

THE LIVING GOD

Romans 1:15-21



RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, VS. 15

- Revealed through the preaching of the gospel.
- **1 Cor 15:3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **[4]** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
- **1 Cor 1:17** For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. **[18]** For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.



RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, VS. 16-17

- Received by faith, Romans 3:19-23.
- **John 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:
- **Acts 16:31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
- **Eph 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: **[9]** Not of works, lest any man should boast.



WRATH OF GOD, VS. 18-21

- Rejecting what may be known of God!
- **John 14:9** Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?**
- Revealed by creation!





ETERNAL POWER

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his **eternal power** and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

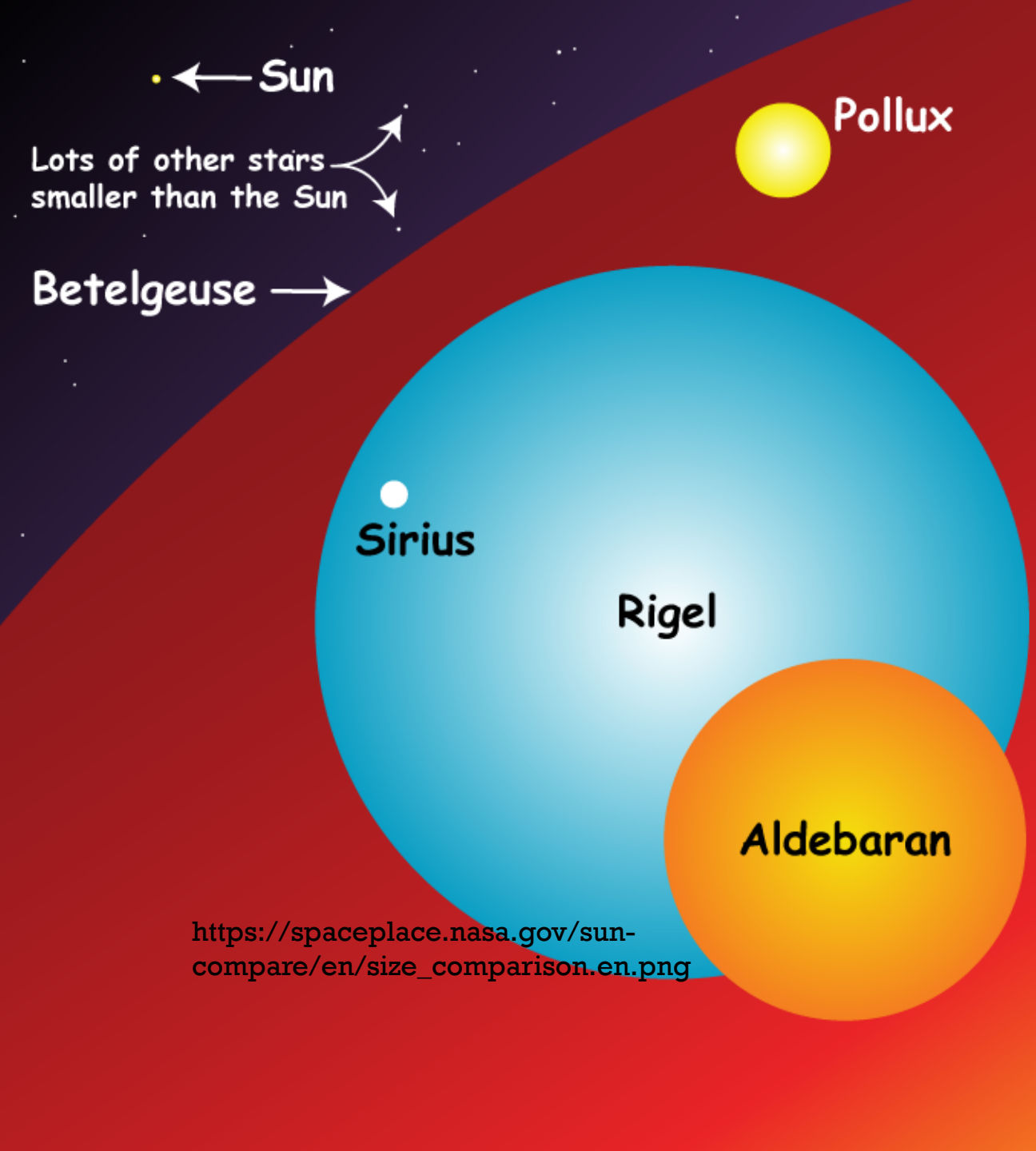
~ GENESIS 1:1 ~

- In the beginning God **CREATED** the heaven and the earth.
- Consider the vast amount of energy in the universe:
 - $E=MC^2$ (energy=mass*speed of light {186,000 miles/second} squared {34,596,000,000 miles/second})



