

“The Omega of Deadly Heresies”

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Ellen White prophesied of what she termed “the Omega of Deadly Heresies”. In 1904 she said it was yet to come. Back in the early 1900’s a book was published by John Harvey Kellogg called “The Living Temple”. This book had what Ms. White termed as the “Alpha of Deadly Heresies”. She envisioned an “omega that would follow in a little while” she tells us that it would be in respect to the “presence and personality of God”.

Here is what she wrote:

“Living Temple contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people. I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God...” (Selected Messages bk.1, p. 203 1904)

Ms. White tells us that “the omega would follow”. She was certain of it. And she also told us that it would be in regard to the “presence and personality of God”. The first and great doctrine of the church has to do with our God according to Jesus Christ. And this is the issue in which she said the “omega” would be regarding.

The Greatest Commandment - Life Eternal

Mar 12:29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

There is not a greater commandment than this one. Knowledge of God and his Son Jesus is “eternal life” according to the bible.

Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

So it would only seem logical that a lack of this knowledge would prove eternal death to the one without it. And Ellen White seemed to agree with these words of the savior: “A knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education and of all true service. It is the only real safeguard against temptation. It is this alone that can make us like God in character...This is the knowledge needed by all who are working for the uplifting of their fellow men. Transformation of character, purity of life, efficiency in service, adherence to correct principles, all depend upon a right knowledge of God. This knowledge is the essential preparation both for this life and for the life to come.”...Through a knowledge of Him are given unto us “all things that pertain unto life and godliness.” 2 Peter 1:3. ...”This is life eternal,” said Jesus, “that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” John 17:3.“[Ministry of Healing Page 409-410]

According to the above statement knowledge of God ALONE can make us like God in character. This is why it is the first and great commandment, and also why the “omega of deadly heresies” would have to do with the “presence and personality of God”.

John Harvey Kellogg, famous for his advanced research in the health field as well as the famous Kellogg brand was well known in Seventh-day Adventism, Kellogg had written a book called “The Living Temple”. A book about the body. Kellogg began promoting strange ideas in respect to the personality of God as well as God’s presence: “Suppose now we have a boot before us—not an ordinary boot, but a living boot, and as we look at it, we see little boots crowding out at the seams, pushing out at the toes, dropping off at the heels, and leaping out at the top—scores, hundreds, thousands of boots, a swarm of boots continually issuing from our living boot—would we not be compelled to say, “There is a shoemaker in the boot”? So there is present in the tree a power which creates and maintains it, a tree-maker in the tree”.—John Harvey Kellogg, *The Living Temple*, p. 29

What Kellogg had come to believe was that God was in everything. Not recognizing that God is a literal being and that God’s power or Spirit is in everything. The Holy Spirit is referred to at times in the bible as “the presence of God”.

The Presence of God

Psa 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Kellogg was promoting strange ideas, an impersonal God one that could be made up of everything, or was in everything. Ms. White explained to Kellogg following these teachings a person could eventually end up worshipping trees, stones, shoes etc.

The Personality of God

“You are not definitely clear on the **personality** of God, which is everything to us as a people. You have virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself.” (Ellen White to John Harvey Kellogg, Letter 300 1903.)

The personality of God was where a major mistake was made. And if this was “EVERYTHING to us as a people”, it certainly is not something that should be misunderstood.

Kellogg did not understand God as a personal being, but rather he had come to view God as three persons. Kellogg, in speaking to Elder GI Butler, the former president of the General Conference had ran into so much controversy on the issue of the Trinity and was so out of harmony that he boiled the issue down to his understanding of the Holy Spirit being a person. Clearly he was not in a agreement with Elder Butler, and clearly Butler did not believe the Holy Spirit was a person in the sense that God the Father, and Jesus His Son were person.

Misunderstanding and Misquoting Ellen White

“As far as I can fathom, the difficulty which is found in the Living Temple, **the whole thing may be simmered down to this question: is the Holy Ghost a person. You say no.** I had supposed the Bible said this for the reason that the personal pronoun he is used in speaking of the Holy Ghost. **Sister White uses the pronoun he and has said in as many words that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead.** How the Holy Ghost can be the third person and not be a person at all is difficult for me to see”.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg wrote to G. I Butler on Oct 28th 1903 concerning ‘The Living Temple’

In the quote above from Kellogg we see clearly he is not in agreement with Butler and that Butler is not on board respecting the person of the Holy Spirit.

Why was Ms. White telling Kellogg that he isn’t clear on “the personality of God”. He did not understand her use of the word “person” and the word “Godhead” which is not the same word as “God”. Ms. White wrote to

G.I. Butler and about the misuse of her writings. Please note that Ms. White was not rebuking Butler for his non-trinitarian stance. She is talking about men like Kellogg: *“There are some, who upon accepting erroneous theories, strive to establish them by collecting from my writings statements of truth, which they use, separated from their proper connection and perverted by association with error.”* —Letter 136, April 27, 1906, to Brethren Butler, Daniels, and Irwin. (Ellen White, 1906, *This Day with God*, page 126)

She goes on to speak about this misuse and misunderstanding of her statements such as Kellogg had. “In the controversy that arose among our brethren regarding the teachings of this book, those in favor of giving it a wide circulation declared: ‘It contains the very sentiments that Sister White has been teaching.’ This assertion struck right to my heart. I felt heartbroken; for I knew that this representation of the matter was not true.” (SM1 – 203:)

“I am compelled to speak in denial of the claim that the teachings of **Living Temple** can be sustained by statements from my writings. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which, taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of **Living Temple**, would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in **Living Temple** are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this sentiment should prevail.” (SM1 – 203:) Ms. White was not in agreement with Kellogg’s views. She felt that John Harvey Kellogg had taken her statements out of their context. Kellogg was saying to Butler that he felt Ellen agreed with him regarding the Holy Spirit being a person like the Father and Son, but in the letters we have between Butler and Ellen, she agrees with Butler and is out of harmony with Kellogg.

If the issue simmered down to whether or not the Holy Spirit was a person. Clearly she is not joining Kellogg, nor defending him on this issue at all. In fact, as we continue on, we will see that it goes even further than this.

Controversy Growing Regarding the Person of the Spirit

Her son Willie White had some perplexities about certain statements in Ms. White’s writings. In a conversation between H. W. Carr and Willie White they discuss the issue of how they believe some of Ellen’s writings were used against the Trinity, but now some of these very same statements had come to have been used for the Trinity. According to H.W. Carr he said he used to use Ms. Whites quotes on the “third person” to combat the trinity. However this was changing in 1935.

"It is urged by some of our leaders now that The Holy Spirit is a third person of the same nature of the Father and Son, a member of the heavenly trio, cooperative in creation and personally active with the Father and Son. For many years I have used these statements of Sr. White in combating false teachings relative to defining the Holy Spirit." (Letter by H. W. Carr to Willie White, January 24, 1935)

Now this is quite interesting that some of our pioneers used these statements of Ms. White in combatting the false teaching regarding the Holy Spirit. Notice Willie's clearly non-trinitarian response.

"In your letter you request me to tell you what I understand to be my mother's position in reference to the personality of the Holy Spirit." "This I cannot do because I never clearly understood her teachings on the matter. There always was in my mind some perplexity regarding the meaning of her utterances which to my superficial manner of thinking seemed to be somewhat confusing.... ***The statements and the arguments of some of our ministers in their effort to prove that the Holy Spirit was an individual as are God the Father and Christ, the eternal Son, have perplexed me and sometimes they have made me sad.*** One popular teacher said 'We may regard Him, (the Holy Spirit) as the fellow who is down here running things.' My perplexities were lessened a little when I learned from the dictionary that one of the meanings of personality, was Characteristics. **It is stated in such a way that I concluded that there might be personality without bodily form which is possessed by the Father and the Son.**

There are many Scriptures which speak of the Father and the Son and the absence of Scripture making similar reference to the united work of the Father and the Holy Spirit or of Christ and the Holy Spirit, *has led me to believe that the spirit without individuality was the representative of the Father and the Son throughout the universe*, and it was through the Holy Spirit that they dwell in our hearts and make us one with the Father and with the Son...." (Letter by Willie White, April 30, 1935)

Willie didn't see Ellen saying these things to prove a Trinity, but rather to combat the Trinity. So did H. W. Carr. Some however, today do not understand Ms. Whites view of the word "person" or "the Godhead".

Warning Given, Many in Danger:

"Be not deceived; **many will depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a **most startling** nature." (Selected Messages bk.1, p. 197 1904)

The departing of the faith on this subject would not just involve a few people but it would deceive “many” according to Ellen. In the same book on page 200 she says: “In the book *Living Temple* there is presented the **alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.**” {Selected Messages bk 1, p. 200 1904}

The Omega will follow. This is something that she saw coming. That she said would come “in a little while”. Something that wasn’t a maybe, but a certainty. And those who did not heed the warnings given would accept it. “Many will depart from the faith”.

“I have been instructed to warn our people; for **many are in danger** of receiving theories and sophistries that undermine the **foundation pillars of the faith.**” {Selected Messages bk. 1 p.196 1904}

She is not speaking lightly of these theories, but she is saying that they sweep away the entire foundation of the Christian faith.

“Omega of deadly heresies” not the “Omega of apostasy”

Many today refer to it as “the omega of apostasy”. However, Ms. White clearly called it a “heresy”. And “the omega of deadly heresies”. There is a difference. Apostasy is a falling away from the faith and is used in a generalized sense, whereas a heresy refers to a particular point or specific doctrine of faith.

The Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. The Omega is the last letter. Ms. White seemed to be implying that what Kellogg was teaching was the Alpha. This is the primary deadly heresy, and we are going to see the last, the greatest, the ultimate heresy, the Omega.

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All of these statements were written in 1904. All of these quotes from Selected Messages Book 1 are written in that year. Now note that the Omega would “follow”. And whatever it was had to do with “the personality and presence of God”. It would be of a “most startling nature”, and Ms. White envisioned it and she “trembled for our people”.

Platform of 1844

“. . . We must firmly refuse to be drawn away from the platform of eternal truth, which since 1844 has stood the test.” (Selected Messages bk.1, p. 199-200 1904)

Ellen White in 1904 is pointing people back to 1844 when talking about Kellogg’s heresy regarding the personality and presence of God. She seems to be implying that we are going in the wrong direction here. We need to stop and look at what our early pioneers understood regarding the personality and presence of God. It seems that the early understanding was a firm and solid platform of truth for us to build on. It seems that many did not understand how firm it was: “Many of our people do not realize how firmly the **foundation of our faith** has been laid. **My husband, Elder Bates**, Father Pierce, Elder [Hiram] Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly.... light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me. . . What influence is it that would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith—the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and revelation? **Upon this foundation we have been building for the past fifty years.** (Selected Messages bk.1, p. 206-7 1904)

Regarding the heresy about the “personality and presence of God” Ellen is pointing to the time after 1844 and to the understanding of men like her husband respecting the personality of God. And she is rebuking Kellogg for working in an underhanded way.

What foundation is Kellogg being pointed too? The faith delivered to the saints.

James White in 1846

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for THE faith which was once delivered unto the saints...” (Jude 3, 4) ...The exhortation to contend for the faith delivered to the saints, is to us alone. And it is very important for us to know what for and how to contend. In the 4th verse he gives us the reason why we should contend for THE faith, a particular faith; “for there are certain men,” or a certain class *who deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ....* **The way spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the old unscriptural Trinitarian creed, viz., that Jesus Christ is the eternal God, though they have not one passage to support it, while we have plain scripture testimony in abundance that he is the Son of the eternal God.**” (James White, January 24, 1846, *The Day Star*)

“Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, and of sprinkling or pouring instead of being “buried with Christ in baptism,” “planted in the likeness of his death:” but we pass from these fables to notice one that is held sacred by nearly all professed Christians, both Catholic and Protestant. It is, The change of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment from the seventh to the first day of the week.” (James White, December 11, 1855, *Review & Herald*, vol. 7, no. 11, page 85, par. 16)

James White said that the Trinity does away with the personality of God and his Son Jesus Christ.

“The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality.”
(Ellen White UL 367)

Ellen White said that Jesus was not God in personality. In other words Christ is God with respect to what He is as the divine Son having all the attributes, nature and form of God, but yet He is not God in respect to who he is, his identity or personality.

James White was clearly non-trinitarian. Ellen White never once rebuked him. She was never told to stand up against James or any of the other leading brethren who were all non-trinitarian. If you're a Trinitarian, do you not find this strange? That not once did she ever say “James, you are wrong?”. But when it came to Kellogg and his belief which included the Trinity. She was by a messenger told to “meet it”.

In fact James said plainly that Ellen Wasn't a trinitarian, and that the creed of the trinity could not line up with her writings, nor to the bible.

“We invite all to compare the testimonies of the Holy Spirit through Mrs. W., with the word of God. And in this we do not invite you to compare them with your creed. That is quite another thing. The trinitarian may compare them with his creed, and because they do not agree with it, condemn them. The observer of Sunday, or the man who holds eternal torment an important truth, and the minister that sprinkles infants, may each condemn the testimonies' of Mrs. W. because they do not agree with their peculiar views. And a hundred more, each holding different views, may come to the same conclusion. But their genuineness can never be tested in this way.” Mutual Obligation by James White (*Review and Herald*, June 13, 1871)

Regarding James she was never told to speak up. But God specifically told her to meet this. Was she being guided by God to lead Kellogg and other men to the writings of pioneers like her husband James White with respect to these issues? One would have to say either she is not trinitarian, or she isn't a prophet.

