

## ✠ Athanasian Creed

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all,  
hold the catholic faith.  
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled  
will without doubt perish eternally.  
And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one  
God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,  
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the  
substance.  
For the Father is one person,  
the Son is another,  
and the Holy Spirit is another.  
But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit is one:  
the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.  
Such as the Father is, such is the Son,  
and such is the Holy Spirit:  
the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated,  
the Holy Spirit uncreated;  
the Father infinite, the Son infinite,  
the Holy Spirit infinite;  
the Father eternal, the Son eternal,  
the Holy Spirit eternal.  
And yet there are not three Eternals,  
but one Eternal,  
just as there are not three Uncreated  
or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one  
Infinite.  
In the same way, the Father is almighty,  
the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;  
and yet there are not three Almightyes,  
but one Almighty.  
So the Father is God, the Son is God,  
the Holy Spirit is God;  
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.  
So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord,  
the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
and yet there are not three Lords, but one  
Lord.  
Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to  
acknowledge each distinct person as God and  
Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic  
religion to say that there are three Gods or  
Lords.  
The Father is not made nor created nor begotten  
by anyone.  
The Son is neither made nor created,  
but begotten of the Father alone.  
The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son,  
neither made nor created nor begotten,  
but proceeding.  
Thus,  
there is one Father, not three Fathers;  
one Son, not three Sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another;  
none is greater or less than another;  
but the whole three persons are coeternal with  
each other and coequal, so that in all things,  
as has been stated above,  
the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity  
is to be worshiped.  
Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think  
thus about the Trinity.  
But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation  
that one faithfully believe the incarnation of  
our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and  
confess that our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God,  
is at the same time both God and man.  
He is God,  
begotten from the substance of the Father  
before all ages;  
and He is man,  
born from the substance of His mother in this  
age:  
perfect God and perfect man,  
composed of a rational soul and human flesh;  
equal to the Father with respect to His  
divinity,  
less than the Father with respect to His  
humanity.  
Although He is God and man,  
He is not two, but one Christ:  
one, however, not by the conversion of the  
divinity into flesh,  
but by the assumption of the humanity into  
God;  
one altogether, not by confusion of substance,  
but by unity of person.  
For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so  
God and man is one Christ,  
who suffered for our salvation,  
descended into hell,  
rose again the third day from the dead,  
ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
God Almighty,  
from whence He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
At His coming all people will rise again with their  
bodies and give an account concerning their  
own deeds.  
And those who have done good will enter into  
eternal life, and those who have done evil into  
eternal fire.  
This is the catholic faith;  
whoever does not believe it faithfully and  
firmly cannot be saved.