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Dear Elder Wieland,

I was very glad to receive Mrs. White's letter to Elder Washburn. I feel that the words "divine body" in her letter enters into a truth she wrote July 9, 1895 in the Review. "The Eternal Father, the unchangeable One, gave his only begotten Son, tore from His bosom Him who was made in the express image of His Person." I sent this quote to a retired G. C. man living in the West, he would not comment, but sent to the White estate for the answer. I have had this same experience with other statements I have sent to leaders in both education and administrative institutions of our church. It has occurred to me by this, that the White estate and Research Committee has become an important voice of the church. Has it become dangerous for a person to voice his personal convictions?

I feel that the words "was made" in the July 9, 1895 quote does not mean out of nothing: but it means, "was made," from the Father's Person, which does not contradict "was begotten."

This one statement alone written by inspiration, blows the present Triune hypothesis, taught at present in our church, out of existence. No wonder that this quote of July 9, 1895 couldn't be rightly explained. It was because the brethren tried to look at it through three smokey eye glasses at once instead of applying the eye-salve spoken by our Lord in Revelation. I'm sorry to say that I have not been helped even once, by the answers given to me by these two institutions. Forgive me if I sound harsh, I only have love for all in my soul.

I will send you another quote that passed through the same channels only it started and ended with different hands. "Never before had angels listened to such prayer as Christ offered at his baptism, and they were solicitous to be the bearers of the message from the Father to his Son. But no, direct from the Father issues the light of his glory. The heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon the Son of God, and assumed the form of a dove in appearance like burnished gold. The dove-like form was emblematic of the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Notwithstanding the Son of God was clothed with humanity yet Jehovah with his own voice assures him of his sonship with the Eternal."  
R.H. January 21, 1873.

That which I desired of the brethren was an answer which would harmonize with a phrase in the book Evangelism, "there are three living persons of the heavenly trio," for I am unable to grasp three personal co-equal, co-eval gods. The answer sent to me was so far non-committal and disconnected that my heart was made sad. "Thousands (of Seventh Day Adventists) have a false conception of God and his attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal. Are we worshipping the true God as he is revealed in his word, in Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in his place?" Volume 5 Testimonies, page 173-174.

In the quote of 1973 the dove was no third person God. The dove was formed by the light emanating from the Father.

In the scriptures this dove of light is called the Holy Ghost. This Holy Spirit light is clearly pictured in Early Writings, pages 54-56. It passes from the Father to the Son, and on to God's people. "The Holy Spirit proceeding from the only begotten Son, binds the human agent body, soul, and spirit, to the divine human nature of Christ." S.M. Vol. page 251. "All professions of Christianity are but lifeless expressions of faith until Jesus imbues the believer with his spiritual life which is the Holy Ghost." S.P. Vol. 3, page 242.

This statement of January 21, 1873 given by inspiration also destroys the doctrine of three co-eval gods in unity, taught in our Church Manual and in Questions on Doctrine as a fundamental belief. This statement reveals only two Beings occupying the throne, or circle of Deity. I showed Elder Shuler about two years before his death this quote, and he said to me, "I have never seen this. You had better take it to the brethren in Washington." Even though we live at a time of great light, the people perish for a lack of knowledge.

At this point I want to express a deep conviction which I feel is heaven-born. I believe that today very few ministers who graduate from our seminary and enter the pulpit have this living knowledge: That a true God is one who is omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, immutable, without a beginning and without an ending: can never be acted upon, modified or controlled by another eternal entity. He must always possess an unconditional existence from any other God. If it were possible for two self-existing eternal entities to exist they would limit each other. Neither one could be the proprietary, the Highest, or be all in all supreme. Neither one could make any claims to the forms or motions of the other, because here exists an entity, existing without a beginning, existing by Himself and of Himself, just as much so as God the Father. So in the area of Deity to think of more than one true God, is to confuse the mind producing a phantasm.

"Jehovah is the only true God." Vol. 6, Testimonies, page 166.

"That ye may know that I am Jehovah, the only true and living God." P.P. page 270.

"This is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God." John 17:3.

Here is a combination of quotes I sent to leaders and that ended up in Washington.

"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 God." Vol. 8 Testimonies, pages 268-269.

"The Father then made known to the angels (and us) that it was ordained by Himself that Christ his Son should be equal with Himself so that wherever was the presence of the Son, it was as His own presence." S.P., Vol. 1, page 17.

These angels (those in sympathy with Lucifer) were unhappy because they could not look into the Father's unsearchable wisdom, and ascertain his purposes in exalting his Son Jesus and endowing him with such unlimited (omnipotent) power and command." (co-rulership) S.P., page 19.

"To dispute the supremacy of the Son of God, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator (Father) had become the purpose of this prince of angels." P.P., page 36.

"In all the universe there was but one who could in behalf of man satisfy its (law) claims. Only one equal with God could make atonement (die) for its transgression." (Not as a God without a beginning; but as a God of relativity made equal) P.P., page 63.

