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Abstract- Democracy today often associated with religion, law, economics and education. This is due to the power that uses the label of democracy but practicing injustice, suppression of human rights, suppress human freedom, pluralism is less appreciated and recognized as well, the policy and the law in favor of the ruling majority. In the Bible human uniqueness is the man's responsibility before God and neighbor. Picture of life that singles out, get rid of, and oppressive is a deadly act of human rights, undemocratic actions. The history of democracy in a span of time that has been so long with the level of intensity is different, as well which have been adopted by almost all countries are different in terms of geographic location, history, culture, and development levels have resulted democracy controlled with the purpose of which is no longer free mankind but it has been deadly human capacity. Democracy was time studied in greater depth so as not misused meaning and role to oppress his being. Meaning God "trinity" as three persons who become One, who love each other and communicate with each other in close fellowship can be studied to feed relevant to democracy. The nature of God "trinity" as Three Persons which one will help give a different perspective on democracy. The concept of democracy in God "trinity" is a picture image of democracy is open to communicate freedom for man and broker that provides power to reflect real democracy actions negate oppression of any kind against a human. Therefore democracy in God "trinity" will discuss three points, namely : (1) Democracy is philosophically in relation to God "trinity" (2) The function of democracy in relation to God "trinity", and (3) The procedure of democracy in terms of with God "trinity"

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I. INTRODUCTION

Concept "trinity" is one of the concepts of Christianity is a mystery to most difficult to grasp. However, just because it is difficult to understand, it does not mean the concept is not true. The concept states that God consists of three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit, but one in nature. The three persons it is from eternity and will remain there forever. God the Father did not create the Son and the Holy Spirit, and vice versa. Faced with statements This will the image of God "trinity" can be interpreted as the One God in three " Trinity ". A life of one in three contains the question whether it is possible to occur, it's possible three in one, can come together, fellowship and summarizes the life that does not cause division and conflict. Communion and unity of life that how yan g is done in three i's private are fused, without contradicting the principles and identity of each. The three persons of God have the same

attributes. They are one in substance and one in essence, and therefore they are one God.

This way of thinking as a human being can certainly oppose the life of one in three persons. But that God " triune " did not cover up its presence in the person to "trinity" an even God, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are united and related in a divine life. Not only was God "triune " shows the unity and fellowship that can be built from a third person has a different role. The meaning of unity and communion in three persons with different roles can explore the values associated with democracy. Democracy is essentially promising people could live to work together, a free human being, humans can govern themselves in a manner that serves the aspirations of social, actually can inherit other values of the form to "trinity" God's. Other values that intended is harmony, love, communication, and fellowship among the three persons of God be an example of democracy applied in our daily life. Life sharing, circulating, mutual acceptance, and united through communion.

II. DEMOCRACY

Most people are probably already familiar with the word democracy. But democracy is a concept still misunderstood-understand and abused-used when totalitarian regimes and dictators trying to gain popular support by attaching a democratic label on themselves. The term refers to a democratic ideals and a political system. In etimologis democracy is deveni the Greek, is derived from the word *demos* meaning people, and *kratos* or *kratein* which means power or power. So democracy can be translated as "rule by the people" or "people in power" or with another statement, the *goverment or rule by the people.* Historically, the democratic system practiced in statehood Yunani between the 4th century BC to the 6th century BC. Democracy is practiced in those days shaped directly *(direct democracy)* [Miriam Budiardjo, 1996].

In a democracy, government is only one of the elements that coexist in a social structure of institutions are many and varied, political parties, organizations and associations. This diversity is called pluralism in a democratic society do not depend on the government as life, legitimacy, or their power. As an ideal, democracy, among others, guarantees their freedom in many aspects of life, providing a foundation to various aspects of life, provide the foundation their equal treatment for citizens, pushing for improved welfare, and put the interests of the community of interests of individuals, groups and classes [Zamroni, 2011]. The long history of democracy provide an alternative for us that democracy is a better way to govern than alternative that is not democracy.

