**Begotten.**

What does it mean when talking of Jesus Christ being "begotten".

We can't just guess. The Bible has to explain itself.

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RH- November 25, 1884

"Those who are engaged in proclaiming the third angel's message are searching the Scriptures upon the same plan that Father Miller adopted. In the little book entitled "Views of the Prophecies and Prophetic Chronology," Father Miller gives the following simple but intelligent and important rules for Bible study and interpretation:-- {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 23}

"1. Every word must have its proper bearing on the subject presented in the Bible;

2. All Scripture is necessary, and may be understood by diligent application and study;

3. Nothing revealed in Scripture can or will be hid from those who ask in faith, not wavering;

4. To understand doctrine, bring all the scriptures together on the subject you wish to know, then let every word have its proper influence; and if you can form your theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in error;

5. Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself. If I depend on a teacher to expound to me, and he should guess at its meaning, or desire to have it so on account of his sectarian creed, or to be thought wise, then his guessing, desire, creed, or wisdom is my rule, and not the Bible." {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 24}

The above is a portion of these rules; and in our study of the Bible we shall all do well to heed the principles set forth." {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 25}

I have added number 11.

11 How to know when a word is used figuratively. If it makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, then it must be understood literally, if not, figuratively.

Looking at John

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

Joh 3:17  For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18  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.

If we read this literally do we find any reason to think it shouldn't be understood literally? That is, God has an only begotten Son.

Let's take a look.

The issue at question is "begotten" or "only begotten". As the text stands it suggests that God has a Son that He has begotten. Is that the case? The Greek word used here is "monogenes" and appears to be derived from two words "monos" meaning sole, single, only and "ginomai" which has many meanings one of which is to "cause to be (generate)"

There is divided opinion over whether God has actually begotten a Son or when He begot that Son.

Let's look at Adam in

**Gen 5:3**  And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

The Hebrew word for begat is "yalad" and means to bear young etc. Nobody seems to have any problem believing that Adam was the father of Seth and that begat means to produce or bring forth a son. The Greek word used here in the Septuagint is "gennao" and means "to procreate (properly of the father) beget, be born, bring forth etc" and clearly is translated as meaning that Adam is the literal father of Seth. We would say Seth is the begotten son of Adam. I don't think anyone would argue with that conclusion.

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Returning to John 3:16 in most modern versions of the Bible begotten is omitted and the verse is

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rendered "only Son" , or "one and only Son", which is believed by many to be more correct. The problem with this though is it presents a contradiction and, according to Miller's rules, if we have a contradiction we cannot have the truth. The Bible tells us that God has many sons. Adam was a son of God. The sons of God present themselves before the Lord in Job and the sons of God sang together when the Earth was created. Now it is clear that these sons are created sons. I don't think there is any disagreement about that. I also don't believe Jesus Christ was created, and most "Christians" would agree with that.

So why does Jesus, who is the one speaking in John 3:16, differentiate between created sons and a begotten son when referring to himself in this passage, and if Jesus is begotten, when was He begotten?

Let's see who Jesus claimed to be.

Many times throughout His life Jesus refers to His Father, calling Him "my Father". On one occasion the Jews accused him of blasphemy because He said "I am the Son of God." In calling God His father Jesus was openly claiming that He is the "Son of God." Again most "Christians would agree with this. How is it that Jesus is the "Son of God"? It was either by being "begotten", brought forth or coming out from God, prior to anything being created, or it was through the process of incarnation.

The question then is when did Jesus become the "Son of God"? Was it before anything was created, or was it in the incarnation? All who believe that Jesus is the "Son of God" believe one of these two positions. Only one of them can be "truth". What is the evidence for each position?

Almost all of the "Christian" world believes in "The Trinity." In this understanding of God, He is a unity of three co-eternal persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. None of the persons is really a "Father", none is really a "Son" because they are all co-eternal and co-equal. The terms Father, Son and Spirit are simply names or roles assigned to each of the persons. These roles are specifically assigned (and accepted) for the plan of salvation. The problem I see with that is the plan of salvation was devised before there was any need for it. What if Lucifer hadn't fallen? What if man hadn't fallen? The roles would have been meaningless. But that is another study.