To say that God has told you to “meet it” and then tell someone to read error could only be from the devil. And if it is from the devil than we must set aside these words. Here is her instruction: “I am instructed to speak plainly. ‘Meet it,’ is the word spoken to me. ‘Meet it firmly, and without delay.’ ...In the book *Living Temple* there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.” (*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 200)

Who was speaking to her? Who told her to tell Kellogg turn back. Not only that, but she said that those who didn't heed the warnings to Kellogg would be deceived about the Omega. When understanding what Ms. White's quotes meant and understanding the true context of her writings, you cannot help but know she was a prophet sent by God to warn us of a most DEADLY heresy. And that heresy is the Trinity.

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result! The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. (Ellen White *Selected Messages* bk.1, p. 204)

What did she understand about God and Christ: “Let the brightest example the world has yet seen be your example, rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who know not God, nor Jesus Christ whom he has sent. ***The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.***” (Ellen White, *The Youth's Instructor*, July 7, 1898)

The very primary fundamental principle while Ms. White was alive was about God being a single divine being, the Father, and having a Son Jesus Christ whom the Father gave to save humanity. The primary fundamental principle of our faith had to do with God being a “personal, spiritual being”: That there is one God, **a personal, spiritual being**, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal; infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. Ps. 139:7. [1872,1889, Fundamental Principles of our faith]

Also quoted in that passage is Psalm 139:7 having to do with His “presence” which I quoted earlier. God is a singular being. Ms. White says the scriptures are clear about who God is and she also tells us that Christ was given his equality. That he did not possess it of himself until it was given.

“The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. [Hebrews 1:1-5 quoted.] **God is the Father of Christ**; Christ is the Son of God. *To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father.* All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.” (Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, page 268)
God is a person, Christ is a person. They are separate individuals. Christ is not God, God is not Christ. “God is the Father of Christ” not “The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”.

We need to “heed the warnings given”. This means going back and searching what our pioneers believed. Ellen White has said that what Kellogg taught is spiritualistic. She points Kellogg back to 1844 where James and herself ran into spiritualizers who deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ by the unscriptural Trinity.

“After the passing of the time in 1844, we had fanaticism of every kind to meet. Testimonies of reproof were given me to bear to some **holding spiritualistic theories**. *There were those who were active in disseminating false ideas in regard to God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their false teachings.* I was instructed that they were misleading souls by presenting **speculative theories regarding God.**” {E. G. White, *Testimonies Volume 8*, pp. 292, 293} **1904**

She is not pointing to 1895 when *Desire of Ages* was written. She is pointing to 1844. James White talks about those “false ideas in regard to God” two years after 1844 which is the time Ellen was referring to. James called these “spiritualistic theories” in “regard to God” trinitarians.

“The way spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the old unscriptural Trinitarian creed”(James White, January 24, 1846, *The Day Star*)
Ellen White also says that Kellogg “destroyed the personality of God”. What doctrine does James say “destroys the personality of God”?

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(James White, December 11, 1855, *Review & Herald*, vol. 7, no. 11, page 85, par. 16)

The Trinity destroys the personality of God. Kellogg had come to believe in a trinity.

“He [Kellogg] told me that *he now believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost*; (Letter by A. G. Daniells to W. C. White on October 29, 1903)

Famous Adventist J.N. Andrews wrote about the trinity and how it destroyed the personality of God as well.

“*The doctrine of the Trinity which was established in the church by the council of Nice, A. D. 325. **This doctrine destroys the personality of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.** The infamous, measures by which it was forced upon the church which appear upon the pages of ecclesiastical history might well cause every believer in that doctrine to blush.*” {J. N. Andrews, *Review & Herald*, March 6, 1855}

Ellen spoke further about this matter saying: “It is something that cannot be treated as a small matter that men who have had so much light, and such clear evidence as to the genuineness of the truth we hold, should become unsettled, and led to accept **spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God.**” (Special Testimonies, Series B7, p. 37)

Spiritualistic theories which destroy the personality of God. Spiritualizing away the relationship of our literal father and his son, denying that love of the Father for us by teaching a co-eternal relationship.

Kellogg was being pointed to the establishment of our faith. Have Adventists today heeded the warning given to Kellogg? Have they took the advice of Ms. White and went back to the faith that was delivered to the saints such as our pioneers? Today as Adventists we answer: “No we have not”. Let’s read it for ourselves from our own publications

“Adventist beliefs have changed over the years under the impact of ‘present truth.’ **Most startling** is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Many of the pioneers, including James White, J.N. Andrews, Uriah Smith, and J.H. Waggoner, held to an Arian or semi-Arian view ... that is, the Son at some point in time before the Creation of our world was generated by the Father ... the Trinitarian understanding of God, now part of our fundamental beliefs, was not generally held by the early Adventists. Even today a few do not subscribe to it.” (William G. Johnsson in the *Adventist Review*, Jan. 6, 1994 p.10)

Our early pioneers subscribed to a view that Jesus was literally the Son of God and this was not just a metaphor, or acting.

“When the power of God testifies as to what is truth that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after-suppositions, contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time, God has given us as a

foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit.

A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard-bearers, who have fallen in death, are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time. Preach the Word, p. 5. (Ellen White, 1905, Counsels to Writers and Editors, pages 31, 32)

New light does not contradict old light. The pioneers voices are to be heard. Again, has the church heeded this warning. Clearly not. They say "Adventist beliefs have changed over the years under the impact of present truth". But present truth does not contradict old truth.

"The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. . . Not a word is changed or denied. That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the solid foundation of truth. (Special Testimonies, Series B7, p. 57-8)
She speaks alot about the foundation of our faith. Jesus spoke about building his Church on the rock in Matthew 16 when speaking to Peter.

"In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are essential; *new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it.* It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new." (*The Signs of the Times*, June 20, 1902)
First we must understand the "old truth". Then we can understand new truth. Present truth will not contradict old truth. So the people today if they will heed the warnings given to Kellogg will be able to understand the present truth and something that is so deadly that it was considered the omega of deadly heresies. Kellogg was warned to turn back to the truth about God which was established in 1844. So therefore the people today are to heed that warning. What does the church today think about turning back to the belief in God that the pioneers believed?

“Most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would not be able to join the church today if they had to subscribe to the denomination’s Fundamental Beliefs. More specifically, most would not be able to agree to belief number 2, which deals with the doctrine of the trinity.” – Ministry, October 1993, p. 10.

So, basically what has happened is a “New organization was established”. Our pioneers cannot join the church. And neither can we. The General Conference body has strayed from the faith delivered to the saints. The Lord did warn us about stepping off the foundation and forming a new organization.

‘The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now [1905] step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now [1905] enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.’
Selected Messages, vol. 2, p. 390.

The history of the past is merely repeating itself. A new organization has been formed, it is established on a foundation of sand, but it looks much like the organization that is built on the rock.

“What we want now is a reorganization. We want to begin at the foundation and to build upon a different principle.” [*Last Day Events*, page 53]

Our foundation is built on the rock. We need to establish what that rock is.

When she said a great reformation would come in that would involve giving up the pillars of our faith it seems that some things were seen from afar.

“In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. **Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established.** The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?” (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, May 25, 1905)

The last 50 years she says. She says not one pin is to be removed. Some have said this doesn’t include the doctrine regarding “the personality of God”. However Ellen White tells us differently.

“Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard. Those who try to bring in theories that would remove *the pillars of our faith*

concerning the sanctuary or concerning the personality of God or of Christ, are working as blind men. They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift without an anchor.” {E. G. White, *Manuscript Release No.760*, p. 9} 1905 There is obviously much to be said on this topic.

“Most Startling”

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“Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a **most startling** nature.” (Selected Messages bk.1, p. 197)

William Johnson in 1894 regarding the denial of the son-ship of Christ and understanding respecting the Trinity, he calls it “most startling”.

“Adventist beliefs have changed over the years under the impact of ‘present truth.’ **Most startling** is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord... the Trinitarian understanding of God, now part of our fundamental beliefs, was not generally held by the early Adventists. Even today a few do not subscribe to it.” (Adventist Review, Jan. 6, 1994 p.10)

It is most startling and the answer by William Johnson, a trinitarian should rather be:

“What influence is it that would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith—the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and revelation? Upon this foundation we have been building for the past fifty years. (Selected Messages bk.1, p. 206-7)

This is the primary pillar of our faith.

“In a vision of the night I was shown distinctly that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time I was shown a platform braced by solid timbers—the truths of the Word of God. Someone high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform Then I heard a voice saying, ‘Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep! This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? **The time has come to take decided action.**” (Selected Messages bk.1, p. 204-5) Time has come to take decided action. Are we asleep?

A Most Precious Message

“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour,... This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel’s message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure. Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, pp. 91-2

Now how was this message to bring forth more prominently the uplifted saviour. What was one of the understandings about Christ? EJ Waggoner wrote a book about “Christ our righteousness”. This message has been rejected by the church for 120 years.

“We know that Christ “proceeded forth and came from God” (John 8:42), but it was so far back in the ages of eternity as to be far beyond the grasp of the mind of man. (E. J. Waggoner, 1890, *Christ and His Righteousness*, page 9)

“There was a time when Christ proceeded forth and came from God, from the bosom of the Father (John 8:42; 1:18), but that time was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning. But the point is that Christ is a begotten Son and not a created subject. He has by inheritance a more excellent name than the angels; He is “a Son over His own house.” Heb. 1:4; 3:6. ***And since He is the only-begotten son of God, He is of the very substance and nature of God and possesses by birth all the attributes of God,*** for the Father was pleased that His Son should be the express image of His Person, the brightness of His glory, and filled with all the fullness of the Godhead. (E. J. Waggoner, 1890, *Christ and His Righteousness*, pages 19-22)

What he believed was that Christ was begotten in times past. But what if this is the foundation? The literal son-ship of Christ? Ms. White believed exactly the same thing.

“The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. *God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner.*” {*The Desire of Ages*, p. 51}

Now from the quote above you can clearly see that Christ was the firstborn in heaven from earliest times. As to when it was she does not say. Ellen White says that our minds can’t grasp it: “Angels of God looked with amazement upon *Christ*, who took upon Himself the form of man and humbly united His divinity with

humanity in order that He might minister to fallen man. It is a marvel among the heavenly angels. God has told us that He did do it, and we are to accept the Word of God just as it reads. *And although we may try to reason in regard to our Creator, how long He has had existence, where evil first entered into our world, and all these things, we may reason about them until we fall down faint and exhausted with the research when there is yet an infinity beyond.*" {E. G. White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 7*, p. 919} 1888

The Foundation of our Faith

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, **the Son of the living God.**

"Peter had expressed the truth which is the foundation of the church's faith" (DA 413).

The identity of Christ as the only begotten Son is the stone which the builders rejected, the rock, the foundation of our faith, the foundation of the true church.

"The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. God had promised to give *the First-born of heaven* to save the sinner." {*Ellen White The Desire of Ages*, p. 51}

"The Lord Jesus Christ, *the divine Son of God*, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the surpassing glory of heaven. He was the commander of the heavenly intelligences, *and the adoring homage of the angels was received by him as his right*. This was no robbery of God. "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way," *he declares*, "before his works of old. **I was set up from everlasting**, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. **When there were no depths, I was brought forth**; when there were no fountains abounding with water. **Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth**; while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth." {E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 5, 1906 par. 7}

This is clearly non-trinitarian doctrine. But this does not deny that "God gave his son". The Trinity does deny God gave his son. Ms. White's sons were non-trinitarian, Jones and Waggoner were non-trinitarian, Her husband, Joseph Bates, J. H. Waggoner, J. N Andrews, R. F. Cottrell. Why did she not rebuke any of them? Why did she point men like Kellogg to their writings when they erred concerning the "presence and personality of God". These circumstances should help you see that she could never have been a Trinitarian and that the trinity is without doubt is the "Omega of deadly heresies". The time has come to "take decided action".

“Few can see the meaning of the present apostasy. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me its meaning, and the result that it will have if allowed to continue. We must now lift our voices in warning. Will our people acknowledge God as the supreme Ruler, or will they choose the misleading arguments and views that, when fully developed, make Him, in the minds of those who accept them, as nothingness? . . . It is something that cannot be treated as a small matter that men who have had so much light, and such clear evidence as to the genuineness of the truth we hold, should become unsettled, and led to accept spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God.” (Special Testimonies, Series B7, p. 37)

The doctrine of God accepted by the church today is the same God that is the God of Babylon. Something to consider.

The Deadliest Heresy in Seventh Day Adventism – The OMEGA

A prophecy was given 100 years ago by Ellen G. White. It was called the “Omega of Deadly Heresies.” It was prophesied after a book was published by John Harvey Kellogg called “The Living Temple.”

“In the book *Living Temple* there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. **The omega will follow**, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.” {Ellen White 1 Selected Messages 203}

God gave a warning to us that this omega of deadly heresies would follow. This was a certainty. Not a few would receive it who did not heed the warnings given with respect to the Alpha. It is a deadly heresy. Death comes with this heresy.

What was the Heresy of the Alpha in regards to?

“*Living Temple* contains the alpha of these theories. **I knew that the omega would follow in a little while;** and I trembled for our people. I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy **over the presence and personality of God.** “ {Ellen White 1 Selected Messages 203}

The Omega was surely coming in a little while. This heresy was in regards to the Presence and Personality of God.

