

Dear Elder Wieland:

Praise the Lord, He is so good to us.

In your letter to me you wrote, "I would be grateful for any help you could give me on the subject you refer to of the Trinity." I interpret your request, that you wanted me to give to you what I know about the Trinity from the standpoint of the Scriptures and the writings of Mrs. White, which is different from setting forth its development from heathenism into the Papacy and Protestantism. The information that I have been able to obtain by several years of investigation, gives me the impression, based on conscience and reason, that the doctrine of the trinity is anti-Biblical, and anti-Christian. A well known historian and theologian in the Catholic Church wrote an article in the Life magazine of Oct. 1950 A.D. and said, "The Protestant church denies the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary, and other of our churches teaching saying that nothing can be found in the Bible to support such teaching, yet they adopt and defend the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity which cannot be proven by the Bible."

At an Ohio camp meeting, I asked a former Union Conference President if our church believed and taught the trinity like the Catholic Church. He said no, they teach One God in three co-equal, co-eval persons. Our church teaches three Gods in three co-equal individual persons in unity. This answer startled me; for the first time I heard a good leader say no trinitarianism, but tritheism. From my knowledge of the Bible I felt sure that it did not teach tritheism. I honestly confess that I am unable to grasp the doctrine of tritheism. My mind can see no light in three Gods in three persons in unity. I feel that you can detect this in my letter that I sent you.

Since my union President informed me as he did; I have learned that from the time following the death of the Apostles, to the organizing of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the truth about God was hidden by the enforced doctrine of the Trinity. It has been the gift of prophecy that has brought the truth to light, out of scripture. The Seventh Day Adventist church is the only one in all the world, where the truth of God can be found. And it is not Trinitarianism nor Tritheism.

In my first letter every statement of Mrs. White was in harmony with the Bible which teaches only One true God. "Hear O, Israel, the Lord our God is One Lord." Mark 12:29.

"Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth. This was a plain statement that the Jews were more nearly correct in the principles of their religion than any other nation." S.P. V2 p 143-144, D.A. p 189.

And that Jesus was a true Son of relativity, one begotten of God. "Before the mountains were settled (on any world) before the hills, was, I was brought forth." Prov. 8:22-27. S.M. V 1 p 248.

There are no words in the Bible that are used in connection with Christ, before his incarnation or after, but that are applied to him as a begotten Son. Christ has known nothing else in his existence then being a Son of God. Lucifer and all the angels before the fall had only known Christ as the begotten Son. S.P. Vol 1 p 19, par. 2. These two paragraphs could be only theory, yet I have read it in very good books. "God the Father is a Spirit, yet he is a Person. Man was made in God's image having a spirit, and a body. Both spirit and body made him a person. Woman was made also in God's image having a spirit and a body. Both spirit and body made her a person. Her spirit and body was taken out of his spirit and body. God calls them one man. He called their name Adam.

A being of body and spirit begotten in the exact image of the Father's Person, could be brought about, only by begetting. Not in the same manner that humans are produced. But in the way that a true God, could beget another God, which way has not been made known. By the creation of male and female as one man as described above, it was even thought centuries before A.D. that the One God possessed a duo nature. By this duo nature His body begot, and His Spirit conceived within Himself. By His omnipotent power God brought forth a Son. "I was brought forth." Selected Messages Vol 1, page 248. This picture is the best, to my mind, that could be grasped by a finite mind, and still not violate the Sonship of Christ.

The reason the above seems so true is, that the Spirit of the Father which is Holy is set forth as Himself, and is not called a third person. "In giving us His Holy Spirit God gives unto us Himself." V7T p 273.

Now some words about the Comforter the Holy Spirit which will be based on the Sanctuary in heaven. The Sanctuary in heaven does not present three beings of a heavenly trio. It presents only two beings of Deity in unity.

"I saw that Jesus has shut the door of the Holy Place, and no man can open it: and that he had opened the door into the Most Holy, and no man can close it." E.W. p 34 - 1891 ed. There is one article of furniture in the most Holy. "The sacred ark covered by the mercy-seat, and containing the holy law of God, was symbolic of Jehovah Himself." R.H. Articles V 2 p 23. "There are only three powers in the

Most Holy that are working for this earth." V8T p 254.
"God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted."
R. H. Articles V 5 p 84.

"God will not accept the inventions of men who in their work enter the inner circle of God (the Father) where only the Holy One whose form is that of the Son of God has a right to enter." R. H. Aug. 9, 1898. "Three times he (Son) was shut in by the glorious light about (enshrouded) the Father." E.W. p 21 - 1891 edition. "I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like himself. He said he had...but I could not...behold the glory of his Person." Ibid p 45.
In all of my searching of the Most Holy, I find One Uncreated Power, and One Begotten Power, within the circle of Deity.

