


The Warnings of a Prophet

The Raping & Betrayal of Seventh-day Adventism

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The greatest want of the world is the want of men - men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

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“Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people... He has made them his representatives and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, to be given to the world.” 7T 138

“Seventh-day Adventists have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel’s messages. There is no other

work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.” 9T 19

The Seventh-day Adventist church claims a rich and exclusive heritage. Such a heritage is attested to by the prophetic utterances of the word of God. In light of this claim, it is the duty of *every* true and honest Seventh-day Adventist to uphold and maintain the ‘faith that was once delivered to the saints. We are today the children of those early fathers, and as such we are admonished to, “Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.” Proverbs 22:28

"Were Seventh-day Adventist to yield their **distinctive teaching in order to win and wear the robe of theological respectability, they would doubtless be accepted by other Christian bodies, **but in so doing they would be traitor to the truths that have made them a people** ...They would no longer be Seventh-day Adventists.**

Raymond Cottrell, Review & Herald May15, 1958

O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

Isaiah 3: 12

Our Firm Foundation

Today there is a cry for truth among Seventh-day Adventists, a truth we once held, a truth that was given to our pioneers by God through His Holy Spirit. We need to get back to our Pioneers and what they believed.

Because, this will get us back to the knowledge of the one true and Living God. The Creator, who gave us the "Seventh day Sabbath" as a Memorial, and a sign of His created work in us.

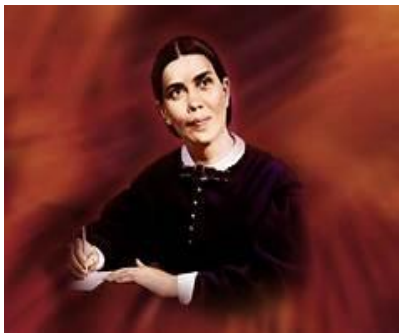
Seventh- Day Adventists, are a people with a message and a mission. God has raised up this church for a specific task. We are the Children of this great movement started by the Pioneers of Seventh-day Adventism. We are to uphold that banner of truth that God gave them to show the world. Let all true Seventh-day Adventists return to our "Historical Roots", to the glory of God.

Today many true Seventh-day Adventists are being disfellowshipped , Why ?, because they still believed what these pioneers had to say. They still believe God had raised up this church to give a solemn warning to the world, to fear God and keep His commandments and to worship Him, who created heaven and earth, ...and by whom are they being disfellowshipped ? By the very ones they called "Brother & Sister " for so many years.

It's not because they are right or wrong, it's what the church says, ...so they say. The same words that came from the mouth of the dragon that persecuted the " Reformers " of the dark ages.



The God of heaven saw it fit to establish the Advent movement on a solid foundation of truth. This foundation included a correct understanding of who He is. {J. S. White, *The Day Star*, January 24, 1846}



God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. {1SM 161.1}

We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. { 1 SM Pg. 204-205 }

Here we see both James and Ellen White testify as to who was the author of our movement and for the truths we hold.

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. ... {1SM 161.1}

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17

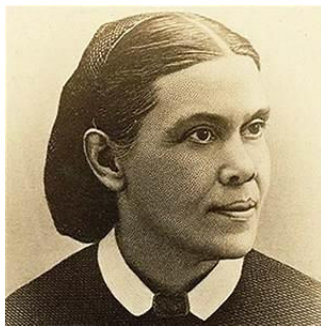
“The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God are to stand fast. Let no one presume to move a pin or a foundation stone from the structure. Those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." Letter 87, 1905, pp. 2, 3. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, February 25, 1905.)” {E. G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 1, p. 55}

Here Ellen White says, that those who presume to move a pin or a foundation stone from the structure and those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that " in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

“The leading points of our faith as we hold them today were firmly established. Point after point was clearly defined, and all the brethren came into harmony. The whole company of believers were united in the truth. There were those who came in with strange doctrines, but we were never afraid to

meet them. Our experience was wonderfully established by the revelation of the Holy Spirit." {E. G. White, *Manuscript Releases Volume 3*, p. 413. 1903}

Maybe this is the reason why the church of today cannot face up to the truths that God gave to our pioneers. There is no inspiration coming from the leadership, their aim is to silence those truths that are placed before them, members of the local church have no say so in anything the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy has to say, even if it is to defend those truths that were given them.



Many of our people do not realize how **firmly** the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce,] ...Elder [Hiram] Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, "We can do nothing more," **the Spirit of the Lord** would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a **clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me**, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. Thus, light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. **A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me**, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me. {1SM 206.4}

Let's look on how well our foundation was laid !

1. The Advent movement was laid on a solid foundation of truth
2. This foundation included a correct understanding of who He is
3. God Himself has taught what is truth
4. Attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit
5. The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God were to stand fast
6. 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
7. Point after point was clearly defined
8. The whole company of believers were united in the truth
9. The experience of the company of believers was wonderfully established by the revelation of the Holy Spirit
10. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God

Today some may think that disregarding these foundational doctrines is the result of the Church advancing in present truth.

But can this be? Can one advance in truth if he does not have truth? Was the advancement of truth to change the foundational doctrines of the Church? *"Truth is truth, and will remain truth, and in the end will triumph gloriously."* {E. G. White, *Review & Herald*, December 28, 1897}

So, "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 had not lessened their value.*-- Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 51. (1904.)" {E. G. White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 52}

When you believe with all your heart, that the truth that was given is "truth", there is no second thought as who you should follow.

Be willing to examine your definitions in light of God's word.

God would have all the bearings and positions of truth thoroughly and perseveringly searched, with prayer and fasting. Believers are not to rest in suppositions and ill-defined ideas of what constitutes truth. Their faith must be firmly founded upon the word of God, so that when the testing time shall come, and they are brought before councils (or a " Business Meetings ?") to answer for their faith, they may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear. Ellen White - Counsels to Writers and Editors p.40

We are not left to be alone; we have Gods word to hold on to. As long as we are faithful to Him, we will have no fear for anything that may befall us.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 2 Peter 1:19

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: Acts 2:17-18



Ellen White testifies that , " the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. ... and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me {1SM 206.4}

**Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established;
believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chronicles 20:20**

Because of her visions that the Lord God showed her, Ellen White was termed "The Spirit of Prophecy". Over two thousand visions were given her to make plain the plan of salvation.



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." {E. G. White, Selected Messages Book 1, p. 208. 1904}

Our way marks God has been signified through His Word and the testimony of His Holy Spirit, and is based upon unquestionable authority. This is the reason we can stand fast and know that, what we believe is not man's interpretation , we have His approval on the truths we hold. "Our people need to understand the reasons of our faith and our past experiences. How sad it is that so many of them apparently place unlimited confidence in men who present theories tending to uproot our past experiences and to remove the old landmarks! Those who can so easily be led by a false spirit show that they have been following the wrong captain for some time--so long that they do not discern that they are departing from the faith, or that they are not building upon the true foundation. We need to urge all to put on their spiritual eyeglasses, to have their eyes anointed that they may see clearly and discern the true pillars of the faith. Then they will know that "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Tim. 2:19). We need to revive the old evidences of the

faith once delivered to the saints." {E. G. White, Selected Messages Book 2, p. 25. 1904}

We are the children of this movement, and we must be brave enough to hold up the banner of truth that was handed down to us by our pioneers and to let no one rob us of our beautiful message that God gave to you & me. But ...

If unity could be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference and even war. GC, p. 45

When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light, which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat, and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time. {1SM 161.1}

It is the voices of our pioneers that God instructed Ellen White that were to be heard. Any other voice contrary to the voice of our pioneers is not the voice of God manifested through them. Let all beware of the deceiving tongue and the beat of a different drum. Let all beware of anyone trying to alter that which was first given to us as the remnant of God.

So, it stands for us today, the foundation of our faith that was laid, is a foundation built on solid ground, with truth that admits no compromise and our council is, that " No After Suppositions " contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained.

Laying A New Foundation that God Did Not Lay



"I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place. I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil. I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death." - Ellen White, Manuscript 1, February 24, 1915, par. 2

Fearfully Ellen White warned of the changes that were going to take place in our church shortly after her death. Changes that were to be a big mistake if the people of God would except them.

"I tremble for our people. - Ellen White, Manuscript 46, May 18, 1904: par 9
These are changes that would be on a grand scale that would affect just about everyone. It is these changes that we need to pay close attention to, so that we are not fooled or deceived. Changes that will be so subtle, that it can deceive the very elect. The sad thing is that these changes have already taken place and our people are fast asleep!

Satanic teachings come to Adventism - Gordon Jenson, a leading theologian from Andrews' University, writes:

"A plan of salvation was encompassed in the covenant made by the Three Persons of the Godhead, who possessed the attributes of Deity equally. In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into the role of the Father, another the role of the Son. The remaining divine Being, the Holy Spirit, was also to participate in effecting the plan of salvation. All of this took place before sin and rebellion transpired in heaven. "By accepting the roles that the plan entailed, the divine Beings lost none of the powers of Deity. With regard to their eternal existence and other attributes, they were one and equal. But with regard to the plan of salvation, there was, in a sense, a submission on the part of the Son to the Father." (*Adventist Review*, October 31, 1996, p.12—Week of Prayer readings)

This quote originates in the Adventist Review, 1996, as part of the church's annual special edition paper, Readings for the Week of Prayer. As you may know, this yearly edition is sanctioned by the conference to be read in every Adventist church throughout the world. In this light, Jenson's words mark the orthodox teaching of the Seventh-day Adventist church. And via this statement alone, Jenson and the Adventist Church are declaring that there is no father and son. By their interpretation, "one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into the role of the Father, another the role of the Son".

Furthermore, in Pr Max Hatton's *Understanding the Trinity*, we read: Page 97

"The Father-Son relationship in the Godhead should be understood in a metaphorical sense, not in a literal sense." A metaphor is a symbol, a figure of speech, an image, or an allegory. In essence, it's not real. You see, once you teach three co-eternals, you cannot believe in a real Father and Son. It's for this reason that the SDA church teaches a role-play; a relationship only to "be understood in a metaphorical sense". ...So, Leading Theologians of the SDA Church believes that The Father & Son is just a "Metaphor. ...Pr Max Hatton also goes on to say that Jesus was not begotten neither was He created.

By asserting a metaphorical Father and Son, the trinity denies Jesus as the only begotten Son of God. Conversely, our salvation depends upon us accepting this very fact!

Warning to the church!! 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. **And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected,** the application of them, 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.-- Preach the Word, p. 5. (1905.) {CW 32.2}



The Enemy of Souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? , The principles of truth that

God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {1SM 204.2 -205 }

Who has authority to begin such a movement?

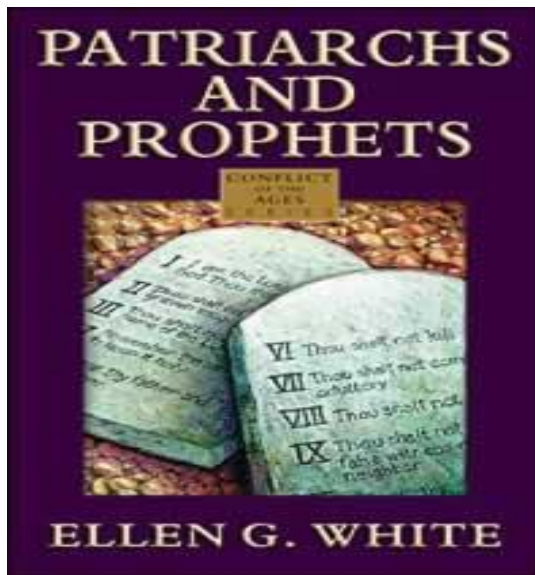
We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth? {1SM 205.1}

Let's now take a closer look at this prophecy, which was spot on by our prophet, in every point! If you have not considered this as a sign and a wake-up call to awake from your slumber, then take heed, for the Enemy of Souls is at your doorstep.



Who is this Enemy of Souls ? Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Rev. 12:12

To truly understand this, one must first understand the "Great Controversy between Christ and Satan". To know this, is the key in understanding the changes that have already taken place in our church and how much of the people of God is going along with it. So, let's take a brief look into this story, by so doing, we will know the real reason why our church has changed. In the book Patriarchs & Prophets, Ellen White describes what took place in the beginning, ...remembering that God had showed her through multiple visions, the plan of salvation. As our leaders have stated that "Only" Ellen White was inspired. Chapter one sets the stage of understanding "The Great Controversy" between Christ and Satan and establishing the true position of Jesus as the "only begotten" of the Father and one next to the authority of the Father. Who is the creator of all things by the Father, sharing the same nature and deity, being God and one to be worshiped by decree of the Father. Pay close attention to the details of this first chapter.



Chap. 1 - Why was Sin Permitted?

"God is love." 1 John 4:16. His nature, His law, is love. It ever has been; it ever will be.

"The high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity," whose "ways are everlasting," changeth not. With Him "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Isaiah 57:15; Habakkuk 3:6; James 1:17. {PP 33.1}

The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate--a co-worker who could

appreciate His purposes and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father--one in nature, in character, in purpose--the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6. His "goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2. And the Son of God declares concerning Himself: "The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting. ... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." Proverbs 8:22-30. {PP 34.1}

The Father wrought by His Son in the creation of all heavenly beings. "By Him were all things created, . . . whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him." Colossians 1:16. Angels are God's ministers, radiant with the light ever flowing from His presence and speeding on rapid wing to execute His will. But the Son, the anointed of God, the "express image of His person," "the brightness of His glory," "upholding all things by the word of His power," holds supremacy over them all. Hebrews 1:3. "A glorious high throne from the beginning," was the

place of His sanctuary (Jeremiah 17:12); "a scepter of righteousness," the scepter of His kingdom. Hebrews 1:8. "Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary." Psalm 96:6. Mercy and truth go before His face. Psalm 89:14. {PP 34.2}

The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all intelligent beings depends upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love--service that springs from an appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced obedience; and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service. {PP 34.3} So long as all created beings acknowledged the allegiance of love, there was perfect harmony throughout the universe of God. It was the joy of the heavenly host to fulfill the purpose of their Creator. They delighted in reflecting His glory and showing forth His praise. And while love to God was supreme, love for one another was confiding and unselfish. There was no note of discord to mar the celestial harmonies. But a change came over this happy state. There was one who perverted the freedom that God had granted to His creatures. Sin originated with him who, next to Christ, had been most honored of God and was highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. Lucifer, "son of the morning," was first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled.

(Note:, Lucifer next to Christ ,had been the most honored of God, highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. He was holy and undefiled ...and was also a spirit. ...can we say a holy spirit then? Something to think about. This is important to know & remember, as we go through this study.)

