#### Satan's Masterpiece

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For emphasize **I make text bold**, for additional emphasis **I use bold plus underlining**.

#### **Preface**

I am going to open this book with a very simple and obvious premise. If there is doctrine that is being taught in the church as being Biblical, but cannot be proven from the Bible, **that doctrine is not biblical!** That should be as clear as noonday.

When I joined the Seventh-day Adventist
Church in 1970, if you had asked me if I were a
Christian, I would have replied yes. But in reality I
was far away. At this time I read almost nothing,
but once I got a taste of the truth, I developed an
insatiable appetite for reading anything Seventh-day
Adventist and purchased numerous SDA books in
the following years.

When I joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church the brethren were teaching the doctrine of the trinity, even though it did not become an official Adventist doctrine until 1980. Since I believed the Seventh-day Adventist Church was God's true remnant church, I accepted everything I was taught, no questions asked.

By the early 2000s the internet had become the information superhighway and I now did the majority of my studying and research on the

computer and internet. One day in 2005 I was researching something online and heard a Seventh-day Adventist preacher teaching that the trinity is a false doctrine. I had never heard this before.

After watching the video, I thought to myself, "I'll have to investigate this."

Since joining the Seventh-day Adventist
Church in 1970, several false doctrines had found
their way into the Church and were being taught at
the highest levels in 2005. As such, I had become
very skeptical of any new or unfamiliar teachings or
philosophies. Therefore, I was very leery of the
video I had just watched. But at the same time, I
knew the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a
dynamic theology, (we are open to new light), and
because the Bible encourages all Christians to
"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."
(1-Thessalonians 5:21) and "...Try the spirits
whether they are of God." (1 John 4:1) I could not
just ignore it. I had to personally investigate it.

1-Thessalonians 5:21 tells us if we really want to know truth from error, it is absolutely imperative that we stay open-minded and study all viewpoints of all doctrinal differences we might have. **Then**,

draw our conclusion based upon **all** the evidence from **every** perspective, just as a juror would do in a court trial.

Brothers and sisters, we are facing a super cunning, lying, ruthless and determined enemy who knows his days are numbered, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church is on top of his hit list. The Devil has always used leaders to lead God's people astray, always. And there has been no era in the history of God's church that the people did not succumb — none. The more educated a leader is, the more dangerous he can be. The difference between Bible truth and man's philosophies is eternal life or eternal death. Paul's letter was addressed to **all** who desire eternal life.

...When new light is presented to the church, it is perilous to shut yourselves away from it. Refusing to hear because you are prejudiced against the message or the messenger will not make your case excusable before God. To condemn that which you have not heard and do not understand will not exalt your wisdom in the eyes of those who are candid in their investigations of truth. And to speak with

## contempt of those whom God has sent with a message of truth, is folly and madness...

(Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work, pg. 60.1 Ellen White) (1900)

Because I had never heard a single Seventh-day Adventist preacher teach that the trinity has any relevance upon our salvation, and because I was very busy at the time I watched the video, I seen no urgency. So it took me about a year and half before I started my investigation.

The first thing I did when I started researching was to find the official Adventist definition of the trinity. It is fundamental belief #2 of *The 28*Fundamental Beliefs of the SDA Church.

Do you know that when asking Seventh-day Adventists what they believe the trinity is, from my inquires, I estimate that about 24 out of 25 (about 96%) respond by saying... "The trinity is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." Before I investigated this subject myself this is exactly what I would have said. The Bible clearly teaches there is a Father, a Son and a Holy Spirit. This is absolute! But the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is not the official Seventh-day Adventist definition of the trinity!

The Adventist foundational core concept of the trinity is...

"There is One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons..." (Belief #2 of The 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the SDA Church)

Do you see the difference between the commonly given answer and the official Seventh-day Adventist definition? The difference between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit being separate individuals, as opposed to these three individuals being fused, combined or united into a single literal god is as different as black is to white. You may not see the significance now, but once you understand where and how the trinity originated, along with some of its dark history, hopefully you will.

I reasoned that if the official SDA definition of the trinity was a true Bible doctrine I should be able to search for the two words, "one" and "three" on a computer Bible program and find it. I entered the two words into the search box of a King James Bible program and it returned 52 verses that contained these two words. Upon examining the 52 passages there was only one that did appear to be teaching a three-in-one-god. It is (1 John 5:7, 8).

But to my surprise, after doing some research on this passage, I discovered from the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* that the part of this passage that appears to be teaching one god-in-three-persons is actually a gloss. Apparently a scribe inserted it into a Bible manuscript in the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> century. Therefore, 1 John 5:7, 8 cannot be used to support the three-in-one-god belief.

I then searched for every pair of nouns and verbs in the official Adventist definition, but found no Bible verses that taught "There is one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons..."

I searched the electronic Bible and the electronic SDA Bible Commentary for every possible clue I could think of, but found no Bible passage that even hinted that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one god.

There are several verses in the Bible that do teach there is One God, and several verses that do teach there is a Father, a Son and a Holy Spirit, but I could not find a single verse, or combination of verses that united the three into one God—none.

The Adventist theologians take a few (very few) disconnected Bible verses and try to force them to teach... "There is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit." But when comparing their theology and reasoning to at least four Bible passages that clearly teach the *One God* of the *Bible is the Father*, (plus several that imply this), their theology becomes illogical and speculative. (These four verses are explained Chapter 6.)

Also keep in mind that from the beginning of time, church leaders have always been the ones that have led the church into apostasy, always. If you don't believe me, study the Bible.

I then turned to the writings of Ellen G. White, but incurred another surprise. I could not find the word "trinity" or the concept of *one-god equals* three-persons anywhere in her published writings.

(NOTE: It was in 2006 or 2007 when I started researching and the word *trinity* was not in any of Ellen White's **published** writings at that time. Since then however, the Ellen White Estate has released all of her **unpublished** writings and the word *trinity* does appear at least once in that collection, but it does not refer to the Godhead.)

I then studied the Seventh-day Adventist pioneer writings on the *Comprehensive Research Edition of Ellen White's Writings* and there I found plenty of information about the three-in-one god. But instead of supporting the trinity, the pioneers believed and taught something very different.

After exhausting all leads with the pioneer writings, which took about three weeks, I then searched the internet to see if I could find anything about the trinity's history, and I literally found more information than my mind could process. But like the pioneer testimonies, it was not favorable for one-god-equaling-three-person.

Because I wanted to give the trinity every benefit of the doubt and make absolutely sure I had not overlooked anything before rejecting it, I spent about a year and half searching everything I could think of that might prove... "There is one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons..." But the more I searched the more the evidence kept pilling up in the opposite direction

At the time I started researching, I had believed the trinity to be a true Bible doctrine for about 38

years. I even taught it using all the same arguments and Scriptures the Adventist preachers use.

Therefore, when I first started running into dead-ends, I did not want to believe it. I suppose I was in somewhat of a state of denial, but I had to stay open-minded and continue searching. After about a year and half of searching, the volume of evidence I had uncovered was indisputable. During that year and half, I had found no (zero) **inspired** statements that supported a three-in-one-god. But in contrast, I found many Bible verses that proved just the opposite. I also found several statements from qualified historians and archaeologists that traced the origin of all three-in-one-gods back to ancient Babylon about the time the Tower of Babel was being constructed.

If I was going to follow the Bible and the Bible only, I had no choice. I had to come out of denial and accept the evidence that three-persons equaling one-god is nowhere taught in the Bible. Studying the trinity's history, (which took months), removed all doubt

Israel's history, as recorded in just the book of Judges, reads like a rollercoaster ride. After Israel's conquest of Canaan...

...There arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim. (Judges 2:10-11).

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. (1 Corinthians 10:11)

Paul was referring to the Old Testament examples. Each time Israel apostatized, they usually came down a little lower than the time before. They finally fell so low in apostasy that God had to abandon them.

Since this has been the pattern throughout all recorded church history, why are so many
Seventh-day Adventists so confident they cannot be deceived? What this actually proves is that the vast majority of Adventists have not learned much from church history. And... Those who are deceived, do not know they are deceived!

If you would have responded "The trinity is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" to the question "What is the trinity?" unbeknown to you, you are already deceived about what the trinity actually is.

Within just a few generations after every church revival and reformation in the history of God's church, God's people have apostatized; every time! We now have adult seventh generation Seventh-day Adventists among us. Church history has repeatedly shown that by the seventh generation after every revival and reformation, many deadly creeping compromises and false doctrines have taken root in God's church.

I have read estimates that there could have been over two billion people on planet earth at the time of the worldwide flood of Noah's day. All the religious Antediluvians were confident they were right, but with the exception of a very very small group that God laid to rest before the flood, along with Noah and seven members of his family, the rest perished in the flood.

And as it was in the days of Noe, [Noah] so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. (Luke 17:26)

...Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8)

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity

shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (Matthew 24:11-12)

The church leaders of Christ's day knew they were right, but the vast majority rejected their Only Hope and will come up in the second resurrection.

Jesus, the Bible writers, Mrs. White and the pioneers have warned us and warned us that the last-day deceptions will be the most cunning, seductive, illusive and mesmerizing of all-time, and there will be tares (deceivers) in the church until the very end. Remember, the tares look and act just like wheat.

If the trinity is a false doctrine designed by Satan to separate us from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the trinity is absolutely a salvation issue for everyone who believes it. But instead of taking you up, it is going to take you down. There are volumes our leaders have not, and are not telling us about the trinity's Babylonian roots, its bloody history and the true Bible doctrines it nullifies.

The pagan trinity was believed in ancient
Babylon approximately six centuries before Moses
wrote... "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one
LORD:" (Deuteronomy 6:4)

It is therefore, in your eternal interest to study all sides of this issue so you can make an intelligent decision **based upon all the facts**. And because last-day events will be fulfilled in rapid succession, it is also in your best interest to study it sooner than later.

We are now seeing **worldwide** chaos from the covid-19 virus, vaccine mandates, lockdowns, food shortages, protests and riots. With the exception of about a half dozen very small countries, the international baking cartel now have central banks in every country on earth. Which means, they now have the ability to crash the world economy by crashing all the nation's economies simultaneous, which they are in the process of doing, even as I write.

Not only have many protestant denominations succumbed to the Catholic Church's ecumenism, but even pagan religions and Islam are embracing Catholicism.

Brothers and sisters, this is the first time in all history so many major events are happening simultaneous worldwide. Many of the end-time prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes. When God's judgments start falling, the next

sequences of events will come rapidly, and the majority of Adventists are not prepared.

In God's great plan for the redemption of a lost race, he has placed himself under the necessity of using human agencies as his helping hand. He must have a helping hand, in order to reach humanity. He must have the cooperation of those who will be active, quick to see opportunities, quick to discern what must be done for their fellow men. (Selected Message, Vol. 1, pg. 99.5 Ellen G. White)

I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place—a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act, they must take hold of the work themselves and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe. (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4; pg. 537 Ellen G. White)

The Holy Spirit will never be given to compel anyone into action—just the opposite. The Holy Spirit will be given only when the church goes to work. If the members are waiting for the Holy Spirit to compel them into action, they are going to be sorely disappointed. You will probably never receive a stronger prompting than "the still small voice" you have already heard a thousand times.

In Jesus' message to his last church on planet earth, the symbolic Church of Laodicea, (Revelation 3:14-22), he described us like this...

(17) Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. (15) I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. (16) so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. (Revelation 3:17; 15-16)

...I Call upon our church members to read the whole of the third chapter of revelation, and to make an application of it.

The message to the Church of the

Laodiceans applies especially to the people
of God today... (The Advent Review and
Sabbath Harold, August 20, 1903 par. 22)

The message of the symbolic Church of Laodicea is exclusively for the Seventh-day Adventist people. Did you notice that Jesus said he would rather we be cold than lukewarm? "I would thou wert cold..." In Jesus' mind, lukewarm is worse than being cold.

Since both the lukewarm and cold will perish, why are the lukewarm worse? Because the lukewarm profess to be ambassadors of Christ. But instead we are misrepresenting his character by our false beliefs, sins in our life, indifference and inaction. Thus, our influence is more deceptive than that of an avowed atheist.

The Bible teaches that linen, clothing, garments, naked and etcetera, symbolically depict our character. White garments depict a righteous character, while nakedness shows the Laodiceans are not covered with the robe of Christ's righteousness.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. (Revelation 19:7, 8)

Jesus' bride is New Jerusalem, (Revelation 21:2), and the citizens of New Jerusalem are "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." If the saints have any righteousness, it is only because Jesus has freely given them that righteousness.

In the Laodicean message, Jesus is telling the Seventh-day Adventist people that we are "blind," (deceived). Because we "knowest not" that we are deceived, we are committing sin that has stripped the robe of Christs righteousness off us and has left us "naked" and destitute. Brothers and sisters, <u>I am not the one telling you this!</u> "The faithful and true witness" Jesus is. You must believe him!

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to

### and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. (Amos 8:11, 12)

During the Dark Ages, except for the Catholic clergy, it was illegal for anyone to possess a Bible. All those who were caught with any portion of a Bible, and did not recant, were tortured and executed.

Most European countries have hate speech laws on the books. Some countries, including Canada, within the last year, have started arresting people for hate speech who were teaching Bible principles. What you may not realize, hate speech laws will fulfill the prophecy of Amos 8:11, 12, (at least in part). It appears that it won't be long until hate speech laws will be enacted in the United States. If history repeats itself, the time will come when our Bibles will be taken away from us.

An enormous earthquake is on the verge of shaking the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When it hits, it will split the Seventh-day Adventist Church wide open. During the testing time, the majority of Adventists will be shaken out. I believe the trinity will be its epicenter?

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be

caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the true witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people. (Testimonies for the Church, pg. 181.1, Ellen White)

Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. Adversity purges them out of the church. - 4 T 89 (1876). (Last Day Events 173.5, Ellen G. White)

<u>Divisions will come in the church. Two</u>
<u>parties will be developed</u>. The wheat and
tares grow up together for the harvest.--2SM
114 (1896). (Last Day Events pg. 172.3 Ellen
White)

The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves? (Testimonies for the Church Vol. 4 pg. 89) (Last Day Events 180.1 Ellen White) (1876).

...To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the MAJORITY forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when

champions are FEW—will be our test... (5T 136 (1882). (Last Day Events 180.4, Ellen G. White)

"The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion [Seventh-day Adventists] will be sifted out—the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. (2SM 380) (1886). (Last Day Events pg. 180.5 Ellen White)

If the Seventh-day Adventist Ship appears as if it is about to sink, that means it is going to be beaten, battered and broken in a terrible terrible tempest. But the true Seventh-day Adventist ship, (whatever is left of it), will sail into port. From the Ellen White descriptions above, the Laodicean message of Revelation 3 and the sealing message of Ezekiel 9, portray that all but a very few of the present Seventh-day Adventists will still be aboard when she reaches her destination. If we expect to walk the streets of gold, we have got to get serious about revival, reformation and witnessing.

Jesus has not written us off—yet. He is giving the Laodiceans time to repent, reform and get prepared. But last-day events are waiting on no one.

Jesus has promised to lead us into all truth, but to individually find that truth, we are the ones that must search the inspired writings, individually. Bible knowledge cannot be transmitted by proxy.

Mature Christians have to stop relying on fallible preachers, teachers and videos.

Those who are willing to search for truth as for hidden treasure will be rewarded with an eternity of indescribable joy. But in the other camp, those who are content to trust what their leaders place in front of them, without personally verifying every word, will end up in indescribable agony.

Satan hopes to involve the remnant people of God in the general ruin that is coming upon the earth. As the coming of Christ draws nigh, he will be more determined and decisive in his efforts to overthrow them... (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, pg. 295.3 Ellen White)

Do you know the Seventh-day Adventist Church is on top of Satan's hit list? He and his host of hell are secretly working overtime to overthrow us. But most Adventists act as if we are on a Sunday picnic. Satan has never conceived a false doctrine that the detector of error and falsehood (the Bible) is not able to detect and expose. If Satan is going to design a deception that will deceive those whom God has given more Bible knowledge to than any other people in history, (the Seventh-day Adventist people), that deception has to be his all-time best — his masterpiece.

I cannot over emphasize this, Satan's end-time masterpiece deception will be his most cunning, most elusive, most seductive, most convincing, most insidious and deadliest false doctrine of all time. Therefore, if the trinity is his all-time masterpiece, you will never detect the errors that come packaged with it by just a stroll through the park. You will have to get serious about getting serious, not only by hunting for the truth yourself, but also with fervent agonizing prayer. If you ever expect to find Bible truth, and unmask the error, following the principles given in Proverbs 2:1-5 and Luke 11:1-10; 18:1-8 are an absolute must.

You will not lose anything by investigating the trinity **yourself**. If the trinity speaks according to the Law and to the Testimony, it can withstand a

thorough investigation. But if it does not, it was conceived by Satan and designed to rob you of eternity. Thus, you cannot afford to be wrong!

And you will never know if you are right or wrong until <u>YOU</u> thoroughly investigate all sides of this issue <u>YOURSELF</u>. We have got to stop trusting preachers and teachers with our eternal life. This is the number one sin Seventh-day Adventists are committing today.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

What end-time church has sound doctrine?

There is only one! The Seventh-day Adventist
Church. Therefore, 2 Timothy 4:3-4 is a prophecy exclusive for the end-time Seventh-day Adventist people. What is their sin? "They heap to themselves teachers." The Seventh-day Adventist people have fulfilled this prophecy to the letter.

Point after point of truth should be investigated; for there is no limitation to the truth of God, and in its study a most lively

interest should be felt by both teachers and pupils, that they may know what God hath said. For years the voice of God has been saying to us, "agitate, agitate, agitate."

Study every point of truth, that you may know for yourselves what is truth in distinction from error... (Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work pg. 55.2) (1900)

God will arouse his people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the chaff from the wheat. The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep... (Maranatha pg. 45.3 Ellen White)

Only those who have been diligent students of the scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise... ... Are The people of God now so firmly established upon his word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? [eyes and ears] would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the

### <u>Bible only?</u> (Maranatha pg. 106.7 Ellen White) load

We dare not blindly trust what we see and hear. We are to cling to the Bible and the Bible testimony only. But if a person has not thoroughly digested the Bible themselves, how can they cling to something they do not know or understand? How can anyone detect a deadly omission if they don't first know the truth?

The rest of this document is devoted to sharing a few things I have learned about the trinity since starting my investigation in 2006 or 2007. In the following discourse I have explained 14 reasons why the trinity does not speak according to the Law and Testimony. I have tried to keep them brief, yet explain enough so they can be understood. But because the trinity is so incomprehensibly and mystifying, in some places, I have had to go into more detail than I wanted

You may not agree with some of these reasons, and that is to be expected. But don't stop reading because you disagree with a few of them. Keep an open-mind and objectively examine **all** the evidence the same way you would if you were a juror on jury duty.

Because the errors of the trinity are so subtle and elusive, much <u>fervent</u> pray will be necessary so "<u>that you may know for yourselves what is truth in distinction from error</u>."

For those who are open minded and willing to search for truth as a prospector searches for hidden treasure, there will be a happy ending.

In Chapter 1, The Official Definition of the Trinity, I have attempted to explain the trinity from the official Seventh-day Adventist 28 Fundamental Beliefs and Catholic Creeds. But all the proponents of the trinity openly admit... "The trinity cannot be understood; therefore, it cannot be explained." If, through the course of this book you find yourself becoming confused, that is the nature of a philosophy that cannot be understood or explained. But if you do get confused, for your sake, please keep an open mind and continue reading.

