

counsel? Or on the other hand the fact that in the beginning the Son is already begotten of the Father? Well it's sort of words to express what is certainly in a sphere in which we do not have the data, to understand what it means. I think, personally, that when we say that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one God, one nature, one will, one individual but three persons in the Godhead from the very beginning equal in power, in glory, in authority, the Father being supreme only in a precedence of no other way; I think when we've gone that far we've gone as far as we can, in understanding but to these early theologians, many of them, it seemed to them that if the Son was a Son He must be begotten of the Father even though He is co-existent with Him from the very beginning of eternity, and so they expressed this term that the Son is begotten of the Father. Well then they express the relation of the Spirit by saying that the Spirit proceeds from the Father and in the Western church Augustine and others thinking about that said, "The Spirit proceeds from the Father and from the Son and to me it is a strife about words. It is an entering to a sphere in which we do not have a , and of course the great difficulty with it is that in the Scripture whenever we read about the Son proceeding we are dealing with His mission, the Spirit coming to this earth must surely be distinguished from the eternal procession in the Trinity itself; that is if there is such a thing as the proceeding of the Spirit from the Father it does not refer to the coming of the Spirit to this earth. It is something in the Trinity of , the inter-trinitarian , not simply the trinity of revelation in the historical execution in the scheme of redemption. Both the Greek and Latin churches have agreed upon the fact that the Spirit coming to this earth, the mission of the Spirit, is altogether different from the eternal procession of the Spirit in the Godhead. These are two distinct things. Well now in your verses in the Scripture where you read that God will send, when the Spirit will come, "when I will send unto you from the Father even the Spirit of truth who proceeded from the Father, He shall bear witness of me, what authority do we have to say that this Who proceeded from the Father represents an original