Order & Design

Genesis 1-2

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[1] In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

God existed before all things.

Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26

3 And God said, "Let there be light...Let there be an expanse...Let the waters be gathered together...Let earth sprout vegetation...Let there be lights in the expanse...Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures...Let the earth bring forth living creatures...Let us [Father & Son] make man in our image..."

God brought forth all things.

Genesis 1:31

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.
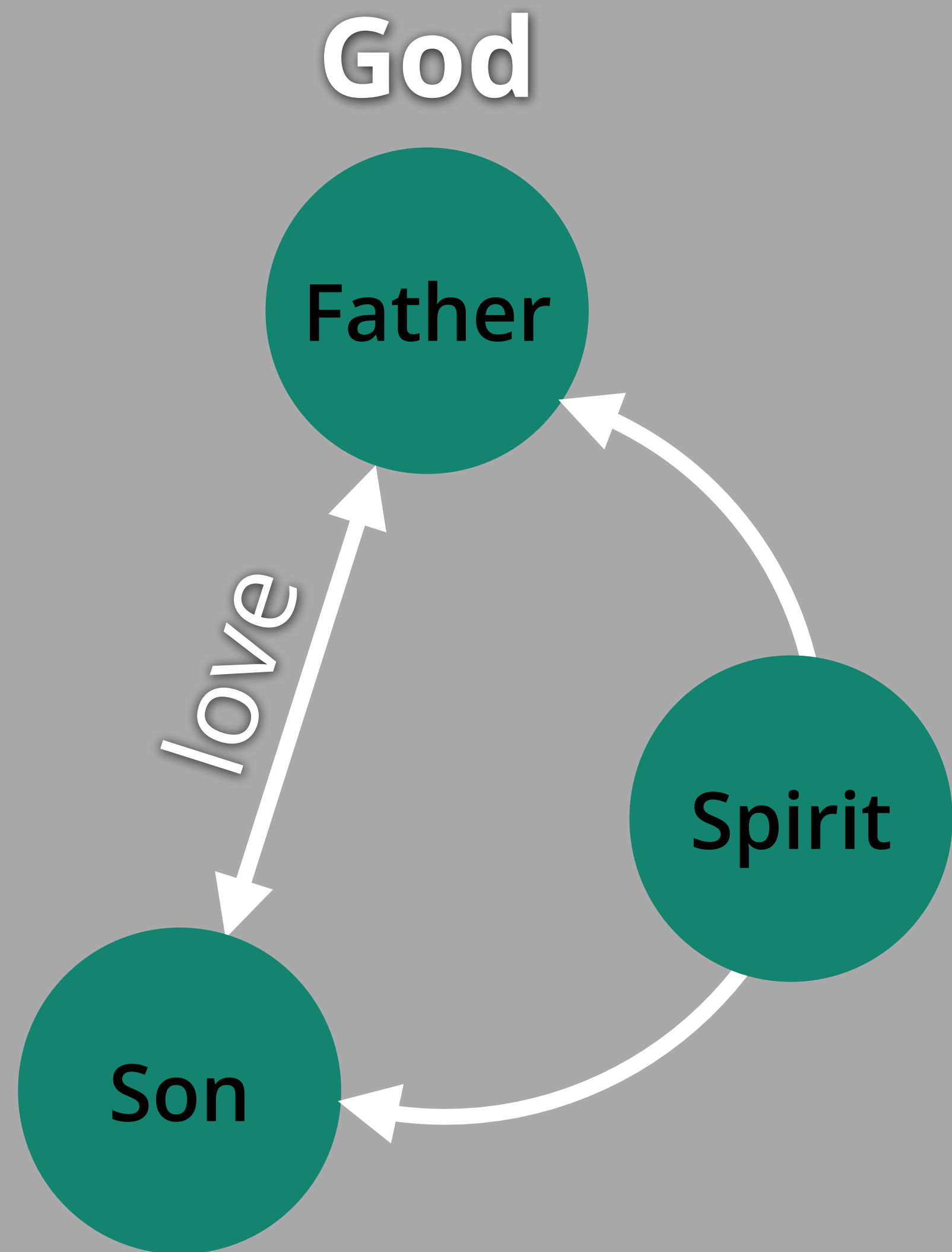
All things showed something of God.

Observations

All things started with God, came from God, and showed something of God.

All three persons of the Godhead operated in unique roles to bring about all things.

GOD moved things along from CHAOS to ORDER to IMAGE.

What Kind of God?