In Chapter 2, I have sharing some very eye opening statements about the trinity from our Seventh-day Adventist pioneers.

# **Chapter 1. The Official Seventh-day Adventist Definition Of The Trinity**

Before we can understand the dangers associated with the trinity, we must first know exactly what the trinity is. I think one of the reasons so many Seventh-day Adventists cannot see the dangers of the *trinity* is because most do not really understand what it is, and even more importantly, what it is not. We have been taught to believe a very subtle and misleading error about the trinity. The official definition of the trinity is not "the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

For 38 years I thought I knew what the trinity was. But when I searched into this subject myself, I found that I had a fuzzy concept of what the trinity actually is.

Since the trinity is not a Bible term, we must go to the entity that first introduced it into Christianity, the Roman Catholic Church. From the Catholic Church's <u>Athanasian Creed</u> we read...

...And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in unity. Neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son,

and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost is all one, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal...

...So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords but one Lord...

...This is the Catholic faith, which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved. (Emphasis supplied)
http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/02033b.htm

There is much more to this creed, and the Nicaea Creed also explains the trinity from the Catholic perspective, but the above portion explains the foundational concept of the trinity. Here is a repeat of the Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Belief number 2.

"There is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons..." (Emphasis supplied)

Here is the last stanza of hymn 73 Holy, Holy, Holy as changed in the 1985 SDA hymnal.

Holy, holy, merciful and mighty, <u>God</u> <u>in three persons, blessed trinity</u>. (Emphasis supplied)

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. (Acts 20:29-30)

As Paul predicted, the early New Testament Christian Church did apostatize. By the early 4<sup>th</sup> century AD, through numerous creeping compromises, the Christian Church had evolved into the Catholic Church. The teaching of the three-in-one-god did not officially enter the Christian Catholic Church until the year 325 AD. By 325 AD there probably was not any Christian doctrine that had not been compromised. Catholic theology had become thoroughly intermingled and corrupted with pagan philosophy.

There are a few variations between the Adventist trinity compared to the Catholic version, but the **foundational core concept** of the trinity for both the Catholic Church and Seventh-day

Adventist Church are the same, just worded different

(Adventist version) "There is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons..."

(Catholic version) "But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost is all One, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal..." "So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not Three Gods, but one God."

Many Adventists will respond by saying... "the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all one in purpose, one in mind and one in character." This statement is absolutely true, and this is what our leaders have kept our focus on. However, the official definition of the trinity is not an expression of the Father, Son or Holy Spirit's attributes. The trinity definition for both the Adventist and Catholic Church is the assertion that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are One literal God—or three persons equal one substance.

Here is a statement from Mrs. White about the oneness of God and Christ...

The unity that exists between Christ and his disciples does not destroy the personality of either. They are one in purpose, in mind, in character, <u>BUT NOT IN</u>

<u>PERSON</u>. [as the trinity doctrine asserts] it is thus that God and Christ are one. (The Ministry of Healing, pg. 422.1, Ellen White)

The above Ellen White statement is teaching that the Father and Son <u>are two separate</u> individual beings. Her statement did not unite them into one literal god as the trinity does. I know of no Ellen White or pioneer statement where they mixed, blended, or amalgamated the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into one literal god as the trinity doctrine teaches. Mrs. White stated...

God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit—
arming them [the disciples] with more than
mortal energy... (Evangelism, pg.616.4, Ellen
White)

We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds. (Evangelism pg. 616.5 Ellen White)

The Holy Spirit is a person, for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. (Evangelism pg. 616.6 Ellen White)

The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. (Evangelism pg, 617.1 Ellen White)

The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.

(Evangelism pg. 617.2 Ellen White)

We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven,--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost... (Evangelism pg. 617.3 Ellen White)

...There are three living persons of the heavenly trio... ...the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit... (Evangelism pg. 615.1 Ellen White)

In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived... (Evangelism pg. 616.2 Ellen White)

If you noticed, all eight of the preceding Ellen White statements came from the complication *Evangelism*. These eight statements are used by our trinitarian brethren to try and prove Mrs. White changed her mind about the three-in-one-god in her latter years. But the above Ellen White statements prove no such thing! They teach that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all individual persons. Nowhere in any of the previous eight statements did Ellen White unite, join, mix or amalgamate the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into one god.

There is absolutely a Father, a Son and a
Holy Spirit, and the Bible absolutely teaches
there is One God. But according to both the
Catholic and Adventist definitions of the trinity,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit HAVE TO BE
AMALGAMATED INTO ONE GOD TO BE A
TRINITY. As long as the three are separate,
individual beings, and not united into one literal
god, according to the official Catholic and SDA
definitions, they are not a trinity. In the previous
eight Ellen White statements, EVERY TIME
Ellen White referred to the Father, Son or Holy
Spirit she referred to them AS INDIVIDUALS,
and NEVER united them into a

three-in-one-literal-god. Therefore, instead of supporting the trinity, the eight Ellen White statements do just the opposite. To understand the deception of the trinity, it is absolutely critical you understand the official definition of the trinity.

Another thing to keep in mind is that Satan's deceptions are always intermingled with the truth. The more Scripture the Devil can misapply to his deceptions, the harder they are to detect. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit being one in spirit, purpose and character is absolutely true, but this does not constitute a three-in-one-literal god. An abundance of Scripture has been attached to the trinity, but it is Scripture misapplied.

For example, two peripheral Bible teachings that are absolutely true, **but misapplied** to the three-in-one-god are *Jesus is God* and that *he is the Creator*. There are several Bible verses that teach Jesus is divine and that he created the universe along with his Father and everything in it. But he and the Father do not have to be amalgamated together to create together. Jesus is... "...The fullness of the Godhead BODILY." (Colossians

2:9). Jesus is the second member of the Godhead in a physical body.

Throughout the remainder of this document I am going to focus entirely upon the core foundational concept of the trinity, three-persons-equal-one-god. I am not going to discuss any of the Adventist revisions, peripheral teachings or side issues. If the original foundational concept of the trinity, as introduced into Christianity by the Catholic Church in 325 AD is false, the whole trinity building falls, Adventist revisions and all.

To understand the rest of this document it is necessary to constantly to keep in mind that the official definition of the trinity is... God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are not three gods but <u>ONE LITERAL GOD</u> or <u>one Substance! Or, three persons equal one literal god. The trinity formula is 1 = 3.</u>

Search as you may, you will never find such a formula in the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy or the pioneer writings. Read the Catholic and Adventist definitions again. Does this seem a little mystical to you? Me too. But this is the official definition of the trinity for both the Catholic Church and the

Seventh-day Adventist Church. This may seem confusing, but this is the fruit of a doctrine that cannot be understood or explained.

# Chapter 2. Let the Pioneer Voices be Heard

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 ... 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. (Selected Message, book 1, pg. 161.1, (1905) Ellen White)

I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should

make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions... (Counsels to Writers and Editors, pg. 26.1, (1905) Ellen G. White)

Mrs. White is basically telling us the **early**, pioneer writings can be trusted! The word "early" is a subjective term. For this document, I am applying it to approximately the first 20 years after 1844.

In 1905, when Mrs. White wrote the previous statements, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was coming out of the worst crisis the Seventh-day Adventist Church has ever experienced. Mrs. White called this crisis the "alpha of deadly heresies," and warned "...I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people..." (Selected Messages, Book 1 pg. 203.2 Ellen White)

Three of the most prominent Seventh-day
Adventists the church has ever had, (Dr. John
Harvey Kellogg, Alonzo T. Jones and Ellet J.
Waggoner) along with many doctors, preachers and members were shaken out of the church during the *alpha crisis*. If the pioneer writings were "a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions" during the *alpha crisis*, how much more are they needed during a worse crisis, when every wind of false doctrine is again blowing in the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

I am going to follow Mrs. White's advice by allowing the pioneers to speak, but before I do, let's define the word "pioneer."

"Pioneer: A person or group that originates or helps open up a new line of thought or activity or a new method or technical development." Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary.

All the following Seventh-day Adventist leaders rejected the trinity? James White, (Ellen's husband of 36 years), Joseph Bates, Hiram Edson, Stephen Pierce, Edward Andrews, J. N. Andrews, D. W. Hull, S. N. Haskell, R. F. Cottrell, Sr., and Jr., D.T. Bordeau, A. C. Bordeau, J. N.

Loughborough, S. B. Whitney, Uriah Smith, A. G. Danniles, A. T. Jones, J. H. Waggoner and E. J. Waggoner.

The following statements are listed in chronological order.

### **Uriah Smith (1832 - 1903)**

If it be said that the Spirit of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost is one Spirit, with this we all agree. But if it be said that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost are three persons in one person, making in all one God without body or parts, with an idea so inconsistent we cannot agree.

The oneness of Christ with the Father may be plainly seen by any one who will refer to John xvii, 22. "That they (that believe) may be one, even as we are one." Who could believe that Christ prayed that his disciples should be one disciple? Yet this would be no more inconsistent than the idea of some that Christ and his Father are one person.

In accordance with the doctrine that three very and eternal Gods are but one God, how may we reconcile Matt. iii, 16, 17. Jesus was baptized, Spirit of God descended like a dove,

and the Father's voice heard from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, etc. The Father in heaven, the Son on earth, the Spirit of God descending from one to the other. Who could ever suppose for a moment that these three were one person without body or parts, unless it was by early training. See other texts which appear equally absurd, if such doctrine be true. Matt.xxviii,18; Acts x,38. "How God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost," etc. First person takes the third person and anoints the second person with a person being at the same time one with himself. (Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, March 12, (1857), Uriah Smith)

#### J. N. Loughborough: (1832 - 1924)

QUESTION 1. What serious objection is there to the doctrine of the trinity?

ANSWER. There are many objections which we might urge, but on account of our limited space we shall reduce them to the three following: 1. It is contrary to common sense. 2. It is contrary to scripture. 3. Its origin is Pagan and fabulous.

These positions we will remark upon briefly in their order. 1. It is not very consonant with

common sense to talk of three being one, and one being three. Or as some express it, calling God "the Triune God," or "the three-one-God." If Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are each God, it would be three Gods; for three times one is not one, but three. There is a sense in which they are one, but not one person, as claimed by Trinitarians.

2. It is contrary to Scripture. Almost any portion of the New Testament we may open which has occasion to speak of the Father and Son, represents them as two distinct persons. The seventeenth chapter of John is alone sufficient to refute the doctrine of the trinity. Over forty times in that one chapter Christ speaks of his Father as a person distinct from himself. His Father was in heaven and he upon earth. The Father had sent him. Given to him. those that believed. He was then to go to the Father. And in this very testimony he shows us in what consists the oneness of the Father and Son. It is the same as the oneness of the members of Christ's church. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them;

that they may be one, even as we are one." Of one heart and one mind. Of one purpose in all the plan devised for man's salvation. Read the seventeenth chapter of John, and see if it does not completely upset the doctrine of the trinity.

To believe that doctrine, when reading the scripture we must believe that God sent himself into the world, died to reconcile the world to himself, raised himself from the dead, ascended to himself in heaven, pleads before himself in heaven to reconcile the world to himself, and is the only mediator between man and himself. It will not do to substitute the human nature of Christ (according to Trinitarians) as the Mediator; for Clarke says, "Human blood can no more appease God than swine's blood."

Com. on 2 Sam. 21:10. We must believe also that in the garden God prayed to himself, if it were possible, to let the cup pass from himself, and a thousand other such absurdities.

Read carefully the following texts, comparing them with the idea that Christ is the Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Supreme, and only self-existent God: John 14:28; 17:3; 3:16; 5:19, 26; 11:15; 20:19; 8:50; 6:38; Mark 8:32; Luke 6:12; 22:69; 24:29; Matt. 3:17; 27:46; Gal. 3:20;

1 John 2:1; Rev. 5:7; Acts 17:31. Also see Matt. 11:25, 27; Luke 1:32; 22:42; John 3:35, 36; 5:19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26; 6:40; 8:35, 36; 14:13; 1 Cor. 15:28, and c.

The word trinity nowhere occurs in the Scriptures. The principal text supposed to teach it is 1 John 5:7, **which is an interpolation**. Clarke says, "Out of one hundred and thirteen manuscripts, the text is wanting in one hundred and twelve. It occurs in no MS. before the tenth century. And the first place the text occurs in Greek, is in the Greek translation of the acts of the Council of Lateran, held A. D. 1215."—Com. on 1 John 5, and remarks at close of chap.

3. Its origin is pagan and fabulous. Instead of pointing us to scripture for proof of the trinity, we are pointed to the trident of the Persians, with the assertion that "by this they designed to teach the idea of a trinity, and if they had the doctrine of the trinity, they must have received it by tradition from the people of God. But this is all assumed, for it is certain that the Jewish church held to no such doctrine. Says Mr. Summerbell, "A friend of mine who was present in a New York synagogue, asked the Rabbi for an explanation of the word 'Elohim'. A

Trinitarian clergyman who stood by, replied, 'Why, that has reference to the three persons in the trinity,' when a Jew stepped forward and said he must not mention that word again, or they would have to compel him to leave the house; for it was not permitted to mention the name of any strange god in the synagogue." (Discussion between Summerbell and Flood on trinity, p. 38) Milman says the idea of the Trident is fabulous. (Hist. Christianity, p. 34)

This doctrine of the trinity was brought into the church about the same time with image worship, and keeping the day of the sun, and is but Persian doctrine remodeled. It occupied about three hundred years from its introduction to bring the doctrine to what it is now. It was commenced about 325 A. D., and was not completed till 681. See Milman's Gibbon's Rome, vol. 4, p. 422. It was adopted in Spain in 589, in England in 596, in Africa in 534.—Gib. vol. 4, pp. 114, 345; Milner, vol. 1, p. 519. (Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, November 5, (1861), J. N. Loughborough,)

#### Joseph Bates: (1792 – 1872)

My parents were members of long standing in the Congregational church, with all of their converted children thus far, and anxiously hoped that we would also unite with them. But they embraced some points in their faith which I could not understand. I will name two only: their mode of baptism, and doctrine of the trinity. My father, who had been a deacon of long standing with them, labored to convince me that they were right in points of doctrine.... Respecting the trinity, I concluded that it was an impossibility for me to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, was also the Almighty God, the Father, one and the same being. I said to my father, "If you can convince me that we are one in this sense, that you are my father, and I your son; and also that I am your father, and you my son, then I can believe in the trinity. (The Autobiography Of Elder Joseph Bates, pg. 204, (1868) Joseph Bates)

#### James Springer White: (1821 - 1881)

"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." (Life Incidents, page 343 (1868) James White)

#### R. F. Cottrell (1814 - 1892)

The doctrine of the trinity:

This has been a popular doctrine and regarded as orthodox ever since the bishop of Rome was elevated to the popedom on the strength of it. It is accounted dangerous heresy to reject it; but each person is permitted to explain the doctrine in his own way. All seem to think they must hold it, but each has perfect liberty to take his own way to reconcile its contradictory propositions; and hence a multitude of views are held concerning it by its friends, all of them orthodox, I suppose, as long as they nominally assent to the doctrine.

For myself, I have never felt called upon to explain it, nor to adopt and defend it, neither have I ever preached against it. But I probably put as high an estimation on the Lord Jesus Christ as those who call themselves Trinitarians. This is the first time I have ever taken the pen to say anything concerning the doctrine.

My reasons for not adopting and defending it, are 1. Its name is unscriptural—the trinity, or the triune God, is unknown to the Bible; and I have entertained the idea that doctrines which require words coined in the human mind to express them, are coined doctrines. 2. I have never felt called upon to adopt and explain that which is contrary to all the sense and reason that God has given me. All my attempts at an explanation of such a subject would make it no clearer to my friends.

But if I am asked what I think of Jesus
Christ, my reply is, I believe all that the
Scriptures say of him. If the testimony
represents him as being in glory with the Father
before the world was, I believe it. If it is said that
he was in the beginning with God, that he was
God, that all things were made by him and for

him, and that without him was not anything made that was made, I believe it. If the Scriptures say he is the Son of God, I believe it. If it is declared that the Father sent his Son into the world, I believe he had a Son to send. If the testimony says he is the beginning of the creation of God, I believe it. If he is said to be the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person, I believe it. And when Jesus says, "I and my Father are one," I believe it; and when he says, "My Father is greater than I," I believe that too; it is the word of the Son of God, and besides this it is perfectly reasonable and seemingly self-evident.

If I be asked how I believe the Father and Son are one I reply, They are one in a sense not contrary to sense. If the "and" in the sentence means anything, the Father and the Son are two beings. They are one in the same sense in which Jesus prayed that his disciples might be one. He asked his Father that his disciples might be one. His language is, "that they may be one, even as we are one."

It may be objected, If the Father and the Son are two distinct beings, do you not, in

worshiping the Son and calling him God, break the first commandment of the Decalogue?

No; it is the Father's will "That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father." We cannot break the commandment and dishonor God by obeying him. The Father says of the Son "Let all the angels of God worship him." Should angels refuse to worship the Son, they would rebel against the Father. Children inherit the name of their father. The Son of God "hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than" the angels. That name is the name of his Father. The Father says to the Son, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever." Heb. i. The Son is called "The mighty God." Isa. ix, 6. And when he comes again to earth his waiting people will exclaim, "This is our God." Isa. xxv, 9. It is the will of the Father that we should thus honor the Son. In doing so we render supreme honor to the Father. If we dishonor the Son we dishonor the Father: for he requires us to honor his Son.

But though the Son is called God yet there is a "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Pet. 1, 3. Though the Father says to the Son, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever," yet,

that throne is given him of his Father; and because he loved righteousness and hated iniquity, he further says, "Therefore God even thy God, hath anointed thee." Heb. i, 9. "God hath made that same Jesus both Lord and Christ." Acts. ii, 36. The Son is "the everlasting Father," not of himself, nor of His Father, but of his children. His language is, "I and the children which God hath given me. Heb. ii, 13. (Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, June 1, (1869), R. F. Cottrell)

# **Joseph H. Waggoner (1820 - 1889)**

Many theologians really think that the Atonement, in respect to its dignity and efficacy, rests upon the doctrine of a trinity. But we fail to see any connection between the two. To the contrary, the advocates of that doctrine really fall into the difficulty which they seem anxious to avoid. Their difficulty consists in this: They take the denial of a trinity to be equivalent to a denial of the divinity of Christ. Were that the case, we should cling to the doctrine of a trinity as tenaciously as any can; but it is not the case. They who have read our remarks on the death of the Son of God know that we firmly believe in the divinity of Christ; but we cannot accept the

idea of a trinity, as it is held by Trinitarians, without giving up our claim on the dignity of the sacrifice made for our redemption. (The Atonement as Revealed in the Bible, pg. 164.3, Joseph Harvey Waggoner 1884)

## **Joseph H. Waggoner (1820 - 1889)**

Those who will have the patience to read the writers of the early centuries in their controversies over the doctrine of the trinity. must agree in this, that very much which was then written on the subject was an interminable jargon, a bitter contention over words to no profit; made up more largely of invectives and personal criminations than of argument; showing more zeal for party success than piety. With one thing we have been particularly struck, that the dominant or orthodox writers sometimes expressed their faith in the very same words which were bitterly assailed as the rankest heresy when used by an opposing party. The "Athanasian creed" was saved only by the greater influence of the bishop of Rome. Athanasius himself was not always considered orthodox; he was not only banished from his place in the church, but a reward was set upon him by the emperor Constantius "to

whomsoever should bring him alive or dead."
The bishop of Rome endeavored to procure his pardon, to whom the emperor replied:

"All without exception have been injured by him, but none so deeply as I have been. Not content with occasioning the death of my eldest brother, he endeavored to excite Constans, of blessed memory, against me; and had not his aims been frustrated by my moderation, he would have caused a violent contest between us. None of the victories which I have gained, not even those obtained over Magnentius and Silvanus, appear so satisfactory to me as the ejection of this despicable man from the government of the church." Theodoret, book 2, chap. 16. (Thoughts on Baptism, pg. 180.1 (1878) Joseph Harvey Waggoner)

#### A. T. Jones (1850 - 1923)

### Trying to put God into a Formula

It could not possibly be otherwise, because it was an attempt of the finite to measure, to analyse, and even to dissect, the Infinite. It was an attempt to make the human superior to the Divine. God is infinite. No finite mind can comprehend Him as He actually is. Christ is the

Word—the expression of the thought—of God; and none but He knows the depth of the meaning of that Word. "He had a name written, that no man knew but He himself; . . . and His name is called the Word of God." Rev. xix. 12, 13.