Roberth A. Dahl explained that democracy produced results, among others: (1) avoid tyranny; (2) rights (3) the general freedom; (4) self-determination; (5) moral autonomy; (6) human development; (7) keep the main personal interest; (8) political equality; (9) seek peace, and (10) prosperity [Robert A. Dahl,2001]. Meanwhile, the John Dewey democracy is always in alliance with humanism, the belief in the potential contained within human nature. However, it can not be guaranteed that if a man's character is left alone, freed of constraints beyond the arbitrary will produce a successful democracy. John Dewey and then see another facet of democracy that democracy means belief in the humanistic culture should remain and expressly recognized moral character [John Dewey,1998].

In this study there was an idea that democracy can be used as a value system that gives instructions for humans in social interaction in order to achieve a life that is peaceful, prosperous and mutual appreciation and respect in life. Aspects that should be worked on the meaning of democracy, among others :

1. Democracy is an attitude of eliminating violence by order of peace and justice.
2. Democracy leads to the desire to live together with tolerance in an inclusive culture or civilization, religious, aesthetic, moral and intellectual.
3. Democracy proceed with their effective participation. Equal opportunities and effective on policies and decisions.
4. Democracy guarantees individual freedom to decide their own fate.
5. Democracy seek moral responsibility over total in human development.

III.   GOD "TRINITY"

God "trinity" is not a fantasy picture, not speculation, not a recording of a human. According to G. Greshake, faith in the "trinity" is not grounded in some texts of the New Testament, nor is the result of speculation, but is really a basic experience of the New Testament. Likewise, the Trinity is not a doctrine or ideology but rather events, experiences that God Father, through His Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit brought him, approached the man, gave himself over and completely to them and pull them into his life divine [Gisbert Greshake,2003]. Meanwhile, according to Leonardo Boff, Trinity not the answer to human problems. Trinity is the revelation of God, as He is His, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in a reciprocal relationship lasting, interpenetrate, in love and fellowship, the things that make a trinity that God truly one. God "trinity" means unity in diversity [Leonardo Boff,2004]. "Triune" God (each containing both private Personal other, Personal permeates each other, one stayed in the other and vice versa). In Latin theological formulation used *circumin cessio* ("c" in the word active means impregnating each other) or *circumin sessio* ("s" depicts one another are one in another and vice versa). The unity intact God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit reveals that unity happens in these *three* names have a key strength that can not be separated.

In the concept of the Old Testament concept of God "trinity" is understood in the concept of creation. Aurelius Augustinus explains in Nico Syukur, God who is God's creation of the "trinity" which in itself has the love and fellowship.

Indications of a "triune" God is "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Gen. 1: 1). Although creating a verb is singular and has a singular subject, *Elohim,* the Hebrew word in referring to God in this verse, is plural, then appropriately interpreted it as referring to God "trinity". Further in the phrase ... "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26), the word dressing plural can not refer to angels because they have never been associated with God in His creative activity. Consequently, more than one person involved. The plural pronouns do not mean anything otherwise (cf. Gen 3:22; 11: 7) [Nico Syukur Dister,2004]. The specialty of the second about God is presented to us is the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God was hovering over the water. Spirit of God who came to David, the Psalmist and of praise of Israel. God's Spirit left Saul, and an evil spirit that possessed him, Zechariah the prophet said, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4 : 6). Elohim show that God is one in three persons. *Elohim,* God; *Ruach,* God is Spirit. "Let *us* make man in our image, *in our* likeness." Another statement which indicated the Old Testament is Then King Nebuchadnezzar was troubled, then got up immediately; he said to his ministers, "Did not we have three people who throw with bound into the fire?" They replied to the king: "True, O king!" He said: "But I see four men walking around in the midst of the fire unharmed, and the fourth is like the Son of God!" (Daniel 3: 24-25). Personal is seen throughout the Old Testament. You can call it *an epiphany* or the appearance of God and *Christophany* or appearances of Jesus our Lord before he became incarnate. Always there are three persons in the Old Testament, God *Elohim, Ruach* touch with the Spirit of God and the Angel of the Lord concerning Jesus Christ our Lord. In the Old Testament God revealed Himself in three persons in one entity have equal and He is in eternity.   Written in Nico also explained that God is not one but united. In other words, God is not enclosed in itself, but the reality is always in the process, which gave birth to the second and third personal [Leonardo Boff, 2004].

