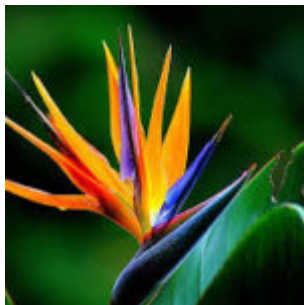
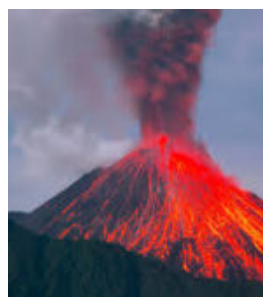
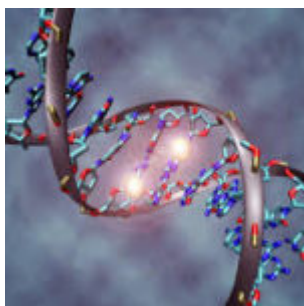


THE TRINITARIAN MUSICAL



John Calvin believed that nature is a theater. “Let us take delight in the works of God open and manifest in **this most beautiful theater.**”



What's showing at the outdoor theater is a Trinitarian musical of cosmic proportions. “Father, Son, and Spirit . . . [are engaged in a] dance which is their life together. The



music of this eternal dance **echoes** in the vast reaches between the stars, and **pulses** in worlds inside of atoms, and **travels** on every breeze across the earth, and **surges** with the blood through our veins.” (Charles Hoffacker) “In Christianity, God is not a static thing, but a dynamic, **pulsating** activity, almost a kind of drama. (The) pattern of this three-personal life is . . . the great fountain of energy and beauty **spurting up** at the very center of reality.” (C. S. Lewis)

Reflecting the Trinitarian Dance of Love, nothing in the theater is static. Everything is moving, changing, surging, pulsating, and evolving. To name but a few “dancers”, consider light, atoms, birds, planets, vegetation, oceans, fish, animals, insects, and time.

“At the center of the universe, **self-giving love** is the dynamic currency of the Trinitarian life of God.” (Alvin Plantinga) “The physical structure of the universe is **love**.” (Teilhard de Chardin)

Francis of Assisi captured the Trinitarian Musical of Love in the Canticle of the Sun!

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy!
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way unto your
throne!

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
The seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will
They blow where they please to please the Lord!

Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life her mystery revealed
Springs forth in joy!

Praise for the earth, Who makes life grow
The creatures you made to let your life show;
The flowers and trees that help us to know
THE HEART OF LOVE!