

## History of Adventists = Trinity? The Growing of Apostasy

Why was this written? Because of the various doctrines in existence in Laodicea, which have sadly brought in conflict among the believers. For almost 100 years in our faith we did not believe in the doctrine of the Trinity, especially in its present form. Before we begin this topic, I would like to emphasize, that Jesus is truly God and that He is not a created being, that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Personality, and that the Adventist church is the last true church before before Jesus' second coming.

What inspired visions of the Holy Spirit did Ellen White have? What does the Spirit of Prophecy tell us: Who is the Holy Spirit? A Third Being or the Divine Personality which flows out of the Father and the Son?

- “We want the **Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ.**” Ellen White: Letter 66, April 10, **1894** par. 18
- “Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the **Holy Spirit** from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the **Spirit of Jesus** would not allow them to.” Acts 16:6-7, NIV
- “And because ye are sons, God (the Father) hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, **Abba, Father.**” Galatians 4:6

Jesus Himself was personally present as another Comforter, the Holy Spirit, i.e. He was present with us in another way, which we cannot fully understand.

- “**The Saviour is our Comforter.** This I have proved Him to be.” Ellen White: 8MR 49.3, 1892
- “The work of the holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and **the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.**” Ellen White: Review & Herald November 29, 1892, par. 3
- “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, **but Christ liveth in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

The sentence, “The Holy Spirit is Himself, divested of the personality of humanity...” recently (about a few years ago) was officially released completely in its original form. The comma was missing after the word “Himself”, in order to clearly emphasize the identity of the Holy Spirit. The enemy of souls is making his greatest efforts to reduce and stultify the prophetic word. God allows deceptions to happen, for reasons unclear to us, but He also gives light to those sincerely searching for truth.

- “After His inauguration, the Spirit came and Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had from all eternity with the Father. During His humiliation upon this earth, the Spirit had not descended with all its efficacy; and **Christ declared that if He went not away, it would not come, but that if He went away, He would send it. It was a representation of Himself,** and after He was glorified it was manifest.” Ellen White: Signs of the Times, 17 May, **1899**, par. 3

Remark: Ellen White used the neuter pronoun It in many places for the Holy Spirit, which is in no way compatible with a doctrine of three beings.

- “I laid down my pen and was in a waiting attitude to see what the Spirit would say unto me... but a heavenly Watcher seemed close beside me. I felt that I was in the presence of Jesus... A line of action was laid out before me as if the unseen presence were speaking with me.” Ellen White: Manuscript Releases, Vol. 11, p. 326, 1896

Today people use the word “Godhead” as evidence of the Trinity, and try to explain that the prophet of God had the Trinity in mind whenever she wrote it. But this doctrine is completely unbiblical.

The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy do use the word “Godhead”, i.e. Deity, only to express the divine attributes, not as another word for God or the Trinity, which as seen in the verse and quote below we can see completely clearly:

- “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead** (Deity); so that they are without excuse.” Romans 1:20
- “Christ in his **Godhead** (Deity) shone forth as he burst from the tomb, and rose triumphant over death and the grave.” Ellen White: Signs of the Times, May 30, 1895, par. 7
- “Those who believe the truth should remember that they are God’s little children, that they are under His training. Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. **They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit—the Spirit of Christ**—is to bring unity into their ranks.” Ellen White: Testimonies, Volume 9, page 189.3 **1905**

In the above quote from 1905 we can completely clearly see that Ellen White never “shifted paradigms” to adopt the Trinity, as it is claimed today!

Why are we analyzing these statements from the Spirit of Prophecy on this as well as all other topics? Today within the Omega apostasy a large number of official members and high-ranking theologians reject the prophetic inspiration of Ellen White, calling her just a gifted writer, and are headed towards ecumenism.

Such theologians and members are actually unwittingly directly excluding themselves from the church of God and His people, for the Bible is clear that the people of God immediately before Jesus’ coming worship the one true God, preach the three angels’ messages, do not believe in evolution, keep all of the 10 commandments, have come out of Babylon i.e. ecumenism, and they possess the testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy.

