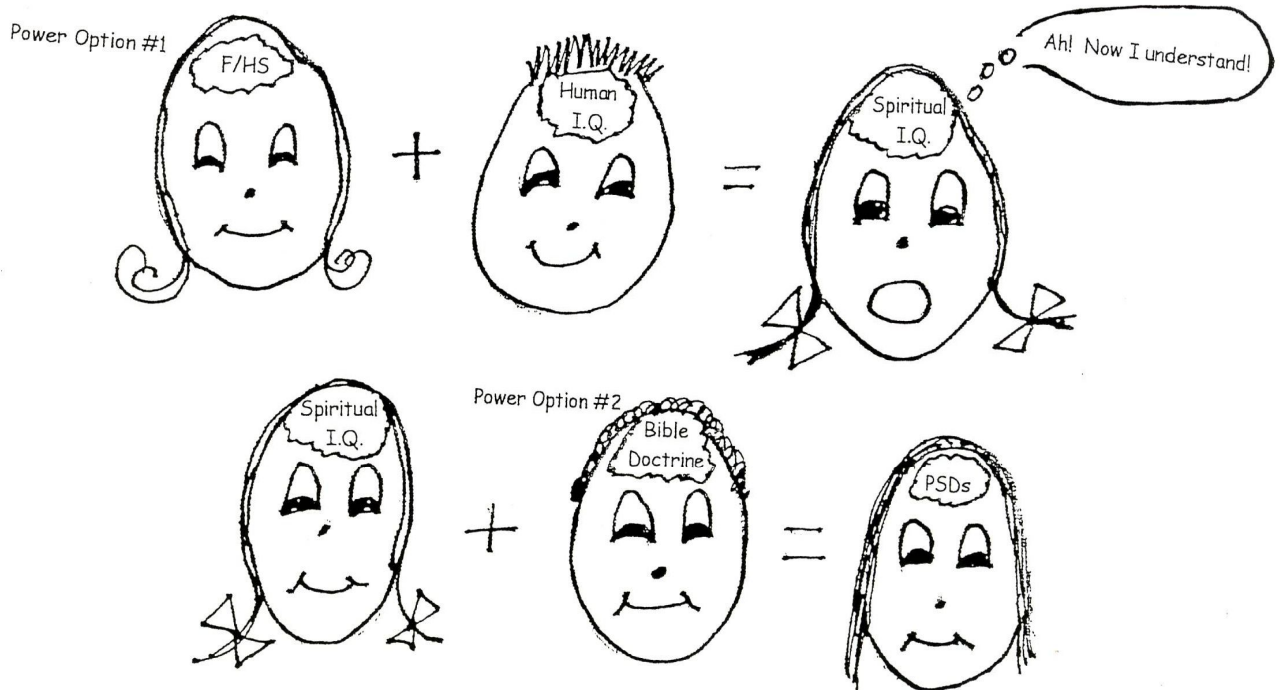


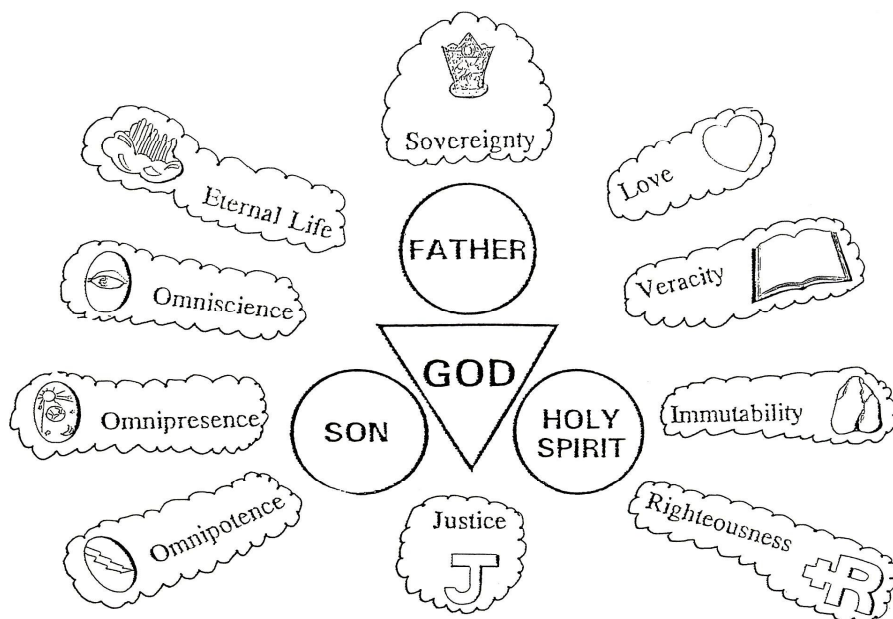
Our God Wants Us to Know
Him in a Personable Way

Our God is an awesome God. He wants us to know Him in a personable way. He wants us to know Who He is or what makes Him "tick". He teaches us Who He is through the Bible since the Bible is the Word of God. He uses prepared pastor-teachers to teach us. It is exciting to learn about Him and to know that He is our Best Friend! When we study Bible doctrine, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit, the One Who makes the lessons understandable to us. It doesn't matter what our I.Q. is; it just matters if we are filled with the Holy Spirit or not. He makes us capable of understanding the Word of God. He takes us on an incredible journey learning about our awesome God and Friend!