In the New Testament Jesus demonstrated the inseparable unity with God the Father, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30); "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father ..." (John 14: 9). Inside his last prayer for His disciples before his passion, he prayed to the Father, so that all his disciples be one, just as the Father in Him and He in the Father (Jn 17: 21). Thus It reminds us of the revelation of God the Father himself, about the divinity of Jesus because God the Father calls Jesus the Son of His beloved, that at the time of the baptism of Jesus (Luke 3: 22) and at the time of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor (Mt 17: 5) .In expressed his unity with God the Father, Jesus also stated his unity with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit whom he had promised to his disciples and he named as the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father (Jn 15: 26). The Spirit is also the Spirit of Jesus, because He is the Truth (John 14: 6). This unity is reaffirmed by Jesus in his last message before ascending to heaven, "... Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit **..."** (Matthew 28: 18-20).

Description of the relationship of God "trinity" can be explained not outside God but in Him. If the relationship was not outside, then the relationship of God "trinity" is a relationship that is in unity. Unity of God "trinity" is the unity of the mutual

giving of divine life, in relation to each other that they keep giving different but one entirely. Meaning that there is unity in God "trinity" is the unity of reciprocity to keep each other, give each other, and have eternal unity. Personal third is related to one another. The difference in origin does not divide the divine unity, but instead shows the interrelationships between the Personal God. Connected with the Father the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit is associated with both. One God, the Creator of all that lives by itself has a presence in person. One God, who created man with the ability to speak, should he himself stated in His Word. God who created life in every living creature, is he himself who lives in the spirit. Therefore, it is certain that the "trinity" holy must be in one and only God. Their essence is one, that is God "trinity".

IV. DEMOCRACY IS DEFINED PHILOSOPHY OF GOD "TRINITY"

The political system in which people live also consider each other equal politically, equally sovereign, has all the capabilities, resources and institutions they need to govern themselves is a form of political system envisioned Greeks especially in Athens with the number of people slightly , These communities live in the first half of the fifth century BC and society this is the first time the term democracy appears. Democracy *(democratia)* to the root *demos* means people and *cratia* which means governance or power, the overall sense is rule by the people (Roberth Dahl, 1989). Democratic forces in this society characterized, in favor of the people, protect the rights of individuals, and the leader is obliged to govern for the benefit of society as a whole. People naturally constitutes an important element and therefore leaders who truly qualify will govern for the people's interests. Although the practice of democracy nationalities still *exclusive* and not *inclusive* [Robert A. Dahl.2001]. Democracy has an important meaning for the people who use it, because the democratic right of people to determine their own course of state organizations is guaranteed. Therefore, almost all the understanding given to the term democracy has always given importance to the people in spite of the position operationally implications in different countries are not always the same. Just to show how people put on an important position in this democratic principles below will be quoted some sense of democracy.

Democracy as the basis of statehood gives the sense that at the level of the last people leave provisions in the basic problems concerning their lives, Including in assessing the wisdom of state, because it determines the life of the people's wisdom [Noer,1983]. Thus, democracy is a state organized by the will and the will of the people, or if the terms of organization, it means a state organization that is done by the people themselves or the principle of the people's approval for sovereignty in the hands of the people. Democracy can be defined as "rule by the people" or "people in power" the full meaning rule by the people. The critical question, whether indeed the people govern, who "the people" and what it means "the people rule". Democracy rests on the people's representatives of human rights, living together and of association, to proceed with their effective participation, and

tolerance for cultural differences or civilizational, religious, aesthetic, moral and intellectual.

Donations can be interpreted from God "trinity" of the philosophy of democracy, among others, as three distinct persons but God "trinity" is always wanted, to do the same, think the same, need each other, different can actually help each other and serve, need each other. Model God "trinity" is a model for democracy show how the unity and diversity are interconnected, exchanging diversity, full of solidarity, and always build a relationship of living together with the sincere. A correct understanding of God "trinity" is not going to get rid of the democratic process to defend liberty rests, justice, equality, and consent of the governed (the people). The relationship of God "trinity" that without a contract, but was able to build a relationship of complete union, giving hope for democracy to maintain the commitment to guarantee human rights, to give a certain liberty in work, work to enjoy the fruits of their own labor.