- “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Revelation 14:7
- “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Revelation 12:17
- “...worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**” Revelation 19:10
- “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” Revelation 18:4

If God had set these conditions for us as the last generation to belong to Him, then it would be enough for us to omit one of them to be found on the enemy’s side. If we read here, “give glory to God,” and simultaneously the entire Bible says “there is but one God” and His Son, what right do we have to claim that the name there means the Trinity and not God the Father?

- “Let the missionaries of the cross proclaim that there is **one God, and one Mediator between God and man, who is Jesus Christ the Son of the Infinite God**. This needs to be proclaimed throughout every church in our land. Christians need to know this, and not put man where God should be, that they may no longer be worshipers of idols, but of the living God. Idolatry exists in our churches.” Ellen White: 1888 Materials, p. 886 1891
- “They shall have an experimental knowledge of **the only true God** (the Father) **and** of Jesus Christ whom He has sent.” Ellen White: SW October 25, 1898, par. 2
- “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3

The quote below speaks directly to belief in the Trinity:

- “No outward shrines may be visible, there may be no image for the eye to rest upon; yet we may be practising idolatry. It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood or stone. **Thousands have a false conception of God and his attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal.**” Ellen White: Review & Herald December 3, 1908, par. 2

The quote speaks of various forms of apostasy, but emphasizes idolatry and erroneous, i.e false conceptions of God. Trinitarians claim that Ellen White changed her position on this question. But that would have meant that until that time she worshiped a false god! If that were true, then she could not be a prophet, for prophets do not change their instructions and clear visions received directly from God! In spite of the claims by the advent people that truth is “progressive”, the faithful remnant know that God never changes, only man does.

Whose is the glory? Does it belong to the Holy Spirit as well, which would seem necessary were it truly a separate being?

- “**The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.**” Ellen White: The Youth’s Instructor, July 7, 1898, par. 2
- “I saw a **throne**, and on it sat the **Father and the Son.**” Ellen White: Broadside 1, April 6, 1846, par. 7
- “**The Son of God shared the Father’s throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One** (the Father) **encircled both**. About the throne gathered the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng—“ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands” (Revelation 5:11.), the most exalted angels, as ministers and subjects, rejoicing in the light that fell upon them from the presence of the Deity. Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven the King declared that none but Christ, the Only Begotten of God, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will. **The Son of God had wrought the Father’s will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven**; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due.” Ellen White: Patriarchs and Prophets, 36.2
- “**Christ is our Example. He was next to God** (the Father) **in the heavenly courts...** -Letter 48, 1902” Ellen White: Notebook Leaflets from the Elmshaven Library, vol. 1, p. 114, par. 9
- “The hour for joyful, happy songs of praise **to God and his dear Son** had come. **Satan had led the heavenly choir**. He had raised the first note, then all the angelic host united with him, and glorious strains of music had resounded through Heaven in honor of God and his dear Son. But now, instead of strains of sweetest music, discord and angry words fall upon the ear of the great rebel leader.” Ellen White: The Spirit of Prophecy Volume One, p. 28, par. 2, 1870

- “And the **years of eternity**, as they roll, will bring richer and still **more glorious revelations of God and of Christ**... ‘...Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.’ Revelation 5:13. The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean.” Ellen White: Great Controversy, p. 678, paras. 1-3
- “In your hands will be placed a golden harp, and touching its strings, you will join with the redeemed host in **filling all heaven with songs of praise to God and His Son.**” Ellen White: Australasian Union Conference Record, January 15, **1903**, par. 14
- “Nothing is said of what they have done or suffered; but the burden of every song, the keynote of every anthem, is, **Salvation to our God and unto the Lamb.**” Ellen White: Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4, p. 480.1
- “**All the redeemed saints will see and appreciate as never before the love of the Father and the Son**, and songs of praise will burst forth from immortal tongues.” Ellen White: That I May Know Him, p. 371.4
- “The years will move on in gladness. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while **God and Christ will unite in proclaiming**, ‘There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death.’” Ellen White: Child Guidance, p. 568.1
- “Heaven and earth will unite in praise, as ‘from one Sabbath to another’ (Isaiah 66:23) the nations of the saved shall bow in **joyful worship to God and the Lamb.**” Ellen White: Desire of Ages, p. 769.2

