

The Emotions of God:
Anger and Wrath

John 11:5

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister
[Mary] and Lazarus...

[But Lazarus died and was buried for four
days]





John 11:32 – 36

³² Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw him, and fell at his feet, saying to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ ³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, ³⁴ and said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews were saying, ‘See how he loved him!’



John 11:37 – 40

³⁷ But some of them said, ‘Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?’

³⁸ So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, ‘Remove the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him, ‘Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days.’ ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?’



John 11:41 – 44

⁴¹ So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised his eyes, and said, ‘Father, I thank You that You have heard me. ⁴² I knew that You always hear me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent me.’ ⁴³

When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth.’

⁴⁴ The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’



John 11:33, 38

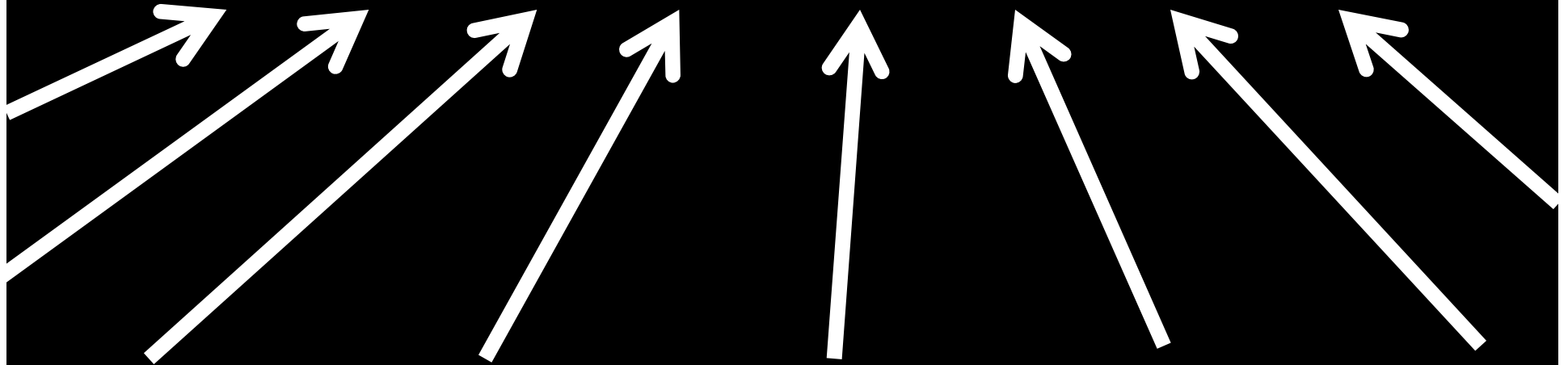
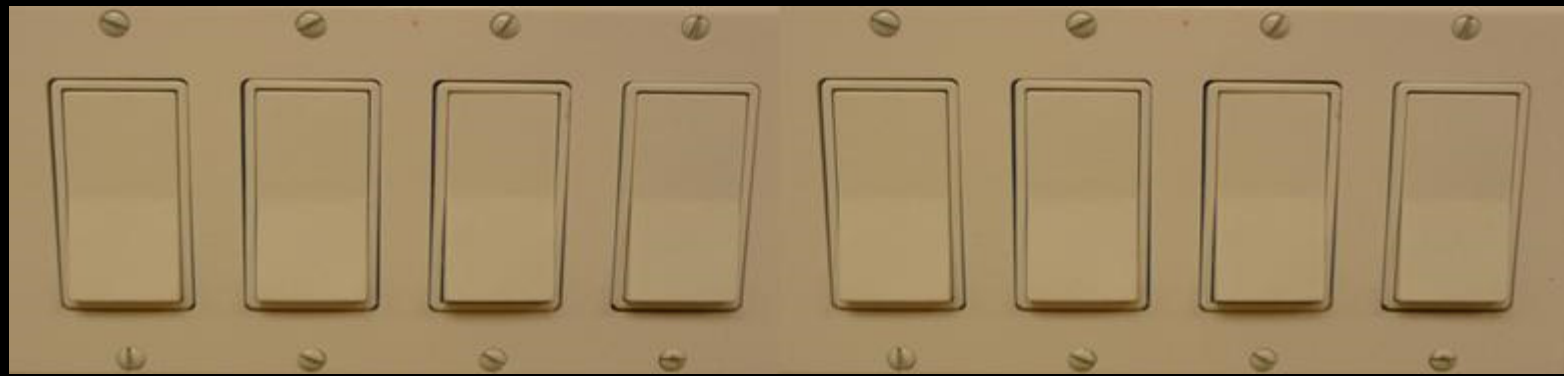
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“God as Lightswitches”?