On each end of the mercy seat is an angel. These two cherubims stand the closest to the light enshrouding the Father. They represent the Angelic Host. This third power is created." A created instrumentality is used in heaven's organized plan for the renewing of our nature. The guardianship of the heavenly host is granted to us, etc." S.M. Vol 1 p 97. So within the Most Holy there are three powers. One is Uncreated, One is Begotten, and one is created. There is no third Uncreated Being in existence in the Most Holy.

"Of all the blessings which God has bestowed upon his people, the gift of his Son excepted, none have been so sacred, and so important to their welfare, as the gift of his holy law, and his Holy Spirit." S.P. Vol 1 p 10. The Father has given three gifts (or parts) of Himself. First his Son, the exact and visible manifestation of his invisible Person. Second his law the visible manifestation of his invisible will and character. Third the Holy Spirit, the mysterious influence of the Father continually emanating from him, and by which He is every where present upholding, creating and sustaining all things. And by which He makes manifest the merits of divine Grace to one who believes and is converted. God has given this Power which is Himself to represent His Son, as the Spirit of Christ.
"Those who believe the truth should remember that they have One God, and One Savior, and One Spirit -- the Spirit of Christ." V9T p 189.

"The High Priest trimmed and lighted the lamps which were a type of the Holy Spirit emanating from God (the Father and Son) and shining at some time into the heart of every one, inviting him to accept the Lord and His service.
R.H. Sept. 26, 1912.

The Father emanates His Holy Spirit which is a part of Himself to His Son, without measure. Thus the Father abides in His Son as life of His life, soul of His soul. "The Holy Spirit proceeding from the only begotten Son binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the divine-human nature of Christ." He breathed on them and saith unto them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost. The impartation of the Spirit was the impartation of the very life of Christ. The breathing of Christ upon His disciples was the breath of true spiritual life. The Holy Spirit is the very life of Christ in the soul." R.H. June 13, 1899. "All professions of christianity are but lifeless expressions of faith, until Jesus imbues the believer with His own Spiritual Life which is the Holy Spirit." S.P. Vol 3 p 242.

The impartation of the Spiritual Life, light and power of the Father and Son to the members of the church is clearly revealed in two places in the Bible, and Mrs. White's writings. It is revealed in Jacob's ladder, and Zechariah's vision of the candlestick. Here is revealed the working of the third created power of the Most Holy, which are the angels.

"If you believe in me as such (Son of God) your faith shall be quickened, and you shall see that the heavens will be opened...and the angels...united with me in reconciliation... uniting the believers on the earth with the Father above will be ascending bearing the prayers of the needy and distressed from earth to the Father above, and descending bringing blessing of hope, courage, health and life (like words used in V7T p 273 paragraph 1) for the children of men. All the miracles of Christ performed for the afflicted and suffering were by the power (Holy Spirit) of God, through the ministration of angels. All the blessings from God (in His Holy Spirit) to man, are through the ministration of angels." S.P. Vol 2 p 67-68.

In the fourth chapter of Zechariah the golden candlestick reveals the same truth as Jacob's ladder, showing the line of communication the Holy Spirit of the Father travels. The golden oil is the Holy Spirit. The two olive trees are the two covering angels representing all the angels. The bowl and lamp stand with seven branches is the church. "From the two olive trees, the golden oil (Holy Spirit) was emptied through golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. So from the holy ones (angels) that stand in God's presence, His (Holy) Spirit is imparted to human instrumentalities that are consecrated to his service." Testimony to Ministers p 509-510. "The golden oil represents the Holy Spirit." With this oil God's ministers are to be constantly supplied, that they may in turn impart it (Holy Spirit) to the church." T.M. p 188. "Holy angels will watch over you, and the golden oil (Holy Spirit) which the two olive branches empty through the two golden pipes, for the perfection of the characters of God's people will be imparted to you." R.H. July 6, 1905.

For the past fifty years, I have never heard a sermon from our pulpits, making plain the truth of the angels filled with the Holy Spirit, working for the regeneration of fallen human nature. Yet God's work is filled with the angels working to restore the graces in the souls of men.

I have in my possession a book written in 1878, ten years before the notable Minneapolis Conference, named, The Biblical Institute. It is a synopsis of Lectures on the Principal Doctrines of Seventh Day Adventist, given in Oakland, California by Elders James White and Uriah Smith, April 1-17, 1877. In Vol. 4 of the testimonies, on page 407 it reads, "The plan that has been adopted to have Elder Smith hold Biblical Institutes in different states is approved of God. Great good has been accomplished by these institutes...the fruits of the efforts that have already been made can never be fully realized in this life, but will be seen in eternity." This testimony of Mrs. White was given after, this book, I have, was printed, which placed the approval of God upon the teaching of Elder James White and Elder Uriah Smith, and time has made no change in it being true.

In this book on the chapter; Nature and Destiny of Man, on page 184 we read: 2) In what way is God everywhere present? Answer: By His representative, his Holy Spirit. Ps. 139:7. 3) What is the Holy Spirit? Answer: Any attempt to answer this question is venturing upon holy ground. It is something which is common to the Father and Son; the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ. It is something (impersonal) to which the expressions, "poured out," "shed abroad," "descended," etc. are applied. It was breathed by Christ upon his disciples. John 20:20. It was an agent in the creation of the world. Gen. 1:2. But it would be useless to try to enumerate all the methods and varieties of its manifestations. In a word it may be perhaps best described as a mysterious influence emanating from the Father and the Son, their representative and medium of their power." (Impersonal, my word.)