All of these words are actually a clear confirmation that the Holy Spirit flows from the Father and Son, and that it isn't a third Diving Being. Within belief in the Trinity there is the opposite claim, which is that the Holy Spirit has withdrawn from receiving worship only in the context of the plan of salvation. This doctrine results from the fact that there is absolutely no inspired statement of any kind that shows the Holy Spirit being glorified as are the Father and Son. In the above quotes we see clearly that even after the completed plan of salvation as well before the existence of sin the Holy Spirit receives neither worship nor the title of being God, for it is the Spirit of God, who reproves and guides us.

In all of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy it is stated that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit **of God** and of Christ; **nowhere** does it **ever** say **God** the Holy Spirit. Instead of comprehending that the Holy Spirit is not an independent being come unbelievable “arguments” that even Jesus, though being the Son of God, is nevertheless an independent being, so therefore the Holy Spirit must likewise also be an independent being!

Can we also say that our bodies and the spirits we possess are also independent beings? When I say “**the spirit of man and the body of man,**” is it to say that we are made up of two independent beings? Of course not! It is just the same situation with God, in whose image we are created. His Spirit is a part of Him, it is Himself.

To whom does blasphemy against the Holy Spirit apply? Inasmuch as the Holy Spirit is really a third Being, that would mean that the Holy Spirit is above the Father and Son, which in itself refutes the doctrine of the Trinity. Below we will see that blasphemy on the Holy Spirit applies personally to the Father and Jesus!:

- “Behold, I send an **Angel** before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, **provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.** But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice...” Exodus 23:20-22
- “But in the transgression of man both **the Father and the Son were dishonored.**” Ellen White: Signs of the Times, December 12, 1895, par. 7

- “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.**” 1 John 2:22

Why isn't the Holy Spirit mentioned, i.e. dishonored in the above quotes? Because the Bible says that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, just as the spirit of man is a part of man, and not a separate being:

- “He therefore that despiseth, **despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.**” 1. Thessalonians 4:8
- “In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and **vexed his holy Spirit**: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.” Isaiah 63:9-10

Refusal to believe in the doctrine of the Trinity isn't a new apostasy, as it is has been represented to everyone! It is rather a return to old truths which have sadly been rejected. When was this done? In 1919 at the secret Bible conference of the leading General Conference theologians the first steps were taken, by certain few individuals around professors Prescott and Wilcox, which were decidedly rejected by an absolute majority, but the breakthrough came only in 1931, when the majority of those pioneers had passed away!

The Adventist church began, as a church, only in 1931, nevertheless without a resolution of the entire General Conference, to teach the Trinity!

If the doctrine of the Trinity were so “clear,” and if it were, as it is said, truly “adopted” as a fundamental belief yet during the time of Ellen White, isn't it strange then that even after her death it was vigorously rejected by almost all of the leading General Conference theologians? How is it that even after her death it wasn't “understood” that she had “accepted” the Trinity, if the church “believed” in it, and “only” a few pioneers had rejected it?

As “evidence and argument” of new truths, only a handful of seemingly “clear” quotes are used, which talk about e.g. the heavenly Trio or three heavenly Powers, while on the other hand there are innumerable, precisely clear quotes by EGW and all the pioneers against such beliefs. A prophet of God certainly cannot contradict himself or herself, nor the Bible. If we have only a few lesser-understood quotes, which at first glance seem to speak in favor of the Trinity, then don't we need a deeper study on this topic, instead of blind acceptance?

In fallen Christianity, the spirit of Samuel that talked to Saul is used as “evidence” of life after death, for there isn't a sincere desire to study what God truly says through the Bible. When we go deeply astray in our beliefs, we exploit the Bible in search of verses which will support our positions, and we cease to be teachable out of God's word.

But is it really possible that such an incomprehensibly great change could come upon us, without the Spirit of Prophecy declaring it?