“One and another come to me, asking me to explain the positions taken in *Living Temple*. I reply, “They are unexplainable.” The sentiments expressed do not give **a true knowledge of God.**” {Ellen White 1 Selected Messages 202}

What does a false knowledge of God bring? Death. Kellogg’s understanding of the personality of God brought death. A true knowledge of God is eternal life.

Joh 17:3 And **this is life eternal**, that they might know **thee the only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

There is not a greater commandment than the first and great commandment. To know God is life eternal. To have a false knowledge of God is death, and deadly, the greatest heresy can only be the opposite of the greatest commandment.

Mar 12:29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

The first of all commandments is to hear that the Lord our God is one Lord. And it is eternal life to know him, the only true God and father of Jesus Christ.

The Omega would be a major Change in our Religion Enter the Trinity

In the prophesy regarding the alpha and omega Ellen White prophesied that a major change would take place in our religion.

“Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error.” {Ellen White 1 Selected Messages 204}

According to some of our modern Seventh Day Adventist scholars and historical facts. What change has taken place in our religion?

“**Adventist beliefs have changed** over the years under the impact of ‘present truth.’ **Most startling** is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Many of the pioneers, including James White, J.N. Andrews, Uriah Smith, and J.H. Waggoner, held to an Arian or semi-Arian view ... that is, the Son at some point in time before the Creation of our world was generated by the Father ... **the Trinitarian**

understanding of God, now part of our fundamental beliefs, was not generally held by the early Adventists. Even today a few do not subscribe to it.” (William G. Johnsson in the Adventist Review, Jan. 6, 1994 p.10)

So our Fundamental Principles have been changed. The Trinity which is now part of our Fundamental Beliefs was not the same God that our pioneers worshipped. It was not the same God that our pioneers were proclaiming to the world in the first angels message.

According to modern Adventists our pioneers were fearing and giving glory to another God. In giving the message to “fear God and give glory to Him...worship Him”(Rev 14:7). They were telling the Churches in Babylon (Rev 14:8) to worship the wrong God according to most modern day Adventist teachers. Is this true that our pioneers were worshipping the wrong gods? Or have our leaders turned to the gods of Babylon? Jer 2:11 Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* yet no gods? Has a denomination changed their gods, which are yet no gods?

The Trinity Destroys the Personality of God

The controversy with Kellogg was over “the presence and personality of God”.

Ellen said to Kellogg: “**You are not definitely clear on the personality of God**, which is everything to us as a people. You have virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself.” Letter 300 1903.

The Personality of God is EVERYTHING to US as a people. This is not a minor issue, this is not a distraction or secondary doctrine. Destroying who our God is destroys the gospel. How had Kellogg come to destroy the Personality of God? What was the change that was taking place in Adventism? Ellen White pointed Kellogg to the pioneers including her husband.

“Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. **My husband**, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder {Hiram} Edson, and others...What influence is it would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith—the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation? Upon this foundation we have been building for the past fifty years.” {Ellen White 1 Selected Messages 206-7} Regarding the Alpha, Ellen was asking what would cause men to destroy the foundation of our faith regarding our understandings of the personality of God. In referring Kellogg’s understanding regarding the

personality of God. Ellen pointed Kellogg back to our pioneers including her husband. Why was Kellogg being pointed back to men like her Husband?

*“Here we might mention **the Trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ.**”* (James White, December 11, 1855, *Review & Herald*, vol. 7, no. 11, page 85, par. 16)

The Trinity destroys the personality of God. Kellogg had come to believe in a trinity.

Famous Adventist J.N. Andrews wrote about the trinity and how it destroyed the personality of God as well.

*“The doctrine of the Trinity which was established in the church by the council of Nice, A. D. 325. **This doctrine destroys the personality of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.** .”* {J. N. Andrews, *Review & Herald*, March 6, 1855}

It was also called a Spiritualistic Theory that denies the Father and Son

“It is something that cannot be treated as a small matter that men who have had so much light, and such clear evidence as to the genuineness of the truth we hold, should become unsettled, and led to accept **spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God.**” (Special Testimonies, Series B7, p. 37)

A damnable and spiritualistic heresy that denies a literal Father and Son.

*“Modern spiritualism, resting upon the same foundation, is but a revival in a new form of the witchcraft and demon worship that God condemned and prohibited of old.... Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, “who **privily shall bring in damnable heresies**, even denying the Lord that bought them.... And many shall follow their pernicious ways.” 2 Peter 2:1, 2. **Here the apostle has pointed out one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God.** Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.” 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist.”* (Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 686)

Spiritualistic teachers refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God, and God as the Father of Christ.

“The way spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the old unscriptural Trinitarian creed”(James White, January 24, 1846, *The Day Star*)

The Spiritualistic Trinity destroys the truth about the Father giving his Son. This is why it is deadly. The Trinity teaches us that God has divided himself into 3 beings and all 3 have taken roles, or acted out the parts of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This is a denial of the literal Sonship of Christ and thus Spiritualism.

Christ not God in personality

"He [Kellogg] told me that *he now believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost;* (Letter by A. G. Daniells to W. C. White on October 29, 1903)

Kellogg believed in "God the Son". We will never find that term used in the bible or the Spirit of Prophecy. In fact the Spirit of Prophecy teaches quite the opposite.

"The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality." (Ellen White UL 367)

Christ is not God in personality. Christ is identified as "The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father." The identity of Christ is a pillar of our faith and she makes it clear in that quote that Christ is:

1. Lord
2. The only begotten son of the father
3. Not God in personality

"Christ is one with the father, but Christ and God are two distinct personages" (RH June 1, 1905)

If Christ is not God in personality or identity, then who is? The bible CLEARLY Tells us.

"The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly **the personality and individuality of each... God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God.** To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son." (Ellen White, Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, page 268)

Christ entered into Gods' counsels. God is the Father of Christ, not a Trinity. God is not Christ, Christ is not God in respect to personality or individuality. They are two distinct individuals and personalities according to the above quote.

Some might object and say that the bible says "Christ is God". And the above quote does say he is God. This is in regard to his nature, but not in regard to his identity. Or in other words it is in regards to WHAT Christ is, not WHO Christ is. Christ also came in his Father's name. God is the Father of Christ alone. 1Co 8:6 But to us *there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

The bible does not teach that "to us there is but one God a Father, Son and Holy Ghost".

It is a heresy to say Christ is God himself, not only heresy, but it is of the Omega of Deadly heresies. God is the Father of Christ.

When did Christ become the Son of God?

Did they all decide at one point to pick straws and decide who of the three co-equals in the Trinity would be "The Son of God"? Is this how Christ became the Son? Modern Adventists have been saying that they decided to accept "roles". In other words that God is 3 actors or pretenders.

"In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into, the role of the Father, another the role of the Son. The remaining divine Being, the Holy Spirit,... By accepting the roles that the plan entailed, the divine Beings lost none of the powers of Deity.... The divine Beings entered into the roles they had agreed upon before the foundations of the world were laid." (The Week of Prayer issue of the *Adventist Review*, October 31, 1996)

That is heresy. And it is a deadly heresy, that destroys the love and truth of the gospel. The truth is God begat a Son in the ages of eternity.

"The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. *God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner.*" {*The Desire of Ages*, p. 51}

Christ was born in heaven in earliest times. Can the finite mind explain when that was?

"Angels of God looked with amazement upon *Christ*, who took upon Himself the form of man and humbly united His divinity with humanity in order that He might minister to fallen man. It is a marvel among the heavenly angels. God has told us that He did do it, and we are to accept the Word of God just as it reads. ***And although we may try to reason in regard to our Creator, how long He has had existence, where evil first entered into our world, and all these things, we may reason about them until we fall down faint and exhausted with the research when there is yet an infinity beyond.***" {E. G. White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 7*, p. 919} 1888

It is not for us to explain as to how long he has had his existence. Can a man explain eternity or the Spiritual realm? EJ Waggoner explained Christ's beginning this way echoing the sentiments of Ellen White.

"As to when He was begotten, it is not for us to inquire, nor could our minds grasp it if we were told. The prophet Micah tells us all that we can know about it in these words, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity." Micah 5:2, margin. There was a

time when Christ proceeded forth and came from God, from the bosom of the Father (John 8:42; 1:18), but that time was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning” (E. J. Waggoner—*Christ and His Righteousness*, pp. 21, 22). Jesus was setup from everlasting, from eternity. He was brought forth before creation since by him was all things created.

“The Lord Jesus Christ, *the divine Son of God*, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the surpassing glory of heaven. He was the commander of the heavenly intelligences, *and the adoring homage of the angels was received by him as his right*. This was no robbery of God. “The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way,” *he declares*, “before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth.”” {E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 5, 1906 par. 7}

Why is the Trinity So Deadly?

Why is this heresy so deadly? It denies the love of a real Father who really gave to Christ all things. It denies everything our Father gave to Christ, then after this it denies everything that was given to us since it denies that Christ was the literal Son of God. This takes away from the love of God, and cannot transform the character.

The bible says “By beholding we become changed”. If our God is actually 3 person's role playing and acting, then the children of this God are beholding a pretend Father, thus they will become pretend children and pretend Christians. There is nothing in this heresy that has any converting power.

1Jn 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Behold the love of God the Father, the only true God in giving to us his literal only begotten Son and have eternal life rather than accepting a heresy that will only bring with it eternal death.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

“The Father was greater than the Son in that he was first. The Son was equal with the Father in that he had received all things from the Father” (James White, *The Review & Herald*, January 4, 1881).

To Summarize:

1. The Omega Is a DEADLY heresy
1. It destroys the Personality and Presence of God
1. It was coming in a little while
1. The Trinity destroys the personality of God
1. It was a spiritualistic heresy in that it denies the literal Father Son relationship.
1. The Trinity is a Spiritualistic heresy
1. *Christ is not God in personality*
1. *God and Christ are distinct individuals and personalities*
1. *True Knowledge of God is eternal Life*
1. *The Religion has been Changed*

Ellen White on the Trinity Doctrine

Did Ellen White believe in the trinity? Not one of the Adventist pioneers believed in the trinity. Her husband James White denounced the trinity on a consistent basis. Why did Ellen White never correct her husband if she was a trinitarian? All of the pioneers of the Seventh Day Adventist church were non-trinitarian and strangely enough she never reprovved them of their beliefs and none of them reprovved her or said she was teaching error. This is strange indeed. I want to do an examination of what Ellen White believed regarding the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit. Her writings will be our witness.

“Like our Saviour, we are in this world to do service for God. We are here to become like God in character, and by a life of service to reveal Him to the world. In order to be co-workers with God, in order to become like Him and to reveal His character, **we must know Him aright**. We must know Him as He reveals Himself. **A knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education and of all true service. It is the only real safeguard against temptation. It is this alone that can make us like God in character.**

This is the knowledge needed by all who are working for the uplifting of their fellow men. Transformation of character, purity of life, efficiency in service, adherence to correct principles, all depend upon a right knowledge of God. This knowledge is the essential preparation both for this life and for the life to come.

“The knowledge of the Holy is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10.

Through a knowledge of Him are given unto us “all things that pertain unto life and godliness.” 2 Peter 1:3. **“This is life eternal,”** said Jesus, **“that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.”** John 17:3.” [Ministry of Healing Page 409-410]

This article is meant for SDA’s who believe the writings of Ms. White to be inspired of God.

The basis and standard of our faith is to be the word of God [Rom 10:17]. I would recommend you study the word of God, and then test the prophets to see whether they speak according to that word [Isaiah 8:20]. A lot of scripture is quoted in this study. “Despise not prophesying, prove all things, hold fast to that which is good” [1 Thess 5:19-21]

There are a few statements in Ms. Whites writings that seem to suggest she was Trinitarian. She spoke regarding the subject of God and his personality saying:

“There are some, who upon accepting erroneous theories, strive to establish them by collecting from my writings statements of truth, which they use, separated from their proper connection and perverted by association with error.”.—Letter 136, April 27, 1906, to Brethren Butler, Daniels, and Irwin.” (Ellen White, 1906, *This Day with God*, page 126)

This statement was in regards to the book “The Living Temple” written by John Harvey Kellogg which contained Pantheistic teachings. Meaning that God was in everything and was everything; an impersonal being. She called this “The alpha of deadly heresies and the omega is soon to follow”. The alpha and omega of deadly heresies could only have to do with God.

Why is the personality of God the alpha and omega of deadly heresies? Because “this is the first and great commandment that the Lord our God is one Lord”. [Mark 12:29] This is **eternal life** that we might know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he sent [John 17:3-5] And that Jesus Christ is the son of God and this is the rock [statement] upon which the true church is built [Matt 16:13-16]. The foundation of our faith. The foundation of the church. The first and great commandment, eternal life to know him and his son.

This is a subject in which we need to “study to show yourself approved unto God” 1 Tim 3:16, and not just “follow the doctrines of men” and make flesh our arm. This doctrine is an important doctrine. It is the foundation of our faith.

Ms. White said.

“In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. **Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established.** The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?” (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, May 25, 1905)

Please notice this was written in 1905. She said that the last 50 years [1855-1905] would be accounted as error. She also said that books of a new order would be written and that the pioneer’s books would be lightly regarded.

“Let Pioneers Identify Truth.—*when the power of God testifies as to what is truth that truth is to stand forever as the truth.* No after-suppositions, contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time, God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit.