Love

Wrath

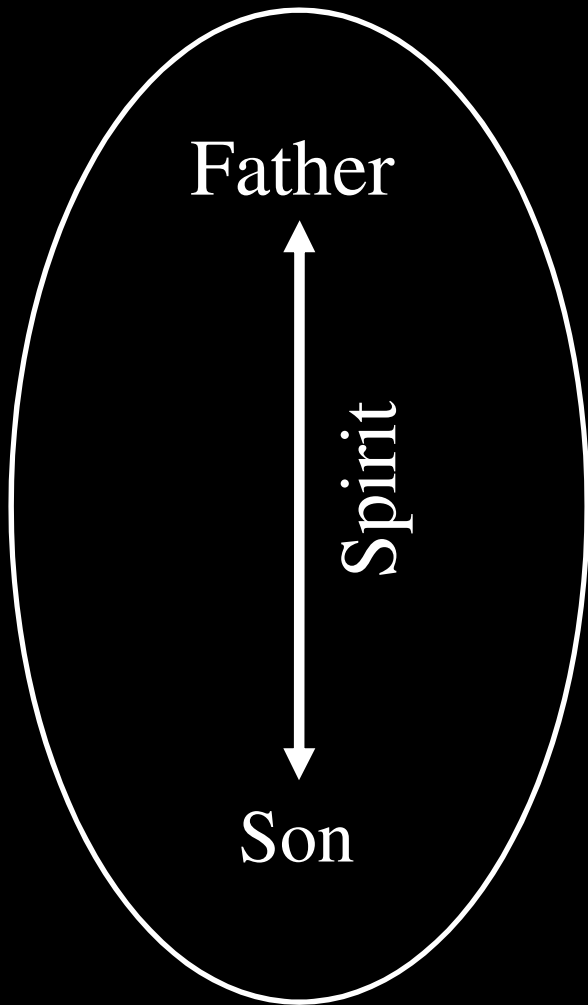
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Mercy

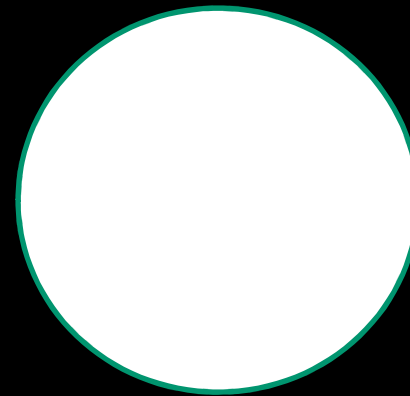
Etc.

What is God's Nature?

God as Trinity



God as Singularity



God's Primary Characteristics Before Creation

God as Trinity

- Loving
- Personal
- Relational
- Family
- Friendship
- Unified
- Community
- Other-centered

God as Singularity

- ??

God's Primary Characteristics Before Creation

God as Trinity

- Is Love (summary)

God as Singularity

- ??

God's Secondary Characteristics After Creation

God as Trinity

- Is Love
 - Holy
 - Wrathful
 - Merciful
 - Just
 - Sovereign
 - Powerful
 - Wise
- Must be integrated
 - E.g. How does God's love shape His justice?

God as Singularity

- ??
- Can be arbitrary
- Can do and be anything
- No need to integrate