- “Study the 9th chapter of Ezekiel. **These words will be literally fulfilled...**” Ellen White: Letter 106, **1909**, par. 17
- “I am charged to tell our people, that some do not realize, that the devil has device after device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect. Satan's agencies will invent ways to make sinners out of saints. **I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place.** I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil. **I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death.**” Ellen White: Manuscript 1, February 24, **1915**

Have these announcements been fulfilled? Who, according to the words of the prophet Ezekiel, in the official church of his time bring in worship to false gods? Did even then the majority of the people accept the false god and only an insignificant number remain faithful to the true God? Would such a people in the General Conference in that phase of apostasy still be able to vote correctly and have the authority of God's decisions?

What did the son of Ellen White say, regarding the entrance of the doctrine of the Trinity into Adventism?

- **“The statements and the arguments of some of our ministers in their effort to prove that the Holy Spirit was an individual as are God, the father and Christ, the eternal Son, have perplexed me and sometimes they have made me sad.”** Letter from William C. White to H. W. Carr, April 30th, 1935

Why did he fight against the Trinity if it was the truth? Why did God show Ellen White that her son wouldn't depart from the truth?:

- It was also shown me that my son, W. C. White, should be my helper and counselor, and that the Lord would place on him the spirit of wisdom and of a sound mind. **I was shown that the Lord would guide him, and that he would not be led away**, because he would recognize the leadings and guidance of the Holy Spirit... The Lord will be your instructor. You will meet with deceptive influences; they will come in many forms, in pantheism and other forms of infidelity; but follow where I shall guide you, and you will be safe. I will put My Spirit upon your son, and will strengthen him to do his work. He has the grace of humility. The Lord has selected him to act an important part in His work. For this purpose was he born.” Ellen White: Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 54, 55

Actually, the Trinity represents the extension and completion of the Alpha “project” begun by Dr. Kellogg. He began to believe in the doctrine of the Trinity in another phase. He believed in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, after which he was kicked out of God's church. Are there people today who believe the same?

The characteristics of the Omega apostasy are concerned with the nature of the Holy Spirit, that the majority will accept it, and that it began immediately after the death of Ellen White:

- “In the book ‘Living Temple’ there is presented the **alpha** of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.” Ellen White: Special Testimonies Series B No. 2, p. 50, par. 2, letter, August 7th **1904**
- “‘Living Temple’ contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the **omega would follow in a little while**; and I trembled for our people. I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. The statements made in “Living Temple” in regard to this point are incorrect. The scripture used to substantiate the doctrine there set forth, is scripture misapplied.” Ellen White: Special Testimonies Series B No. 2, p. 53, par. 2
- **“We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature.”** Ellen White: Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 16 par. 2, written July 24, **1904**

Why a most startling nature? Because, instead of back then where only a certain number of people deceived by the Alpha apostasy, after the death of Ellen White, through the Omega apostasy, the majority were led away from the truth, and because it also opened the door to abandonment of other points of faith.

Is the bringing in of the doctrine of the Trinity only a small theological adaptation? No, it's a replacement of the very foundation of truth, exactly of the kind which the Spirit of Prophecy declared and also warned us to remain on the pillars of faith.

We haven't abided in the truth, but now claim that we have "progressed" in knowledge and understanding, wherein the very fundamental truth of "Whom we pray to," is thrown into the abyss. Is there anything new about that kind of "deeper knowledge"?

No, it represents a return to the teachings of churches of Babylon, which we came out of over 150 years ago, rejecting the doctrine of the other side, the Trinity. The staunchest Trinitarians do not dispute that that doctrine was "recognized and established" only just around 1900. Didn't Ellen White invite us to the old truths, when the attacks of "new insights" began strengthening?:

- **"We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, ...who labored to lay the foundation of our work... The word given me is, **Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced.**"** Ellen White: Review & Herald, May 25, 1905, par. 21

The opposing arguments are that Dr. Kellogg was caught up in several different apostasies, and that the warnings of Ellen White aren't about believing in "god" the Holy Spirit, i.e. the Trinity. But we all know that his apostasy was exclusively regarding the nature of God, and that the Omega of apostasy would further develop those theories.