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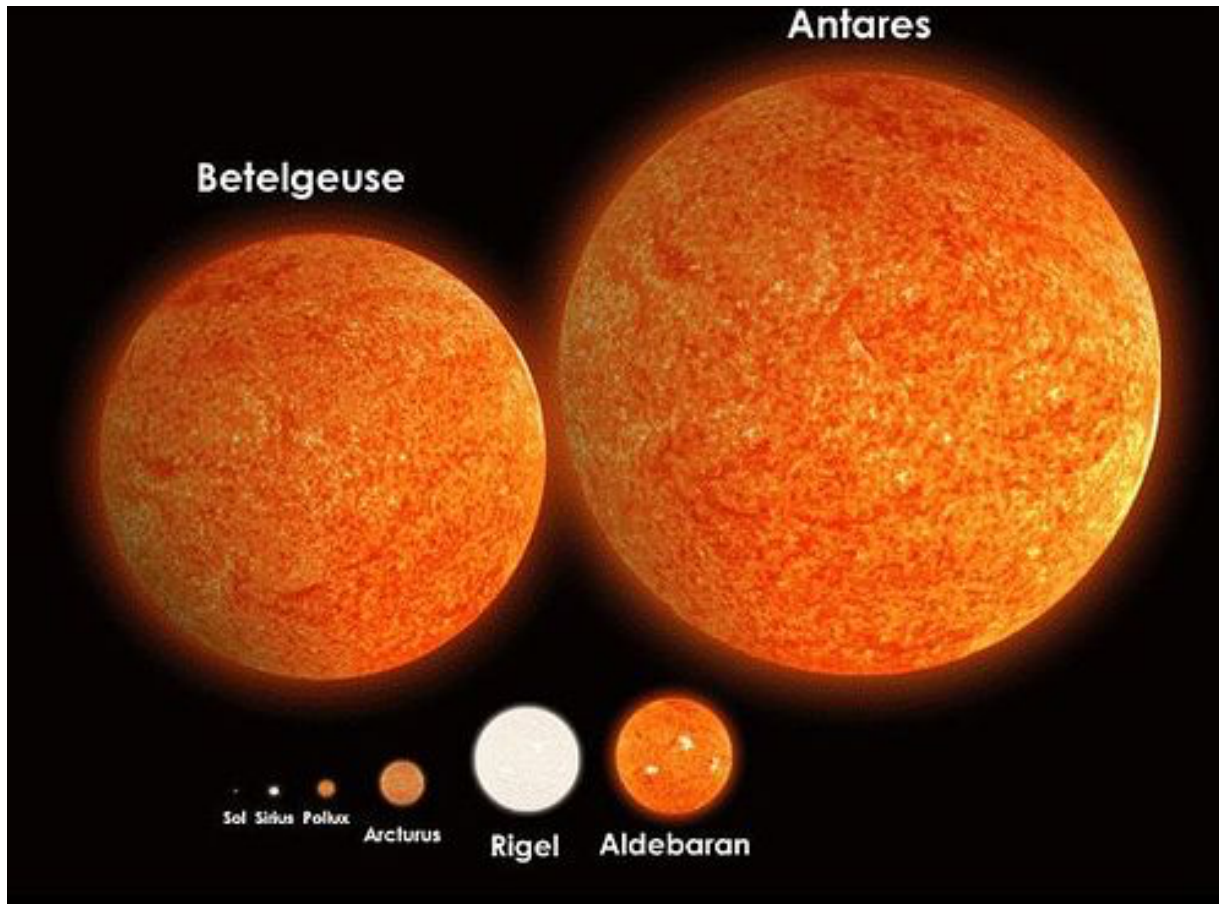


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Ps 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Ps 33:9 For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.