"We are in great need of the heavenly influence, God's (Holy) Spirit." V6T p 51. "His Holy Spirit. The heavenly current is flowing earthward...Let not this heavenly current be turned aside by our deviations, etc." V6T p 244. These statements were written by inspiration between 1892 and 1900 A.D. They uphold the explanation of Elders White and Smith, written in the above book in 1878 A.D.

"His (holy) Spirit...a fountain of divine influences, etc." V7T p 273. "The (Holy Spirit) highest influence in the universe." V8T p 22. "The (Holy Spirit) highest influence in the universe emanating from the Source (Father) of all power." D.A. p 679. These quotes also written by inspiration between 1896 and 1904 A.D. upholds the book of 1878 A.D. of Elders White and Smith on the Holy Spirit. I cannot conceive of Mrs. White during the last 11 years of her life, of writing anything concerning the Holy Spirit. That would go against what she wrote in 1896, 1900, and 1904, that the Holy Spirit is the highest influence from the Father.

I am sorry that for about two decades, I've read in our books, and heard from the pulpit, at times, that the Holy Spirit is not an influence, but a Person with a body. This idea is not in the Bible, nor the writings of Mrs. White's own hand. This false concept destroys the truth of God, and the Sonship of Christ. A doctrine of the Holy Spirit as an individual person, co-equal and co-eval with the Father and Son is not seen in the earthly, nor heavenly Sanctuary ministrations. It is not seen in the three angels messages of Rev. 14:6-12. In all of Mrs. White's visions she never saw the body of a third person, having anything to do with the Father nor the Son. Nor having anything to do in forming or carrying out any part of the plan of Salvation. Mrs. White saw the Son and talked with Him, and adored Him in His form. She saw the light enshrouding the Father. She was told that the Father had a form. But no where does she say, that she saw the Holy Spirit's body, or even asked if the Holy Spirit had one. I feel this change from the Holy Spirit being the divine influence of the Father; to being a third individual, co-equal, co-eval, being of a heavenly trio is seen in the following words.

"The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. Satan through different ways and different agencies, will seek to unsettle confidence in the true testimony. There will be a hatred kindled against the testimonies which is Satan."
S.M. Vol 1 p 48. The effect of this quote can be seen also in the following.

"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, (of sin) who warns (judgement), who admonishes them (in righteousness), saying, "This is the way walk ye in it." etc. R.H. Articles V 2 p 422.

"I urge our people to link up with one another and with Christ. Let them study the seventeenth chapter of John and learn how to live and pray the prayer of Christ. He is the Comforter. He (as Comforter) will abide in their hearts." IBID V 4 p 488.

There is no third individual co-equal, co-eval entity that can fit in the two above inspired writings. Could it be possible that in this time of Omega of Apostacy, that Satan has become the Adventist Comforter? I wonder.

"Jesus (not two persons) would intercede for them, and send them His own representative the Holy Spirit, who would attend them in their work. This representative would not appear (to the eyes or mind) in human form, (a form also possessed by the Father and Son) but by faith would be seen (by the mind) and recognized (by its working) by all who should believe in Christ."

R.H. Oct. 26, 1897. (Not appear -- there would be no visible written or physical signs indicating state of mind, intentions, or probable nature of a past or coming action.) In other words, this inspired statement of 1897, indicates that the representatives (can be either a person or thing) of Christ is impersonal, which harmonizes with the 1878 book by James White and Uriah Smith. It also agrees with all former quotes from the Testimonies, written in this work.

In my closing words is my summary.

I have revealed what I believe is the truth as it is in Jesus. The truth about the true God can only be seen in the Most Holy of the heavenly Sanctuary. By not looking to the Father, and the One Mediator His Son, in the Most Holy, the entire non-Christian, and professed Christian World is worshipping Satan clothed as some god.

The light of the heavenly Sanctuary is the light of the Father bodily. The Son, the light of the Father manifested. The Holy Spirit in the light of the Father and Son making manifest the power of God's grace to all who accept the Son as a personal Saviour. The Father is a Person. The Son is a Person. The Holy Spirit is not a Person but a mysterious influence emanating from the Father and Son as their personal omnipresence. And by which They in unity originate and sustain the universe and all things in it both animate and inanimate.

I give you the priveledge to use my two letters any way you choose. I believe you a true member of Christ's body and that you would not betray in ham, a fellow brother. I am at present reading your inspiring book loaned to me by a good Christian brother, called "1888 Re-Examined." I feel that an angel was by your side helping you write it. A true friend is one who will give you counsel, give you warning, and repolve you, in love.

May the grace and peace from God our Father and Christ the Son be with you.

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