What other new doctrine came immediately after the death of Ellen White, and captured the majority? Some consider that Ellen White thought of the entire apostasy as liberalism. But the doctrine of Dr. Kellogg wasn't liberalism but a false view of the Holy Spirit, and its development may be exclusively in this area.

- "Those who try to bring in theories that would remove the pillars of our faith concerning the sanctuary, or concerning the **personality of God or of Christ**, are working as blind men." Ellen White: Manuscript Release 760, p. 9.5
- "Reject every phase of error, even though it be covered with a semblance of reality, which denies the **personality of God or of Christ.**" Ellen White: Manuscript 124, 1905 par. 12

The subject of personality directly relates to the Holy Spirit, which is described as a personality, but is not autonomous, but rather the special conscious manifestation of Jesus' and the Father's personalities in omnipresence:

- "The Lord encourages all who seek Him with the whole heart. **He gives them His Holy Spirit, the manifestation of His presence and favor.**" Ellen White: Testimonies for the church, Vol. 9, p. 230.3 1909

How did we lose the truth? What were our beliefs immediately before the death of Ellen White? As you read the fundamental principles of our faith in 1914, and compare them to the ones from 1931 (set out below), you will see that they conflict. You will also note the gradual introduction of the Trinity.

The truth that Jesus is the literal Son of the heavenly Father lingered but it too was eventually rejected after the passing of the pioneers.

The fundamental principles and all the writings of the pioneers paint a very clear picture of our beliefs at the time. Often, one single article written in 1913, by Francis McLellan Wilcox, who would later apostatize, is used as "evidence" for an Adventist belief in the Trinity, despite all of the proof to the contrary, which clearly show that Seventh-day Adventists rejected the Trinity as their God.

Adventist Yearbook, 1914, p. 293 [docs.adventistarchives.org/docs/YB/YB1914\\_\\_B.pdf](https://docs.adventistarchives.org/docs/YB/YB1914__B.pdf):

- 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.**

- That there is one **Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom he 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 through the merits of his shed blood, he secures the pardon and forgiveness of the sins of all those who persistently come to him; and, as the closing portion of his work as priest, before he takes his throne as king, he will make the great atonement for the sins of all such, and their sins will then be blotted out (Acts 3: 19) and borne away from the sanctuary, as shown in the service of the Levitical priesthood, which foreshadowed and prefigured the ministry of our Lord in heaven.

Adventist Yearbook, 1931, p. 377 [docs.adventistarchives.org/docs/YB/YB1931\\_\\_B.pdf](https://docs.adventistarchives.org/docs/YB/YB1931__B.pdf):

- That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, contain an all-sufficient revelation of His will to men, and are the only unerring rule of faith and practice.
- 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.

What today, since the year 1980, is the official doctrine of our church and the final step in abandoning the truth in this regard?

Fundamental Belief 2: <https://www.adventist.org/en/beliefs/god/trinity/>

- There is **one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons**. (That one, melded) **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. God, who is love, is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation.

Let us notice here that it says that this one God, consists of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy in contrast to this say something completely different! The title “one God,” as we have seen in all the quotes always meant only and exclusively God the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ, not a third Divine Being.

- “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the **only** true **God, and** Jesus Christ (his son), whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3

Our church, as we have already seen, as led by the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy up until 1931, taught something completely the opposite, which is the heavenly Trio:

- “Those who believe the truth should remember that they are God’s little children, that they are under His training. Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. **They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit—the Spirit of Christ**—is to bring unity into their ranks.” Ellen White: Testimonies for the church, Vol. 9, p. 189.3 **1905**
- “For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the **Spirit of Jesus Christ**,” Philippians 1:19

Likewise the above verse shows us the same truth, because it didn’t say “God the Holy Spirit” but rather “the Spirit of Jesus Christ.” God as the Ruler of the whole universe in his infinite power is personally present everywhere in it, and namely before the creation of the earth. This next verse, which describes His presence before the creation of life on the earth, does not mean that a third being participated in creation when God the Father called Jesus and said to Him, “let us create man in Our image.”