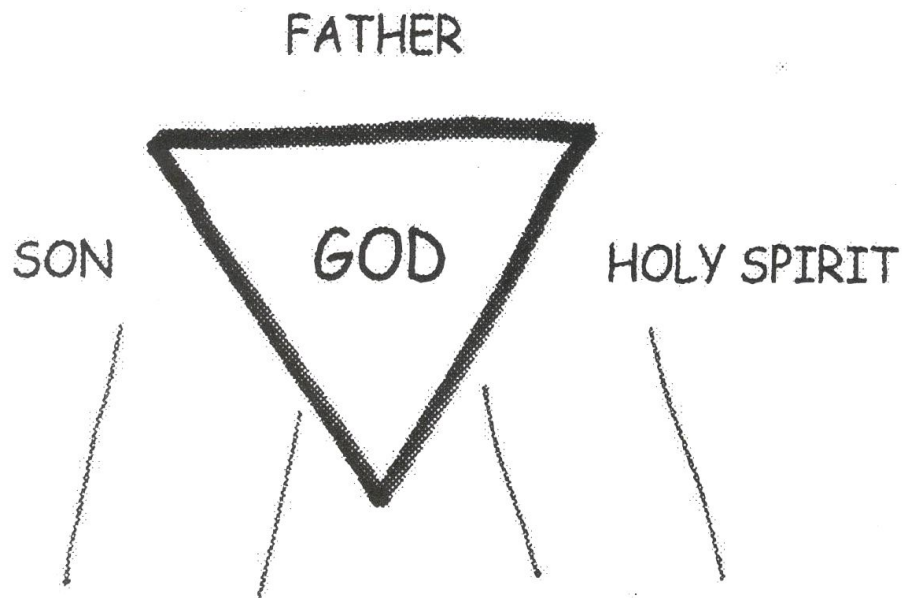
Isaiah 55:8-9 " For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

The Bible tells us that our God is one God existing in three Persons; this is one essence or nature and three Persons, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One essence means that all three Persons have the same attributes: sovereignty, love, veracity, immutability, righteousness, justice, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, and eternal life. We will talk more about these characteristics in another booklet. While God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit all have the same nature, divine nature or divine attributes, they are each separate persons. Our God is one God in three persons. We can compare it to an egg. An egg is one egg with three parts: the shell, the white and the yolk. And because the three Persons of God all have the same divine nature, they are all perfect! Our God is an awesome God!



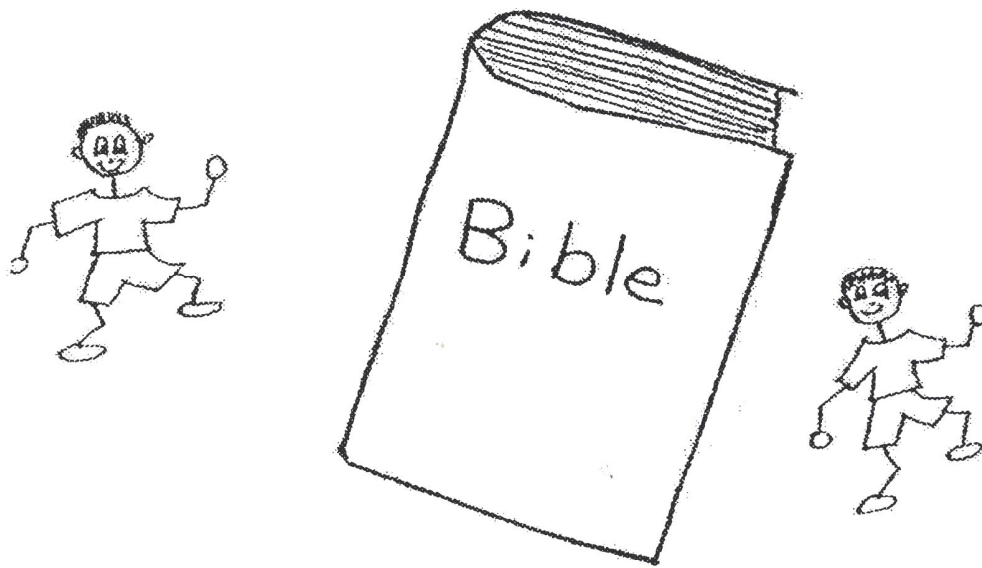
Psalm 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.

