

## An introduction





What do you mean when you say

God

?



"In no other subject is error more dangerous, or inquiry more laborious, or the discovery of truth more profitable."

**Augustine, On The Trinity** 

- The Write-Offs
  - The Show-Offs
  - The Stand-Offs



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# Elevate others





"God is the name of the blanket we throw over mystery to give it shape."

**Barry Taylor** 

"The advantage of believing in the Trinity is that we then live as if the Trinity is real: as if the cosmos all around us actually is, beyond all else, a self-sufficing community of unspeakable, magnificent, personal beings of boundless love, knowledge, and power. And, in believing, our lives naturally integrate themselves, through our actions, into the reality of such a universe, just as two plus two equals four. In faith we rest ourselves upon the reality of the Trinity in action—and it graciously meets us. For it is there. And our lives are then enmeshed in the true world of God."

**Dallas Willard** 



In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

Let us make man in our image, after our likeness

Genesis 1:26

So God created man in his image

Genesis 1:27



"No sooner do I conceive of the one than I am illumined by the splendor of the three; no sooner do I distinguish them than I am carried back to the one."

**Gregory of Nazianzus** 

"If Christianity were something we were making up, of course we would make it easier. But it is not. We cannot compete in simplicity with people who are inventing religions. How could we? We are dealing with fact. Of course anyone can be simple if he doesn't have any facts to bother about."

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