Before creation God the Father and Jesus were physically present and created everything on the earth. The Holy Spirit, in contrast, was Their personal spiritual presence still while the earth was without form and void! Ellen White writes completely clearly that the Holy Spirit has no ties to creation, which according to the Trinity would be illogical.

- “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” Genesis 1:2
- “**The Father and the Son** engaged in the mighty, wondrous work they had contemplated, of **creating the world**... And now God says to his Son, ‘Let us make man in our image.’” Ellen White: Spirit of Prophecy Volume One, p. 24, par. 1, 2 1870
- “God, in counsel with his Son, formed the plan of creating man in their own image. “ Ellen White: Review & Herald, February 24, 1874, par. 3
- “**In the beginning the Father and the Son had rested upon the Sabbath after Their work of creation.**” Ellen White: Desire of Ages, p. 769.3

In the context of this subject you will also encounter abuse of the word “Elohim,” which in the Old Testament signifies one God although it is a word in the plural form. Sadly, proponents of the new doctrine try to exploit the word “Elohim” as evidence that the one God is a Trinity. According to this interpretation there should also have been 3 Moseses or 3 Dagon, which in the Bible were also called “elohim.” This plural form, called the “plural of majesty,” indicates the authority of the person. The Hebrews certainly weren’t describing the Trinity or a pagan plurality of beings for they decisively believed in only one God as a single Being!

Attacks on Ellen White’s early visions which clearly refute the Trinity, the opposite side argues thus: that she only later recognized the truth and understood that Jesus was also a Divine Being, and thereby the Trinity is the truth! In the quote below we see the exact opposite, i.e. that she in 1879, for example, clearly wrote that Jesus is God, wherein it was also clear that before the existence of the world He was the literal Son of His heavenly Father. The position of the literal Son completely excludes the Trinity, because according to it All are equal!

- “Fallen men, in one sense, could not be companions for **Christ**, for they could not enter into sympathy with **his divine nature**, and hold communion with the world’s Redeemer.” Ellen White: Signs of the Times, December 11, **1879**, par. 3
- “But the **Son** of God, who was with the Father **before** the world was...” Ellen White: The Youth’s Instructor, August 1, 1852, par. 6
- “Satan was well acquainted with the position of honor **Christ had held in Heaven as the Son of God, the beloved of the Father.**” Ellen White: Review & Herald, March 3, 1874, par. 21
- “Angels that were loyal and true sought to reconcile this mighty, rebellious angel to the will of his Creator. They justified the act of God in conferring honor upon Christ, and with forcible reasoning sought to convince Lucifer that no less honor was his now than before the **Father had proclaimed the honor which He had conferred upon His Son**. They clearly set forth that **Christ was the Son of God, existing with Him before the angels were created**; and that He had ever stood at the right hand of God, and His mild, loving authority had not heretofore been questioned; and that He had given no commands but what it was joy for the heavenly host to execute. They urged that Christ’s receiving special honor from the Father, in the presence of the angels, did not detract from the honor that Lucifer had heretofore received. The angels wept. They anxiously sought to move him to renounce his wicked design and yield submission to their Creator; for all had heretofore been peace and harmony, and what could occasion this dissenting, rebellious voice? Lucifer refused to listen.” Ellen White: The Story of Redemption, Chapter 1, p. 15,16

- “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.” Ellen White: This Day with God, p. 128.2 (“[fallen]” appears in the original quote)

Is this fact being obscured even today in God’s church, that Christ was always the Son of God, and not just only after dwelling upon the earth, and who is encouraging this doctrine, which has completely consumed our church?

Ellen White even wrote in Great Controversy as well as other places that the only two Divine Beings in the universe are God the Father and Jesus:

- “Christ the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—**the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God.**” Ellen White: Great Controversy, p. 493.1
- “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.**” Ellen White: Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 34.1
- “Satan had sympathizers in heaven, and took large numbers of the angels with him. **God and Christ and heavenly angels were on one side, and Satan on the other.**” Ellen White: Testimonies for the church, Vol. 3, p. 328.1

Where is the Holy Spirit here, if it were a third Being?

