memory.

Every year my grandfather Albert planted a huge garden. On one beautiful spring morning when I was about five years old, I watched him sowing radish and carrot seeds. I asked if I could help. "*Better still,*" he said, "*you can have your own garden.*" He set aside a small corner, gave me a package of radish seeds, explained the basics of gardening, and set me to work. In turning over the soil to trace the small furrows, I found a tiny rock, black and round, much like my radish seeds. In my childish reasoning, I concluded that it was ... a *rock seed* and I planted it at the end of a row. A week later, all the other seeds were growing, except my *rock seed*! Nothing had happened! I explained this problem to my grandfather and asked him why my *rock seed* refused to grow. "*Well,*" he explained, "*your little rock seed won't be able to grow or even live because it cannot connect! Look at your radish seeds. They connected with the air, the soil, and the sun and because of that, they will grow. If there was no connection, nothing would happen.*"

My grandfather was very wise. There is no life without connections and the more intense the connection, the more intense the life. Human lives are ultimately more complex than that of a common seed simply because of our *connections*. For instance, think of a time in your life when you felt intensely alive. Wasn't it when you were most *connected*, when you were most in *communion* with people, or with God?

As God is Life *par excellence*, must the ultimate *connection* not also be one with God himself? God is perfection and shares perfect communion, Love, which is only possible if we encounter others. In God we find both unity and otherness. We could never affirm that God is Love if we only had a concept of a great, far-off, self-sufficient, solitary being...

My recollection is not *proof* that God is Trinity. But this connection with our experiences prepares us to welcome the full revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

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