Annotated Bibliography

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as it relates to tri-unity. Includes helpful material on each person in the divine Trinity.

* Smail, Thomas A. *The Forgotten Father*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1980. One of the most important recent books on the subject, now seemingly out of print. Highly regarded.


*Highly Recommended*