A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. *And the standard-bearers, who have fallen in death, are to speak through the reprinting of their writings.* I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time. *Preach the Word*, p. 5.” (Ellen White, 1905, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, pages 31, 32)

Many will say that Ellen White accepted the trinity doctrine late in her life. That she snuck the doctrine into the church privily. That is not how Ellen White rebuked error for anybody that has read her writings. Did she rebuke her husband and the rest of the pioneers by bringing the trinity teaching into the church privily? Think about it long and hard. You will receive your answer. Common sense will tell you. Anyone who has read her writings should know this is not the way of Ms. White. Let us see what Ellen White says about doctrines that are brought into the church privily.

“*Modern spiritualism*, resting upon the same foundation, is but a revival in a new form of the witchcraft and demon worship that God condemned and prohibited of old.... Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, “who **privily** shall **bring in damnable heresies**, even denying the Lord that

bought them.... And many shall follow their pernicious ways.” 2 Peter 2:1, 2. *Here the apostle has pointed out one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God.* Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.” 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist.” (Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 686)

Let us acknowledge this quote carefully. Because we are about to find out that this is talking about none other than false doctrines such as the trinity. Also because all of our pioneers were non-Trinitarian, we can note that the trinity doctrine had to be learned from Babylon. In fact you will hear today that our pioneers who understood scriptures 10 times better than those in Babylon did not understand the doctrine that is supposed to be the foundation of our faith. The trinity is none other than the foundation of the Catholic faith. This again is strange indeed. To go into Babylon to learn our doctrines is usually considered a “falling away” or in other words “apostasy” wouldn’t it?. The rock upon which the house is to be built; Ellen White will explain to us who the son is what the comforter is, or who it is shortly. But first let us note something about her writings. She said: “Those who desire to doubt will have plenty of room. God does not propose to remove all occasion for unbelief. He gives evidence, which must be carefully investigated with a humble mind and a teachable spirit, and all should decide from the weight of evidence.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, page 255)

Please be educated on this subject. Have a humble mind, a teachable spirit. To examine one side of the subject is indoctrination. To follow man rather than God is nothing less than worshipping the creature more than the creator and you will receive a mark from that creature shortly and that will mark you as his if you do not fully trust Gods word. Let all her writings come to the forefront and don’t make your mind up on some seemingly contradictory statements. All can be understood in perfect harmony. I will examine a couple of her statements that seem to testify to a trinity but when understood in context are in perfectly harmony with the rest of her writings. You decide after you see the weight of the evidence. We will see how spiritualism has entered the church and how the denying of the father and son is antichrist, and what Ellen White really taught.

I will do this in a somewhat question and answer format. Letting her writings interpret themselves. Let us begin.

Q] Are there three people that are to be exalted?

“Let the brightest example the world has yet seen be your example, rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who know not God, nor Jesus Christ whom he has sent. **The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.**” (Ellen White, *The Youth’s Instructor*, July 7, 1898)

Note: That there are only 2 beings, not 3, that are to be exalted. She uses a key word “Alone” in quoting here from [John 17:3-5] But let us not base our doctrine on just one witness. There is plenty more.

Q} Some say there were three persons in the work of creation because the Hebrew word “elohim” the word for God is a plural word. Were there 3 people in the work of creation?

“After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, *the Father and Son carried out their purpose,...* And now **God said to His Son, “Let us make man in our image.”**”(Ellen White, *The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, pages 24, 25)

Note: The words spoken by Elohim were spoken by the father to his son. The father and son carried out their purpose. And if the Holy spirit is a third being where was he in this matter? This is quite different than what is taught in the church today who teach that that verse in Genesis 1 refers to 3 beings the father, son, and holy spirit. You can find other verses in scripture which show that “Elohim” was used in the singular sense and even refers to men or false gods such as [Exo 7:1 or 1 Kings 11:5]

Q} Were there three people to lay the plan of salvation?

“The plan of redemption was arranged in the councils between **the Father and the Son.**” (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, May 28, 1908 par. 12)

“Even the angels were not permitted to share the counsels **between the Father and the Son** when the plan of salvation was laid. “(Ellen White, *Ministry of Healing*, page 429)

“The plan of salvation **devised by the Father and the Son** will be a grand success.” (Ellen White, *The Signs of the Times*, June 17, 1903 par. 2)

“Before the fall of man, **the Son of God had united with his Father** in laying the plan of salvation.” (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, September 13, 1906 par. 4)

“The great plan of redemption was laid before the foundation of the world. And Christ, our Substitute and Surety, did not stand alone in the wondrous undertaking of the ransom of man. In the plan to save a lost world, ***the counsel was between them both; the covenant of peace was between the Father and the Son.***” (Ellen White, *The Signs of the Times*, December 23, 1897, par. 2)

Note: Both means 2, not 3. Some believe both means 3. If Ellen White believed a third being was part of the Godhead, why did she leave this being out in all her writings? Why were the angels mentioned but not the third being of one God. This would lead us to conclude that she did not understand the very pillar of our faith (The foundation of it) or the Holy Spirit is not a spirit being and this is the spiritualistic teaching she was talking about when she said that they would bring in a deadly heresy. She did say that after the Alpha of Deadly heresies Kellogg presented, that the Omega would soon follow. Let us continue.

Q} How many co-workers does the father have? 1 or 2?

“By Christ the work upon which the fulfillment of God’s purpose rests, was accomplished. *This was the agreement in the councils of the God-head. The Father purposed in counsel with his Son* that the human family should be tested and proved,...” (Ellen White, *The Gospel Herald*, June 11, 1902, par. 6)

“In order that the human family might have no excuse because of temptation, Christ became one with them. ***The only being who was one with God lived the law in humanity***, descended to the lowly life of a common laborer, and toiled at the carpenter’s bench with his earthly parent.” (Ellen White, *The Signs of the Times*, October 14, 1897 par. 3)

“*The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate—a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings.* ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.’ John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father—one in nature, in character, in purpose—***the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God.*** ‘His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.’ Isaiah 9:6. His “goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2. And ***the Son of God declares concerning Himself.*** “The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. **I was set up from everlasting....** When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.” Proverbs 8:22-30.” (Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 34)

She refers to Christ's father as "the Sovereign of the universe". She does not state that Christ is the Sovereign with him. She also quotes Proverbs 8:22-30 attributing this to Christ. Christ says of himself. "When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills I was brought forth:... When he prepared the heavens, I was there:... Then I was by him, as one brought up *with him*: and was daily *his delight*, rejoicing always before him;"(Pro 8:22-25) And he is daily his delight. This is his beloved son in whom he is well pleased"[Matt 3:17]. "By the power of His love, through obedience, fallen man, a worm of the dust, is to be transformed, fitted to be *a member of the heavenly family, a companion through eternal ages of God and Christ and the holy angels...*"—Manuscript 21, Feb. 16, 1900. (Ellen White, *The Upward Look*, page 61)

"Let the brightest example the world has yet seen be your example, rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who know not God, nor Jesus Christ whom he has sent. ***The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.***" (Ellen White, *The Youth's Instructor*, July 7, 1898)

Note: There is not a third spirit being called God the Spirit. Only one being in this universe could enter into the purposes and counsels of God. Christ is the only begotten son of God. "To us there is one God the father" 1 Cor 8:6. Jesus Christ entered his counsels. 2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath ***both*** the Father and the Son. Both means two not three. Nowhere in scripture does it say "Trinity". Note: The bible does not say "One God, the father, son, and Holy Ghost". John says the father and son dwell in us. By their spirit is what he meant. Not by their spirit being. Our fellowship is with the father and the son [1 John 1:3]

Q} Who was the first, second, and third highest being in heaven before the fall?

"The Son of God was next in authority to the great Lawgiver. He knew that His life alone could be sufficient to ransom fallen man." (Ellen White, *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 2, page 9, also in *Lift Him Up*, page 24)

"Satan's position in heaven had been next to the Son of God. He was first among the angels." (Ellen White, *Selected Messages*, book 1, page 341)

Please note that Christ was next in authority behind his father. The third highest being was none other than Satan himself.

“Satan, the chief of the fallen angels, once had an exalted position in Heaven. He was next in honor to Christ.” (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, February 24, 1874)

“Speaking of **Satan**, our Lord says that “he abode not in the truth.” He was once the covering cherub, glorious in beauty and holiness. **He was next to Christ in exaltation and character.** It was with Satan that self-exaltation had its origin. He became jealous of Christ, and falsely accused him, and then laid blame upon the Father. **He was envious of the position that was held by Christ and the Father,** and he turned from his allegiance to the Commander of heaven and lost his high and holy estate.” (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, October 22, 1895)

Note: Christ and the father are the highest beings in heaven. Satan wanted to be like God. He wasn't envious of a Holy Spirit being. He wanted to be part of a trinity of beings. He became jealous of the son of God. Now on this planet he has declared there is a trinity of beings to be worshipped. When the father and son alone are to be exalted. He has created a false God. Hear O Israel, the LORD our God is one Lord [Deu 6:4]. And “he” sits on his throne. The bible doesn't say “They” sit on his throne in heaven. It is not reasonable, nor logical. The watchman are sounding the horn against this omega of deadly heresies. Here O Israel as we sigh and cry at the abominations that be done in the midst thereof [Eze 9:4]. “Thou shall have no other Gods before you”. [Exo 20:3]

Q] A doctrine is pervading in the church today that Christ became the begotten son when he took on humanity and not before that. Was he begotten before taking human nature?

“A complete offering has been made; for “God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,”—*not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*” (Ellen White, *The Signs of the Times*, May 30, 1895)

Compare this with the following:

“Before Christ came in the likeness of men, he existed in the express image of his Father.” (Ellen White, *Youth's Instructor*, December 20, 1900)

“The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, *tore from his bosom Him who was made in the express image of his person*, and sent him down to earth to reveal how greatly he loved mankind. “(Ellen White, *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895, par. 13)

“*Christ is the Son of God in deed and in truth* and in love, and is the representative of the Father as well as the representative of the human race.” (Ellen White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 14, page 83)

“*Modern spiritualism*, resting upon the same foundation, is but a revival in a new form of the witchcraft and demon worship that God condemned and prohibited of old.... Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, “who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them.... And many shall follow their pernicious ways.” 2 Peter 2:1, 2. *Here the apostle has pointed out one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God.* Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.” 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist. “(Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 686)

“And ***the Son of God declares concerning Himself***: “The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting.... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.” Proverbs 8:22-30.”(Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 34)

Note: Christ was in the express image of God before Creation. Was begotten before the world was. Set up from everlasting. Many say the words from Proverbs 8:22-30 are not the words of Christ but were spoken by wisdom. Ms. White said Christ spoke those words. The bible says “Christ is the wisdom of God” 1 Cor 1:24, 30. He was begotten. And to deny this is antichrist doctrine.[1 John 2:22] And it also demeans the love of God [John 3:16, 1 John 4:9]. Did God send his only begotten son, or a co-eternal, co-equal being who role-played the son. I believe that if God said he sent his only begotten son that means he must have had a son to give. Did one role-play the father, and another role-played a spirit being? That sounds like 3 co-eternal friends. To see the son is to see the father. In this way the word was God [John 1:1]. But to us there is one God the father [1 Cor 8:6, Eph 4:6, Deu 6:9, John 20:17] Our Lord Jesus Christ declared him and came in his name.

Think about this. If I sent my friend to die for you. How much love would that be? Not very much. On the other hand my son, who I look at, who is my express image, a little me. Who adores me, who looks at me with his blue eyes and willingness to learn, and says abba, father, daddy, and is daily my delight. For me to send him to die for you. Would you then begin to see how much I loved you? Think about how a trinity demeans Gods love. It is very subtle but it greatly demeans his love. And the love of God draws men to repentance. "This is love that he gave his only begotten son"[1 John 4:9]. Not his co-eternal friend.

Q} Was Christ equal with God?

"The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon his Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. *The Father then made known **that it was ordained by himself that Christ should be equal** with himself*; so that wherever was the presence of his Son, it was as his own presence. His word was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. **His Son he had invested with authority to command the heavenly host.**" (Ellen White, *The Signs of the Times*, January 9, 1879; also in *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, pages 18, 19)

Note: Make no mistake. Christ was equal. But let us recognize that "All power and authority in not just earth but heaven too, was **given** by his father". He was **ordained** that he should be equal. This takes nothing away from Christ. Christ was in all things partaker of the Godhead. Some say for some reason that we by saying he was given authority demean the son because they believe he was co-equal and possessed all power and authority of his own self. We should let scriptures be the judge of that.

"The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. [Hebrews 1:1-5 quoted.] God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. *To Christ has been **given** an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father.* All the counsels of God are opened to His Son." (Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, page 268)

Note: He has been MADE equal by his father, with his father. When Christ speaks it is as though his father is speaking. Hebrews 1:3 says "by inheritance has he obtained a name" as she quoted above. Like the son will inherit his father's name. So is Christ able to speak on behalf of the only true God the father [John 17:3-5]. "He has declared his fathers name" [John 17:26].

Q} Does Ellen White speak out about misunderstandings about God?