God

Father

Spirit

Son

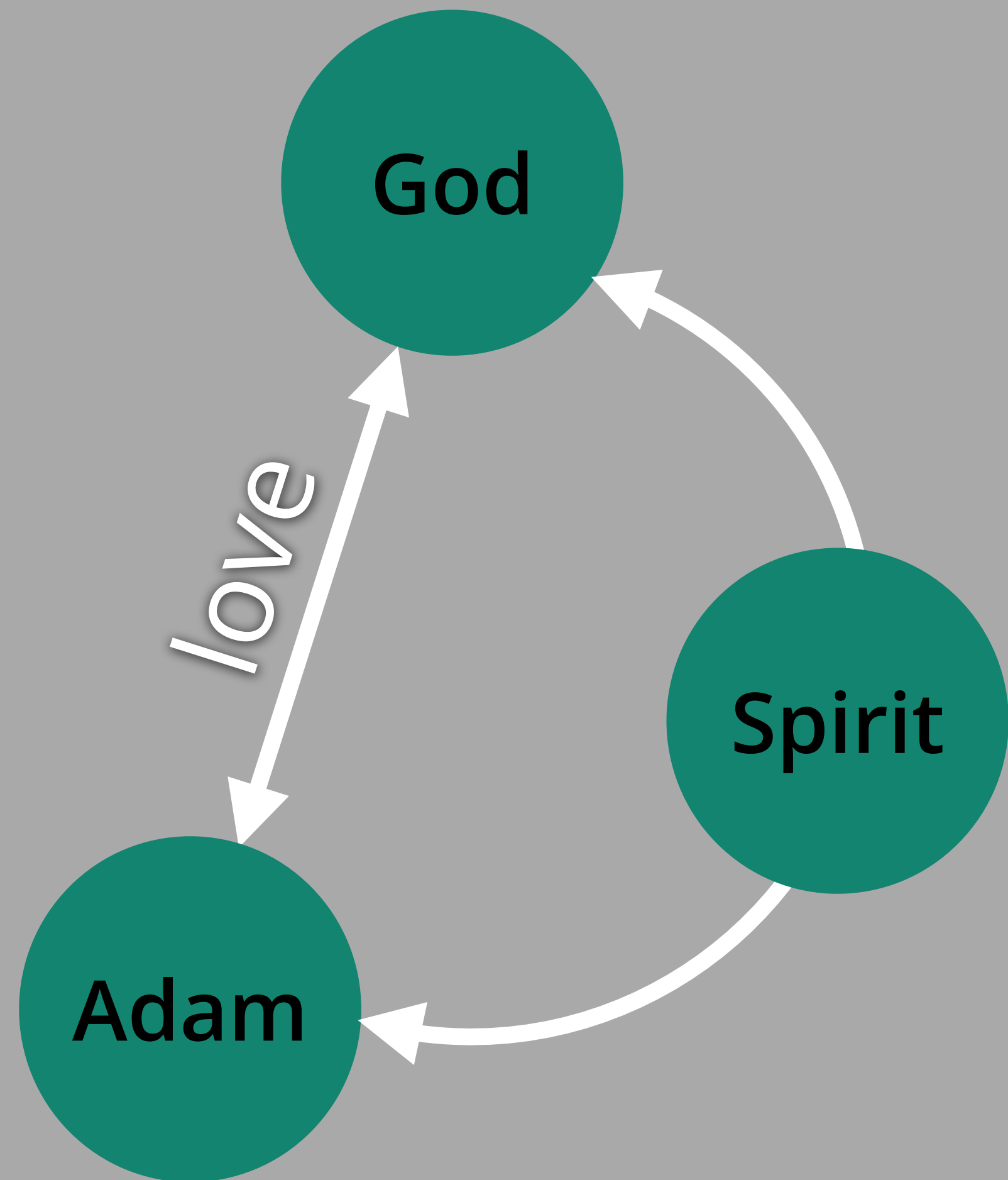love

Attributes of God

1. Posture of love outgoing from one to another through the Spirit for the benefit of the other.

2. God is fundamentally relational

Genesis 2:7

...the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

What Kind of Man?