Here are a group of quotes that express divine thoughts which could never enter into a doctrine of Tritheism or Trinitarianism. The way the leaders in Washington answered me, gives to me the greatest evidence. Gods people have no more authority from the Bible to teach Tritheism as a truth; than the Catholics have to teach Trinitarianism as the truth.

Please don't think I am harsh, for I love all people. An eighth grade student successful in his language course, even if he were not from a Christian family, could take these statements above, read them (using a dictionary if need be) and be able to give the right meaning. (Because his mind is not closed up "to their light" by the hypnotic power of bigotry and philosophical idolatry.)

All of the Spirit of Prophecy quoted above, reveals only two Beings in the circle of Deity. One Being is the Supreme God who became a Father, by producing a second Being, who was God His Son of relativity. I use the word God as it is used in the Bible of any one (professedly) mighty, whether truly so or not, and is applied not only to the true God, but to false gods, magistrates, judges, angels, prophets, etc.

The Son of God was not a delegated God; but he was a God by relationship. He was part or second self of His Father. He was the product of the Father's own Person. He was not created from nothing, but came forth from His own Father. (R. H. July 9, 1895) That fact of being a Son was evidence He was not a true God. A true God receives nothing of Himself from another. A true Son receives his sonship of his Father. A Father is the source and origin of his true Son. Only these two Beings occupy the throne of Deity.

"God (the Father) will not accept the inventions of men who by their works try to enter the circle of Deity, where only the Holy One, the only Begotten Son of God has a right to tread." R. H. August 9, 1898.

The only being who was next to Christ before sin entered was Lucifer the covering cherubim. The one in third place today is the Angel Gabriel, who took Lucifer's place. P.P. page 35, D.A. page 99, 234. When Lucifer was in third place in the universe, his desire for equality of power and rulership with the Father stemmed from the exaltation of the Son by his Father. Why, questioned Lucifer, should Christ be exalted and not me? This is the real basis of the Great Controversy; the law came in as an after contention. The fact of the Son's exaltation by his Father through communicated Omnipotence and delegated co-rulership proves to me there is only One true God, and One begotten Son. The Son at no time of His existence has been independent of his Father. The Son has always been surrendered and obedient to his Father's will, and the Father has empowered the Son to execute the mighty counsels of His will. The Son does all things to, and for, his Father, because of his great love for Him. The Son gives us the example and asks us to do to, and for, the Father in our sphere, as he does in his sphere.

One more aspect of these wonderful quotations. "In all the universe there was but one who could in behalf of man satisfy the claims of the broken law of God. None but Christ could make atonement (die) for its transgression." No true God, as the Father, could in reality die. But a Son of relativity, begotten as a God, then exalted to be equal with the true God, could die. And that kind of death would fully meet the law's demand and suffice to save the sinner.

The fact that the divine Son could come to an end by dying, is the evidence he was not a true God. Lucifer knew before his fall, that the Son was not true God, and that the Son of God could be destroyed. "It was by seeking to exalt himself above the Son of God that Satan had sinned in heaven." D.A. page 129. "Satan made it evident that the real purpose of his rebellion was to dethrone God (the Father) and destroy Him through whom the love of God was shown." D.A. page 57.

In these following quotes is the living truth of the death of a God that made the means for a full atonement, to be carried out for fallen man, from the ascension of Christ to the close of human probation.

"The price for man's redemption could be paid only by one equal (made) with God, the spotless Son of the infinite Father." R.H. October 26, 1896.

"Justice demanded the sufferings of a man. Christ (a Son of relativity) equal with God (was made in the express image of the Father's Person) gave the sufferings of a God." R.H. September 21, 1886.

"The universe was amazed at the spectacle of God (the Son) becoming a sacrifice for the guilty. He took upon his divine nature (Deity) the results of the transgression of God's law." R.H. April 30, 1901.

"One (made) equal with God, passed through death in our behalf, he came to die, (as a God) to lie in the tomb as human beings must." R.H. March 9, 1905.

"The spirit of Jesus slept (dead) in the tomb with his body and did not wing it's way to heaven. All that comprised the life and intelligence (spirit) of Jesus remained with his body in the sepulcher and when he came forth it was as a whole being: he did not summon his spirit from heaven." S.P., Vol. 3, pages 203, 204.

"He who died for the sin's of the world was to remain in the tomb the allotted time. He was in that stoney house a prisoner of divine justice. He was responsible to the judge (the Father) of the universe. He was bearing the sins of the world, and his Father only could release him." Ms. 94 1897.

"The Roman guard could not endure the light from heaven, and became as dead men when the angels descended to resurrect the body of the Son of God." R.H. April 12, 1870.

"God (the Father through Angels) had actually raised Him up from the tomb, before His body saw corruption." S.P., Vol 3, page 270.

These statements concerning the gift of God's Son and his death and resurrection can never be used to support a triune God, or Gods. No true God could die to redeem a transgressor, even though his nature was willing to. But a true Son of a true God, made equal in divine power and co-rulership, (if the Son was willing) could die and bring life to the lost. Since the only way to save was the death of God's Son, it is evident that if the Son would have refused to die, the only recourse (it seems) was to blot out and start over.