He stood in the presence of the great Creator, and the ceaseless beams of glory enshrouding the eternal God rested upon him. "Thus, saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of

fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." Ezekiel 28:12-15. {PP 35.1}

Little by little Lucifer came to indulge the desire for self-exaltation. The Scripture says, "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness." Ezekiel 28:17. "Thou hast said in thine heart, . . . I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . . I will be like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13, 14. Though all his glory was from God, this mighty angel came to regard it as pertaining to himself. Not content with his position, though honored above the heavenly host, he ventured to covet homage due alone to the Creator. Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of all created beings, it was his endeavor to secure their service and loyalty to himself. And coveting the glory with which the infinite Father had invested His Son, this prince of angels aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone. {PP 35.2}



Now the perfect harmony of heaven was broken. Lucifer's disposition to serve himself instead of his Creator aroused a feeling of apprehension when observed by those who considered that the glory of God should be supreme. In heavenly council the angels pleaded with Lucifer. The Son of God presented before him the greatness, the goodness, and the justice of the Creator, and the sacred, unchanging nature of His law. God Himself had established the order

of heaven; and in departing from it, Lucifer would dishonor his Maker and bring ruin upon himself. But the warning, given in infinite love and mercy, only aroused a spirit of resistance. Lucifer allowed his jealousy of Christ to prevail, and became the more determined. {PP 35.3}

To dispute the supremacy of the Son of God, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator, had become the purpose of this prince of angels. To this object he was about to bend the energies of that master mind, which, next to Christ's, was first among the hosts of God. But He who would have the will of all His creatures free, left non unguarded to the bewildering sophistry by which rebellion would seek to justify itself. Before the great contest should open, all were to have a clear presentation of His will, whose wisdom and goodness were the spring of all their joy. {PP 36.1}

The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings. The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both. About the throne gathered the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng--"ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Revelation 5:11.), the most exalted angels, as ministers and subjects, rejoicing in the light that fell upon them from the presence of the Deity. Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven the King declared that none but Christ, the Only Begotten of God, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will. The Son of God had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants. But in all this He would not seek power or exaltation for Himself contrary to God's plan but would exalt the Father's glory and execute His purposes of beneficence and love. {PP 36.2}

The angels joyfully acknowledged the supremacy of Christ, and prostrating themselves before Him, poured out their love and adoration. Lucifer bowed with them, but in his heart, there was a strange, fierce conflict. Truth, justice, and loyalty were struggling against envy and jealousy.



And now this "Enemy of Souls" is at our gates seeking to destroy the very foundation that God has laid for his church. Says the prophet ..."

The Enemy of Souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization." Let's see how this was done and by whom!

**FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES vs BELIEFS - also referred to as
THE TRANS-FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL ENGINEERING OF ADVENTISM**

**A stark warning to the church was given by Ellen White in 1903:
"The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error." - Ellen White, Letter 242, October 19, 1903, Selected Messages 1, p. 204**

This warning should ring loud and clear. Because every bit of it has taken place. This document illustrates where the church started with its first statement of beliefs in 1872. The "Principles" were an outline of their belief, but not held over your head like a "creed". They called them

Principles. They didn't want to get to where we are today. Where if you don't entirely subscribe to the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of today (no longer Principles or an outline, but a stern doctrine now), you will find yourself disfellowshipped. Please note the quote from John Loughborough below this 1872 section. In each part below, pay attention to the subtleness of changes.

The God of the Pioneers – 1872 Fundamental Principles (25 Fundamental Principles based on 1 Corinthians 8:6)

As elsewhere stated, Seventh-day Adventists have no creed but the Bible; but they hold to certain well-defined points of faith, for which they feel prepared to give a reason “to every man that asketh” them. The following propositions may be taken as a summary of the principal features of their religious faith, upon which there is, so far as we know, entire unanimity throughout the body.

They believe, ---

1. That a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal, infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit.

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

2. That , the one by whom God created all things, and by whom they do consist; that he took on him the nature of the seed of Abraham for the redemption of our fallen race; that he dwelt among men full of grace and truth, lived our example, died our sacrifice, was raised for our justification, ascended on high to be our only mediator in the sanctuary in Heaven, where, with his own blood he makes atonement for our sins; which atonement so far from being made on the cross, which was but the offering of the sacrifice, is the very last portion of his work as priest, according to the example of the Levitical priesthood, which foreshadowed and prefigured the ministry of our Lord in Heaven. See Lev. 16; Heb. 8:4, 5; 9:6, 7; etc.

3. That the Holy Scriptures, of the Old and New Testaments, were given by inspiration of God, contain a full revelation of his will to man, and are the only infallible of rule of faith and practice.

**The founding Fathers or our faith, the Pioneers of the
Real Seventh-Day Adventist Church (1850-1930):**

Joseph Bates, James White, Sister Ellen White, Hiram Edson, Joseph Harvey Waggoner, John Byington, Joseph Frisbie, George Storrs, John Andrews, Roswell F. Cottrell, Merritt E. Cornell, John G. Matteson, Uriah Smith, Thomas Preble, Owen Crosier, W.C. Gage, George Butler, Wolcott Littlejohn, Stephen Haskell, John Loughborough.

**Study carefully the first chapter of Hebrews. Become interested in the Scriptures. Read and study them diligently. "In them ye think ye have eternal life," Christ said, "and they are they which testify of Me." It means everything to us to have an experimental and individual knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ, "whom He hath sent." "For this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."--"Special Testimonies on Education," March 23, 1896.
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"A New Organization Would Be Established."

Just one year later, prophecy began to be fulfilled.

Today there are lots of mistruths, misconceptions and distortion of truth about our Pioneers and what their system of beliefs were. People became Seventh-day Adventist because of our beliefs in the early days. If they knew what was going on today, they wouldn't even recognize this denomination. Doesn't that seem odd to you? After all, if people in the Lutheran church changed what Martin Luther believed and taught, they couldn't call themselves Lutherans. Well today we have the modern Adventist church who are Seventh-day Adventist in name only.

"Adventist beliefs have changed over the years...Most startling is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ....Many of the Pioneers including James

White, J.N. Andrews, Uriah Smith, and J.H. Waggoner, held to an Arian or Semi-Arian view. That is that the son at some point in time, before the creation of our world was generated by the Father. The Trinitarian understanding of God, now part of our fundamental beliefs, was not generally held by the early Adventists. Even today, a few do not subscribe to it." - William Johnson, editor - Adventist Review, January 6, 1994

The above statement by Mr. Johnson is incorrect when he tries to fit the founders of the faith into a box called Arian or Semi-Arian. Trinitarianism was definitely not held by the early Adventists.

"Most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would not be able to join the church today if they had to subscribe to the denominations Fundamental Beliefs. More specifically, most would not be able to agree to belief #2, which deals with the doctrine of the Trinity." - George Knight, Ministry Magazine, October 1993, p. 10

“The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error.”

To correct Mr. Knight, all of the founders would not be able to join the church, not just most. Imagine this being done to Martin Luther. They wouldn't be Lutherans anymore. This should be startling to the congregation to learn this fact. And they should be searching why and asking why. If our pioneers wouldn't join this church today, what in the world are we doing in it?

“That most of the leading SDA pioneers were non-Trinitarian in their theology has become accepted Adventist history, surprising as it sounded to most Adventists 40 years ago when Erwin R. Gane wrote an M.A. thesis on the topic. More recently, a further question has arisen with increasing urgency: was the pioneer's belief about the Godhead right or wrong? As one line of reasoning goes, either the pioneers were wrong and the present church is right, or the pioneers were right and the present Seventh-day Adventist Church has apostatized from biblical truth.” - Jerry Moon, The Trinity, p. 190

With this quote in mind, if one could say that the Pioneers were wrong, then Adventism and Sister White are a lie and that God did not raise up this church to give the final warning of the "Three Angel's Messages" . Think about that for a minute. So, in reality, it forces you to believe the Pioneers, or we have no true foundation of being the remnant of God.

The Review , "The pioneers weren't endowed scholars with unlimited time for study, but people with families to raise and bills to pay. Consequently, the process of reaching doctrinal consensus was a slow and lengthy one." (AR, p. 9) Here it is stated that the pioneers did not have time to study the Bible because they were too busy raising their families. Adventist Review April 22, 1999

Look at the attempt to understand those pioneers that God Himself has taught!! These early Adventists studied the Scriptures more diligently and for longer hours than many ministers today. They did not occupy themselves studying scientific philosophies and psychology as is taught in seminaries today. They were earnest Bible students who were well acquainted with the Scriptures. J. N. Andrews "enjoyed 'severe study' much more than physical activity; in later years he could read the Bible in seven languages and claimed the ability to reproduce the New Testament from memory." (*Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, p. 43) How many ministers today can make such a claim? These early pioneers were dedicated Bible students and strongly non-Trinitarian in their beliefs.

This is a warning from Sister White where she prophesied what was coming in the near future. Five months before she died, she stated:

"when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place."

"I am charged to tell our people that they do not realize that the devil has device and device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect. Satan's agencies will invent ways to make sinners out of saints. I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place. I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the

devices of the devil. I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death.” - Ellen White, Manuscript 1, February 24, 1915

The Theologian and Scholar’s version of God – 1931 Yearbook

The above statement from the 1931 Yearbook, was written by one man, Francis McClellan Wilcox who was the editor of the Review & Herald. There was no vote, no committee or official church authorized document that was issued. This was the opinion of one man who was not inspired by God as a co-founder of the denomination as was James White, Joseph Bates or Ellen White. And this would find itself in the new Church Manual that was starting to be published in 1932.

The word “Godhead” and “Trinity” both pop into view as a test to see if there is any push back. Godhead means divinity, not trinity. To many, the word trinity is used to describe a three-some power for lack of a better description, or to simply identity 3 of something. There is no doctrine tied to it. Both of these key words are inserted into the Year Book without question or scrutiny. Then the addition of "third person of the Godhead" is added along with the nature description of Jesus being "very God". These might seem harmless and subtle. But that is how you make changes. Now multiply this over the course of fifty years (1931-1980) and you will have the transformation of our doctrine into something else. Eventually with word changes being subtle to the point where in 1980, a full-on Trinity onslaught version would be brought in. There was very little upheaval and kickback, as the majority that had a hold of the denomination in years past have now died off years ago. There was hardly an inkling standing for the way God has shown his remnant. There wasn’t even a minority now. The people were put to sleep over time and new converts more than outnumbered any original bloodline from our Pioneers. This was not who we were as a peculiar people

The founding Fathers of the “New Organization” of Seventh-day Adventists

(Counterfeit movement) that began with its Incorporation in 1904; introduced a Godhead doctrine of belief (1931-1980):

Herbert Camden Lacey, William Warren Prescott, Arthur Grosvenor Daniells, John Harvey Kellogg, Francis McLellan Wilcox, Milton Kern, Edwin R. Palmer, Henry Watson, Leroy Edwin Froom, Roy Allan Anderson, Walter E. Read, T. E. Unruh, Reuben R. Figuhr, J.N. Anderson, G.B. Thompson

These were “men in suits” who were actually “people with creeds”. They worked to bring in Sunday keeper theology. It would take decades, but they would succeed. However they did not live long enough to see it in its full fruition when 1980 came along.

The Theologian and Scholar’s version of God – 1941

A Summary of Fundamental Beliefs was approved by the General Conference Annual Council October 1941 for inclusion in the 1942 Church Manual along with a revised Baptismal Vow. This was the long time effort of W.W. Prescott and Leroy Froom. Now Jesus is labeled as “Eternal” which is subtle, but it goes against the Pioneers description that Jesus had a beginning and was therefore “Begotten” of God. The use of personhood language is just the beginning.

Because now we have a first person of the Godhead, a second person of the Godhead, and third person of the Godhead for the first time. The Bible does not lay out a membership or number of persons in the "Godhead".

This new summary was quite different from F.M. Wilcox’s Fundamentals in 1931. It used “Godhead” and did not mention the word “Trinity.” While the Wilcox listing offered but few supporting texts, the summary provided an abundance of scripture including important ones like 1 Corinthians 8:6, Hebrews 1:1-3, Micah 5:2 which were frequently quoted by Adventist pioneers.

"Our Religion Would Be Changed."

Keep this in mind with this evolving change brought forth in 1941:

“The church studied this mystery with great care and, after four centuries of clarification, decided to state the doctrine in this way: in the unity of the Godhead there are three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit...” – Handbook for Today’s Catholic, p. 11

Note: The Catholic use of the term Holy Spirit is not the same as the Bible use of the term. The Catholic term of Holy Spirit refers to a separate person that is both separate and distinct from the spirit of the Father and that of the Son. There are three separate and distinct persons in the Catholic and today's Seventh-day Adventist trinity. While the term Holy Spirit in the Bible refers to both the spirit of God the Father and the spirit of Jesus our Lord, which is the spirit of them both. The key word to remember is "of ", which tells you who spirit it is.

**“Here we find that the Holy Spirit is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ.”
Christ And His Righteousness, E.J. Waggoner p. 23. 1890:**

“We learn from this language that when we speak of the Spirit of God we are really speaking of his presence and power.” J. N. Loughborough, Review & Herald, September 13, 1898

BAPTISMAL VOWS 1874

- 1) Do you accept all the Bible as the inspired word of God, and do you take it as your only rule of faith? Is it your purpose to ever walk according to its teachings? 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Acts 20:32.**
- 2) Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour for salvation from sin, for a real change of heart, and will you permit Him by the Holy Spirit to live in you daily? John 1:12, 13; Gal.2:20.**
- 3) Have you repented of, and confessed all known sin to God, and do you believe that He, for Christ's sake has forgiven you, and as far as possible have you tried to make matters right with your fellowmen? 1 John 1:9; Matt.5:23-26; Eze.33:15.**

4) Is it your purpose, by the grace of God, to live a true Christian life, by surrendering all – soul, body, spirit – to God, to do His will in all things and keep the commandments of God? Rom. 12:1; Col. 3:17; Rev. 14:12.

5) Will you seek to maintain a true spiritual experience by the daily study of God's Word and prayer, and will you endeavour by your consistent life and personal effort to win souls to Christ?

6) Do you believe and accept the great truths of the Word of God concerning the personal, visible, literal, imminent return of Christ (Acts 1:9-11); immortality only through Christ (2 Tim. 1:10); the unconscious state of the dead (Eccl. 9:5, 6); the destruction of the wicked (Mal. 4:1-3); and the other kindred truths that comprise the special message of Revelation 14:6-12?