Based on such clear statements, even Ellen White’s son later wrote down a confirmation of belief in this truth:

- “**Only one Being in the universe besides the Father bears the name of God, and that is His Son, Jesus Christ.**” James Edson White: The Coming King, p. 27, 1913

Did Ellen White ever deny this statement, since she was still alive at the time? Were the Trinity the official doctrine then, she would have instantly warned about the “apostasy” of her son, and she would have had to react especially because he was her son.

If the Holy Spirit is truly an autonomous being, how is it that it didn’t know of or participate in any plan which only the Father and Son know?

- “In the plan to save a lost world, the counsel was between them both; the covenant of peace was between the Father and the Son.” Ellen White: Signs of the Times, December 23, 1897 par. 2
- “No man, nor even the highest angel, can estimate the great cost; **it is known only to the Father and the Son.**” Ellen White: Bible Echo, October 28, 1895 par. 4
- “**God (the Father) and Christ alone** know what the souls of men have cost.” Ellen White: Signs of the Times, January 13, 1909, par. 8

The saddest fact is that even some worldly people can often more deeply perceive the errors that have entered than those who God as lifted up to proclaim the three angels’ messages:

- “But the Protestant churches have themselves accepted such dogmas as the Trinity for which there is no such precise authority in the Gospels.” Life Magazine: Oct. 30 1950, p. 51, Graham Greene, The Assumption of Mary

Have we departed from Biblical truth? The comparison we made between the two statements of belief, as well as what is written in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, and the obvious contradictions, has given us the answer. And even if many can see this to a certain extent, they believe that the majority cannot be wrong. But if Elijah and the 7,000 faithful had this view during the apostasy of God’s people of that day, then even they would have prayed directly to Baal! People on the other side of this question soothe their consciences with the statement that everyone has a right to a different view, and that God is not so strict, for this is not so important.

As if the Bible, i.e. truth were a rubber band, which each person could stretch it to fit their preferences, and which each person has a right to interpret it according to their own desires! But would our God, who in the first commandment decisively requires “Thou shalt have no other gods before me,” be full of love if He did not also reveal the complete truth?

Many of those who fully accept the old truth of our pioneers consider that it’s not so important to proclaim it, because its proclamation causes discord in church. That past shows us that Ellen White resolutely stood against Dr. Kellogg when he brought in erroneous teachings specifically about the Holy Spirit despite the fact that it then divided the church! The truth must be proclaimed, for its rejection is what destroys the church, and nullifies the spread of the God’s messages to the world and eliminates God’s blessings!

This battle for the old truth has become even more important than before, because in recent years besides transgressions of the first commandment, unbiblical doctrines have explosively appeared before our eyes: that Jesus didn’t literally die on the cross, but rather only the humanity He was clothed in died and that He slept alive in the grave and that He awoke Himself and that God the Father didn’t resurrect Him from the tomb. This blasphemously tramples upon Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross!

In support of this doctrine we see less precise verses and quotes applied, which at first glance could leave such an impression, e.g. “Divinity did not die” or “I have power to lay it [My life] down and take it up again.” Would any of us have believed twenty years ago that Jesus didn’t completely die for us on the cross? Does any prisoner receive his or her death sentence this way, where only their clothes are incinerated or it is treated like a theatrical production detached from reality?

- “I am he that liveth, **and was dead...**” Revelation 1:18
- “As a member of the human family, **he was mortal...**” Ellen White: Review & Herald September 4, **1900**, par. 5
- “Christ did not make believe take human nature; he did verily take it. **He did in reality possess human nature.**” Ellen White: Review & Herald, April 5, **1906**, par. 4
- “The **God** of our fathers **raised up Jesus**, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.” Acts 5:30
- “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart **that God hath raised him from the dead**, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9
- “**Satan suggested to his mind that if Jesus was the Son of God he could not die.**” Ellen White: Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 3, p. 231.1
- “Remember that **Christ risked all**; ‘tempted like as we are,’ **he staked even his own eternal existence upon the issue of the conflict.**” Ellen White: General Conference Bulletin 1st December **1895**. Art. B, par. 23

- “...Our friend **Lazarus sleepeth**, but I go, that I may **awake him out of sleep**.” John 11:11

One of the champions of this doctrine in our church is Woodrow Whidden, who is incidentally the co-author of the “evidentiary” reference books *The Trinity*, whose cover carries a spiritualistic druidic pagan symbol on its cover. Accident? That book has abridged quotes from Ellen White, taken out of context, along with added descriptions of her alleged beliefs or histories for which there is not a single shred of evidence, but are presented as facts! Dr. Kellogg also worked in a similar fashion, although back then he wouldn’t have dared openly and triumphantly show the symbols of the opposing side!

