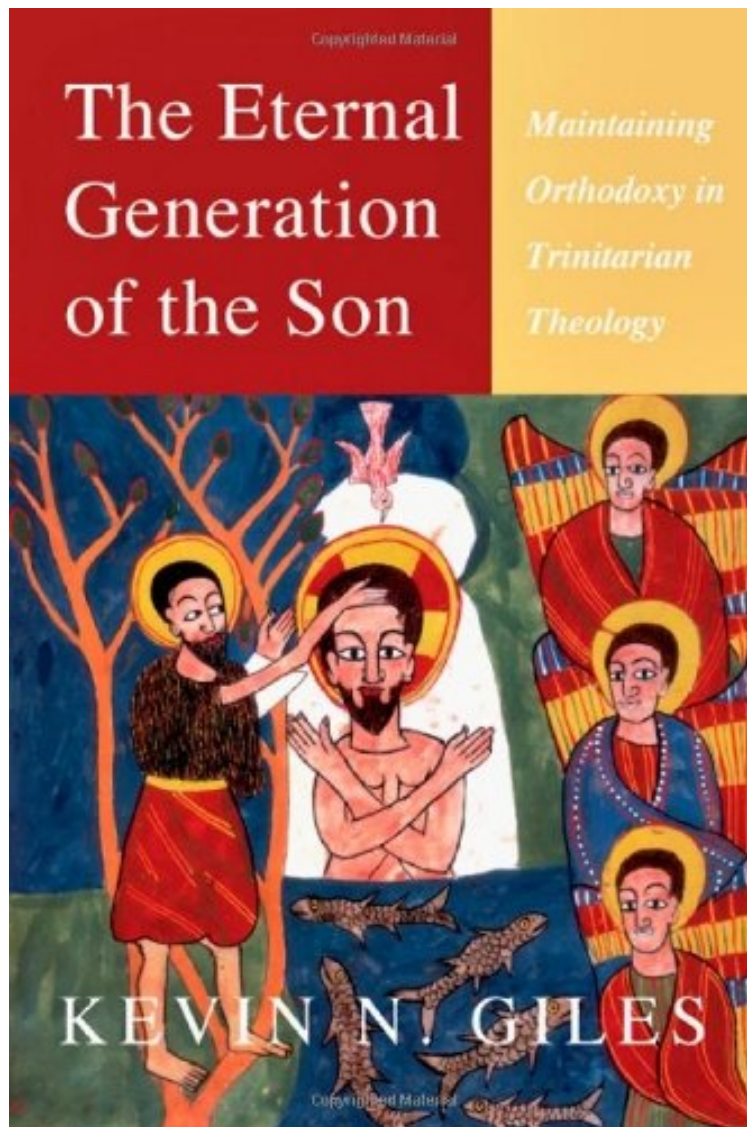


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eye. A very well written and well founded book by Giles. He lets you know how and why the eternal generation is so important to the Trinity. The exkurs about the word 'monogenes' was very helpful as well as the sayings of the church fathers he presented. Although the topic seems abstract it's more important after you think about it's implications within the Trinity. How are there two (three) persons but 1 God, how is one begotten but eternal, how is there no difference in the 'ousia' of the two (three). How is the Son in every respect like the Father? These questions and more are waiting to be thought through and this book will help.

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