

Spirit



The Controversy Today

1 - The Godhead consists of just TWO Beings - God the Father and Jesus the Son. The Holy Spirit is a force, a divine will and energy from the Father and Son

2 - The Godhead consists of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit, THREE separate Beings with one and the same purpose

Pioneer Support for Number 1 View



Adventist pioneers series on the trinity - Part 1

James White

*"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. The mass who have held these fundamental errors, have doubtless done it ignorantly; but can it be supposed that the church of Christ will carry along with her these errors till the judgment scenes burst upon the world? We think not."*
(James White, Review and Herald, September 12, 1854, p. 36)

"Here we might mention the Trinity, which does away with the personality of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ." (James White, Review and Herald, December 11, 1855, p. 85)

How do you understand John 11:26?

J. B.

ANS. The following from Adam Clarke's comments on this place is perhaps as satisfactory interpretation of the passage as could well be given: "Shall never die; or shall not die forever." Though he die a temporal death, he shall not continue under its power forever, but shall have a resurrection to life eternal."

92.—WHO WILL BE ACCEPTED?

When our Lord shall come, will any be accepted of him who are not found keeping his holy seventh-day Sabbath?

ANS. I think not. Should the Saviour come to-day he would find many sincere Christians among Sunday-keepers; but before he will actually appear in the clouds of heaven, the third angel's message of Rev. 14:9-12 will go to all the nations of the earth with the loud cry, and will unite all of the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ in the keeping of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

93.—WOULD IT BE WRONG?

Would it be wrong for me to employ a Sunday-keeper to build a house for me on a vacant lot, allowing him to work on the Sabbath, provided he should take the job and furnish everything and board himself?

ANS. I think it would be a violation of the Sabbath law. The title of the village lot is in your name in every sense of the word. You are the only person who has a right to say on what days work shall, and on what days work shall not, be done. The design of God in prohibiting work within our gates was that of proving us to see whether we would honor him by compelling obedience to his

commanding those letters in the names of the different tribes which would spell out a word or words indicating an affirmative or negative answer, to coincide with a supernatural rapture.

96.—CHRIST NOT A CREATED BEING.

Will you please favor me with those scriptures which plainly say that Christ is a created being?

ANS. You are mistaken in supposing that S. D. Adventists teach that Christ was ever created. They believe, on the contrary, that he was "begotten" of the Father, and that he can properly be called God and worshiped as such. They believe, also, that the worlds, and everything which is, was created by Christ in conjunction with the Father. They believe, however, that somewhere in the eternal ages of the past there was a point at which Christ came into existence. They think that it is necessary that God should have antedated Christ in his being, in order that Christ could have been begotten of him, and sustain to him the relation of son. They hold to the distinct personality of the Father and Son, rejecting as absurd that feature of Trinitarianism which insists that God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit are three persons, and yet but one person. S. D. Adventists hold that God and Christ are one in the sense that Christ prayed that his disciples might be one; *i. e.*, one in spirit, purpose, and labor. See "Fundamental Principles of S. D. Adventists," published at this Office. Price, 4 cts.

Can you tell me in a few words what it was that was done away according to verse 11, and what it was that was abolished according to verse 13 of 2

Hear the loving, earnest call,
"Follow me! thy Shepherd-I!
Trust me though the path is steep;
Just beyond, the fold doth lie."

Progress of the Cause.

"Go that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless be again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Ps. 126:6.

MISSOURI.

NEOSHO, APRIL 10.—Have just returned from a meeting held by invitation a few miles south of this place. Tracts had prepared the way, and the word preached was received with much joy. The family from whom I received the invitation decided to travel the narrow way that leads to life. I sold \$1.50 worth of tracts, and obtained one subscriber for the REVIEW, and one for the Signs.
E. G. BLACKMAN.

VIRGINIA.

MOUNTAIN FALLS, FREDERICK Co.—I began meetings one mile north of this place, April 8, in a school-house known as Friendly Grove. The house is filled every night with very intelligent people. I have hopes that by the help of God, some good may be done at this place. I meet with the little company at Laurel Grove every Sabbath, and I find some there growing in grace. To God be all the praise.

Dear brethren and sisters, remember the work here in your prayers.
M. G. HUFFMAN.

KANSAS.

Empire. We want four weeks of Rev. Clark

Dm Canright, Well known pioneer Pastor -

"The Holy Spirit is not a person, not an individual, but is an influence or power proceeding from the Godhead."

J. H. Waggoner wrote in 1877 -

"the Holy Spirit was an *It* rather than a *He*. After writing of the "one question which has been much controverted," that is, "the personality of the Spirit," he described the "Spirit of God" as "that awful and mysterious power which proceeds from the throne of the universe." (Quote from Ministry magazine, April 2012)

J.N Andrews wrote in the Review and Herald , March 6, 1855 -

"The doctrine of the Trinity which was established in the church of Nice, AD 325. This doctrine destroys the personality of God, and His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.."