It is truly sad that such clear warnings are being refused and rejected, whereby also those who are fighting to restore the old truths are accused of bringing in new false doctrines! In the two quotes below we can see statements by Ellen White, that everything she wrote she received in vision from God Himself, and that in all those decades (in which we also see her statements rejecting the Trinity), she didn’t write anything as her own opinion, but rather as a director conduit of God’s words:

- “Yet now when I send you a testimony of warning and reproof, many of you declare it to be **merely the opinion of Sister White. You have thereby insulted the Spirit of God**. You know how the Lord has manifested Himself through the Spirit of prophecy. Past, present, and future have passed before me. **I have been shown** faces that I had never seen, and years afterward I knew them when I saw them. I have been aroused from my sleep with a vivid sense of subjects previously presented to my mind and I have written, at midnight, letters that have gone across the continent, and arriving at a crisis, have saved great disaster to the cause of God. This has been my work for many years. A power has impelled me to reprove and rebuke wrongs that I had not thought of. **Is this work of the last thirty-six years from above or from beneath?...**” Ellen White: *Selected Messages*, Book 1, p. 27.1 1906
- “When I went to Colorado I was so burdened for you that, in my weakness, I wrote many pages to be read at your camp meeting. Weak and trembling, I arose at three o’clock in the morning to write to you. God was speaking through clay. You might say that this communication was only a letter. Yes, it was a letter, but prompted by the Spirit of God, to bring before your minds things that had been shown me. **In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. I do not write one article in the paper, expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision—the precious rays of light shining from the throne....**” Ellen White: *Selected Messages*, Book 1, p. 27.2 1906

There is misinformation being spread among our believers that all those who don’t believe in the Trinity allegedly teach:

- That the Holy Spirit is only an impersonal power and not a Person
- That Jesus is not a Divine Being
- That the so-called lunar calendar, which leads to abandoning the Sabbath is correct
- That the Jewish feasts are “still” valid
- That the Adventist church is not the remnant church
- That the earth is “not round” and that the whole universum (also Orion of God) revolves around the earth

EGW is in *Patriarchs and Prophets* and many other books very clear about this question:

- “The hand of God in continually guiding the GLOBE in its continuous march AROUND the SUN. The same hand which holds the mountains, and balances them in position, guides and keeps in order the respective planets.” Ellen White: *The Christian Educator*, April 1, 1899, par. 5

Is it just the private meaning of Ellen White, because she “could not” understand this question?

- “In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the LORD HAS PRESENTED TO ME. I do not write one article in the paper, expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision--the precious rays of light shining from the throne.” Ellen White: Selected Messages, Vol 1, page 27

She wrote also, that we are not here to discuss about this question! While there are certain individuals who might ascribe to these groups, the majority of those who disbelieve the Trinity do not hold these wrong beliefs. What many of them do believe, and the Biblical and Spirit of Prophecy bases for these beliefs, are set out below. These accusations are baseless and those beliefs are only held in certain groups gone astray.

In this book we will find the material beliefs of the old Adventists until 1931, without any new doctrines from the other side! Of course we will never be able to understand everything about the Holy Spirit. We have no right to explore the nature of Jesus' Spirit!

And yet this is exactly what has happened, with regard to God's nature, someone has granted themselves the right to define a Trinity and a new god, which is not found in God's Word. Are there any recommendations of how best to find out and understand the truth? Of course, and that is for us to read the beginnings of Ellen White's books: Patriarchs and Prophets and Desire of Ages, as well as the chapter “The Origin of Evil” from Great Controversy.

May God bless us in recognizing the truth while it's not too late, and give us the power to remain firmly on His side!