“There were those who were active in disseminating false ideas in regard to God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their false teachings. I was instructed that they were misleading souls by presenting speculative theories regarding God.... This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presenting the doctrine of an impersonal God pervading all nature, and similar errors.” (Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, pages 292, 293)

Note: Ellen White knew who God was. In many instances she had to rebuke those presenting false doctrines on this subject. If her husband or the other pioneers were speaking out against the trinity or “three in one or one in three God” as James White put it and she were Trinitarian she would have spoken out against them. Especially considering that the alpha and omega of deadly heresies are in regard to this very doctrine. Is this an important subject? Let noone tell you that it is not. The trinity is the Omega of deadly heresies. The trinity is an impersonal God. Our God is the father of Jesus Christ.[John 20:17, Gal 1:3] Ellen White would never bring in such an important doctrine quietly or privily as is being taught in the church today. That’s a misrepresentation.

Q} Christ possessed original, unborrowed, underived life. Does that mean he was not begotten?

*“In Him [Christ] was life, original, unborrowed, underived. **This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ.** He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour.”* (Ellen White, *Signs of the Times*, April 8, 1897; also in *Selected Messages*, book 1, pages 296, 297)

Note: Please note that we also will possess original, unborrowed, underived life. This does not mean that we are not adopted sons of God. And this does not mean Christ was not the only begotten, nor does it mean he was not given it by his father. Joh 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he **given** to the Son to have life in himself. Original, unborrowed, underived life was given to him by his father. And we also can possess original, unborrowed, underived life through Christ. It is amazing how these quotes that have been used to support a Trinity doctrine were pulled from there natural connection to support it when there is so much evidence that she did not believe in a trinity.

Q} Did Christ have any special power on earth? Was he a man?

“Those who claim that it was not possible for Christ to sin, cannot believe that He really took upon Himself human nature. But was not Christ actually tempted, not only by Satan in the wilderness, but all through His life, from childhood to manhood? In all points He was tempted as we are, and because He successfully resisted temptation under every form, He gave man the perfect example, and through the ample provision Christ has made, we may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world through lust.” (Ellen White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, page 929).

“Christ’s overcoming and obedience is that of a true human being. In our conclusions, we make many mistakes because of our erroneous views of the human nature of our Lord. When we give to His human nature a power that it is not possible for man to have in his conflicts with Satan, we destroy the completeness of His humanity.” (Ellen White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, page 929)

Note: Jesus Christ walked on water. He had access to the same power we do. Some say that he came here as God, that he had power we do not. He declared God. He was God in character, spirit, love. But made like his brethren in all points. And if Christ can overcome temptation, we certainly can. Anyone who denies this denies Christ came in the flesh and this is the spirit of Antichrist [1 John 4:3].

“The obedience of Christ to His Father was the same obedience that is required of man. Man cannot overcome Satan’s temptations without divine power to combine with his instrumentality. So with Jesus Christ; He could lay hold of divine power. He came not to our world to give the obedience of a lesser God to a greater, but as a man to obey God’s holy law, and in this way He is our example. The Lord Jesus came to our world, not to reveal what a God could do, but what a man could do, through faith in God’s power to help in every emergency. Man is, through faith, to be a partaker in the divine nature, and to overcome every temptation wherewith he is beset.” (Ellen White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, page 929)

Note: Make no mistake. Jesus was not a lesser God, he is the son of the only true God. He was not God the son like Trinitarians believe. Nowhere in scripture or the spirit of prophecy is that written. He was as much a man as me and you in respect to his human nature. We can partake of the divine nature [2 Pet 1:4] and are told to “heal the sick and blind, and cleanse the lepers”. Let us first be cleansed of sin. And this will come by knowing who and what the holy spirit is, and it’s power, and accepting it by faith. Please note that she says “The same obedience of Christ to his father is REQUIRED of man”. Let us not find this a burden for it is love to keep his commandments [1 John 5:3]

“When Jesus was awakened to meet the storm, He was in perfect peace. There was no trace of fear in word or look, for no fear was in His heart. But *He rested not in the possession of almighty power*. It was not as the “Master of earth and sea and sky” that He reposed in quiet. *That power He had laid down*, and He says, “I can of Mine own self do nothing.” John 5:30. He trusted in the Father’s might. It was in faith—faith in God’s love and care—that Jesus rested, and *the power of that word which stilled the storm was the power of God.*” (Ellen White, *Desire of Ages*, page 336)

Note: We can do nothing of ourselves either. He is our example and if we have the faith of Jesus [Rev 14:12] we will be able to calm the storm as well with the power that is Gods. Jesus did not have any advantage over us.

Q} Was Jesus Christ divine and human when he came to earth?

“Divinity and humanity are blended in him who has the spirit of Christ.” (*Youth’s Instructor*, June 30, 1892 par. 3; also in *Sons and Daughters of God*, page 24)

Note: Please understand that yes he possessed divinity, but we also are to be partakers of divinity. We have his spirit. He did not have a power that we didn’t have as the church’s today try to make it sound. Divinity and humanity are to be blended in you if you have the spirit of God.

Q} Did Christ die? If Christ is the immortal God he cannot die.

“He humbled himself, and took mortality upon him. *As a member of the human family, he was mortal.*” (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, September 4, 1900)

“Men need to understand that Deity suffered and sank under the agonies of Calvary....” (MS 153, 1898). (Ellen White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, page 907)

“Jesus said to Mary, “Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father.” When He closed His eyes in death upon the cross, the soul of Christ did not go at once to heaven, as many believe, or how could His words be true —“I am not yet ascended to my Father”? *The spirit of Jesus slept in the tomb with His body, and did not wing its way to heaven, there to maintain a separate existence*, and to look down upon the mourning disciples embalming the body from which it had taken flight. *All that comprised the life and intelligence of Jesus remained with His body in the sepulcher*, and when He came forth it was as a whole

being; He did not have to summon His spirit from heaven.” (Ellen White, *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 5, pages 1150, 1151)

Note: Many think that only part of Christ died. And the other part was in heaven because God cannot die. The truth is that if the only true God the father [John 17:3-5] could die. He would have come here himself and would not have let his only begotten son come here. A good father would rather die than let his son go through the agony. It hurt our father more than anything to give his only begotten son. The son knew he had to go because his father is the only immortal God. Christ died fully. There was no separate existence of him that was alive.

“When Jesus had opened before his disciples the fact that he must go to Jerusalem to suffer and die at the hands of the chief priests and scribes, Peter had presumptuously contradicted his Master, saying, “Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall not be unto thee.” *He could not conceive it possible that the Son of God should be put to death. Satan suggested to his mind that if Jesus was the Son of God he could not die.*” (Ellen White, *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 3, page 231)

Note: Satan suggested to Peter that Christ could not die. Don't let him suggest it to you.

Q} According to Ellen White who is the comforter?

“*The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be.*” (Ellen White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 8, page 49)

“The nights are long and painful, but *Jesus is my Comforter* and my Hope.” (Ellen White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 19, page 296)

“Christ is everything to those who receive Him. *He is their Comforter*, their safety, their healthfulness. Apart from Christ there is no light at all.” (Ellen White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 21, page 372)

“***There is no comforter like Christ***, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. His Spirit speaks to the heart.... *The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.*” (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, October 26, 1897)

“Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power.... *Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil*, and to impress His own character upon His church.” (Ellen White, *Desire of Ages*, page 671)

Note: Ellen White used the words “third person of the Godhead”. This must be understood in the context and language of her time. And with the words used around her quotes. Christ is that spirit[John 14:18, 1 Cor 3:17]. But he is obviously “Another comforter”. This is what Ellen White says: “Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. ***The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit***, as the Omnipresent.” (Ellen White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 14, pages 23, 24; written February 18 and 19, 1895)

Note: He would represent himself in the form of his ministering spirits. Not a third divine holy spirit being that was a co-equal with the father and son. Sister White said the Holy Spirit is Christ Himself, divested (stripped) of humanity. “Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ came in the flesh is the “spirit of truth” [1 John 4:1-6] He [Jesus] would represent Himself by His Holy Spirit. She did not say that he was another being. She said person. And the word person was used in a much different way in those days. The intent of the word is “personality” or “presence” or “power” And the spirit is “another” different personality of the Godhead. But it is none other than Christ in you himself. Not a literal being possessing you but spiritually Christ is in you. Let us go with the weight of the evidence. He represents himself. John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

On June 11, 1891, Ellen White wrote to Brother Chapman in regard to his belief that the Holy Spirit is a separate being from Christ, namely, the angel Gabriel. She wrote, in part: “Your ideas of the two subjects you mention do not harmonize with the light which God has given me. *The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery not clearly revealed, and you will never be able to explain it to others because the Lord has not revealed it to you.* You may gather together scriptures and put your construction upon them, but the application is not correct.... *It is not essential for you to know and be able to define just **what** the Holy Spirit is.* Christ tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and the Comforter is the Holy Ghost, “the Spirit of truth, which the Father shall send in My name.” “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive,

because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for **He dwelleth with you**, and shall be in you" [John 14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter....** There are many mysteries which I do not seek to understand or to explain; they are too high for me, and too high for you. *On some of these points, silence is golden.... I hope that you will seek to be in harmony with the body.... You need to come into harmony with your brethren.*" (Ellen White, June 11, 1891, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 14, pages 175-180)

Note: Christ is the comforter. This she proved him to be. The disciples had not received the comforter at the time of John 14. Yet they knew him because he dwelt with them. In fact he was standing right in front of them. He was dwelling with them. They knew him for he dwelt with them. He said "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you". Who was dwelling with them? Christ himself. But he would come in "another" manifestation through his disciples. He also said "I and my father shall be in you". The spirit is in it. Ellen White was in harmony with her brethren in 1891.

Q} What does Satan want to do in regards to the comforter?

*"The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die is that **the enemy** has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. **He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter**, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, August 26, 1890, also in *Reflecting Christ*, page 21)*

Note: The comforter is Christ himself and the enemy is seeking to keep us from knowing who our comforter is. Many pray for the spirit, but they do not know him. So they pray but cannot receive. They have a misunderstanding of it. Ellen White called the spirit a part of a "heavenly trio". It is a trio of power. The father is the only God, the son is the one by whom all things are created. The firstborn, the only begotten son of God, and the spirit is the mind, and will of our creator which proceeds from God and is the spirit of the son, and we also have the spirit of God.[1 Cor 2:12-14] for it flows forth from God. It is the power of God. Which is the mind of Christ [1 Cor 2:16]. Christ in you is the hope of glory[Col 1:27]. With the seed of God in you, you will no longer commit known or willful sin, because he cannot commit sin [1 John 3:9], and Christ is that seed. So worship God the creator of heaven and earth[Rev 14:7], the only true God[John 17:3], the one God the father[1 Cor 8:6] and honor his son for in so doing you honor the father.[John 5:23] because he came in his fathers name[John 5:47] and has by inheritance obtained a name[Heb 1:3] And as the word, came forth from God as the only begotten, declared God, and therefore was God[John 1:1-18] Was brought forth by his

father before the world began[Pro 8:22-30] and before anything made was made was not created, but all creatures were made by him[Col 1:15-16] Was ordained to be made equal to his father in heaven and earth. [Matt 28:18]. And dwells in us with his father by their spirit. [John 14:23] And freely gives us that spirit that we can partake of the divine nature.[2 Pet1:3-4]. You are invited to have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the father and his son[1 John 1:3]. And the communion we have is the communion of the Holy Spirit. A trio of power. The father God, his word, and his spirit which proceed forth from him. [1 John 5:7] And these three bear record in heaven. And many “Believeth not the record that God gave his son”[1 John 5:10]

Whosoever abides in the doctrine of Christ has two. Both the father and son. [2 John 1:9]. Truly “There are certain men who crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.[Jude 4]. Ellen White was not one of them.

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. **Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced.** The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, **as also the God who created it.** Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but **God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.**” Selected Messages Book 1-Page 204, 205

The pillars of our faith that were sustained by the pioneers over the 50 years before 1905 are now accounted as error. Books of a new order have been written. A new organization established. And it is definitely a system of intellectual philosophy to believe that 1 equals 3 or 3 equals 1. Because it isn't common sense. The foundation is built on sand as you can see, and the true God is removed and another stands in his place. They cannot have his spirit because they don't know what it is. So their dependence is

on human power alone. And they don't like to talk about this doctrine because Satan has sought to destroy any chance at a true understanding of him which would give us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness". This is eternal life to know God and his son.

ANSWERING EVANGELISM PAGE 615-617 LEROY FROOM'S SEEMINGLY TRINITARIAN COLLECTION OF EGW WRITINGS

How many times have we seen these quotes. All apparently Trinitarian. All these quotes are actually non-trinitarian.

Eternal Dignitaries of the Trinity

Quote: "The Eternal Dignitaries of the Trinity.--The eternal heavenly dignitaries--God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit--arming them [the disciples] with more than mortal energy, . . ." {Ellen White Evangelism 616}

Firstly "the eternal dignitaries of the trinity" looks nice, it's all capitalized but it is totally uninspired. Let's re-read the quote.

"The eternal heavenly dignitaries--God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit--arming them [the disciples] with more than mortal energy, . . ." {Ev 616.4}

It would be great to see the entire context of this quote outside of Evangelism. However just from what we can see it refers to "God", "Christ" and "the Holy Spirit".

"God" is distinct from his son, and his spirit in this quote. This to me indicates that the title "God" in this quote refers to the father alone.

I don't think that we can read into this quote "God the father, son and holy spirit, and Christ and the Holy Spirit". The title God refers alone to the father in this quote and as far as can be seen in not Trinitarian at all.

The Holy Spirit is a Person

Quote Personality of the Holy Spirit.--"We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds."--Manuscript 66, 1899. {Ellen White Evangelism 616}

This quote says "God is a person". This seems to be non-trinitarian as well. Since Trinitarians teach that "God is three persons".

