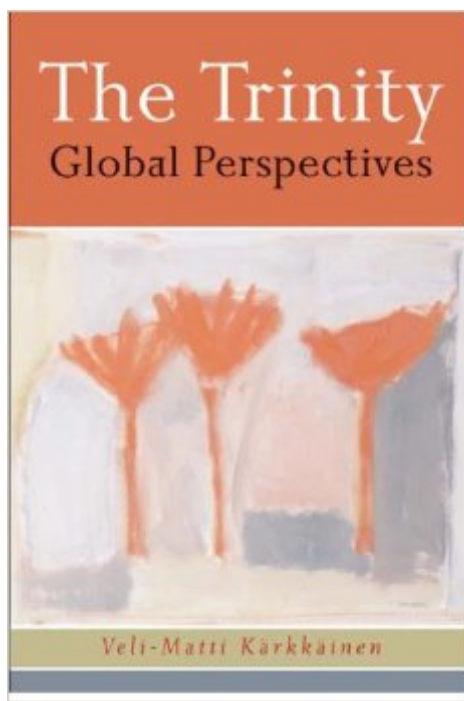


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# The Trinity: Global Perspectives



## Synopsis

Unique for its breadth in studying theologians not only from Europe and North America but also from Latin America, Asia, and Africa, this landmark volume introduces the doctrine of the Trinity, examining the work and thought of contemporary theologians throughout the world. Veli-Matti Karkkainen provides an overview of the biblical roots of the doctrine, discussing both the idea of plurality in God in the Old Testament and the rise of Trinitarian understandings in the New Testament. He details the historical growth of Trinitarian traditions and delves into specific theologies, both Western and non-Western. Also including both an introductory consideration of the doctrine's significance and a concluding assessment and agenda for future thought, Karkkainen's *The Trinity* is the broadest and most comprehensive contemporary study on the Trinity available.

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At the beginning of the third millennium, few events in contemporary theology are as exciting as the rise to prominence of the doctrine of Trinity. Adding to the growing literature in this renaissance, Veli-Matti Karkkainen, a Finnish theologian teaching at Fuller Theological Seminary, has written a magisterial and ground breaking volume which offers "a critical theological dialogue and assessment of the state of Trinitarian theology of the third millennium in light of biblical and historical tradition and ever-expanding global theological enterprise." (xix) What makes this comprehensive study truly unique is the author's genuine attempt to offer a fair and balanced exposition as well as critical dialogue with contemporary Trinitarian theologies from five different global contexts. The book is divided into five major parts consisting of 27 chapters. After briefly examining the biblical roots

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