7) Is it your purpose to keep the seventh day of the week from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset as the Lord's holy day according to the fourth commandment? Luke 23:56; Ex. 20:8-11.

8) Will you practice the Bible plan for the support of God's work by rendering unto Him first the tithe, or one tenth of all your increase (Lev. 27:30; Mal.3:8-10); and then offerings as you may be able, according to His prospering hand? Deut. 16:17; Luke 6:38.

9) Is it your purpose to obey the command to eat and drink to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31) by abstaining from all intoxicating liquors (Pro.23:29-32), tobacco in all its forms (1 Cor. 3:16, 17) swine's flesh (Isa. 66:15, 17), narcotics, tea, coffee, and other harmful things?

10) Are you willing to follow the Bible rule of modesty and simplicity of dress, refraining from the wearing of earrings, necklaces, bracelets, beads, rings, etc., and from any lack of dress that is out of keeping with the Bible rule of modesty? 1 Tim. 2:9,10; 1 Peter 3:3, 4; Ex. 33:5, 6; Gen. 35:2-4.

11) Do you believe in and have you accepted the ordinance of humility (John 13:1-17), and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper? 1 Cor. 11:23-33.

12) Is it your purpose to come out from the world and be separate in obedience to God's command in 2 Cor. 6:17, by refraining from following the sinful practices of the world, such as dancing, card-playing, theatregoing, novel reading, etc. and by shunning all questionable worldly amusements? 1 John 2:15; James 1:27; 4:4.

13) Will you seek to build up the interests of the church by giving the Sabbath School your hearty and practical support and attending, as far as possible, all services of the church? And will you endeavour by God's help to do your part in the work of the church? Luke 4:16; Rom. 12:4-8.

14) Do you recognize that the remnant church has the Spirit of Prophecy, and that this has been manifested to this church through the writings of Ellen G. White? Rev. 12:17; 19:10.

Baptismal Vow 1941

The following questions should be answered in the affirmative before the church by candidates for baptism:

- 1. Do you believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit?**

In the 1942 Church Manual, there was mass confusion. You see there were three different versions of a belief in God printed in that book. There was the above Summary of Fundamental Beliefs from October 1941, there was the 1941 Baptismal Vows, and then way back in the book, they included F.M. Wilcox's statement of beliefs from 1931. Here is the short version of the three published:

- 1. God the Father**
- 2. true and living God, the first person of the Godhead**
- 3. The Eternal Father**

**Baptismal Vows - 1974 (still the same as 1941)
I believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit.**

Baptismal Vows - Today (compare this with 1941-1974)

I believe there is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of co-eternal Persons.

Note: If there are three co-eternal persons, you deny both the Father & Son relationship. How can you have a son if they are co-eternal ?

“The Father was greater than the Son in that he was first. The Son was equal with the Father in that he had received all things from the Father.”

{J. S. White, Review & Herald, January 4, 1881}

2. *“Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ” ... {J. S. White, Review & Herald, December 11, 1855}*

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

In 1980, the full-blown trinity doctrine was brought into the church. So the Pioneers who left the fallen churches of Babylon from 1844, now have a false lineage that returns to the doctrine of the wine of Babylon. Eighty years of purity from 1850-1930, gone. Fifty years of reeling us to a daughter of the Mother Harlot, and now 37 years under the umbrella of the Mother Harlot (1980-today).

Ex-Jesuit Alberto Rivera stated “all the mainstream churches were taken over (under control of Rome) by 1980.” (Bill Hughes, Secret Terrorists, p. 108) This is so true.

Fundamental Beliefs – 1980

Prior to the Dallas General Conference in 1980

Note: There was not an actual real Trinity doctrine yet even though the word was used.

It was similar language from 1931.

It did not lay out three Gods in name as in God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

#2 That the Godhead, or Trinity, consists of the Eternal Father, a personal spiritual Being, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite

in wisdom and love; the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, through whom all things were created and through whom the salvation of the redeemed hosts will be accomplished; the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, the great regenerating power in the work of redemption.

What is interesting to note is the elimination of first and second person of the Godhead. Jesus is also listed as the Son of the Eternal Father instead of the Eternal Son of God. Son of the Eternal Father is the way the Pioneers worded the belief as Christ having a beginning. If he is labeled as Eternal Son, then it leaves less for conversation about his pre-existence and allows for the next belief that he is co-eternal, co-equal along with a third being which is coming in the next change of beliefs for 1981 and beyond.

What does the Spirit of Prophecy say?

“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.” – Ellen G. White, Manuscript Release 62 - 1905.14

“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.” - Ellen G. White, Life Sketches, p. 196

“By conforming to the practices of paganism, to facilitate the acceptance of Christianity by the heathen.... During the lives of the apostles the church remained comparatively pure. But “toward the latter end of the second century most of the churches assumed a new form; the first simplicity disappeared, and insensibly, as the old disciples retired to their graves, their children, along with new converts...came forward and new modeled the cause...To secure converts, the exalted standard of the Christian faith was lowered, and as the result “a pagan flood, flowing into the church, carried with it its customs, practices, and idols....” Has not

the same process been repeated in nearly every church calling itself Protestant?" - Ellen White, Great Controversy, 384.5

**All of this has taken place along the way!
In fact, it happened before many of you were even born.**

**The God of the General Conference Corporation
New Theology - the Trinity God arrives**

**The Founding Fathers returning us to Babylonian worship:
Neal C. Wilson, W. Duncan Eva, Bernard Seton, Fritz Guy, Desmond Ford,
Willis Hackett, Richard Hammill, Alf Lohne, Clyde Franz, Charles
Bradford, Gordon Hyde, N.R. Dower**

**Fundamental Beliefs - 1981 - (Now after the Dallas Conference of August
1980, the Trinity doctrine is brought into the church; everything has
changed now)**

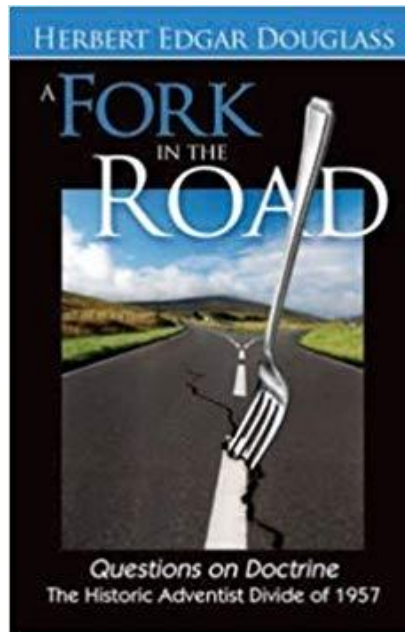
**#2 The Trinity - There is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of
three co-eternal Persons....**

**#3 The Father - God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer,
and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious,
slow to anger....**

**#4 The Son - God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ.
Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed,
the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged.
Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ.....**

**#5 The Holy Spirit - God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father,
and the Son in creation, incarnation, and redemption. He inspired the
writers of Scripture. He filled Christ's life with power.....**

**“The Principles of Truth that God in His wisdom
has given to the remnant church,
would be discarded.” ...READ**



**The Sanctuary and The Nature of Christ that Would be
Discarded Among Others**



Neal C. Wilson

"Although it is true that there was a period in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist Church when the denomination took a distinctly anti-Roman Catholic viewpoint...that attitude on the church's part **was nothing more** than a manifestation of widespread anti-popery among conservative Protestant denominations in the early part of this century and the latter part of the last, and which has **now been consigned to the historical trash heap so far as the Seventh-day Adventist Church is concerned.**" *(Neal C. Wilson, past president of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, Court Transcript of United States vs the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission vs the Pacific Press Publishing Association and the General Conference, Reply Brief for Defendants, p 4, Civil Case #74-2025 CBR, presided over by Judge Charles B. Renfrew, U.S. District Court, San Francisco, California, 1974-1975.)*

"there is another universal and **truly catholic organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church.**" *(Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Adventist Review, March 5, 1981, p 3).*

Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President, also declared before the Seventh Day Adventist conference church that: "...there is another universal and truly catholic organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church." Adventist Review, March 5, 1981, p 3.

"The concept of the Trinity, namely the idea that the three are one, is not explicitly stated but only assumed." - Fernando L. Canale, the Handbook of Seventh-Day Adventist Theology, Seventh-Day Adventist Encyclopedia volume 12, page 138, 'Doctrine of God'

So, what is this Trinity doctrine suppose to mean? The trinity doctrine states that...

1. There is one and only one God.
2. God eternally exists in three distinct divine persons.
3. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.
4. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father, the Father is not the Holy Spirit.

The trinity doctrine further states:

God exist as three distinct divine persons who are identical in essence that are co-eternal and co-equal in power.

To unravel this would require a whole new video which is not the purpose of this video. But for starters, just compare the differences between 1872 and 1981. Then keep in mind the following scriptures:

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

Revelation 3:12 - Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Ephesians 4:6 - One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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

Not only do our leaders debunk the writings of our pioneers, they reward the Pope (The Man of Sin) who changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday with a gold medal !!

A GOLD MEDAL PRESENTED TO THE POPE (THE MAN OF SIN)



Pope John Paul II greets his friend SDA Representative, Bert B. Beach. (Adventist Review -November 08, 2001 page 10.)

B. B. Beach presented the Pope with a conference-issued gold medal. The 8-11-77 *Review* said it was a **“symbol of the Seventh-day Adventist church.”**



Medal given to Pope Paul VI by Seventh-Day Adventist Church official, B. B. Beach.

There are several items on this gold medal which are designed to please the pope.

1. Christ is in a Catholic stance, like the Vatican painting by Francis de Assisi, and idols. His beard is forked.
2. **This Christ has no crown on his head.** The one in Revelation 19:12 does.
3. It appears that Jesus is standing on the summit of a mountain like Satan will when personating Christ. The true Christ will not touch the earth when he returns.
4. There is a cloud with nine lightning bolts extending from it, just as mystery religions and the medieval papacy used. It was a symbol of Satan in the mysteries.
5. There are eight angels. Eight is the symbol of the sun day.
6. The angels are shown facing toward and worshiping Christ, after he has arrived on earth. (They should be shown as facing the earth with Jesus as they come toward it.)
7. The Christ in Rev. 1:16 has seven stars in his hand. This Christ has six on each side.
8. **The Maltese cross** is a Vatican symbol. Typically, this has four equal rays flowing outward from a central sun. Each ray expands in width as it radiates outward and terminates in two horns, producing an eight-pointed cross. It is thus a sun symbol in two ways (the radiating sun, and the eight points.)
9. THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT READS THE SAME WAY THE PAPACY ATTEMPTED TO CHANGE IT—**the way the third commandment is quoted in the Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine.** When the Catholic Church changed the Sabbath Commandment, what did they change it to? They used **the exact wording given on the back of the gold medal.**

Instead of calling the pope to repent of changing the law of God, **the Seventh-day Adventist church, represented by B.B. BEACH, presented to the Pope an approval of his change of God's law!**

When you have read in times past that **the professed Protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin.** (General Conference Bulletin, April 13, 1891, p.257); **and that Protestantism will reach across the gulf to clasp**

hands with the Papacy. ([An Appeal to Ministers and Conference Committees](#), p.38), you never really believed that the Seventh-day Adventist Church through an official representative would be involved, did you?

We have become far removed from the days of James and Ellen White. Consider what James White said after their experience in the Great Disappointment as he points back to the 1844 timeframe.

“God called us out of Babylon. If we had stayed there, bound down by ministers and creeds, the glorious light of the Holy Sabbath never would have reached us, but glory to God, the second angel's message called us out from the fallen churches where we are now free to think, and act for ourselves in the fear of God.”- James White, *The Third Angels Message*, p. 11.3, 1850

What is the point you might ask? Well, if you came into the church in the last 15 years, even in the 1990's, or how about the 1980's, you would have no clue what our church believed and what has happened since. The men that made the changes, came from a Trinitarian church or belief background. They rubbed shoulders with Sunday keepers and that influence has had significant results in their actions and beliefs. They acted like they needed to fix something.

Yet as the Pioneers died, there would be little resistance to fight. This was done by scholars and theologians, not the founders of the denomination. Therefore, the religion has been changed as prophesied by Sister White.

"Our Religion Would Be Changed."

George Knight, a professor, and **prominent SDA theologian** makes this startling confession in *Ministry Magazine*, October 1993 - "**Most of the founders of Seventh-Day Adventism would not be able to join the church today if they had to subscribe to the denomination's fundamental beliefs. More specifically, most would not be able to agree to belief number 2 which deals with the doctrine of the Trinity.**" In all actuality, this would have included ALL of the founders and Pioneers of the early SDA church.

Modern Adventism today now has a God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. - If all three are separate and distinct, co-equal and co-eternal, then you have three Gods, especially when they are defined in the "Fundamental Beliefs" and listed separately as each being God.

"Books of a new order would be written."



Just some of the books written to reprogram our people and their beliefs from 1928 - 2018

**"I was compelled to search out a score of valuable books written by men outside of our faith. The next logical and inevitable step...involved revision of certain standard works, so as to eliminate statements that taught, and thus perpetuated erroneous views on the Godhead."
- LeRoy Froom, church historian and key player in the church's apostasy.**

LeRoy Froom went to authors of Babylon, Sunday keepers to get their views on the Holy Spirit and the apostasy started when he brought that into our church with his book, "The Coming of the Comforter" in 1928. And things have never been the same.

We were warned from the writings of Sister White that 'changes would be made'. A great work would be done, but the truths that were well established would be cast aside. All the work of the Pioneers would be called error. Wasn't Sister White a Pioneer? She was literally a co-founder of the denomination. So, if you call the Pioneers or refer to them as being in error, then you don't honestly adhere to the counsel of God's messenger. Theology and scholars have now replaced the detail and inspiration of bible study. Our people have become dumbed down to pew warmers attending church like a spectator sport, and like dumb

dogs that don't bark! God has now been placed into the spiritual realm of a mystery and we cannot understand it. Spiritual formation and contemplative prayer have been brought in by the enemy. WAKE UP FOLKS! We are looking for the enemy from in front of us, when we have already been taken from behind decades ago.

Today's leaders give co-credit to the Holy Spirit for creation as a third divine being. Under this doctrine, the father of Christ is actually this God the Holy Spirit. Some would even say that Christ has two Fathers now. Sounds kind of LGBT doesn't it? The Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible do not teach this as you will see it is all about the Father and the Son. Two divine beings at creation, not three.

