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The Meaning of Christmas

Christmas isn't quite over yet - we have two more days before Epiphany. What's more, we really don't understand the full meaning of Christmas until we see all of Jesus' life unfold in his baptism, death, resurrection, and ascension. In that spirit, then, we have to say that the meaning of Christmas is:

Trinity! In the middle of everything, there is the Relational Being of Father, Son and Spirit! A relationship of pure Love that only knows how to Love and give itself away. That is where everyone and everything has gotten its start, and where everything has its ending in Jesus, the Omega!

Adoption! The reason for thinking of creation and actually creating everyone and everything is that humanity and creation might share in the exact Love and Relational Being of the Father, Son and Spirit! We were to be Adopted and Included in the Father, Son and Spirit's knowing of Himself as He really is, and His knowing of everyone else!

Incarnation! Jesus, or Christmas Himself, was the Person designated in God to pull off the Adoption of Humanity and Creation. Being God as Man, and the Mediator between God and Creation, He was the only one who could possibly pull off the tremendous feat of Adoption! He pulled off this feat in the totality of his life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, and this is why the world literally screams and sings his name at this time of the year, and at Easter like at no other times!

Secret! Because Jesus pulled off this feat of our Inclusion and Adoption into the very life of the Father, Son and Spirit roughly 2000 years ago, that is the secret within and behind all of humanity and creation! That is why no one on their deathbed ever wishes they had spent more time at work, but usually wish that they would have given more time to the important relationships in their life.

Education! Educate, literally means "to draw out." Because of Who Jesus is, and what he has done, he literally loves in everyone. He is NOT everyone, and everyone is NOT him, but He is the one in whom all things are created and live, and all things have their being in Him. Therefore, Jesus is the "thing," or rather the One that is working His relationship with his Father in the Spirit out of us from the depths of our being in the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us all!

Hold all of this grace together and you will see that the simple meaning of Christmas (of Jesus, Himself, being given permanently to humanity and creation!), is the Mystical and real Union of the triune God, Humanity and creation in Relationship forever!

Thank you for helping me to see, understand and know more this experience, Dr. Baxter Kruger (one of my great friends and mentors!)

Merry Christmas to Each of You!

~ Timothy J. Brassell