All three Persons have intellect, sensibility, self-consciousness, and a will. And They have them in a perfect way! God is intelligent, He knows everything! He has sensibility, meaning that He has tender compassion and love. His infinite love motivated Him to plan and perform the supreme sacrifice by which fallen man is redeemed. God is self-conscious; He knows Who He is. Otherwise He couldn't tell us about Himself in the Bible! God has a will; He possesses the supreme will of the universe. He cannot be overruled. We are completely secure because of our awesome God.



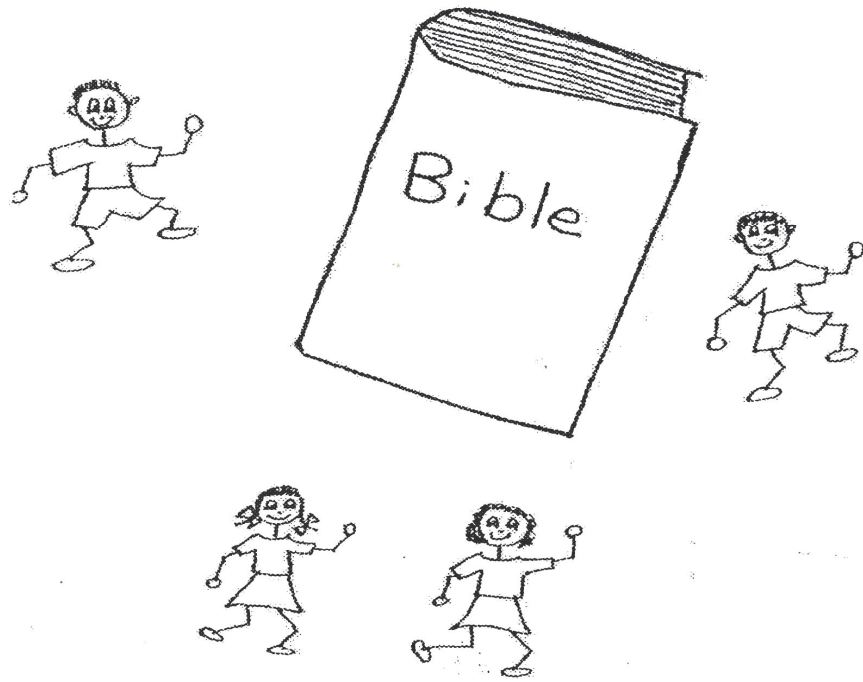
Psalm 147:5 Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.
1 John 4:16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love....
Psalm 115:3 But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

Our soul must come to know and love God as a Person. We have to know Him before we can love Him. He is to be respected and loved, never to be feared. Satan wants us to be afraid of God. However, God is always for us, never against us. Therefore, there is nothing in God to fear! When we get to know God, we will see how much His is for us! We were in His mind billions of years ago. He loved us billions of years ago. Because He first loved us, we can come to know and love Him. We come to know and love God as a Person through learning, believing, and using Bible doctrine. We can have faith in God and His Word!



Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

In fact, faith is a way of learning which relies on the authority of another to present what is true. The writers of the Bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the truth about God. This is called divine revelation because the Holy Spirit revealed or made known the truths to the writers. The believer is totally dependent upon divine revelation in the Bible to understand what God is like. The doctrines of the Trinity and Divine Essence must be accepted on the authority and credibility of the Word of God. We must have faith in God and His Word.