"After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the Father and Son carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. And now God says to his Son, "Let us make man in our image." - Ellen G. White, 1SP, pp. 24, 25

"In the beginning the Father and the Son had rested upon the Sabbath after their work of creation." - Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 769, 1898

"The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate—a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father—one in nature, in character, in purpose—the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God." - Ellen G. White, Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 34.1

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. It already is His own Spirit. It is sent through Christ as the Spirit of Christ. But the church today teaches it is now a whole different being called God the Holy Spirit. It is now someone else. As a result, the church teaches adamantly that Jesus is not our Comforter, and that Jesus does not come to us in the Spirit. It

teaches He is not the Spirit of Truth. But here is what the Spirit of Prophecy says:

“Christ was the Spirit of Truth.” - Ellen G. White, The Southern Review, October 25, 1898, par. 2

“Jesus comes to you as the Spirit of truth.” - Ellen G. White, Ms 8c, July 26, 1891, 2MR p.337.1

“The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die, is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter.” - Ellen G. White Review & Herald, Aug. 26, 1890, par. 10

**Does Ellen White say that the churches are healthy and strong?
No! Sadly, she says they are sick and ready to die. Why?**

Because they have allowed a spirit from another to guide them. This other spirit has sought to shut Jesus from their view as their Comforter.

“Christ is to be known by the blessed name of Comforter....whom the Father will send in My name.” - Ellen G. White, Manuscript Release 7, par. 10, January 26, 1902

Sister White pointed out who the third rank in heaven was, and it was Lucifer before his fall. Now he enters the picture under a false trinity doctrine to get worship. He wanted to be like the most-High, God (Isaiah 14:12-14). “Satan in Heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honor to God’s dear Son.” - Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 1, p. 17.1

Change in heavenly rank came after the fall of Lucifer in Heaven: “It was Gabriel, the angel next in rank to the Son of God, who came with the divine message to Daniel.” - Desire of Ages, p. 234

Sister White says he wanted to be a part of the counsels of God, but that was just the Father and Son. “And I saw that when God said to his Son, Let us make man in our own image, Satan was jealous of Jesus. He wished to be consulted concerning the formation of man. He was filled with

envy, jealousy and hatred. He wished to be the highest in heaven, next to God, and receive the highest honors." - Spiritual Gifts, vol. 1, p. 17; Early Writings, p. 145

People do not know the identity of the Holy Spirit today. They are taught it is "another", or "someone else". Sister White said it was the Spirit of Christ coming to us.

"He (Jesus) is coming to us by His Holy Spirit today. Let us recognize Him now; then we shall recognize Him when He comes in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory." - Ellen G. White, Review & Herald, April 30, 1901, par. 8

"They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit—the Spirit of Christ—is to bring unity into their ranks." - Ellen G. White, Testimonies vol. 9, p. 189.3, 1909

She also calls the Holy Spirit Jesus Christ. " We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ" Letter 66

Keep in mind that these terms "God in Three persons", "Co-equal, Co-eternal" or "Three Persons in the Godhead" is Sunday keeper language. Whether it is 3 in 1 or 1 in 3, this mirrors Rome's belief system now. Please note these quotes from the SDA Church Manual and then from a Catholic Catechism:

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

- 1986 SDA Church Manual, chapter 2, p 23 (Refer also to the book - Seventh-day Adventists Believe 27 Fundamental Beliefs, "The Trinity")

"In God there are three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in all perfections." - The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, p. 31 by Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., Imprimatur - September 16, 1957

"While no single scriptural passage states formally the doctrine of the Trinity, it is ASSUMED as a fact by Bible writers and mentioned several times. Only by faith can we accept the existence of the Trinity." - Adventist Review, vol. 158, no. 31, Special Edition, July 30, 1981, p. 4

FACT: The words, “God the Son”, “God the Holy Spirit”, “God in three persons” “three persons” “trinity”, “triune”, CANNOT be found in the Bible or Sister White’s writings. Yet this is ignored. Is adding to the word of God acceptable to you? How about worshiping the same god as Rome?

Trinity – born out of Romanism and prior to that, Pagan influence

The Holy Spirit in the Trinity doctrine is someone else, some other third being. There are three centers of intelligence that are co-equal, co-eternal and are role-playing. Just read what the Adventist scholars and authors write today. They say the Father and Son are not literal, but just a metaphor. That is dangerous theology.

“The divine beings entered into the roles they had agreed upon before the foundations of the world were laid” – Gordon Jensen – Adventist Review October 31, 1996 p.12

“The Father-Son relationship in the God head should be understood in a metaphorical sense, not in a literal sense.” – Max Hatton – Understanding the Trinity p.97

“The Father seems to act as source, the Son (act) as mediator, and the Spirit (act) as actualizer or applier.” – Seventh-day Adventists Believe... A Biblical Exposition of 27 Fundamental Doctrines 1988 – p. 24

**“The mystery of the Trinity is the central doctrine of the Catholic faith. This declaration made by the Roman Catholic Church is embraced universally by every Christian community which is not designated a cult. (If you don’t agree with this, then you are labeled a cult.) Acceptance of the Trinity is therefore regarded as the foremost test of Christian orthodoxy. The Roman Catholic Church declares that it is the foundation doctrine for all the other teachings of the church. “
– Handbook for Today’s Catholic**

Do you see that? All teachings are based on the Trinity as the foundation. This would include Sunday observance and worship! Wake up people! When you think of the mystery of the Trinity, connect the dots to

the “Mystery Babylon” of Revelation 17. It’s the religion of the Beast power.

It doesn’t matter how you slice it, one God in three persons, three persons make up one person, three persons labeled three gods.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs – Today (concerning the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

“There is no place for gods in the heaven above. God is the only true God. He fills all heaven. Those who now submit to His will shall see His face; His name will be in the foreheads of all who are pure and holy.” – Ellen G. White, Letter 5-1896.14 – December 18, 1896

Point to ponder: The Bible teaches us that the knowledge of God is important, and that we must know who God is in order to have eternal life.

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

The bible tells us that truly our fellowship is only with the Father and the Son.

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

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Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {1SM 204.2 -205 }.

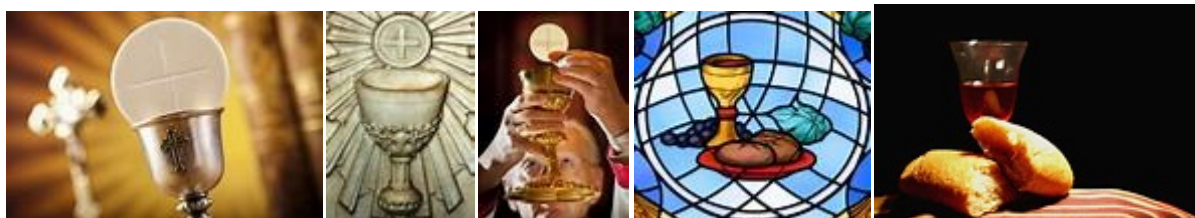
The prophet says " Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of new movement", no, not even this study. Much has already been said by others

who love the truth. The reason why this is so, is because, this is not the movement God raised up, it has become a hybrid of Roman Catholic & Adventists. Both share the same central doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, which is the trinity: "there is another universal and truly catholic organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church." (Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Adventist Review, March 5, 1981, p 3).

("The mystery of the Trinity is the central doctrine of the Catholic faith. This declaration made by the Roman Catholic Church is embraced universally by every Christian community which is not designated a cult. (If you don't agree with this, then you are labeled a cult.) Acceptance of the Trinity is therefore regarded as the foremost test of Christian orthodoxy. The Roman Catholic Church declares that it is the foundation doctrine for all the other teachings of the church. " - Handbook for Today's Catholic)

Both are hierarchical, (ask anyone who was disfellowshipped", if they had the right to express the reasons for taking the stand that they took in upholding our Historical Structure and the truths given by our pioneers. As the Conference Officials would say, " It's not a matter whether your right or wrong, it's what the church says that matters !!". And we can go on and on, with quote after quote and even scripture after scripture, it doesn't matter, only what the church says matters. You have no voice to defend yourself, ...this is not Adventism, it is the mouth of the dragon that has come into the Seventh-day Adventist Church of today.


We can talk about the BEM document and believe the Eucharist is also part of the Lord's Supper or see nothing wrong with it, except for the fact that many "Reformers and Christians" gave their lives in opposition of it, but our leaders think it's fine. Its' just another way to celebrate the Lord's Supper ...tell that to the Reformers !



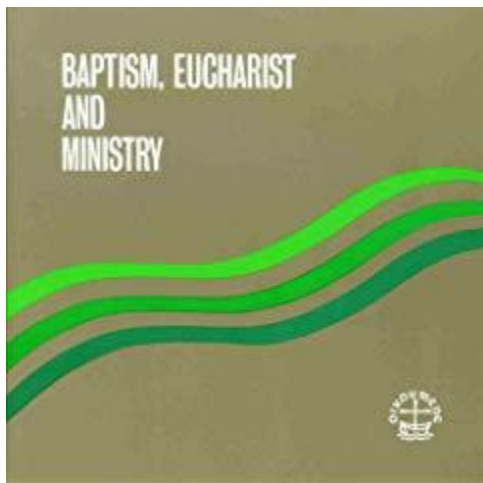
- "The purpose of this essay is primarily to show how Seventh-day Adventist understanding of **the eucharist** or the Lord's supper...[and] to highlight Adventist understanding and practice of **the eucharist**... "In preparation for the celebration of the eucharist Seventh-day Adventists practice the washing of feet..." Churches Respond to Baptism, **Eucharist**, and Ministry, vol 2, p 341-343, 1985. (This is the SDA church's' official response to the ecumenical meeting they were a part of at the Faith and Order Conference of the World Council of Churches of January, 1982 in Lima, Peru).
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- --The **Eucharist** is also called the "central celebration of the Christian church" (Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry, vol 2, p 341). (Notice they capitalize the "Eucharist" in the same way Rome does to depict a "living presence" within the bread.)
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- --The church also states; "On occasion Seventh-day Adventists refer to the **eucharist as a sacrament**" (Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry, vol 2, p 342).
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- --The church also state that SDA's are "conscious of the sacredness of the **celebration of the eucharist**" (Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry, vol 2, p 342). *(Here they use the Catholic term "celebration" when speaking of the eucharist. The term "celebration" was also used by Rome when they would kill Christians.)*

AUTO-DA-FÉ

- Means "Act of Faith"
- the ritual of public execution people tried by the Inquisition carried out by the civil authorities
- Major social event and civic occasion
- Sanbenito – an ornamented (yellow with a red cross) garment worn by a condemned heretic at an auto da-Fé
- Usually the heretics were publicly burned at the stake




The highest celebration was the burning of "Heretics"



The back of the BEM document reveals a most startling, statement: "The statement published here marks a major advance in the ecumenical journey. The result of a fifty-year process of study and consultation, this text on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry represents a theological convergence that has been achieved thorough decades of dialogue, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. "Over 100 theologians met in Lima, Peru in January 1982, and recommended unanimously to transmit

this agreed statement—the Lima Text—for the common study and official response of the churches. They represented virtually all the major church traditions: Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Old Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, Reformed, Methodist, United, Disciples, Baptists, **Adventists**, and Pentecostal.

[Dr. Raoul Dederen, professor at the Seminary at Andrews University, was the Seventh-day Adventist representative at this meeting.](#)

..... or about " Ecumenicalism" that we are embracing. We are no longer a Peculiar People, a Royal Priesthood or a Holy Nation ...We Have " Common Ground " with the other churches.

So, let's not bring up our differences, that would not be " Religiously Correct. " ...now, would it?

" Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of new movement." So where does this leave us ?

"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 had not lessened their value.-- Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 51. (1904.)" {E. G. White, Counsels to Writers and Editors, p. 52}

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Rev. 18:4

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. Rev. 18:3 (Including today's "universal and truly catholic organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church." (Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Adventist Review, March 5, 1981, p 3)."

Note: This is not a call to leave the Seventh-day Adventist Church or stop being a Seventh-day Adventist, ...oh no!! True Seventh-day Adventism is our Historical Heritage that we must uphold at all costs. But, if that means that we need to leave the Conference churches in order to up hold our Historical Heritage and believe " Bible Truths ", that the pioneers handed down to us, then so be it. The Conference can take your membership away, but not your faith in the one true God, that our pioneers taught. The name Seventh-day Adventist, still belongs to you.

Then they will know that "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Tim. 2:19). We need to revive the old evidences of the faith once delivered to the saints." {E. G. White, Selected Messages Book 2, p. 25. 1904}

Have we forgotten the promises of Lucifer?



How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isaiah 14:12 -14

How can Lucifer pull that off ? We have already looked at the fact that he was both holy at one time and is a spirit. ...as we learned in the book " Patriarchs and Prophets " ...a " holy spirit " may be just that, or a third person called " God the Holy Spirit ", if you please ! Now let us take a look at the greatest deception of all time. Pay close attention to the details !

The Greatest Deception of All Time

A Vision of A Prophet

End of the 2300 Days

Early Writings P56.

I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, "If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist." Before the throne I saw the Advent people--the church and the world. I saw two companies, one bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the other stood uninterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father and appear to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. Many

came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory. I saw **the Father rise from the throne**, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. **Then Jesus rose up from the throne**, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, **"Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself."** Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Those who rose with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, **"My Father, give us Thy Spirit."** Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost.



(Note: That Breath is The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus) ... John 20:22
And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them,
Receive ye the Holy Ghost) ...In that breath was light, power, and much
love, joy, and peace.

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne;
they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the
throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the
throne, and pray, "Father, give us Thy Spirit." Satan would then breathe
upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power,
but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them
deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children.

What was Satan's objective? To keep the children of God deceived. How ?
Through the worship of himself as a third person of the Godhead !!
Remember what he said : I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne
above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation,
in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I
will be like the most High. ...And what is he doing? Answering the
prayers of those who have been careless in watching the changes taking
place in the church.

We are told in scripture that "God Is A Spirit": ...John 4:24

God is a Spirit ...and that His spirit is everywhere: ...Ps 139:7-8

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy
presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in
hell, behold, thou art there.... God's spirit is Himself in power and
presence, a living source where ever He goes. We are told that there is
but one God the Father: ...But to us there is but one God, the Father, of
whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom
are all things, and we by him. 1 Cor 8:6 Jesus praying to his father said
this: And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17:3

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? Prov 30:4.