In this understanding of God, one of the co-eternal persons, the one with the role of God the Son would leave heaven, come to Earth as a baby human being and become the "Son of God". But does this process actually make him a real son or is he just known as a son? Is it a role that he is playing? If it does make him a real son, who is he the son of? God the Father or God the Holy Spirit? Or even his own son, making him his own father.

The process of "incarnation" is similar to an IVF surgeon who takes a living embryo and places that embryo into the womb of a woman. Does that act make the surgeon the father of the child? The answer is NO, unless that surgeon also happened to be the sperm donor, the one from whom the child is generated.

So unless the one who left heaven is actually the literal Son of God, before He left heaven, the process of being incarnate does not actually make Him the "Son of God". It is simply a metaphor or role play. The only person who can claim actual parentage of the incarnate being is Mary. She developed a real child and is its mother. But the Being who put the child into Mary put in a pre-existing being. That being cannot go from being not a son, to a son, in the sense we understand sonship and especially "begotten" sonship.

We are told in

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Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

If we read this literally, and believe in the trinity then God the Holy Spirit is the one who put the pre-existing being into Mary, and that the child shall be called the Son of God. Only called, notice, it doesn't say shall be. This would make God the Holy Spirit the "father" of the child. This raises a few contradictions. One of which is later on at the baptism of Jesus a voice is heard from heaven proclaiming "This is my beloved Son". Who's voice is this making the claim? The person playing the role of God the Holy Spirit is settling on Jesus shoulder, in the form of a dove, leaving only the one playing the role of God the Father making the claim. Now clearly this can't be true because we just read that God the Holy Spirit is the actual father of the one playing the role of the son. Therefore God the Father is lying about being the father of the one playing the role of the son because he doesn't really have a father at all, and if he did it would be God the Holy Spirit. According to Miller's rules contradiction means we do not have the truth. Anything that is not truth is error.

Let's look in John 17

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Joh 17:1  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:

Here Jesus is speaking to someone He calls "Father". Who is this "someone"? Jesus tells us that "someone" is "the only true God". He then asks that person to glorify His Son. Who is that Son? If we read this literally it denotes a Father and Son relationship. For it to be truth there must be such a relationship. If it is only "role play" for the plan of salvation then it is all metaphorical, or a lie, but it is not truth.

Now what is it that Jesus claims makes Him a Son?

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Joh 17:7  Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

Joh 17:8  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.

Jesus says all things the one He calls "Father" , and is the only true God, has given to Him. He then states that the men He is with have known that Jesus came out from the one He calls "Father". The word translated as out is "exerchomai" meaning "to issue, or "come forth, or out" or to "proceed forth" The one Jesus is speaking to is His Father, the only true God, and therefore Jesus is telling us that He is the "Son of God" that issues from, came forth from, or proceeded from the Father who is the only true God, and then He says His Father sent Him. When did Jesus issue from, proceed forth from etc? When He was begotten, because that is what begotten means. To issue from, to proceed forth from, to be generated by. So as Seth was begotten of Adam, then Jesus was begotten of God.

To see this more clearly look at

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Heb 1:1  God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2  Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Heb 1:3  Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Heb 1:4  Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Heb 1:5  For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Here we are told that God has spoken to man through His "Son" and that God made all the worlds through His "Son". Now, the question is does God have a Son and is that Son begotten.

Verses 4& 5 tell us that the "Son" was made better than the angels. The word "made" is "ginomai" which means "to cause to be", generate", "to come into being". and verse 5 tells us that when the "Son" came into being God said to Him, "Thou art my Son". The two verses tell us that Jesus has a more excellent name than the angels because His name is by inheritance. What name does a son inherit? He inherits his father's name. So Jesus inherited the name of God which is a more excellent name than the angels. Why is it more excellent? Because angels are created beings whereas Jesus is a "begotten" being. Begotten of God, making Him God's literal Son, by birth.

Now some say that these verses refer to the incarnation, but is there any Biblical support for this view? The answer lies in Verse 6

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Heb 1:6  And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

In verses 4 and 5 there is no command for the angels to worship Him but in verse 6 there is such a command. Why is this? It is because there were no angels when the Son was begotten. They came later when the Son created them. The verse goes on to say "when he bringeth the firstbegotten into the world" therefore the "firstbegotten" existed before he was brought into the world and when he was brought into the world the angels were commanded to worship him.