"Adventist beliefs have changed over the years under the impact of 'present truth'. Most startling is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord..... the Trinitarian understanding of God, now part of our fundamental beliefs, was not generally held by the early Adventists." - *Adventist Review, Jan 6, 1994. P.10.*

"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." - *Ministry, October 1993, p. 10.*

What some SDA teachers are saying today

Nadar Mansour on one of his YouTube presentation against the Trinity -

"**Factual evidence that the SDA Trinity IS the Catholic Trinity.** This should alarm any clear-thinking prophecy students. Time to wake up, folks!"

Brother Mueller , former German SDA Pastor (93 years old) -

"Back then the father of our president of the general conference (Neal Wilson) introduced the 26 or 27 Fundamental Beliefs. They were intended to be obligatory for all believers worldwide. But I and many other pastors did not accept them, **because the Trinity isn't a Biblical doctrine.** It originated in the 4th century AD in Nicea and Constantinople."

David Barron , founder and publisher of "The Third Angels Message.com" -

"God the Father is the fullness of the Godhead, invisible to mortal sight. No man has seen God at anytime. (John 1:18) The Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifest. He hath made manifest the Father's divine nature. (John 1:18, Col 2:9) **The Holy Spirit is the fullness and power in the Godhead, His divinity, His Spirit, His presence in all believers throughout the universe. And is even seen in the creation.** (Romans 1:20)"



ZECHARIAH FOUR

Two Prophets in the church since 1844

"... the two golden pipes, which carry the golden oil from the trees to the bowl, are the only two mediums which God has employed since 1844 A.D. to interpret the Scriptures." (5 SC, no. 1-5, p.3)

Key Point: God's two prophets -Ellen White and Victor Houteff have our answers to the Truth of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of Prophecy References

"Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the **Third Person of the Godhead**, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature." (Desire of Ages, p.671)

The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. **He must also be a divine person**, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."-Manuscript 20, 1906. {Ev 617.1}

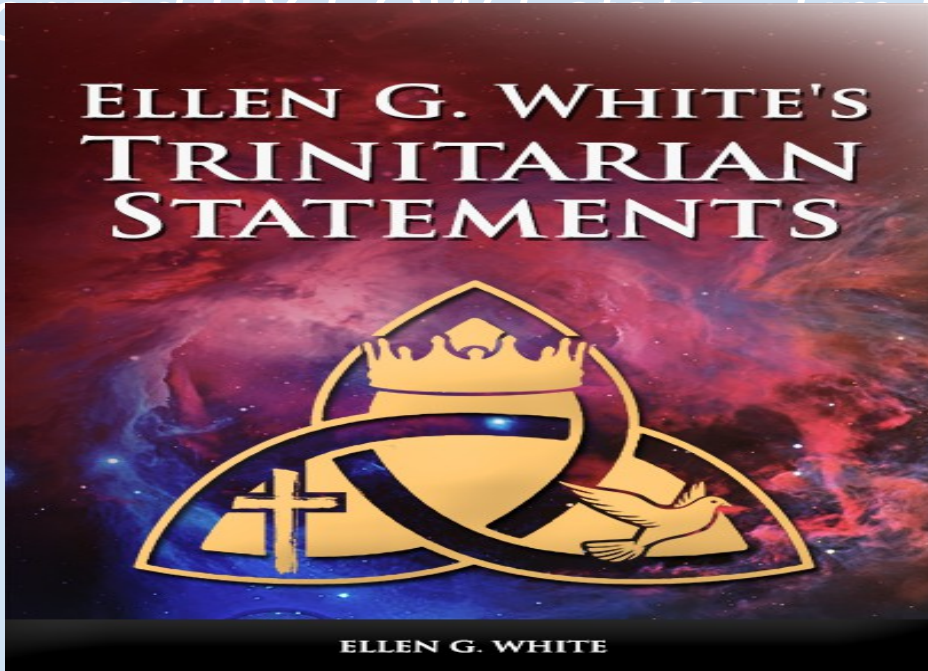
"We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds. — Manuscript 66, 1899. (From a talk to the students at the Avondale School.) {Ev 616.5}

The Holy Spirit is a person, for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own evidence. At such times we believe and are sure that we are the children of God. . . . {Ev 616.6}

Note: The book "Evangelism" (1946) was compiled by Leroy Froom. He took Ellen White quotations from several areas of her writings and made them into this book. He is often accused of not having strict fidelity to her writings, even adding to her words. This issue caused the EGW estate to investigate this controversy.