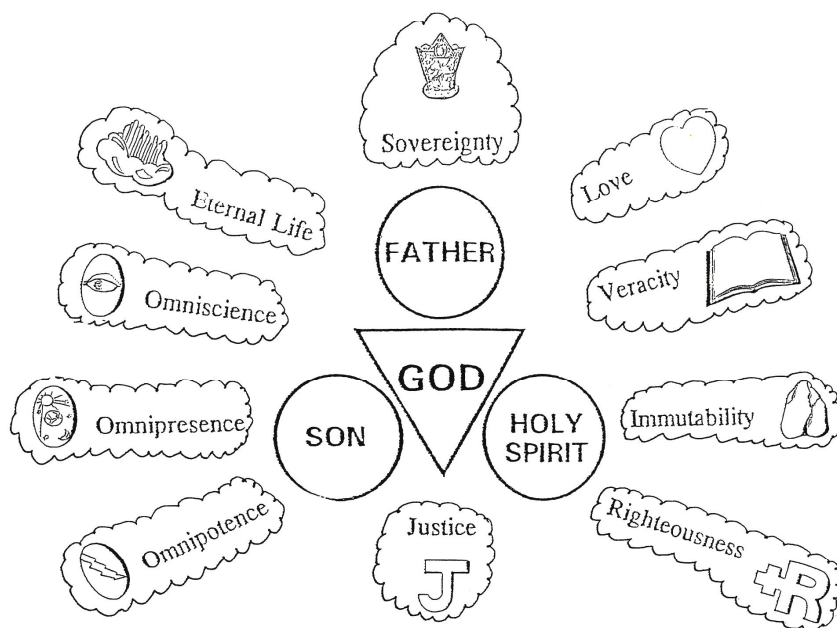


2 Peter 1:20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

All of the characteristics of divine essence are resident in each member of the Trinity. They are all possessed equally by God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Knowing these characteristics of God will increase our love for Him. Our love will be more personable. We'll get a glimpse of what an awesome God we have. We'll get a glimpse of His divine nature. Then when we are in heaven, we'll continue learning more and more about our wonderful God!! To have a glimpse at the divine nature of God, go to the booklet, *Our God is An Awesome God*. Enjoy!

God's Divine Nature

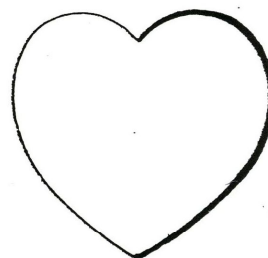
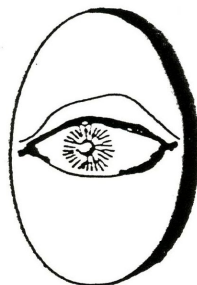
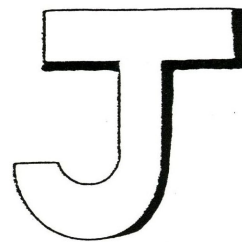
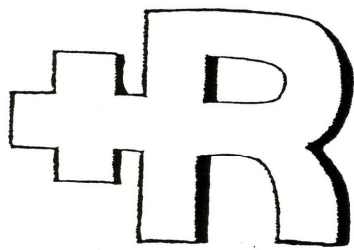
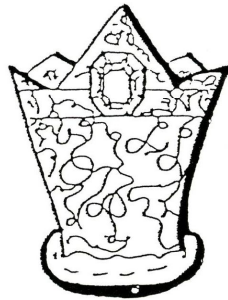


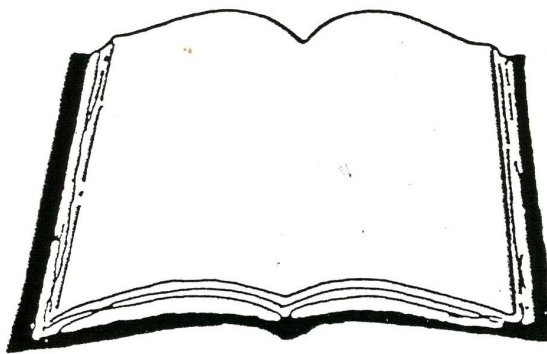
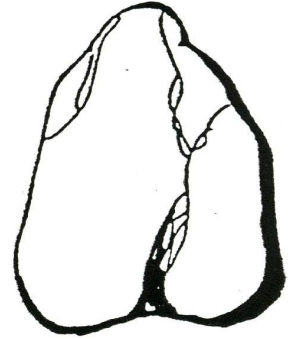
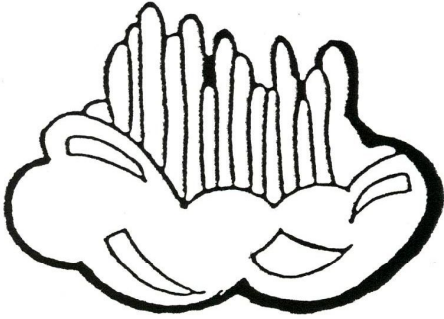
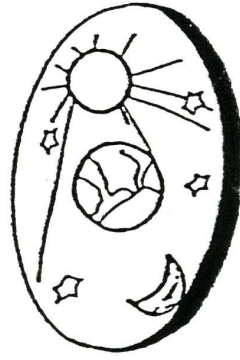
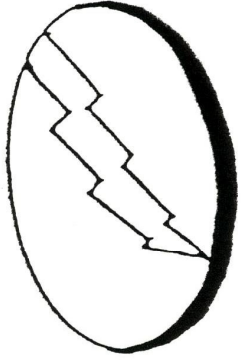
Our God is an awesome God!

Lamentations 3:22-23 The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease. For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

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