V. INHERITANCE FUNCTION OF DEMOCRACY IN "GOD TRINITY"

Language democracy has played an increasingly important role in all fields. function democracy has been in identification is an important factor for promotion and protection of human rights, keeping peace and stability between countries, and as individual rights. But it is unfortunate for the democratic functioning has been functionalized with one in the long history of democracy. Shapiro, confirmed that,

Democrats are committed to rule by the people. They insist that no aristocrat, monarchs, philosopher, bureaucrat, expert, or religious leader has the right, in virtue of such status, to force people to accept a particular conception of proper Reviews their common life. People should Decide for Themselves, via Appropriate procedures of collective decision, what collective Reviews their business should be [Ian Shapiro.1999].

Democracy committed to be governed by the people. Commitment does not exist nobles, kings, philosophers, bureaucrats, experts, or leaders religion has the right, in virtue The status, to force people to receive concept certain living together right. People should decide for themselves, through a joint decision. This opinion gives the view that democracy can serve as a driving force that involves respect for human dignity and liberating people develop ideas, also impose limits on the power of the state not to interfere with private life and public accountability. Backman, *et.al* explained, *Democracy rests on two fundamental principles: the principle of 'individual autonomy': that no-one should be subject, to rules that have been imposed by others; the principle of 'equality': that everyone should have the same opportunity to influence the decisions that affect people in society* [Backman, Elisabeth and trafford, Bernard 2007]. The function of democracy in the study inidapat opinion interpreted as a system that puts power in the organization, equality, freedom and competitive in every option, it also involves the participation of all segments with an open democracy.

Democracy was principally concerned with the system of government, namely the representative government in a council. If dealing with a system that means the function of democracy is

not a name but a process. The function of democracy in the process of realizing further involve the role of government that could join hands with the people and they are the minority, including the right of individuals to choose their own representatives. But without realizing the existence of the democratic functioning of the government system to get used to the performance of the government is incompetent and inefficient show their power as representing the rights of the people. As a result, the function of democracy that should express the aspirations of the people can only appear as a contest.

The function of democracy is supposed to work with the rights of individuals (communities), minority rights, free and fair elections, human rights guarantees, as well as limiting constitutionally government. Claims that make democracy function can not come to the surface is the use of authority and arbitrary power of the government. Rests and learn from the teachings of God's trinitarian meaning it can be found that the authority and power of three distinct persons are not used to a particular personal interest. Although God "trinity" is different in person, but three persons were still one, remains open, and still embrace. Three persons who fought together to drain life for all mankind without viewing the background. Streamed for human life is a life that relationship intimacy between God "trinity" with humans. God "trinity" does not create distance and difference between God "trinity" and humans, but instead the relationship in the context of difference unites, even a journey of self-sacrifice to redeem and liberate mankind from sin.

Thus the legacy of God "trinity" of democracy-related functions are : (1) as the system controller for democracy who fight for freedom, common interests, accept differences and maintaining unity. (2) as a representation of God "trinity" the which does not use power to get rid of groups or individuals and not threaten human race, (3) as an environment that can realize the unity of relationships that do not cause tension, but give priority to unity, harmony, peace and agreement, and (4) establish the structure of interpersonal relationships are integral to the people, become a person who represents the people together and be there for each other, always in communion relationships with the people who is unrestricted and unhampered.

VI. INHERITANCE PROCEDURE DEMOCRACY IN GOD "TRINITY"

Is democracy something promising? A democracy may not guarantee anything. One of the many guarantees of democracy is the opportunity to earn success through the democratic process is very open, but the risks of failure always accompanies. But not independent life, deprived of justice in the name of democracy, the difference made criticism-criticism that is marginalizing and demeaning, rights of minorities are preserved in packaging majority presses, and finally democracy thrives but short-lived because it is difficult in practice. These figures show nothing wrong in democratic procedure, the practical implications of democracy are not designed in a proper procedural concept. Roberth & Christian explains.

Procedural democracy is a democracy in the which the people or citizens of the state have less influence than in traditional liberal Democracies. This type of democracy is Characterized by voters Choosing to elect representatives in free elections [Roberth & Christian.2001].

