

Trinity via Divine Persons as Relational Qua Objects by Robert C Koons Intro Primer

Father = God qua knower (of God)

Son = God qua known (by God)

Spirit = God qua both knower of God and known by God

“We can then distinguish three really distinct aspects of the one simple reality: God-qua-knower-simpliciter, God-qua-known-simpliciter, and God-qua-knower-cum-known, which can be identified with Father, Son, and Spirit, respectively.”

“...it would be a mistake to suppose that God-qua-knower knows but is not known, or that God-qua-known is known but does not know, since it is essential that each of the three Persons both knows and is known (loves, and is beloved)... ...we must attach the qualifications also to the action and not just to the agent or patient... ...the Father (God-qua-knower) knows-qua-knower, and similarly the Spirit loves-qua-knower-and-known...”

“...an account of the Trinity in terms of such qua objects sounds Sabellian, as though I were identifying the Persons with three distinct ways we have of thinking about God. However, I will dispel those worries in due course. The crucial point is this: these ‘qua’ distinctions are meant to correspond to distinct modes of divine self-understanding, not to distinctions within our understanding of God.”

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