However, let me go further. Let's say "Paul is a person as much as his spirit is a person." Would we then say Paul's spirit was someone separate and distinct from Paul? This is the same with our father in heaven. He is spirit the bible says.

Joh 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Joh 4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These verses talk about our father who is spirit, and we are to worship him in spirit and in truth. Many think that our God is a "mystery" which they call a Trinity. The words of Jesus "Ye know not what ye worship" would apply if our God is a mystery.

When we get to heaven, God will not then say "Meet my spirit". We will see God face to face, and we will know him. The father of Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, The spirit is as much a person as God is a person.

The Three Great Powers of Heaven - Ellen White

Let's look at this carefully, then answer my questions. I believe we are to co-operate with the "three great powers" however only one of those three entities is the eternal God. Read carefully then answer the question below.

"It is the fulfillment of the covenant that God has made with those who bind themselves up with Him, to stand with Him, with His Son, and with His Spirit in holy fellowship. Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ Jesus? Then co-operate with the three great powers of heaven who are working in your behalf. Doing this you will reveal to the world the principles of righteousness. -Signs of the Times, June 19, 1901 par. 4

It says "GOD" binds us to him by "his SON".

Who does the title "God" refer to?

Multiple Choice:

- A) God the father binds us to himself by his son.
- B) God the father, and the son and Holy Spirit binds us to himself by his son.

Well, the answer is clear for all to see, however someone did answer this: "IT SHOULD BE: God the father, Son and the Holy Spirit binds us to themselves"

So I did add the words "The father, Son and the Holy Spirit) into this passage to see how it would sound.

"It is the fulfillment of the covenant that God (The Father, Son and Holy Spirit) has made with those who bind themselves up with Him(the Father, Son and Holy Spirit), to stand with Him, with His(the Father, Son and Holy Spirit's) Son, and with His(the Father, Son and Holy Spirit's) Spirit in holy fellowship. Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ Jesus? Then co-operate with the three great powers of heaven who are working in your behalf. Doing this you will reveal to the world the principles of righteousness. -Signs of the Times, June 19, 1901 par. 4

I think we can see that answer B is clearly incorrect.

1Co 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

"Let the brightest example the world has yet seen be your example, rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who know not God, nor Jesus Christ whom he has sent. The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted." (Ellen White, The Youth's Instructor, July 7, 1898)

Heavenly Trio

"I am instructed to say, The sentiments of those who are searching for advanced scientific ideas are not to be trusted. Such representations as the following are made: "The Father is as the light invisible; the Son is as the light embodied; the Spirit is the light shed abroad." "The Father is like the dew, invisible vapor; the Son is like the dew gathered in beautiful form; the Spirit is like the dew fallen to the seat of life." Another representation: "The Father is like the invisible vapor; the Son is like the leaden cloud; the Spirit is rain fallen and working in refreshing power."

All these spiritualistic representations are simply nothingness. They are imperfect, untrue. They weaken and diminish the Majesty which no earthly likeness can be compared to. God can not be compared with the things His hands have made. These are mere earthly things, suffering under the curse of God because of the sins of man. The Father can not be described by the things of earth. The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and is invisible to mortal sight.

The Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God declares Him to be "the express image of His person." "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Here is shown the personality of the Father.

The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit-- those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ. . . ." {SpTB07 62-63}

The son is the expression of God's "person". The father's person is seen in his son Jesus Christ as well as the Holy Spirit which is manifest through more than just the father and son. The Father is God here and he gave his only begotten Son according to this quote. This teaches us that we have one God. If you look carefully here is what you see this:

God the father, the only true God is invisible to mortal sight. No man has seen God. The son made manifest the father's Godhead (divine nature). And the Holy Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead has manifest God the father; s POWER and DIVINITY (Godhead)[Rom 1:20] or Divine grace to all who receive Christ the comforter.

Brackets are added on this for clarity as so many today did not know that the Godhead is the father's divinity, which the father gave to his son.(Col 1:19) and was well pleased that in his Son should all the fullness of the Godhead(Divine Nature) dwell which is the manifestation of the father's spirit. None dwells "In the Godhead". The Godhead dwells in Christ and his son, and all who partake of the divine nature since the Spirit is fullness of the Godhead manifesting the father's POWER and DIVINITY.

In all of these quotes the term God refers to the father alone. Jesus Christ is referred to as the son of God.

Is there a difference between the belief in the "Godhead" vs. "the Trinity"?

A) Many today are using the term "godhead" to mean "God". Some have tried to replace the term "trinity" with "godhead". But the truth is: God has a "Godhead". "The Godhead" is a characteristic of "God". Notice in the following verse that his "Godhead" is clearly seen in the things made.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Now if the term "Godhead" is the new replacement word for "Trinity" or "three in one God" than the verse is saying "God's "three in one God" is clearly seen in the things made" or "God's trinity is clearly seen in the things made". Concludingly "Godhead" does not mean a "three in one God".

I'd like to propose to you that the term "Godhead" actually means "divinity" or "divine nature". Here is Ellen White wrote once. She quotes this same verse Romans 1:20. But notice that the word "Godhead" is translated "divinity". She quotes it from the American Standard Version.

"The invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divinity." Romans 1:20, A.R.V. "(Ellen White Ministry of Healing 410).

So the term "Godhead" refers to a characteristic of God himself. God is the father if we read the context. He is not a three in one God.

Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

So if we read that carefully we see that God the father has a "Godhead" which is his "divinity". His divine nature was given to His Son.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

All things proceed from God and are given to Christ. Now most Trinitarians today have renamed the "Trinity" and now call it the "Godhead". It's like calling a cat a dog. It's still a cat. But in order to escape comparison to Rome they misuse the term "godhead".

But as you can see "godhead" means "divinity" and not "trinity". God's divinity is clearly seen in the things made, not God's trinity. For further material on this topic, see attached links.

And who is the comforter?

“The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be.” (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 8, page 49)

“The nights are long and painful, but Jesus is my Comforter and my Hope.” (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 19, page 296)

“Christ is everything to those who receive Him. He is their Comforter, their safety, their healthfulness. Apart from Christ there is no light at all.” (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 21, page 372)

“There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. His Spirit speaks to the heart.... The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.” (Ellen White, Review & Herald, October 26, 1897)

“Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent.” (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 14, pages 23, 24; written February 18 and 19, 1895)

2Jn 1:3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

JAMES SPRINGER WHITE: 1821 – 1881 ON THE TRINITY

*“Jesus prayed that his disciples might be one as he was one with his Father. **This prayer did not contemplate one disciple with twelve heads, but twelve disciples, made one in object and effort in the cause of their master. Neither are the Father and the Son parts of the “three-one God.” They are two distinct beings, yet one in the design and accomplishment of redemption.** The redeemed, from the first who shares in the great redemption, to the last, all ascribe the honor, and glory, and praise, of their salvation, to both God and the Lamb.”* (James White, 1868, *Life Incidents*, page 343)

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for THE faith which was once delivered unto the saints...” (Jude 3, 4) ...The exhortation to contend for the faith delivered to the saints, is to us alone. And it is very important for us to know what for and how to contend. In the 4th verse he gives us the reason why we should contend for THE faith, a particular faith; “for there are certain men,” or a certain class *who deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.... **The way spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the old unscriptural Trinitarian creed, viz., that Jesus Christ is the eternal God, though they have not one passage to support it, while we have plain***

scripture testimony in abundance that he is the Son of the eternal God.” (James White, January 24, 1846, *The Day Star*)

“The inexplicable Trinity that makes the Godhead three in one and one in three, is bad enough; but that ultra Unitarianism that makes Christ inferior to the Father is worse. Did God say to an inferior, “Let us make man in our image?”” (James White, November 29, 1877, *Review & Herald*)

“The Father was greater than the Son in that he was first.” (James White, January 4, 1881, *Review & Herald*; found in *EGW Review and Herald Articles*, vol. 1, page 244)

“We are told by those who teach the abolition of the Father’s law, that the commandments of God mentioned in the New Testament, are not the ten, but the requirements of the gospel, such as repentance, faith, baptism and the Lord’s supper. But as these, and every other requirement peculiar to the gospel, are all embraced in the faith of Jesus, it is evident that the commandments of God are not the sayings of Christ and his apostles. **To assert that the sayings of the Son and his apostles are the commandments of the Father, is as wide from the truth as the old trinitarian absurdity that Jesus Christ is the very and Eternal God.** And as the faith of Jesus embraces every requirement peculiar to the gospel, it necessarily follows that the commandments of God, mentioned by the third angel, embrace only the ten precepts of the Father’s immutable law which are not peculiar to any one dispensation, but common to all.” (James White, August 5, 1852, *Review & Herald*, vol. 3, no. 7, page 52, par. 42)

“Bro. Cottrell is nearly eighty years of age, remembers the dark day of 1780, and has been a Sabbath-keeper more than thirty years. He was formerly united with the Seventh-Day Baptists, but on some points of doctrine has differed from that body. He rejected the doctrine of the trinity, also the doctrine of man’s consciousness between death and the resurrection, and the punishment of the wicked in eternal consciousness. He believed that the wicked would be destroyed. Bro. Cottrell buried his wife not long since, who, it is said, was one of the excellent of the earth. Not long since, this aged pilgrim received a letter from friends in Wisconsin, purporting to be from M. Cottrell, his wife, who sleeps in Jesus. But he, believing that the dead know not anything, was prepared to reject at once the heresy that the spirits of the dead, knowing everything, come back and converse with the living. Thus truth is a staff in his old age. He has three sons in Mill Grove, who, with their families are Sabbath-keepers.” (James White, June 9, 1853, *Review & Herald*, vol. 4, no. 2, page 12, par. 16)

“Catholic Reasons for Keeping Sunday

1. Because “it is also called Sunday from the old Roman denomination of Dies Solis, the day of the sun, to which it was sacred.” “Sunday was a name given by the heathens to the first day of the week, because it was the day on which they worshipped the sun.”
2. Because it is “in honor of the blessed Virgin Mary.”
3. *Because “it is a day dedicated by the apostles to the honor of the most Holy Trinity.”*

(James White, April 4, 1854, *Review & Herald*, vol. 5, no. 11, page 86, par. 16-18)

The Position of the Remnant

As fundamental errors, we might class with this counterfeit sabbath other errors which Protestants have brought away from the Catholic church, such as sprinkling for baptism, the trinity, the consciousness of the dead and eternal life in misery. The mass who have held these fundamental errors, have doubtless done it ignorantly; but can it be supposed that the church of Christ will carry along with her these errors till the judgment scenes burst upon the world? We think not. “Here are they [in the period of a message given just before the Son of man takes his place upon the white cloud, Rev. 14:14] that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” *This class, who live just prior to the second advent, will not be keeping the traditions of men, neither will they be holding fundamental errors relative to the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. And as the true light shines out upon these subjects, and is rejected by the mass, then condemnation will come upon them.* When the true Sabbath is set before men, and the claims of the fourth commandment are urged upon them, and they reject this holy institution of the God of heaven, and choose in its place an institution of the beast, it can then be said, in the fullest sense, that such worship the beast. The warning message of the third angel is given in reference to that period, when the mark of the beast will be received, instead of the seal of the living God. Solemn dreadful, swiftly approaching hour! (James White, September 12, 1854, *Review & Herald*, vol. 6, no. 5, page 36, par. 8)

“Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, and of sprinkling or pouring instead of being “buried with Christ in baptism,” “planted in the likeness of his death:” but we pass from these fables to notice one that is held sacred by nearly all professed Christians,

both Catholic and Protestant. It is, The change of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment from the seventh to the first day of the week.” (James White, December 11, 1855, *Review & Herald*, vol. 7, no. 11, page 85, par. 16)

“The “mystery of iniquity” began to work in the church in Paul’s day. It finally crowded out the simplicity of the gospel, and corrupted the doctrine of Christ, and the church went into the wilderness. Martin Luther, and other reformers, arose in the strength of God, and with the Word and Spirit, made mighty strides in the Reformation. *The greatest fault we can find in the Reformation is, the Reformers stopped reforming. Had they gone on, and onward, till they had left the last vestige of Papacy behind, such as natural immortality, sprinkling, the trinity, and Sunday- keeping, the church would now be free from her unscriptural errors.*” (James White, February 7, 1856, *Review & Herald*, vol. 7, no. 19, page 148, par. 26)

“We have not as much sympathy with Unitarians that deny the divinity of Christ, as with Trinitarians who hold that the Son is the eternal Father, and talk so mistily about the three-one God. Give the Master all that divinity with which the Holy Scriptures clothe him. ..”(from : *Review and Herald* June 6, 1871 James and Ellen White’s – Western Tour.)

