



**Golden trinity**

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The number three is a sacred number that signifies completeness. In many religions and cultures, the number three is an interlinking connector of mind, body, and spirit. This trilogy of flow, form and foundation is the basis for life as we know it and imagine it to be.

Following the cycle of life, death, and rebirth, Africans have long had a profound relationship with their ancestors and the ways of their forbearers, while simultaneously embracing the teachings of Christian and Islamic faith. The cosmic ways of past, present, and future through the lens of religion informs and influences how Africans maneuver their state of being, their identity as well as their ancestry.

What has been evident is that the need for Africans to reimagine and ultimately give way for a new yet ancient way of living is essential. The widespread proliferation of spiritual expression in the African continent has been a bittersweet sphere to navigate for many. There continues to be more questions than answers seeping through how we relate religion and resonate it with African Ancestry.

The 'Golden Trinity' seeks to explore and bring into question the understanding of one-self and one's ancestral echoes. I have been intentional in my use of colour, being blue, brown, and gold, which are pivotal and common in African cultures. Moreover, I made use of the elements; earth, liquid and fire, to further emphasise the spiritual importance of the number three. Connecting the use of artistic texture manipulation, the malleable and ductile gold element, and the grounding position of the subject to enrich the symbolic meaning of searching and seeking for Completeness.

As a South African whose roots are firmly in Gauteng, a place of Gold, I am molded together by the need for self-expression, spiritual awakening, and the convergence of all that surrounds me. I am a melting pot where the golden trinity overflows,

abundantly nourishing self and others.

Frame	None
Medium	pyrography and pigment on wood
Height	100.00 cm
Width	90.00 cm
Artist	Mel Madiba
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