

Confessions - Book Xiii - Chapter V

by St. Augustine

Transcript

6. See now,[513] how the Trinity appears to me in an enigma. And thou art the Trinity, O my God, since thou, O Father--in the beginning of our wisdom, that is, in thy wisdom born of thee, equal and coeternal with thee, that is, thy Son--created the heaven and the earth. Many things we have said about the heaven of heavens, and about the earth invisible and unformed, and about the shadowy abyss--speaking of the aimless flux of its being spiritually deformed unless it is turned to him from whom it has its life (such as it is) and by his Light comes to be a life suffused with beauty. Thus it would be a [lower] heaven of that [higher] heaven, which afterward was made between water and water.[514]

And now I came to recognize, in the name of God, the Father who made all these things, and in the term \"the Beginning\" to recognize the Son, through whom he made all these things; and since I did believe that my God was the Trinity, I sought still further in his holy Word, and, behold, \"Thy Spirit moved over the waters.\" Thus, see the Trinity, O my God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Creator of all creation!

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