“We invite all to compare the testimonies of the Holy Spirit through Mrs. W., with the word of God. And in this we do not invite you to compare them with your creed. That is quite another thing. The trinitarian may compare them with his creed, and because they do not agree with it, condemn them. The observer of Sunday, or the man who holds eternal torment an important truth, and the minister that sprinkles infants, may each condemn the testimonies’ of Mrs. W. because they do not agree with their peculiar views. And a hundred more, each holding different views, may come to the same conclusion. But their genuineness can never be tested in this way.” { James White RH June 13, 1871}

“He (James White) received a commendation that few others have attained. God has permitted the precious light of truth to shine upon His word and illuminate the mind of my husband. He may reflect the rays of light from the presence of Jesus upon others by his preaching and writing.”{E. G. White, *Testimonies for the Church* Volume 3, p. 502}

“Many of the pioneers, who shared with us these trials and victories, remained true till the close of life, and have fallen asleep in Jesus. **Among these is the faithful warrior who for thirty-six years stood by my side in the battle for truth. God used him as a teacher and leader to stand in the front ranks during the severe struggles of those early days of the message;** but he has fallen at his post, and, with others

who have died in the faith, he awaits the coming of the Lifegiver, who will call him from his gloomy prison-house to a glorious immortality.” {RH, November 20, 1883 par. 6}

The Foundation and Pillars of the Seventh Day Adventist Faith Changed

The Foundation and Pillars of the Seventh Day Adventist Faith Changed? The Pillars Removed Before your Eyes

Have the pillars of our Seventh Day Adventist faith been changed? Many when they think of the pillars of the Seventh Day Adventist faith think of the Sanctuary and the three angels messages. These are the pillars of our faith. There is a truth that is seen in the sanctuary.

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

The truth about God and his son are seen in the sanctuary.

Pillar of our faith – The personality of God or of Christ

“Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard. Those who try to bring in theories that would remove the pillars of our faith concerning the sanctuary or concerning the personality of God or of Christ, are working as blind men. They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift without an anchor.” {E. G. White, Manuscript Release No.760, p. 9} 1905

Ellen White said plainly that the pillars of our faith included an understanding of the personality of God or of Christ. This has to do with “identity”. It has to do with who Christ is, and who God is. This is major pillar in the Adventist faith.

“The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality.” (Ellen White UL 367)

Christ is not God in personality. Christ is identified as “The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father.” The identity of Christ is a pillar of our faith and she makes it clear in that quote that Christ is:

1. Lord
2. The only begotten son of the father

3. Not God in personality

“Christ is one with the father, but Christ and God are two distinct personages”(RH June 1, 1905)

Regarding what Christ is in respect to his form and nature, he was fully God in respect to his attributes which he possessed as his inheritance by birth as the only begotten son of God. But we are not to call him “God”. He is not the Lord God almighty.

We are to confess Christ as “Lord” and that he is “the son of God”

Php 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

That’s his identity. That’s who Christ is in personality. He is “The Lord Jesus Christ”, the “only begotten Son of the Father.”

Now this is about to get very interesting if you are a Seventh Day Adventist. Ms. White said clearly that Christ and God are two distinct personages, furthermore she really clarifies who the “personality of God” is and who “the personality of Christ” is. She tells us what the “scriptures clearly indicate”.

“The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. [Hebrews 1:1-5 quoted.] God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.” (Ellen White, Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, page 268)

That is very clear regarding the distinct personality and individuality of God and Christ. God is not Christ in respect to his personality. Every knee is not to confess that “Christ is God” in respect to his personality and individuality. Christ is not God himself.

“The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty, yet Christ and the Father are one.” (Ellen White SDA Bible Commentary, vol.5 p.1129)

A doctrine that destroys the personality of God and Christ – The Trinity

If you look at the book fundamental beliefs of Seventh Day Adventists it teaches us that God is or has three personalities. That God is a unity of three co-equal persons. This removes the pillar regarding the

personality of God since it is telling us that God is not the father of Christ a single personality. But rather it teaches us that God is a father, son and holy spirit, three personalities.

James White put it plainly:

“Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ”(James White, December 11, 1855, Review & Herald, vol. 7, no. 11, page 85, par. 16)

Or in other words “The book Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh Day Adventists does away with the personality of God and of his Son Jesus Christ.” Or in other words “The book Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh Day Adventists does away with the pillars of our faith concerning the personality of God and of Christ.”

JN Andrews whom the famous university called “Andrews University” was named after and where the Trinity is strongly proclaimed also saw that the trinity destroys the personality of God and Christ.

“The doctrine of the Trinity which was established in the church by the council of Nice, A. D. 325. This doctrine destroys the personality of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The infamous, measures by which it was forced upon the church which appear upon the pages of ecclesiastical history might well cause every believer in that doctrine to blush.” (J. N. Andrews, March 6, 1855, Review & Herald, vol. 6, no. 24, page 185)

These agree with Ms. White. Christ is our “Lord” the “Only begotten son of God” and not God in personality. God is his father, and our father.

John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

1 Corinthians 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

God is not three personalities... But one personality....Christ the only begotten son of God is a distinct personality and is not God in personality.

Removing the pillars, the foundation, the rock on which the true church is built

A house normally has a foundation. That foundation can include pillars which support that house. The house in scripture is sometimes referred to as “God’s church”.

1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house;

Jesus spoke to Peter and his disciples about building his church and about that foundation. There was something that specifically identified God's true church. It had a specific foundation. In Desire of Ages Ellen White wrote about this foundation.

Peter said something regarding "the personality of Christ" and Christ's identity in Matthew 16. But before looking at that passage, here is what Ellen White said about Peter's statement.

"Peter had expressed the truth which is the foundation of the church's faith" (DA 413).

What is that foundation? What is the rock upon which the true church is built. What did Peter say?

Matthew 16:15 He(Jesus) saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Peter expressed the truth which is the foundation of our faith. That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of The living God. This is rock on which the true church is built. This is the solid pillars and true foundation of the true Seventh Day Adventist church.

Jesus did not answer and say "Actually Peter, I am the Lord God almighty".

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Upon this rock is the true church built. The rock is the foundation. And Peter had expressed the truth which is the foundation of our faith. That "Jesus is the Christ, the son of living God".

This doctrine is the declaration of God's love to us.

1Jn 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

If there is a doctrine that Satan would like to destroy. It is the doctrine regarding the personalities of God and Christ, because it would hide from us the truth of God giving his only begotten son. By removing these truths, he can remove “the foundation of our faith”.

A Church Built on Sand – “A NEW Organization” – A false foundation

I’m sure most of us have heard the parable about the wise man building his house upon the rock. What did the foolish man build his house on?

Mat 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; The true church is built on rock, so the false churches that will be swept away will be built on sand.

To summarize what we’ve learned:

1. The Personalities of God and Christ are pillars of our faith
2. This refers to the identity of each.
3. God is the Father of Christ
4. Christ is the “Lord” or the “Son of God”
5. Christ is not “God” in personality
6. To remove these Pillars is to remove the Rock or Foundation of the church
7. The Trinity destroys the personality of God and of Christ
8. The church that teaches Christ is the Son of God is built on a rock
9. The church that teaches Christ is God himself is built on sand
10. God is one personality not three personalities

So understanding all of this. Let us read and understand how the following has been fulfilled in every point. “The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-Day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order

would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure." Selected Messages Book 1-Page 204, 205

After reading that, I ask the questions which you should be able to answer if you've read all of the above carefully.

The questions are:

1. Have the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith been given up?
2. Has there been a reorganization or reformation of this sort?
3. Have the principles which sustained the first 50 years of our faith been discarded?
4. Has the first 50 years of our faith been accounted as error?
5. Has their foundation been built on sand?
6. Have books of a new order been written?
7. Have they established a system of intellectual philosophy such as (1+1+1=1)?
8. Has the God who created the Sabbath been removed?
9. Have the people had to place dependence on human power? (such as trademarking the name Seventh Day Adventist) ?
10. Will storm and tempest sweep away this structure(the General Conference) that is built on sand?

Every point in that quote has been fulfilled. Are you understanding the "present truth" yet? If not I suggest you study the old truths that were given to our founders. Flesh and blood will not reveal it to you, but our father in heaven will.

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Ephesians 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

"the personality of God... is everything to us as a people. ." {Ellen White Letter 300 1903.}

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS NOT 'THE CHURCH' NOR HAS IT EVER BEEN 'THE CHURCH'

The General Conference was "NEVER" the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Nor is it the head of the church. What is the church according to scripture?

Many today have confined God's church to an earthly organization. There are many different organizations that call themselves "God's church." What we want to look at is one particular organization that was NOT considered "the church" until recently by a few who have a misconception of the term "God's church." That organization is the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

God's church is not confined to an earthly organization. Hebrews 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.

God's church is not confined to an 8*10 box built by men. For us to take that title, "God's church," and apply it to a club or organization on earth, is blasphemy. The church of the firstborn is written in heaven.

Why was the General Conference organization created? It was designed to aid in the work of the gospel. It was designed to help the church. It was never the church but rather an organization that was designed to help the church. It still is not the church according to scripture and never will be since the church of the firstborn is written in heaven. We can't confine the church to a small organization built by a few men.

Read this testimony. Please, note that our pioneers did not call the General Conference "the church." They called it an organization that was part of the church.

The General Conference Organization Was Part of the Church

Please read this carefully:

"At times, when a small group of men entrusted with the general management of the work have, in the name of the General Conference, sought to carry out unwise plans and to restrict God's work, I have said that I could no longer regard the voice of the General Conference, represented by these few men, as the voice of God. But this is not saying that the decisions of a General Conference composed of an assembly of duly appointed, representative men from all parts of the field, should not be respected. God has ordained that the representatives of His church from all parts of the earth, when assembled in a General Conference, shall have authority. The error that some are in danger of committing, is in giving to the mind and judgment of one

man, or of a small group of men, the full measure of authority and influence that God has vested in His church, in the judgment and voice of the General Conference assembled to plan for the prosperity and advancement of His work.

When this power, which God has placed in the church, is accredited wholly to one man, and he is invested with the authority to be judgment for other minds, then the true Bible order is changed. Satan's efforts upon such a man's mind would be most subtle, and sometimes well-nigh overpowering; for the enemy would hope that through his mind he could affect many others. "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, pages 257-261.

Now if we have read that carefully, we see a danger. She says that there is an "authority and influence that God has vested in his church." The danger is giving this full measure of authority to this organization known as the General Conference which was "in the church." This organization was never the church but rather an organization which "God...placed in the church".

To reiterate:

The General Conference was not and is not "the Church."

Never in the all the pages of Sister Ellen White's writings do we see the words, "General Conference Church." If she was alive, she could have said, "I could no longer regard the General Conference as the voice of God." This is not saying that organization is not a good thing. It's very necessary. God is not a God of disorder. This organization is never to be called "God's church." The Church is much broader than any organization on earth can ever be. God's Church covers heaven, earth, and its base is in heaven.

Galatians 4:26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. Yes, its location "is above" and this is the mother of God's children. Babylon and her daughters are earthly organizations which have taken the title of "God's church" and brought it down from its heavenly position. They have applied it to their man made organizations whose builder and maker is men.

Builder and Maker God Through Christ

Abraham sought out a heavenly whose builder and maker is God, (Hebrews 11:10), a place of worship that was not made with hands.

Zechariah 6:12-13 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the

LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

This temple or church is not built by man, but Christ is the builder alone. Neither it is built with hands. Stephen had to point this out to the Jews as they thought that the church was an earthly organization.

Act 7:48-49 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest

The temple of the most high is not a temple made with hands. We are not the builder of the church or tabernacle.

The temple is built without hands.

Mark 14:58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

Now, Christ is the only builder of the church. No man can build this church. It is him alone. He will build it. It is not a temple made with hands. It's not some church down the street that calls itself, "God's church."

Hebrews 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building.

Where is the church located? We already were told:

Hebrews 12:22 -23 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.

Christ is the invisible head of his invisible body.

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

This has reference alone to his church. He is the head; we are the body, the members in particular. He fills us with the fullness of him. Therefore the church is not filled with men who are unconverted, but rather men

who have converted. These men may be defective but they are still God's church. Defects are in its members and the stones need polishing.

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

1 Corinthians 6:15-17 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Therefore, God's church is a spiritual body. If we don't have spiritual eyes, we will not see the church. Thus, we must be born again. If we can't see the kingdom of God, we will desire, blindly, a visible church and a visible head.

Desiring a Visible Head (Give us a King)

Back in Samuel's day, the people of Israel came to Samuel desiring an earthly king.

1 Samuel 8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

The Israelites did not recognize Christ as the invisible head of the church. They wanted to be like the other nations and desired a visible head. Today, instead of recognizing Christ as the head of the church, like Israel of old we people have taken the General Conference out of its position of servant and put it into the position of the King.

They have through carnal eyes, not seen the head of the church, taken members of the body, and placed them at the head of the body.

The people of the Conference (modern Israel) have requested a visible head. The reason we require a visible head is because we must be born again. We can't see the invisible head. The World Doesn't see the Head, But You See Him

The world doesn't see their head as Christ. "The world seeth him not, neither knoweth him." (John 14:17)

Looking through the eyes of the world, the people in the Conference don't see Christ as the visible head. They call the Conference the head. There is only one head to the church.

Matthew 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

In putting more heads on the church, they have thus created a monster. This monster has done exactly what sister White warned about in seeking to control the work.

A Monster Created

So what have we done?

We mistakenly assigned the title, "God's church," to an earthly organization.

We mistakenly assigned the headship of "God's church" to an earthly organization.

We have left off the invisible head Christ.

We requested a visible head in the General Conference.

We requested that conference to be King over us. We put more heads on the church and created a monster.

The Conference assumed this role and now considers itself, "God's church," when in fact it was only a part of "God's Church."

Finally, they have power, blasphemously accepting the term "God's church," and applying it to an earthly organization. They have taken our God given name, "Seventh Day Adventists," and trademarked it with the United States(Second Beast of Revelation 13). Thus they created an image of the first beast of Rome.