Meanwhile, according to Hunting, *procedural definition of democracy: "A modern nation-state has a democratic political system to the extent that its most powerful decision makers are selected through fair, honest, periodic elections in which candidates freely Compete for votes and in the which virtually the entire adult population is eligible to vote "* [Huntington. 1997].

Both of the above opinion directs the democratic functioning of the procedure that the interests and decisions that come from the people (adult human). The decision was agreed in a fairness and honesty, and in honesty and fairness required open process. For Robert Dahl, basically procedural nature is a traditional approach to democracy, where about in every country be marked by several institutional political. Simply put, democracy in a procedural sense is simply how to choose government. Broadly speaking, interpretation procedural mostly composed from two process : participation and contestation. dispute cover competition peace which is definitely needed for democracy, principles think legitimacy of the opposition, rights to challenge *incumbent,* protection freedom expression and association, the existence of free and fair elections, and political parties and the consolidation system. Participation capture idea popular sovereignty, which presuppose protection right to choose and presence universal suffrage [Roberth A. Dahl,1998].

Observing the opinions of the above, it was explained that the democratic procedures give you the freedom to be autonomous, independent, exchange ideas and opinions that are open, have debates open space to find the truth of the preferred and common action in the public interest. In democratic procedures there are opportunities to justice, freedom expression; appreciate the variety of alternative sources information, autonomy associations, and inclusive citizenship, so as not to kill and disrupt humanist values. The majority of control in democratic procedure can be ensured more peaceful association, or even inseparable from the right to assemble, protest, and demand change. The government should in democratic procedures remain the maintenance of peace, by not using authority to protest or prevent the silencing dissidents groups to voice their opinions. Democratic procedures have concocted values greater democracy delivers government to uphold freedom, independence, confidence, rights and responsibilities are greater to the people.

Along with it from the standpoint of God "trinity" struggle for democratic procedures may materialize Latin word *communion,* communion is more of a turn of events; a process which a number of different individuals, with each giving a part in his life and to carry out joint life, precisely find unity in diversity [Gisbert Greshake,2003]. God "trinity" in the inheritance procedure more democratic transfer procedures in the value of mutual relations and solidarity, personalities from the inside since eternity without beginning bonded to one another, there are always together and never exist separately. Order persons of God "trinity" in the concept of the procedure does not distinguish, separate, specialized, individual uniqueness of each individual but each person procedure value harmony,not at odds with each other, feeling increasingly less when not dependent from one another, and prioritizing agreement on the concept of

difference. God procedures "triune" did not have significant autonomy against each other, being together, united in communion identity even though each one is unique and does not appear as a contradiction. Reality procedures more focused on building partner openness, equality, communicating and Relating to share in communal.

VII. CONCLUSION

The affirmation of democracy in God "trinity", which shatters the meaning of God "trinity" in, (1) democracy philosophically in relation to God "trinity" (2) the function of democracy in relation to God "trinity", and (3) procedures of democracy in relation to God "trinity" in essence is not a fabrication. The nature of God "triune" God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit exist only in exchange of life between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Personal Divine was entirely directed to and coming from the other in a reciprocal relationship of the most profound, in which every private while giving and receiving. (1) Democracy is philosophically in relation to God "trinity" (2) the function of democracy in relation to God "trinity", and (3) the democratic procedures in relation to God "trinity" supposedly can Realize the value of God "trinity" is not autonomy one against the other, but the whole of their identity comes only in one of the other, being together with others and directed to others. Concerned with the sovereignty of the people, government by consent of the governed, the minority rule, rights of minorities, respect for the rights of human freedom is responsible and honest, due process of law, pluralism, social, economic and political, nevertheless values of tolerance, pragmatism, cooperation and consensus.

Democracy that show how the unity and diversity are interconnected, how it should relate. The union was legal if it occurs in diversity, in there together, in recognition of the other, in exchange with and when required by him. In contrast it is willing to serve each other and become one in service. Representatives rests on the alliance should not be an individual, which as something enormous, cover and turn off the people who are bound in a community. Rests on reciprocity, respect the personal dimension, understanding the reality of the people, and find a way that does not at odds between representatives of the people.

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