My own ears have heard from the pulpit these words: "That the word begotten son in John 3:16 means unique that He was not a Son before the incarnation, that he became a unique son because he was born of Mary without an earthly father." (To my observation of these words, they contain the seed of heresy. They present a human sacrifice, and that pain and temptation and death was only experienced by the human nature.) "That in death he raised Himself by His own Divine Nature. His Father nor the Holy Spirit who are the two other Gods of a trinity had nothing to do with His incarnation or life on earth, or His resurrection. It was all done by the second God alone."

What I have just written is upheld they say by the words of Mrs. White that follows, but they clothe these words in mysticism.

"Humanity died; divinity did not die." S.M., Vol. 1, page 301.

I have found it useless to penetrate the mystical veil over their minds. So I quote the Bible to uphold Mrs. White on her statement. "Paul an apostle (not of men neither by man but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead.)" Gal. 1:1. But if the Spirit of Him, (the Father) that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." This shows the divinity in Jesus that didn't die, and also the power that raised him to life.

Here is the source of the idea that the divinity did not die meaning that the Divine pre-existent God the Son did not die. He (Peter) could not conceive it possible that the Son of God should be put to death. Satan suggested to his mind that if Jesus was the Son of God he could not die." S.P. Vol. 3, page 231.

The scientific mystical essence of three true Gods in unity to my mind (and I think I have the mind of Christ) is a false theory and is the Omega of apostasy. The Alpha of apostasy was the substitution of a false God in the remnant foundation; which was overthrown by the Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 8 Testimonies, page 255 to 335. But the Omega will not be overcome, only at the coming of Christ.

This omega of apostasy is set forth in the R. H. January 7, 1904 connected with Jude's message as great force to the remnant church. "And there are certain men crept in unawares -- ungodly men turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude 1:4. I like James White's words on this text written in the Day Star January 24, 1846. "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: that Jesus Christ is the eternal God. (Compare Church Manual, page 53 -- Questions on Doctrines, page 37)

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. Then they dispose of Jesus: secondly, by quoting John 4:24. God is a spirit, and as they assert, nothing but a spirit, the Holy Ghost which dwells in a Christian, thus they dispose of both Jesus and Almighty God." This same effect is produced in our church by the teaching of three true Gods in unity (Tritheism) as is produced by the teaching of one God in three persons. (Trinitarianism)

In our church, by teaching Jesus the begotten Son as an eternal Son, the eternal Father is disposed of, because as I have already explained, the absurdity of two eternal entities existing side by side. And the teaching of the Holy Spirit as a corporal eternal God, and the only one who dwells in the Christian, disposes of both the only true God and His only begotten Son.

Satan's effort in exalting the Holy Spirit as the third person eternal God, as Creator, Recreator, Regenerator, inspirer, and Revelator, the one to praise, honor, sing holy acclamations to, pray to, and seek help from, is that, through this false concept of the Holy Spirit, a false God is substituted for the true God in the message of the three angels of Revelation 14. Those of the remnant church who carry out the instructions of the Sabbath School lessons to honor, obey, sing, and pray to the Holy Spirit as a personal eternal God are denying the Father and Son, and are giving their allegiance to Satan. This is terrible to have to write this way, but without any doubt in my mind, what Satan started out to do after the disappointment of 1844, he has finally achieved. To put himself in the place of the true God of Revelation 14:6-12. All who pray to the Holy Spirit will have the experience set forth in Early Writings, page 56. "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."

I feel that the Omega of apostasy started in earnest with the cooperation of our Washington brethren, with Drs. Martin and Barnhouse, the revising of Bible Readings and Daniel's Revelation, the Church Manual of 1951, and the writing of Question on Doctrine. Now in the last quarter of 1978 the church is being taught in earnest to worship and obey the Holy Ghost. Surely probation is nearly closed.

I will close with a prayer that you will not be offended. Send me any helpful advice or correction. I know it will be given in love. I have abundant material on the Holy Spirit which if you don't mind: the next time I write the whole letter will be concerning the Comforter.

Summary

God has never communicated any blessing to fallen humanity except through Christ, and the heavenly angels. P.P. page 67, 366 -- D.A. page 143 -- S.P. Vol. 2, pages 67-68.

Everything comes to us from the Father, through his only true Son. 1 Cor. 8:6; 15:24, 28; Eph. 3:9, 4:6; Rev. 1:1. The Son of God who is the heavenly commander, dispenses the blessings received, to the angels. John 1:51, Heb 1:14. The angels pour the heavenly Holy Oil of grace, in which is our blessing, into our hearts. We in turn bless others. R.H. March 2, July 20, 1897 A.D. May 16, 1899. Testimonies to Ministers, pages 188, 509, 510, 397, 97.

May grace and peace from God our  
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be upon you,

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