Neither the nature, nor the relationship, of the Father and Son can ever be measured by the mind of man. "No man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." This revelation of the Father by the Son can not be complete in this world. It will require the eternal ages for man to understand "the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Eph. ii. 7.

Therefore, no man's conception of God can ever be fixed as the true conception of God. God will still be infinitely beyond the broadest comprehension that the mind of man can measure. The true conception of God can be attained only through "the Spirit of revelation in the knowledge of Him." Eph. i. 17. Therefore the only thing for men to do to find out the Almighty to perfection, is, by true faith in Jesus

Christ, to receive the abiding presence of this "Spirit of revelation," and then quietly and joyfully wait for the eternal ages to reveal "the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God." (Present Truth, July 22, (1897) A. T. Jones)

# E. J. Waggoner (1855 - 1916)

[Question:] Do you believe in the trinity?

[Answer:] If I knew what you meant by the term, I might tell you; but from the days of Athanasius until now all discussion about the trinity has been an attempt to define the indefinable and the incomprehensible. Thousands have been put to death for not professing belief in a formula which even its professors could not comprehend, nor state in terms that anybody else could comprehend. The Scriptures reveal "One God and Father of all," our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the brightness of the Father's glory, and "the eternal Spirit" through whom Christ offered Himself and was raised from the dead; but we do not profess any knowledge of them beyond what the Scriptures give us. In teaching and preaching the Gospel we always confine

ourselves strictly to Scripture terms and language; those who manufacture terms must be looked to for definitions of them. It is attest not to presume to define what the Bible has not defined, nor to attempt to explain infinity. (The Present Truth UK, July 30, (1903), E. J. Waggoner)

A few tweaks were made to some of the Seventh-day Adventist foundational and landmark doctrines after they were established, but I do not know of any foundational landmark doctrine that was not **firmly** established by the year 1863.

As we just read, the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church believed the trinity is a dangerous heresy. If the trinity is a salvation issue, as its originator the Roman Catholic Church asserts and stresses, Ellen White was a false prophet and the pioneers were false teachers and are all lost, along with everyone who believes them. But on the other hand, if what the pioneers taught about the trinity is true, today's leaders and all of their followers are on the road to perdition.

# **Chapter 3. Origin Of The Trinity**

Among the numerous historians and archaeologists there are a few variants to the story that follows, but they generally agree upon the basic concepts as explained below.

The origin of all polytheistic religions and trinities can be traced back to ancient Babylon about the time the Tower of Babel was being constructed. Nimrod, (Noah's great grandson and founder of Babylon); (Genesis 10:8-10) was worshiped as a god. After Nimrod died, Semiramis, (Nimrod's mother and wife), claimed that his spirit took possession of the sun; thus, the origin of sun worship.

Not long after Nimrod died, Semiramis became pregnant and told the people that Nimrod's spirit impregnated her from the sun and that Tammuz, (her new born son), was actually Nimrod and that Nimrod was Tammuz. (Possibly the origin of reincarnation.) Since Nimrod was worshiped as god, and since he and Tammuz were supposedly one and the same, Semiramis propagated the myth that **the two were one god.** Since, Semiramis was supposedly impregnated by God, (Nimrod), and was God's (Nimrod's) mother and wife, she was also

part of this three-in-one-god. She claimed to be the Queen of Heaven and demanded homage as god. Thus, polytheism, sun worship and the trinity originated in ancient Babylon at the same time. It was ancient Babylon where sun worship and the trinity became inseparable connected.

Have you ever seen Catholic pictures of Jesus, Mary, the Popes or other Catholics with halos around their heads? The halo represents the sun and depicts them as sun gods. Many times you will see spikes around their heads, symbolic of sun-rays such as on the head of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor.

This trio, *father*, *mother and son*, was the forerunner of many pagan trinities in different countries and cultures of the world. Most of these shared similar beliefs, but usually with different names and variations of the stories.

Ezekiel, several centuries later was given a vision of some of the abominations the Israelites were committing. One of those abominations was Israeli women were weeping for Tammuz. (Ezekiel 8:14)

From the Tower of Babel (approximately 2,100 to 2,00 BC) to Constantine, (early forth Century

AD), most cultures worshiped either pantheistic gods or some form of triune god similar to the Babylonian original.

During the days of Constantine, Mithras, (a mystery religion), was the most popular religion among the Roman Solders. Mithra was a sun god and Emperor Constantine was an Apollo sun worshiper. Constantine was also worshiped as a god by his soldiers. Sundays were held sacred in the Mithraic religion and the birth of Mithras was celebrated annually on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Archaeologists have unearthed numerous Mithras worship sites in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. At a few of these sites, they have unearthed artifacts of three headed Mithras, indicating that Mithras was a triune god. Mithraism had many similarities to the ancient Babylonian triune sun religion of Nimrod, Semiramis and Tammuz which the Roman Catholic Church incorporated into her religion in 325 AD.

It was the compromised and corrupted Catholic Church in the fourth century, through the heavy-handed influence and inducements of the pagan sun worshiping Emperor Constantine that the pagan trinity was incorporated into the Catholic

Church. The Catholic bishops pawned it off on the Catholic people by calling it the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This belief did not become an official Catholic doctrine until the year 325 AD.

The earliest known trinity statement applied to the Christian Godhead was in 180 AD, approximately 150 years after Jesus was crucified. But even this statement did not try to unite the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into one god. Until 325 AD, the trinity was never a doctrine of the Catholic Church. Therefore, prior to 325 AD the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were never considered a three-in-one-god even by the Catholic Church.

Just four years before the trinity was forced upon the Catholic Church by Constantine, he decreed a national Sun-day law and encouraged the bishops to keep Sunday. Sunday worship however, was not immediately assimilated among the Sabbath keeping Christians. For a few decades Christians worshiped on both Sabbath and Sunday before Sunday worship gained the ascendancy.

In ancient mysticism, sun worship and trinities were usually paired together, and so it is with the Catholic Church even today. Sun worship and the trinity were introduced into the Catholic Church just

four years apart. Whenever you see pictures of Jesus with a halo around his head, he is being depicted as a sun god.

# All False Doctrine Originates In The Mind Of Satan

Since the trinity originated in ancient pagan Babylon, it first had to have originated in the mind of Satan.

Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying sciences of satanic origin, through which Satan is working to make a nonentity of God and of Christ.-- (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, pg. 67-68. Ellen White) (1909.) (CW 92.3)

False theories will be mingled with every phase of experience, and advocated with satanic earnestness in order to captivate the mind of every soul who is not rooted and grounded in a full knowledge of the sacred principles of the word. In the very midst of us will arise false teachers, giving heed to seducing spirits whose doctrines

are <u>of satanic origin</u>... (Review and Herald, January 7, 1904 par. 4)

In the previous two statements, Mrs. White is describing events that will happen within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Brothers and sisters, that prediction is no longer future.

...The doctor [Kellogg] does things that we know nothing about now, but which may compel me to bear still more decided testimonies against his persistent efforts to weave into his teachings this fascinating, spiritualistic science of satanic origin...
(Battle Creek Letters, pg 103.5 Ellen White)

The three previous Ellen White statements ought to be conclusive. Any doctrine that is of Satanic origin is a false doctrine and can never be converted into a true doctrine or incorporated into Christ's church. Through Satanic influences, polytheism and triune gods originated in ancient Babylon, about 2,200 years before Jesus walked this earth. If this were the only piece of evidence we can produce about the trinity, this more than enougn to condemn it as a false doctrine.

The word spiritualism can be used in reference to a religion that is based upon the immortality of

the soul, or it can be used to spiritualize a truth into a myth. Such as pantheism turning the Father and Jesus into an essence or a myth. In the preceding Ellen White paragraph to Dr. Kellogg, she used it as the latter

Pantheism is the foundation of most eastern religions, such as Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Shintoism, the New Age Movement, Yoga, Freemasonry, Alcoholics Anonymous and hundreds of others. All having their origin in Satan.

(Note: There are many that will say
Freemasonry and Alcoholics Anonymous are not
religious organizations, but Freemasonry requires
the initiate to profess a belief in god (any god)
before they can join. And Alcoholics Anonymous'
step number 3 of the 12-steps reads... "Made a
decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care
of God <u>as we understood him</u>." Whenever an
organization asks its initiates to profess a belief in
any god before they can join, or to turn their will
over to god <u>as we understood him</u>, those
organizations are clearly polytheistic pantheistic
religions.)

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good

<u>fruit</u>. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (Matthew 7:18-19)

Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? Either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. (James 3:11, 12)

Since the paganized Catholic Church was the one that brought the trinity into the Christian Church in the year 325 AD, how can the trinity be good fruit or sweet water?

...Will the Lord give light through an impure, corrupt channel? - no... ...Can an impure fountain send forth pure water?Never... ...Think you the lord would pass by his people, who are striving to do his work, and impart light to one corrupt in heart, whose theories would lead to moral pollution and defilement of soul and body?No, indeed no. (The Ellen G. White 1888
Materials (1987) pg. 697.2)

...God and Satan never work in copartnership... (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5 pg. 98.2 Ellen White)

God and Christ were not the ones who inspired Antichrist to introduce the pagan trinity into the Christian Church.

Even after the trinity became an official Catholic doctrine in 325 AD it was kicked around like a football, in and out of the church and state, usually at the whims of the succeeding Roman Emperors before it became firmly established in the Catholic Church in 681 AD.

For over 350 years after 325 AD the trinity was hotly contested among Catholics. Because of its mysticism, the trinity spawned numerous opinions, debates and side issues. At church councils bloodshed was so frequent it was just expected. These debates were not about truth verses error. They were about error verses another error. It took over 350 years of debate, wrangling and much bloodshed before the Catholic theologians settled upon the wording of the present day Nicaea and Athanasius Creeds.

The trinity was the actuator that launched the Catholic Church's 1,260 year reign of terror and eventually the inquisition. You probably know the Catholic Church is the little horn of Daniel chapter

7 and that she plucked up three of the ten horns by the roots, (the Heruli, Ostrogoths and Vandals).

But what you may not know is all three were **Arian—anti-trinitarian.** Even though the Arians did not believe the trinity, their understanding of the Godhead was not perfect. Hundreds of thousands perished in just these three countries because of the word trinity.

The trinity has caused more bloodshed than probably any other ideology in the history of the world. Historians estimate that the Catholic Church put to death around 68 to 100 million people during her 1,260 years reign of terror. Isn't torture and murder the domain of the Devil? "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:20). Also, by their fruits you shall know what their doctrines are. The information, just in this chapter alone, should tell you volumes about the trinity.

#### If Jesus Did Not Teach It, We Don't Need It

Let no one teach things that the

Redeemer, he who owns man, body, soul,
and spirit, has not taught. We need not any
fanciful teaching regarding the personality
of God. What God desires us to know of Him

is revealed in His word and His works... (Medical Ministry, pg. 94.3, Ellen G. White)

I am instructed to say to our people, <u>let</u> us follow Christ. We may safely discard all ideas that are not included in his teaching... (Review and Herald, January 21, 1904 par. 16, Ellen G. White)

We cannot with safety accept the opinions of any man, however learned, unless they are in harmony with the words of the great teacher. The opinions of erring men will be presented for our acceptance, but God's word is our authority, and we are never to accept human teaching without the most conclusive evidence that it agrees with the teaching of god's word. We are to know that we do know that we are standing on the platform of eternal truth—the word of the living God. (That I May Know Him, pg. 210.3, Ellen G. White)

If a doctrine is a true Bible doctrine, the evidence will be CONCLUSIVE. The Bible evidence for a three-in-one-god is anything but conclusive. Jesus never taught that He, his Father and the Holy Spirit were one god. Conclusive Biblical evidence is absent for such a belief.

Three-persons equaling <u>one-god</u> is purely speculation.

Because of the three-in-one-god's
Babylonian, Satanic origin, the trinity can never
become a Bible doctrine, no matter how many
revisions the Adventist theologians make,
whatever form it takes or whatever Christian
guise it is given. God can never, and will never
use anything of Satanic origin.

The reason the trinity is so confusing and cannot be understood is because it originated in confusion—Babylon (Babel = confusion). "...God ls not the author of confusion..." (1 Corinthians 14:33)

If you would like to read a list of triune deities throughout the ages, <u>click here.</u>

## Chapter 4. The Law of God The Ten Commandments

Any belief that causes us to break just one of the Ten Commandments is a false doctrine and must be rejected. The Ten Commandments are a transcript of God's character and He desires nothing more than for us to form a character like His. That is why we need to study and meditate regularly upon the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are also the standard used in the judgment.

- (Exodus 20:3) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2. (Exodus 20:4-6) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

- (Exodus 20:7) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 4. (Exodus 20:8-11) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- (Exodus 20:12) Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- 6. (Exodus 20:13) Thou shalt not kill.
- (Exodus 20:14) Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8. (Exodus 20:15) Thou shalt not steal.
- 9. (Exodus 20:16) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

10. (Exodus 20:17) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: <u>for sin is the transgression of the law</u>. (1 john 3:4)

There is only one Bible definition of sin, the transgression of God's law.

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. (James 2:10)

If we break just one of the Ten Commandments we have broken God's law.

To know God in a personal relationship is so important to Him, He has made the Ten Commandments one of the two pillars of the New Covenant

For this is the covenant that i will make with the house of israel after those days, saith the lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man

his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, know the lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. (Hebrews 8:10-12) (See also Jeremiah 31:31-34)

One church elder told me he could not see how the trinity was as dangerous as I had portrayed it. I can relate completely with him because that was my thoughts for a long time, even after knowing it was false. Because the trinity is so cunningly devised, widespread and because God's remnant people have embraced it is the reason I came to the conclusion the trinity has to be the Devil's all-time masterpiece deception.

Brothers and sisters, there is no such thing as a benign false doctrine. A doctrine is either true or it is false. It will either give life or kill. Everyone of the Devil's lies are designed to lead us into breaking at least one of the Ten Commandments—which is sin—which is eternal death, if not repented of. Every false doctrine is a salvation issue for those who believe it.

What makes one deception more dangerous than another is not that one lie is more dangerous than another, but that one deception is camouflaged better with the truth to make it appear more genuine. The trinity promoters have intermingled it with, and camouflaged it with an enormous amount of misplaced Bible truth.

I knew at the time I started investigating the trinity that if it is a false doctrine, it was causing us to break at least one of the Ten Commandments, but for the first year or so of my research, I could not see how it was doing this. Early in my research, I compared "There is One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons..." with every one of the Ten Commandments and I could not see anything wrong. In this document I have explained 14 reasons why the Trinity is not Biblical. But until I studied the pioneer and Ellen White writings together, along with the trinity's history, I could not detect a single commandment it was causing us to break.

Even after many dead-end searches and not a single positive inspired statement showing that the

Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one-god, I still could not see how the trinity was causing us to violate the Ten Commandments. But because I had gone down so many dead-ends, I knew the trinity was not based upon the Bible. It wasn't until after I started searching the pioneer writings and the trinity's history that the deceptions began surfacing. And even then, they did not all come at once. It was one here and one there over an period of time.

The deceptions of the trinity are so cunning and so stealthy while accompanied by a hypnotic super-natural power, it is impossible to detect the errors if we are not following the instructions in Proverbs 2:1-5. If you are not importuning God by agonizing, sighing and crying long and hard in prayer, the odds are slim you will ever see all the deceptions that accompany the trinity. Brothers and sisters, we have vastly underestimated our enemy.

Here is a quotation about the *alpha heresy* from a man who went through it, William Spicer, GC Secretary.

To another of the group it had been said that a hypnotic influence was upon him, [Dr.

Kellogg] and he was exhorted, for Christ's sake, to break the spell. The teaching that was abroad was of a spiritualistic nature. It was a supreme effort of the great deceiver to get into the movement. No man's strength is sufficient to stand against spiritualistic philosophy if he puts himself in friendly contact with it. His only safety is in the attitude of constant mental and spiritual opposition to it. "Men in positions of responsibility, "we were told at that time, "are in danger of changing leaders." (Series B No. 2, p. 48.). There was a hypnotic power in the teaching, as some of us knew, and it was not to be curiously looked at or studied to see what it was composed of. It is like a "live" wire. The very power of death is in it. The atmosphere of its promotion was deadly, and only by open hostility to it in the name of the Lord, could one safely have anything to do with it." (How the Spirit of Prophecy Met a Crisis, pg. 71.3 (1934) William A. Spicer)

If this counsel was needed to avoid accepting the *alpha heresy*, it is certainly needed to avoid accepting the *omega heresy*. ...So closely will the counterfeit
resemble the true that it will be impossible
to distinguish between them except by the
Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every
statement and every miracle must be tested.
(The Great Controversy, pg. 593.1, Ellen G.
White)

When we trust men instead of the Bible, we are making decisions based upon what they tell us. Because those who promote the trinity are not disclosing the truths about the trinity's origin, Constantine's influence in bringing it into the Christian Church, its repugnant history, all the debate and bloodshed it has caused, along with the pioneers and Ellen White's attitude toward it, our conclusions are based upon partial truths with many omitted facts. If the trinity promoters would tell the whole story, as our pioneers did, our conclusions would be the same as the pioneers.

A belief in the trinity causes us to transgress the First Commandment; "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." (Exodus 20:3). It does this by mystifying God and Jesus into an *essence*, a *myth*, *nothingness* or a *non-entity*. Did you notice when you read the Athanasian Creed that it described the

three-in-one-god as one *substance*? One of the definitions of *substance* is *essence*. Because the trinity deception is so cunning devised, it will take a few more chapters to fully explain how it causes us to violate the First Commandment.

# Chapter 5. The One God Of The Bible Is The Father — Not A Trinity

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is One Lord: (Deuteronomy 6:4)

The Bible clearly teaches there is a **Father**, a **Son** and a **Holy Spirit**. The Bible also teaches there is **One God**. But there is not a single verse that teaches the **One God** is the **Father**, **Son** and **Holy Spirit**. The Bible does not leave us wracking our brain as to how 1 = 3. Remember, if it is not recorded in the Bible, **it is not Biblical**. However, there are at least four passages recorded in the Bible that do clearly teach the **One God** is the **Father**.

Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? (Malachi 2:10)

But to us <u>there is but one God, the</u>

<u>Father</u>, of whom are all things, and we in him;

<u>and one Lord Jesus Christ</u>, by whom are all things, and we by him. (1 Corinthians 8:6)

(4) There is one body, <u>and one Spirit</u>, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; (5) <u>One Lord</u>, one faith, one baptism, (6) <u>One God and Father of all</u>, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4:4-6)

As can be seen from the above three passages, the Bible does teach there is "One God." Malachi 2:10 identifies this "one God" as "one Father." In 1 Corinthians 8:6 and Ephesians 4:4 - 6 Paul mentioned "one Spirit," which is the Holy Spirit, "one Lord" who is Jesus Christ, and "one God." However, Paul did not say the "one God" is three persons or three gods. He stated "...There is but one God the Father..." (1 Corinthians 8:6) "...One God and Father of all..." (Ephesians 4:6)

If these three passages aren't enough, let's add one more from the Father's only begotten Son.

(1) These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, (2) <u>Father...</u>
(3) ...And this is life eternal, that they might know thee <u>the only true God</u>, and Jesus <u>Christ, whom thou hast sent.</u> (John 17:1, 3)

In John 17:1 Jesus started a prayer by addressing His "Father." He goes on in verse 3 to say His Father is "the only true God."

(Definition of "only" – alone, solo, single, sole, exclusive, **ONE**)

Here we have one Old Testament passage and three New Testament passages clearly teaching the "one God" and "only true God" of the Bible is "the Father." All four of these Bible passages clearly teach 1 = 1.

How much clearer can it get? There is "One God" "the Father." But He had an only begotten, firstborn Son who... "Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they..." "...Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God..." "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself..." "...All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men..." "...Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." (Hebrews 1:4; Philippians 2:5, 6; John 5:26; John 1:3, 4; Hebrews 1:3)

Compared to infinity, we know almost nothing about the Godhead, but the four previous verses about **One God** being the **Father** are "as clear as noonday," without the mysticism of the three-person-god. A child can understand these verses. There are also Bible verses that imply the **One God** is the **Father**.

#### **Mystery Of Mysteries**

The Adventist people profess to accept the Bible as their final authority on questions of doctrine. But by accepting the man-made three-in-one-god they have rejected at least four Bible passages that clearly teach the One God of the Bible is the Father, in favor of NO Bible passages that teach one-god is three-persons???

Rejecting the four previously quoted Bible passages in favor of a triune god is causing us to break the commandment that says... "Thou shalt have no other gods [plural] before me [singular]," (Exodus 20:3). Therefore, come judgment day, what we believe about the One God being the Father or a plurality of persons/gods will have a major impact upon where we spend eternity.

If there are at least four Bible passages that teach the one God is the Father, and NO Bible

passages that teach... "There is **ONE GOD**: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons..." which are you going to believe and still profess you believe the Bible?

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is NO light in them. (Isaiah 8:20)

### Chapter 6. The Firm Foundation Of Our Faith

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. (Deuteronomy 4:2)

(18) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: (19) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18-19)

As a people, we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value. It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their

setting, and to put in their place spurious theories. He will bring in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs. But the Lord will raise up men of keen perception, who will give these truths their proper place in the plan of God. (Selected Message, Book 1 pg 201.2 Ellen G. White)

The foundational doctrines, landmarks, pillars and sign-posts of our faith can never be transformed into error. Conversely, no false doctrine of Satan can be transformed into truth. The foundation of the Seventh-day Adventist faith rejects numerous beliefs of Christendom that were deemed unbiblical by our founders and the trinity was one of them. Any philosophy that originates outside the Bible, even if it is true, can never become Bible doctrine. The trinity's roots are anchored in ancient Babylonian mysticism.

...Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day
Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracial-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are,

are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through his word and the testimony of his spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. (Selected Messages, Book 1, pg. 206.4-208.2, Ellen G. White) (1904)

The previous statement was made 60 years after 1844, just 11 years before Ellen White died in 1915.

...In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history. (Review and Harold, October 12, 1905 par. 22 Ellen White)

Are you studying Seventh-day Adventist history, written by the ones who made that history, the pioneers? Why take a chance on losing it all by studying contemporary historians and theologians with their mystical interpretations when

we know all the early pioneers were in earnest. Not only this, but **they believed** the guiding light of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. (Hebrews 13:8)

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years... ... If such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God. (Selected Message, book 1, pg. 161.2 (1905) Ellen White)

If we are the lord's appointed

messengers, we shall not spring up with

new ideas and theories to contradict the

message that God has given through his

servants since 1844 ... Those who today

claim to have light, and who contradict the teaching of God's ordained messengers who were working under the Holy Spirit's guidance, those who get up new theories which remove the pillars of our faith, are not doing the will of God, but are bringing in fallacies of their own invention, which, if received, will cut the church away from the anchorage of truth and set them drifting, drifting, to where they will receive any sophistries that may arise. These will be similar to that which Dr. J. H. Kellogg, under Satan's special guidance, has been working for years. (Manuscript Release 760, pg. 14.2, Ellen G. White) (1905)

The previous two statements are without a doubt a fitting description of the trinity and those who promote it. Three persons equaling one god was never part of the firm foundation of our Seventh-day Adventist faith. Therefore, the trinity has to be a ploy of the Devil designed to deceive and destroy.

#### **Converting False Doctrine Into Truth???**

The preceding Bible verses and Ellen White statements are very clear. All the foundational doctrines, landmarks, pillars and signposts of our

faith that were established by the pioneers and endorsed by Ellen White are off limits for reversal. And that includes all the so-called Bible doctrines of Christendom the pioneers rejected as being unbiblical

As you read earlier in the pioneer statements, they firmly rejected the trinity as a false doctrine. If their statements were true in their day, they are just as true in our day.

...These men take a large amount of knowledge with them of what constitutes truth and evidence? They may misinterpret it all, misapply the truth, but they cannot convert truth into error, neither can they convert error into truth. The truth will live through all time and through eternal ages... (Manuscript Release No. 763, Ellen White and the Church in Adelaide, South Australia pt. 366.2)

Faith in a lie will not have a sanctifying influence upon the life or character. No error is truth, or can be made truth by repetition, or by faith in it. Sincerity will never save a soul from the consequences of believing an error... ... The truth is the principle that sanctifies, and therefore it becomes us to

**know what is truth...** (Selected Messages, Book 2, 56.1, Ellen G. White)

### **Error Riding The Back Of The Truth**

In order for error to be appealing to those who have received more light than any other people on planet earth, (Seventh-day Adventists), that error has to be attached to and camouflaged with Bible truth?

...Fanaticism will come in, and will so mingle and interweave itself with the workings of the spirit of God, that many will accept it all as from God, and will be deceived and misled thereby. (Selected Messages, Book 3, pg 403.1 Ellen White

The most deceptive errors will be intertwined with the most compelling truths? The compelling truths are the bate that covers the hook of Satan's deadly errors. It is the compelling truths that the enemy has intertwined with the trinity that makes its so danger so difficult to see. What makes an impostor's statements so dangerous is that the vast majority of what they teach is misapplied truth.

Error could not stand alone, and would soon become extinct, if it did not fasten itself like a parasite upon the tree of truth. Error draws its life from the truth of God. The traditions of men, like floating germs, attach themselves to the truth of God, and men regard them as a part of the truth. Through false doctrines Satan gains a foothold, and captivates the minds of men, causing them to hold theories that have no foundation in truth. Men boldly teach for doctrines the commandments of men. and as traditions pass on from age to age, they acquire a power over the human mind. But age does not make error truth... (Letter 43, 1895). (Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, pg. 1094.5 Ellen White)

...So closely will the counterfeit
resemble the true that it will be impossible
to distinguish between them except by the
Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every
statement and every miracle must be tested.
(The Great Controversy, pg. 593.1, Ellen G.
White)

### **Beware Of New Light**

... Through all these centuries the truth of God has remained the same. That which was truth in the beginning is truth now.

Although new and important truths appropriate for succeeding generations have been opened to the understanding, the present revealings do not contradict those of the past. Every new truth understood only makes more significant the old. (The Advent Review and Herald, March 2, 1886 par. 6, Ellen G. White)

New light must harmonize with old light.

Additional light should make the old light brighter, not dimmer! But the reversal of the trinity has gone way beyond dimming the old light. Not only has it completely extinguished the old light on the Godhead, but it is the darkest of darkness.

Deuteronomy 4:2 and the previous Ellen White quotations clearly condemns the alterations the Adventist leaders have made and are making to our foundational and landmark doctrines!

From the Adventist leader's actions, *dynamic* apparently means the church leaders believe they have the right to alter any doctrine they want. Isn't

this exactly what the Catholic theologians believe???

...Men and women will arise professing
to have some new light or some new
revelation whose tendency is to unsettle
faith in the old landmarks? Their doctrines
will not bear the test of God's word, yet
souls will be deceived... (Testimonies for the
Church vol. 5, pg. 295.3, Ellen White)

From the above statement we can see that <u>new</u> <u>light</u> is where the danger is, not the old landmarks and pillars of our faith. Since the trinity did not become an official doctrine of the Adventist church until 1980, <u>the trinity is the new light—not the opposition against it</u>. The opposition to the trinity within the Seventh-day Adventist Church originated with the earliest of our pioneer founders. James White, Joseph Bates, J. N. Andrews and others, were adamantly opposed to the trinity.

Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But

**they said, we will not walk therein.** (Jeremiah 6:16)

The trinity is the new way, but the old paths are the good way.

...Truth is straight, plain, clear, and stands out boldly in its own defense; but it is not so with error. It is so winding and twisting that it needs a multitude of words to explain it in its crooked form... (Early Writings, 96.1, Ellen G. White)

One-god-equaling-three-persons is so incomprehensible, ambiguous, twisting and winding that if every word in the English language were used to try and explain it, it still cannot not be understood.

The reversal of the trinity within the Seventh-day Adventist Church undermines everything the Seventh-day Adventist Church stands for, everything! It destroys the Godhead by transforming the personalities of the Father and Son into an essence, thus destroying the Father and Son.

Unmindful and undetected by the vast majority of Adventists, three-persons-equaling-one-god has completely changed our religion. We have turned back to Egypt. The foundational doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church used to be the Godhead, now it is the same as Babylon's and her daughters. Has the teaching of the three-in-one-god not set the Seventh-day Adventist ship adrift back into the Catholic Church's arms?

If the Adventist leaders have the right to destroy the foundation of our faith and replace it with the foundation of Babylon, why do they not have the same right to pull the Sabbath pillar down and replace it with the Catholic Church's Sunday sacredness?

Constantine did both in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century AD and the Seventh-day Adventist Church is heading in the same direction, one small compromise at at time. If anyone has the right to change even one of our foundational doctrines, WE DO NOT HAVE A FOUNDATION! Very small, almost imperceptible creeping compromises is how the early New Testament Christian Church evolved into the Roman Catholic Church, and it is being repeated today in the Seventh-day Adventist Church

From 1844 to mid 1900s, (over 100 years) the trinity was a **fundamental rejection** of the

Seventh-day Adventist Church. During the *alpha crisis* and latter years of Ellen White's life, there were a few Adventists that believed and were teaching the trinity. But it was not until 1919, just 4 years after Ellen White died the entering wedge of the trinity was first **officially** introduced into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at a closed door invitation only General Conference meeting.

The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation...
...The waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved. (Selected Messages, Book 1, pg. 206.4-208.2, Ellen White)

The trinity was never a part of the foundation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and no pagan doctrine can ever be converted into a true one.

## Chapter 7. The Trinity Came 294 Years To Late

Question: When does a "last will and testament" go into effect?

Answer: At the moment the testator dies.

(Hebrews 9:16-17) For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. (17) For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

The New Testament/Covenant went into effect the moment Jesus died in the spring of 31 AD, not a moment before or a moment after, but at the very moment Jesus yielded up the Spirit.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the Ghost. And. behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom... (Matthew 27:50-51)

At the moment Jesus died, the veil of the Temple was tron from top to bottom by unseen hands, exposing the inner rooms of the temple for all to see. This revealed that the Holy Shekinah Glory had just departed. The Old Covenant had just

came to an end and the New Covenant/Testament had just begun.

## A Covenant Cannot Be Altered Once It Is Ratified

Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; though it be but a man's covenant, <u>yet</u> if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. (Galatians 3:15)

At the moment Jesus died, all the stipulations he included in the New Covenant were <u>permanently set!</u> Nothing could be added to it and nothing could be taken away from it. <u>It was/is concrete!</u> Even the apostles had no authority to add to or take away anything from what Jesus included in the New Covenant.

I know one highly visible Adventist evangelist that used to teach Sunday worship in honor of Christ's resurrection could never become a part of the New Testament/Covenant because Sunday worship came 3 days too late to be included in the New Covenant. And he is absolutely correct. But he enthusiastically promotes the Catholic trinity, a belief that came into the Christian Catholic Church almost three centuries too late???

## Catholic Theologians Proudly Admit They Formulated The Trinity

The formulation "one God in three persons" was not solidly established, certainly not fully assimilated into christian life and its profession of faith, **prior to the end of the 4th century**. But it is precisely this formulation that first claimed to title "the trinitarian dogma." **Among the apostolic fathers, there had been nothing even remotely approaching such a mentality or perspective**. (The New Catholic Encyclopedia - 1967, VOL. XIV, PAGE 299)

(Emphasis supplied)

If the apostles had no authority to change anything about the New Covenant/Testament, the Pope of Rome and Catholic theologians certainly do not either. Once Jesus ratified the New Covenant/Testament in 31 AD by His death, it was/is concrete, no revisions allowed!

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, <u>if any man shall</u> add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18)

One-god-equaling-three-persons cannot be found in the Scriptures; therefore, it is an addition.

### **Chapter 8. The Age of Pergamos**

The trinity did not become Catholic doctrine until 325 AD. Do you know that 325 AD was during the era of Pergamos, the third church of the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3? Our pioneers taught that the symbolic church of Pergamos (312 to 538 AD) was the era of compromise. Historians tell us that "Christianity the Catholic Church conquered paganism, but in the process, paganism corrupted Christianity the Catholic Church."

It seems the vast majority of historians and archaeologists take for granted that Roman Catholicism is the model of Christianity. But this is far from the truth because Roman Catholicism is not Christian. Catholicism is Babylonian, (Read Revelation, chapter 17:1-19:5).

### What Part Did Emperor Constantine Play?

Do you know that Constantine, a pagan sun god worshiping Roman Emperor had more influence upon the trinity becoming Catholic doctrine than any other person? The Catholic Church had already made numerous doctrinal compromises by the time of Constantine's supposed conversion to Christianity in 312 AD. But through his influence

he transformed the already compromised Christian Church into a pagan, sun worshiping monarchy.

Constantine is the one who convened the Nicaea (Nice) Council in 325 AD. He is the one who invited the Catholic bishops. He presided over it, and more than anyone else, influenced the decisions made there. With the possibility of being exiled hanging over their heads if they disagreed with him, the majority of delegates approved the trinity. Of the five that opposed, three were exiled.

The trinity was introduced into the Catholic Church on the wings of paganism during the era of compromise. Constantine also made it illegal to persecute the Christians (Catholics).

At the moment Jesus died in the spring of 31 AD, the New Covenant/Testament commenced. Since the trinity did not make its debut into the Catholic Church until 325 AD, the trinity came 294 years too late to be included in the New Testament/Covenant! Think on that a while.

### Chapter 9. The Personality Of God And Christ Is A Pillar And Landmark Of Our Faith

Do you know the personality of God and Christ is a pillar and landmark doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church? I did not know this either until I researched the writings of Ellen White and the pioneers myself. Could the reason the Adventist people don't know the personality of God and Christ is a foundational doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is because their trusted leaders have not told them? Could the reason that the Adventist leaders have not told us is because if they did, it will totally destroy the three-in-one-god they promote? The trinity and the personality of God and Christ, as taught by our pioneers are totally incompatible.

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. (Ye Shall Receive Power 235.4, Ellen G. White) (From a Group of Ellen G. White Statements Made in 1905, 1906, and 1907)

Did you notice Ellen White taught the *personality of God and Christ* is pillar and landmark doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church? If you did not catch that, read the previous paragraph again. It is critical you understand this because...

## The Trinity Destroys The Personalities Of God And Christ

The pioneers taught that the trinity *destroys the personality of God and Christ*. Below are a couple of quotations from James White and J. N. Andrews.

**James Springer White:** (1821 – 1881)

...Here we might mention the trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ... (Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald, December 11, (1855), James White)

**J. N. Andrews:** (1829 – 1883)

(J. N. Andrews had most of the Bible memorized and was probably the foremost Bible

student among all the pioneers. He is the man that our flagship university, Andrews University is named after.)

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. (The Three Angels of Revelation 14:6-12, pg. 54.3 (1855) By J. N. Andrews.)

If there is only one god that manifests himself as three persons, (or even 3,000 persons), there can be only one personality controlling all of them. Therefore, the individual personalities of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are nonexistence, or destroyed, exactly the way the pioneers believed and taught.

### The Personality Of God And Christ Is A Salvation Belief

The *alpha crisis* at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century centered around the false belief of *pantheism*. Dr.

Kellogg first openly taught this in 1897. In 1903 Mrs. White sent him a letter in which she stated...

...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 G. White to John Harvey Kellogg, Letter 300, March 16th 1903) (Ellen G. White: The Early Elmshaven Years Volume 5 1900-1905, pg. 292.4)

Does "the personality of God, which is everything to us as a people," not imply that what we believe about *personality of God and Christ* has something to do with our salvation?

Pantheism destroys God and Jesus by destroying their personality; thus, transforming them into an essence, a myth or nothingness. This next statement is also in regard to the *alpha crisis*.

The subject of speculation regarding
God's personality we will not venture to
express, except in the language of the word
which represents his personality. There is to
be no discussion over this question lest
God would give unmistakable revelation of
what he is that would extinguish the one
who dares venture on the holy ground in his

speculative theories, as some ventured to do in opening the ark to see what was in it as its power and how God was manifested.

The men were slain for their curiosity science. (Manuscript Release 18, pg. 222.1, Ellen G. White) (1902)

...In the last days of this earth's history the voice that spoke from Sinai is still saying to men: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." EXODUS 20:3, Man has set his will against the will of God, but he cannot silence this word of command. The human mind can never fully comprehend its obligation to the higher power, but it cannot evade the obligation. Profound theories and speculations may abound, men may try to set science in opposition to revelation, and thus do away with the law of God; but stronger and still stronger will the holy spirit bring before them the command: "thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:10. (Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6, pg. 10.1, Ellen G. White) (1901)

None need concern themselves about those things which the Lord has not

revealed to us. In these days, speculation will abound, but God declares, "the secret things belong unto the Lord." Deuteronomy 29:29. The voice that spoke to Israel from Sinai is speaking in these last days to men and women, saying, "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." Exodus 20:3... (Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, pg. 248.2 Ellen G. White) (1913)

Trespassing just one of the Ten

Commandments is absolutely a salvation issue. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). By studying the four previous Ellen White statements together as a unit, we can see Mrs. White taught that theories and/or speculation upon the personality of God and/or Christ is a violation of the First Commandment; "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."

Since the *trinity* is speculating about *the* nature and personality of God and Christ, it is causing all who speculate to trespass the first commandment. Thus, causing the speculator to break God's law; thus, committing sin; thus, eternal loss.