Counting the Gods

Symbol of The Trinity

Three Deities in Unity = God

Scripture is about the Father & Son. Lucifer wants equal worship. How is he able to accomplish this? Through deception, making himself a third person of the Godhead, a trinity if you please. There are those who claim that there is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-equal, co-eternal Persons. By so doing, they destroy the personality of God and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The term God is not accreted to a singular person, but rather to a unity of three gods. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Each a separate and distinct person, each co-equal and co-eternal. The key word to understand is "co-eternal", if all three existed at the same time having no beginning, then those who believe that, must ask themselves who is the father of God the Son? Not the first person (God the Father) or the third person (God the Holy Spirit), because they all existed from the beginning at the same time accordingly to their own theology. Therefore, destroying the personality

of God and His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And if all three persons "co-existed " at the same time, then there is no real father or a real son, just three deities role playing. The term Father & Son is just a "metaphor " something that is not real, destroying the true nature of the "atonement" and that of a real father offering up his real son for our behalf. This is serious and life eternal!! As Jesus Himself has said when praying to His father: **And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent, John 17: 3 ...there is no third person mentioned here. It was the third century and on that the doctrine of the trinity was formulated and received as gospel truth, " The Greatest Deception of All Time ". ...and all the world wondered after the beast. Rev 13:3 ...But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Matt 15:9 The Trinity doctrine is a doctrine of men. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. 1 John 5:20-21 ...And if I may add, from false theology.**



Father & Son

And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12:29-30

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Eph 5:11

Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21-22

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches

He that hath an ear. let him hear the warnings and councils of the Spirit of Prophecy

Amen

Appendix

Let's look at some of statements made by the leaders of the church

1. ASSUMED DOCTRINE - TRINITY "While no single scriptural passage states formally the doctrine of the Trinity, it is ASSUMED as a fact by Bible writers and mentioned several times. Only by faith can we accept the existence of the Trinity." -

Adventist Review, vol. 158, no. 31, Special Edition, July 30, 1981, p. 4

2. "The concept of the Trinity, namely the idea that the three are one, is not explicitly stated but only assumed." - Fernando L. Canale, the Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist THEOLOGY, SDA Encyclopedia, vol. 12, page 138, 'Doctrine of God'

3.. "Our opponents sometimes claim that no belief should be held dogmatically which is not explicitly stated in Scripture.**But Protestant Churches have themselves accepted such dogmas as the Trinity for which there is no such precise authority in the Gospels.**" - Life Magazine, October 30, 1950 "

4. If Paganism was conquered by Christianity, it is equally true that Christianity was corrupted by Paganism. **The pure Deism of the first Christians ... was changed, by the Church of Rome, into the incomprehensible dogma of the trinity.** Many of the pagan tenets, invented by the Egyptians and idealized by Plato, were retained as being worthy of belief." - Edward Gibbons, History of Christianity

Proverbs 30:4 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?

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also].

2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life.

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

17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **17:5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

The Review, "The pioneers weren't endowed scholars with unlimited time for study, but people with families to raise and bills to pay.

Consequently, the process of reaching doctrinal consensus was a slow and lengthy one." (*AR*, p. 9) Here it is stated that the pioneers did not have time to study the Bible because they were too busy raising their families. *Adventist Review* April 22, 1999

Look at the attempt to understand those pioneers that God Himself has taught!! These early Adventists studied the Scriptures more diligently and for longer hours than many ministers today. They did not occupy themselves studying scientific philosophies and psychology as is taught in seminaries today. They were earnest Bible students who were well acquainted with the Scriptures. J. N. Andrews "enjoyed 'severe study' much more than physical activity; in later years he could read the Bible in seven languages and claimed the ability to reproduce the New Testament from memory." (*Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, p. 43) How many ministers today can make such a claim? These early pioneers were dedicated Bible students and strongly non-Trinitarian in their beliefs.

I was shown three steps – one, two and three – the first, second and third angels' messages. Said the angel, Woe to him who shall move a block, or stir a pin in these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received. {1SG 168.2}

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. ... {1SM 161.1}

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17

“The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God are to stand fast. Let no one presume to move a pin or a foundation stone from the structure. Those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." Letter 87, 1905, pp. 2, 3. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, February 25, 1905.)” {E. G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 1, p. 55}

“The leading points of our faith as we hold them today were firmly established. Point after point was clearly defined, and all the brethren came into harmony. The whole company of believers were united in the truth. There were those who came in with strange doctrines, but we were never afraid to meet them. Our experience was wonderfully established by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.” {E. G. White, *Manuscript Releases Volume 3*, p. 413. 1903}

Maybe this is the reason why the church of today cannot face up to the truths that God gave to our pioneers. There is no inspiration coming from the leadership, their aim is to silence those truths that are placed before them, members of the local church have no say so in anything the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy has to say, even if it is to defend those truths that were given them.

Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce,] ...Elder [Hiram] Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again, and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, "We can do nothing more," the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the

city of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me. {1SM 206.4}

Let's look on how well our foundation was laid!

1. The Advent movement was laid on a solid foundation of truth 2. This foundation included a correct understanding of who He is
3. God Himself has taught what is truth
4. Attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit
5. The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God were to stand fast
6. 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
7. Point after point was clearly defined
8. The whole company of believers were united in the truth
9. The experience of the company of believers was wonderfully established by the revelation of the Holy Spirit
10. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God

Today some may think that disregarding these foundational doctrines is the result of the Church advancing in present truth.

But can this be? Can one advance in truth if he does not have truth? Was the advancement of truth to change the foundational doctrines of the Church? "Truth is truth, and will remain truth, and in the end will triumph gloriously." {E. G. White, *Review & Herald*, December 28, 1897}

So, "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 had not lessened their value.* -- Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 51. (1904.)" {E. G. White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 52}**

When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light, which contradicts the light

that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat, and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time. {1SM 161.1}

It is the voices of our pioneers that God instructed Ellen White that were to be heard. Any other voice contrary to the voice of our pioneers is not the voice of God manifested through them. Let all beware of the deceiving tongue and the beat of a different drum. Let all beware of anyone trying to alter that which was first given to us as the remnant of God.

So, it stands for us today, the foundation of our faith that was laid, is a foundation built on solid ground, with truth that admits no compromise and our council is, that " No After Suppositions " contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained.

When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, **our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. {5T 451.1}**

As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to heaven. And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs' graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convent vaults:

"How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" {5T 451.2}

The Lord is doing His work. All heaven is astir. The Judge of all the earth is soon to arise and vindicate His insulted authority. The mark of deliverance will be set upon the men who keep God's commandments, who revere His law, and who refuse the mark of the beast or of his image. {5T 451.3} T 451 (1885). {LDE 131.4}

God has revealed what is to take place in the last days, that His people may be prepared to stand against the tempest of opposition and wrath. Those who have been warned of the events before them are not to sit in calm expectation of the coming storm, comforting themselves that the Lord will shelter His faithful ones in the day of trouble. We are to be as men waiting for their Lord, not in idle expectancy, but in earnest work, with unwavering faith. It is no time now to allow our minds to be engrossed with things of minor importance. While men are sleeping, Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice. The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience. We should search the Scriptures and be able to give the reason for our faith. Says the prophet: "The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." {5T 452.1}

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation [the United States] will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. **When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government,** and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. {Mar 190.2}

Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. **The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience. . . . {Mar 190.3}**

Papists, Protestants, and worldling will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium. {Mar 190.4}

When our nation [the United States] shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism. {Mar 190.5}

**Jerimiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.**

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18 John 4:24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

Understanding the true nature shared by both the Father & the Son is vital in understanding the Godhead.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel. (God With Us)

The mystery of the incarnation is revealed at the resurrection when Christ promised to send another comforter which is Himself in spirit form.

Christ's Successor The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high.--The Desire of Ages, p. 669.

"THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY"

What was the foundation of our faith?

“The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God; it is also the Spirit of Christ.” From U. Smith, in GC. Daily Bulletin Vol. 4, March 14, 1891, pp. 146, 147

1. *“Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ” ...*

{J. S. White, Review & Herald, December 11, 1855}

2. *“The doctrine of the Trinity which was established in the church by the council of Nice, A. D. 325. This doctrine destroys the personality of God, and his Son*

Jesus Christ our Lord. The infamous measures by which it was forced upon the church which appear upon the pages of

ecclesiastical history might well cause every believer in that doctrine to blush.” {J. N. Andrews, Review & Herald, March 6, 1855}

3. THE POSITION OF THE REMNANT

As fundamental errors, we might class with this counterfeit sabbath other errors which Protestants have brought away from the Catholic church, such as sprinkling for baptism, the trinity, the consciousness of the dead and eternal life in misery.

{J. S. White, Review & Herald, September 12, 1854}

4. Surely, we say right, that the doctrine of a trinity degrades the Atonement, by bringing the sacrifice, the blood of our purchase, down to the standard of Socinianism.” {J. H. Waggoner, The Atonement In The Light Of Nature And Revelation, pp. 173, 174}

5. “Ques. What is Sunday, or the Lord's Day in general?

Ans. It is a day dedicated by the Apostles to the honor of the most holy Trinity Douay Catechism, Page 143.” {J. H. Waggoner, Review & Herald, July 18, 1854}

“Here we find that the Holy Spirit is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ.”Christ And His Righteousness,

E.J. Waggoner p. 23. 1890:

“We learn from this language that when we speak of the Spirit of God we are really speaking of his presence and power.”

J. N.Loughborough, Review & Herald, September 13, 1898

“God is everywhere present by His Spirit... The presence of God is therefore His Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit is

*therefore the life of God." Signs of the Times. Jun 2. 1898.
M C Wilcox.*

*"The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send,
is the presence and power of God." Signs of the Times, November
23,1891*

Letter 66

*In a letter to Elder Prescott, Sister White say's "We want the Holy
Spirit, which is Jesus Christ"*

*Note: The Holy Spirit is the spiritual nature of both the Father
and the Son divested of the human nature of Christ. The 3 livings
persons of the Godhead, The Heavenly Trio and the 3 Great
Powers are:*

1.The Father

2. The Son (His Human Nature)

3. The Holy Spirit, divested of the human nature of Jesus.

*All working for the salvation. The Father sustaining all
things, the Son (human nature of Christ) ministering in the
Heavenly Sanctuary, the Holy Spirit is the indwelling spirit
of Jesus.*

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when Christ promised to send another comforter which is
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"In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world." Testimonies for the Church Vol. 7, p. 273 (1902)

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Christ is not here referring to his doctrine, but to his person, the divinity of his character." Review and Herald, April 5, 1906 par.

Here Is the key to understanding the divesting of the God/Man

This is from

The Southern Review, September 13, 1898 par. 2: "That Christ should manifest Himself to them, and yet be invisible to the world, was a mystery to the disciples. They could not understand the words of Christ in their spiritual sense. They were thinking of the outward, visible manifestation. They could not take in the fact that they could have the presence of Christ with them, and yet He"

be unseen by the world. They did not understand the meaning of a spiritual manifestation."

"While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above (Note: This is His Human Nature - VG), He is still by His Spirit the minister of the church on earth. (Note: This is His Spiritual Nature Divested - VG) He is withdrawn from the eye of sense, but His parting promise is fulfilled, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20. Desire of Ages p. 166 :

Next: Here we learn that Jesus is the "Comforter", a term generally given to the Holy Spirit.

From

The Home Missionary, November 1, 1893 par. 28:" ... the holy Spirit is the Comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul."

*There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true.
{RH, October 26, 1897 par. 15}*

"The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be."{8MR 49}

"As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving Jesus the Comforter." {19MR 296, 297}

The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die, is that the enemy has brought influences of a

discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter, as one who reproveth, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." {RH, August 26, 1890 par. 10} Note Again : Here are some attributes that are commonly given to the Holy Spirit.

*"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 had not lessened their value.**-- Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 51. (1904.)" {E. G. White, Counsels to Writers and Editors, p. 52}*

"The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God are to stand fast. Let no one presume to move a pin or a foundation stone from the structure. Those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." Letter 87, 1905, pp. 2, 3. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, February 25, 1905.)" {E. G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 1, p. 55}

*When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, **that truth is to stand forever as the truth**. No after suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be*

entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light, which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat, and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time. {1SM 161.1}

Warning to the church!! 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. And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, 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. - Preach the Word, p. 5. (1905.) {CW
32.2}*

SIGNS OF THE TIMES QUESTIONS - 1911

“The Holy Spirit is the mighty energy of the Godhead, the life and power of God flowing out from Him to all parts of the universe, and thus making a living connection between His throne and all creation... Thus the Spirit is personified in Christ and God, but never revealed as a separate person. Never are we told to pray to the Spirit; but to God for the Spirit.” Questions and Answers gathered from ‘The Question Corner Department’ of the Signs of the Times. Pacific Press p18-182. 1911. M C Wilcox.

'And it shall be, if thou at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.'

*“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him].” 2 Corinthians
11:4*

*But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the
commandments of men.
Matt 15:9*

“Satan is determined that men shall not see the love of God which led Him to give His only-begotten Son to save a lost race;” {1SM 156}

The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: .. Mark 12:29

John 17:1-18:1

17 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. 6 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. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 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. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 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. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24 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. 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. KJV

Rev. 14:7

Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Prov. 1:7

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov. 9:10

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Prov. 2:5

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

"The Fear of the Lord" ...Is the "Knowledge of God"

Knowledge of God leads to the Worship of the "One True God"

JS Washburn on the Trinity 1939 Letter

Letter by J. S. Washburn

The doctrine of the Trinity is a cruel heathen monstrosity, removing Jesus from his true position of Divine Savior and Mediator. It is true we cannot measure or define divinity. It is beyond our finite understanding, yet on this subject of the personality of God the Bible is very simple and plain. The Father, the Ancient of Days, is from eternity. Jesus was begotten of the Father. Jesus speaking through the Psalmist says: "The Lord (Jehovah) has said unto me, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee."—Psalm 2:7.

Again in Proverbs (where Jesus is spoken of under the title of wisdom, See 1 Cor. 1:24), we read: "The Lord (Jehovah) possessed me in the beginning of his way".—v. 22

"Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth."—v. 24

The Son says he was brought forth, begotten, born of His Father (Jehovah)....

Satan has taken some heathen conception of a three-headed monstrosity, and with deliberate intention to cast contempt upon divinity, has woven it into Romanism as our glorious God, an impossible, absurd invention. This monstrous doctrine transplanted from heathenism into the Roman Papal Church is seeking to intrude its evil presence into the teachings of the Third Angel's Message....