In verse 10 we see

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Heb 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

clearly showing us that it was the "firstbegotten" that created the worlds thereby showing us that the "firstbegotten" is also the "Son of God" because He is begotten of God.

Why is He called the "firstbegotten"? Because He is the first being to ever have been begotten and His being begotten preceded the creation of anything.

Those who say the begotten applies to the incarnation miss the point that many beings had been begotten prior to this point and therefore he could not truthfully be called the "first" begotten.

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Heb 5:6  As he saith also in another *place,* Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Who said "Thou art a priest forever" and what does "forever" encompass?

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Heb 5:5  So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.

So it was the one that said unto Christ, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee". It was God who said to Christ "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee". When did God say this to Christ? It can only be the day He was begotten because that is what the text says. On the day Christ was begotten He was made a "High Priest" forever. Who made him a High Priest? His Father did. Who is His Father? The one that said "today have I begotten thee". God is that one.

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

Jesus is clearly telling the Jews that He proceeded forth and came from God. The word translated as proceeded forth " is "exerchomai" the same word we looked at previously and translated as "out".

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Joh 5:25  Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Joh 5:26  For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

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

Here Jesus is telling us that only the dead that hear the voice of the Son of God shall live. He also tells us that as the Father has life in himself so he has given to the Son to have life in himself. When did the Father give to the Son to have life in himself? When the Son was begotten of the Father. He was brought forth, He came forth, with life in Himself. The same life that the Father has. Immortal life by inheritance from the Father. It seems very clear to me and has no contradiction.

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Prov 8:22-30The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

Pro 8:23  I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

Pro 8:24  When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.

Pro 8:25  Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

Pro 8:26  While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

Pro 8:27  When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

Pro 8:28  When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

Pro 8:29  When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Pro 8:30  Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him:* and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;

Here we are told that Christ, personified as wisdom, was brought forth, before creation. The question is who, or what, was He brought forth from. Jesus answered that question in the previous verses. He was brought forth (begotten) from God, the only true God, the source of all, the Father.

Now we need a second witness as to who God is so that we can know who Jesus claims to have come out of, and proceeded forth, from.

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1Co 8:4  As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* none other God but one.

1Co 8:5  For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

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

Here Paul tells us that there is only one God and then he tells us who that God is, the Father. He goes on to say that all things are "of" the Father. That little word "of" is "ek" or "ex" which tell us that God is the source of all things. Now all things must be all things other than God. Paul goes onto say the there is also one Lord Jesus Christ, who must be one of the all things that came from the source and that God then made all other things through Jesus Christ. This is entirely consistent with what Heb 1:1 tells us. God is the source of all things. Before all things were made He brought forth (begot) His Son and through the channel of His Son He made all other things. God himself is the source of all things and Jesus Christ is the channel though which God acts, or the intermediary between God and all of creation.

Jesus says in

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John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The word man is "oudeis" and means nobody, nothing, not any. He is telling us that He has always been an intermediary between all of creation and God. He is our example.

If Jesus Christ is really the literal only begotten Son of God who then would benefit by convincing the world that He is not the Son of God? Who did not wish to come to the Father (the only true God) through His Son?

The answer of course is Lucifer, who became lifted up by reason of his beauty and wanted to no longer be like Christ, but to be like the most high. He wanted the position that Christ held in heaven as the Son of God, and wanted the honour that was accorded the Son of God, by God, and all of creation. It was Lucifer who first rebelled against the begotten Sonship of Christ and this is what started the whole controversy.

This was demonstrated to us in

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Mat 4:3  And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Now Lucifer knew who Christ was in heaven, did he not? He had no excuse for this question. He had just heard the voice of God saying "This is my beloved Son" and in questioning the word of God he is showing his rebellion against the only true God and His Son.

Satan has convinced the whole "Christian" world that God does not have a begotten Son and that God did not send that Son to the Earth. He has done this by convincing us that God is a unity of three co-eternal persons and that these persons play roles. That one of these persons came to Earth to pretend to be the "only begotten Son of God" but in reality is nobody's son at all. This is called the wine of Babylon because all nations have drunk this wine. We know that the whole world worships the beast and worships the dragon. How does the whole world worship the dragon? By believing his lie that God does not have an only begotten Son, and is a unity of three co-eternal persons.