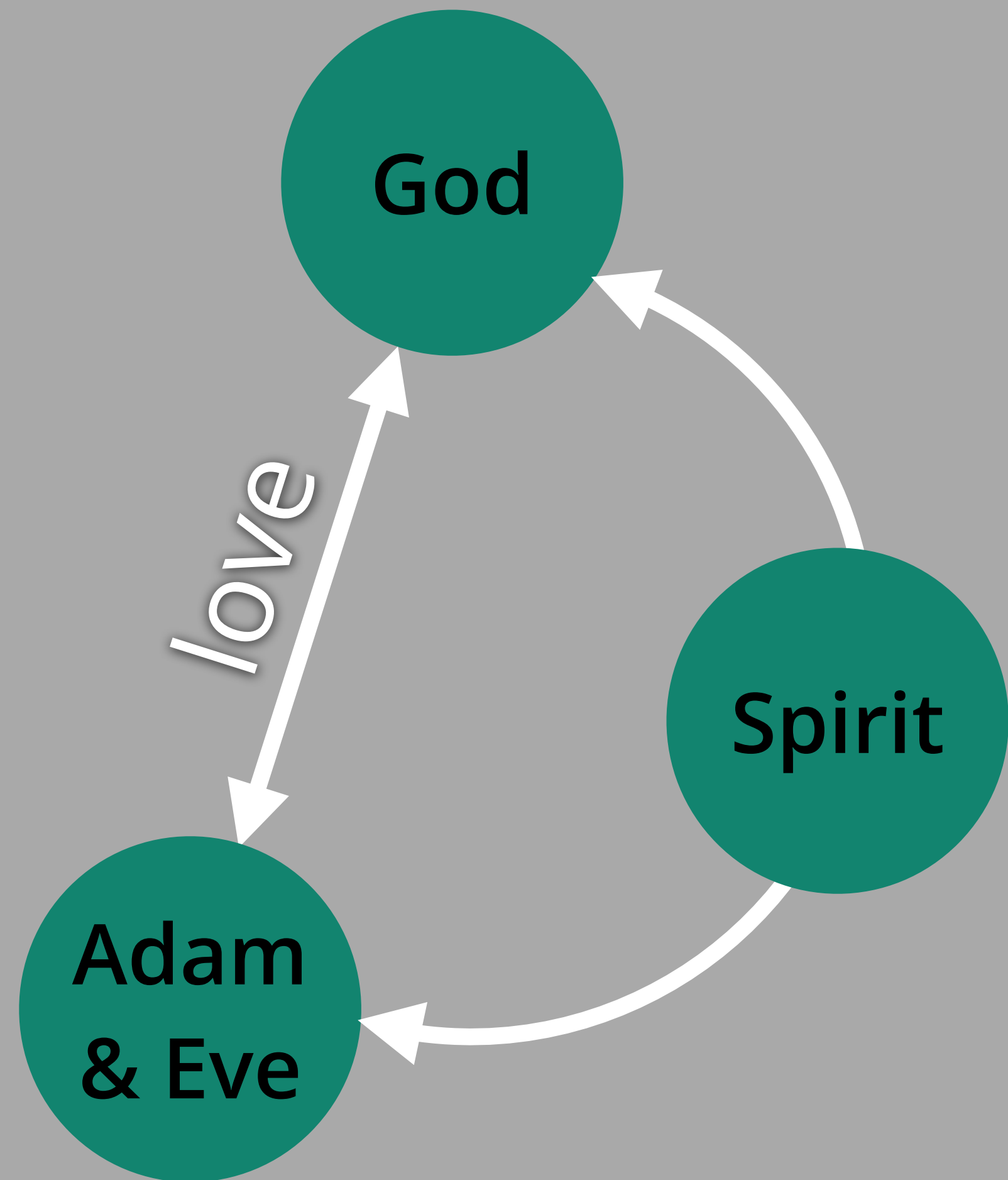## God-Man Relationship

Attributes of Adam

1. Fundamentally relational like God

2. Able to commune with God through His Spirit

3. Primary relationship was with God

What Kind of Man?

God-Man Relationship

Attributes of Adam and Eve

1. Fundamentally relational like God

2. Able to commune with God through His Spirit

3. Primary relationship was with God

4. Secondary relationship was with one another

Roles

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What is there about *femaleness* that reflects the image of God?

What is there about *maleness* that reflects the image of God?

Roles - Female

Hebrew: **Neqebah** ➜ punctured, open to receive something

2 Kings 12:9. Verb form of **neqebah** is used to describe boring a whole into a treasure chest.

Greek: **Thelus** ➜ a woman with nursing breasts

Roles - Female

Female relational qualities

➔ Open to receive God's purpose

➔ Supplied to nourish God's purpose

➔ Designed as helper for God's purpose

Roles - Male

Hebrew: *Zakar* ➜ remember

Often used to describe the person a tribal chief would call on to *remember* the chief's responsibilities and to *move* toward the chief to help him do his job.

Zakar ➜ one who remembers something important and moves accordingly

Roles - Male

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Genesis 2:16-17. Adam was given the command not to eat. After Eve was created, Adam was to remember what God said and move toward Eve to inform her, remind her, and protect her.

Roles - Male

Male relational qualities

➔ Remember what God has said

➔ Move into and lead others into what God has said

Summary

➔ God's fundamental nature is relational

➔ From God's relational nature, the Trinity brought all things into existence

➔ Men and women are fundamentally relational

➔ Men and women's primary relationship is to be with God

➔ Men and women's secondary relationships is with others

➔ Men and women have unique roles that, when combined, give a fuller image of God's relational nature