*And the fact that Christ is not the mediator in the Roman Church demonstrates that the Trinity destroys the truth that Christ is the one, the only mediator. The so-called Christian Church, the Papacy, which originated the doctrine of the Trinity, does not recognize him as the only mediator but substitutes a multitude of ghosts of dead men and women as mediators. *If you hold the Trinity doctrine, in reality, Christ is no longer your mediator....**

*Seventh-day Adventists claim to take the word of God as supreme authority and to have "come out of Babylon", to have renounced forever the vain traditions of Rome. *If we should go back to the immortality of the soul, purgatory, eternal torment and the Sunday Sabbath, would that be anything less than apostasy? If, however, we leap over all these minor, secondary doctrines and accept and teach the very central root, doctrine of Romanism, the Trinity, and teach that the son of God did not die, even though our words seem to be spiritual, is this anything else or anything less than apostasy, and the very Omega of apostasy?**

However kindly or beautiful or apparently profound his sermons or articles may be, when a man has arrived at the place where he teaches the heathen Catholic doctrine of the

Trinity, and denies that the Son of God died for us, is he a true Seventh-day Adventist? Is he even a true preacher of the Gospel? And when many regard him as a great teacher and accept his unscriptural theories, absolutely contrary to the Spirit of Prophecy, it is time that the watchmen should sound a note of warning.... [Portions of a letter written by J. S. Washburn in 1939. This letter was liked by a conference president so much that he distributed it to 32 of his ministers.]

"Let Pioneers Identify Truth."

1. Ellen Gould White Messenger of the Lord (1827 - 1915)

Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid.

A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me." {E. G. White, Selected Messages Book 1, pp. 206, 207. 1904}

"The leading points of our faith as we hold them today were firmly established. Point after point was clearly defined, and all the brethren came into harmony. The whole company of believers were united in the truth. There were those who came in with strange doctrines, but we were never afraid to meet them. Our experience was wonderfully established by the revelation of the Holy Spirit." {E. G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 3, p. 413. 1903}

“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 had not lessened their value.-- Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 51. (1904.)” {E. G. White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 52}

“No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are, is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world.” {E. G. White, *Testimonies for the Church Volume 6*, p. 17. 1901}

“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 miracle-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.” {E. G. White, *Selected Messages Book 1*, p. 208. 1904}

“The burden of the warning now to come to the people of God, nigh and afar off, is the third angel's message. And those who are seeking to understand this message will not be led by the Lord to make an application of the Word that will undermine the foundation and remove the pillars of the faith that has made Seventh-day Adventists what they are today.-- Manuscript 31, 1896.” {E. G. White, *Selected Messages Book 2*, p. 103. 1896}

“Protest against Removing Landmarks

When men come in who would move one pin or pillar from the foundation which God has established by His Holy Spirit, let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak plainly, and let those who are dead speak also, by the reprinting of their articles in our periodicals. Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth will stand the test of time and trial. Ms 62, 1905, p. 6. ("A Warning against False Theories," May 24, 1905.)" {E. G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 1, p. 55}

“Our people need to understand the reasons of our faith and our past experiences. How sad it is that so many of them apparently place unlimited confidence in men who present theories tending to uproot our past experiences and to remove the old landmarks! Those who can so easily be led by a false spirit show that they have been following the wrong captain for some time--so long that they do not discern that they are departing from the faith, or that they are not building upon the true foundation. We need to urge all to put on their spiritual eyeglasses, to have their eyes anointed that they may see clearly and discern the true pillars of the faith. Then they will know that "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Tim. 2:19). We need to revive the old evidences of the faith once delivered to the saints." {E. G. White, Selected Messages Book 2, p. 25. 1904}

2. James Springer White Apostle Paul of the movement (1821 - 1881)

The way spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the old unscriptural Trinitarian creed, viz., that Jesus Christ is the eternal God, though they have not one passage to support it, while we have plain scripture testimony in abundance that he is the Son of the eternal God." {J. S. White, The Day Star, January 24, 1846}

"The Father was greater than the Son in that he was first. The Son was equal with the Father in that he had received all things from the Father." {J. S. White, Review & Herald, January 4, 1881}

"Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ," {J. S. White, Review & Herald, December 11, 1855}

3. John Nevins Andrews First foreign missionary (1829 - 1883)

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

4. John Norton Loughborough First church historian (1832 - 1924)

"QUESTIONS FOR BRO. LOUGHBOROUGH".

BRO. WHITE: The following questions I would like to have you give, or send, to Bro. Loughborough for explanation. W. W. GILES. *Toledo, Ohio.*

QUESTION: *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.*

"The Spirit of God is spoken of in the Scriptures as God's representative- the power by which he works, the agency by which all things are upheld. This is clearly expressed by the Psalmist...Psa. 139:7-10. We learn from this language that when we speak of the Spirit of God we are really speaking of his presence and power." {J. N. Loughborough, Review & Herald, September 20, 1898}

understanding that Christ is the agent through whom God has created all things, but that he himself came into existence in a different manner, as he is called the only begotten of the Father." {J. N.

Loughborough, Insert A-1, *Lest We Forget*, Volume 4, Number 2, Second Quarter, 1994}

5. Uriah Smith

Perennial editor of the review (1832 - 1903)

"J. W. W. Asks: "Are we to understand that the Holy Ghost is a person, the same as the Father and the Son? Some claim that it is, others that it is not."

Ans. - The terms "Holy Ghost", are a harsh and repulsive translation. It should be "Holy Spirit" (hagion pneuma) in every instance. This Spirit is the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Christ; the Spirit being the same whether it is spoken of as pertaining to God or Christ. But respecting this Spirit, the Bible uses expressions which cannot be harmonized with the idea that it is a person like the Father and the Son. Rather it is shown to be a divine influence from them both, the medium which represents their presence and by which they have knowledge and power through all the universe, when not personally present. Christ is a person, now officiating as priest in the sanctuary in heaven; and yet he says that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he is there in the midst. Mt. 18:20. How? Not personally, but by his Spirit. In one of Christ's discourses (John 14-16) this Spirit is personified as "the Comforter," and as such has the personal and relative pronouns, "he," "him," and "whom," applied to it. But usually it is spoken of in a way to show that it cannot be a person, like the Father and the Son. For instance, it is often said to be "poured out" and "shed abroad." But we never read about God or Christ being poured out or shed abroad. If it was a person, it would be nothing strange for it to appear in bodily shape; and yet when it has so appeared, that fact has been noted as peculiar. Thus Luke 3:22 says: "And the Holy Ghost descended in a

bodily shape like a dove upon him." But the shape is not always the same; for on the day of Pentecost it assumed the form of "cloven tongues like as of fire." Acts 2:3, 4. Again we read of "the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6. This is unquestionably simply a designation of the Holy Spirit, put in this form to signify its perfection and completeness. *But it could hardly be so described if it was a person.* We never read of the seven Gods or the seven Christs." {U. Smith, *Review & Herald*, October 28, 1890}

"It may not then be out of place for us to consider for a moment what this Spirit is, what its office is, what its relation to the world and to the church, and what the Lord through this proposes to do for his people. *The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God; it is also the Spirit of Christ. It is that divine, mysterious emanation through which they carry forward their great and infinite work. ... You will notice in these few verses the apostle brings to view the three great agencies which are concerned in this work: God, the Father; Christ, his Son; and the Holy Spirit.*" {U. Smith, *General Conference Daily Bulletin Volume 4*, March 14, 1891, pp. 146, 147}

6. Joseph Harvey Waggoner (1820 - 1889)

Surely, we say right, that the doctrine of a trinity degrades the Atonement, by bringing the sacrifice, the blood of our purchase, down to the standard of Socinianism." {J. H. Waggoner, *The Atonement In The Light Of Nature And Revelation*, pp. 173, 174}

"Ques. What is Sunday, or the Lord's Day in general?

Ans. It is a day dedicated by the Apostles to the honor of the most holy Trinity, and in memory that Christ our Lord arose from the dead upon Sunday, sent down the holy Ghost on a Sunday, &c.; and therefore it is called the Lord's Day. It is also called Sunday from the old Roman denomination of Dies Solis,

the day of the sun, to which it was sacred. - *Douay Catechism*, Page 143." {J. H. Waggoner, *Review & Herald*, July 18, 1854}

7. Stephen Nelson Haskell

Father of tract & missionary society (1833 - 1922)

"When the time passed in 1844, there were none who believed the truth as we now hold it. All believed the prophecies that brought us to that time. Then began a greater searching of the Bible than had ever been, probably, at any time since the days of the apostles. They went over and over the old arguments concerning the prophecies 29

that pointed to 1844, and after most thorough examination they could see no other conclusion than that the prophetic periods terminated at that time. As they studied, they began to see one link of truth after another; and as these truths unfolded to the pioneers, -- I have reference to such men as Elders James White, J. N. Andrews, Uriah Smith, and J. H. Wagoner, -- *they did not dare present that truth to the people until they had made it a special subject of prayer and the Spirit of prophecy had set its seal to it.*" {S. N. Haskell, *Review and Herald*, October 27, 1904}

"Before the creation of our world, "there was war in heaven." *Christ and the Father covenanted together; and Lucifer, the covering cherub, grew jealous because he was not admitted into the eternal councils of the Two who sat upon the throne.*" {S. N. Haskell, *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*, p. 217. 1905

8. Roswell Fenner Cottrell (1814 - 1892)

"Let us believe all he has revealed, and add nothing to it." {R. F. Cottrell, Review & Herald, July 6, 1869}

" Position of SDA Pioneers on 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 worshipping 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. 1:8. The Son is called The mighty God. Isa. 9:6. And when he comes again to earth his waiting people will exclaim, This is our God. Isa. 25:9. 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. 1:9. God hath made that same Jesus both Lord and Christ. Acts. 2:36. 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. 2:13." {R. F. Cottrell, Review & Herald, June 1, 1869}

9. George Ide Butler (1834-1918)

"God dwells in us by His Holy Spirit, as a Comforter, as a Reprover, especially the former. When we come to Him we partake of Him in that sense, because the Spirit comes forth from Him; it comes forth from the Father and the Son. It is not a person walking around on foot, or flying as a literal being, in any such sense as Christ and the Father are - at least, if it is, it is utterly beyond my comprehension of the meaning of language or words." " {Letter: G. I. Butler to J. H. Kellogg. April 5, 1904.}

10. James Edson White (1849 - 1928)

“Only one being in the universe besides the Father bears the name of God, and that is His Son, Jesus Christ.” {J. E. White, The Coming King, p. 33}

11. Milton Charles Wilcox (1853 - 1935)

The presence of God is therefore His Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit is therefore the life of God

The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.”

Thus the Spirit is personified in Christ and God, but never revealed as a separate person.

The reason why the Scriptures speak of the Holy Spirit as a person, it seems to us, is that it brings to us, and to every soul that believes, the personal presence of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Wherever God's children are, there is the Spirit - not an individual person, as we look upon persons, but having the power to make present the Father and the Son.

12. Judson Sylvaneous Washburn (1863 - 1955)

The letter by Washburn

“The doctrine of the Trinity is a cruel heathen monstrosity, removing Jesus from his true position of Divine Savior and Mediator. It is true we cannot measure or define divinity. It is beyond our finite understanding, yet on this subject of the

personality of God the Bible is very simple and plain. *The Father, the Ancient of Days, is from eternity. Jesus was begotten of the Father.* Jesus speaking through the Psalmist says: "The Lord (Jehovah) has said unto me, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee." - Psalm 2:7.

Again in Proverbs (where Jesus is spoken of under the title of wisdom, See 1 Cor. 1:24), we read: "The Lord (Jehovah) possessed me in the beginning of his way" v. 22

"Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth." - v. 24

The Son says he was brought forth, begotten, born of His Father (Jehovah). Satan has taken some heathen conception of a three-headed monstrosity, and with deliberate intention to cast contempt upon divinity, has woven it into Romanism as our glorious God, an impossible, absurd invention. This monstrous doctrine transplanted from heathenism into the Roman Papal Church is seeking to intrude its evil presence into the teachings of the Third Angel's Message. ...

And the fact that Christ is not the mediator in the Roman Church demonstrates that the Trinity destroys the truth that Christ is the one, the only mediator. The so-called Christian Church, the Papacy, that originated the doctrine of the Trinity, does not recognize him as the only mediator but substitutes a multitude of ghosts of dead men and women as mediators. *If you hold the Trinity doctrine, in reality, Christ is no longer your mediator. ... The whole Trinity doctrine is utterly foreign to all the Bible and the teachings of the Spirit of Prophecy. Revelation gives not the slightest hint of it. This monstrous heathen conception finds no place in all the free universe of our Blessed heavenly Father and His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...The Catholic heathen*

doctrine of the Sunday Sabbath is just as sacred as the Catholic pagan doctrine of the Trinity and no more so...

Seventh-day Adventists claim to take the word of God as supreme authority and to have "come out of Babylon", to have renounced forever the vain traditions of Rome. If we should go back to the immortality of the soul, purgatory, eternal torment and the Sunday Sabbath, would that be anything less than apostasy? If, however, we leap over all these minor, secondary doctrines and accept and teach the very central root doctrine of Romanism, the Trinity, and teach that the son of God did not die, even though our words seem to be spiritual, is this anything else or anything less than apostasy, and the very Omega of apostasy?...

However kindly or beautiful or apparently profound his sermons or articles may be, when a man has arrived at the place where he teaches the heathen Catholic doctrine of the Trinity, and denies that the Son of God died for us, is he a true Seventh-day Adventist? Is he even a true preacher of the Gospel? And when many regard him as a great teacher and accept his unscriptural theories, absolutely contrary to the Spirit of Prophecy, it is time that the watchmen should sound a note of warning." {Portions of a letter written by J. S. Washburn in 1939.} (This letter was liked by a conference president so much that he distributed it to 32 of his ministers.)

1 JOHN 5:7 - 8 - These Three are One. One What? One Who?

"For there are three that bear record in heaven the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

These texts are best understood when the reader has a better understanding of the context. However, practically no one is led to study the whole

testimony of Christ let alone read the entire chapter of 1 John 5. Let's investigate some of Christ's record given. We will start this study by reading **John 8:12-20**. It takes a lot to strip away easily given preconceived ideas about these verses without actually reading and studying the whole subject matter.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. 13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. 14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. 19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. 20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come."

This portion of John 8 sets up the context and understanding for 1 John 5. We can see the Father and Son bear witness or record, but we will see going forward that the Father is especially bearing witness of His Son, and Jesus testifies to this.

Additionally we see in the chapter of **John 5:30-38**:

"30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. 32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. 33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. 34 But I receive not testimony from man; but these things I say, that ye might be saved. 35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. 36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. 37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. 38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not."

Here we see that the Father is bearing witness of His Son that he hath sent.

Now lets go to **1 John 5:9-20** and read it. We are building up a foundation of information to make a better informed belief. Not just taking one verse and using it to support dogma.

