

## **Trinity and Society: Leonardo Boff/**

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Burns and Oates 1986

Modalism: God is three for us but not in Godself.

Subordinationism: Son and HS are not fully divine but adopted.

The conceptual language of devout reason is not the only means of access to the mystery of the HT. HT was not revealed as a doctrine but narrative of F,S and HS.

e.g. the seeking after Unity. The male and female in communion.

### And Church as symbol of Trinity

Tertullian said, "Church as Body of the Three."

"Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I in you." Jn 17 v21

Perichoresis in service of others. In Faith, Worship and Organisation (organisation for internal coherence and outward mission)

### And Trinity and Human Society:

Human beings should exist in light of HT as active web of relationships, incl. Creation.

Likewise a group should not exist as closed community.

Indeed injustice stems from ignoring this.

Consider global market, One world-view, one way of relating, one way of meeting absolute: all are abhorrent to HT living. Consider bureaucratic imposition of a social dimension as in state socialism or fascism likewise has no respect for differences. Notice the modern homogenisation of society around world.

Acknowledge realities but hold HT as society's Utopia, and no longer tolerate divisions based on gender, class, race etc.

Church must acknowledge its own 'mystery' of unity, one college yet many bishops, local churches yet one Church. Community before hierarchy; service before power; circle not pyramid; love not subservience.

The HT is not just a 'logical mystery' but a 'saving mystery'

Likewise we must respect and venerate' the holiness of persons..

Father as basis of universal fellowship, protector of the least: Exodus.