

The Trinity Part 1

First, God indicates his plurality in four places – Genesis 1.26; 3.22; 11.7 and Isaiah 6.8.

Second, as to moon samples brought back to earth, Alister McGrath says, in his *Understanding the Trinity* –

“Just as people were excited . . . knowing that they held in their hands a bit of the same moon which illuminated the night sky, so the first Christians got excited about being able to touch the one who was none other than God incarnate.”

As the apostle John puts it –

“That . . . which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life . . .” 1 John 1.1.

Third, McGrath continues: “The moon-rock *isn't* identical with the moon (after all, the moon is still there in the night sky); on the other hand, it *is* identical with the moon in that it lets us find out what the moon is like.”

Fourth, McGrath adds this: “Take a sample of the air in a small container . . . All the earth's atmosphere hasn't been compressed into your small container. But on the other hand, that sample *really is air* – it allows you to find out what the air is like.”

Similarly, “Jesus lets us sample God.”

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God, knowing our weakness, makes himself available in a form we can cope with.

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