If speculating upon the *personality of God* virtually destroys the Lord God himself and is in the same category as opening the ark of the covenant, (which meant sudden death for anyone who attempted it), <u>speculating upon the personality of God and Christ has to be a salvation issue for everyone who speculates.</u>

## **Accompanied By Supernatural Power**

As I stated earlier, when I started my search of the trinity, I knew that if it was a false doctrine it was causing us to violate at least one of the Ten Commandments. It was over a year after I started my investigation before I found the preceding three Ellen White statements. By this time, I had read what the pioneers had written about the trinity and the personality of God and Christ. But one thing I could not find in any of their writings was what commandment the trinity was causing us to violate. I'm sure it is there somewhere, but I never found it.

I had also studied much of the trinity's history by this time. Therefore, I had already come to the conclusion the trinity was not Biblical and was causing us to sin. But, until I uncovered the preceding three Ellen White statements I could not see what commandment the trinity was causing us to break.

My understanding of the trinity has not come by way of an event, but a long process. Through much prayer and much searching, a light would come on and later another would come on and on and on

The reason I am sharing this bit of information with you is to try and give you an idea of just how deceptive and cunningly devised the trinity really is. This is one of the reasons why I believe the trinity is the Devil's all-time masterpiece deception. If you are confused and doubting as to what I have written in this document, join the crowd. I know exactly what you are experiencing because I have been there and experienced the same.

In my first few weeks of investigating, and not finding anything positive about the trinity, I went somewhat into denial. I also had thoughts to abandon my investigation. The doubts and thoughts to abandon my investigation indication to me the Devil was trying to get me to quit; therefore, I knew I must be on the right track. Because **all** of my searches, and I mean **all**, concluded with either

dead-ends or negative results, I knew I had to keep searching.

Satan and his host are going to do everything in their power keep you confused and doubting so you won't see the deception attached to any of their lies. If you are confused about the trinity, whatever you do, do not stop searching until you are convinced of the truth. If you are having doubts about objectively investigating the trinity, this should be a convincing sign that you need to continue searching. If the trinity is false, the Devil would like nothing more than for you to give up. If it is true, it can withstand a thorough investigation.

## **Explaining God???**

Can you explain infinity? If not "...Let no one venture to explain God. Human beings cannot explain themselves, and how, then, dare they venture to explain the omniscient One? Satan stands ready to give such ones false conceptions of God." (Medical Ministry, pg. 92.1, Ellen White)

Brothers and sisters, this Ellen White statement is paramount. Remember it.

...This, [the trinity] the Church teaches, is the revelation regarding God's nature...

Comments to the Athanasian Creed from the Online Catholic Encyclopedia (2013)

...Let not finite man attempt to interpret
Jehovah. Let none indulge in speculation
regarding his nature. Here silence is
eloquence. The omniscient one is above
discussion. (Review and Herald, June 1, 1905
par. 13, Ellen G. White)

The following quotation appears on the official Seventh-day Adventist website under the Heading, God > Trinity > God in three Persons.

...The doctrine of the trinity is truly distinctive of the christian faith, crucial because it deals with who God is, what he is like, and how he works...

First of all, as it has been shown from history, the trinity IS NOT "truly distinctive of the Christian faith." The trinity's origin is ancient Babylonian mysticism over 2,100 years before Christ walked this earth. And it spread to many other pagan countries, just with different names and stories. The pagan emperor Constantine was the man who forced it upon the Catholic Church.

Therefore, the trinity IS NOT "truly distinctive of

the Christian faith "

The teaching regarding God that is presented in 'Living Temple' is not such as our students need. Those who seek to define God are on forbidden ground. We are to enter into no controversy regarding God — what he is and what he is not. He, the omniscient one, is above discussion. Those who express such sentiments regarding him show that they are departing from the faith. {PH095 39.3}

I say, and have ever said, that I will not engage in controversy with any one in regard to the nature and personality of God.

Let those who try to describe God know that on such a subject silence is eloquence. Let the scriptures be read in simple faith, and let each one form his conceptions of God from his inspired word. (Spalding and Magan Collection, by EG White 329.2, Ellen G. White) (1903)

...We are not to follow the words of men,
however wise they may appear to be, unless their
testimony is in harmony with a "thus saith the
lord." Temptations will come to us in the most
seductive guise, but it is at our peril that we turn
from the plain command of God to follow the

<u>assertions of men</u>. (Bible Echo, December 17, 1894 par. 2, Ellen White)

#### Most Adventists Don't Have A Clue

Our ministers must be very careful not to enter into controversy in regard to the personality of God. This is a subject that they are not to touch. It is a mystery, and the enemy will surely lead astray those who enter into it. (Sermons and Talks, Volume 1, pg. 343.2-3, Ellen G. White) (1904)

If I understood the previous Ellen White statement correctly, it is assured that all who enter into a discussion about the personality of God and Christ will be deceived. Discussing the trinity is discussing the personality of God and Christ. The previous Catholic and General Conference quotations are at total odds with Ellen White's statements. But a promise is attached to the her statements...

"Satan stands ready to give such ones false conceptions of God." "Those who express such sentiments regarding him show that they are departing from the faith" ... "The enemy will surely lead astray those who enter into"... "controversy in regard to the personality of God..."

The next few statements may appear to be extreme exaggerations, flagrant lies or a total shock to you, but based upon the previous five Ellen White statements... Every time someone teaches and/or promotes the trinity, have they not entered into a dialogue about *the personalities of God and Christ?* 

The previous Ellen White paragraph is very explicit. Is this Ellen White statement not telling us that all the Adventist Church leaders, theologians and preachers that promote the trinity have surely been led astray? And because the majority of the Adventist people **blindly** accept what the preachers, leaders and theologians teach, they too, are just as blind as those they are following. I know for a fact this is true because like the vast majority, I was in this category myself for about 38 years.

What happens when a blind leads a blind? They will both fall in the ditch. Has the Devil not surely deceived the whole Seventh-day Adventist Church? thus fulfilling the "blind" prediction of Christ about the Laodicean Church in Revelation 3:17? The Seventh-day Adventist people, just like in every church epoch of the past, have not taken our enemy serious enough.

Because the Adventist people are trusting men that are omitting truths, rather than studying the inspired writings and history for themselves, the vast majority don't have a clue that <u>the personality</u> of <u>God and Christ</u> is a landmark foundational doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Ellen White Did Not Change Her Mind!

Mrs. White was adamant about *the personality* of God and Christ right up to the day she died. Because the trinity is an attempt to explain the unexplainable—the nature and personality of God and Christ—those that teach it are attempting to do the very thing Mrs. White warned us not to do. Because Mrs. White never wavered in this belief, she never changed her mind about the trinity in her old age.

Brothers and sisters, if what our **early** pioneers wrote about **any salvational issue** and was endorsed by Ellen White, we have to trust them! That includes the numerous false beliefs our pioneers studied and rejected because they could not find them in the Bible. **Three persons equaling one god was one of those false beliefs.** Remember, if it is not recorded in the Bible, **it is not Biblical.** 

#### **The Common Denominator**

As we have just read, the pioneers taught that the trinity destroys the personality of God and Christ. There is not a single word in Mrs. White's writings about a three-in-one-god, but she has written much about the personality of God and Christ being part of our foundation. She never refuted any of the pioneers for speaking out and writing against the trinity.

Therefore, Mrs. White's endorsement of the personality of God and Christ being a foundational doctrine of the Seventh-day

Adventist Church is the common denominator that ties Mrs. White's writings to the pioneer writings about the trinity destroying the personality of God and Christ.

This is a critical critical piece of puzzle. If you do not understand it, study this section until you do. In the 53 years I have been in the SDA church, I have never read a single word or heard a single Adventist preacher or highly visible leader/preacher or historian say a word about the the personality of God and Christ being a pillar or landmark doctrine of our faith. If the

trinity destroys the personality of God and Christ, then just like pantheism, it literally destroys God and Christ!

## Chapter 10. What Makes Antichrist Anti-Christ?

#### Christ's Fallen Sinful Human Nature

And every spirit that confesseth not that
Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of
God: and this is that spirit of antichrist.
Whereof ye have heard that it should come;
and even now already is it in the world. (1
John 4:3)

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. (2 John 1:7)

Who is a liar but he that denieth that

Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that

denieth the Father and the Son. (1 John 2:22)

To understand what makes one an antichrist, we need to understand the difference between Jesus' perfect sinless character (his mind) and his fallen, sinful human nature, (his flesh). Transform Jesus' fallen, sinful human nature into anything other than this, and everything Christian crumbles in the dust—everything! The whole Christian belief system hinges upon Jesus' human nature (flesh)

being identical to every human who has ever lived, and we all have fallen sinful human natures.

partakers of flesh and blood, he [Jesus] also himself likewise took part of the same ... (16) for verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. (17) wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren... (18) ...For In that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. (Hebrews 2:14, 16, 17, 18)

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

(Romans 8:3)

"Many hold that from the nature of
Christ it was impossible for Satan's
temptations to weaken or overthrow him;
then Christ could not have been placed in
Adam's position to go over the ground
where Adam stumbled and fell; he could not
have gained the victory that Adam failed to
gain. If man has in any sense a more trying

conflict to endure than had Christ, then Christ is not able to succor him when tempted. Christ took humanity with all its liabilities. He took the nature of man capable of yielding to temptation and with the same aid that men may obtain, he withstood the temptations of Satan and conquered the same as we may conquer . . . For four thousand years the race had been decreasing in size and physical strength and deteriorating in moral worth, and in order to elevate fallen man Christ must reach him where he stood. He assumed human nature, bearing the infirmities and degeneracy of the race. He humiliated himself to the lowest depths of human woe, that he might sympathize with man and rescue him from the degradation into which sin had plunged him. It is not true that humanity has trials to bear which the Son of God has not experienced. Christ's victory may be ours, by faith we conquer in him." (General Conference Daily Bulletin February 5, 1893 par. 1 Ellen White)

Eighty times in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Jesus is referred to as the "Son of Man." Jesus took on himself the human nature of man with all its frailties and liabilities.

#### Why Is the Catholic Church Antichrist?

All the major 16<sup>th</sup> century Protestant reformers believed and taught the Roman Catholic Church is the Antichrist? What then, are the teachings of the Catholic Church that makes her Anti-Christ? According to the two passages of john we just read, an antichrist is a spirit, a person, a group or church "who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh." (flesh: gr. sarx - human nature). The Catholic Church fulfills the description of Antichrist because of at least two of her beliefs; the *Immaculate Conception* and *the trinity*.

According to the Catholic Church, Jesus had a perfect sinless human nature incapable of sinning. They also teach all of Adam's descendants inherited from him what they call *original sin*, which actually means his *original guilt*, which is not Biblical. The Bible teaches that Jesus did no sin and has a sinless character. But according to Catholic theology, he could not have been born of a sinful human woman and not inherit her *original guilt*. They therefore reason, how could he inherit a perfect human nature being born of a sinful human woman?

The problem is that the Catholic theologians have blurred the line between Christ's sinless character (mind) and his sinful, fallen human nature (flesh). At Jesus' conception, he inherited the sinless mind of his Father; therefore, he had absolutely no propensity to sin. Not even in thought did Jesus sin. But at the same time he also inherited the fallen, sinful human nature of his mother Mary.

Even though Jesus was born with a sinless character, through his fallen sinful human nature (flesh) he was tempted just like all of us are and he could have yielded to temptation and failed like all of us do. Had Jesus sinned just one time in his 33 ½ year sojourn upon planet earth, He would have lost it all. That is the risk he took for us. None who believe that it was impossible for Jesus to sin, can understand the true enormity of Christ's mission or all that the Father risked for the redemption of humankind.

The Catholic Church's remedy to keep Jesus from inheriting Adams *original guilt* was to have Mary, Jesus mother, conceived without *original guilt* and remained sinless all her life.

I know, this raises more questions than it answers. Anyway, if Jesus was born with sinless

human nature from a sinless human woman, His human nature (flesh) was/is unlike any human who has ever been born. Thus, the immaculate conception "confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh." Therefore, the Catholic Church "denieth that Jesus is the Christ;" and is "Antichrist." And if they deny the Son, they also deny the Father.

The way the trinity destroys Jesus' human nature (flesh) is two fold.

- (1) As we just studied in Chapter 8, one-god equaling three-persons destroys *the personality of God and Christ*. Destroy anyone's personality and you have just destroyed that person. It is just that simple.
- (2) The Bible says Jesus "...was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus had perfect sinless human nature and could not have yielded to sin. But as we just read in Hebrews chapter 2 and Romans 8 this is clearly not Biblical. If it was impossible for Jesus to sin, He could not have been tempted! And if He could not be tempted, his human nature (flesh) had to be unlike any human who has ever lived.

Thus, the trinity "confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh." Therefore, the Catholic Church "denieth that Jesus is the Christ;" and is "Antichrist." And if they deny the Son, they deny the Father.

Both the Immaculate Conception and the trinity fulfill John's description of antichrist. Since the Adventist Church is now promoting the foundational doctrine of Antichrist, do you understand the implications?

## **Jesus: Our Only Example**

In addition, Peter tells us Jesus is our example, (1 Peter 2:21). If Jesus did not have the same hormones flowing through his system that all men have, if his human nature was in any way superior to ours, it is impossible for us to reach his example; thus, impossible to reach His standard—sinlessness. Therefore, we will be sinning right up to the day he comes back from heaven. But this is exactly what the Catholic Church and Evangelicals believe and teach

He that is unjust, <u>let him be unjust still</u>: and he which is filthy, <u>let him be filthy still</u>: and he that is righteous, <u>let him be</u>
<u>righteous still</u>: and he that is holy, <u>let him be</u>

holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Revelation 22:11-12)

This passage of Scripture clearly teaches it is possible to overcome all sin. Not only does it teach this, it teaches that if we want a home in eternity, we must overcome. You can plug any behavior pattern into, "He that is \_\_\_\_\_\_, let him be \_\_\_\_\_ still," and determine if it will take you up or down. And it makes no difference whether you believe once saved, always saved, Revelation 22:11-12 clearly teaches that whatever character you form in this lifetime, is the same character you will take into your next.

The next four Bible verses clearly refutes the philosophy of not being able to overcome sin.

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:4)

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4)

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. (1 John 3:6)

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (1 John 3:9)

Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of himself in his church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in his people, then he will come to claim them as his own. (Last Day Events, pg 39.2 Ellen White)

#### The Vicar Of Christ

The Greek prefix "anti" as used in the Greek word AntiChrist carriers a broader meaning than the English word "anti."

Greek- **473. anti:** over against, opposite, **hence instead of**, in comp. denotes contrast, requital, **substitution**, **correspondence** (Strong's Greek Concordance)

In the Greek, not only does the prefix "anti" mean against or opposed to, but it also means instead of. It means in place of, and at the same time, opposed to.

One of the official titles of the popes is "The Vicar of Christ." The word *vicar* is derived from the Latin word *vicarius*, which means a *substitute*, *a proxy* or *in place of*.

Paul never used the word **antichrist**, but he did write about him

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, [an apostasy] and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth [anti] and exalteth [Greek anti] himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. [in place of god] (2 thessalonians 2:3-4)

"...I have the authority of the King of Kings. I am all in all, and above all, so that God Himself and I, the Vicar of Christ, have but one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do. What therefore, can you make of me but God?" (Pope Boniface VIII)

"I alone... am the successor of the apostles, the vicar of Jesus Christ. I am the way, the truth, and the life..." (Pope Pius IX)

"...I am the door of the sheep.' Into this fold of Jesus Christ, no man may enter unless he be led by the Sovereign Pontiff; and only if they be united to him can men be saved, for the Roman Pontiff is the Vicar of Christ and His personal representative on earth." (Pope John XXIII, November 4, 1958).

"The Pope is of so great dignity, and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God." (Ferraris Ecclesiastical Dictionary)

According to these Catholic quotations, do the popes not exalt themselves above God? Do they not pretend to be God? Therefore, are the Vicars of God and Christ not antichrist according to John and Paul's definitions? If so, the Catholic system they preside over is also antichrist.

## The Catholic Church Admits She Formulated The So-Called Christian Trinity

The Catholic Church openly acknowledges the trinity was not taught during the apostolic era and she makes the claim that the three-in-one-god was her formula and that she is the one responsible for bringing it into the Christian Catholic Church in the forth century AD?

The formulation "one god in three persons" was not solidly established, certainly not fully assimilated into Christian life and its profession of faith, prior to the end of the 4th century. But it is precisely this formulation that first claimed to title "the trinitarian dogma." Among the apostolic fathers, there had been nothing even remotely approaching such a mentality or perspective. (The New Catholic Encyclopedia - 1967, VOL. XIV, PAGE 299) (Emphasis supplied)

#### The Power To Deceive

is the revelation regarding God's nature
which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came
upon earth to deliver to the world: and
which she proposes to man as the
foundation of her whole dogmatic system
Comments to the Athanasian Creed from the
Online Catholic Encyclopedia (2013)

The mystery of the trinity is the central doctrine of catholic faith. Upon it are based all the other teachings of the church.

(Handbook For Today's Catholics, pg. 12)

As we can see from the two previous official Catholic sources, the trinity is the central and foundational doctrine of the Catholic Church's whole dogmatic system. In other words, the Catholic theologians are making a declaration that all of the Catholic Church's teachings and philosophies are built/based upon the trinity that they themselves fabricated. They are teaching that everything the Catholic Church teaches is either directly or indirectly an offspring of the trinity.

From ancient Babylon to today, the trinity has been Satan's foremost deception—his all-time masterpiece. He is using it today to deceive almost the whole world—both occult and Christian, even the Seventh-day Adventist Church has fallen victim.

We have established from Scripture and Catholic teaching that the Catholic Church is Antichrist. The two previous Catholic statements, (plus numerous others throughout Catholic media), tell us that the trinity is the foundational doctrine of her whole dogmatic system? Therefore, is the trinity not the foundational doctrine of Antichrist?

The Catholic Church (Antichrist) has therefore, fabricated a whole system of deception, drawing its power to deceive from the trinity. It means the trinity is deadly, deadly, deadly. Read the preceding paragraph and this one again and meditate upon them for a while.

# Chapter 11. Paul's Epistle to the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Do you know Paul's letter to the Colossians is a letter to three churches? In his letter to the Colossians he mentions the Laodicean Church four times. In Colossians 4:16 he instructs the Colossians...

And when this epistle is read among
you, cause that it be read also in the church
of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read
the epistle from Laodicea. (Colossians 4:16)

Not only was Colossians written for literal Colossae and literal Laodicea, but it is also a letter for symbolic Laodicea of Revelation 3:14-22, which is God's last church upon planet earth; the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1904, when the *alpha crisis* was peaking, Mrs. White encouraged all Seventh-day Adventists, and especially the leaders to read the book of Colossians, particularly chapter 2. She wrote "Please read Paul's exhortation to the Colossians..." then she quoted Colossians 2:2, 3, made a short comment, then quoted Colossians 2:4-9 and applied it to the pantheism crisis *(the alpha heresy)* that was being taught in the church at that

time. (Selected Messages book 1 pg. 195.1, Ellen White)

(Colossians 2:4, 6-9) (4) And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words ... (6) As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: (7) rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. (8) beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after christ. (9) for in him dwelleth all the fulness of the godhead bodily. (Colossians 2:4, 6-9)

Satan's Master Plan To Destroy The Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Do you know that approximately nineteen and one half centuries ago, Paul revealed Satan's master plan to destroy the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Did you notice in (Colossians 2:8, 9) Satan's main thrust will be an attempt to destroy the Godhead and Christ's bodily nature? How? "Through enticing words ... philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." If

studied and applied, the message to the Colossians, (all by itself), will keep the Seventh-day Adventist people from being deceived by Satan's end-time masterpiece.