They are using this trademark to force those who come out of her to give up the name, "Seventh Day Adventist."

"Romanists have persisted in bringing against Protestants the charge of heresy and willful separation from the true church. But these accusations apply rather to themselves. They are the ones who laid down the banner of Christ and departed from "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3." {GC 51.2} Romanist Adventists persist in bringing the accusation against Protestant Adventists the charge or heresy and willful separation from the true church. But these accusations apply rather to themselves. They are the ones who laid down the banner of Christ and departed from "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints". God's true Church has not laid down the banner. Merely an earthly organization has assumed the role of the true church, claiming to be Christ on earth.

The Church is above and it is not an earthly organization. The roll is in heaven. The General Conference has put itself in place of God. It is in a blasphemous position. There is one head to the church and much more to be said about this. This is merely an outline.

Many cannot see the invisible church of God and this is why they require a visible church. Jesus once said: John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

We cannot see the church through carnal eyes. The church is heavenly. Where two or three are gathered in his name, there He is among them. Many will desire an earthly organization for their carnal eyes since they have yet to see through spiritual eyes, the Kingdom of God. They will create new organizations and call them, "God's church," not knowing that God's church is not confined to an 8"10 box. God's church covers heaven and earth.

We have made a mistaken view in regards to the church. God forgive us. Let us come to your temple, on your foundation, without hands who's builder and maker is God.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. He is the builder. Not us which is built on the foundation which is Christ. Thus, it's not built with hammer and nails.

Hebrews 3:3-6 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

We are His house, not because we're part of an organization. Ask Luther, Wesley, or any of the past reformers. They came to understand that the Church was not an organization or building made with hands.

"God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Where Christ is even among the humble few, this is Christ's church, for the presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a church" (The Upward Look, p. 315).

It was prophesied that a "new organization" would be created if we did not learn our lesson from history. This organization would not be built on the rock.

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THE COMFORTER WHICH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our Comforter:

Jesus promised to send us a most precious gift after his glorification. He said. “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.” (John 16:7)(See also John 7:39).

“The comforter which is the holy spirit”(John 14:26) was not sent until Jesus was glorified. However in John 14 Jesus speaks of this comforter. Jesus said:

Joh 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; *Ever*the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Jesus when speaking of the comforter said “he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” Here we find a seeming contradiction since the comforter could not be sent until Jesus Christ was glorified. We just read in John 16 that the comforter’s coming was dependent on Jesus going away.

How is it that the comforter who was yet to be sent “dwelleth with them” in John 14? This passage explains itself. Jesus didn’t leave off in verse 17. He continues in the next verse by saying:

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Christ was dwelling with them and he was going to come back as the comforter and dwell in them. Christ is the comforter himself.

The greek word for comforter is “parakletos”. John uses this word 5 times in scripture. The 5th time it is used is 1 John 2:1. It is translated “Advocate”

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Christ is the “parakletos”.

But Christ said “another“ so doesn’t that indicate he is speaking of someone else?:

The same greek word for “another” is used of Saul in the Old Testament. Notice what it says:

1Sa 10:6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into **another** man

Saul was about to be turned into another man. Saul had been through an experience. He had received the Holy Spirit which also was available to those in the Old Testament. That spirit was Jesus Christ living inside of Saul.

1Pe 1:10-11 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Saul was still Saul, but yet after his experience he was now “another” man.

In the same sense the Holy Spirit was still the holy spirit, but yet it was now after Christ’s glorification called “another” comforter. Jesus had to first endure an experience in order that he was much more able to say “I have been there, I have done that”.

Let’s say that you had just been through an experience. Your family just died in a plane crash. Your wife and your beautiful children. And I came to you and said “Well brother, I know exactly what you are going through” even though I had never been through that experience. That wouldn’t be very comforting would it?

Heb 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor(help) them that are tempted.

The bible says that now that Jesus has been through the experience he can now say to you and me “I’ve been through it, I’ve been tempted in all points like you have and I will help you overcome, I will come to you, I will help you”.

There is only one being in this universe who can truly “comfort” us like that. Only one who is able to “succor” them that are tempted. It is a great comfort to me to know that Jesus himself will not leave me comfortless, but comes to me himself and dwells in me by his spirit whereby I can truly cry “abba, father”(Galations 4:6). Only a son can cry “Abba, father”.

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Didn’t Jesus call the comforter a “he” and speak of the spirit in the third person?:

Yes, it was very common in those days to speak of yourself in that sense. Notice the following passage where Christ speaks of himself as “the son” and also calls himself “he, him, himself”.

Joh 5:19-23 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son** can do nothing of **himself**, but what **he** seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth **the Son** likewise. For the Father loveth**the Son**, and sheweth **him** all things that himself doeth: and he will shew **him** greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so **the Son** quickeneth whom **he** will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto **the Son**: That all *men* should honour **the Son**, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not **the Son** honoureth not the Father which hath sent **him**.

So it was very common for Jesus to speak of himself in the third person.

So who is the Holy Spirit?

The bible says "The comforter which is the holy spirit"(John 14:26) is that spirit. And we just learned that it is Jesus who said that he wouldn't leave us comfortless, that he would come to us and comfort us. He says further in John 14:

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

The father is the source of that spirit. When we look at the sanctuary in heaven we see that the father is the source of living water and all things come through his son Jesus.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

So that river of living water flows from the source.

Joh 7:38-39 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

That living water that flows from the throne of God is the spirit. It flows through his son Jesus Christ and out through all of the children of God. As Jesus said it will even proceed out of you. But the source is none other than the father.

1Co 8:6 But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.

All things proceed from our “One God the father” and come by his son and our “Lord Jesus Christ”. And Paul says we have “One Lord”(Eph 4:5).

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

Christ is that spirit and he has come to deliver the captives and give them liberty and freedom from the bondage and captivity to sin.

What is the spirit?:

Many today have come to believe that the spirit is a body less phantom or ghost that flies around and takes possession of others. This concept of the spirit however is not correct and is actually very deceptive. Gods children are given free will to accept his spirit and the only service that they will give is a willing service of love and not of forced will.

So what is the spirit? Let me ask you: If I said to you “Hi, my name is David, I’d like you to meet my spirit, he is standing over there, let me get him”. Would you think that I had an incorrect understanding of my spirit? Yes, right. My spirit is not someone else separate and distinct from me. My spirit is me, it’s my personality, my mind my character.

Same with God. God has a spirit. The bible calls it “the holy spirit of God”(Eph 4:30). His spirit is described by the adjective “Holy”. His spirit is not someone distinct and separate from him, his spirit is him, it is his personality, his mind, his character.

Notice the following verses:

Rom 11:34 For who hath known the **mind** of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

Isa 40:13 Who hath directed the **Spirit** of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?

The words “spirit” and “mind” are often interchanged. Notice how the following verse from Ezekiel uses the same Hebrew word “Ruwach” but translates it in one instance “mind” and the next instance “spirit”.

“And the **Spirit [Hebrew: j^Wr - ruwach #7307 in *Strong’s Concordance*]** of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your **mind [ruwach]**, every one of them.” (Ezekiel 11:5)

The holy spirit is the mind of Christ. We are to receive the mind of Christ. Look at the following passage and notice how it is speaking of the spirit, then finally closes with receiving the mind of Christ.

1Co 2:11-16 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but **the Spirit of God**. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which **the Holy Ghost** teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of **the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For **who hath known the mind of the Lord**, that he may instruct him? But we have **the mind of Christ**.

Who hath known the spirit of the Lord? Who hath known the mind of the Lord? The same words and question as asked in the previous verses from Romans 11:34 and Isaiah 40:13 which we just read, however in this instance Paul clarifies that the “Spirit of the Lord” is the “mind of Christ”.

Now let me ask you. Would you say that the mind of Christ is a separate and distinct being from Christ himself. I don’t believe Christ will say to us when we meet him “I’d like you to meet my mind, he’s standing over there”.

Notice in the above passage from 1 Corinthians 2 that it compares God’s spirit to man’s spirit. Man has a spirit that is in him. In the same sense God has a spirit that is in him. Man is not divided into co-equal beings called the man and his spirit.

The spirit has personality:

Many people have come to the understanding that the spirit is someone other than Christ because it has characteristics and personality. For instance the spirit can be grieved.

Dan 7:15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

Daniel was grieved in his spirit in the midst of his body. Daniel was sorrowful. He had the spirit of Christ(1 Pet 1:11) which is also the spirit of God.(Romans 8:9). And he was grieved, but it was not someone else particularly, but it was he himself who was grieved in the midst of his body. Daniel's spirit belongs to Daniel, just as Gods spirit belongs to God.

The spirit can perceive things.

Mar 2:8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

Notice, Jesus perceived things in his spirit. Again Jesus is not perceiving things in someone else who is separate and distinct from him. His spirit is his mind.

The spirit can be troubled.

Dan 2:3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

Nebuchadnezzar's spirit was troubled. This is not teaching us that someone else separate and distinct from Nebuchadnezzar was troubled. This is teaching us that he himself was troubled. If I said to you "meet Nebuchadnezzar, he has a wonderful spirit" you would not think that I was talking of someone separate and distinct from Nebuchadnezzar.

The spirit is the part of someone including God and Christ themselves that can be troubled, it can perceive things, it can be grieved and it has personality. The bible teaches us that "there is one spirit"(Eph 4:4). As we have learned that spirit is the mind of Christ. It is also the spirit of God. Notice how the "spirit of God" and the "spirit of Christ" are interchanged in the following passage. Also note that this spirit is actually "Christ in you". That one spirit is the "Holy Spirit".

Rom 8:9-10 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

“Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”(1 John 4:4). “It is...Christ who liveth in me...”(Gal 2:20) “..Christ in you, the hope of glory”(Col 1:27)

Jesus said in John 14 that it was “the father that dwelleth in me(Christ)”(John 14:10). He also said when speaking of his father “I speak not of myself”(John 14:10). Jesus is explaining that his father dwells in him by his spirit. He continues this chapter by saying that “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”(John 14:23).

Christ states that in the same sense that his father dwells in him, he and his father will come and dwell in us. They will come spiritually. The spirit of God is the spirit of Christ. And so the father and son share a kindred spirit. In the same sense we are to share of that spirit and be “partakers of the divine nature”(2 Pet 1:4).

The father anointed the son with his own spirit.(See Heb 1:9).

Joh 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

Now we understand that the father has a spirit. We also know that son has a spirit. Does the Holy spirit have a spirit? We know the father has a throne and also that the son has a throne, does the holy spirit have a throne? The Bible mentions several different types of Spirit. We read about “foul spirit,” “evil spirit,” “unclean spirit,” “dumb spirit,” “excellent spirit,” “humble spirit,” “wounded spirit,” “broken spirit,” “haughty spirit,” “faithful spirit,” “good spirit.” All these spirits are distinguishable by the adjective that describes them.

The father has a name. His name is “Jehovah” or “Yahweh”. The son has a name. His name is “Yahshua” or “Jesus”. What is the name of the Holy spirit?

The father and son alone are to be exalted:

Joh 5:23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

In reading the bible we find many times where the father and son are exalted.

Php 2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Every knee will confess that Christ is "Lord" to the glory of "God the father". The bible speaks to us about "One God the father, and one Lord Jesus Christ". In fact almost all of the epistle salutations start with a greeting similar to this:

Gal 1:3 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,

Now why is it that only two beings are mentioned in this passage. One of which is called God and that is the father of Jesus Christ. There is no mention of any third divine being in any of the greetings whether it be Paul, Peter, James, John, or Jude.

John stated:

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

John knew only of the father and his son Jesus and he invites us to have fellowship with him and them. Surely he wouldn't leave out the Holy Spirit if it was a third divine being. Jesus when speaking of those who could testify of him said:

Joh 8:17-18 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

Where in this passage is the mention of the Holy Spirit if the spirit is a separate and distinct divine being aside from God and Christ.

Regarding the counsel in heaven which took place before the foundations of the world it is written that there were two beings involved in this counsel of peace.

Zec 6:12-13 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Jesus Christ is the only being who entered the counsels of God. He was equal with God and in all points like his father. When Jesus spoke of the Jews who hated him, he spoke also of his father.

Joh 15:23-24 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

If the spirit is a divine being why would Jesus leave him out here? Wouldn't the Jews hate all three of them? Why does he only mention "both me and my father".

Paul called all heaven to witness a solemn charge to Timothy.

1Ti 5:21 I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

God is mentioned, Christ and the elect angels even, but yet no mention of a third divine being. The bible talks about the father and his love for us in giving his only begotten son having his beloved son torn from his bosom because we sinned. It also tells us of the love of Jesus Christ in counting it not a thing to be equal with his father, but giving this up and leaving this behind and being made in the likeness of men, in all points made like unto his brothers. But what does the bible mention of the Holy Spirit's love?

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Interestingly, the bible tells us that the Holy Spirit purchased us with his own blood. The bible teaches us that we have "One Lord Jesus Christ"(1 Cor 8:6) and "The Lord is that spirit"(2 Cor 3:17). Christ is that spirit and he shed his own blood to purchase us at the cross of calvary.

The comforter is none other than Jesus Christ himself and Satan is doing everything he can to keep us from realizing our "hope of glory which is Christ in you"(Col 1:27).

Rev 3:20-22 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Jesus wants to come into you and comfort you. Hear what the spirit is saying to this seventh church in Laodicea. He wants to grant you the opportunity to sit on a throne with him even as he sits on a throne with his father.