

The science-nerd in me is fascinated by Space and Time, stars and black holes, birds and trees, and all of creation. And I am in good company. Fr. George LeMaitre proposed in the middle 20th century that the universe expanded from a source point, a beginning. What now has the name, “Big Bang”. That’s right, a Catholic priest developed this. Catholics love science!!!

Scientists, Physicists and cosmologists, work to understand the very basics of what forms the universe. They explore the meaning of particles and quantum fields.

The Greeks once assumed all is composed of four elements, fire, water, earth and air.

As well, philosophers have argued about the nature of Being for millenia. What constitutes Being? What is it? Are we simply material, though very complex? Is there more to it? Again, I kind of nerd out on this stuff.

Recently, listening to a podcast on such a subject, the presenter talked about one school of thought. The essence is that all we are is nothing, or rather, no - thing. Our very being is not a thing, but a relationship. When we strip away everything, we find that we as a person, our Being, is a Being in-relationship. The core of the universe is no thing, but relationship.

Being Christian is to believe in the Holy Trinity. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Notice in our Judaic-Christian history, God never has had a “name”, or given a name. Neither to the Jews nor to us. Other cultures named their gods, Jupiter, Saturn, Zeus, Baal etc. A name is thing.

God’s being, God’s nature, is no thing; God is relational. God is Father, God is Son, God is Holy Spirit. Trinity is not a thing, but a relationship of “persons”; of being, that transcend all of our imaginations, because God is not a thing.

The inner being of God is all about relationships; and not static relationships, but those that are vibrant, energetic.

This inner relationship also works outward, creating and inviting the created into God.

Our very being too then, is relational. We need others. We need God to be.

One of the great lies told in our Western Culture: "I don't need anyone."
And there are its derivations: "I am self-made." "I made my self successful, powerful, rich..." These are all a lies.

No one person can achieve anything without another.
We can't be without another; can't even be born without human parents.
Even Jesus was born from a woman.

We are Church, not an institution, not a thing alone, but a community. We signify the nature of God, who is love, who is relational.

We are the body of Christ, bound in relationship to God in the Spirit, from our baptism. We thrive when we accept God's love and when we share God's love.

We falter and have faltered and fallen, when our egos make us believe the lie and we live the lie. When we choose a thing above all else. When we choose to not love as God, but to only love ourselves.

There is such wisdom in accepting our Christian Faith and then living it out. Once we accept that we, our very nature, are relational as God is relational, our consciousness will be broadened.

God has connected all of us together. God has connected all of us to this created world.

Genesis' story of creation is that of Harmony. All remained in harmony as long as humanity maintained harmony with God. Then that all fell apart.

Jesus fulfills this harmony and restores what was wounded in us.
Jesus reveals that we have never lost the Father's love; the Father forgives, the Father welcomes.

In this Age of the Holy Spirit, we are called then to live this harmony.
In the Spirit we forgive each other, as we have been forgiven.

We seek to help others with compassion, kindness, mercy, justice, self-giving, strength, fortitude, piety.

We will be stronger for this. We are strong because we are loved first by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We are strong and saved because we are part of the Divine Community of God. .