Was it just a coincidence, or do you think maybe Paul was inspired by the holy spirit to warn the last generation of God's people to be especially on guard for enticing words, philosophy, vain deceit, the traditions of men and the rudiments (incomplete essentials) of the world in connection with the godhead? Was it just a coincidence that Paul included Jesus' bodily nature in this same context?

"Enticing words ... philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world" was the vehicle that delivered pantheism to the Seventh-day

Adventist people at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Pantheism destroyed the Godhead by mystifying the Father's spiritual nature and Jesus' bodily nature into nothingness. But through the counsel of Ellen White, the error was exposed and defeated.

Mrs. White is not alive today, but her words live on. She has forewarned us about the *omega*.

But the Adventist trinitarians apparently believe they know better than God's prophet. The creeping compromise called *the trinity* has been delivered to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the same vehicle that pantheism was...

"Enticing words ... philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

I know of only one **official** Seventh-day
Adventist doctrine that has changed since Ellen
White died that has attempted to redefine the
Godhead and change Jesus' bodily nature as taught
in the Bible, by Ellen White and the pioneers. That
doctrine is... "There is one God—Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons..."
(As changed in the 1980 Fundamental belief
number 2 of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the
Seventh-day Adventist Church)

In Colossians 2:8, 9 Paul warned us to beware of the same deception concerning Jesus' human nature that John warned the Antichrist would attempt. The difference is that Paul used the word "bodily," whereas John used the word "flesh."

The highest authority we have for believing the trinity is the "enticing words and vain deceit" of

Adventist leaders, the "rudiments" (imperfect, undeveloped, incomplete philosophy) of ancient Babylon, and the "tradition" of the Roman Catholic Church.

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily [secretly] shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them... and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (2 Peter 2:1)

As we just read, the three-in-one-god denies the Lord that bought them by destroying his personality.

(7) Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (8) For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men... (9) ...Full Well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. (Mark 7:7-9)

## **Chapter 12. Silence Is Golden**

There seems to be an abundance of controversy within the Adventist Church as to who or what the Holy Spirit is. But I believe there is a very simple solution to this debate—probably too simple for most. There are a couple of Ellen White statements, that if accepted by both trinitarians and non-trinitarians, would forever end the Holy Spirit controversy and all Se.the Holy Spirit.

In 1935 a New York Seventh-day Adventist Conference officer, H. W. Carr, wrote Willie White, (Mrs. White's son and head of her estate) a letter asking him questions about the Holy Spirit. Following are some excerpts from his letter.

H. W. CARR
SUPT. LOCKPORT DISTRICT
164 SAXTON STREET
LOCKPORT. N. Y.
Jan.24 1935
Eld. W. C. White
St. Helena, Calif.
Dear Elder White

...In the first pages of Great Controversy it is stated that the "Father had an associate – a

co worker... The only being that could enter into all the councils and purposes of God. "The Father wrought by His son in the creation of all heavenly beings... "He holds supremacy over them all. "Sin originated with Satan, who next to Christ had been most honoured of God, and was highest in power and Glory among the inhabitants of heaven. "Next to Christ he was first among the hosts of God. The Son of God had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven. "The Son of God was exalted above Satan as one in power and authority with the Father. Christ created Satan. Ezekiel 28:15.

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 (sic) Sr. White in combating false teachings relative to defining the Holy Spirit.

Will you kindly tell me what you understand was your mother's position in refference (sic) to the personality of the Holy Spirit.

...I know Brother White you would not depart from your mother's teachings, and that you have as perfect an understanding of them as any one. I shall appreciate your opinion very much.

... I am very truly yours in the blessed faith,

H. W. Carr

Keep in mind, this letter was written in 1935, 20 years after Mrs. White died. In 1935 the trinity compromise was gaining ground within the Seventh-day Adventist Church but the non-trinity view was still the dominant belief. The trinity did not gain the ascendancy in the Seventh-day Adventist Church until about the 1950s. Following, are some excerpts from Willie White's reply to H. W. Carr, dated April 30th 1935.

Elder H. W. Carr 164 Saxton Street Lockport New York

Dear Brother Carr

I hold in my hand your letter of January 24. For some months I have been so heavily pressed with work connected with manuscripts

which we were preparing for the printer that my correspondence has had to wait.

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 confused. I have often regretted that I did not possess that keenness of mind that could solve this and similar perplexities, and then remembering what Sister White wrote in "Acts of the Apostles," pages 51 and 52, "regarding such mysteries which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden," I have thought best to refrain from discussion and have endeavoured to direct my mind to matters easy to be understood.

As I read the Bible, I find that the risen Saviour breathed on the disciples (John 20:22) "and saith unto them, 'receive ye the Holy Ghost." The conception received from this Scripture, seems to be in harmony with the

statement in "Desire of Ages", page 669, also Genesis 1:2; with Luke 1:4; with Acts 2:4 and also 8:15 and 10:44. Many other texts might be referred to which seem to be in harmony with this statement in the "Desire of Ages."

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.

...Enclosed with this brief and unsatisfactory letter, you will find our News Letter of April 4.

I pray that you may have help from heaven in studying that which is necessary to be known and patience to wait for the revelation of that regarding which we are now in some uncertainty.

With kind regards, I remain, Sincerely your brother,

W. C. White

(NOTE: I found these two letters on Terry Hill's website, <u>The Prophet Still Speaks</u>.)

Willie White probably knew more about his mother's writings than any person who has ever lived. As we can see, Willie was perplexed about his mother's statements concerning the Holy Spirit. I can relate completely. After studying many of Mrs. White's statements, many pioneer statements and Jesus' statements about the Holy Spirit, I too, am perplexed. But, there are things in the Bible that are not easily understood.

As also in all his [Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. (2 Peter 3:16)

I believe Willie White had the right approach. He referred to page 51 and 52 of *Acts of the Apostles*. Following, are the two Ellen White paragraphs he was referring to.

It is not essential for us to be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that the Spirit is the Comforter, "the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father." It is plainly declared regarding the Holy Spirit that, in His work of guiding men into all truth, "He shall not speak of Himself." John 15:26; 16:13. (Acts of the Apostles, pg. 51.3, Ellen White)

The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding

such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden.
(Acts of the Apostles, pg. 52.1, (1911) Ellen G. White)

Because knowledge, prophecy and inspiration are progressive, and because the previous Ellen White quotations were the last **definitive and authoritative** statements she made about the Holy Spirit before she died, in my mind, these statements take precedence over all the previous statements she made about the Holy Spirit. I believe these two statements are in complete harmony with what Jesus taught in John 16:8, 13; 15:26.

"And when he [the Comforter] is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." "...<u>He shall not speak of himself." "...he shall testify of me</u>," [Jesus]. (John 16:8; 13; 15:26).

There are at least six things the preceding statement of Jesus and Ellen White quotations in *Acts of the Apostles* establish.

1. If "it is not essential for us to be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is," if "the nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery," if "men cannot explain it, because the Lord

has not revealed it to them" if "He shall not speak of Himself..." and if "regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, SILENCE IS

GOLDEN" These statements make it impossible for the Holy Spirit to be part of a three-in-one-god. Remove any one of the three, and the trinity ceases to exist!

- 2. In several places Mrs. White has referred to the Holy Spirit as *an it* and also *a person*, just like the Bible does. If the statements in *Acts of the Apostles*, pg. 51, 52 are true, whether we believe the Holy Spirit is a **he** or an **it**, apparently has no bearing upon our salvation. (As long as we don't unite **him/it** into **one-god** with the Father and Son.)
- The Holy Spirit's purpose is to reprove sin and exalt Jesus Christ. Whatever the Holy Spirit is, he/it does not seek worship or reverence from any human.
- 4. If number 3 is true, we are not to be praying to the Holy Spirit as many trinitarians teach.

  Jesus said "But thou, when thou prayest... ...pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in

- secret shall reward thee openly. (Matthew 6:6)
- 5. The book, *Acts of the Apostles* was published in 1911, just four years before Ellen White died, and 13 years after she wrote *The Desire of Ages*, (which contains some of her Holy Spirit statements). Therefore, her statements in *Acts of the Apostles* are just more evidence proving that she never changed her mind about the three-in-one-god in her old age.
- 6. When Mrs. White stated "silence is golden" concerning the Holy Spirit, was she just stating her opinion and giving us the option to accept or reject it? If Mrs. White was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write "silence is golden," it seems to me, this is more than just a suggestion. When placed in context with the surrounding statements, "silence is golden" takes on the force of an express command. Such as the express command God gave to Adam and Eve when he told them... "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it..." (Genesis 2:17)

Perhaps I am being too simplistic, but if every Seventh-day Adventist would take Mrs. White's last authoritative advice about the Holy Spirit, and Willie White's approach, and remain silence about who or what they think the Holy Spirit is or isn't, all the controversies over the Holy Spirit would vanish and we could all unite upon this subject.

But this will never happen because just like the Catholic leaders would not reform during the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Reformation, the Adventist trinitarians cannot accept Mrs. White's statements on page 51 and 52 of *Acts of the Apostles* and remain trinitarian.

Also, if all the SDA non-trinitarians would follow Mrs. White's last advice about the Holy Spirit and be silent about what they think the Holy Spirit is or isn't, the controversies in our camp would also cease, and we could present a united front on the Holy Spirit. But this will probably never happen either.

In 1902 E. J. Waggoner made a statement very similar to Mrs. White's... "So do not ever attempt to teach any theory of the Godhead, or to tell what the Holy Spirit is. He is the Spirit, and that is sufficient. God has not set forth the theory of His existence, and

we should not make any. We know that God is; and we may know by experience the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and that is sufficient. We know His protecting presence always and everywhere; but as to how it is, we must always say: "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain unto it." (Present Truth, UK February 6, 1902, E. J. Waggoner)

### The False Prophet Shall Die

From 1970 until 2008, (38 years), I never heard a single Seventh-day Adventist preacher teach that the trinity has any bearing upon our salvation. If it doesn't, why is it being so heavily promoted by the leaders of the church as a must believe doctrine? If the trinity is not a necessary belief for us to be saved, what difference does it make what we believe about it? You might respond by saying, "The trinity helps us to know God better."

Because Mrs. never penned the word *trinity* in reference to a three-in-one-god, she must not have thought a belief in this doctrine helps us to know God better. None of the pioneers believed this. If the trinity does help us to get to know God better, then it has to be salvationally related. If so, Ellen White was a false prophet and the following Bible passage applies to her.

But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. and if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? when a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him. (Deuteronomy 18:20-22)

But on the other hand, if the trinity is a false doctrine as believed by the pioneers and never promoted by Ellen White, the above Bible passage has to apply to all who are teaching and promoting it. Brothers and sisters, this is just how serious God views false doctrine.

Contrary to what the Adventist trinitarians teach, Ellen White never changed her mind about the three-in-one-god in her old age. If she had, surely she would have put something on paper. Had she done that, our trinitarian brethren would have come forward with that statement years ago. In all her **published** writings she never promoted the

would be... "A power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions." This statement includes all the previous pioneer quotations you read about the trinity being a false doctrine.

The creeping compromise called the trinity never became an official Seventh-day Adventist doctrine until 75 years after Mrs. White made the statements about trusting the pioneer writings.

Very very few Seventh-day Adventists study the pioneer writings today, but instead, the vast majority get the bulk of their knowledge from contemporary Adventist theologians, Sabbath School Guides, videos, YouTube, and DVDs, contrary to what the Bible instructs mature Christians to do. (Study Isaiah 28:9, 10)

If a belief in the trinity is necessary for our salvation, Mrs. White and the pioneers are lost forever, and our foundation doctrines are flawed beyond repair. Therefore, we need to abandon the Adventist Church and join the Catholic Church.

# Chapter 13. The Beginning of the Creation of God

### The Only Begotten Firstborn Son Of God

Following, are several Bible passages about Jesus having a beginning and him being subordinate to His Father. As you read each passage, ask yourself the question... "If I interpret this passage just the way it reads, which makes the most sense, Jesus being literally begotten by the Father sometime in eternity past, or does it make more sense for him to be co-eternal with the Father, and just role-playing the Son as trinitarians teach?

In the following passage Solomon does not inform us who he was writing about, but following this passage is a quotation from Ellen White where she declares this person to be "The Son of God."

(Proverbs 8:22-36) (22) The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. (23) I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. (24) When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. (25) Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: (26) while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. (27) When he

prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: (28) When he established the clouds above: When he strengthened the fountains of the deep: (29) When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:(30) Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; (31) Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. (32) Now therefore hearken unto me, o ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. (33) Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. (34) Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. (35) For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. (36) But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: All they that hate me love death. (Proverbs 8:22-36)

The previous passage is loaded, study it over several times

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 [The Lord Jesus Christ] 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, L was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth." (Review and Herald, April 5, 1906 par. 7)

...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) (Patriarchs and Prophets, pg. 34.1 (1890) Ellen White)79

It seems obvious, Mrs. White believed Proverbs 8:22-30 refers to Jesus Christ.

Both the words "I" and "me" are used 6 times each in (Proverbs 8:22-36). The word "my" is used 4 times, totaling 16 times the person speaking used a <u>personal</u> pronoun in reference to himself.

He also referred to the "Lord" (Jehovah or the self-existing) 1 time. The pronoun "his" 7 times and the pronoun "he" 8 times, totaling 15 times the "Lord" is referred to in this passage. Therefore, Verse 35 and 36 can be referring to only one person —the Son of God. Therefore, every personal pronoun in this passage is also referring to the Son of God

There are many mysteries in the Bible, and one of them is how Jesus could have a beginning and at the same time be from everlasting. "I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was," (Proverbs 8: 23). In this verse, the word everlasting is used to describe an event, that in the very same verse, had a beginning.

There are several Bible passages where the term *for ever* is used to describe events that had endings. (Example, Numbers 18:23 and Deuteronomy 15:17). There are also some

unfulfilled Bible prophecies that will come to an end that use the term *for ever*. (Example, Revelation 20:10).

In Jude 1:7 the word *eternal* was used to describe the event that destroyed (past tense) Sodom, Gomorrha and the cities of the plains...

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of <u>eternal fire</u>. (Jude 1:7)

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire**, prepared for the devil and his angels: (Matthew 25:41)

In the previous verse, the Bible used the term *everlasting fire* to describe a future event that will come to an end.

It seems apparent, the ancient Hebrew and Greek words that were translated into the English terms "for ever," "everlasting," "eternal" and etc. have broader meanings than our English counterparts. Isaiah 28:9, 10 tells us that if we want to come to a proper understanding of the Bible,

Scripture has be used to interpret Scripture, regardless of modern word definitions.

For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. (John 16:27, 28)

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. (John 8:42)

For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received [them], and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me... (John 17:8)

Compare the three previous verses with (Proverbs 8:22-36, above)

I will declare the decree: the Lord, hath said unto me, thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (Psalms 2:7)

[Jesus] Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. (Colossians1:15)

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:16, 17)

If God *gave* and *sent* his only begotten Son into the world, it seems apparent, he had to have had a Son to give and send.

...The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality... (The Upward Look pg.367.4 Ellen White)

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen,the faithful and true witness, the

**beginning of the creation of God**. (Revelation 3:14)

Revelation 1:5 tells us that Jesus is "the faithful and true witness." Therefore, "the faithful and true witness" is a Title of Jesus. Thus, are "the firstborn of every creature," the "only begotten Son" and "the beginning of the creation of God" not all making reference to the same person and event?

Please notice what Revelation 3:14 does not say. It does not say that Jesus was/is a created being. Humans and angels are created, but Jesus was the first-born only-begotten Son of the Father, just the way the Bible reads and pioneers taught.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord... (Revelation 1:8)

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end... (Revelation 21:6)

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. (Revelation 22:13)

Three times in the Book of Revelation Jesus said he was the "Alpha," the "beginning." Once he said he was the "first."

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his Son's name, if thou canst tell? (Proverbs 30:4)

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

(Hebrews 1:1 - 6, 8, 9) (1) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, (2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (3) who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the Word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; (4) Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. (5) For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this

day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? (6) And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, and let all the angels of God worship him ... (8) ...But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. (9) Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows... (Hebrews 1:1 – 6, 8, 9)

The above passage is loaded, study it carefully.

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. (John 6:57)

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is

God. (1 Corinthians 11:3)

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. (John 3:35)

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but

the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.(Matthew 11:27)

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. (John 5:19)

For the Father judgeth no man, <u>but hath</u> <u>committed all judgment unto the Son</u>. (John 5:22)

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. (Acts 17:31)

And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. (John 5:27)

Notice, Jesus has the authority to execute Judgment, not because he is the son of God, but because he is the son of man.

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. (John 5:26)

If God created all things through his Son Jesus, when do you think the Father give His Son "to have life in himself," at the beginning of the creation of the universe, or in a manger in Bethlehem? (Read John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; and Hebrews 1:2)

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. this commandment have I received of my Father. (John 10:17, 18)

Where did Jesus get this power?

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power** <u>is given unto me</u> in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18)

As Thou [the Father] hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given him. (John 17:2)

For I have not spoken of myself; but the father which sent me, <u>he gave me</u> a

commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. (John 12:49)

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

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. (John 17:4)

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and Thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. (John 17:6)

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. (John 17:9)

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: (John 17:22)

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:24)

Wherefore God also <u>hath highly exalted</u> <u>him, and given him a name</u> which is above **every name:** (Philippians 2:9)

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which
God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants
things which must shortly come to pass; and he
sent and signified it by his angel unto his
servant John: (Revelation 1:1)

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; **These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness,** [Jesus] **the beginning of the creation of God**.

(Revelation 3:14)

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Mark 15:34)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (1 Peter 1:3)

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 <u>my Father</u>, and your Father; <u>and to my God</u>, and your God. (John 20:17)

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the ONLY true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. (John 17:3)

### **Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation**

According to the definition of the trinity for both the Catholic and Adventist Church, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are all co-eternal. But, if Jesus was born of the Father, the first begotten, and had a beginning, as many of the previous Bible verses teach, it is impossible for him to be co-eternal with his Father! The Bible nowhere teaches that the Son (Jesus) is co-eternal with His Father. This is assumed because the Adventist Church has adopted the co-eternal Catholic trinity. I challenge you, show me one Bible verse that teaches the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all co-eternal or coeval. If it is not taught in the Bible, it is speculation and is not Biblical!

(Note: As explained in the previous section, the Bible terms *for ever, everlasting, eternal* and *etcetera* have broader meanings than our English

counterparts. We must use **all** the Scripture on any given subject and let the Bible explain the Bible.)

Below is a paragraph from Uriah Smith's 1897 book *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*. It shows that our pioneers never believed Jesus and His Father were co-eternal. The reason they did not believe this is because as we have just read, there are plenty of Bible verses that teach Jesus was the **firstborn, and only begotten Son** of his Father in eternity past. **Jesus was not created, the Bible says** he was begotten—born! It is vital we understand the difference! Humans and angels are created, but Jesus was the **only begotten firstborn son** of his father in eternity past.