Controversy over the Evangelism HS Statements

Author: [unclear] LBYFCOME [unclear] Tim Piorier



Conclusion: The statements made by EGW concerning the Holy Spirit were
true.

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.

Keep updated with the unrolling of the Scroll– Present Truth

“In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new. When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began “at Moses and all the prophets” and “expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.” [Luke 24:27](#). But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old. For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form”.(COL, p.127)

Our Development of Truth

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD"(Mal. 4:5)

"Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say: "You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message."(Testimonies to Ministers, p.475) (Original quote)

Quotes from the Lord's Rod's - Elijah message

(Micah 6:9)
In the scriptures, number "ten" stands for universality, and number "three" for the **Trinity in the church.**" (Tract 8, p.30)

"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." (2 TG, no.10, p.21-22) (Fundamental Beliefs of DSDA)

"When we are baptized in the name (singular, not "names") of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we are baptized in our Maker, the blood, and the Truth, and these three are One. Thus we are baptized in the "name," not names, **because these three are one -- The Trinity -- Creation, Redemption, Truth.**"(2 TG, no.19, p.16)

"According to the discipline of the Apostles, and the doctrine of the Gospel, let us believe the sole deity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; under an equal majesty, and **a pious Trinity.**" (Tract 10, p.37)

For Clarity of the Holy Spirit we go to John Knox

"The Jews never rose higher than the height to which Moses led them. When Moses died, they as it were died with him so far as spiritual progress was concerned. Thus it was that they rejected and killed the prophets that came after Moses, not sparing the Son of God.

The same spirit prevailed in the Christian church. She never rose above the level on which the Apostles left her, and for a time she even fell almost to the bottom of the pit. **And she would have dropped out had God not again visited His people in the persons of Luther, Knox, Wesley, Campbell and the other reformers, through whom the Lord brought to light certain parts of Bible Truth that had long been trampled under foot.**" (Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 26, page 21)

1 - Righteousness by faith- Martin Luther

2- Truth of the Holy Spirit - John Knox

3 - Saved by Grace - John Wesley

4 - Baptism by immersion - Alexander Campbell

5 - Cleansing of the Sanctuary (2300 days) William Miller

6 - Sabbath Truth -Ellen White

Understanding Ezekiel Four – SRod, vol.1, p.133

POLLUTED STATE OF CHURCH

The 430 years represents [From The Reformation By Luther To The Purification Of The Church.]
 The 390 yrs. -- THE FIRST SECTION -- Receiving of Food, Represents Continual Coming of Truth.
 The 40 yrs. -- THE LAST SECTION -- FASTING, Represents Spiritual Hunger; Church on Decline.
 The Shaded Portion of Steps -- POLLUTED STATE.
 The Clear Portion (7th step) -- CHURCH AGAIN IN HER PURITY.

LINE OF THE CROSS

THE CHURCH AGAIN IN HER PURITY

SYMBOLS --

1. WHEAT....Righteousness By Faith -- LUTHER
2. BARLEY....Truth Of The Holy Spirit -- KNOX
3. BEANS....Saved By Grace -- WESLEY
4. LENTILS....Baptism By Immersion -- CAMPBELL
5. MILLET....2300 Days (Years) -- MILLER
Cleansing Of The Sanctuary
6. SPELT....Sabbath Truth -- WHITE

THE DOCTRINES OF

1. WHEAT
 2. BARLEY
 3. BEANS
 4. LENTILS
 5. MILLET
 6. SPELT
- All in one vessel, Eze. 4:9

FALLING AWAY 2 THESS. 2:3

A.D. 27
A.D. 31
A.D. 34

APOSTLES' CHURCH IN HER PURITY

PAPACY SET UP 538 A.D.

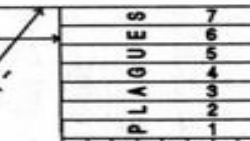
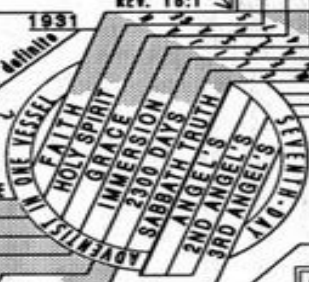
1260 YEARS OF PAPAL POWER wound inflicted -- beginning of the 430 yrs.

1500 A.D. This figure is not exact

closing of 7th seal Rev. 8:5, last part Rev. 16:18

Time of Jacob's Trouble G.C. p. 616 E.W. 283-4

Opening Of 7th Seal. Rev. 18:1 7th Step PERFECT NUMBER. Church Again In Her purity. Isa. 52:1; Zeph. 3:13



2nd coming of Christ 1st resurrection Rev. 20:6
special resurrection Dan. 12:2
Revelation 16:10

Probation closed Rev. 22:11

7-COMplete GOSPEL
THE HARVEST GREAT MULTITUDE OF REV. 7:9

Beginning of Harvest
Sealing of the 144,000. Rev. 7, same as Eze. 9 T. M. 445 Vol. 5:210-11

Those who died in the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath to be resurrected in the special of Daniel 12:2. E.W. 285.

