

Misuse of the Term "Love and Mercy" and other false Teachings in this Field of Theology

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These teachings are presented decently and almost imperceptibly, mixed with 99% of truth, which increases the power of deception!

But they remain in the mind because in this way they bypass the barrier of our brain.

For this reason some of the bearers of truth have unconsciously accepted some of these misconceptions, such as learning which abuses the terms "love and mercy" and strikes a balance with other aspects of this area:

-Love and mercy rise as the only truth, while the need to fight against our sins is marked as the wrong legalism. In that case, God Himself fights against our sins, while on the other side the old truth clearly says that we must fight personally, while at the same time God gives us the strength to overcome sin.

-The words of the Apostle Paul about love and mercy are constantly quoted, while at the same time the verses that say that we must resolutely fight against our sins and warn other people are ignored.

This teaching was (partly) taught during the time of the pioneers by A.T. Jones.

Although he was one of the most important bearers of truth around 1888, soon after he began to separate Himself from God and the truth.

In addition to overemphasising love and mercy while ignoring the need to fight against sin and warnings, A. T. Jones embraced the false doctrine of two eternal Gods, which soon led him to believe in the three eternal Gods - Trinity:

- **“God is one. Jesus Christ is one. The holy Spirit is one.** And these Three are one: there is no dissent nor division among them.” {A.T. Jones, editorial, Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, **January 10, 1899, 24**}

He spread the false doctrine of the Trinity through the claim that the holy Spirit is the "third" God:

- **“And the holy Spirit is a person.** This great **truth is NOT RECOGNISED**, indeed it is **not believed, by more than a very few even of Christians.** For everybody knows that **almost INVARIABLY**, with very, very few exceptions, the holy **Spirit is referred to and spoken of by Christians as “IT.” But the word “IT” never applies to a person.** The word **“IT,” in the very genius of our language**, refers and applies only to things, never to persons; to things of inanimate substance, as a stone, a horse, a tree; or to things of concept, or experience, as space, height, breadth, peace, joy, grief, an impression, an influence. But the holy Spirit is none of these: the holy Spirit is not an influence; nor an impression, nor peace, nor joy, nor any thing. The holy Spirit gives peace, and gives joy, assuages in grief, makes an impression, exerts an influence; but the holy Spirit is none of these things, nor any other thing. No, eternally no! The holy Spirit is a Person, eternally **a Divine Person.** And **he MUST be always RECOGNISED** and spoken of as a Person, or he is not truly recognised or spoken of at all.” {A.T. Jones “The Medical Missionary” p. 98.5 - 98.7} {<https://m.egwwritings.org/en/book/1162.98>}

Ellen white wrote about him:

- **“I am sorry for A. T. Jones, who has been warned over and over again.** Notwithstanding these warnings, he has allowed the enemy to fill his mind with thoughts of self-importance. **Heed not his words, for he has rejected the plainest light and has chosen darkness instead. The holy One** hath given us messages clear and distinct, but some poor souls have been blinded by the falsehoods and the deceptive influences of satanic agencies and have turned from truth and righteousness to follow **these fallacies of satanic origin.**” {EGW Ms 39, 1906.5}
- **“We did not see anything to encourage us in the hope that Elder Jones is coming out from the darkness** that is upon him. He feels that he understands Himself; but he is as the blind and is feeling about to know what step to take next. I felt that I must speak plainly to him. I told him that **notwithstanding the warnings that had been given regarding Dr. Kellogg’s influence over him, he had gone into the very path he had been cautioned not to take;** he had not spiritual discernment to understand the doctor’s religious standing. I told him that **he had become Dr. Kellogg’s voice** to the people.” {Ellen White: Lt 234, 1908}

The following aspects belong also to the group of false teachings in this area:

-The proclamation of truth and the need to fight for it and warn people is relativized and called lack of love, with the claim that God Himself leads people to the truth by his Spirit, and that we should not "attack" people through truth, but live in the spirit of "love" with other people. Did Jesus, as our example, just stay quiet or did He openly speak against wrong views and religious misconceptions? Love has the responsibility of warning other people to come to the truth, and thus to eternal life, before it is too late.

-That the 10 commandments in the New Testament have only a "symbolic" meaning and that they were valid only from their revelation at Sinai to the sacrifice of Jesus.

-That sin is only a state and separation from God, not a concrete act (violation of God's law), and that we are sinless when we are in communion with God and His Spirit is in us, regardless of what sin we commit or carry in our minds

-That Jesus "didn't" have to die for our salvation, but showed us His love through His death

-That the holy Spirit and the Comforter of the Old and New Testaments are not the same

-That the Old Testament's holy Spirit was not literally present in people who believed in God

-That God will use different criteria in the heavenly court for people from the Old and New Testaments

-That the **Pope** in these last days before the coming of Jesus is **no longer the beast from Revelation**

-That Ellen White is not an inspired prophet of the last days and that she did not understand the truth about justification by faith

-That the description of the heavenly Sanctuary in the Epistle to the Hebrews and in Revelation is only "symbolical", and that the heavenly temple is "within us", and for this reason the close of probation "in the sense of love and grace" is only symbolical

-That the Earth is „flat“

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