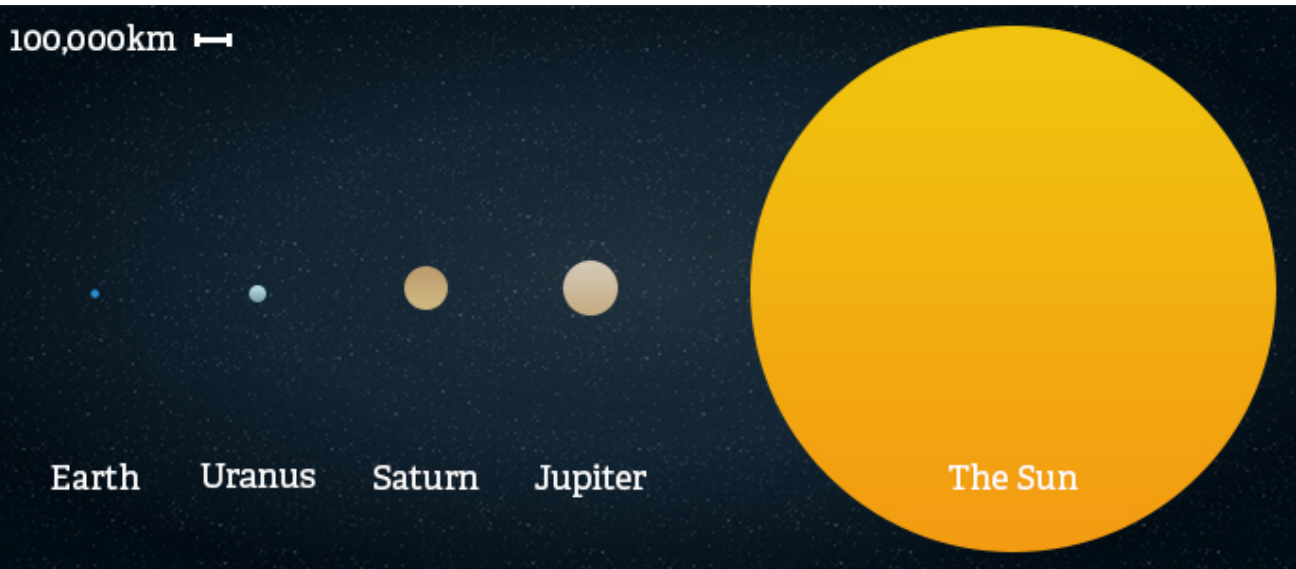
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ETERNAL POWER

Heb 11:3

Through faith
we understand
that the worlds
were framed
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God, so that
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not made of
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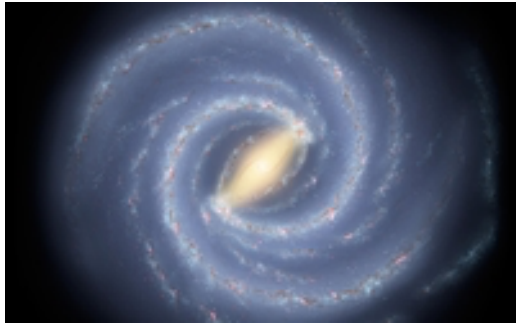


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ETERNAL POWER

2 Pet 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:





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ETERNAL POWER

Ps 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; **[4]** What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?





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SPACE

- **Gen 1:1** In the beginning God created the **HEAVEN (SPACE)** and the earth.
- Space—the basic thing in the physical universe (“The Secret of the Universe”, Wood, p. 3).
 - Consists of three things:
 - Length
 - Breadth
 - Height

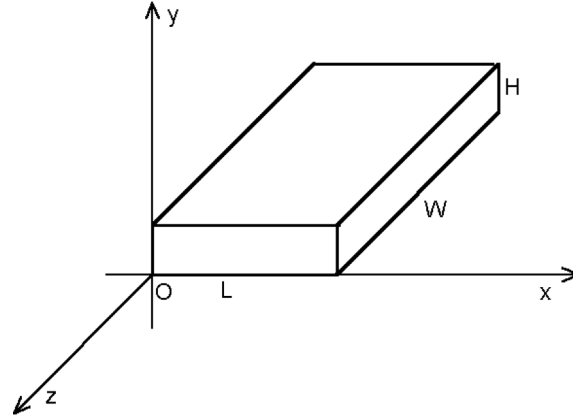


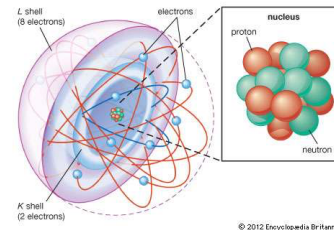
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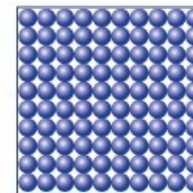
MATTER

- **Gen 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the **EARTH (MATTER)**.
- Matter—fills and embodies space. As we've seen above, it consists of energy in forms which we can see, feel, taste, touch, etc.
 - Consists of three things:
 - Energy
 - Motion
 - Phenomena (appearance)