To the Lamb, equally with the Father who sits upon the throne, praise is ascribed in this song of adoration. Commentators, with great unanimity, have seized upon this as proof that Christ must be coeval [co-eternal] with the Father; for otherwise, say they, here would be worship paid to the creature which belongs only to the Creator. But this does not seem to be a necessary conclusion. The Scriptures nowhere speak of Christ as a created being, but on the contrary plainly state that he was

begotten of the Father. (see remarks on rev. 3:14, where it is shown that Christ is not a created being.) But while as the Son he does not possess a co-eternity of past existence with the Father, the beginning of his existence, as the begotten of the Father, antedates the entire work of creation, in relation to which he stands as joint Creator with God. John1:3: Heb.1:2. Could not the Father ordain that to such a being worship should be rendered equally with himself, without its being idolatry on the part of the worshiper? He has raised him to positions which make it proper that he should be worshiped, and has even commanded that worship should be rendered him, which would not have been necessary had he been equal with the Father in eternity of existence. Christ himself declares that "as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." John 5:26. The Father has "highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name." Phil. 2:9. And the Father himself says, "Let all the angels of God worship him." Heb. 1:6. These testimonies show that Christ is now an object of worship prove that with him he holds an eternity of past existence. (Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation pg. 430.1 by Uriah Smith)

The Lord calls for workers to enter the canvassing field that the books containing the light of present truth may be circulated. The people in the world need to know that the signs of the times are fulfilling. Take to them the books that will enlighten them. **Daniel and** Revelation, The Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, and The Desire of Ages should now go to the world. The grand instruction contained in Daniel and Revelation has been eagerly perused by many in Australia. This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth. Everything that can be done should be done to circulate Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation. I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. It is God's helping hand. (Manuscript Release 21, pg 444.3, Ellen White) (1901)

Up unto the day she died, Mrs. White highly endorsed Uriah Smith's book, *Thoughts on Daniel* 

and the Revelation, including page 430 that you just read. This book, along with about four other books were her top choices to get into the hands of non-Adventists. This is another proof that Mrs. White never changed her mind about the coeval, co-eternal existence of the Father and his Son.

Uriah Smith died in 1903 and the 1897 edition of his book was the last he published. Therefore, do not read any editions of the book later than 1897. Why? Because in 1944 the Adventist book modifiers revised, did a major overhaul of his book and much of it was deleted, (omissions), including the previous coeval statements you just read. If you would like to read a side-by-side comparison of the changes of the 1897 version to the 1944 version, click here. You can read the whole 1897 edition of Uriah Smith's book by clicking here.

The book modifiers have also made major modifications to other pioneer writings and books. The non-trinity statements in some of the older publications such as *Bible Readings for the Home* have also been removed.

Satan and all his hosts are on the battlefield. The enemy of our souls has

acted the part of a busy agent in presenting the thought that many of our books now in print are in need of general revision. He would be glad to have our brethren receive the impression that many changes must be made. He would delight to insinuate questioning and doubt into the minds of many of our people. (Manuscript Release 10, pg 49.8, Ellen White)

I have been instructed that the Lord is not the author of the proposal to make many changes in books already published... (Letter 70, 1910, pp. 2,4. To A. G. Daniells, August 11, 1910.) (Manuscript Release 10, pg 50.1, Ellen White)

Ellen White and the Seventh-day Adventist pioneers did not believe Jesus was a <u>created</u> being. They believed just what the Bible teaches, that he is the <u>only begotten</u>, first born Son of God, the beginning of the creation of God.

The truths most plainly revealed in the bible have been involved in doubt and darkness by learned men, who, with a pretense of great wisdom, that the Scriptures have a mystical, a secret, spiritual meaning not apparent in the

language employed. [Do you think three-persons equaling one-god could be classified as mystical?] these men are false teachers. It was to such a class that Jesus declared: "Ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God." Mark 12:24. The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed. Christ has given the promise: "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17. If men would but take the bible as it reads, if there were no false teachers to mislead and confuse their minds, a work would be accomplished that would make angels glad and that would bring into the fold of Christ thousands upon thousands who are now wandering in error. (The Great Controversy 598.3 (1911) Ellen White)

### **Clearing The Fog**

The Godhead is so far above and beyond our comprehension that throughout all eternity we will never fully understand it. But God and His Only Begotten Son have revealed in the Bible all the things we need to know and **CAN** understand about them.

But the mystic fog called the trinity has enshrouded them in such a dense cloud that it is impossible to understand them the way God wants us to. The trinitarians openly admit that one-god-equaling-three-persons is a mystery beyond comprehension and cannot be explaining. Yes! The Godhead is definitely a mystery, but all the previous Scripture we read about Jesus and His Father, when interpreted just the way they read, can be understood and explained.

When I believed the trinity, there were many Bible verses that just didn't make sense the way the church explained them, including many of the Scriptures we previously read. But after seeing the Bible truth that Jesus was literally the firstborn and only begotten Son of His Father, the beginning of his creation, almost all the fog lifted.

In John, chapters 14 through 17, Jesus made several statements about his relationship with his Father. Read these chapters yourself and see which makes the most sense, Jesus being the Fathers literal only begotten firstborn son, the beginning of God's creation, or Jesus being co-eternal with his father from eternity past.

Here are a couple of paragraphs about the only begotten Son of God by E. J. Waggoner.

The Scriptures declare that Christ is "the only begotten Son of God." He is begotten, not created. 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**. (Christ and His Righteousness pg 21.2 by EJ Waggoner 1890)

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. So He has "life in Himself." He possesses immortality in His own right and can confer immortality upon others. Life inheres in Him, so that it cannot be taken from Him, but having voluntarily laid it down, He can take it again. His words are these: "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." John 10:17, 18. (1890 EJW, CHR 22.1) (Christ and His Righteousness pg 22.i by EJ Waggoner 1890)

Waggoner first published this book in 1890. At that time, Mrs. White had been visiting Seventh-day Adventist congregations and different church events for about two years, accompanied by E. J.

Waggoner and A. T. Jones. They were delivering the message of *righteousness by faith in Jesus*. At that time, Waggoner was editor of Signs of the Times magazine; as such, Mrs. White was well acquainted with, and a big supporter of what he believed and taught about *righteousness by faith*.

By reading what Uriah Smith and E. J. Waggoner taught, it is clear, neither taught that Jesus was created, **but he did have a beginning.** Five years after Waggoner published his book, Mrs. White echoed a similar statement about Christ in a Signs of the Times article.

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. (Signs of the Times, May 30, 1895 par. 3 Ellen G. White)

## When Was Jesus Subordinate To The Father?

We sometimes hear Adventist theologians and teachers state that Jesus was role playing and subordinated himself to his Father, echoing their belief in the co-eternal trinity. There are several

Scriptures that do teach Jesus was subordinate to His Father. Several were previously quoted.

Since Jesus is of the same substance as his Father, His deity is in every aspect like His Fathers. He came out from His Father. (John 16:27; Proverbs 8:22-25). He is therefore the express image of His Father. As such, he has the same God nature, the same attributes, the same ability and power. His divinity is equal with his Father's. His thoughts parallel his Father's, but Jesus did not subordinate himself to his Father. According to the Scriptures we just read, everything Jesus is and everything He has, was given to him by his Father, even his life. Just as every human son and daughter born to human parents are of the same substance, but subordinate to them the day they are born, Jesus was subordinate to His Father the moment he was begotten.

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him. (Proverbs 8:30)

...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. (John 5:19) The language used in the two previous verses are very similar to the learning progression of every son and daughter born to human parents.

...The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed...
(The Great Controversy 598.3 (1911) Ellen White)

#### Jesus' Son-ship

I quoted the introduction to the Laodicean message (Revelation 3:14) a little earlier in this book, but you may have missed an important fact about this verse.

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; these things saith the amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God. (Revelation 3:14)

Part of the core definition of the trinity for both its originator the Catholic Church and the Adventist Church is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are all co-eternal. If Jesus was literally "the beginning of the creation of God," "the firstborn of every creature" and God's "only begotten Son" as the

Bible reads, it is impossible for the Him to be **co-eternal** with his Father.

Since the Bible teaches Jesus had a beginning, the **co-eternal** aspect of the trinity cannot be true. According to trinitarians, remove the **co-eternal** part of the trinity, and the trinity ceases to exist. Thus, Jesus being "the <u>beginning</u> of the <u>creation</u> of **God,**" "the <u>firstborn</u> of every creature" and the "only begotten son" destroys the trinity. I challenge you, search your Bible yourself and see if you can find even one verse that teaches the Father and Son are **co-eternal**. If it cannot be found in the Bible, <u>it is not Biblical</u>!

It seems almost unbelievable, but in the introduction to the Laodicean message, "The Faithful and True Witness," (Jesus), clearly stated he is "the beginning of the creation of God," which repudiates the co-eternal component of the trinity that has blinded the Laodiceans eyes from seeing that he had a beginning???

"In the <u>beginning</u> was the Word" ... "The same was in the <u>beginning</u> with God" ... "and we beheld his glory, the glory as of <u>the only begotten</u> of the Father..." (John 1:1, 2, 14). ...I am Alpha and

### Omega, <u>the beginning</u> and the end... (Revelation 21:6)

There was a beginning! and it dates back to eternity past. If we don't put a mystical interpretation upon Scripture and allow Scripture to interpret Scripture, it is inescapable, Jesus, the firstborn Son of God, the only begotten of the Father, was the Beginning.

When interpreting Scripture just the way it reads, the teaching that Jesus had a beginning is so thoroughly taught in the Bible it seems almost unbelievable that we, (including myself), have missed it all these years. But that is what we get when we trust theologians to interpret the Bible for us.

Not only does the trinity destroy Jesus' personality, its co-eternal component destroys Jesus being a <u>literal</u> Son of the Father. It destroys "The only begotten son of God," "The firstborn of every creature," "The beginning of the creation of God." (John 3:18; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 3:14).

If Jesus is co-eternal with the Father, it is impossible for him to be a <u>literal</u> son of the Father. Also, the Father cannot be a <u>literal</u>

## Father. The co-eternal trinity destroys both Jesus' son-ship and Jehovah's father-ship!

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, [also the seventh-day Adventist church] who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father..."

(2 John 1:7; 1 John 2:23)

#### Chapter 14. The Trinity is the Omega Heresy

I first learned about the *alpha* and *omega* heresies in 1982. This took me on a 26 year quest before the Lord led me to see that the trinity is the omega. And I have been studying it ever since. At one time during that 26 years I fell for one of Satan's pantheistic decoys and believed it was the omega for about 8 years.

We can tell by just glancing at the Greek letters "A" (alpha) and " $\Omega$ " (omega) that they are certainly different. "A" is the *first letter* in the Greek alphabet and it means *first or beginning*. " $\Omega$ " is the *last letter* in the Greek alphabet and it means *last or end*. Since "A" and " $\Omega$ " are clearly different, one of the many clues to decipher the *omega deception* is that the *omega* will not be the same deception as *alpha*. Since the *alpha's* foundational philosophy was pantheism, *omega* will not be pantheism. If you are mathematically inclined, the following formula may help to visualize this.

If "A" = pantheism And if "A" ≠ "Ω" Then "Ω" ≠ pantheism But, since "A" and " $\Omega$ " are part of the same Greek alphabet, *alpha* and *omega* will have similarities, but they will not be identical.

Following is an excerpt from *How the Spirit of Prophecy Met a Crisis*, written by William Spicer, General Conference Secretary about the *alpha crisis*.

To another of the group it had been said that a hypnotic influence was upon him, and he was exhorted, for Christ's sake, to break the spell. The teaching that was abroad [pantheism] was of a spiritualistic nature. It was a supreme effort of the great deceiver to get into the movement. NO MAN'S STRENGTH IS SUFFICIENT TO STAND AGAINST SPIRITUALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IF HE PUTS HIMSELF IN FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH IT. HIS ONLY SAFETY IS IN THE ATTITUDE OF CONSTANT MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL OPPOSITION TO IT. "MEN IN **POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY, WE WERE** TOLD AT THAT TIME, "ARE IN DANGER OF CHANGING LEADERS." (Series B No. 2, p. 48.)

THERE WAS A HYPNOTIC POWER IN
THE TEACHING, AS SOME OF US KNEW,
AND IT WAS NOT TO BE CURIOUSLY
LOOKED AT OR STUDIED TO SEE WHAT IT
WAS COMPOSED OF, IT IS LIKE A "LIVE"
WIRE, THE VERY POWER OF DEATH IS IN
IT, THE ATMOSPHERE OF ITS PROMOTION
WAS DEADLY, AND ONLY BY OPEN
HOSTILITY TO IT IN THE NAME OF THE
LORD, COULD ONE SAFELY HAVE
ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, In a message of
1904, entitled, "the Great Controversy," by Ellen
White, we were told:

"THOSE WHO FEEL SO VERY
PEACEABLE IN REGARD TO THE WORKS
OF THE MEN WHO ARE SPOILING THE
FAITH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD, ARE
GUIDED BY A DELUSIVE SENTIMENT.

"THERE IS TO BE A CONSTANT
CONFLICT BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.... IF
THIS MATTER WERE RIGHTLY
UNDERSTOOD AND CLOSELY GUARDED.
GOD'S SERVANTS WOULD FEEL A
CONTINUAL BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY
TO COUNTERWORK THE EFFORTS OF THE
MEN WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE

## ABOUT. BECAUSE THEY ARE ENCHANTED BY THE DELUSIVE ALLUREMENTS OF SATAN."' Series B No. 2 p. 11.

If the trinity is the *omega heresy*, every word in the preceding quotations are applicable to those who believe it.

Since the *alpha and omega heresies* are nowhere mentioned in the Bible, and since the only information we have about them comes from the pen of Ellen White and a few of her contemporaries, pinpointing the *omega* cannot be accomplished using the Bible and the Bible only!

(Note: The error of the trinity can certainly be discovered using the Bible and the Bible only, but to discover the omega heresy, a term coined by Ellen White, the only way it can be positively identified is by using the writings of Ellen White, supported by the writings of some of her contemporaries.

For example, if you discover a false doctrine that is being taught in the SDA Church, how will you know if it is the omega if you do not compare it to what Mrs. White's has written about the alpha and omega? If you assume it is the omega, but it is not, you have left the omega undetected.

## Therefore, the omega has become more dangerous than it was.)

Because the *omega heresy* is beyond the scope of this document, I have included a link at the Conclusion whereby you can study this subject in depth.

## **Chapter 15. Omission of Truths: More Dangerous than Outright Lies**

In Matthew 13:24-30 Jesus gave the parable of the tares. In Mathew 13:36-43 he explained the parable. In verses 38, 39 and 30 he said...

...The good seed are the children of the kingdom; BUT THE TARES ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE. THE ENEMY THAT SOWED THEM IS THE DEVIL... (Matthew 13:38, 39). LET BOTH GROW TOGETHER UNTIL THE HARVEST... (Matthew 13:30)

But there were false prophets also among the people, EVEN AS THERE SHALL BE FALSE TEACHERS AMONG YOU, WHO PRIVILY [secretly] SHALL BRING IN DAMNABLE HERESIES, EVEN DENYING THE LORD THAT BOUGHT THEM, and bring upon themselves swift destruction, (2 Peter 2:1).

WE HAVE FAR MORE TO FEAR FROM
WITHIN THAN FROM WITHOUT? THE
HINDRANCES TO STRENGTH AND
SUCCESS ARE FAR GREATER FROM THE
CHURCH ITSELF THAN FROM THE

# WORLD ... BUT HOW OFTEN HAVE THE PROFESSED ADVOCATES OF THE TRUTH PROVED THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO ITS ADVANCEMENT!(Last

Day Events 156.2 Ellen White).

Jesus, Peter, Mrs. White and church history tell us that the most dangerous and seductive deceptions we will ever encounter will come secretly (privily) from the highest levels within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And they will continue to come until the Devil is in chains. The closer we get to the end, the more cunning, seductive and forceful they will be.

All lies are dangerous, but the reason omission of truths are more dangerous is because if you don't know what the Bible teaches on a given subject, how will you know if someone is misquoting, skewing Scripture or omitting facts that would completely change the conclusions reached? For example... 14 of the 16 chapters in this document are exposing errors of the trinity. But only 4 are given any coverage in the pro-trinitarian mainstream Adventist media. That means there are 10 dangerous errors connected to the trinity our leaders are not warning us about—omissions!

The tares who are omitting truths because they are deliberately trying to deceive, are not going to tell you they are deceivers, and the sincere and honest who are omitting truths because they are ignorant, cannot tell you. Either way, it makes no difference who or why there are omissions, you will never, never, never detect one until you FIRST know the truth!

If living throughout eternity sounds appealing to you, you must personally be able to recognize the omissions. To do that, you must study the inspired writers yourself the way a prospector searches for hidden treasure. Your eternal life depends on it. Study Proverbs 2:1-5 and follow Solomon's advice.

The reason why the Catholic Church is Babylon of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> chapters of the Book of Revelation, and the Protestant churches are her daughters is because their foundational ideologies are essentially the same as ancient pagan Babylon's. The five main ideologies of the vast majority of Christianity are the same as ancient Babylon's were — The law of God is abrogated, Sunday sacredness, the immortality of the soul, eternal burning hell, and their foundational belief—the trinity?

How many articles are on the Biblical Research Institute's website exposing this soul destroying deception? How many Adventist leaders and preachers have informed you that because the Adventist Church is now promoting the foundational doctrine that has given birth to all of Antichrists deceptions, that millions of Adventists are now traveling the road to perdition?

Do you now understand why omissions of truths are more dangerous than outright lies? Do you now understand why the Lord inspired Jeremiah to write...

Thus saith the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. (Jeremiah 17:5)

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is under a curse because we are trusting men instead of the Bible.

Through men's enticing words and omitted truths/facts, a person will learn just enough about a cunningly devised fable to believe it is true, while not learning enough to know it is lethal. Example—the trinity.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee... (Hosea 4:6)

If only one of the fourteen reasons explained in this document is true, surely, that ought be enough to repudiate the trinity. But if all fourteen are true, they completely obliterate it.

#### The Power Of Tradition

...Men boldly teach for doctrines the commandments of men, and as traditions pass on from age to age, they acquire a power over the human mind... (Letter 43, 1895). (Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, pg. 1094.5 Ellen White)

The reason multitudes of Adventists are floundering, especially those who have been in the church the longest and those who are working within the Adventist system is partly because of the principle explained in the previous Ellen White quotation. We gradually become transformed into the same image we behold. (Study 2 Corinthians 3:18 and 1 Corinthians 15:33). The longer we believe error to be true, the longer we behold

lukewarm Laodiceans, the more power they exert over us, thus, the harder it is to brake free.

Because so many Adventists have been steeped in the trinity tradition for so long, they will not see the necessity of putting forth the time and effort to wrestle with God in prayer and put their bias aside to objectively search for the truth. Because they do not, they will never be able to break the trinity's spell.

It took me about a year and half of earnest searching and prayer before I was willing to let go. I did not let go because I wanted to let go, but I let go because the evidence could not be denied. I'm sure part of the reason I lingered so long was the fact I had believed the trinity to be true for about 38 years. Knowing you will be an outcast, rejected and gossiped about by your brothers and sisters, and the possibility of being disfellowshipped from the church you love is not an easy road.

The teaching of Christ, though it was represented by the new wine, was not a new doctrine, but the revelation of that which had been taught from the beginning. But to the Pharisees the truth of God had lost its original significance and beauty. To them Christ's

teaching was new in almost every respect, and it was unrecognized and unacknowledged.

(Desire of Ages, pg. 279.2 Ellen White)

Jesus pointed out the power of false teaching to destroy the appreciation and desire for truth. "No man," He said, "having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better." All the truth that has been given to the world through patriarchs and prophets shone out in new beauty in the words of Christ. But the scribes and Pharisees had no desire for the precious new wine. Until emptied of the old traditions, customs, and practices, they had no place in mind or heart for the teachings of Christ. They clung to the dead forms, and turned away from the living truth and the power of God. (Desire of Ages, pg. 279.3, Ellen White)

It was this that proved the ruin of the Jews, and it will prove the ruin of many souls in our own day... (Desire of Ages, pg. 280.1 Ellen White)

For those who have believed the trinity for a while, it seems like old wine, **But the trinity is actually new doctrine**, (1980).