EZEKIEL'S PROPHECY OF CHAPTER FOUR

1. SEALING OF THE 144,000
2. PURIFICATION OF THE CHURCH (opening of 7th seal)
3. LOUD CRY
4. CLOSE OF PROBATION -- beginning of 7 last plagues
5. TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE
6. SPECIAL RESURRECTION
7. FIRST RESURRECTION -- closing of 7th seal

PAPAL SUPREMACY ENDS 1798
SIGN OF THE BLOW
PAPAL WOUND HEALED 2-11-29
THE SIGN --

M-5-R-1930

The Termination Of Papal Line Is Not Yet Clearly Revealed

Let both grow together UNTIL (to the time) the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye FIRST the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn. Matt. 13:30 See sec. IV

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Some History on John Knox

Knox was ordained a Catholic priest 1536. Around the year 1547 he became converted to Protestant faith. He became a powerful preacher in Scotland. He also began to warn against the many Catholic false doctrines. During his preaching there was often heated emotions expressed as this was the time of the newly formed reformation.

In 1549 he went to England. In the same year he was licensed to work in the Church of England. In 1551 he was appointed one of six chaplains to the king. For the next few years he travelled around Europe. Settling in Geneva, Switzerland for a while. In 1559 he returned back to Scotland and gave many powerful sermons in various churches. He was born in 1514 and died in 1572. He was the founder of the Presbyterian Church, which today numbers about 2 million. (source Wikipedia)

Presbyterian Creeds of Confession

Chapter 12 - Faith in the Holy Ghost

“Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from flesh and blood, that is to say, from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth by his own working, without whom we should remain forever enemies to God and ignorant of his Son, Christ Jesus.... And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we were not, as his Son our Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the Holy Ghost does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, be it before or after our regeneration. To put this even more plainly; as we willingly disclaim any honor and glory from our own creation and redemption, so do we willingly also for our regeneration and sanctification; for by ourselves we are not capable of thinking one good thought, but he who has begun the work in us alone continues us in it to the praise and glory of his undeserved grace”.

<https://www.apuritansmind.com/creeds-and-confessions/the-scottish-confession-by->

Some Attributes of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit is a helper and teacher

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

Holy Spirit is God's precious gift

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

Holy Spirit is our Comforter and companion for ever

..do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? (1 Cor.6:19)

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.. (John 14:16)

Holy Spirit is a power enabler

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.(Acts 1:8)

Holy Spirit is a discernment enabler

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment ; concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the

Holy Spirit is miracle enabler

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)

Holy Spirit is a witness for us

And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him. (Acts 5:32)

Holy Spirit is a faithful servant of God, truth giver and prophet

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Holy Spirit is a joy giver

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit.. (1 Thes. 1:6)

Holy Spirit is a communicator

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." (Acts 8:29)

While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you." (Acts 10:19)

That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness..." (Hebrews 3:7-8)

Holy Spirit is a truth detector

Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.." (Acts 5:3)

Holy Spirit is a leader

The experience of apostolic days will come to us when we wholeheartedly accept God's principle of benevolence-consent in all things to obey the leadings of His Holy Spirit.(Testimonies, vol.7, p.146)

The Fork in the Road – Go with God and His

prophets?

~~And they rose~~ early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**" (2 Chronicles 20:20)

"Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?" (Isaiah 2:22)

Testimony

"..the arguments about the pioneers and first writings of Ellen White plus the plausible theory about somebody tampered with her writings persuaded me even more that the Holy Spirit is God's power or mind. I had to strive with the Lord when I believed in the Rod's message and had to either accept it fully and what it said on the Trinity or reject it completely. I couldn't conscientiously do the second having fully believed the message is from above, so I had to take it by faith that what the Rod is saying is true and the evidence is on the side of the trinity. But from the video what added more confidence is the restoration of the truths and one of them coming from John Knox as portrayed in the explanation of Ezekiel prophecy by Victor Houteff." (Sister A)

Summary

The Godhead consists of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are three Beings working in harmony for one purpose. The enemy has infiltrated another false doctrine in our midst. Once again we turn to the Lord's "restoring" message for restoration of doctrine.

"And such as do choose to engage in private interpretation are respectfully asked to desist from teaching in the name of the Rod and at its expense. Let them like honest men, teach in their own names and at their own expense." (Answerer, vol. 5, Q- 133)