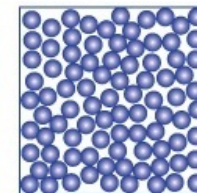


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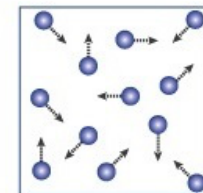
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Solid



Liquid

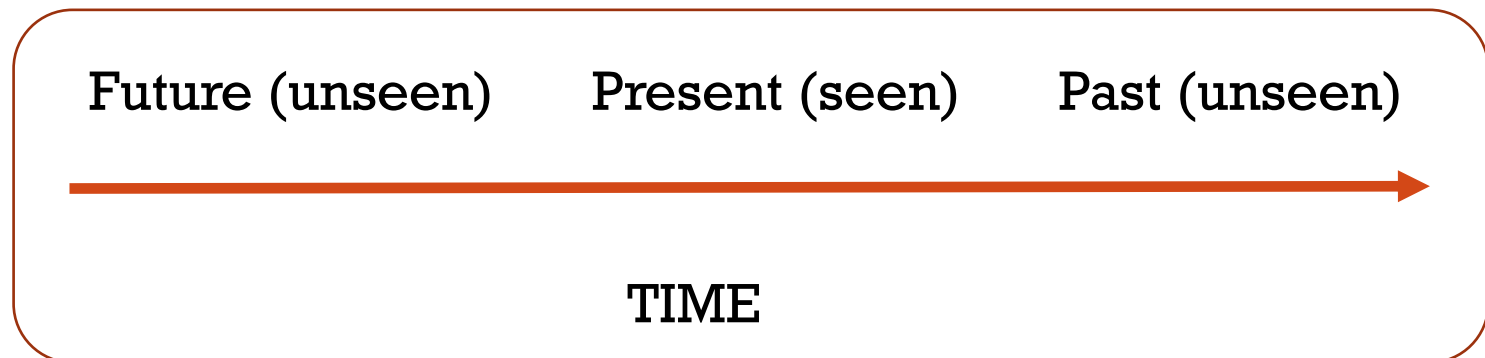


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TIME

- **Gen 1:1** In the **BEGINNING (TIME)** God created the heaven and the earth.
- Time—the succession of motion/matter embodying space.
 - Consists of three things:
 - Future
 - Present
 - Past



- Space—In its infinity reflects the omni-present God.

Isa 40:12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

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Psalm 139:7-13



Ps 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?[8] If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*. [9] *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; [10] Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. [11] If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. [12] Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*. [13] For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.



- Matter—in its expression of boundless energy reflects the omni-powerful God.

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

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Psalm 139:14-18



Ps 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well. **[15]** My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. **[16]** Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them. **[17]** How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

Ps 139:18 *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.



- Time—as a repository of all that happens is a reflection of the omniscient God.

Jer 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

Eccl 3:15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

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Psalm 139:1-6



Ps 139:1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*. **[2]** Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. **[3]** Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways. **[4]** For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. **[5]** Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. **[6]** *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.



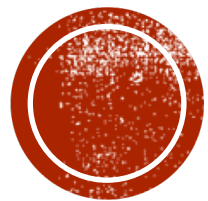
TRIUNITY

Space (unseen/basis of the physical universe)

Matter (seen/embodies space)

Time (unseen/succession of matter in space)





TRINITY—ONE IN BEING, THREE IN PERSON

1 John 5:7 For there are **three** that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these **three are one**.

FATHER (UNSEEN)—1ST IN LOGICAL ORDER

- **John 1:18a** No man hath seen God at any time...
- **John 4:23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **[24]** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.



SON (SEEN)—REVELATION OF THE INVISIBLE FATHER, 2ND IN LOGICAL ORDER

- **John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- **John 1:18** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.
- **John 14:9** Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?



Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**[9] For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.[10]** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:



CREATOR, JOHN 1:1-3

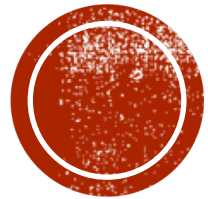
- **Col 1:15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:[16] For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:[17] And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- **Heb 1:3** Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;



HOLY SPIRIT (UNSEEN)—3RD IN LOGICAL ORDER

- **John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **[17]** *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **[18]** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- **John 15:26** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:





THE GODHEAD/TRINITY IS REFLECTED IN THE UNIVERSE!

This does not explain God, it explains the universe
that reflects Him.

~ John 17:3-5; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Col. 2:2-3; 1 John 5:20 ~