



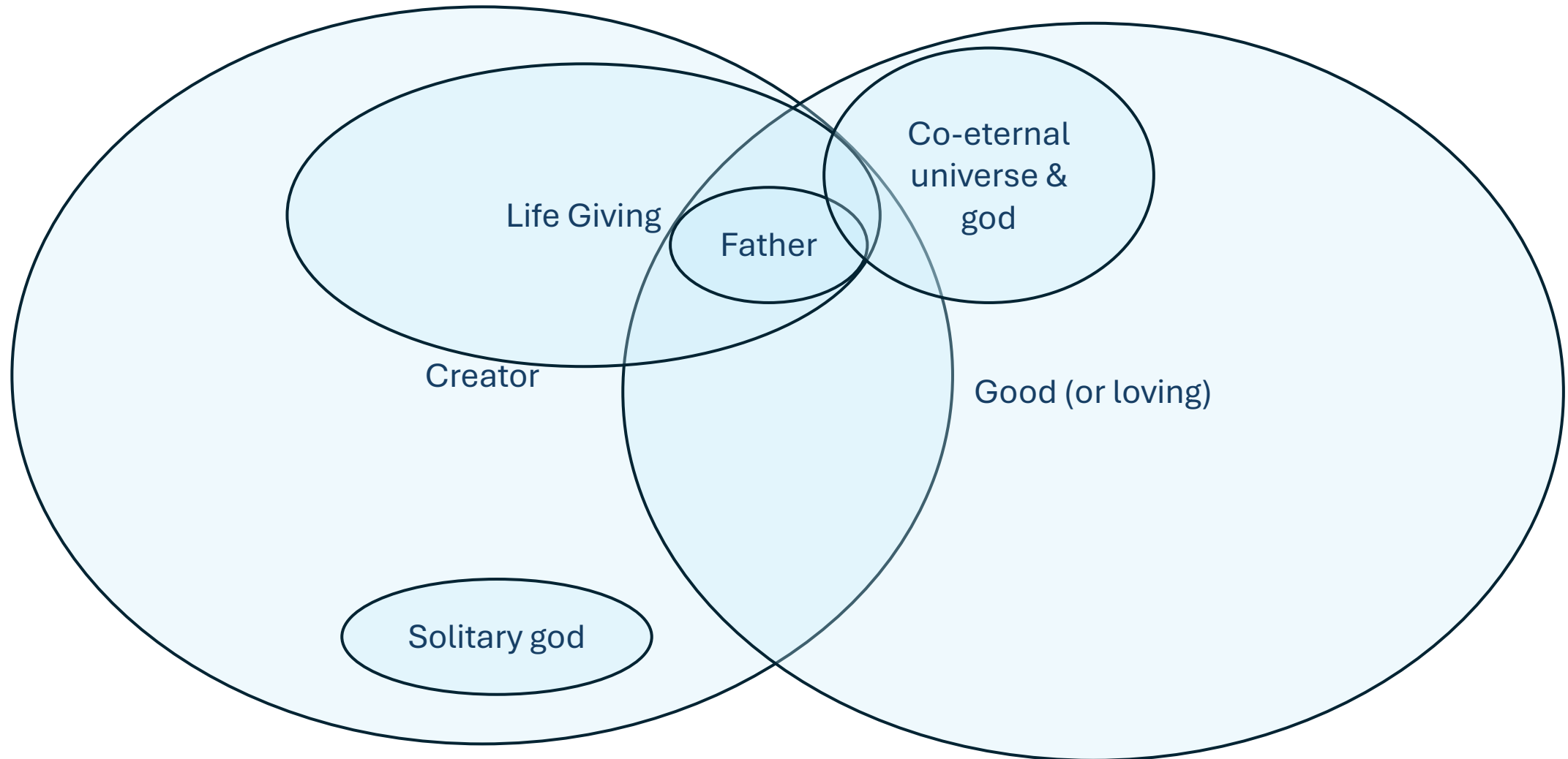
The Greatness of God

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Aristotle and Islam



Love requires Trinity

- 1 John 4:7-5:12 God is Love, Trinity
- Gerald Bray:

God cannot be love unless there is something for him to love. But if that something were not part of himself, he would not be perfect. The Bible does not teach us that God needed the creation in order to have something to love, because if that were true, he could not be fully himself without it. So Augustine reasoned that God must be love inside himself. To his mind, the Father is the one who loves, the Son is the one who is loved (the 'beloved Son' revealed in the baptism of Jesus), and the Holy Spirit is the love that flows between them and binds them together. It is in the Spirit, moreover, who binds believers to God and makes us partakers by adoption of that love which is intrinsic to the Trinity's being.

Trinity -> Joy

- Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31
- Genesis 2:18
- Job 38:4-7
- Psalm 96:11-12
- Psalm 148
- 1 John 1:3-4 fellowship with Trinity -> Joy
- Psalm 16:11
- Romans 15:11-13
- Exodus 31:1-5

Trinitarian action in John

- 1:18 The Son is in the bosom of the Father.
- 3:16 God gave His only begotten Son.
- 3:17 God sent His Son into the world.
- 5:20 The Father loves the Son and shows Him all that He does.
- 10:15 The Son knows the Father as the Father knows the Son.
- 14:16 The Son prays to the Father, and the Father (in response) gives the Holy Spirit.
- 14:26 The Father will send the Holy Spirit in the Son's name.
- 14:31 The Son loves the Father and does His commandments.
- 15:26 The Son will send the Holy Spirit from the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father; the Spirit will testify of the Son.
- 16:7 The Son will send the Holy Spirit.
- 16:13 The Holy Spirit will not speak of [from] Himself.
- 16:14 The Holy Spirit will glorify the Son.
- 16:15 All that is the Father's is also the Son's.
- 17:1 The Father glorifies the Son, so that the Son can glorify the Father.
- 17:2 The Father has given the Son a people and the power and responsibility to give them eternal life.
- 17:4 The Son glorified the Father by finishing the work He gave Him to do.
- 17:24 The Father loved the Son before the foundation of the world.
- 17:26 The Son has loved the Father.