#### Many Stars Will Go Out In Darkness

<u>In the last solemn work FEW great men</u> <u>will be engaged</u>... 5T 80, 82 (1882). (Last Day Events pg. 204.3 Ellen White)

MANY a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness.-PK 188 (c. 1914). (Last Day Events pg. 178.3 Ellen White)

...To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the MAJORITY forsake us, to fight the battles of the lord when champions are FEW—will be our test... (5T 136 (1882). (Last Day Events 180.4, Ellen G. White)

When the shaking is peaking and if you are still not sure which side to choose, there is a surefire, guaranteed way you can know. Choose the side with the fewest. The side that is receiving hostility, not only from the world, but from Adventists. If you doubt this, read the previous Ellen White quotation again.

#### **Chapter 16. Conclusion**

If a Christian church is teaching and promoting the foremost doctrine of pagan Babylon, Persia, Egypt, India, Pagan Rome, Papal Rome and etc., etc., is that church speaking according to the Law and the Testimony?

The trinity, just like pantheism, spiritualizes away the personalities of god and his only begotten son Jesus into an essence or myth.

Taken to its logical conclusion, the trinity places two mythical beings on the judgment seat of the pre-advent judgment. Therefore, making the pre-advent judgment a myth; thus, pulling the foundation completely out from under Seventh-day Adventist theology.

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. (1905) (Last Day Events pg. 177.3, Ellen White)

Satan has launched two major offensives to try and destroy the Seventh-day Adventist Church, both targeting the Godhead. The first, *pantheism* — (the alpha) peaked around early 1904, and was soon on

the retreat. But he is having a thousand fold more success with *the trinity*—(the omega).

Both pantheism and the trinity accomplish the same thing. They just take two different routes getting there. Both destroy everything Christian by spiritualizing (mystifying) its authors, God and Jesus into nothing. By reducing the Father and Son into non-entities, Satan has transformed everything Christian, including the Bible into a myth.

Here is the tragic conclusion to the trinity deception. The Laodiceans believe they are "rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." (Revelation 3:17). We also believe the righteousness of Jesus Christ is covering our sins. But because we are trusting men instead of the Bible, we do not know we are transgressing God's commandments and that Jesus has rejected us because we have not repented. We do not know we are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and BLIND, [deceived] and NAKED" [lost]. (Revelation 3:17).

There are some that might plead ignorance, claiming the promises of Acts 17:30. But the Bible makes a clear distinction between *ignorance* and

willfully ignorance. Study also John 9:41; 2 Peter 3:5, 6. Because all those in the United States have access to Bibles, the Spirit of Prophecy and the pioneer writings, but are instead trusting preachers and teachers, are those who are *ignorant* actually *ignorant*, or are they willfully ignorant without an excuse? The difference between the two is eternal life or eternal death.

Because we have allowed the co-eternal three-in-one-god to blind us, we are speculating upon the personality of God and Christ, invalidating Jesus' son-ship and Jehovah's Father-ship; thus, transgressing the commandment that says "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3)

Because the Laodicean Church is not covered with Christ's righteousness, there is only one conclusion that can be reached: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/j.com/html/>
WHOLE LAODICEAN CHURCH IS LOST!">HE WHOLE LAODICEAN CHURCH IS LOST!</a>

I know there will be some that will say... "but surely there has to be a few Laodiceans that are not lost." But not so! The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a real, literal, tangible church, while the seven churches of Revelation 2 & 3 are all symbolic churches.

The Church of Sardis is the fifth symbolic church of Revelation 2 & 3, (Revelation 3:1–6). Jesus told them "...Thou livest, and art dead..." (Revelation 3:1) The church of Sardis was a dead church, just like Laodicea. But Jesus continued...

Thou hast A FEW NAMES even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. (Revelation 3:4)

Notice, there were **a few** in Sardis that were not dead because they had not defiled their garments. But Laodicea doesn't even have any garments! Laodicea is naked! Sardis is the only church among the seven where Jesus singled out **a few** that were not in the same condition as the rest. If there are **a few** in Laodicea that are not defiled, it seems Jesus would have done the same for Laodicea, but he did not.

The message to the church of the
Laodiceans is a startling denunciation,
and is applicable to the people of God at
the present time. [Seventh-day Adventists]
(Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 3, pg. 252.1
Ellen White)

But, there is hope... Keep reading!

If all the Laodiceans are not lost, Jesus would not be asking the <u>whole church</u> to be zealous and repent.

chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

(20) 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. (21) 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. (22) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches. (Revelation 3:19-22)

Ezekiel, chapter 9 (the vision of the sealing-time and the slaughter of Israel) also paints a very gruesome picture of the last generation of Seventh-day Adventists. At one point in this narrative Ezekiel exclaimed...

Ahhhhhh.... Lord God! Wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? (Ezekiel 9:8)

What does the term "all the residue" mean to you? The pioneers and Ellen White applied the

prophecy of Ezekiel 9 to the last generation of Seventh-day Adventists just prior to the coming of Jesus.

...We are amid the perils of the last
days, the time will soon come when the
prophecy of Ezekiel 9 will be fulfilled; that
prophecy should be carefully studied, for
it will be fulfilled to the very letter... (Ellen
G. White 1888 Material, pg. 1303.1)

Mark this point with care: those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the holy ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those "that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done" in the church, [the seventh-day Adventist church]...

(Maranatha pg. 240.2 Ellen White)

#### There Is Hope For Laodicea

The seventh symbolic church era of the seven churches of Revelation chapter 2 and 3 is the *Church of Laodicea*. Our pioneers taught that it came upon the stage of history in 1844 and remains until Christ returns from heaven. In 1844 the pre-advent judgment began in heaven. Which church on planet earth today is teaching and

There is only one, the seventh-day Adventist church. Therefore, the Laodicea message is exclusive for the Seventh-day Adventist people.

The word *Laodicea* means "a people adjudged," (Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary pg. 638). The word adjudge means to declare, decree or pronounce formally; to acquit, to condemn or to sentence. Since Jesus never mentioned a single favorable word about Laodicea, not even a few, it should be obvious what adjudged means for Laodicea. The Laodiceans believe they "have need of nothing." Blind, naked, indifferent and content in their poor, miserable and wretched condition, the majority of Laodiceans will not bear the straight testimony.

#### **Philadelphia**

The sixth church era of the seven churches of Revelation chapter 2 and 3 is the *Church of Philadelphia*. Our pioneers taught that it came upon the stage of history in 1833 and also remains until Christ returns form heaven. The word *Philadelphia* means "*Brotherly Love*," (Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary pg. 851).

But unlike the *Church of Laodicea*, Jesus had no unfavorable adjudgments for *Philadelphia*. He had only favorable comments. He told *Philadelphia*...

(8) I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it ... Thou ... hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. (10) Because Thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. (11) ... Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. (Revelation 3:8, 10, 11)

(Revelation 3:10 quoted) ...These words are important and solemn, and it would be profitable to us should we take them home with us, and search the Scriptures in reference to their true meaning. The hour of temptation is to come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth; and although we do not wish to make a time of trouble for ourselves, nor do we wish to groan over trials in the future, still we should be so closely connected with God

when it does come... [future] (the Adventist review and sabbath herald, April 15, 1890 par. 2)

Notice, Ellen White linked the hour of temptation of the Philadelphia message to the time of trouble which is still future. Twice in the book The Great Controversy, Chapter 39:560.2 & 619.1 She also linked the hour of temptation to the future.

Since Ellen White linked *the Church of*Philadelphia to the time of trouble, it seems evident,

the Church of Philadelphia is going through to the
end.

To "hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" means Philadelphia has no need of repentance or reformation. Philadelphia "hast kept my word" and has not succumbed to cunningly devised fables like Laodicea. And Christ has set before her an "an open door, and no man can shut." Whereas the door to *Laodicea* is closed and Jesus is on the outside knocking trying to gain entrance. But nowhere in the account does it say the door opened.

#### **Good News For Lost Laodicea...**

There is hope for Laodicea, but only thoroughly repenting, thoroughly reforming, (purging out all false doctrine) getting back to our roots and loving our neighbors enough to share the gospel with them, *Laodiceans* can transfer their membership to *Philadelphia*!

Revival and reformation have to go forward together. Revival without reformation, (purging out all false doctrine), will not keep you revived very long. Reformation without revival may make you feel better, but without the Holy Spirit, it will accomplish nothing.

Symbolic Laodicea and symbolic Philadelphia co-exist together to the end, but their ultimate destiny is very very different. Since no person that was a member of the symbolic Philadelphia or Laodicean Church in the 1800s are alive today, it is obvious, a physical Seventh-day Adventist today must either belong to the symbolic church of *Laodicea* or the symbolic church of *Philadelphia*—one or the other. It appears that by their actions or inactivity, they can transfer their membership from one to the other. We are going to be judged by our actions (works) not our fair speech.

To be a *Philadelphian* requires <u>effort and</u> <u>action</u>. *Laodiceans* are inactive wishful thinkers, while the *Philadelphians* are actively displaying brotherly love for their neighbors by trying to share the Good News of salvation with everyone who will listen

#### **How Much Is A Soul Worth?**

From Ezekiel, chapter 9, (the sealing message), Revelation 3:14-22, (the Laodicea message) and many Ellen White statements, we know the majority of today's Adventists are going to lose their way.

Question; What percent of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is in apostasy today?

Answer: At least the same percent of those who believe the trinity. My guess is about 95% in the North America Division. The NAD membership is about 1.1 million.  $1,100,000 \times 0.95 = 1,045,000$  Seventh-day Adventists that are on the road to perdition in North America. Why are they on the road to hell? Because the vast majority are following after preachers and teachers who have been whoring around in Babylon and are deceiving them about one-god equaling three-persons.

How much is a soul worth? Go out some clear night away from city lights and look up into heaven.

What do you see? All that you see, plus an eternity beyond, plus this world and plus the death of the universe's Creator is what the Father and Son gave to ransom just one lost soul. Calvary is the cost of one soul. That is how much one soul is worth to our Creator.

Which is worse for a person: to lose their life in this lifetime or lose eternal life? "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," (Hebrews 9:27). Everyone except the 144,000 are going to die the first death. But there will be a resurrection for all the dead. Those who come up in the first resurrection will be rewarded with eternal life, but those who come up in the second resurrection will be rewarded with eternal silence.

Many people believe that murdering someone in this lifetime is such a severe crime that the murderer deserves to die, and this is Biblical. But what is the attitude of most Seventh-day Adventists toward church leaders who are committing an infinitely greater crime by teaching lies that are leading millions into an **eternal** death?

Are the Adventist people, in the spirit of Jesus, raising their voice in protest to warn others, or are

they acting like Laodiceans and quietly tolerating the destroyers, and go about their own business? Or worse yet, knowing the lethal doctrines the leaders are promoting but continue to seek knowledge from them?

The trinity is the foundation, and the immorality of the soul, an eternal burning hell fire and Sunday sacredness are the three central pillars that are going to unite the occult (the dragon) the Catholic Church, (the beast) and Protestantism (the false prophet) in rebellion against our Creator.

Is the trinity not the doctrine that destroys Jesus Christs fallen sinful human nature? thus destroying him? And thus, pulling the foundation completely out from under Christianity? Did John and Paul not tell us the antichrist would attack the Godhead? Are those who teach the trinity not antichrist? (I am not pointing fingers, for I myself was antichrist for about 38 years.)

The price of one soul in the eyes of God is incalculable. I do not understand how people who, knowing these truths can continue trusting preachers that are destroying millions for eternity??? How does our Creator view this?

How is the faithful city [SDA church] become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers [of eternal life]. (Isaiah 1:21)

When someone knowingly ventures into the Devil's territory looking for truth, the Devil makes the claim they are his lawful prey. This is one of the few times Satan is telling the truth. When a person, with eyes wide open, ventures into Satan's territory by following apostate preachers, they have left the Holy Spirit and holy angels behind. Thus, it is impossible for that person to separate the seeds from the watermelon.

CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY
VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET, AND SHEW MY
PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSION, AND
THE HOUSE OF JACOB THEIR SINS. (Isaiah
58:1)

TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY:

IF THEY SPEAK NOT ACCORDING TO THIS

WORD, IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO

LIGHT IN THEM. (Isaiah 8:20)

There can be **NO** light in those who are murdering millions for eternity by promoting the

foundation doctrine of Antichrist. And there are many other lies that come with the package.

I know there are multitudes of sincere and honest Adventist preachers who are ignorantly promoting the trinity and will eventually see the light. But it makes no difference if the deceptions come deliberately or from the sincerely ignorant, until those who are teaching error, acknowledge their error, repent and stop teaching it, they cannot be trusted.

THUS SAITH THE LORD; CURSED BE THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN MAN, AND MAKETH FLESH HIS ARM, AND WHOSE HEART DEPARTETH FROM THE LORD.

(Jeremiah 17:5)

#### **No Other Platform**

Brothers and Sisters, if we are ever going to finish the work of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus to the world <u>WE MUST UNITE</u>. But...

...On no other platform than that which the Lord has laid can we unite with them.

Never could we combine on any other basis.

The foundation has been laid and all who will take their stand upon this platform.

uniting wholeheartedly with the Lord's

people, will be made welcome with rejoicing.

But we cannot unite with those who choose
to take their stand upon another foundation.

(Manuscript Release 760 5.1 Ellen White)

(1905)

Mrs. White wrote the above statement approximately 50 years after the firm foundation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church had been established. The entering wedge of the creeping compromise called the trinity was not **officially** introduced into the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church until 14 years after Ellen White made the above statement; 4 years after she died.

There is constant danger of allowing something to come into our midst that we may regard as the workings of the Holy Spirit, but that in reality is the fruit of a spirit of fanaticism. So long as we allow the enemy of truth to lead us into a wrong way, we cannot hope to reach the honest in heart with the third angel's message. We are to be sanctified through obedience to the truth. I am afraid of anything that would have a tendency to turn the mind away from the solid evidences of the truth as revealed in God's word. I am afraid of it; I am afraid of it. (Ye Shall Receive Power, pg. 330.2)

Brothers and sisters, the previous statement is paramount. Do you wonder why the vast majority of Seventh-day Adventist are not actively promoting this message? We will never, never, never spread the *Three Angel's Message* to the world as long as we are promoting the foundational doctrine of Antichrist! The trinity destroys the *The Judgment Hour Message* by destroying the *Judge* and *Mediator*.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church used to be the only Christian denomination in the world capable of preaching the Three Angel's Message. Part of that message is...

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. (Revelation 14:12)

By accepting, promoting and teaching the foundational doctrine of Antichrist we are violating the first commandment. Thus, those who believe this Antichrist doctrine, which includes almost all the Seventh-day Adventist people, are breaking the commandments of God. Thus, we have been led "into a wrong way and we cannot hope to reach

## the honest in heart with the third angel's message.

We need unity more than any other thing, but we cannot unite with those who have pulled the foundation out from under the platform of eternal truth. One-god equaling three-persons was never part of the eternal platform.

#### **Closing Thoughts**

From the beginning of recorded history, Satan has had phenomenal success using trinities and pantheism as his spearheads to deceive. From ancient Babylon to today, the vast majority of the world's religions and protestant denominations have embraced one or the other, and many times both. Even God's remnant people have succumbed, just as God's people always have.

Mrs. White has told us "Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions." But since the vast majority of religions and Christian denominations of the world also believe the trinity in one form or another, it seems that the trinity could also play a major role in uniting the world into passing the international Sunday law? For example: The World Council of

Churches has only stipulation for membership. A belief in the trinity.

The second angel's message of Revelation 14 is...

And there followed another angel,
saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great
city, because she made all nations drink of
the wine of the wrath of her fornication
[false doctrine]. (Revelation 14:8)

In the last few years, the internet seems to have exploded with web pages and videos devoted to exposing the whole gamut of the Roman Catholic Church's Babylonian doctrines, and it appears that the trinity is on, or close to the top of the list. For example, when the search terms *trinity, Catholic* and *Mithras* were entered into the search engine I use, it returned 476,000 references. An interesting thing about these references, at least from the ones I have been able to read, is the vast vast majority of these sites are non-SDA, and perhaps half or more are are not even Christian.

God will have a faithful people who will obey him by taking the *Three Angel's Message* to every person in their neighborhood. The few faithful Seventh-day Adventist preachers that weather the storm are not going to finish this work by themselves! Therefore, if the work gets finished, the Seventh-day Adventist laity are going to have to go to work. So far in North America, that is not happening.

...The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it. did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks.--EW 271 (1858). (Last Day Events pg. 182.1, Ellen White)

If we remain indifferent to our neighbor's spiritual condition, God will raise up new converts to take our place. Since there are now multitudes of non-Seventh-day Adventists, basically heralding the second angel's message of Revelation 14 by pen and voice on the internet, could it be that God is already preparing our replacements?

The foundational doctrine of the vast majority of ancient religions was either the trinity and/or pantheism. The foundational doctrine of modern day Babylon, the Catholic Church and her daughters is the trinity. The foundational doctrine of the

Seventh-day Adventist Church used to be the Godhead, whereas today it is the trinity.

During the alpha heresy there were some who were teaching that the Seventh-day Adventist Church had become Babylon. Mrs. White was very emphatic, stating that the church militant (the SDA church) was not Babylon. But that was about 120 years ago when the Seventh-day Adventist Church was not teaching the foundational doctrine of Babylon. But today she is. This ought to give you something to meditate upon for a long while. Mrs. White also wrote...

"...I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people..." (Selected Messages, Book 1 pg. 203.2 Ellen G. White)

"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, how long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord [Jehovah] be God.
[Eloheem] follow him: but if Baal, [Nimrod, sun worship and the trinity] then follow him.
And the people answered him not a word."
(1 Kings 18:21);

## "I<u>t is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law."</u>

(Psalms 119:126)

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Because I am a fallible man, I do not encourage you to believe a word I have written. Actually, I hope this document has raised more questions than it has answered, hopefully, motivating you to **objectively** investigate this topic **yourself.** If it has done this, it has accomplished its mission.

In order for anyone to fully understand the deception of the trinity, <u>its history must be</u> <u>studied</u>. The trinity's history alone, thoroughly condemns it from being a Bible doctrine. The origin of all trinities can be traced back to ancient Babylon about 4,100 to 4,200 years ago. Therefore, the trinity's history is vast and abundant. Because it is, and because there is so much misinformation today, it will take time to rightly divide the truth from error.

The trinity also needs to be compared with and tested by what the inspired writers have written about *the personality of God and Christ*,

Colossians 2:4-9 and the alpha and omega heresy.

I have compiled an historical account of the *alpha heresy*, written by three people who were directly involved in thwarting it, A. G. Daniels, (GC President) William A. Spicer (GC Secretary) and Ellen White (Messenger of the Lord). Their accounts do not reveal the identity of the *omega*, but they have explained numerous aspects of the *alpha heresy*, which parallels the *omega*. In the Conclusion to their account I have compiled 20 clues that pinpoint the *omega heresy*. I have titled the book The Alpha and Omega of Deadly Heresies.

If you feel inclined to study in more detail what the Bible teaches and what Ellen White and the pioneers taught about the preceding topics, **click**here.

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