*"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is **the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.** 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 **And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.** 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know **him that is true**, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. **This is the true God, and eternal life.**"*

"Him that is true," is God the Father. And eternal life originates from Him, and is then given to His Son for us to have if we chose to have it. But not if we have a false understanding of "Him" through Scripture. The context here so far, is that God has given us a record, a witness that He hath given us His Son. And through His Son is eternal life. If you don't have the real begotten Son of God (not a metaphor as many theologians now are teaching), then there is no chance for eternal life.

Pay close attention to this:

1 John 5:10 – "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His son."

Here in verse 10, the title "God" is used and refers to the Father. "God" is never used in Scripture to refer to "The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit."

The record being shown here is that God gave His son. Not God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit gave THEIR son. God is the Father, and that is a part of the context of 1 John 5.

Now come back around to verses 1 - 5 in 1 John 5.

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

As you read 1 John 5, you will realize it is all about the testimony of who Jesus is, the Son of God. And as you will see in the above texts from John chapter 8, that Jesus is bearing witness and he includes his Father when he does this.

Something of great significance to ponder on is found in the next verse, **1 John 5:6:**

"This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."

The human body is made up of water and blood. But let's look at who this is identifying in a special way when it says *"he that came by water and blood."* This is part of the testimony or record. The water represents Jesus' baptism. And at the time, God anointed Jesus with His Spirit. (**Matthew 3:16 - "... the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him."**)

The blood represents the crucifixion, death and sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins. So far we see that the Father bears record or a witness of His Son, over and over. So when it comes to the Spirit mentioned in verse 6, why would it be any different? Is God the Father a spirit being? Yes. Nowhere else in the Scripture would we come up with the idea that the Spirit could be anyone else

without adding to the Scripture. Unless we were to mystify God and add additional personality or personhood to his God head.

The Spirit is Truth. God is a Spirit:

John 4:23-24 – *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

Romans 8:16 – *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” **The context of “The Spirit” in Romans 8 is the Father’s Spirit, the Spirit of God.**”*

So why is this so hard to understand? Because we have serpent theology being whispered in our ears in the very church buildings that we go to for trust, wisdom, learning and understanding. We see all through what we have viewed so far, it is all about the Father bearing witness of His Son. The Son is a reflection of the Father, his express image. There is no one else involved. Why would that change all of a sudden? It doesn't.

When we think about the Centurion piercing the side of Christ as he was dying on the cross: Water and blood spilled out of Christ upon the spearing. The Spirit (his breath, mind and personality) had left its life in the body of the Son of Man, who was also the Son of God.

John 19:34-37: *“But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out **blood and water.** 35 **And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.** 36 **For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.** 37 **And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.”***

Now, lets read verses 7 through 8. You should have a completely different outlook on these verses by examining the whole chapter more fully. **The entire chapter is about witnessing that Jesus is truly the Son of God. And the Father bears that as a witness.**

SIX TIMES in this one chapter alone we are told that Jesus is the Son of God!!

So by the time we come to the troubled verses of 7 and 8, we will now see it in the light that the Bible gives us, not in the dribble of learned men from the Universities. While there is deep historical record of an issue with the authenticity of verses of 7 and 8, as far as their completeness as they were printed in the King James Bible, we will first address it as if they are authentic and nothing is wrong.

1 John 5:7

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

This verse does NOT say that these three are one God. The title “God” is missing completely. It is NOT teaching us that God is a community of three persons, or that God is a Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Many try and approach this verse as support for a trinity doctrine. But if you approach the word trinity, that word by itself only represents a number; the number of “three.” If you try and apply it to this Scripture, then three what? The chapter doesn’t tell us. It doesn’t apply here. And the chapter doesn’t support a “trinity doctrine” either. Not even close.

There are three that bear record in heaven. They are one in the record that they bear. In other testimony or references we have seen it referred to as bearing witness. So what is the record?

The Record:

The Father “bears record” that God the Father gave his Son and gave us eternal life which is in his Son.

The Word “bears record” that God the Father gave his Son and gave us eternal life which is in his Son.

The Holy Ghost “bears record” that God the Father gave his Son and gave us eternal life which is in his Son.

The Father is the Supreme being of the universe. But what is this "Word" and "Holy Ghost" that the verse references? We will first address "**the Word.**" We live in a trinitarian world, and everything is reconciled through those glasses. Trinitarian Christianity didn't start until 300 years after Christ's death. That should be an alarm signal that something is wrong. If we look up

the Greek for the "Word" in this Scripture, Strong's Concordance G3056 states:

logos: a word (as embodying an idea), a statement, a speech

Original Word: λόγος, ου, ό

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: logos Phonetic Spelling: (log'-os)

Definition: a word (as embodying an idea), a statement, a speech

Usage: a word, speech, divine utterance, analogy

"The Word" is commonly used to express the Logos, or as Jesus in John 1:1. But there was a source, an original for this "Word." In the context of this Passage, when understanding all else that has taken place in the witness and record that is being given, what the Greek says and how it is interpreted, needs to be considered.

Additionally Strong's says:

3056 λόγος (from 3004 / λέγω, "speaking to a conclusion") – a word, being the expression of a thought; a saying.

Theologians apply it in this way instead: 3056 / logos ("word") is preeminently used of Christ (John 1:1), expressing the thoughts of the Father through the Spirit.

[**3056 (λόγος)** is a common term (used 330 times in the NT) with regards to a person sharing a message (discourse, "communication-speech"). **3056 (λόγος)** is a broad term meaning "**reasoning expressed by words.**"]

And Thayer's Greek Lexicon does not differ in this.

λόγος, λόγου, ό (λέγω) (from Homer down), the Septuagint especially for דְּבַר, also for אָמַר and מִלָּה; properly, a collecting, collection (see λέγω) – and that, as well of those things which are put together in thought, as of those which, having been thought i.e. gathered together in the mind, are expressed in words. Accordingly, a twofold use of the term is to be distinguished: **one which relates to speaking, and one which relates to thinking.**

So here it is the physical commands or voice of God. In other words, His speech, or even His message. And this is recognized at the baptism of Christ

when we read in **Matthew 3:17**, *“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* How else could God bear record other than by His mouth (voice) and Spirit (omnipresence) being sent?

And when it comes to the Holy Ghost, or preferably the Holy Spirit, it is the Father’s own Spirit as **the Spirit of God**. It is the Father that is bearing witness in all of these things about His Son. No one or nothing else.

We have seen where the Father is a Spirit. How about Holy? There are 32 Scriptures to be considered in the King James that tell us the Father is “Holy,” or has a holy name. But his identity is NOT ‘God the Holy Spirit,’ however this ID has been added to make up many of today’s trinity doctrine creeds as a third divine being that is not the Father or Son.

Here are just a few Scriptures to consider in regards to the Father as Holy.

Psalms 99:5 - *“Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.”*

Isaiah 5:16 - *“But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.”*

Hosea 11:9 - *“I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.”*

Ephesians 4:30 - *“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”*

Getting back to our three that bear record, **all three bear record that “God” is a Father, not a Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

1 John 5 is telling us that God is a Father alone. And that God gave his Son. Verse 7 is all about the Father. And when we understand verse 8, it is all about the Son of God. Read and study all of this until this sinks in. A third of something or someone else does not fit the chapter or topic at all. Look at the totality of everything. Everything is about the Father and the Son.

In verse 8, it says that, *“And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”*

It would have been better if this verse was written as “on earth.” All through the life of Christ while he was on earth, we have the testimony that he gave. If you read the Scripture as it is plainly laid out without having colored lenses to look thru, you will see the witness of Jesus in these verses that these three testimonies agree as one:

Water = the baptism of Jesus.

(God annointed Jesus with His Spirit. That was the Spirit of God that descended "like a dove" upon Christ.

It wasn't a dove, but came down slow and fluttery like a dove descends down to the ground.)

Blood = the crucifixion of Jesus.

Spirit = the resurrection of Jesus.

They agree as one, as they are in harmony with everything that God has laid out for us, which is **“the plan of salvation,” through His Son, Jesus Christ.**

It is important to understand Christ’s identity as the Son of God. That is what John is telling us and reinforcing over and over. But he is also telling us the identity of God. Since Christ is the Son of God, this would identify God as our Father. And that is who God is here in this context in all of these passages. These three bear record that our God is a Father. Again, these verses cannot be repeated enough until it sinks into us.

1 John 5:11-13 - *“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12_He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. v13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”*

And who is 1 John 5 all about?

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

John was a Jew and had first hand account of who Jesus was. Jews ARE NOT trinitarians. And John never taught trinitarianism! The verse above reinforces that there is a specific relationship and it involves a Father and a Son. Is this role playing? No, this is real and literal. It says that our fellowship is with the Father and the Son. No one else is mentioned here. Just two, not three.

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

This is how God manifested his love. God is love. He did this by giving up his only begotten Son to save mankind and to save the world. That is how he has shown us his love.

By receiving God's love, it draws us to make a change to our character. Love is what draws us to repentance. By holding onto his love, we become changed into the image of him. By receiving God's love, it draws us to make a change to our character. Love is what draws us to repentance.

1 John 4:14-15 - *"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."*

Confession of Jesus being the Son of God is important. Also refer to the following Scripture texts as God the Father bore witness of his Son: **Matt. 3:17, 17:5** and **Mark 1:11, 9:7**.

Matthew 3:17 - *"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

Matthew 17:5 - *"While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."*

Mark 1:11 - *"And there came a voice from heaven, [saying], Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

Mark 9:7 - *"And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."*

1 John 5:1 - "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him."

So Christ is born of him, begotten. The Father is the begetter, Christ is begotten of Him. This theme is what we find summarized in John's gospel, in **John 20:31**.

John 20:31 - "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

This is important to our salvation. Our eternal life. This is not a side issue. The question comes down to, "Is God three co-eternal, co-equal beings?"

OR.....

Is God a loving Father who begat a Son, who had to sacrifice his Son in order to save us? Yes! Did God the Father give Christ equality? Yes. Or did this Son possess it of himself, totally on his own? No.

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

Is this an act performed by 3 co-eternal beings? No. Is this a show, a theatrical performance? No. Is God really a Father, or is he just pretending to be a Father? Is this role-playing like some Adventist affiliated publications have claimed in the past? In recent times we have theologians publicly making statements that they don't believe the Bible to be literal. They don't believe that the Father and Son is a literal relationship even thou it is stated hundreds of times in the Bible. They say the Son of God is to be taken metaphorically or as a role that Jesus takes on. The definition of Jesus Christ taking on a role and not the literal Son of the Father is actually anti-Christ according to the Bible.

Below, you will see that the serpent has been busy influencing our own people within our denomination. Here are examples of Serpent Theology in their books:

“A plan of salvation was encompassed in the covenant made by the Three Persons of the Godhead, who possessed the attributes of Deity equally. In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into the role of the Father, another the role of the Son. The remaining divine Being, the Holy Spirit, was also to participate in effecting the plan of salvation.” - Gordon Jenson, Spicer Memorial College, Pune, India, Adventist Review, October 31, 1996, p. 12.

THIS IS CALLED GARBAGE! HERETICAL TEACHING!

A book sold thru the Adventist Book store, is called “Understanding the Trinity” by Max Hatton, p. 97. Quote: **“The Father-Son relationship in the Godhead should be understood in a metaphorical sense, not in a literal sense.... Jesus became the Son of God at His human birth.”** This is blasphemy. But wait, there is more.....

“They also took certain positions or roles to carry out the provisions of the plan.” - Pastor Holbrook - These Times - Our Times, Frank Answers - June 1981

“The Father seems to act as source, the Son (act) as mediator, and the Spirit (act) as actualizer or applier.... In the economy of function, different members of the Godhead perform distinct tasks in saving man.” - Seventh-day Adventists Believe... A Biblical Exposition of 27 Fundamental Doctrines, 1988 - p. 24

“They have taken different roles or positions in the Godhead’s work of creation, redemption and the loving administration of the universe.” - Woodrow Whidden - The Trinity, p. 243

“The Son is not the natural, literal Son of the Father. ... The term “Son” is used metaphorically when applied to the Godhead.” - Angel Manuel Rodriguez, Adventist World, November 2015 issue, p. 42

“Christ has always been the Son of God; and there never was a time when He emerged from the Father. That statement appears to solve all the problems about Christ’s Sonship.” - Vance Ferrell, Defending the Godhead, p. 17

The above statements are anti-Christ. And these statements are from leading men in the denomination, which is NOT what the SDA church believed for over 100 years. We had always believed that God the Father and Jesus Christ was a literal relationship. And that started sometime in eternity. So you can start to see how “serpent theology” has crept into our beloved denomination. If Christ is not a Begotten Son, then how can he be a Son? He cannot be a Son then. You see, many believe today that Christ existed for the exact same existence as the Father from all of eternity. That would make the Father and the Son, brothers then. It would actually make them TWINS! And that is the deception of the evil one [Lucifer] who wants to be worshipped above God. He wanted to be the Son of God. If you think he is not working against truth, you are kidding yourself. He is striving to diminish the sacrifice made by both the Father and the Son in giving us what has been given to us; to save us from our sins.

It is true that Christ existed in eternity. But the bible says that he “came out from God”, “proceeded forth and came from God”, “came out from thee”, “whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting”, “set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was”, I was brought forth”. (John 8:42, 16:27, 17:8, Micah 5:2, Prov. 8:23-24)

Did the Father really have a literal Son? Yes. Can you be drawn to him if you cannot see the manifestation of the Father’s love? No. If we don’t believe, we make him a liar if we don’t believe that he gave his literal Son.

1 John 2:22 - "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

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

Jesus spoke these words to his Father in **John 17:3**. And it was the Father that sent Jesus Christ to us.

Ellen White in Letter 13 in 1893 said:

“...for it is impossible to elevate man except through a knowledge of God.”

To know the only true God is the only way that he can be made like God in character. This is life eternal.

“A knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education and of all true service. It is the only real safeguard against temptation. It is this alone that can make us like God in character.” -

Ellen White, Ministry of Healing, p. 409-410

Knowledge of God is the most important thing in making us like God in character. If we are following a mystery god, then the only thing that follows is confusion and delusion. The most reputable authorities agree that part of 1 John 5:7-8 was most certainly added to the Bible during the period known as the “Dark Ages.” And we have plenty of comments about that in Study Bibles and historical statements..