Now Satan did not say to Jesus, "If thou be the second person of the Godhead come to play the role of the son of God?" If Jesus is really one of three co-eternal beings and is only playing the role of the son of God why would Satan go along with that deception.? The answer is he wouldn't.

Why does Satan want to obscure the fact that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God?

Because he doesn't want us to have eternal life.

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

Joh 3:17  For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18  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.

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

Now the whole world believes Satan's lie but John 3:16-19 and John 17:3 tells us what life eternal is and this is what Satan doesn't want us to believe.

Here is a my paraphrase of Satan's lie,

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"For God, a unity of three co-eternal persons, (the Godhead) so loved the world that He gave one of the persons of Himself to play the role of the son of three co-eternal persons of the Godhead, that whosoever believeth in the person of the Godhead playing the role of the son of the three co-eternal persons of the Godhead should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For the three co-eternal persons of the Godhead sent not one of the persons of the Godhead playing the role of the son of the three co-eternal persons of the Godhead into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through the person of the Godhead playing the role of the son of three co-eternal persons of the Godhead might be saved.

He that believeth on the person of the Godhead playing the role of the son of the three co-eternal persons of the Godhead is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the person of the Godhead playing the role of the son of the three co-eternal persons of the Godhead".

Many would think this is blasphemy but read it carefully and consider if it does reflect the understanding of the "Christian" world, that God is a unity of three co-eternal persons.

I believe I have shown from the Bible, and the Bible alone, what I understand by the word "begotten" in regard to Jesus Christ and His relationship to God.

I would like to include a few references from the inspired pen of Ellen G White.

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**Patriarchs and Prophets**

"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."

Here we are told that the Father wrought by His Son. It does not say the Father wrought by the Son, clearly demonstrating that the Father had a Son by whom He wrought.

She then says that this Son declares concerning Himself and quotes Proverbs 8:22 onwards. She clearly believed and taught that Jesus is the Son of the Father. A Son brought forth before creation occurred.

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**Desire of Ages**

But turning from all lesser representations, we behold God in Jesus. Looking unto Jesus we see that it is the glory of our God to give. "I do nothing of Myself," said Christ; "the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father." "I seek not Mine own glory," but the glory of Him that sent Me. John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18. In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. **All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.**  {DA 21.2}

Here Ellen White is confirming that in heaven Christ received all things from God. How did He receive them. The Bible says by inheritance. In the trinitarian understanding the second person of the Godhead received nothing from anybody, let alone from the Father. But Ellen says Christ received all things from God. Jesus said all things were delivered of His Father. Which is truth?

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Patriarchs and Prophets CH.66 p686.1

"Modern spiritualism, resting upon the same foundation, is but a revival in a new form of the witchcraft and demon worship that God condemned and prohibited of old. It is foretold in the Scriptures, which declare that “in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” 1 Timothy 4:1. Paul, in his second letter to the Thessalonians, points to the special working of Satan in spiritualism as an event to take place immediately before the second advent of Christ. Speaking of Christ’s second coming, he declares that it is “after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.” 2 Thessalonians 2:9. And Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, “who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them.... And many shall follow their pernicious ways.” 2 Peter 2:1, 2. Here the apostle has pointed out one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God. Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.” 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist".

Here Ellen White is talking about teachers who refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God. Now as I have mentioned all of the "Christian" churches profess to believe that Christ is the Son of God but in fact they do not. They teach that God the Son became the Son of God at the incarnation. What is truth?

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**Counsels to the Church.**

The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. (CCh 76.4)

God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son (CCh 76.5)

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Spirit of Prophecy This is worth reading closely line by line.

"The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon his Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. The Father then made known that it was ordained by himself that Christ, his Son, should be equal with himself; so that wherever was the presence of his Son, it was as his own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son he had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. Especially was his Son to work in union with himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out his will and his purposes, but would do nothing of himself alone. The Father's will would be fulfilled in him. {1SP 17.2}

Satan was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ. Yet when all the angels bowed to Jesus to acknowledge his supremacy and high authority and rightful rule, Satan bowed with them; but his heart was filled with envy and hatred. Christ had been taken into the special counsel of God in regard to his plans, while Satan was unacquainted with them. He did not understand, neither was he permitted to know, the purposes of God.