Some people would object strongly to the very suggestion that errors may have crept into the text of the Bible in any way whatsoever. However, it is interesting to note what Ellen White had to say concerning this:

“I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible; yet when copies of it were few, learned men had in some instances changed the words, thinking that they were making it more plain, when in reality they were mystifying that which was plain, by causing it to lean to their established views, which were governed by tradition. But I saw that the Word of God, as a whole, is a perfect chain, one portion linking into and explaining another. True seekers for truth need not err; for not only is the word of God plain and simple in declaring the way of life, but the Holy Spirit is given to guide in understanding the way of life revealed in his Word.” - Spiritual Gifts, vol. 1, 117.1, 1858

Now we will address some troubling history pertaining to our key text topic. Regarding 1 John 5:7-8, SDA Theologian - Angel Manuel Rodriguez from the Biblical Research Institute admits **“you should not use this text.” - May 14, 1998, Biblical Research Institute.**

Why? Let the following explain accordingly, as you will see there is authentic text that was inspired by the Spirit of God to John. And then there was a spirit from another that inspired translators. The text in **(Brackets)** is text that was not found in the original manuscripts, but later added.

v7 *"For there are three that bear record (in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. v8 And there are three that bear witness in earth), the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and these three agree in one."*

If the questionable portion were taken out, 1 John 5:7-8 would read:
"For there are three that bear record, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

Now we can see that the misconception of these verses has disappeared. As you can see, this matches up well with all the other versions of Bibles whose translators chose not to add the controversial text. They knew the historical addition to the text and was on guard not to use it.

Other Bible versions confirm EXACTLY what is being shown and illustrated here. Compare them to the King James. Most people would have no idea that a few verses in the King James have been played with.

1 John 5:7

New International Version - For there are three that testify:

New Living Translation - So we have these three witnesses--

English Standard Version - For there are three that testify:

Berean Study Bible - For there are three that testify:

New American Standard Bible - For there are three that testify:

Holman Christian Standard Bible - For there are three that testify:

International Standard Version - For there are three witnesses –

Now compare the above translations with the King James version:

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

Now for 1 John 5:8:

New International Version - the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

New Living Translation - the Spirit, the water, and the blood--and all three agree.

English Standard Version - the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Berean Study Bible - the Spirit, the water, and the blood--and these three are in agreement.

New American Standard Bible - the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Holman Christian Standard Bible - the Spirit, the water, and the blood--and these three are in agreement.

International Standard Version - the Spirit, the water, and the blood--and these three are one.

Now compare the above translations with the King James version:

"And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

Shocking news to some is the revelation by the Seventh-Day Adventist Bible Commentary among many, many other sources that will tell you that some of the text in 1 John 5:7 and verse 8 is NOT authentic.

Here is the SDA Bible Commentary on 1 John 5:7.

"The passage as given in the KJV is in no Greek manuscript earlier than the 15th and 16th centuries. The disputed words found their way into the KJV by way of the Greek text of Erasmus (see Vol. V, p. 141). It is said that Erasmus offered to include the disputed words in his Greek Testament if he were shown even one Greek MS that contained them. A library in Dublin produced such a MS (known as 34), and Erasmus included the passage in his text. It is now believed that the later editions of the Vulgate acquired the passage by the mistake of a scribe who included an exegetical marginal comment in the Bible text that he was copying. The disputed words have been widely used in support of the doctrine of the Trinity, but, in view of such overwhelming evidence against their authenticity, their support is valueless and should not be used. In spite of their appearance in "the Vulgate A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture" freely admits regarding these words: "It is now generally held that this passage, called the Comma Johanneum, is a gloss that crept into the text of the Old Latin and Vulgate at an early date, but found its way into the Greek text only in the 15th and 16th centuries" (Thomas Nelson and Sons, 1951, p. 1186)." – The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, vol. 7, p. 675

Interesting tidbit in that the one library in Dublin, Ireland that produced this supposed manuscript came from 'Trinity College.'

In the following commentary, the words *"it is wanting"* means that they are looking. They searched, but it was not found. It is simply missing. Only in one manuscript could the words in question of this controversy be found, and that was in all places called, "Trinity College" in Dublin. However, in 112 other manuscripts, it could not be found.

Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible. Adam Clarke, LL.D., F.S.A., (1715-1832) explains in detail:

"It is wanting in every MS of this epistle written before the invention of printing, one excepted, the Codex Montfortii, in Trinity College, Dublin: the others which omit this verse amount to one hundred and twelve.

It is wanting in both the Syriac, all the Arabic, Ethiopic, the Coptic, Sahidic, Armenian, Slavonian, etc., in a word, in all the ancient versions but the Vulgate; and even of this version many of the most ancient and correct MSS have it not. It is wanting also in all the ancient Greek fathers; and in most even of the Latin.

The words, as they exist in all the Greek manuscripts with the exception of the Codex Montfortii, are the following: 1 John 5:6-9 - *"This is he that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness because the Spirit is truth. v7 For there are three that bear witness, v8 the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one. v9 If we receive the witness of man, the witness of God is greater, etc."*

The words that are missing in 112 manuscripts, but found in only one that is in question is:

"In heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one, and there are three which bear witness in earth."

Even Seventh-day Adventist Pioneer John Norton Loughborough had this to say:

"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 Latern, held A.D. 1215.' - Com. on John

1, and remarks at close of chap." – John N. Loughborough, Review and Herald, Nov. 5, 1861.

So even our Pioneers were educated enough on this topic to know not to build a doctrine on one or two texts. However they were diligent Bible students and knew what the entire chapter was teaching as we are reading and learning today.

What is the Comma Johanneum as mentioned in the previous quote from the SDA commentary also referred to as an "interpolation" from John Loughborough?

The Comma Johanneum, also known as the Comma Johannine, is a textual variant in regards to 1 John 5:7-8. The word comma simply means "short clause," and Johanneum means "pertaining to John." Without the "comma," 1 John 5:7-8 reads, "For there are three that bear record, the spirit, the water and the blood; and these three agree in one." With the "comma," 1 John 5:7-8 reads, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

As many do today teaching this Comma Johanneum, reading this by itself you could make up all kinds of variations of doctrine. But as we have read previously, looking at the totality of the witness of Christ, and the record that His Father gave, this is not teaching anything to do with a God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit as found in Trinity doctrines.

None of the oldest Greek manuscripts of 1 John contain the comma, and none of the very early church fathers include it when quoting or referencing 1 John 5:7-8. The presence of the *Comma Johanneum* in Greek manuscripts is actually quite rare until the 15th century A.D. Imagine that, the 15th century. That is well over a thousand years later after Christ was on earth and the writings of the New Testament were recorded by Paul, Luke, Matthew, Mark and John. It is primarily found in Latin manuscripts. While some of the Latin manuscripts containing the *Comma Johanneum* appear to be ancient, the *Comma Johanneum* did not appear in the original Latin Vulgate written by Jerome.

In the 16th century, when Desiderius Erasmus was compiling what became known as the Textus Receptus, he did not include the *Comma Johanneum* in the 1st or 2nd editions. Due to intense pressure from the Catholic Church and others who wanted it included because of its support for trinitarianism, Erasmus included the *Comma Johanneum* in later editions of the Textus Receptus. His decision resulted in the *Comma Johanneum* being included in the King James Version of the Bible and later in the New King James Version. None of the modern Greek texts (UBS 4, Nestle-Aland 27, Majority Text) contain the *Comma Johanneum*. Of all the modern English translations, only the New King James Version and Modern English Version include the *Comma Johanneum*.

While it would be convenient for there to be an explicit statement confirming some kind of a Trinity doctrine in the Bible, but the *Comma Johanneum* was not originally part of 1 John. Some scribe, either intentionally or accidentally added it to a Latin manuscript, and then that addition was copied thousands upon thousands of times. Latin manuscripts came way after the original Greek writings of the New Testament. This eventually resulted in the *Comma Johanneum* appearing in the vast majority of Latin manuscripts. Whatever the scribe's motives, whether intentionally or by accident, it is absolutely wrong to add to God's Word. The *Comma Johanneum* is not a God-breathed statement nor a writing from the apostle John, and does not belong in the Bible. The doctrine of the Trinity is taught and implied from using human construction and man made additions to many other biblical passages. If God thought an explicit mention of Him being apart of a trinity god was necessary, He Himself would have made sure it was very clear in His Word, and with the weight of evidence.

"The textual evidence is against 1 John 5:7," explains Dr. Neil Lightfoot, a New Testament professor. "Of all the Greek manuscripts, only two contain it. These two manuscripts are of very late dates, one from the fourteenth or fifteenth century and the other from the sixteenth century. Two other manuscripts have this verse written in the margin. All four manuscripts show that this verse was apparently translated from a late form of the Latin Vulgate," - How We Got the Bible, 2003, pp. 100-101.

Theology professors Anthony and Richard Hanson, in their book Reasonable Belief: A Survey of the Christian Faith, explain the unwarranted addition to the text this way: *"It was added by some enterprising person or persons in the ancient Church who felt that the New Testament was sadly deficient in direct*

witness to the kind of doctrine of the Trinity which he favoured and who determined to remedy that defect ... It is a waste of time to attempt to read Trinitarian doctrine directly off the pages of the New Testament." (1980, p. 171).

Peake's Commentary on the Bible is very incisive in its comments as well: *"The famous interpolation after 'three witnesses' is not printed in RSV and rightly [so].... No respectable Greek [manuscript] contains it. Appearing first in a late 4th century Latin text, it entered the Vulgate [the 5th-century Latin version, which became the common medieval translation] and finally NT [New Testament] of Erasmus [who produced newly collated Greek texts and a new Latin version in the 16th century]."* (p. 1038).

"The Expositor's Bible Commentary also dismisses the King James and New King James Versions' additions in 1 John 5:7-8 as "obviously a late gloss with no merit." - Glenn Barker, Vol. 12, 1981, p. 353.

The Big Book of Bible Difficulties tells us: *"This verse has virtually no support among the early Greek manuscripts . . . Its appearance in late Greek manuscripts is based on the fact that Erasmus was placed under ecclesiastical pressure to include it in his Greek NT of 1522, having omitted it in his two earlier editions of 1516 and 1519 because he could not find any Greek manuscripts which contained it."* - Norman Geisler and Thomas Howe, 2008, pp. 540-541.

As you can see, 1 John 5 has NOTHING to do with God being a Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The word Trinity did not come into common use as a religious term until after the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., several centuries after the last books of the New Testament were complete. It is simply NOT a Biblical concept.

Surely hellfire awaits those who take one verse, or even a few from the Bible and manipulate it for use of a false doctrine brought in by man's fables, placed on the mind of the unsuspecting soul who just wants to worship God honestly in Spirit and in Truth. But the result is that they are led astray by Satan's deceptions, falling for a strange god. Here are some warnings from Ellen White in regards to those that take searching the Scriptures for themselves lightly or not important.

Satan is leading people to look to Pastors:

“Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors, to professors of theology, as their guides, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves. Then by controlling the minds of these leaders he can influence the multitudes according to his will.” - Ellen White, Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 4, p. 413.3, 1884; Review & Herald, June 7, 1906, par. 6

“Religious teachers read the Bible in the light of their own understanding and traditions; and the people do not search the Scriptures for themselves, and judge for themselves as to what is truth; but they yield up their judgment, and commit their souls to their leaders.” - Ellen White, Desire of Ages, p. 459

Don't rest your faith on them:

“There are many who have a merely nominal faith, but this faith will not save you. Many believe in Christ because somebody else does, because the minister has told them this or that; but if you rest your faith only on the minister's word, you will be lost. You must not do as did the foolish virgins, who, when the cry came, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh,” found no oil in their vessels. When they discovered their lack, they sought those who were wise, and applied to them for oil for their dying lights; but it was too late to supply them. The wise had only enough for their own use, and they told the foolish virgins they must go and buy oil for themselves. We all must buy oil for ourselves. We must not be content with a mere profession. We are to take a stand for the truth by profession, and the principles of truth must become a part of our life.” - Ellen White, Review and Herald October 1, 1889, par. 4

Here are just a few references to touch lightly on the history of the most pointed doctrine within all of Christendom, and that is on the Trinity.

“To briefly summarize what was pertinent, we start with mention of the famous Greek philosopher Plato (ca. 429-347 B.C.). He believed in a divine triad of “God, the ideas, [and] the World-Spirit,” though he “nowhere explained or harmonized this triad.” - Charles Bigg, Christian Platonists of Alexandria, 1886, p. 249.

As Bible scholars John McClintock and James Strong explain: *“Towards the end of the 1st century, and during the 2d, many learned men came over both from Judaism and paganism to Christianity. These brought with them into the Christian schools of theology their Platonic ideas and phraseology.” -Cyclopaedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, 1891, Vol. 10, “Trinity,” p. 553.*

“The Alexandria catechetical school, which revered Clement of Alexandria and Origen, the greatest theologian of the Greek Church, as its heads, applied the allegorical method to the explanation of Scripture. Its thought was influenced by Plato: its strong point was [pagan] theological speculations. Athanasius and the three Cappadocians [the men whose Trinitarian views were adopted by the Catholic Church at the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople] had been included among its members.” - Hubert Jedin, Ecumenical Councils of the Catholic Church: an Historical Outline, 1960, p. 28.

“The doctrines of the Logos [i.e., the “Word,” a designation for Christ in John 1] and the Trinity received their shape from Greek Fathers, who . . . were much influenced, directly or indirectly, by the Platonic philosophy . . . That errors and corruptions crept into the Church from this source can not be denied.” - The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, Samuel Macauley Jackson, editor, 1911, Vol. 9, p. 91).

The preface to historian Edward Gibbons’ History of Christianity sums up the Greek influence on the adoption of the Trinity doctrine by stating: *“If Paganism was conquered by Christianity, it is equally true that Christianity was corrupted by Paganism. The pure Deism [basic religion, in this context] of the first Christians . . . was changed, by the Church of Rome, into the incomprehensible dogma of the trinity. Many of the pagan tenets, invented by the Egyptians and idealized by Plato, were retained as being worthy of belief.”* (1883, p. xvi). (See [“How Ancient Trinitarian Gods Influenced Adoption of the Trinity.”](#))

As published in the Seventh-day Adventist publication in 1861, the Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, Vol. XVIII, Third-Day, November 5, 1861, No. 23.

A reader by the name of W.W. Giles from Toledo, Ohio wrote into the publication with a question for Brother John Loughborough to answer.

“Questions for Bro. Loughborough on the Trinity:

BRO. WHITE: The following questions I would like to have you give, or send, to Bro. Loughborough for explanation. W. W. Giles. Toledo, Ohio.

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, &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. J. N. Loughborough, November 5, 1861, Advent Review & Sabbath Herald, vol. 18, page 184, par. 1-11.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I [am] the first, and I [am] the last; and beside me [there is] no God.

44:8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared [it]? ye [are] even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, [there is] no God; I know not [any].

45:21 Tell ye, and bring [them] near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? [who] hath told it from that time? [have] not I the LORD? and [there is] no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; [there is] none beside me.

45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else.