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But Christ was acknowledged sovereign of Heaven, his power and authority to be the same as that of God himself. Satan thought that he was himself a favorite in Heaven among the angels. He had been highly exalted; but this did not call forth from him gratitude and praise to his Creator. He aspired to the height of God himself. He gloried in his loftiness. He knew that he was honored by the angels. He had a special mission to execute. He had been near the great Creator, and the ceaseless beams of glorious light enshrouding the eternal God, had shone especially upon him. Satan thought how angels had obeyed his command with pleasurable alacrity. Were not his garments light and beautiful? Why should Christ thus be honored before himself? {1SP 18.1}

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This Day with God

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deuteronomy 6:4, 5. {TDG 128.1}

Angels were expelled from heaven because they would not work in harmony with God. They fell from their high estate because they wanted to be exalted. They had come to exalt themselves, and they forgot that their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus. This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ. {TDG 128.2}

One angel began the controversy and carried it on until there was rebellion in the heavenly courts, among the angels. They were lifted up because of their beauty." {TDG 128.3}

There is much, much more that could be presented to show that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God and that He was begotten of the Father, the only true God, before anything that was made was made. That Jesus inherited everything He is and has from His Father and is the express image of the Father. The evidence is there for those who want it and who will not be deceived by Satan's misrepresentations.

It is up to each one of us to decide which God we will believe in. A God who the Bible tells us is the only true God, who has an only begotten Son by whom He made all things, or a god that tradition of the Churches portrays as a unity of three co-eternal persons who has no son, only role play, Satan's masterpiece of deception.

My prayer is you will ask God to reveal the truth to you.

The SDA Church began with the correct understanding of who God is

See Belief Statement from 1874 that was presented to help people understand the SDA view,

I. That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal, infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. Ps. 139:7.

II. That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, 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;

This statement was issued by James White as the conference president at the time.

This statement remained unchanged until 1931 when a new statement was produced, not by the conference president, not by vote of the church but by a small group of men. It was then published by one man without any recorded authority of the conference or the president. However it still presented Jesus Christ as the son of the Father.

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. Matt. 28:19.

3. That Jesus Christ is very God, being of the same nature and essence as the Eternal Father. While retaining His divine nature, He took upon Himself the nature of the human family, lived on the earth as a man, exemplified in His life as our example the principles of righteousness, attested His relationship to God by many mighty miracles, died for our sins on the cross, was raised from the dead, and ascended to the Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for us. John 1:1,14; Heb. 2:9-18; 8:1,2; 4:14-16; 7:25.

In this statement Christ is still the son of the Father. The real literal begotten Son through whom all things were made. This statement appeals to both non-trinitarian and trinitarian understandings of God. This statement remained unchanged until 1980.

In 1980, by vote of the General Conference, the Son of the Eternal Father became God the Eternal Son

2. The Trinity There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons. God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. He is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation. (Deut. 6:4; 29:29; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Tim. 1:17; Rev. 14:6, 7.)

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, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also revelations of the Father. (Gen. 1:1; Rev. 4:11; 1 Cor. 15:28; John 3:16; 1 John 4:8; 1 Tim. 1:17; Ex. 34:6, 7; John 14:9.)

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. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived and experienced temptation as a human being, but perfectly exemplified the righteousness and love of God. By His miracles He manifested God's power and was attested as God's promised Messiah. He suffered and died voluntarily on the cross for our sins and in our place, was raised from the dead, and ascended to minister in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf. He will come again in glory for the final deliverance of His people and the restoration of all things. (John 1:1-3, 14; 5:22; Col. 1:15-19; John 10:30; 14:9; Rom. 5:18; 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Luke 1:35; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; Heb. 2:9-18; 4:15; 7:25; 8:1, 2; 9:28; John 14:1-3; 1 Peter 2:21; Rev. 22:20.)

So it is obvious that it was in 1980 the SDA church officially rejected the truth that Jesus Christ is the literal Son of the Father, who is the only true God according to Jesus himself.

In so doing the SDA church adopted the God of the daughters of Babylon. The statement of beliefs indicating identical wording to that of the daughters of Babylon. We are told that the church was founded on error and this error was corrected in 1980. Now it was obviously a progressive correction from before 1931 to 1980 but it did not become official until 1980. Many people were baptised before 1980 believing that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father. This is not the case now because the church will not baptise people who hold that view.